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VAN DER MERWE NAMED UNIVERSITY'S VP FOR ADVANCEMENT, COMMUNICATION AND STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

In March, Derek van der Merwe stepped down as APSU athletics director to become the University's new vice president for advancement, communication and strategic initiatives. During his brief tenure overseeing Austin Peay's athletics programs, he enhanced the University's visibility with a new athletic brand and cemented a deal with Russell Brands, LLC, to become APSU's first official uniform and apparel outfitter.

APSU President Alisa White picked van der Merwe for the position to create similar momentum for the entire APSU campus.

"When President White asked me to consider the transition from athletics to campus, I carefully weighed how I could

best serve APSU," van der Merwe said. "I have served in athletics for more than 18 years because of my passion for higher education and a responsibility to train and prepare students for life. This passion will continue as I serve the entire faculty, staff, students, alumni and supporters of the University from my new role."

He assumed his new duties on April 1, but van der Merwe continues to oversee the APSU Athletics Department until a new athletics director is appointed. Current Senior Woman Administrator Cheryl Holt will serve as interim athletics director throughout the search process. A national search for a new athletics director will start immediately.



Brittany Sparr-APSU Sports Information



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NEW GOVS STADIUM OPENS

On Sept. 13, APSU officially opened its new \$19 million Governors Stadium. Thousands of eager fans packed into the new facility that day for the season's first home football game against the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. They bought refreshments in the main concourse's enhanced concession areas while observing sports murals created to honor memorable Austin Peay players and teams.

Throughout the day, several former players and their families passed through the Hendricks Fox Walk of History in the Blake Jenkins Plaza, which will list the names of all lettermen to wear the red and white.

"You want people to see and experience an institution that has a broad-based commitment to excellence, and I think that's what you see in this facility," Derek van der Merwe, APSU vice president for advancement, communication and strategic planning said. "It reflects a vision for where the University is going and what it's becoming."

Above, an aerial view prior to the Homecoming game held Nov. 8, 2014. Right, football alumni walk through the Hendricks Fox Walk of History in the Blake Jenkins Plaza.



Taylor Slifko

APSU PROMISES SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HIGH-PERFORMING COMMUNITY COLLEGE GRADS



Dr. Alisa White presents the Austin Peay Promise to Dr. Jay Allen, president and CEO of Hopkinsville State Community College. The scholarship is available to any Tennessee Board of Regents or Hopkinsville State Community College graduate with a 3.0 or higher GPA.

Austin Peay is now guaranteeing scholarships to all Tennessee Board of Regents community college and Hopkinsville Community College graduates who have at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA. Titled the APSU Promise, the new scholarship program aims to bring more high-caliber students to campus in the coming years.

"I'm a community college graduate, having earned my associate degree from Nashville State Community College, so I know these students have received a quality education," Dr. Jaime Taylor, ('90) APSU interim provost and vice-president of Academic Affairs, said. "They've proven they can succeed in a college environment, and we want to provide them with this financial assistance

so they can succeed in earning a bachelor's degree at Austin Peay."

Last fall, APSU officials—including President Alisa White—embarked on a road trip around the state to visit with community colleges and officially promise the transfer scholarships to high-performing graduates of those institutions.

There is no limit to the number of APSU Promise scholarships the University will award.

Community college graduates with a 3.0-3.24 cumulative GPA will receive a \$1,500 per year award to APSU. Graduates with a 3.25-3.49 cumulative GPA will receive a \$2,000 per year scholarship, and graduates with a 3.5-3.74 cumulative GPA will receive a \$3,000 scholarship. Individuals with a 3.75 cumulative GPA or higher will be awarded \$4,000 per year to attend APSU. To find out more about the scholarship, visit www.apsu.edu/transferscholarship

APSU OPENS NEW DEWALD PAVILION

On Sept. 23, APSU opened the DeWald Livestock Pavilion—a modern facility that now provides a practical working and learning space for APSU faculty and students—at the University's Farm and Environmental Education Center. The pavilion was named in honor of Dr. Ernie and Joan DeWald, who generously supported the project with a major financial gift.

"We had a challenge," Dr. Don Sudbrink, chair of the APSU Department of Agriculture, said. "Student enrollment in our program had increased by more than 82 percent in recent years, but some of the facilities at the farm were not sufficient to provide hands-on education for all of those new students. Fortunately, we had our Ag advisory committee and strong community support to help us meet that challenge."

During the ribbon-cutting ceremony, the University auctioned off one of its prize-winning bulls, with the hope of raising a few thousand dollars for the

growing Department of Agriculture. Three bidders—Dan Askew, Legends Bank and Mark Barnett—joined together to buy the bull for \$14,500.

The APSU Agriculture Advisory Board members, along with faculty and staff, celebrate the grand opening of the DeWald Livestock Pavilion. Left of center, Dr. Ernie and Joan DeWald joined APSU President Alisa White for the ribbon-cutting ceremony.



Taylor Slifko

MATH STUDENTS PRESENT AT NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Austin Peay State University was well represented at the 2014 Mathematical Association of Mathematics MathFest Meeting held last August in Portland, Oregon. Dr. Ben Ntatin, associate professor of mathematics, sponsored four students, allowing them to attend the conference.

All four students presented their research at the conference, while Ntatin, a national council member of the Pi Mu Epsilon mathematics honor society, assisted in the organization, moderation and judging of student sessions. The students received travel assistance from the Pi Mu Epsilon national office, the APSU Office of Student Affairs and the APSU Office of Undergraduate Research.

The following APSU students presented at the conference:

- Justin Cook, "Qualitative Dynamics of MDR-TB and XDR-TB with Isolation"
- John Garwood, "Using Logarithmic Basis Functions to Solve Singular Differential Equations"
- Elisha Hall, "A Quantitative Analysis of SIR-type Malaria Models"
- Dodju Kuwonu, "Solving Elliptic PDE Using Polynomial Basis Functions via Perturbed Collocation"

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS/ STONE, RUDOLPH AND HENRY PARTNERSHIP PROVIDES REAL WORLD TRAINING



The APSU College of Business has partnered with the local CPA firm Stone, Rudolph and Henry to create a new income tax class that gives accounting majors opportunities for real world experience.

"One of their tax attorneys taught the class of about 20 students, teaching them what they need to know about tax law, but also how to use the tax software, which is proprietary software," Dr. Susan Cockrell, associate dean of the APSU College of Business, said. "At the end of the semester, they offered internships to eight or nine of those students."

The top students in the class worked as paid interns under the supervision of Stone, Rudolph and Henry's tax professionals. The

partnership with the CPA firm provided the students with a transformative learning experience that will help them succeed once they leave APSU.

"The advantage of this class is it gives our students real experience," Cockrell said. "They like getting that experience and being paid for it. And knowing the software they'll use when they get out of school is very beneficial to them."

"This integration of the firm's resources with the college created a positive, life-changing learning experience for the college's students," Dr. Bill Rupp, dean of the APSU College of Business, said. "Currently, this partnership is being reviewed for possible applications in other areas."



NEW DEGREES AT APSU

APSU expanded its degree offerings this year. The University received approval for a Master of Science degree in engineering technology, a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Fine Arts in theatre and dance, a concentration in networking for the University's existing Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Information Technology, a concentration in hospitality administration for the Bachelor of Professional Studies and a minor in film studies through the Department of Languages and Literature.

For more information on programs and degrees at APSU, visit <http://www.apsu.edu/academics/degrees>

Among the six new degree programs, Austin Peay now offers both a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Fine Arts in theatre and dance.

APSU ONLY SCHOOL IN STATE COMMITTED TO FEDERAL VET SUCCESS PLAN

Last August, the federal government applauded APSU for being the only school in Tennessee to implement the U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' "8 Keys to Success." That initiative seeks to help veterans succeed on campus.

"Austin Peay attracts more veterans than any other public university in the state, and we want them to be confident they made the right choice in coming here," APSU President Alisa White said. "We appreciate the sacrifices they have made while serving our country, and it is an honor and a great responsibility to serve them as they work to earn a college education."

APSU assists veteran students through a variety of services, including the APSU Center at Fort Campbell, the University's Military Educational Task Force, the VetSuccess on Campus office, the Student Veteran Organization and the APSU

Military Student Center. Other APSU offices have spent years developing methods to assist veterans entering the University.

Many Bears-Grinder, Commissioner for the Tennessee Department of Veterans Affairs, presents the APSU Veteran Service Coin to graduates for their current or past military service. Grinder was the keynote speaker during the 2014 Winter Military and Veteran Graduate Recognition Ceremony.



COLLEGE OF ED UNVEILS NEW TECHNOLOGY CLASSROOM

Last year, education students at Austin Peay State University took technology classes in an outdated computer lab filled with rows of long, gray tables and black desktop computers. They entered this dreary space every week to learn how to incorporate technology into their future classrooms, but the lab's antiquated design didn't give them an accurate view of what they'd encounter as teachers in 21st century schools.

"The old computer lab had stationary desks and stationary desktop computers, but teachers in schools don't have that in their classrooms," Dr. Carlette Hardin, dean

of the APSU Martha Dickerson Eriksson College of Education, said.

In January 2014, construction crews began gutting an unused classroom on the third floor of the APSU Claxton Building.

The new, state-of-the-art Ready2Teach classroom now has five 55-inch Mondopad tablets and one 70-inch Mondopad tablet mounted to the walls. And instead of having stationary tables, the room has small desks on wheels, allowing students to work in groups around the different tablets.

The room also has flooring, ceiling tiles, light fixtures and blinds made from sustainable materials.



APSU SPONSORS VISTA PLACEMENTS CLASSROOM

Through a partnership with the Corporation for National and Community Service, APSU's new Center for Service Learning and Community Engagement (CSLCE) placed four AmeriCorps Vista personnel within Clarksville community agencies for the 2014-15 academic year.

As part of the Community Strong Program, which aims to strengthen community resources in Montgomery County, Vista volunteers are placed in local agencies that impact the quality of life for veterans and those struggling with hunger and homelessness. The personnel were placed with Manna Café Ministries & Manna Refuge, Veterans Treatment Court, Soldiers and Families Embraced, the APSU S.O.S. Food Pantry and the Teacher Warehouse.

The CSLCE opened last year to support and encourage the collaboration between APSU and the needs of the community through curricular and co-curricular programming. The vision of the Center is to provide a space and opportunity for APSU students to become active citizens.

PELP PROGRAM CELEBRATES 25TH ANNIVERSARY

In 1989, Dr. Oscar Page, former APSU president, established a program to help cultivate leadership qualities in some of the University's top students. The resulting President's Emerging Leaders Program (PELP) went on to create a new generation of empathetic leaders who embodied the program's values of "honesty, humility, academic rigor, leadership and service."

Last November, several PELP alumni returned to APSU to celebrate the program's 25th anniversary. The evening also featured the establishment of the Dr. Oscar Page and Dr. Linda Rudolph Scholarship Fund. Rudolph served as the program's first director.

To contribute to the fund, contact the APSU Advancement Office at advancement@apsu.edu or 931-221-7127.



Dr. Oscar Page and Dr. Linda Rudolph

ZONE 3 JOURNAL RECOGNIZED IN BEST AMERICAN ESSAYS

In October, Dr. Amy Wright, APSU associate professor of languages and literature, learned that two essays published in the University's national literary journal, Zone 3, were selected as notables in "The Best American Essays 2014." The anthology, which acknowledges the best writing produced in the country each year, praised Robert Kostuck's essay, "The Birds of South America", and Julie Marie Wade's essay, "Holy Orders."

Last year, Zone 3 had several essays listed as notables in the "Best American Series," and this year's journal had the same number of notable essays as Brevity, one of the top nonfiction publications in the country. The Zone 3 name was listed with the notable essays in the anthology, which has led to stronger submissions in recent years.

"The Best American Essays 2014," edited by essayists John Jeremiah Sullivan and Robert Atwan, is available in most local bookstores and online at Amazon.com. Issues of Zone 3 can be purchased at www.apsu.edu/zone3/previous-issues

MILITARY CHAPTER ENDOWING SCHOLARSHIP IN HONOR OF LOCAL VETERAN

The Austin Peay State University Military Alumni Chapter hosted its second annual scholarship endowment dinner as part of last fall's Homecoming Week celebration. During the event, the chapter honored retired **Command Sgt. Maj. Sidney Brown ('83, '85)**, a Vietnam War veteran and active member of the Clarksville-Montgomery County community.

Brown served as the dinner's keynote speaker, and the chapter is working to endow a scholarship named in Brown's honor. The award will benefit active duty military and veteran students, their spouses and their children and APSU ROTC cadets.

At the dinner, Brown donated \$1,000 toward the scholarship named in his honor.

"APSU has been good to me, and I am grateful to give back," he said.

The APSU Military Alumni Chapter was chartered on Oct. 26, 2012, to support the APSU National Alumni Association, as well as the APSU Alumni Relations Office,

through direct engagement with military and veteran-based organizations at APSU and within the Clarksville community.

Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Sidney Brown served as the keynote speaker at the second annual Military Alumni Chapter's scholarship endowment dinner.



APSU NAMES GANDY AS NEXT PROVOST



In February, Austin Peay State University named Dr. Rex Gandy as its new Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. Since 2009, Gandy has served as Provost

at Texas A&M University-Kingsville. He follows former Provost Tristan Denley, who serves as Vice Chancellor of the Tennessee Board of Regents, and Dr. Jaime Taylor, who has served as Interim Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs since 2013.

“(Gandy) has extensive experience as a provost, dean and chair, and his record as an outstanding scholar and professor and an innovative administrator makes him a good fit for Austin Peay,” APSU President Alisa White said.

Gandy earned B.S. and M.S. degrees in physics from the University of Memphis, and he earned a Ph.D. in physics from the University of Texas at Austin. He has held positions at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Auburn University, the University of Idaho, the University of Southern Mississippi and Texas A&M University-Kingsville.

APSU APPLAUDED AS MILITARY FRIENDLY SCHOOL

Military Advanced Education named APSU a top school in its 2015 MAE Guide to Colleges and Universities. The 2015 Guide features the results of a questionnaire on the military-supportive policies enacted at more than 600 colleges and universities. The Guide provides information about institutions that go out of their way to support veterans and men and women in uniform.

G.I. Jobs magazine also named Austin Peay to its 2015 Military Friendly Schools list. More than 20 percent of APSU students have a military connection, making the University the state’s largest provider of higher education to soldiers, veterans and their families. The University works hard to provide assistance and services to these individuals, which is why it regularly appears on these lists each year.

HISTORY HONOR SOCIETY WINS ITS 6TH BEST CHAPTER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The APSU Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society was named the best chapter in the nation last fall, but the announcement didn’t come as much of a surprise. The APSU chapter, Theta-Delta, has won the best chapter award six years in a row.

“I have to admit, I’ve become somewhat accustomed to Theta-Delta winning,” Joe Weber, director of library services at APSU, said.

In fact, it has reached the point where Weber looks forward to the fall semester every year because he knows the announcement of the national award will mean more books for the University’s Woodward Library.

“The national Phi Alpha Theta organization will buy \$250 worth of books for the chapter that wins,” Dr. Minoa Uffelman ('82, '83), APSU associate professor of history and the chapter’s adviser, said. “We’ve donated up to \$1,500 worth of books in the last six years. I allow the students to pick the books to buy.”

In addition to providing money for new books, the best chapter award recognizes another busy year for the club, which hosted or attended more than 50 events

in the fall and spring semesters, including academic conferences and volunteer opportunities. In May, the group also published the fourth volume of Theta-Delta, a scholarly journal featuring academic papers by APSU students who had presented at conferences in recent years.

Members of the Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society



APSU, COMMUNITY AND BIKERS WHO CARE HONOR THE LATE JOHN MOSELEY

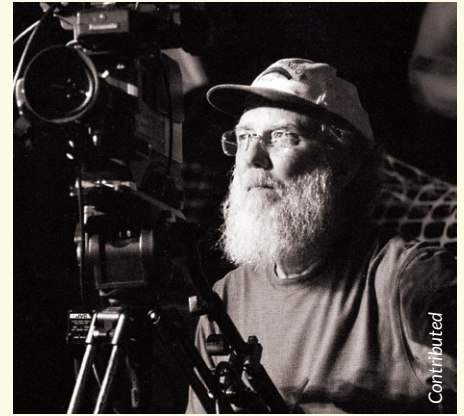
The late **John W. Moseley ('94, '96)** was honored during halftime of Austin Peay State University's men's basketball game against UT Martin on Feb. 5. A check presentation was made by Bikers Who Care (BWC) to complete a scholarship endowment and establish the John W. Moseley Media Room, located on the second level of APSU's Dunn Center.

After working in the music and broadcast industries for nearly four decades, Moseley received his bachelor's and master's degrees at Austin Peay. Upon completion of his degrees, he became a faculty member and served the University for 18 years until his death on Feb. 9, 2014.

He served as an associate professor of communication at Austin Peay, teaching courses in broadcast media, audio and video production, digital photojournalism and sports broadcasting. Moseley oversaw numerous student productions of high school graduations and sporting events, APSU commencements and the broadcast of many NCAA sports events, including APSU athletics and Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) games.

Long-time faculty members in the APSU communication department consider Moseley to be the driving force

for the highly successful creation of the University's four cable channels, as well as its audio and video online streaming services. Among his other achievements was the installation of Austin Peay's state-of-the-art, all-digital video broadcast studio in the Dunn Center, which is used to broadcast many Governors athletic contests. He also took a lead role in preparing, wiring and programming the APSU athletic department's video screens in the Dunn Center and Governors Stadium.



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Pictured at top, the late John Moseley was a true pioneer at Austin Peay, having been instrumental in establishing four of the University's cable television channels as well as its sports broadcasting program. Above, BWC presents a \$10,000 check to complete the endowment of a scholarship and a room named in honor of John Moseley.

MASTERS OF SCIENCE PROGRAM RANKS AMONG NATION'S BEST

The APSU College of Business' Master of Science in management program was #32 in the country, according to The Financial Engineer's 2015 Master of Management Rankings. APSU's program was ranked among the top 63 graduate management programs in the United States.

APSU's program was the highest ranked in the state of Tennessee. This is the first time The Financial Engineer has released a ranking of master of management programs.

The M.S. in management degree at APSU is a 30-hour program that prepares students for leadership and managerial roles, with coursework covering topics ranging from human

resource management to technology. Students attending full time can complete the program in one year. For more information on enrolling in the program, visit www.apsu.edu/management



ROTC CADETS TRAIN ABROAD

Two Austin Peay State University ROTC cadets traveled abroad last summer to immerse themselves in different cultures while training with foreign militaries.

Ryan Lipinski, an APSU junior, spent a month in Bulgaria, while Joshua Pollina, also an APSU junior, traveled to a warmer climate in Greece. They were among approximately 1,400 cadets from Army ROTC programs who traveled on cultural missions in more than 40 countries as part of the Cultural Understanding and Language Proficiency (CULP) program.

The program is designed to immerse ROTC cadets in various languages, cultures and socioeconomic situations so the cadets can learn and appreciate other worldviews.

The program is geared toward training better military leaders by educating cadets in world cultures, values and norms. This training allows the cadets, as the Army's future leaders, to function in a variety of complex circumstances in an ever-changing world.

ART STUDENTS ANIMATE STORIES FOR SECOND GRADERS

Last fall, APSU students taking a beginning animation class found themselves working closely with a group of second graders at Clarksville Academy. That October, the young academy students wrote and illustrated variations of the story "The Three Little Pigs," and the APSU students turned that work into short, animated films.

"We recorded the kids reading their stories, and then we took all those drawings and, through the magic of Adobe Photoshop and Flash, we extracted the drawings from the page and made them come alive," Kell Black, APSU professor of art, said.

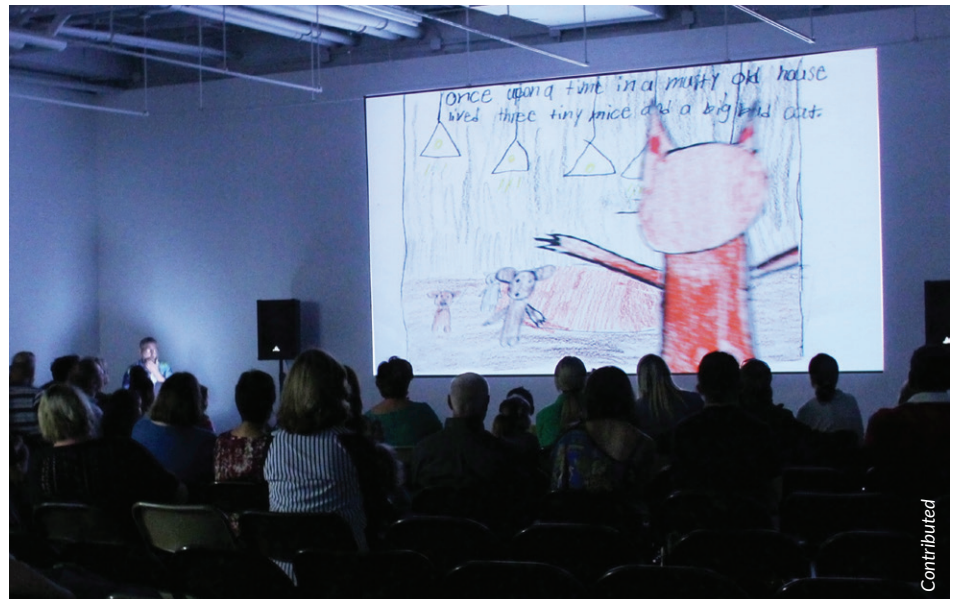
The University's Department of Art hosted a special premiere of the completed films last fall in the Trahern Gallery. The Clarksville Academy students and their families packed into the small space to watch the movies.

"Each film is about a minute long, but it probably took 30 hours to animate," Black said. "Animation, except for raising kids, is

the most time consuming thing you could hope to do. If one person had drawn all of the animation for Walt Disney's "Snow White," it would have taken him 60 years."

After the premiere, the audience was

treated to a reception in the Trahern lobby, and Black informed the parents in attendance that they would receive a DVD featuring their child's film.



FRATERNITY HELPS SEND TERMINALLY ILL MOTHER TO DISNEY WORLD

Savannah Cashman Morgan, a 19-year-old single mother, died on Oct. 16, only a few weeks after fulfilling her final wish—to take her four-year-old daughter to Disney World.

Morgan suffered from stage IV ovarian cancer, and with her medical expenses, she didn't have enough money to cover this trip.

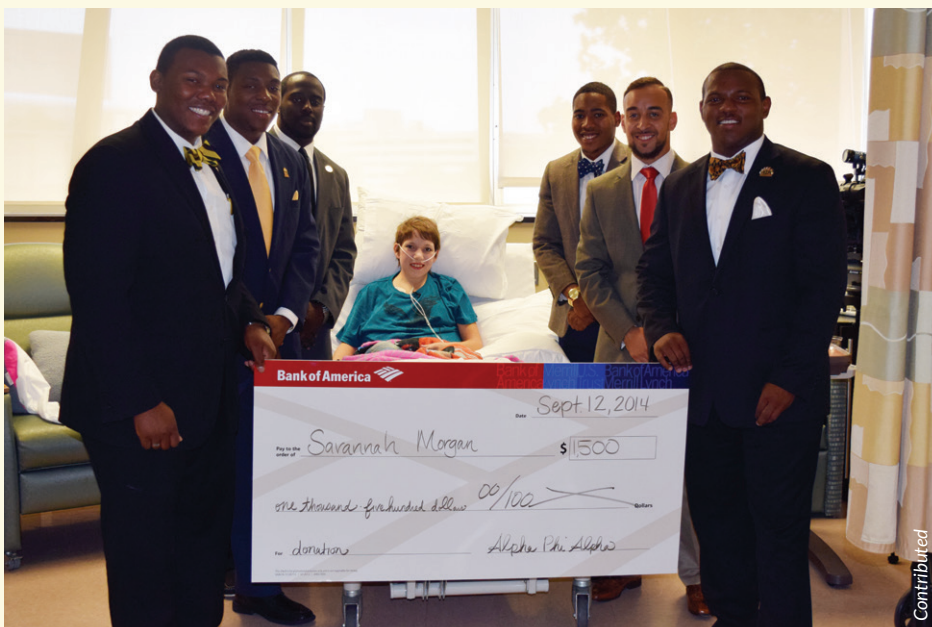
She set up a fundraising website, hoping someone would help her raise the money. A few days later, her story reached Andrew Montgomery, president of the APSU Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity chapter.

"I listened to the story and thought, 'We're doing it,'" Montgomery said. "It just so happened that I heard it on the day of

our meeting. Everybody in the fraternity thought it was a great idea, and we thought \$1,500 was a good donation to give."

On Sept. 15, Montgomery and his fraternity brothers visited Morgan at Vanderbilt Medical Center and presented her with a \$1,500 check. The fraternity also contacted WKRN News 2 in Nashville, and TV anchor Samantha Fisher covered the donation for that evening's newscast. The story quickly went viral. It was picked up by the online news source BuzzFeed and The Daily Mail newspaper in London.

A few days after the APSU fraternity made its donation, Morgan left Vanderbilt with more than \$8,000 for a trip to Disney World with her daughter, Hannah. Her fund raising account, <http://www.gofundme.com/e8f7mk>, is still active, but it is now taking donations to set up a college fund for Hannah.



Members of the APSU Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity are photographed as they present a check to Savannah Morgan, a single mother who was terminally ill. The fraternity raised enough money to send Morgan and her four-year-old daughter to Disney World just weeks before her death.

RECIPE FOR RECOVERY

A new program at Austin Peay State University's culinary kitchen at Fort Campbell allows military veterans to cope with their "new normal," while learning skills that will help them as they transition back into civilian life.

— Story by Colin Harris • Photos by Beth Liggett and Taylor Slifko —

There is a tangible buzz around Austin Peay State University's culinary kitchen, located in the Glenn H. English Jr. Army Education Center at Fort Campbell. Like any kitchen at any major restaurant, cooks are hurrying from station to station, preparing any number of appetizers and entrées for that evening's event.

With that energy comes a collage of sounds: knives chop against boards, pots clang together and people shout across the room to other kitchen staff.

Standing in the middle of the commotion is Curtis Williams, a former sergeant first class in the U.S. Army. Despite everything happening around him, Williams is remarkably calm.

It's been a long time since he could say that.

"I just like being in the kitchen because it makes my mind relax," he said.

For Williams, that feeling of relaxation is one he wasn't sure would ever come after his final tour of duty. While serving overseas, Williams suffered serious head trauma after an improvised explosive device (I.E.D.) detonated – causing Williams' head to collide with the side of his military vehicle.

The road to recovery has been long for the 27-year military veteran, as he has been diagnosed with a number of issues, including swelling of his brain, nerve damage and what he said is the complete loss of his short-term memory.

"My life has changed a lot, and I'm not the same person standing here now who went into the (U.S. Army)," Williams said. "Do I like my changes? No, but at the same time, I'm alive and I have no other choice but to work with my changes."

For Williams and a number of other wounded warriors, Austin Peay's culinary arts program has been one way they can work through those changes as they learn to return to civilian life.

Led by renowned Chef Wendell Hensley, a 25-year army veteran, the program is offering current and former soldiers a chance to learn a trade while also learning skills to cope with a set of unique challenges.

"Any soldier is affected by what they've experienced, whether it's mentally or physically or both," Hensley, who has served in active duty in places like Somalia, Afghanistan and Haiti, said. "Whether you've been in the military one year, five years or more than that, you're changed by what you've been through."



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– Curtis Williams



Chef Wendell Hensley (center) works with students in Austin Peay's culinary kitchen, located in the Glenn H. English Army Education Center.



KNOCK-AROUND GUYS

Spc. Stephen Briscoe is an active duty soldier and a member of the Fort Campbell Culinary Arts Team, a group of soldiers who train to compete in military culinary competitions around the country. But Briscoe is also a wounded warrior, struggling daily with the physical and mental trauma encountered during active combat.

Briscoe said Austin Peay's culinary arts program is valuable not just for the skills it teaches, but for the environment of healing it offers to soldiers who have, as he put it, "defended the flag."

"Chef Wendell can relate to the banged-up guys here, or what I call the 'knock-around guys' because we are different (from civilian student chefs)," Briscoe joked.

"What's great about the program is that (Hensley) can tell if we're having one of those days because he's been there. And at the same time, we're all there for each other as well because we know where every other person is on their bad days."

Joe Jauregui did two tours in Afghanistan during his time as a soldier, and like Williams and Briscoe, the experience left him a changed man.

“When you get out (of the military), you really do feel like you’ve been beaten down,” he said. “I’ve got injuries to my back, shoulders and my knee ... when you’re overseas in a combat zone, you’re always around indirect fire or you’re being directly shot at.”

Among his diagnoses, Jauregui said, is posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD), a mental and emotional issue commonly associated with soldiers who have experienced combat while on active duty.

Jauregui said Austin Peay’s culinary arts program offers him a chance to get the emotional support he needs while working in an environment that is uniquely suited to his “new normal.”

“For most guys I know who have been diagnosed with PTSD, it’s easier for us to talk to each other because we’ve all seen the same things – that’s how we’re able to work through things,” he said.

In the kitchen, Jauregui said, he can regain some of the feeling of control that has been taken from him since returning to the United States in 2012.

“One of the big things for people with PTSD is control and how we can get irritated quickly if things around you aren’t being done the way they need to be done,” he said. “In a kitchen, if someone isn’t doing what they need to do, you can move them to a different station. Being able to have some control over your environment is a really important thing for a lot of us.”

Control is important to soldiers, but equally important is the training they receive that helps them react and respond to the chaotic situations with which they are often dealing. Knowing how to handle stressful situations is a major part of military life, and soldiers like Briscoe say that working in Austin Peay’s culinary arts kitchen provides a similar rush for wounded warriors



Curtis Williams

who want to stay connected to their former lives.

“There are days where Chef Wendell walks in and says ‘I just hung up with this lady, and she needs five cakes baked and 250 chicken sandwiches and she needs it in a few hours,’” Briscoe said. “So it really reminds you of that military ‘fight-or-flight’ mode because now you suddenly have a mission and an opportunity to prove that you’re good at what you do.”

CULINARY THERAPY

Williams spent 27 years serving his country – a span of time much longer than the average soldier. For all intents and purposes, military duty became Williams’ career.

So when he was released from service with little direction and a bevy of physical and mental issues, he admits that his reality was nothing like the life he dreamed when he enlisted as a college-aged student in the 1980s.

“That’s the big problem with the military – there’s this big gap between being in the garrison and being back in the real world,” he said. “When I got out, yeah, I was totally lost.”

And that is where Austin Peay’s culinary arts program is really paying off for soldiers. Beyond offering a therapeutic experience, Hensley is helping train soldiers for life outside of Fort Campbell’s gates.

“I have two sisters, and when I was growing up, my father wanted them



Stephen Briscoe



Chef Wendell Hensley (left) with Joe Jauregui

to both become doctors,” Briscoe said. “We’re black, and we were growing up in an area that was still dealing with a lot of racial issues, but my father said that everyone needs a doctor. When you need medical attention, you don’t care what someone’s race or gender is. It’s the same way with cooking – when you are hungry, you don’t care who is cooking for you; you just want food.”

Jauregui is on track to graduate with an associate degree in culinary arts in May. From there, the husband and father-to-be plans to open his own food truck business, naming his endeavor “The Mad Grinder.”

“My wife told me to do what I love because if I’m not happy, then I’m going to be miserable for the rest of

my life, constantly slamming my job,” he said. “I discovered that (cooking) is what I’m passionate about, so that’s what I want to do.

“I’ve learned a lot from this program about cooking,” he continued. “There are just so many people here from different backgrounds that all bring their own experiences and tastes into the kitchen.”

Not everyone in the culinary arts program has Jauregui’s entrepreneurial spirit, but that’s not demanded. Like any major on any college campus, military or civilian, every person has their own reason for pursuing higher education.

For Briscoe and others like him, he sees cooking as more than just a way to

provide for himself and his family – he sees it as a way to receive the thanks that he never got while serving his country.

“Soldiers thank each other for our service because we know what we’ve been through, but it’s not fair to expect a civilian to really understand why they’re thanking us for our service,” Briscoe said. “To me, cooking is a way to get that instant gratification because people can understand what you did to prepare a meal, and when they thank you for the job you did, it means a lot to me.” **AP**

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31ST ANNUAL CANDLELIGHT BALL AWARD WINNERS

Two deserving individuals were honored during APSU's 31st Annual Candlelight Ball on March 14, 2015, at the Hilton Nashville Downtown. The Wendell H. Gilbert Award and the Spirit Award were presented to two APSU supporters for the outstanding achievement, contribution or recognition they have brought to Austin Peay.



APSU alumni, friends and supporters joined Candlelight Ball committee members and award recipients at the 5th Annual Candlelight Ball Awards Luncheon. Pictured from left, Britney Campbell, Candy Johnson, Co-Chair Andrea Goble, President Alisa White, Jim Roe (cousin of award recipient, Congressman Phil Roe), Tom Creech, Co-Chair Mary Luther, Ashley Harvey, Brittney Reigle, Fran Jenkins and Pam Loos.

Wendell H. Gilbert Award Congressman Phil Roe



Congressman Phil Roe ('67) represents Tennessee's 1st District in the U.S. House of Representatives. He graduated from APSU with a degree in biology and a minor in chemistry before earning

his medical degree from the University of Tennessee. Roe served two years in the U.S. Army Medical Corps, earning the rank of major. After his military service, Roe ran a successful medical practice in Johnson City for 31 years, during which time he delivered nearly 5,000 babies. He previously served as mayor and vice mayor of Johnson City. As a member of Congress, he serves on the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs and the House Education and the Workforce Committee.

Spirit of Austin Peay Award Tom Creech



Tom Creech ('00) is a partner with Nave Funeral Homes in Clarksville and Erin. Creech earned a business degree from APSU before graduating from the John A. Gupton College of Mortuary

Science. He is a member of both the Tennessee and National Funeral Directors Associations. Creech has served in leadership positions for the Downtown Clarksville Kiwanis Club, the Clarksville Area Chamber of Commerce Business Development Committee, the Chamber's Public and Community Affairs Committee and the APSU Governors Club. A graduate of Leadership Clarksville, Creech has served as a board member for the YMCA, Clarksville Young Professionals and the Customs House Museum.

APSU ALUMNI AND FRIENDS TRAVEL BRITISH LANDSCAPES

Join APSU professor Dr. Mickey Wadia, along with APSU alumni and friends, June 11-20, 2015, for a trip into the historical British landscapes. This adventure will combine the exploration of dramatic history with natural wonder. Highlights include London, Cambridge, York, Edinburgh Castle, Lake District, North Wales, Stratford-upon-Avon, Stonehenge and Cotswolds.

TROPICAL COSTA RICA

The APSU Alumni Relations Office will also be hosting a trip for alumni and friends July 18-26, 2015, to the tropical land of Costa Rica. Visit lush forests, stunning waterfalls and endless coastlines. Highlights include San Jose, a coffee plantation, Guanacaste, Monteverde Cloud Forest, hanging bridges, Arenal Volcano, a Lake Arenal cruise, cooking demonstrations, the Cano Negro Refuge, Zarcero and the National Theatre.

For more information about alumni travel, visit <http://www.apsu.edu/alumni/alumni-travel>, or call the Alumni Relations Office at 931-221-7979.

FUTURE ALUMNI MEMBERS

The Future Alumni Members (F.A.M.) student organization was founded in the fall of 2010. This organization offers APSU students opportunities to interact with alumni and other students while strengthening their lifelong loyalty to APSU. F.A.M. has proven to be beneficial to our current students by offering them an opportunity to connect with their peers, get involved on campus, learn about the traditions of APSU and develop relationships with APSU alumni, while also being a vital part to the growth of our National Alumni Association. We are always looking for new ways to engage our young alumni. What better way than to engage them while they are still students.

If you would like to become involved with our Future Alumni Members student organization, contact Rylan Kean at keanr@apsu.edu.

APSU PAYS TRIBUTE TO BASKETBALL LEGENDS

On Feb. 7, APSU paid tribute to former basketball legends and recognized them for providing APSU fans and the community with over 75 years of basketball memories. The day began with the Lunch with the Legends event, held in the Club Level of Governors Stadium. Fans were invited to mix and mingle with alumni and take part in a panel session, retelling some of the great basketball stories from the 60s to today. Guests were welcomed to a pregame reception at The Gilroy followed by the biggest rivalry game in the OVC— APSU vs. Murray State. Former basketball alumni and staff were honored in between games on Dave Loos Court in the Dunn Center.



From left, Corey Gipson ('04), Steve Miller ('64), Coach Dave Loos, Richie Armstrong ('89), Fernandez Lockett ('07), Larry Schmidt ('77) and Charles "Bubba" Wells ('97) attended the Lunch with the Legends.

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ALUMNI CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For the most up-to-date alumni event information, visit www.apsu.edu/alumni, or call 931-221-7979. For the most up-to-date Center of Excellence for the Creative Arts event information, visit www.apsu.edu/creativearts. For the most up-to-date athletic event information, visit www.letsgoapeay.com

May 8
APSU Spring Commencement
 Dunn Center

May 13
APSU Alumni and Friends Annual Card Party
 For more information, call 931-221-7979.

June 2- 4
Atlanta, Ga., and Chattanooga, Tenn., Area Alumni Reception
 For more information, call 931-221-7979.

June 11-20
APSU Alumni and Friends "British Landscapes" Trip
 For more information, visit <http://www.apsu.edu/alumni/current-and-future-travel>

July 18-26
APSU Alumni and Friends "Tropical Costa Rica" Trip
 For more information, visit <http://www.apsu.edu/alumni/current-and-future-travel>

July 31-Aug. 2
Pennsylvania Alumni Bike Trip and Reception
 For more information, call 931-221-7979.

Aug. 1
APSU Governors Games powered by Crossfit Clarksville
 For more information, email leszczakto@apsu.edu or visit www.apsu.edu/alumni

Aug. 7
APSU Summer Commencement
 Dunn Center

Aug. 24
APSU Military Chapter – Fort Campbell Day
 For more information, email leszczakto@apsu.edu

Sept. 26
Gov "Color" Run
 For more information, visit <https://govrun2015.eventbrite.com>

Oct. 24
Homecoming 2015
 For more information, visit <http://www.apsu.edu/homecoming.com>



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OUT OF THE DARK

How Tracy Bettencourt's perseverance helped her succeed.

*Story by Colin Harris
Photos by Beth Liggett*

Tracy Bettencourt will never forget when the light began to fade.

"I remember noticing that I was having a hard time driving at night," she said. "But it wasn't just that I was starting to develop night blindness, I wasn't able to see entire rooms. The light in restaurants seemed dim and I noticed that I was having trouble recognizing things I looked at."

Diagnosed at the age of 21 with retinitis pigmentosa, an inherited, degenerative disease that often results in blindness, Bettencourt knew that the loss of her vision was inevitable.

"I got a second opinion, and both doctors told me that I would lose my eyesight by the time I was 40," she said. "But when a doctor tells you at 21 years old that you're going to be blind before you're 40, you are just in a state of denial."

"At that time, I was in my early 20s, and I was getting ready to start a family. I was at a place where (going blind) did not seem like it was going to happen to me."

But Bettencourt's doctors were right, and the young mother's vision slowly

began to fade. In 2003, Bettencourt lost complete vision in her left eye, and her right eye began to fade in 2006. All that remains is a pinhole with light and shadow perception in her right eye.

As Bettencourt's world went dark, she found herself questioning her place in the world. A newly single mother to two daughters, Bettencourt said she often struggled to summon the energy to leave her house.

"I went through a deep depression for about six months after I lost my sight," she said. "I didn't eat or drink — it was just the type of depression where you just don't want to be here anymore."

Until, one morning, Bettencourt said she found her reason to be here.

"I honestly don't know what it was, but instead of continuing to say 'why me,' I woke up one morning with new energy," she said. "I called the department of the blind for Tennessee, and I told them I needed all the resources I could obtain to become independent."

"I learned that no one will come to your bedside when something traumatic

1 Tracy Bettencourt, APSU special education major, sits next to her guide dog Wilhelmina. Bettencourt was diagnosed in her early 20s with retinitis pigmentosa, a genetic eye disease which causes blindness through degeneration in the retina.

2 Bettencourt helps guide the hands of a student across a page marked with braille, a tactile writing system used by the blind and visually impaired.



When I completely lost my eyesight, that made me realize that if I have to be my own voice, then there has to be others who need a voice as well. I believe that the blind are just like anyone else — they just need the tools to learn and move forward, and that is why I decided to (return) to teaching.

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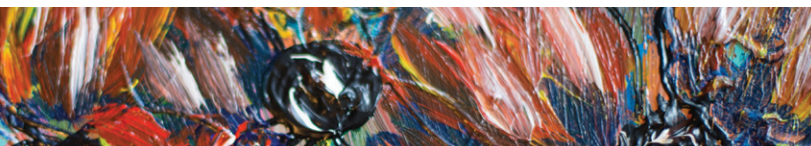


3 A student learns to read a story printed in braille with the help of Bettencourt.

4 As a student teacher at the Tennessee School for the Blind, Bettencourt helps a student solve a mathematics problem printed in braille.

5 Bettencourt is also a competitive bodybuilder, having placed in a number of competitions, and is shown modeling with her guide dog Wilhelmina.

6 Pictured is a 3rd place trophy she earned in the 2013 Music City Muscle competition in Nashville.



happens and say, ‘we have this to offer you,’ or ‘we have that to offer you.’ You have to go out and find it for yourself,” she added. “I knew that I needed training, I needed assistive technology, and I needed to find ways to get back into to the workforce and be independent.”

For Bettencourt, the day she realized she needed to take back control was the moment light began to return to her life. The goal of independence became more than simply being able to get from one place to the next, and being blind would not be the way Bettencourt defined herself.

FOLLOWING HER DREAM

One of Bettencourt’s dreams was to be a teacher who inspired people to overcome obstacles. She even took classes with the goal of teaching at the elementary school level. But as her vision began to fade, she began to focus more on her young family and less on becoming the person she had once dreamed to be.

Amazingly, it was not until her vision completely left that Bettencourt said she finally found the obstacle that she had one day hoped to teach others to cross.

“When I completely lost my eyesight, that made me realize that if I have to be my own voice, then there has to be others who need a voice as well,” she said. “I believe that the blind are just like anyone else — they just need the tools to learn and move forward, and that is why I decided to (return) to teaching.”

Bettencourt enrolled full time in classes at Austin Peay and is expected to graduate in May with a degree in special education teaching. Currently, she is completing her student teaching at the Tennessee School for the Blind in Nashville.

“Teaching is where my heart is, and I’ve learned that I need to follow my heart,” Bettencourt said. “I want children with special needs to know that no matter how hard the challenges they face, they can overcome anything. Life is all about adapting and overcoming.”

Bettencourt said her experience at Austin Peay has been rewarding, crediting the APSU Office of Disability Services, along with the attention of her teachers and

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fellow students, with allowing her to learn on the same level as a visually able student.

“APSU’s program was structured just like anyone else with vision, and I do all the same work that anyone else does,” she said. “Disability Services accommodates me with what I need, and the professors were great and accommodated me as needed.

“At APSU’s (Woodward Library), they also have a lot of really amazing technology that I can’t afford at home, but help me learn through book scanners or screen readers or other resources that help us learn as well as anyone else,” she added. “APSU gives me the same opportunity to succeed as any other student, and I would not change the experience there for anything in the world.”

HEALTHY BODY, HEALTHY LIFE

A self-described “soccer mom” before losing her sight, Bettencourt said she lived a busy life of transporting her daughters Kayla and Kara back and forth from after-school activities.

“Before I lost my eyesight, I was your average mom, running my daughters to ballet and soccer and eating McDonald’s and drinking Coke every day,” she said. “That’s pretty normal, but I wasn’t getting any good nutrition at all. One of the first things I realized after losing my eyesight was that I had to take better care of myself if I was going to take care of my girls.”

So Bettencourt went to work.

Taking stock of her pantry, everyday staples like potato chips and cookies went in the trash — to be replaced with organic, all-natural alternatives. But Bettencourt went one step further, acquiring the services of a personal trainer who would be willing to work around the limitations created by her blindness.

“I have always admired women who are involved in physical fitness, but I never took that step myself,” she said. “When I lost my vision, it gave me a whole new perspective in life — I realized that I did not have my eyes, but I had my mind, and I had my body.”

For Bettencourt, fitness offered more than just a healthier life — it was an opportunity to advocate. More than just proving something to herself, the sculpted, healthy body she presented to the world would serve as encouragement to others that the only thing holding them back is themselves.

After competing in her first competitive bodybuilding show in 2007, Bettencourt said she has become even more

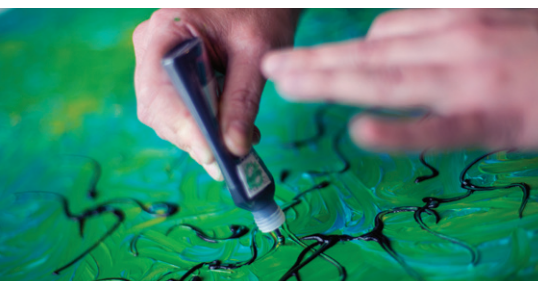


competitive. Despite competing with women with eyesight, Bettencourt said she has placed as high as third in her weight class in competitions in New York City and Nashville.

“For me, (bodybuilding) is about being an advocate for the blind,” she said. “It’s a way for me to walk on stage and compete against people who have their vision and for me to say that I’m just as good, and I work just as hard as anyone else.”

HOW SHE VIEWS THE WORLD

Fitness and education offered Bettencourt an opportunity to return structure and purpose to her life, but something was missing. While her



mind and body received training, there was another side to Bettencourt that needed attention — her imagination.

“My school work and fitness required me to be strict and disciplined, and I discovered that I needed an outlet,” she said. “Nothing was really working for me until about a year ago when I just randomly asked my daughter to drive me to (a craft store). I felt like I needed to do something with my hands and I told her my idea of painting.”

Despite having no training or interest in art before her blindness, Bettencourt purchased acrylic paints and went to work. With the aid of an application on her mobile phone that audibly identified the colors of her paint, she began using her hands to translate the images in her mind to canvas. Puffy paints are used so Bettencourt can “see” her creations through the fingers she uses to paint.

Bettencourt’s creations vary, but everything she paints is a reflection of the way she views the world. From flowers and trees to abstract collages of color, everything she paints tells a story of the challenges she faces.

“I painted seven paintings my first day, and I haven’t been able to stop since,” she joked. “When I paint, it’s almost like I lose track of time. Sometimes, when someone looks at one of my paintings the morning after I create it, I’ll joke that I don’t even remember (painting it) because I just became lost in the experience.”

Without eyesight, every day is a controlled experience. From the first moments of her day to the last, so much of Bettencourt’s energy must be focused on where she is and how she will make it to her destination, whether it be physical or emotional, without the aid of her vision. But

in painting, she has found a way to channel her same tremendous will to persevere in a different, but just as rewarding way.

“Painting is a way for me to convey how I’m feeling,” she said. “It gives me a way to stop and take time out for myself. When my day is over, or if I’m laying in bed and I can’t sleep, I know that I can paint.”

“And when I sit down, something just comes over me, and I know I have to (paint something),” she added. “I don’t know what I’m going to create when I sit down, but something always happens, and when I’m done, I feel relaxed and recharged.”

VISION WITHOUT SIGHT

The person Bettencourt is today is not the same young woman who sat in a doctor’s office denying her inevitable future as she was told she would one day lose her sight. By any measure — physical, emotional or mental — she is a much stronger person today without her vision.

Because, while she can no longer visually see the world around her, the new life she has created for herself has allowed her to “see” a side of life that most people are too busy to notice.

“Losing my eyesight has made me see the beauty of life,” she said. “I don’t have eyesight, but I have good insight, and I’ve learned to know people for who they really are.”

“But it’s not easy. Sometimes, you wake up feeling like you’re going in circles, but then you stop and realize that it’s up to you to make a good life,” she added. “Because I lost my vision, I’ve learned that to succeed, I need a purpose and that purpose is helping people move forward by using everything I’ve learned.” **AP**



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PLAYHOUSE NASHVILLE PRODUCES NEW PLAY

BY MICHAEL



As a boy, **Darren Michael** often heard strange stories about the town of Smackover, Arkansas. He had family still living in that small community, and

they talked about how an oil boom in the 1920s and 1930s brought in thousands of fortune seekers from across the country. When the oil wells dried up, most of the new residents moved away, leaving the town in shambles.

The old stories of corruption and greed fascinated Michael, an associate professor of theatre, inspiring him to write his new full-length play, "Scarecrows Will Never See the Sunset: The Legends of Smackover." Playhouse Nashville produced the work last August at the Street Theatre Company. The production received several nominations for the 2014 BroadwayWorld Nashville Best Awards, including a nomination for Best Original/New Work.

Bluegrass Community and Technical College, in Lexington, Kentucky, produced the play in October.

THOMPSON NAMED TO 40 UNDER 40



Bitten by a spider while shaking out a towel on one sunny afternoon, Austin Peay State University assistant professor of biology **Dr. Amy Thompson ('99)**

did the first logical thing after an encounter with an eight-legged pest – she buried her nose in a book.

"At first, I thought it was a bee sting, but then I noticed the spider scurrying off," Thompson said. "So being an academic, I was like, 'oh gosh, I have to find out more about this spider.'"

While Thompson's initial reaction maybe was not typical, her curiosity ultimately led the APSU professor to publish her research on the brown recluse spider in *Laboratory Medicine*, a journal published by the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP).

It was Thompson's journal article which earned her a spot on the ASCP's inaugural 40 Under 40, a program spotlighting 40 pathologists, pathology residents and laboratory professionals under age 40 who are making significant contributions to the profession.

SINGLETON RECEIVES GARDNER AWARD



Gregory R. Singleton, associate vice president and dean of students at Austin Peay State University, was named the 2014 recipient of the Dr. Kent L. Gardner Award. The

Gardner Award is presented to a senior college/university administrator who has demonstrated a long-term commitment to the advancement of fraternities and sororities.

Singleton was cited for his support of the fraternity and sorority communities at the University of Memphis, Purdue University, University of Miami and now APSU. He has served as a former national conference chair, executive vice president and national president of the Association of Fraternity/Sorority Advisors and chair of the AFA Foundation. Singleton served for 18 years on the board of directors for the Southeastern Interfraternity Conference, including six years as the executive director, and as a past executive director of Rho Lambda National Panhellenic Honorary.

He is a current regional vice president and National Scholarship chair for his national fraternity, Kappa Alpha Order.

APSU PROFESSORS PUBLISH CIVIL WAR DIARY

In 1862, a 15-year-old girl named Nannie Haskins watched as panic swept through Clarksville. Union forces had captured the city, and as soldiers marched through local streets, Haskins opened her diary and jotted down what she saw.

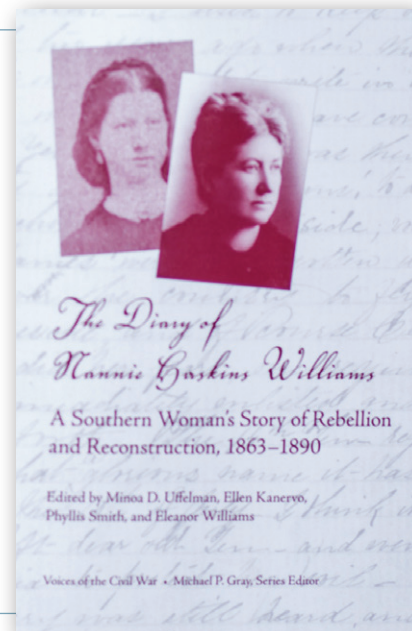
"The best description of the fall of Clarksville comes from her," **Dr. Minoa Uffelman ('82, '93)**, associate professor of history, said.

For the last several years, Uffelman and three other women – retired communication professor **Dr. Ellen Kanervo**, Montgomery County Historian Eleanor Williams and Phyllis Smith, former president of the Friends of Fort Defiance

– worked to transcribe Haskins' journals. Their hard work was finally rewarded last summer when the University of Tennessee Press published their book, "The Diary of Nannie Haskins Williams: A Southern Woman's Story of Rebellion and Reconstruction, 1863-1890," as part of its "Voices of the Civil War" series.

"We've probably worked on it, off and on, for about seven years," Kanervo said. "I think I know 1860s Clarksville better than I know 2014 Clarksville."

The book is available at APSU's Ann Ross Bookstore, the Fort Defiance Interpretive Center, The Customs House Museum and online at Amazon.com.



TWO PROFESSORS EDIT BOOK ON MILITARY HISTORY

Dr. Christos Frentzos, associate professor of history, and **Dr. Antonio Thompson ('98)**, associate professor of history, recently edited a massive, two-volume military and history work—"The

Routledge Handbook of American Military and Diplomatic History."

Volume I of the work featured about 40 essays from both renowned historians and up-and-coming academics, focusing

on the colonial period in America up to reconstruction. Volume II included another 40 essays dealing with American history from 1865 to the present War on Terror. The books are divided into thematic sections, with a historiographical essay introducing the time period, followed by three or four topic essays.

"When we got the final published copies of the books, Dr. Frentzos and I both were really honored by the positive comments we received from pretty big names in our field who did not work on this book," Thompson said. "The other big takeaway is that there are a lot of people who contributed to this book that we can now call colleagues. For us, those are the really big takeaways: to know that we both contributed something to the study of American history, and that people recognize the work we did here."

The book is available for sale on Amazon.com.



Dr. Antonio Thompson (left) works with Dr. Christos Frentzos to edit "The Routledge Handbook of American Military and Diplomatic History."

WINTERS RECOGNIZED WITH PRESTIGIOUS TEACHING AWARD



Dr. Timothy Winters,

professor of languages and literature, was recognized in January for his performance in the classroom by being named a 2014 recipient of

the Society for Classical Studies (SCS) Collegiate Teaching Award.

A highly competitive Award, the SCS Collegiate Teaching award is recognized as the most prestigious teaching award in North America for classical studies.

"I knew when I got into this discipline, that if I did anything of lasting value, it would be through my work in the classroom," Winters said. "This is quite an award, and I am really humbled and honored. Receiving an award like this only

makes me want to work harder to live up to (its significance)."

Winters was presented with the award at the 2015 Annual Meeting of the SCS, which was held Jan. 10, 2015 at the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel.

"Austin Peay should be proud of Tim, as he represents to the world what it is to be a teacher and what it means to be an Austin Peay Governor," says Dr. Stephen Kershner, APSU assistant professor of Classics.

FARRAR GUESTS EDITS INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL

The international journal *Nursing Clinics of North America* is considered one of the top scholarly publications in that field, and the spring issue, known as a clinic, featured articles by 11 Austin Peay State University School of Nursing faculty members. The nursing professors were selected to contribute to the publication because

Dr. Chita Farrar, APSU professor of nursing, was invited to guest edit the issue.

"I have published many times, but never served as editor or developed the content for a clinic," Farrar said. "It is exciting,



challenging and will let APSU shine in scholarship." As guest editor, Farrar developed a clinic to help front-line nurses stay abreast of new policies

and new healthcare delivery models. These nurses are the ones who do much of the hard work, Farrar said, but they are often kept in the dark as to why they need to follow new policies and procedures. Farrar's clinic aims to give them the information they need to embrace changes in the workplace.

She invited 11 of her colleagues from APSU to contribute to the journal because they have conducted extensive research in this area. She also invited nursing faculty from Middle Tennessee State University and the University of Memphis to publish their research in the journal.

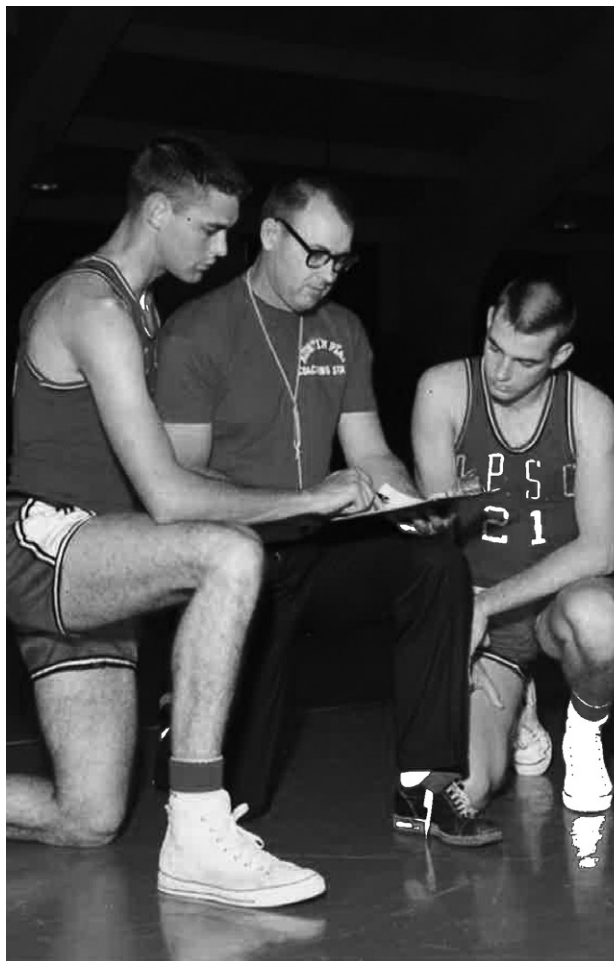
THE GEORGE FISHER LEGACY

1924-2014

Dr. George Fisher, who was associated with the Austin Peay athletics program from 1946-77 as a star player, standout coach and later as athletic director, left nearly an unparalleled legacy behind.

Story by Brad Kirtley Photos from APSU archives

Born July 9, 1924, the Greenbrier native George Fisher came to Austin Peay in the mid-1940s and really never left, being involved with Austin Peay and APSU athletics for the rest of his life. How important was Fisher to Austin Peay? He was the first recipient of the Joy Award as the most valuable senior athlete in 1947. Fisher also was selected to succeed the legendary Dave Aaron as basketball coach (1962) and athletics director (1972). He was part of the first APSU Athletics Hall of Fame class in 1978 and was inducted into the Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) Hall of Fame in 1988.



From left, Seldon Sledd, Dr. George Fisher and Richard Keller

Fisher died on Dec. 20, 2014, at the age of 90.

Fisher was one of the captains of Dave Aaron's first football team in 1946 and was named All-Volunteer State Athletic Conference (VSAC) in 1947. He held most of the school pass receiving records until broken by his future son-in-law, Harold Roberts. He recently was honored as one of the 1940s football greats when the new Governors Stadium opened last fall.

Fisher also starred in basketball. He was captain of the 1947-48 team, earning All-Volunteer State Athletic Conference that season, and was part of the program's

first VSAC title a year later. He was selected VSAC all-tourney for a third straight year that season.

But it was baseball where Fisher cast his lot at a higher playing level. His professional baseball career took him to such stops as Waycross and Greenville, Texas, as well as Shreveport, Louisiana. In fact, baseball delayed his degree requirement completion from APSU until 1952. Fisher got his taste for coaching/managing in Corpus Christi, Texas, and he taught and coached in that state for six years.

In 1958, Fisher returned to his alma mater as an assistant football coach while



George Fisher held the APSU record for receptions until his future son-in-law, Harold "Red" Roberts, broke the mark in the late 1960s. Fisher (24) was captain of the 1946 football team, with Bud Barrett (29), the alternate captain.

working on his master's, which he received in 1959. Along the way, he served as the program's head golf coach, freshman basketball coach and coached the track team to two VSAC titles during his three-year stint as head man.

In 1962-63, he succeeded his mentor, Aaron, as basketball coach and coached for nine seasons. His overall record was 90-125, but he was the man who helped guide the Governors from the VSAC to the OVC in 1963-64. He was chosen OVC Coach of the Year in 1967, but also was considered a pioneer. Early in his head coaching career, APSU signed the OVC's first black basketball player, L.M. Ellis, who had to sit out 1962-63 as a transfer. As a result of racial attitudes in the south at the time, Fisher had to find hotels/motels that would house the Governors. In addition, Fisher also roomed with Ellis on occasion.

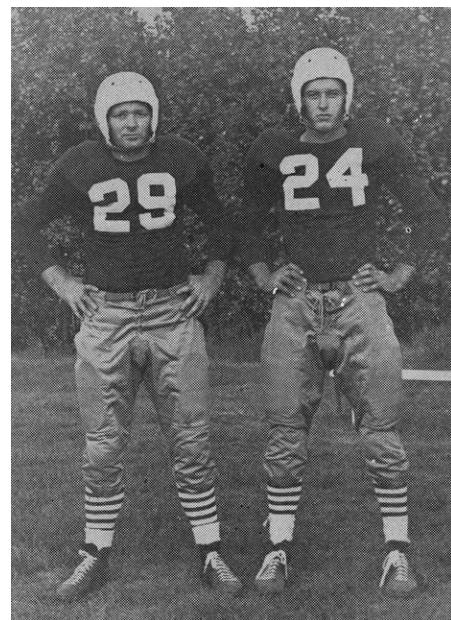
During his tenure, Doug Stamper and Howard Wright were named All-OVC, while Tommy Head and Dennis Snyder were chosen OVC all-tourney. Wright later became APSU's first basketball player to sign a professional contract with the Kentucky Colonels of the American Basketball Association. In addition, Blakey Bradley, Jimmy Darke and Seldon Sledd were named to the All-OVC Academic squad.

In fact, the most impressive statistic of Fisher's basketball coaching career was only one player who completed his eligibility failed to receive his undergraduate degree.

Fisher remained close to the basketball program after stepping down in favor of assistant Lake Kelly in 1971. His son Mickey, who preceded him in death in 2009, was a guard for the Governors during the Fly Williams era in the early 1970s.

Fisher was athletics director and was instrumental when APSU chose to honor the University's outstanding athletes with the initiation of the Athletics Hall of Fame. Aaron was the only inductee in the Hall of Fame's first year in 1977. A year later Fisher was part of the initial Hall of Fame seven-person class. In 1988, Fisher became only the third APSU inductee in the OVC Hall of Fame, following Aaron and former APSU President Joe Morgan.

After leaving as athletics director after the 1977 school year, Fisher remained at the University in the physical education department as an instructor into the 1990s. However, he continued his association with the athletics department. He became chairman of APSU Athletics Hall of Fame in 1993 and served in that capacity until the early 2000s. He was one of



the founding fathers of the Dave Aaron Foundation and was recognized with the University's Outstanding Service Award by the APSU Alumni Association in 2004. In 2014, the University presented Fisher the Wendell H. Gilbert Award exemplifying excellence, integrity and inspiring others by his accomplishments. **AF**



From left, Henry Murray, George Fisher, Fred Overton and Call Taylor

ATHLETICS RAISES MORE THAN \$8,000 FOR WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT

Austin Peay State University's athletics department raised more than \$8,000 for the Wounded Warrior Project, auctioning off 80 of the camouflage jerseys worn in the Governors 2014 Homecoming football game against Tennessee State.

As part of Military Appreciation Day and to honor the troops at Fort Campbell, the Austin Peay football team elected to wear camouflage jerseys Nov. 8, 2014, against Tennessee State. The jerseys, donated by

Russell Athletic®, had nicknames of Fort Campbell units across the upper back – a violation of NCAA Rule 1, Article 5 regarding proper numerals and lettering. As a result, use of those jerseys would potentially cost the Governors one timeout for every quarter they were worn.

Austin Peay was informed about the consequences of violating the rule in the days before the game. Head coach Kirby Cannon could have made a change and kept his timeouts.

The Gobs wore the jerseys for all four quarters against the Tigers.

“The sacrifices we made as far as timeouts are concerned certainly pales in comparison to those our friends at

Fort Campbell have made,” Cannon said. “The kids would wear those 100 times over having extra timeouts. It is a strong indication of our support of Fort Campbell and the support we get from them in everyday life.”

During the game, it was announced that Austin Peay would auction off the jerseys to benefit the Wounded Warrior Project, a veterans service organization that offers a variety of programs, services and events for wounded veterans. Its mission is to raise awareness and enlist the public's aid for the needs of severely injured service members, to help severely injured service members aid and assist each other and to provide unique, direct programs and services to meet the needs of any service member, who incurred a physical or mental injury, illness or wound, co-incident to their military service on or after Sept. 11, 2001, and their families.

Beginning at 11 a.m. on Veterans Day – significant for historical reasons, as the time harkens back to Armistice Day, the precursor to Veterans Day, which commemorated the end of World War I with an armistice that took effect on the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month of 1918 – the auction ended Wednesday, Nov. 26, the day before Thanksgiving. The net proceeds of the auction will go to the organization.

Austin Peay hosted representatives of the Wounded Warrior Project and presented them with a donation check during a basketball game.

“The primary theme of our culture of excellence applies to what the athletics program achieves in the classroom, in competition, and in our community,” said APSU Athletics Director Derek van der Merwe. “When we talk about our community, Fort Campbell is a significant part of what makes this community great. This effort was to demonstrate how we have the power to transform our community through an act of honor and pride.”

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GAINES HUNT SELECTED THURSTON BANKS RECIPIENT



Dr. Gaines Hunt ('66), longtime Austin Peay professor and administrator and APSU Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR) for more than 15 years, was named co-recipient of the 2015 Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) Thurston Banks Award for Distinguished Academic Service.

The award, selected by the OVC Faculty Athletics Representatives, was established in 2013 to recognize individuals (e.g.,

academic adviser, professor, tutor, etc.), with at least five years of service at one or more OVC member institutions, for their outstanding contributions to OVC student-athletes academic success, learning and development, as well for his or her overall commitment to the institution's athletics program. Morehead State's Peggy Osborne was this year's other recipient.

The award is named after Dr. Thurston Banks, who served the Tennessee Tech Department of Athletics for 31 of his 34 years on the faculty and served as the Faculty Athletic Representative for 25 years before stepping down in 2006. He was inducted into the OVC Hall of Fame in 2007.

Hunt served as the APSU FAR from 1979 until 1995, while he was a professor of agriculture at the University. During his tenure, he served as the OVC FAR chair multiple times.

Among his accomplishments was working as a NCAA delegate that passed a full governance plan for women's sports, allowing women to compete for NCAA

championships. He also served on the OVC subcommittee that established the OVC Scholar-Athlete Award in 1981, as well as the committee that drafted the Conference's first sportsmanship policy in 1995. The Sportsmanship Statement was a first-of-its-kind policy that helped promote the principles of fair play, ethical conduct and respect for one's opponents. The statement was an answer to a challenge from the NCAA Presidents Commission to improve sportsmanship in intercollegiate athletics and later became a model for others to follow across the nation.

After stepping down as FAR in 1995, he served as assistant vice president for academic affairs (1997-99), interim dean of the College of Arts and Letters (2001-02) and interim dean of the College of Science and Mathematics (2004-06) until his retirement. Hunt remains active in the Governors Club and the Austin Peay Hall of Fame Committee and attends many APSU athletic contests.

ROBLES NAMED TO THE LOUISVILLE SLUGGER PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA TEAM

Austin Peay sophomore utility man Alex Robles was named to the Louisville Slugger Preseason All-American Teams as selected by Collegiate Baseball.

Robles, an infielder/pitcher from Phoenix, Arizona, was selected to Louisville

Slugger's preseason second team following a freshman campaign that saw him named to three Freshman All-American squads, earn the Ohio Valley Conference's (OVC) Rookie of the Year award and earn second-team All-OVC honors.



14 STUDENT-ATHLETES PARTICIPATE IN WINTER COMMENCEMENT

Fourteen Austin Peay student-athletes participated in Winter Commencement ceremonies, last December, at the Dunn Center.

The following APSU student-athlete and athletics alumna was a master's degree candidate for the December 2014 Commencement: Ashley Bolda, softball.

The following APSU student-athlete was a bachelor's degree candidate for the December 2014 Commencement: Zach Amis, football; Sharese Braziel, track and field; Reese Bulmash, football; Toneilus Cannon, cheer; Tyreon Clark, football; Kim Dominguez, track and field/cross-country; Michael Dunphy, football; Xiamar Hudson, track and field/cross-country; Nii Lartey, football; Tala Mumford, women's golf; Rip Rowan, football; Craig Salley, football and Zach Walton, baseball.

THREE INDUCTED INTO APSU'S ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME

Grant Leaver, one of the greatest golfers in the Governors' illustrious history, and Ed Bunio ('65), a former football standout who returned to his alma mater to help coach the program to its only Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) title, were inducted into Austin Peay's Athletics Hall of Fame on Jan. 31. In addition, Bob Bradley ('61), a former superb basketball player in Austin Peay's small-college era, was inducted into the Hall of Fame as part of its Honors category.

They became the 108th, 109th and 110th members of APSU's Athletics Hall of Fame.

After a strong prep career at Hickman County High School, Leaver landed at Austin Peay to play golf in 2005. The Centerville native was named OVC Freshman of the Year. As a sophomore, he gained his first medalist honor, winning the 2005 F&M Bank APSU Intercollegiate, and a year later became the tourney's only repeat champion.

A former basketball standout at Hickman County, the tallest (6'7") golfer in APSU history joined the Govs basketball team after the fall golf season and also earned a start for the eventual OVC champs. As a result of the basketball season, he experienced a later practice start to his golf season. But it didn't deter the lanky Gov from enjoying a superb spring. He averaged 72.3 to tie for APSU's single-season lowest scoring average.

As a senior, Leaver elected to concentrate solely on golf and it paid off. He broke his own (and Yoshio Yamamoto's) scoring average mark, averaging 72.03 per round, ranking in the nation's top 100, and posted an 823-140 record. He also was medalist at three spring tournaments. His five overall individual championships also are a school record—tied in 2013-14 by Marco Iten.

After finishing second at the 2008 OVC championships, Leaver earned a bid to the NCAA Regional in Chattanooga. He left APSU with the program's overall career low scoring average (72.8). He also was the 2008 Male Joy Award recipient as the most valuable senior athlete.



From left, Grant Leaver, Ed Bunio and Bob Bradley

Bunio arrived at Austin Peay after spending his freshman year (1961) at the University of Arizona. An offensive and defensive lineman, he started the next three seasons for APSU, suffering through 0-10 and 1-9 campaigns—the 1963 season was APSU's first in the OVC. The Carnegie, Pennsylvania, native was elected one of three co-captains for that first OVC season.

Then in 1964, under first-year coach Bill Dupes, Bunio was part of a complete turnaround. After a 0-7 first season and last-place finish in the OVC, the Govs reversed their fortunes finishing second in the OVC at 5-1-1 and going 8-1-1 overall. Considered the team's heart and soul because of his toughness, Bunio was credited with 39 tackles on the defensive side while earning All-OVC as an offensive lineman.

Bunio next turned to coaching, serving as an APSU graduate assistant, before staying in Clarksville and serving seven seasons as an assistant coach at Clarksville High School.

Then in 1973, Jack Bushofsky brought Bunio back to his alma mater as a defensive assistant and coordinator. He stayed in that position for four seasons. When Bushofsky was not rehired for the 1977 season, new head coach Boots Donnelly retained him as coordinator. As a result that group grew to be the OVC's best in 1977, allowing only 12

points per outing and only 10 per contest in league play.

In 1979, Bunio left his alma mater and followed Donnelly from the Austin Peay staff to MTSU to revive the Blue Raider football program, starting a 16-year run as MTSU defensive coordinator and linebacker coach until he retired after the 1994 season.

The 6'6" Bradley came to APSU after playing prep basketball at Todd County (Ky.) Central. He competed for the Govs from 1958 to 1961. He became a key component for a team that won Volunteer State Athletic Conference (VSAC) Western Division titles three straight seasons and the VSAC tourney title in 1959-60.

In three varsity seasons, Bradley was a member of a Governors team that went 58-24, including back-to-back 20-win seasons. The 1958-59 team finished 14-10 but won the VSAC Western Division. That season Bradley set the APSU single-game rebounding record with 27—a mark that stood until the 1970-71 season.

The 1959-60 team not only won the VSAC Western Division regular-season championship but the tourney title as well—Bradley earned All-VSAC tournament. The next season, the Governors again swept the VSAC Western crown but lost in the conference tourney championship game. Bradley was selected All-VSAC and VSAC all-tournament.

STOTTS, SLAY RECOGNIZED BY OVC FOR VOLLEYBALL EXPLOITS

Senior outside hitter Jada Stotts and freshman outside hitter Ashley Slay, of Austin Peay's volleyball team, were recognized with OVC postseason honors.

Stotts, of Hoffman Estates, Illinois, was named to the All-OVC squad – the seventh consecutive season an Austin Peay player was named to the league's top team. Stotts finished the regular season with 397 kills and 396 digs – her 3.52 kills per set ranking third among league hitters and her 3.50 digs per set ranking ninth. She was twice named the league's Player of the Week, earning the Sept. 22 and 29 honors.

Slay, of Nashville, was named to the league's All-Newcomer squad. She finished her rookie year with 169 kills, including a season-best 13 kills against Jacksonville State, Nov. 1. Slay also had 61 blocks during the season, recording a season-best eight in that same Jacksonville State match.

BASEBALL ADDS TRIO OF PREP STARS IN EARLY PERIOD

After signing a large recruiting class a year ago, the Austin Peay baseball team concentrated on quality over quantity this season when it signed a trio of prospects in the November period.

Parker Phillips, a 6'4", 235-pound corner infielder from Collierville; Brett Newberg, a 6'1", 220-pound pitcher/first baseman from Moline (Illinois) High School, and Austin Higginbotham, a 5'10", 175-pound left-handed pitcher from Gainesville, Georgia (King's Ridge Christian High School), will join the Gobs for 2015-16.

BASKETBALL GOVS ADD TWO ST. LOUIS AREA PROSPECTS IN EARLY PERIOD

The Austin Peay men's basketball team strengthened its 2015-16 backcourt by adding both a prep point guard and two guard from the St. Louis area during the November signing period.

Zach Glotta, who averaged 15.1 points and 4.5 assists per game as a junior point guard for Fort Zumwalt North High School, and Stephen Harris, who scored 12.5 points per game while shooting 68 percent from the floor for Webster Groves in 2013-14.

Glotta will join his brother Chaz, who was a freshman guard this season at Southern Illinois, at the Division I level. Entering the season, the younger Glotta was a three-time all-district and two-time first-team all-conference selection. The 5'11" backcourt star started four seasons at Ft. Zumwalt North.

WILSON RETURNS TO GOLF ROOTS AS NEW GOVERNORS COACH

Robbie Wilson, who has been the Great Midwest Athletic Conference Coach of the Year the last two seasons at Trevecca Nazarine University, was hired as Austin Peay's new men's golf coach in November.

An Ashland City native, Wilson, who grew up playing golf at the Clarksville Country Club and is well-known in the Clarksville Golf Community, came to APSU after spending the previous eight years as Trevecca's head coach. He replaces Kirk Kayden, who resigned in late summer to accept a similar position at Mercer. Former Gobs golf star Dustin Korte served as interim coach this fall.

In 2011, Wilson directed Trevecca to a fifth-place finish at the National Christian College Athletic Association National Championship.

LADY GOVS BASKETBALL SIGNS TWO IN NOVEMBER PERIOD

The Austin Peay women's basketball team announced two fall signees, adding J'Nayah Hall, of Owensboro, Kentucky, and LaKeisha Gregory, of Johnson City, to its 2015-16 roster.

Hall, a 5'9" guard/forward, averaged 12 points and 10 rebounds per game last season at Apollo High School. A 2013 second-team all-region pick, Hall was selected to the 2014 Kentucky/Indiana All-Star Classic. In addition, she was named MVP at Rick Bolus' summer camp.

Gregory, a 5'10" guard/forward, from Science Hill High School, averaged 13 points per game and shot 46 percent from three-point range as a junior under head coach Keith Turner. Gregory has been a member of two teams that tallied state runner-up finishes.

FABBRO NAMED SECOND-TEAM ALL- OVC SOCCER

Austin Peay sophomore forward Gina Fabbro was named second-team All-OVC by a vote of conference coaches and sports information directors in early November.

The Coquitlam, British Columbia, native enjoyed a sophomore campaign just as exemplary as her freshman effort, leading the Lady Gobs in scoring with seven goals, tying her first-year mark and equaling the sixth-best single-season scoring effort in school history.

LADY GOVS VOLLEYBALL ADDS FOUR STANDOUTS IN RECRUITING

Austin Peay's volleyball team opened its early signing period with a big splash, adding four players to its 2015 roster.

Signing to join the Lady Gobs next season were Logan Carger, a 5'10" outside hitter from Galena, Texas; Kaylee Taff, a 6'0" middle blocker from Houston, Texas; Cecily Gable, a 5'9" outside hitter from Munford, Tennessee; and Amanda Radich, a 5'11" outside hitter from Grove City, Ohio.



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THE ART OF THE DEAL



Story by Colin Harris
Photos by Beth Liggett

When the ribbon is cut on a factory that brings hundreds of jobs and millions of dollars in revenue to a community, that moment is really the culmination of hundreds of smaller moments.

As the executive director of the Montgomery County Industrial Development Board, Mike Evans ('75) knows that all too well – and he also knows that, in the highly competitive market of attracting businesses, situations change quickly and you're only as good as your last trip to the negotiating table.

In late October 2014, South Korea-based Hankook Tire broke ground on an \$800 million,

1.5 million square-foot plant in Clarksville. Once up and running, the plant promises to bring 1,800 jobs and an annual payroll in the neighborhood of more than \$60 million.

A commitment of that size is a feather in the cap of any economic developer. When the time comes to call it quits, that's the sort of deal they talk about fondly at your retirement party.

But after 15 years in industrial development, Evans knew one misstep could have prompted Hankook to make its investment in Alabama or Georgia.

So that's why he came prepared.

"I will never forget the day that we showed the Hankook executives our proposed site for their future plant," Evans, said. "Their executives were having a hard time envisioning all of their needs fitting on our land, but nevertheless, we were

“When you first open those lines of communication, you’re probably one of 6-10 different places under consideration. But if you’re able to get to the point where they are visiting your community, you’re really in the mix, and then you need to hone in on those 2-3 really key factors.”



on (a luxury bus) driving out to the site to show them what we had to offer.”

Anxious to put Montgomery County’s best foot forward, Evans pulled aside a Hankook consultant and asked what he could do to make his case.

“The consultant told me, ‘Mike, do you have a layout of the site on your laptop that would show their entire plant fitting on your site, because they need to see that before they get off this bus,’” Evans said.

Armed with a rendering of the proposed site he had commissioned prior to the tour, Evans grabbed his laptop and asked the bus driver to pull over into a neighboring lot. After connecting to one of the bus’ televisions, Evans called together Hankook’s executives and proceeded to clear the air.



Using a property map in his office as a guide, Evans describes the process behind acquiring much of the land that Montgomery County now owns and can use to attract major industry into the area.

In a back room, Evans and his staff have a large collection of property maps that they use as a reference when attracting business to the area.



Renderings contributed by Hankook Tire

“I got all the (Hankook) leaders and said, ‘before we get off this bus, I want to give you an overview of what we’re going to be looking at,’” Evans said. “I told them that, if they choose this community, they could put everything they need on our site. Headquarters, training center, research and their proving grounds ... our site could accommodate them, if we would end up being their choice.”

“So now they had that (proof) when they visited the site, and everything ended up working out.”

AN INSIDER'S VIEW

For the first 23 years of his career, Evans lived on the other side of the negotiating table. A comptroller for the former Clarksville Zinc Refinery, Evans spent his days managing the company’s accounting and financial reporting.

But when Australian-based Savage Zinc Inc. purchased the refinery, the international ownership group had a new task for Evans. Looking to expand its operations, the company asked him to serve as lead for its negotiations with area and state officials.

“For a long time, I was negotiating with government on what incentives we needed and what other things the industrial side wanted in order to (do business),” he said. “Now that I’m on the other side of those negotiations, I think I have a perspective that is pretty unique among other economic developers.”

Evans knows how fragile negotiations can be between private industry and government. With so many cities and states vying for the attention of major manufacturers, people in Evans’ position

must be in the business of minimizing risk and mitigating concerns.

And what’s the best way to make sure you keep a company’s attention? You listen.

“I tell people all the time when we start meetings that I have a problem. I can’t hear very well, but I do listen good, so I need to make sure that we’re communicating,” Evans joked. “I’ve been in the corporate world, so I know how important it is to figure out what businesses need and express to them how we can meet those needs.”

“When you first open those lines of communication, you’re probably one of 6-10 different places under consideration,” he added. “But if you’re able to get to the point where they are visiting your community, you’re really in the mix and then you need to hone in on those two or three really key factors.”

INVESTING IN THE FUTURE

In 2008, Evans and his team stood on Austin Peay’s campus to help announce the construction of a \$1.2 billion manufacturing plant located on 1,300 acres in northeast Montgomery County. He had spent countless hours convincing Michigan-based Hemlock Semiconductor Corporation that Clarksville was the perfect place to locate for its planned expansion.

And Hemlock agreed with Evans — until it was forced to change its mind.

Citing the changing climate of the global marketplace, Hemlock shuttered the plant in 2013 — laying off close to 300 employees on the eve of the launch of production at the plant.

“Hemlock is a tough thing because we did everything right,” he said. “We’re being the local community, the state and

even Hemlock. When it was announced, the plant was the largest industrial project investment in the state of Tennessee’s history.”

While the news was devastating to Clarksville, as well as Evans and his team, the fruits of the investment, made to what is now known as the Clarksville-Montgomery County Industrial Park, give Evans hope for the future.

Although Hemlock is no longer an option, the company recently donated 833 acres of land adjacent to its plant back to the County. Furthermore, Evans said his economic development team is working with Hemlock and other Economic Development partners to explore options to re-purpose the now-abandoned plant site. Evans said the County remains in strong contention for at least two other major industrial projects — one that could have an impact on the community similar to that of Hankook Tire’s investment.

“With the acreage that we were donated by Hemlock, that’s now land that is connected to sewer, water and rail lines and will give us a huge advantage in recruiting other companies,” he said.

“And as far as people who say (Clarksville) was taken by Hemlock, every citizen in Montgomery County benefitted from the (more than \$60 million) in state infrastructure grants that went into completely rebuilding our water treatment plant so we could attract the company,” Evans said. “There are new connections to sewer and water, as well as new roads that would not have existed without Hemlock.”

Hemlock and Evans’ work also benefitted Austin Peay, as the company donated \$2 million toward the construction of a chemical process lab

for the University's chemical engineering technology program. It also resulted in the State of Tennessee funding another building for APSU, providing much-needed space for the growing campus.

"To be a part of that process, and to stand on the campus of Austin Peay when they made that initial announcement — it felt really good," Evans, whose wife, Mary Evans ('73), is also an APSU alumna, said "I think my chest and head probably swelled a lot that day as a native Clarksvillian and a graduate of Austin Peay."

PASSION AND BELIEF

Evans believes in Clarksville and Montgomery County's future. It's the challenge of selling industry leaders on that belief that gets him excited for work every morning.

And really, that belief is why he and his team went back to work following the roller coaster ride of highs and lows of Hemlock, and that passion is how they secured Hankook Tire's major investment.

"I have a lot of passion for what I do, and I'm a big believer in growing Clarksville's industrial base," Evans said. "I think we are so fortunate as a community because there are so many things in our favor — we are located within an eight-

hour drive of 76 percent of the United States, we're situated near rail and the Cumberland River, and we have hundreds of soldiers processing out of Fort Campbell every month who are skilled and looking for work.

"We really have something to market here in Clarksville, and my team and I are fortunate that we have been able to put together a strong vision for (Clarksville's) future." **AP**



Pictured left, a rendering of Hankook Tire's new \$800 million, 1.5 million square-foot, high-performance tire manufacturing plant, currently under construction.

On a map in his office, Evans points to the plot of land where Hankook Tire will build its manufacturing plant.

Outside his office, ceremonial shovels commemorate the major accomplishments Evans and his team have made in bringing industry to Montgomery County.



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STUDENT EARNS SPOT IN MAJOR ROBOTICS COMPETITION

As technology advances and becomes more a part of our daily lives, the opportunities available to aspiring techies continues to grow. One Austin Peay State University student was recently recognized for his efforts in bringing the fantastic to life, using everyday items to create a low-cost, entry-level robotics platform.

APSU Computer Science and Information Technology student Donald Buhl-Brown was recently selected to compete in the 2015 Association for Computing Machinery Special Interest Group on Computer Science Education (ACM SIGCSE) student research competition. Held in March in Kansas City, Missouri, the event brings together computer science experts from around the world to discuss and share ideas on computer science education.

The goal of Buhl-Brown's research was to create a robot that could be built and operated by beginners. To accomplish that goal, he designed the body of the robot using simple LEGO blocks, as well as other cheap, easily accessible parts. To create the "brain" of the robot, he designed an operating system that runs on an Android smartphone.

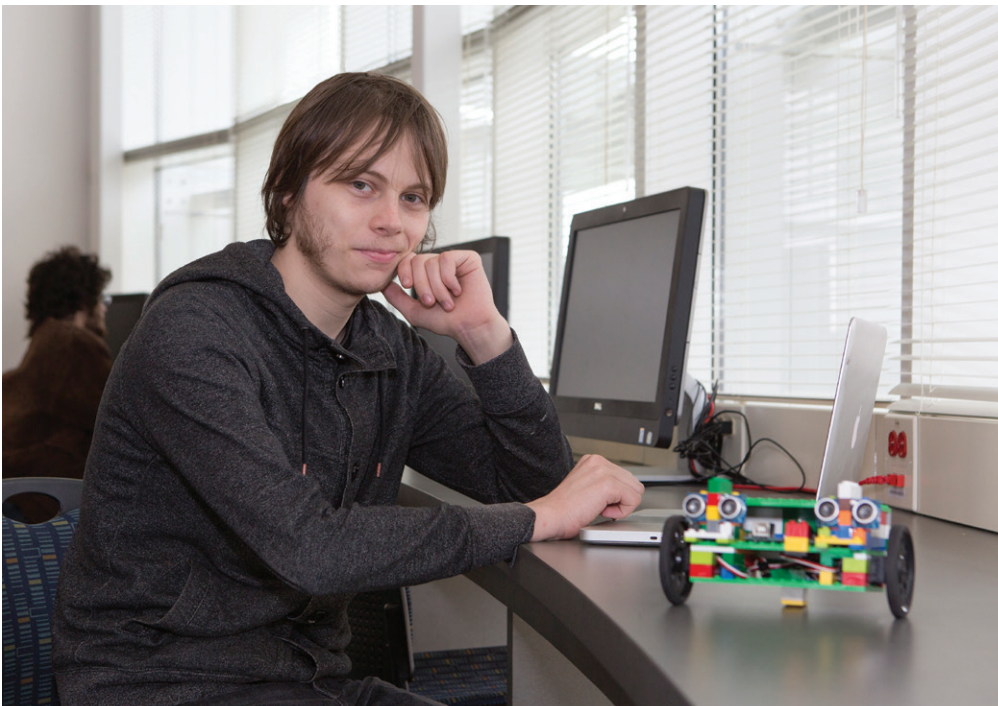
"Back in the day when robotics were becoming a real thing, you had to buy a GPS, an accelerometer and all these other expensive sensors and somehow hook them all together," Buhl-Brown said. "I use a phone because all of those (tools) are already built in and they're honestly about as powerful as a laptop was just two years ago."

Dr. John Nicholson, assistant professor of computer science and information technology,

said Buhl-Brown is the first APSU student to be chosen to present his project at the prestigious event.

"(Buhl-Brown's project) would really serve as someone's very first introduction to robotics, and that's why he designed a large part of it using simple things like LEGO bricks; he wanted to drive home that this could be a robot for beginners," Nicholson said. "People interested in robotics will now be able to do more advanced things without having to buy a lot of new parts."

"And for our department, this is a big thing because we're trying to promote our research. (Buhl-Brown) being accepted into this competition is something that APSU's Department of Computer Science and Information Technology can be proud of."



1970s

DWIGHT SMITH ('70)

received the first Jim Painter Lifetime Achievement Award from the Tennessee Baseball Coaches Association on Jan. 17. Smith, a member of the East Tennessee Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame, is the winningest baseball coach in the history of Karns High School in Knoxville.

KEVIN KENNEDY ('78, '79)

recently published his third book, "What's in Your Stable: Everything I Learned About Business I Learned from Horses." The book features a series of business formulas that are modeled after various types of horses in the horse business.

JAMES EARGLE ('79)

was selected to coach in the North-South All Star football game in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. The game took place on Dec. 13, 2014. Eargle presently coaches at Newberry High School in Newberry, South Carolina.

1980s

BETTY BARNETT ('82)

along with other members of the Mark Barnett family, was presented with the Outstanding Farm Family Award during the Montgomery County Soil Conservation District's 60th Annual Awards Banquet and Farm-City Program.

DR. LAURIE BURNEY

('85), associate professor of accounting at Baylor University, was the keynote speaker at the ESSEC Business School in Paris in March 2013. Her presentation, "Management Control Systems:

Enlightening the Black Box," examined performance measurement systems.

CLARK WILBUR ('86) was presented with the Master Conservationist Award during the Montgomery County Soil Conservation District's 60th Annual Awards Banquet and Farm-City Program.

LORA ANN BAGWELL BLACK ('88, '00) is serving as president of the Tennessee Association of School Librarians for 2015. She has worked as an educator in the Stewart County School System for the last 24 years.

1990s
DR. SONYA L. SANDERSON ('91, '92), associate professor of kinesiology and physical education at Valdosta State University, was named the recipient of VSU's 2014 Faculty Excellence in Advising Award.

DAN AUSTIN ('93), assistant head strength coach at the University of South Carolina, co-authored the new book "Powerlifting: Technique, Training and Competition." He is a member of the Eastside High School Hall of Fame and the Powerlifting Hall of Fame.

SUSAN Z. DAVIS ('96), of North Carolina, was appointed Greensboro Day School's new Director of Communications and Marketing. Davis currently serves as the City of Greensboro's Internal Communications Specialist, working to inform and engage the city's 3,000 employees. She is responsible for developing messages used for presentations, articles, videos and intranet content.

JAYHAWK WITH THE HEART OF A GOVERNOR

Sherry Hoppe, APSU President Emeritus



Demetrius (Dee) Daniels graduated from the Chattanooga School for the Arts and Sciences (CSAS) in 2000 and chose Austin Peay State University over two other state schools who courted him. At the time, he had no idea he would someday parlay his role as student manager with the APSU's Women's Basketball Team into a full-time job as Olympics Sports Equipment Manager at the University of Kansas.

Even though he had enjoyed a successful athletic career in high school basketball, he never dreamed he would be living in Lawrence, Kansas, working at a Big 12 Conference university with 28,000 students less than two years after he finished his master's degree at APSU. But those watching him—coaches, athletes and professors—knew he had the ability and drive for such a job, evidenced in countless ways, including an award co-named in his honor for outstanding athletic service at CSAS.

His work at Austin Peay may not have been as visible as his on-the-court play at CSAS, but behind the scenes, Lady Govs team members and coaches knew the vital role Dee played in women's athletics. Every successful athletic team has a cadre of dedicated individuals who quietly help make the wins possible, their actions often remaining hidden to fans. Such was the case with Daniels, who made sure the equipment was ready and everything was set up just as Coach Susie Gardner wanted for every practice and game.

He also became an enthusiastic cheerleader and supporter for the APSU's women's basketball team from 2000-05, a period in which the Lady Govs won three Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) championships in three consecutive years. Ask most basketball players from that era what they remember most about Daniels, and they will be quick to describe his warm smile, his engaging personality and his work ethic. And most add that he was not only a good friend—he was like a member of the team.

Paige Smith, one of the stars on the three OVC championship teams in the early 2000s, is effusive in her praise of Daniels: "He was the best manager ever! Not only was he the hardest worker on the team, he was also willing to do anything we needed—including washing and folding our clothes," she says with a chuckle.

She adds that Daniels' happy spirit was infectious: "Just being around him made you happy, too. I never saw him in a bad mood. He made everybody's day better every day—and he was always a perfect gentleman."

Today, the same attributes that made Dee so effective and so well-liked at APSU undergird his exceptional customer service commitment to the people from around the world with whom he works at KU. In addition, from his experience at APSU, Daniels gained insight about time requirements when working in athletics, and that has held him in good stead at KU. Since he is responsible for ordering, receiving, tracking, marking, fitting, distributing and repairing athletic apparel, uniforms, footwear and equipment for athletes, coaches, administrators and support staff of assigned sports, those time management skills are critical.

With his Governors experience, and more than six years with the Jayhawks (plus an athletic equipment internship at Villanova before he became a part of KU) under his belt, someday Daniels aspires to be a head equipment manager at a university. He's well on his way to reaching that goal.

Daniels resides in Lawrence, Kansas, with his wife, Stacie and their daughter, Kaydence.

APSU FACULTY, STUDENTS AND ALUMNI RECONNECT ON PENNSYLVANIA BIKE TRAIL

The small town of Confluence, Pennsylvania, tucked within the Allegheny Mountain Range, seems so remote, it almost feels as if time has passed it by. Cell phone reception is spotty, and in the warmer months, the colorful fields of wildflowers seem prehistoric.

“It’s in the middle of nowhere; it reminds you of Mayberry,” Dr. Jaime Taylor, interim provost at Austin Peay State University, said, referring to the fictional small town from “The Andy Griffith Show.” “It’s like you went back in time, but it’s so pretty.”

The Great Allegheny Passage rail-trail—one of the nation’s best biking trails—passes through the isolated town, and a few years ago, Taylor had an idea. Why not take a few students and faculty members from the APSU Physics Department for a ride through the scenic countryside?

“The Physics Department at the time had a lot of students who were interested in cycling,” Taylor

said. “Then we realized that a bunch of former students were working on graduate degrees nearby at West Virginia University, the University of Maryland, James Madison University and Ohio State University.”

Confluence offered exactly what its name suggested—a meeting place for current and former APSU students and faculty. In August 2011, Taylor and Dr. Alex King, interim dean of the APSU College of Science and Mathematics, took a small group of these individuals to the town, and they quickly realized they’d stumbled upon one of the best-kept recreational secrets in the country. In addition to the famed bike trail, the area offered whitewater rafting, zip lining in the summer down a ski slope, canoeing and hiking. And less than 15 miles away, a person could visit two historic houses designed by the legendary architect Frank Lloyd Wright.

“You’re 600 miles from the University, and you’re together doing these cool

things,” Taylor said. “And from a cost perspective, everything is really reasonably priced.”

The visit to Confluence quickly became an annual event, attracting outdoor enthusiasts from different APSU departments, and now Taylor wants to expand it into an event for alumni and friends to meet and participate in adventures together.

“Many alumni events are about meeting and talking, but our younger graduates are more interested in physical activity and doing something with the family,” Taylor said. “So we’re trying to create an event with all levels of outdoor activities.”

In 2013, Andy Kean, director of University Facilities at APSU, decided to try out the bike trail with members of the APSU Physics Department. He also brought along his brother, who lived nearby in Pittsburgh.

“We had a really good time,” Kean said. “He wasn’t sure he’d fit in with the group, but they liked him more than me. It’s all about going up there an enjoying nature and not worrying about anything else.”

This year’s trip will take place July 31, Aug. 1 and Aug. 2. A Facebook group page, “APSU Confluence, Pennsylvania Annual Event,” was developed to provide additional information. To reserve a spot for this year’s trip, contact the APSU Office of Alumni Relations at 931-221-7979 or alumni@apsu.edu.

DR. JEFFREY L. ROBERTSON ('98) was awarded the Degree of Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians. The Degree of Fellow recognizes AAFP members who have distinguished themselves among their colleagues, as well as in their communities, by their service to family medicine, by their advancement of health care to the American people and by their professional development through medical education and research.

MANNY TYNDALL ('98, '06), a veteran law enforcement officer and manager, was named in September to lead the Office of Inspector General, Tennessee’s agency for investigating Medicaid fraud and prescription drug diversion. Inspector General Tyndall is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy and is a retired U.S. Army veteran.

2000s
Laurie Jean Cannady ('00, '02), associate professor of English at Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania, has written a memoir, “Crave: A Sojourn of a Hungry Soul,” that will be published by Etruscan Press in November 2015. Cannady and her husband, Chico, have three children.

JOE SHAKEENAB ('04, '14) was presented with a resolution honoring his work by the Clarksville-Montgomery County Branch of the NAACP during the organization’s 59th Annual Freedom Fund Banquet.



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TREVA GORDON ('04)

and Kevin Kennedy ('78, '79) host a weekly inspirational television program, "The Treva and Kevin Show," at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday on MY TV30, WUXP.

DR. MELONY SHEMBERGER ('06),

assistant professor in the department of journalism and mass communication at Murray State University, received a 2014 Love of Learning Award from The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. She was among 150 members in the United States who received the award. She used the grant to help fund her research on Clare Reckert, the first female financial writer for The New York Times beginning in the 1930s. Shemberger is secretary of Murray State's Chapter 302 of Phi Kappa Phi.

MELISSA TYNDALL ('04, '07),

an MFA candidate in Murray State University's Creative Writing Program, successfully defended her thesis on Jan. 2, 2015. Her thesis, "Haptics," is a collection of 40 poems examining the relationship between scientific principles and human relationships. She will graduate with honors in May 2015. Tyndall is a published writer and poet.

MARRIAGES

REBEKAH ANNE COOPER ('08) and **JACOB DOUGLAS CRASS ('07)** were married in May 2014 at the Wilma Rudolph Event Center, in Clarksville. The couple now resides in Knoxville.

STUDENT WINS \$100,000 SCHOLARSHIP FROM DR. PEPPER

Claudia Delgadillo had just worked a late shift at the restaurant, so when her cell phone rang around noon the next day, she almost didn't answer it. The fact that the cell phone rang at all was a surprise to her because it was about to be disconnected.

The person on the other end of the phone was from Dr. Pepper, and as Delgadillo slowly woke up, she heard them say they were sending her to the Cotton Bowl for a chance to win a \$100,000 college scholarship.

"My heart just stopped," she said. "I was like, 'Are you serious?'"

Today, Delgadillo is a political science major at Austin Peay State University, but in December of 2013, she was a waitress living in Georgia, trying to save enough money to earn her paralegal certificate. She hoped to someday attend a four-year university.

When Delgadillo hung up the phone that December morning, she realized this was her chance to go to college. To win the scholarship, she had to throw more footballs through a small target than another Dr. Pepper contestant. With only three weeks until the Cotton Bowl, she bought and borrowed several footballs and got to work training.

"I practiced every day for the three weeks: two hours in the morning and two at night," she said. "But the closer we got to the competition, the less confident I felt because we didn't really have a strategy. I was just throwing."

Delgadillo's husband, Brian, is a soldier in the U.S. Army, and one afternoon, he mentioned the upcoming competition to



his staff sergeant. The staff sergeant had been a football coach, so he started showing up at Delgadillo's house.

"I was completely saved," she said. "He taught me different ways to throw. He taught me how to throw a spiral. He made me do drills and running. It was boot camp."

On Jan. 2, 2014, Dr. Pepper flew Delgadillo and her husband to Dallas, Texas. That afternoon, she was inside the massive AT&T Stadium, home of the Dallas Cowboys.

"I was super nervous," she said. "It was huge, but I was so scared, I didn't enjoy it."

Delgadillo and her opponent stepped onto the field and stood next to bins filled with footballs. They were told a buzzer would go off, and then they'd have 30 seconds to get as many footballs as they could into a target down field.

"Once that buzzer went off, I swear I didn't care about anything and I couldn't hear anything," she said. "The only thing I knew was there was a football and it needed to go into the hole. The first footballs, I remember I missed. But I just kept throwing and throwing, and then the buzzer went off again."

Her opponent threw eight footballs into the target. Delgadillo threw nine. That one extra football earned her a \$100,000 scholarship.

"They handed me the check, and I was so overwhelmed and I didn't know if I wanted to cry or what," she said. "My husband hugged me. A huge weight was lifted off my shoulders."

Delgadillo started investigating different colleges around the country, but then she learned her husband was being stationed at Fort Campbell. Someone mentioned there was a university nearby, so she went online to check out Austin Peay.

"I thought by the pictures that the campus was absolutely beautiful," she said. "I thought, 'I love this.' And they had a political science major there."

She applied and was accepted to APSU. Three weeks before the fall 2014 semester started, she arrived to take a look at the campus.

"When I arrived here, I knew this was the right decision," she said. "I was a little bit intimidated because the campus is so big and everyone is so professional, but they were also friendly."

IN MEMORY

DAWN MARIE BAKER ('95) of Oak Grove, Kentucky, died Jan. 20, 2015, at the age of 62. Baker served in the U.S. Army for 12 years and was a member of Little West Fork Baptist Church.

ROGER BATSON ('90, '92) died November 30, 2014. He worked as a mental health therapist for the Magella Company, serving the military and armed forces community. He was an ordained minister for the Church of God of Prophecy.

FRANK BOKESCH II ('69) died November 4, 2014. He served two years with the U.S. Marine Corps after graduating from APSU.

KATHY IRENE BURRESS ('56), a former teacher, died December 3, 2014, at her home in Clarksville. She was a member of the Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church.

MARGARET (PEG) WARD DANIEL died on June 29, 2014. As a faculty member, she helped develop the speech, radio and theatre programs at APSU.

GAYLYNN DEVLIN ('91), a former teacher for West Creek High School, died March 9, 2014. She served in the U.S. Army during Operation Desert Storm and Operation Restore Hope. Devlin also served as soccer coach at Kenwood High and West Creek High.

DOROTHY DRAKE died on August 9, 2014. She was the co-founder of Forest Hills United Methodist Church's kindergarten program, where she served as director for over 20 years.

GERALD EPSTEIN ('70) died Jan. 2, 2015, at the age of 70 in Richmond, Virginia. Epstein was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps serving from 1965-67. After graduating from APSU, he worked for Lowengart Leather, spending many years working for the garment industry internationally. He eventually left the industry to open Grove Avenue Coffee and Tea in Richmond, Va. where he retired in 2005.

MARTHA FRANCES FREDETTE ('63) died on Aug. 12, 2014. She taught English at Thornton Township High School in south suburban Chicago for 20 years.

H. THOMAS "TOM" FREY ('53) died Aug. 18, 2014, at INOVA Alexandria Hospital at the age of 87. Frey was born in Robertson County and served as a meteorologist in the U.S. Army Air Corps prior to graduating from APSU. After graduating from APSU, Frey went to work for the U.S. Air Force Aeronautical Information Center in Saint Louis, Mo. Frey's principal work was conducted in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service, where he served for nearly 25 years. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Carol Frey.

PEGGY BARNETT GLOVER ('65) died on June 29, 2014, at Gateway Medical Center. She taught social studies in Winder, Georgia, from 1970-87.

JOHN RODGERS JENNINGS ('70, '71) died on Nov. 1, 2014, at Gateway Medical Center. He was a retired adjunct professor at APSU.

BUFORD BROWN LEDBETTER ('41, '50) died October 16, 2014. He was an aviation instructor in the U.S. Navy during World War II and also served as Director of Aviation Education for the State of Tennessee. He later was a captain for American Airlines for 20 years.

JAMES MARSHALL ('84) died on Oct. 15, 2014, at his residence. A Vietnam War veteran, he later retired from the Clarksville-Montgomery County School System.

LARRY METCALF died on Dec. 28, 2014, at Vanderbilt Medical Center. He was a local businessman, community leader and adjunct professor at APSU.

KENNETH MURRAY died on July 26, 2014, in Cheatham County. He was a U.S. Army veteran and a former professor at APSU.

JIM PALMER died on Oct. 29, 2014, at his residence. After serving in the U.S. Navy, he worked in computer technology and systems administration.

WILLIAM EDWARD "TED" ROWE died on Nov. 16, 2014. He worked in the restaurant industry across the southeast for most of his adult life as a chef, manager and owner.

1st SGT. WARREN WILLIAM SCHON ('99) died on July 10, 2014. A Vietnam and Desert Storm veteran, Schon was a former human resources manager for Federal Assembly, a Disabled Veterans Outreach representative for the State of Tennessee.

WILLIAM HOWARD SCUDDER died on Oct. 4, 2014. He taught music in the Clarksville-Montgomery County School System, and he was an adjunct music professor at APSU.

GLORIA JAN HITE SHELTON ('97) died July 9, 2014. She was a member of Salem United Methodist Church.

LARRY CARL SHEPPARD ('73) died on July 18, 2014, at Vanderbilt Medical Center. He was founding president of the APSU Sigma Chi Chapter.

ELINOR HOWELL THURMAN ('59) died on Jan. 18, 2014, at St. Thomas Hospital West. She worked for many years at the APSU library.

JULIA WOODARD WEEKS ('69, '76) died on Sept. 12, 2014, at the age of 91. She was a retired educator from the Robertson County School System.

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THE LAST COMPUTER APSU WILL EVER NEED

“Thor” lived in Huntsville, Alabama. He was an early tech savant—an expert on the VAX-11/780 computer system—who didn’t like to give out his real name. But there was a number, and in the early 1980s, staff members working in the Austin Peay State University Computer Center often tried to reach him by phone.

“We would call for him at all hours of the day and night, as it was not unusual for him to work several days straight, and then be gone for several days straight (presumably sleeping),” Charles Wall, director of information technology at APSU, said. “We never knew when we were going to find him.”

Thirty years ago, this elusive “Thor” was the University’s best hope for tech support after it bought the state’s first VAX computer. The machine, which cost \$225,000, arrived in April 1979 to support APSU’s new computer science degree program.

“President (Robert) Riggs used buying that computer as an excuse for not giving faculty raises that year,” Dr. Bruce Myers, chair of the APSU Department of Computer Science and Information Technology, said. “And he said he doubted if Austin Peay would ever need another computer.”

Myers, then a mathematics professor, took a year off of teaching that spring to set up and manage the VAX. The beige colored computer, which moved slower and had less memory than

modern iPhones, took up three large cabinets in the basement of the Browning Building. It was considered such a state-of-the-art machine that it became a sort of local celebrity.

One afternoon in the early 1980s, the Chamber of Commerce contacted Wall because a production company was filming a Kenny Rogers video in town, and they needed a VAX. The company had heard that APSU owned one.

“I told them we did and said it would be fine for them to use it,” Wall recalled. “A few hours later, what they really needed was a FAX, not a VAX. My chance for credit on the video was gone.”

At other universities, students still learned computer programming by using punch cards. For a program to work, the cards had to be inserted in a specific order into old IBM machines.

“If you ever dropped your card deck, and they’d get out of order, you’d have a big problem,” Myers said. “The VAX was the next generation.”

APSU was ahead of the curve in purchasing the computer, but that also created a problem; where do you go for support when something goes wrong?

“Our VAX was one of the early ones sold, and there weren’t many resources to call on for help,” Wall said, noting that the closest machine was in Huntsville. “The guru there was a fellow who went by the name ‘Thor’ and worked his own schedule.”

When they could get a hold of him, “Thor” helped keep the VAX running, and in 1982, Riggs’ decree that the University wouldn’t need another computer turned out to be a bit presumptuous. That year, APSU bought a second VAX to run the University’s business processes. Within a few years, the University no longer needed Thor’s help. But in the early 1980s, he helped lay the foundation for one of APSU’s thriving degree programs.



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

A LOOK BACK

at APSU Alumni & Friends throughout the 2014 year





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1 Members of the Austin Peay community visited sites across Ireland last summer during the 2014 APSU Alumni and Friends Trip.

2 Coach Dave Loos (center) reconnects with former APSU athletes Derek "DJ" Wright, Monica Wright, Fernandez Lockett and Corey Gipson.

3 APSU football alumni tour the Governors Stadium before the official grand opening last September.

4 APSU alumni Lashaundra Marshall and Nakisah Todd reunite during the University's 2014 Homecoming celebration.

5 APSU alumnus Shawn Kelley, a pitcher for the San Diego Padres, is honored with the Outstanding Young Alumnus Award during APSU's 2014 Homecoming celebration.

6 APSU physics faculty members meet up with former students for a weekend of outdoor recreation in Pennsylvania.

7 APSU alumni and former President's Emerging Leaders students celebrate the PELP program's 25th anniversary last November.

8 APSU alumni Danica Booth, Charles Booth, Leonard Tharpe, Stephanie Tharpe and Larry Gates mingle during an APSU alumni reception in Nashville.

9 APSU President Alisa White and National Alumni Association President Brandon Harrison (both center) congratulate 2014 Distinguished Alumni Award recipients Dr. Jamie Taylor ('90), Angelica Suffren ('99), Don Jenkins, Shawn Kelley ('06), Len Rye and Dr. Warren Chaney ('64).

10 APSU students and the Clarksville community enjoy the 2014 Gov Run, sponsored by the Future Alumni Members (FAM).

11 Darius Willis ('94), former APSU football safety, tours the upgraded locker room inside the new Governors Stadium.

12 President Alisa White and husband Elliott Herzlich (center) pose with the APSU Candlelight Ball Committee at the gala in Nashville.

13 Pierre Covington, Chris Poynter, Donte Majors, Keith Whitaker and Jamaar Embry participate in Soul Fest during the APSU 2014 Homecoming celebration.

14 APSU baseball alumni return to Clarksville for a reunion with former head coach Joe Ellenburg.



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