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From the President



This April, Austin Peay State University will officially turn 90, but when you consider the full history of this community, the APSU campus occupies a site that has served the cultural and educational needs of this area for more than 200 years. What did Clarksville's first residents see, shortly after the Revolutionary War, when they gazed at the land along what is now College Street? Did they have any idea that the location would be one to influence generations? In 1806, the Rural Academy was founded at this site, and for the next two centuries, this land has been trod by students eager to better themselves through the pursuit of an education.

In 1811, the Rural Academy became the Mt. Pleasant Academy, and in 1825, its name was changed again to the Clarksville Academy. In the years that followed, elaborate structures—such as the former Castle Building—appeared on this land, and the campus went by several names, from Stewarts College to Southwestern Presbyterian University. During the Civil War, Confederate forces operated a military hospital here, and when the Union Army occupied Clarksville, it established its headquarters in the Castle Building. The war almost ended this land's function as a safe, educational space, but students—as if somehow drawn here—soon returned.

In the 1920s, Southwestern Presbyterian University moved to Memphis, becoming Rhodes College, and our tenure began on this plot of earth. At 3 p.m. on Monday, April 25, 1927, Governor Austin Peay signed a bill calling for a new teachers college in Clarksville. The next day, on April 26, the bill became state law, officially creating Austin Peay Normal School.

We've been here longer than any other educational tenant, and we've undergone more radical transformations. In the last 90 years, the institution that was originally created to prepare teachers for careers in rural public schools across the state has become one of Tennessee's fastest-growing universities, with more than 10,000 students enrolled in exceptional undergraduate and graduate programs. Through our expansion of campus, growing online programs and a focus on a broader recruitment footprint, we're pushing this land's legacy of education to a larger population. During this important anniversary year, I invite you to return to campus, and see for yourself the amazing ways this address, 601 College Street, is contributing to both the local community and the world at large.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alisa White".

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EXCELLENCE

Dr. Alisa White
APSU President

ON THE COVER

The Browning Building, originally called the Library Administration Building, opened in 1950 and housed administrative offices, the school's library and the student center. According to the book, "A History of Austin Peay State University," when the library wing opened, "classes were dismissed and a human conveyer line of students, faculty and staff from the Stewart Building site to the new library was set up. The entire collection was moved hand to hand, according to the Dewey Decimal classification, by the university community." *APSU Woodward Library Archives*



NINE DECADES AGO,

a new state law officially created the Austin Peay Normal School, and this spring, the University that grew out of that small normal school is celebrating its 90th Anniversary. This special edition of the alumni magazine features stories about Austin Peay's past, present and future. As you read through this issue, reflect on the words of Evans Harvill ('46), "You have to know where you were to know where you are. You have to know where you are to know where you're going."

The APat90 logo, featuring the iconic Browning Administration Building clock tower, commemorates Austin Peay's 90th anniversary.



Harned Hall, the oldest academic building on campus, opened in 1931 as a women's dormitory. The building was set to be demolished in the late 1980s, but overwhelming community support helped preserve the historic building, which today houses the College of Arts and Letters.

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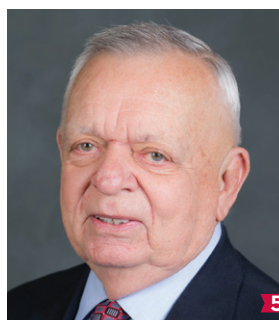
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STATE CONFIRMS NINE TO APSU'S INAUGURAL GOVERNING BOARD

In February, the Tennessee General Assembly confirmed nine members of APSU's inaugural Board of Trustees. Governor Bill Haslam appointed eight individuals to the newly created institutional governing board, and the APSU faculty appointed Dr. Nell Rayburn to serve as its faculty representative. These men and women will now provide important oversight and guidance to this institution. After undergoing board training by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, the trustees will appoint a nonvoting student member to finalize the new, 10-member board. The Board will then meet quarterly on campus.



The nine members of APSU's Board of Trustees are the following:

- (1) **Billy P. Atkins**, chairman and CEO of Legends Bank.
- (2) **Katherine Johnson Cannata**, dealer principal for Wyatt Johnson Automotive Group.
- (3) **Larry W. Carroll ('76)**, president and CEO of Carroll Financial Associates, Inc.
- (4) **Don Jenkins**, president and CEO of Jenkins & Wynne Ford-Lincoln-Honda.
- (5) **Dr. Gary Luck**, retired four-star U.S. Army general and senior fellow for the National Defense University Center.
- (6) **Dr. Valencia May ('86)**, general dentist and owner of Plaza Dental Offices in Memphis.
- (7) **Robin Mealer ('00)**, retired brigadier general and director of the United States Army Manpower Analysis Agency.
- (8) **Mike O'Malley**, CEO and senior partner of Wendy's of Bowling Green.
- (9) **Dr. Nell Rayburn**, professor in APSU Department of Mathematics and Statistics.

BIBB AND LOTT HONORED WITH TBR CHANCELLOR'S AWARD



Interim TBR Chancellor David Gregory (far left) and APSU President Alisa White (far right) present Frank Lott and Sharon and Jeff Bibb with TBR philanthropy award.

Cassidy Graves

During the University's 58th Annual Tower Club Dinner meeting, longtime APSU supporters Jeff Bibb ('76) and Frank Lott were honored with the Tennessee Board of Regents' 2016 Chancellor Award for Excellence in Philanthropy.

"For nearly two decades, Jeff Bibb and Frank Lott have quietly supported Austin Peay State University, with many in the community not realizing how vital they are to this institution," interim TBR Chancellor David Gregory said. "Austin Peay is a stronger institution because of their support and generosity, and their creative talents will allow this institution to attract new students and connect with successful alumni in the coming years."

Both men have supported the University individually and through the services of their company, BLF Marketing.

NEW HHP GRAD DEGREES

Last year, the APSU Department of Health and Human Performance (HHP) established a Master of Healthcare Administration (MHA) degree to develop a new generation of leaders within the health care sector. The department also added a public health education concentration to its existing Master of Science in HHP degree, to help professionals improve health and promote wellness within their communities. Both programs are offered online and can be completed within a year.

The MHA degree is designed to produce executive-level administrators to assume leadership roles in health care related companies.

In the last few years, the health care industry has shifted its focus to more preventative services, which has created a new demand for professionals with degrees in public health education.

TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE COMING TO CAMPUS THIS SUMMER

For about two minutes on Aug. 21, 2017, a total solar eclipse will turn day into night, and the ideal place to experience this extraordinary celestial event will be at Austin Peay State University. That's because Clarksville is located along the eclipse's path of totality, meaning this area will stay dark longer than most places in the country, and it is the only location near the centerline of the eclipse with a significant astronomy program.

NASA contacted APSU about setting up a live feed at the University's observatory to give viewers across the country an opportunity to see the eclipse. At 7 p.m., Aug. 20, 2017—the night before the eclipse—Dr. Rhea Seddon will deliver a free talk at the APSU Dunn Center as one of NASA's first female astronauts. Seddon served as a mission specialist and a payload commander on several space shuttle flights.

Information on eclipse events, services and educational programs provided by APSU is available online at www.apsu.edu/eclipse.





State and local dignitaries join APSU President Alisa White and Wayne Ard, president of Ard Construction, at the opening of the new APSU Ard Building.

NEW ARD BUILDING OPENS ON CAMPUS

On Oct. 13, 2016, APSU officially opened the new Wayne and Marianne Ard Building to house the University's Health and Counseling Services. In 2015, Wayne Ard, president of Ard Construction, pledged a major financial gift to the University to fund music scholarships in honor of his late wife, Marianne. In recognition of his generosity, APSU President Alisa White announced that the new building, formerly the Church of Christ Student Center, would be named after the couple.

The University purchased the vacant facility in 2014. To make the building functional for the University's health and student counseling services, the APSU Division of Student Affairs contributed more than \$1 million for renovations.





DR. WHITE GOES TO WASHINGTON

Last fall, APSU President Alisa White visited Washington, D.C., to talk with members of Congress about Austin Peay. During those meetings, President White and various Tennessee senators and congressmen discussed federal higher education policy initiatives that impact the University. President White also was able to share some of Austin Peay's student success initiatives and the University's commitment to increasing the graduation rate of all APSU students.

While in the nation's Capitol, President White also stopped by Nationals Park to throw out the first pitch for the Washington Nationals baseball game against the Atlanta Braves. APSU alumnus Shawn Kelley ('06), pitcher for the Nationals, and APSU alumnus Phil Wood ('64), the team's broadcaster, selected President White for this honor. A number of APSU alumni living in the D.C. area met President White and her husband, Elliott Herzlich, for an evening at the ballpark.

Prior to throwing out the first pitch, President White poses with Washington Nationals pitcher Shawn Kelley ('06).

VET TECH PROGRAM TO PROVIDE MORE CAREER OPTIONS FOR ANIMAL LOVERS

In June, the Tennessee Board of Regents approved a new concentration in Veterinary Technology within Austin Peay State University's existing Bachelor of Science degree in general agriculture. The new concentration will officially begin in the fall of 2017, and it will prepare a growing number of APSU students to be veterinary technologists—one of the fastest-growing career fields in the state and the country.

"This program is designed to train students in the fast-growing field of veterinary technology," Dr. Christina Galben, veterinarian and APSU assistant professor of pre-veterinary medicine, said. "Vet techs can perform activities that otherwise they wouldn't be able to do in a veterinary setting."

"We've got a lot of students interested in many aspects of the animal and veterinary sciences," Dr. Don Sudbrink, chair of the APSU Department of Agriculture, said. "Not everyone wants to go on to become a veterinarian because it's an intensely competitive training program, so this new concentration provides another opportunity for our students who are interested in this field to earn an appropriate degree."

Shyra Deas examines a cow skeleton in an APSU vet tech classroom.

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THE HARVILLS *of* AUSTIN PEAY

How one family spent 90 years supporting the local university

By Charles Booth

THE FIRST YEARS

In the summer of 1929, a young, handsome World War I veteran named Halbert Harvill arrived in Clarksville to teach history at the newly formed Austin Peay Normal School. The 36-year-old Hickman County native found a small house on College Street, across from the campus, and after getting everything settled, he took his wife, Catherine, and their three-year-old son, Evans, to look at the small school.

"I can remember moving in because it was such a beautiful campus," Evans Harvill ('44, '47), now 91, said recently. "We had the most gorgeous oak trees, and the only two buildings now that were on the campus when it opened are Harned Hall and, I think, the power plant."

The state law establishing the new teachers college went into effect on April 26, 1927, but Austin Peay didn't officially open until the fall of 1929. The arrival of the Harvills that afternoon began a relationship between the school and the family that has continued throughout Austin Peay's entire existence.

"I grew up on that campus," Harvill said in his gentlemanly southern accent. "I grew up playing in Castle Heights. From the time I was three, I was within walking distance of the college. I'd ride my tricycle on campus."

Every morning, his father, Halbert, walked from their College Street house to the school grounds dominated by an imposing, Gothic Revival-style structure known as the Castle Building. Narrow towers rose from the building's corners, and crenellations along the top gave it the look of a medieval fortress. Sometimes, on blustery spring afternoons, Halbert and others spotted strange black objects, like giant crows, in the sky behind the building.

"We'd go on Drane Street and put up our kites," Harvill said. "We made them out of dry cleaning bags and flour paste. They were big, and they'd almost go out of sight."



The Castle Building, built in 1850, was the building Halbert Harvill first occupied as president of Austin Peay. In July 1946, on Harvill's ninth day as president, one of the towers collapsed causing the building to be condemned, which ultimately led to the construction of the Browning Building. *APSU Woodward Library Archives*

A POST-WAR PRESIDENT

Harvill eventually enrolled at the neighboring school, but in the early 1940s, during World War II, both father and son left Austin Peay, volunteering to serve their country in the military. When Harvill returned in 1945 to finish his degree, he noticed cracks and loose bricks running along the old buildings. One day, he received a call from his father. Tennessee Governor Jim McCord was offering Halbert the position of president at Austin Peay, and the elder Harvill, still in the military, asked his son if he should take it.

"I said, 'Dad, I know you love the school, and it was your life for so many years, but it's a no-brainer. The school is dead. There aren't about 200 students left and the buildings are in disarray. I don't think anybody can resurrect it,'" Harvill said.

His father thanked him, but ignored his son's advice. In July 1946, Halbert was appointed president of Austin

Peay State College. Nine days into his tenure, a tower on the Castle Building—one of the main classroom buildings on campus—collapsed. The structure was condemned. With large numbers of World War II veterans expected to take advantage of the G.I. Bill that fall, Halbert quickly had Quonset huts—lightweight, prefabricated buildings—brought in from Fort Campbell, Kentucky, for classroom and housing purposes.

Several former soldiers did enroll at Austin Peay, bringing their wives to live with them on campus. This new population prompted Harvill's mother, Catherine Evans Harvill, to set up a students' wives organization.

"She was the personification of love," Harvill said. "She tried to visit with the ladies. If they had a problem, she'd go into the Veterans Village and organize the students' wives."

During those post-war years, the campus began to grow again, and Halbert made sure Austin Peay had facilities to serve all the new students. Under his leadership, eight new buildings appeared on campus, including the iconic quadrangle made up of the Browning, McCord and Clement buildings. He also pushed the school to finally receive its accreditation through the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

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- Evans Harvill

RECLAIMING HISTORY

When the Harvill family first arrived in the summer of 1929, construction crews were hurrying to finish the Normal School’s first new building, Harned Hall. According to the book “A History of Austin Peay,” by 1987, the building had “deteriorated noticeably due to lack of maintenance.” A Blue Ribbon Committee recommended that the historic building be demolished. Halbert and Catherine had both since passed away, but Harvill’s wife at the time, the former Peggy Douglas (’49), helped lead a campaign to save the historic building. It now serves the departments of history and philosophy and languages and literature.

Before Peg Harvill passed away, she continued to preserve Austin Peay’s history by painting popular watercolor portraits of campus buildings, and the couple endowed two scholarships for the University’s President’s Emerging Leaders Program. And 88 years

after he first stepped on campus, Harvill, a former president of the APSU National Alumni Association, remains an active champion of the school. He is a member of The Austin Peay Society—an organization that honors the institution’s major donors—and in 2004, he was honored with the Tennessee Board of Regents’ Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Philanthropy.

Today, Harvill is a retired local attorney, living with his wife, Sherri, in Clarksville’s Sango community. Even at 91, he regularly returns to the campus he calls home, where he often thinks back to those days when his father walked across the quiet grounds to teach a history class.

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Halbert Harvill was named president of Austin Peay State College in July 1946. APSU Woodward Library Archives



Evans Harvill (’44, ’47) shares a moment with former Tennessee Board of Regents Chancellor John Morgan (’73).

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR for the OFFICE of APSU UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT



When Austin Peay acquired the 11 acres on College Street, we envisioned numerous ways to utilize the new space. But as APSU prepares to celebrate its 90th anniversary, we are using part of that property to give the alumni, supporters and friends of Austin Peay, who made the University what it is today, a place where they can reconnect with our community.

This spring, we are proud to celebrate the opening of the Jenkins Building, the home of the University Advancement Office and the APSU Foundation. Thanks to the generous support of Don and Sandy Jenkins and the Jenkins family, the new location enables us to be more accessible than we could be at our previous home in the Browning Administration Building.

Located at 318 College Street, the new building features plenty of parking and is just a few steps from your car to our front door. From the floor to the ceiling, the office is adorned with Austin Peay pride. Words can't do it justice: everything from the photos on the walls to the Gov memorabilia throughout lets you know that our bright future doesn't happen without the generosity of our alumni and friends. By investing in this facility, we want you to know we value your continued engagement and support.

On April 26, 1927, legislation was signed making Austin Peay Normal School into an institution of higher learning named in honor of then Governor Austin Peay. During the month of April, we're celebrating with AP at 90, a monthlong series of on-campus and community events culminating in Govs Give, our first-ever online giving campaign.

I encourage you to consider becoming a Govs Give Champion and improve the experience of all Austin Peay students. There are two ways to help. Become a Matching Gift Champion and motivate potential givers with matching gifts from you or your business. Or be a Social Media Champion to help spread the word and get your Austin Peay network engaged. Visit us online at www.apsu.edu/advancement for more information, or email me directly at phillipsk@apsu.edu.

It is an honor to work with each of you on our most ambitious campaign yet. #APat90 is a celebration of why it's great to Be a Gov, and a major reason for that is the contributions made by you, our alumni and friends. This April, I invite you to visit campus, tour the Jenkins Building and find out how you can take part in #APat90.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kris Phillips', written in a cursive style.

Kris Phillips ('91)
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It is the goal of the APSU National Alumni Association to encourage and foster lifelong alumni participation, involvement and commitment. This group of dedicated alumni strive to strengthen the bond between the University and its alumni; create programs which match the interests and needs of the alumni; maintain and build upon the positive relationships with seasoned alumni; increase the participation and communication with younger alumni; and continue to serve as the primary communication link between the University and its alumni.

For more information on the APSU National Alumni Association, how to join the NAA Board or start an alumni group in your region, visit www.apsu.edu/alumni/chapters#Presidents, or email alumni@apsu.edu.



Carolyn Yarbrough (left) and Don Jenkins were honored during the 33rd Annual Candlelight Ball.

33RD ANNUAL CANDLELIGHT BALL AWARD WINNERS

Two deserving individuals were honored during APSU's 33rd Annual Candlelight Ball (held on March 11, 2017, at the Hilton Nashville Downtown). The Wendell H. Gilbert Award and the Spirit Award were presented to two APSU supporters for their outstanding achievement, contribution or recognition they have brought to Austin Peay.

SPIRIT AWARD - Carolyn Yarbrough

For more than 40 years, Carolyn Yarbrough has been one of the most ardent supporters of APSU's basketball program. She is a longtime member of the University's Governors Club and served as that organization's first female president in 2001. Yarbrough was also the first woman inducted into the APSU Red Coat Society. In 2011, she received the Outstanding Athletic Booster Award. Yarbrough has served as chair or co-chair of every basketball fundraiser and has organized fan bus trips to away games as well as after-game meals for APSU basketball players. She is known for her help with baseball cookouts, football alumni parties, fishing tournaments and men and women's basketball send-off parties.

WENDELL H. GILBERT AWARD - Don Jenkins

Don Jenkins is president and CEO of Jenkins & Wynne Ford, Honda and Lincoln in Clarksville. Currently, he is president of the Austin Peay State University Foundation, a role he also served in 2000. He is a member of the APSU Red Coat Society and a former "Changing Minds, Changing Lives" Capital Campaign co-chair. Jenkins received the 2014 Outstanding Service Award for his work with the University, and, in 2015, he was honored with the Tennessee Board of Regents Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Philanthropy for his service to Austin Peay. On Oct. 11, 2016, Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam appointed Jenkins to APSU's newly created institutional governing board.

2017 ALUMNI CALENDAR — OF EVENTS —

April 24-28
APSU 90th Anniversary Week

May 2
APSU vs. VANDY Baseball Reception

May 6
APSU Baseball/Softball Alumni Day
at Park

Aug. 26
PEAY-clipse Event

Oct. 16-21
Homecoming 2017

June - Aug. (dates TBA)
APSU Governors Gatherings around
the country

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33rd ANNUAL CANDLELIGHT BALL COMMITTEE

The annual Candlelight Ball is a premier APSU scholarship fundraising event held by a distinguished group of volunteers. Pictured are members of that committee (left to right) Sally Allen ('00), Stephanie Lanham ('96), Britney Campbell ('03), Andrea Hererra, Ashley Jackson, Adrienne Beasley, co-chair Fran Jenkins ('05), Elliott Herzlich, President Alisa White, APSU Homecoming Queen Ilyana Capellan, co-chair Christina Clark, Jennifer Moore, Cindy Greene, Nicole Williamson ('04), Marcia Campbell and Andrea Goble. Not pictured: Betsy Baggett, Adrienne Beech ('04), Kimberly Silvus ('01), Candy Johnson ('05), Kayla Morgan ('16) and Kathryn Minniehan ('07).



BASKETBALL ALUMNI RECEPTION

On Jan. 21, APSU basketball alumni reunited to celebrate and recognize two historic APSU teams—the first APSU OVC men's basketball team (1964) and the 1987 OVC Championship Gobs. Over 140 alumni, family and friends, along with the family of the late Coach Lake Kelly, gathered to relive memories and witness a hard-fought win over OVC rival, Murray State. Among them was LM Ellis ('65) (at right), who transferred to APSU from Drake in 1962. After sitting out his first transfer year, Ellis was then introduced as APSU's and the OVC's first African-American player. The men's 1963-64 basketball team made history for APSU and this community by breaking barriers and defining what it is to truly Be a Gov!

Visit the Office of Alumni Relations website, www.apsu.edu/alumni, to learn about upcoming alumni events.



A GOV WHO LEADS

State Rep. Johnson continues to support his alma mater

Curtis Johnson ('86) stood among a crowd of students in the University Center listening to the radio the day he won the lottery. It was 1972, and after an impressive football career at Clarksville High School, the then-18-year-old had accepted a scholarship to play for the Governors. But before he ever had a chance to take the field at Municipal Stadium, the solemn voice on the radio called out 48—Johnson's military draft lottery number. During the Vietnam War, the Selective Service System conducted lotteries to determine when eligible young men would be called into military service.

"I was the first football player Austin Peay signed in 1972," Johnson said. "Of course, the military called and put an end to that. I joined the Navy."

Today, Johnson is speaker pro tempore of the Tennessee State House of Representatives and a proud Austin Peay graduate, but the military almost ended his connection with the local university. Three years after being drafted, when he was discharged from the Navy, Johnson re-enrolled at Austin Peay. He would go on to spend the next 10 years as a student, going to classes at night and during his lunch break while working full time at the First National Bank. This experience deepened his commitment to the school. In August of 2016, the University honored his years of dedication by presenting him with the inaugural Goves Who Lead.

"I got a great education over there, and Austin Peay is such a big part of our community, I just felt an obligation to stay involved," Johnson said.

After graduating with his Bachelor of Business Administration in 1986, he continued to serve the University as president of the Montgomery County chapter of the APSU Alumni Association, as president of the Governors Club and as a member

of the University's long-range planning committee. In 2004, he was elected to the Tennessee House of Representatives, where he's helped provide legislative support for several University programs and initiatives.

"I've had a very close working relationship with President (Alisa) White, as has our entire legislative delegation," he said.

When Johnson learned the Jenkins & Wynne dealership was going to build a new facility off Trenton Road, he invited the state's constitutional officers to tour the campus and examine the Jenkins & Wynne property. The state needed to approve the University's purchase of the adjacent site.

"This was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," Johnson said. "President White and I went to Nashville on a few occasions and sat down with everyone who could help in that process. In the end, it all worked out."

In January of 2016, the University acquired the more than 11-acre property for \$8.8 million, marking one of the largest expansions in Austin Peay's 90-year history. For Johnson, the school hardly resembles the one he knew back in 1972, but that's a good thing.

"Austin Peay has grown so much since I started, but it's been a quality growth," he said. "We're very fortunate to have good faculty members, good administrators and a great staff. We've just got a real good thing going." **AP**



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Cassidy Graves

State Rep. Curtis Johnson speaks during an August 2016 ceremony where he was awarded the inaugural Goves Who Lead Award. A 1986 alumnus, Johnson has served the University as a member of multiple university committees and as a powerful supporter of Austin Peay as a member of the Tennessee House of Representatives.

Meet
the next
generation
of **APSU**
graduates

A NEW



When the Austin Peay Normal School officially opened in the fall of 1929, only 158 students enrolled to take classes. Almost 90 years later, that number has jumped to 10,344 individuals, and last fall, more than 1,900 first-year students arrived on campus, forming the largest freshman class in the University's history. That increase is a good first step in the University's plan to grow to 15,000 students by the year 2025, but who are these freshmen? Where are they coming from, and what will these new Governors do with the degrees they earn from Austin Peay? If you want a peek into the University's future, here are a few of the new students who now call Austin Peay home.

CLASS





Henry Klipatrick

SYDNEY SHEPHERD

HOMETOWN:
CHATTANOOGA

MAJOR:
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

WHY DID YOU COME TO AUSTIN PEAY?

I wanted to be a chef, and I saw that they have a culinary program. I came for AP Day, and then I came to visit one time on my own. It was the perfect size for me. I'd heard of it once or twice, but I couldn't (attend) a big school. And I've made friends through my roommate.

WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO WHEN YOU GRADUATE?

I like to cook. I cook in my dorm. When I came to Austin Peay, I decided to major in business instead of the culinary arts because I want to start my own restaurant when I graduate.

HOMETOWN:
BARDSTOWN, KENTUCKY

MAJOR:
COMPUTER SCIENCE

WHY DID YOU COME TO AUSTIN PEAY?

Speaking with the admissions staff and the people here, they showed me what it was to care about other people. I thought, "Wow, this is where I belong." And I grew up with a single mother. We were never dirt poor, but money was definitely an issue looking at college. The 250R program was a blessing, allowing me to go to a great school like this.

HOW DOES IT FEEL TO BE PART OF THE UNIVERSITY'S LARGEST FRESHMAN CLASS?

It's intimidating sometimes, like the spotlight is on us. I feel like it's on us to show that Austin Peay is heading in the right direction, and we're going to be one of the premier schools.

LUKE CECIL



Cassidy Graves



ALMANTAS OZELIS

HOMETOWN:
MARIJAMPOLE, LITHUANIA

MAJOR:
FINANCE

WHY DID YOU COME TO AUSTIN PEAY?

I'm from Lithuania. My friend (Aleksas Tverijonas) studied here. He was like me, an athlete, a tennis player, and he told me there are nice people here, good coaches and good teachers. I had suggestions to go to school in Florida or Texas, but I picked Austin Peay because my friend told me it was a good place.

ARE YOU ENJOYING YOUR TIME AT AUSTIN PEAY?

Everything is fine—I have a good coach, good friends. All my professors are like my friends, and everybody is helpful. I like this country because the people are so friendly and helpful.

HOMETOWN:

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

MAJOR:

BIOLOGY

WHY DID YOU COME TO AUSTIN PEAY?

Austin Peay was at a huge college fair we had, and while I was talking to one of the representatives, she had so much love for it. She just made it sound great. Me and my dad walked away, and I said, "I never heard of that school, but I think I want to go there."

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO WHEN YOU GRADUATE?

I'm thinking I want to add a minor of dance and business right now. With biology, I want to go into neonatology, and I want the business minor in case I want to own my own practice. And I've always liked to dance. I might want to open a Zumba studio.

YVETTE ANDERSON



Cassidy Graves



Cassidy Graves

FAITH HUDGENS

HOMETOWN:

CREAL SPRINGS, ILLINOIS

MAJOR:

BIOLOGY

WHY DID YOU COME TO AUSTIN PEAY?

I don't think I got here by coincidence because I had never heard of this school. I really think this is where God wanted me to be because I was driving home from vacation, and I saw a billboard for Austin Peay. I love the Nashville area, so I decided to check it out. I visited the field biology department and Dr. (Steve) Hamilton was awesome. He helped me with everything, just really made me feel welcome.

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO WHEN YOU GRADUATE?

Right now, I've been helping with research in water quality, which I didn't think I'd like it as much as I do. I would like to get my master's and try to do some research. As a Christian, I feel like it's my job to assist the Earth and show people how to do that.

HOMETOWN:

CLARKSVILLE

MAJOR:

UNDECIDED

WHY DID YOU COME TO AUSTIN PEAY?

It was close to home. I went to West Creek High School. I wanted to be close to home because I have resources here.

HOW DOES IT FEEL TO BE PART OF THE UNIVERSITY'S LARGEST FRESHMAN CLASS?

In high school, I thought Austin Peay was a small school. Then I got here, and I went into the Dunn Center with the entire freshman class, and I said, 'Wait a minute, this is a lot of people.' With all the construction and it getting bigger and bigger, it's exciting to be a part of that.

RICARDO GOTI



Cassidy Graves

Master of Science in

Biology

at AUSTIN PEAY STATE UNIVERSITY



Graduate student Megan Hart examines how the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill has affected birds nesting along the coast.

The APSU Department of Biology offers a research-focused Master of Science program to students who majored or minored in biology during undergraduate studies. The program can be completed in two to three years and prepares students for a variety of careers. The program is offered through the APSU Clarksville campus and admits during fall and spring terms.

STUDENT RESEARCH

JOSHUA STONECIPHER gets to wade through local creeks, but his work with the smallscale darter could save the small fish from going extinct. He recently received external grants from three major organizations—the North American Fishes Association, the Society for Freshwater Science and the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists—to continue his important research.

“I’m very excited about this. The grants are probably more than I could have asked for. I’ll probably get some recognition because of these grants, and others will look at my work and pick it up when I’m done.”

MEGAN HART spends about four months each year walking around marshes in southern Louisiana collecting research on how the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill has affected birds nesting along the coast. Her work recently led her to earn the Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency’s inaugural Robert M. Hatcher Memorial Scholarship.

“The opportunities the Center of Excellence provides are just fantastic. I was thinking of moving away from Austin Peay, but I was offered a really awesome project here, and I wasn’t offered this type of project anywhere else.”

RECOGNITION

Last year, APSU’s biology graduate students earned several national awards, received thousands of dollars in grants, had more than 10 papers published in scientific journals and delivered 20 presentations at major conferences.

“With the publications, that demonstrates that their research is leading to real scientific products. With the presentations, I would point out that many were given at international conferences, and we had five students this year get awards for presentations at large regional or international meetings.”

-DR. REBECCA JOHANSEN ('97)
APSU associate professor of biology



Joshua Stonecipher (far right) enlists his fellow graduate students to look for possibly endangered fish.

KEEPING IT LOCAL

APSU grads pick Clarksville to open businesses

As Austin Peay State University prepares to celebrate its 90th anniversary, it's hard to imagine what Clarksville would look like without the contributions of APSU alumni. With thousands of current and former Gobs investing in the local economy, Austin Peay has been a critical component of Clarksville's economic growth in recent years.

Here is a look at four Austin Peay alumni — **Joe Shakeenab, Trent and Dana Knott** and **Lorilee Rager** — who have each taken the skills and training they received at Austin Peay and created thriving businesses in the Clarksville area.

JOE SHAKEENAB

Shakeenab Consulting Services

The Ranger Creed is a manifesto; a declaration of who they are and how they live their lives. Included in the creed are promises of courage, mobility, discipline and endurance, as well as the call to serve while placing others before yourself.

Chief Warrant Officer (Ret.) Joe Shakeenab ('04, '14) understands what it means to live that creed. Over his nearly three decades in the United States Army, Shakeenab served primarily as a Green Beret with the 5th Special Forces Group, traveling extensively to the Middle East and the Horn of Africa as he led and supported Special Forces soldiers and advised foreign personnel. However, his military foundation started in the 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment.

He retired from the military in 2010, but he didn't stop there. Having already earned a Bachelor of Science in Public Management from Austin Peay State University, Shakeenab returned to his alma mater, earning a Master of Professional Studies with a concentration in strategic leadership.

"My initial field of study at APSU was not management, but as I advanced in the military, it became an excellent choice because it complemented my duties and responsibilities," Shakeenab said. "I enjoy studying about ways to be a more effective leader."

Shakeenab owns and operates Shakeenab Consulting Services, where he provides consulting and professional development training. His mission is to "educate, train and equally inspire individuals to assess and then go beyond their current level of productivity," a manifesto parallel to the one he lived by as a soldier.



“ *In life, it's rarely about what you attain for yourself. Rather, true beauty is measured by your creativity, humbleness and whom you help.* **”**



Henry Kilpatrick

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I remember military leaders and APSU professors that challenged me in ways to stir my thinking. So today, I push myself and others to learn more and to be of greater value in various areas of life.”

He has the opportunity to work across the country with businesses, military units and universities about fundamental approaches to increase efficiency. Both a soldier and scholar, Shakeenab’s message for individuals is to use their unique gifts and align with the strengths of others to make a more profound impact.

Shakeenab chose to settle in Clarksville and invest in Austin Peay following his retirement from the 5th Special Forces Group. He currently serves as vice president of the APSU National Alumni Association as well as president of the APSU Military Alumni Association. Recently, he successfully led a joint effort to endow two \$25,000 scholarships for military-affiliated students: The Military Alumni Chapter Scholarship and the CSM (Ret.) Sidney Brown Scholarship.

Locally, Shakeenab is the advisory board chair for L.E.A.P., a youth development organization, and is currently a member of Leadership Clarksville Class of 2017.

“I remember military leaders and APSU professors that challenged me in ways to stir my thinking,” Shakeenab said. “So today, I push myself and others to learn more and to be of greater value in various areas of life.”

TRENT & DANA KNOTT

Miss Lucille's Marketplace

When Clarksville's Acme Boots distribution warehouse was shuttered in 1989, it left behind about 300,000 square feet of unanswered questions. As Madison Street developed around the massive steel building in the two decades to come, welcoming new retail and housing development, the former distribution center struggled to find new owners and a new purpose.

Trent ('84) and Dana Knott ('85) are the kind of people who are always looking for a niche. The entrepreneurial couple met during their time at Austin Peay and, following a brief stint in the corporate world after college, had made a successful living for themselves by coming up with an answer for people who ask why "we don't have that" in Clarksville.

"Since we decided to start a family and move back to Clarksville, we have been involved in a lot of businesses here," Knott said. "We've owned a radio station, we started a newspaper, we had a cleaning company, Dana is a realtor, and together, we've been involved in construction as a builder and developer for over 20 years."

The Knotts' most recent venture is Miss Lucille's Marketplace, an eclectic marketplace featuring over 200 vendors selling everything from homemade candles and Harry Potter-inspired wizard wands to custom-build furniture.

But while Miss Lucille's is the most successful operation of its kind in Middle Tennessee, the marketplace wasn't on Knott's mind on his daily commute past the abandoned warehouse.

"I'd been driving by this great, big old building for years. Eventually, I thought there was something we could do with it, and we decided to make an offer," Knott said. "We portioned it and started filling the building with renters, but we found ourselves left with a pretty big unused section."



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We're trying to invest in our community. It's been a great place to raise a family, and we want to give the people here in Clarksville things that no one else is offering."

-Trent Knott



At left, The Belle Hollow, a multipurpose event venue owned by the Knotts' daughter, Luci Knott Armistead, is located inside of Miss Lucille's Marketplace.

Trent and Dana Knott have owned a number of local businesses and have recently found success with Miss Lucille's Marketplace, an eclectic antiques marketplace and café located in Clarksville.

Without a tenant for the last parcel, Knott said he suggested keeping it for their own use, pitching the idea of opening Clarksville's biggest indoor flea market. The idea made sense, Dana Knott said, but it would only work if they kept control over the operation.

"I told Trent I'd be in on the idea if I could control everything about the market," Dana said. "That meant control over what items were sold, the cleanliness of the items and the market itself...even the music being played in the building had to be controlled.

"Before we opened, we brought in vendors, we showed them examples of what we wanted, and we had them all sign contracts saying what they couldn't sell," Dana said. "We had a plan for what Miss Lucille's would be, and a big part was that everything we brought in had to be clean. People have a stigma about flea markets due to that smell of used clothing and dirty items."

Miss Lucille's opened its doors in April 2012 and became a near-instant hit with area vendors. The Knotts' initial goal of 50 unique booths ballooned to 77 at launch, and by the end of its first month, Miss Lucille's featured 119 stalls—each featuring a mix of antiques, thrift items and handmade goods.

"We try to have a little bit of everything here," Dana said. "When you come here, you can get clothing, furniture, stuff for your man cave...you can even get coffee and food," Dana said. "The way we feel about Miss Lucille's is that it's ever-changing and ever-growing. We don't want to ever stop giving people something new."

"We're trying to invest in our community," Knott said. "It's been a great place to raise a family, and we want to give the people here in Clarksville things that no one else is offering.

LORILEE RAGER

Thrive Creative

Lorilee Rager stands outside her office at Thrive Creative Group, a Clarksville-based design and marketing firm she founded in 2004.

A farmer's daughter by birth and an artist by trade, Lorilee Rager ('01) took a unique path to the creation of her own digital marketing agency. Born and raised on a farm in Kentucky, it wasn't until Rager enrolled at Austin Peay State University that she discovered students and faculty who shared her interests and encouraged her to turn a passion into a thriving career.

"Growing up, my father always told me to do what you love and figure out how to make money at it." Rager said. "I grew up before anyone had a desktop computer in their home or internet, so I spent a lot of time drawing when I wasn't busy on the farm. But when I got to Austin Peay, I still don't think I knew what I really wanted to be."

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Growing up, my father always told me to do what you love and figure out how to make money at it.”



Any uncertainty was short-lived, when Rager said she signed up for an art class at the University's Trahern Building and was quickly introduced to a group of people that spoke her language.

"I felt like I had finally found my people," Rager joked. "Growing up (in a rural area), I didn't know anyone else who thought like I did. I couldn't believe that there were people out there that geeked out over fonts just like me."

After graduating in 2001 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in graphic design, Rager worked at a local agency before joining the design team at Opryland Hotel and, eventually, the corporate office Gaylord Hotels in Nashville.

But while her experiences working with a major brand like Opryland were rewarding, Rager never left her adopted home of Clarksville. And when Rager and her husband Harold began to raise a family of their own, the idea of making Clarksville more than just their home started to come into view.

"I was home on maternity leave with my first child when one of my old art teachers contacted me needing a brochure. Then my pediatrician asked me if I could do a project for the CMC Community Health Foundation," Rager said. "I started taking more freelance projects that began to take more and more of my time."

After the birth of her second child, Rager said she decided to take the leap and form Thrive into a serious design firm. Founded in 2004, Thrive Creative Group specializes in graphic design, web design and development and marketing, and primarily works with small businesses and nonprofits across Middle Tennessee.

Rager has never forgotten Austin Peay, as the small firm works closely with the University's Department of Art and Design. Thrive regularly extends internship opportunities to Austin Peay students, giving them hands-on experience, and upon graduation, a number of Austin Peay students have transitioned into full-time roles with the company.

Including Rager, six of the firm's nine current full-time employees are Austin Peay graduates—and that, Rager says, is more than just because of the name on their degree.

"We're giving Austin Peay students the chance to contribute to real projects for real clients," Rager said. "It's not the kind of internship where you run for coffee."

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A 2016 internet advertising award is one of the many design and marketing awards Thrive Creative Group has received since its formation in 2004.



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Mapping the Future

by Colin Harris

APSU's digital tools usher in a new generation





Doug Catellier, a project manager with the APSU GIS Center, flies a drone in front of the Dunn Center on the campus of Austin Peay State University.

“ *The possibilities with technology are endless, and it’s our job to first, educate ourselves and then to use those tools to educate our clients on those possibilities.* **”**

– **Doug Catellier,**
project manager,
APSU GIS Center

With a few clicks of his mouse, Doug Catellier can give you a bird’s eye view of Austin Peay’s Dunn Center. Using hundreds of overhead photos captured by a drone and stitched together with mapping software, every inch of the University’s gymnasium, each tree surrounding the facility and even the cars parked across the street are shot in a high enough resolution that you could make out their exact makes and models.

But with another click, that view changes, and the two-dimensional Dunn Center becomes a three-dimensional model, able to be freely zoomed and rotated. Using modern computing power and cutting-edge software, Catellier can turn static images into digital models giving the viewer an idea of scale that would normally require an in-person campus visit.

A project manager for Austin Peay’s (GIS) Geographic Information Systems Center, Catellier is part of a team of professionals and student workers collaborating to position Austin Peay at the front of the ever-evolving world of technology and data management.

“Even I didn’t realize what the drone and this software were totally capable of doing,” Catellier joked. “This model lets you zoom in and view the Dunn from every angle, and the images are so exact and so clear that you’d be able to extract information from the model to accurately measure its dimensions.”

GIS is a computing system for capturing, storing and displaying mapping data. In layman’s terms, GIS is the exploration of new ways to gather and utilize information. Founded in 1997, the APSU GIS Center does just that, serving as a resource for the University, as well as a partner for area governmental agencies as they seek to modernize their record keeping. GIS Center tools have been valuable in zoning, property development and emergency response in area counties lacking the budget to hire in-house solutions.



Using a consumer-grade drone and specialized software, Doug Catellier is able to render a fully intractable 3D model of Austin Peay State University's Clarksville campus out of hundreds of photos taken using the drone's onboard camera.

But in reality, the GIS Center is about much more than building a better map. Staffed by both professionals and student workers, the GIS Center is a training ground, a place for students of all majors and talents to explore possibilities and better prepare themselves for life after Austin Peay.

"What Doug is doing with drones is a great example of the what we aim for," Mike Wilson, GIS Center director, said. "We always try to find new technology and incorporate it into what we do. We're still exploring drones, but we've already found a number of GIS applications, and those are all things we can train our students on and services we can offer our clients."

In Wilson's office at the GIS Center is a dry-erase board filled with projects, both long- and short-term. The board is never blank, and over the years, it has included a smartphone app for first responders, vulnerability assessment for area homeland security agencies, inventory management for government agencies – even a request from University historians to merge modern and historical maps in an effort to draw the Confederate line of retreat during a Civil War skirmish.

The list of projects on Wilson's board is as varied as it is long, but that variety also reflects the diverse makeup of the GIS Center's student workforce. Wilson does not restrict the Center to specific departments, and it's that diversity of disciplines and ideas, he says, that helps the Center thrive.

"I'm indifferent about your major, but what I do care about is that all my student workers show interest," Wilson said. "Employers are more and more looking for people who can do a little bit of everything, so we have students who are design majors, students who are in public management—we have a really successful technical writing program; we want student workers who think critically and offer new ideas and alternatives to what we're already doing."

Student workers play a critical role in the Center's success. From project start to project completion, students work with Center professionals each step of the way. When Wilson meets with prospective clients, students are in tow, learning how to present

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- Mike Wilson , GIS Center director

themselves and conduct business. And if a local TV station or newspaper spotlights a finished project, students are pushed front and center, sharing in the Center's success.

Ultimately, the Center's true purpose is not any one project or accomplishment; rather, the Center exists to give Austin Peay students those experiences that will prepare them for life after college.

"We aren't a classroom, so we absolutely rely on, and value the input of, our student workers because ultimately, our goals are to deliver for our clients and to make sure our students get the training they need to get a great job after they graduate," Wilson said. "I like to joke that I live vicariously through our former student workers, and thankfully, we've had pretty good luck connecting them with employers."

Jaime Taylor, dean of Austin Peay's College of Science and Mathematics, understands the stress students manage as they leave college for an uncertain job market. Perhaps that's why, as both an educator and the father of a GIS Center alum, Taylor is eager to credit the work the Center does in giving students an advantage.

"After my son Jordan graduated from Austin Peay, he decided to move to Florida with his girlfriend so that she could continue her education,"

Mike Wilson, GIS Center director, works alongside one of the Center's student workers. Besides course credit, the Center offers students a professional setting where they can gain experience on real projects that will benefit them in finding a job after graduation.

Taylor said. "While he was still in Clarksville, he began searching for jobs around that area, and one of the first places he applied contacted him back almost immediately. Even though he was 1,000 miles away, they interviewed him over Skype and he landed his first job, thanks to the 20 hours a week he spent at the Center learning the skills that employer wanted.

"I was completely blown away, but it's a credit to the work Mike and the other people at the Center do in giving their students practical experience and a diverse portfolio of skills and projects," Taylor said. "They do a great job of attracting bright kids and getting them excited about the kinds of projects that will get them jobs."

Himself an alum of both Austin Peay and the Center, Catellier occupies an office across the hall from Wilson. And when he isn't working on projects or interviewing a new crop of student workers, he's exploring uses for his drone – the most recent example of that next wave of technology the GIS Center is constantly seeking to tame.

"If a client is paying us to do GIS work and asks if we can use a drone, we don't want to say we don't understand the technology," Catellier said. "We don't have the certification we need yet for commercial purposes, but we have a client who could use the drone to fly over his property to track his deer populations, and another client with a gas company that could use the drone and a multispectral camera to detect gas leaks over an area.

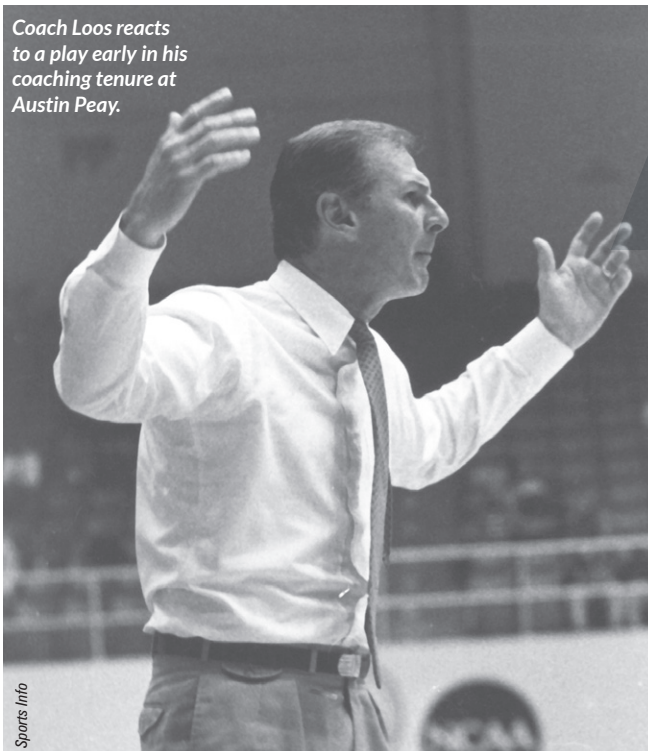
"The possibilities with technology are endless, and it's our job to first, educate ourselves and then to use those tools to educate our clients on those possibilities." **AP**





LOOS, DEAN OF OVC COACHES, RETIRES AFTER 27 YEARS

Coach Loos reacts to a play early in his coaching tenure at Austin Peay.



An era of unprecedented success at Austin Peay came to a close on March 6, 2017, when Dave Loos announced his retirement as the University's men's basketball coach. The announcement capped a 27-year career at APSU for Loos.

"The thing I'm celebrating is that we helped make a lot of young people better," Loos said. "We helped them better themselves in the classroom. The game-changer is a college degree, and that's the thing we really emphasized—getting the diploma and growing as a person."

Loos, known as "The Dean of Ohio Valley Conference Coaches," amassed 421 wins during his time in the OVC, and his four OVC tournament titles tie him with E.A. Diddle of Western Kentucky. In 2017, he carved out his latest slice of history with his 500th career victory as a collegiate head coach, becoming just the 97th coach with at least 10 years of Division I experience to reach that milestone.

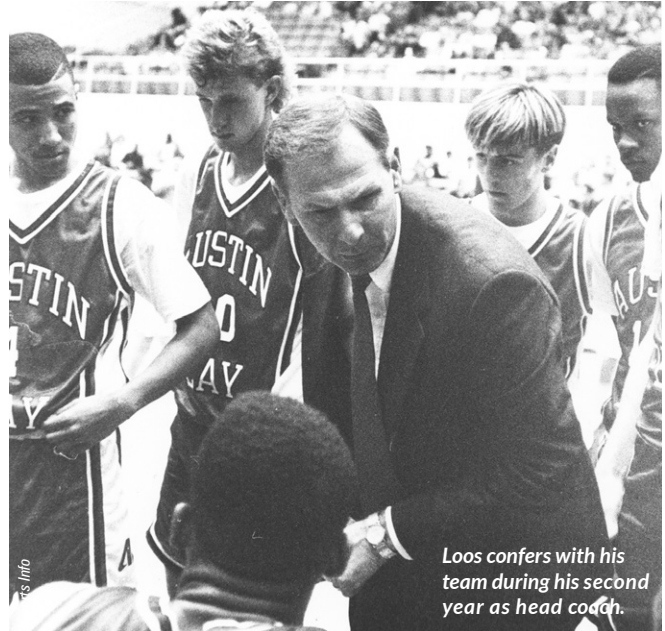
A member of five Halls of Fame—St. Louis Amateur Baseball, University of Memphis M-Club, Missouri Basketball Coaches,

Austin Peay and Christian Brothers University—Loos' name has become synonymous with not only success, but APSU athletics as a whole. The Dave Loos Scholarship Fund was established in 2010 for prospective coaches, and in 2007, the very floor that his retirement ceremony was held on was rechristened Dave Loos Court at the behest of outgoing APSU president, Dr. Sherry Hoppe.

Loos came to Clarksville on July 14, 1990. Although success was not evident overnight, he began to slowly build Austin Peay back into the power it had been during the Lake Kelly era. Following four seasons under Larry Finch at Memphis, Loos engineered a five-win improvement in his first season at the helm, earning the first of five Ohio Valley Conference Coach of the Year honors in the process. Loos remains the only five-time OVC Coach of the Year winner in league history.

But Loos' coaching career tells only half the story of his Austin Peay service. For 16 years, he pulled double duty in two of the most demanding jobs in college sports—head men's basketball coach and athletics director. During his time as head of the department, Loos ushered women's soccer onto campus, brought back women's golf and scholarship football and oversaw not only facility improvements, including plans for the new football stadium, but the hanging of OVC Academic Banners in 2002-03 and 2008-09.

"All of us owe him a debt of gratitude for his willingness to serve this department and institution when, quite frankly, he didn't have to," Ryan Ivey, APSU athletics director, said. "His ability and willingness to put others ahead of himself, his work ethic, dedication, loyalty and integrity are bedrocks of this department and values that will continue long after us all." **AP**



Loos confers with his team during his second year as head coach.



Loos reflects on the team's 2008 OVC Championship victory against Tennessee State.

Robert Smith



Robert Smith

FOUR GOVERNORS INDUCTED INTO APSU ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME

Austin Peay State University welcomed four new inductees into its Athletics Hall of Fame in January. The members of the Hall of Fame Class of 2017 include **Drake Reed**, a three-time All-Ohio Valley Conference basketball player and 2008 OVC Champion; **Chelsea Harris**, the 2010 OVC Women's Golf Player of the Year and Austin Peay's lone OVC Championship medalist; and **Ron Sebree**, one of the league's most fearsome defensive linemen and a linchpin on the 1977 OVC championship football team.

Additionally, **Tom Lincoln**, a multi-sport standout from the late-1940s, earned induction as the representative in the Honors category. The fourth inductee

From left to right, Dedra Lincoln Carricato, accepting for her father Tom Lincoln, Drake Reed, Chelsea Harris and Ron Sebree accept their awards.

since the Honors category was instituted, Lincoln was All-Volunteer State Athletic Conference as an end on the 1948 football team. He earned All-American honors in 1949. He also played two seasons on the basketball team, returning for the 1949-50 year after missing the entire 1948-49 season with a broken leg.



APSU Sports Info

GOVS VOLLEYBALL MAKES HUGE STRIDES IN 2016

Austin Peay State University's volleyball team pieced together an impressive 24-11 record during the 2016 campaign, making it one of the most improved programs in the country and putting it atop all volleyball programs in Tennessee.

The Governors improved their record by 12½ games over the 10-22 record they posted in 2015. That improvement was best among OVC teams and fifth-best among Division I teams.

Austin Peay's 24 wins also placed it among the most successful teams in Tennessee, edging out East Tennessee and Lipscomb for most wins among Tennessee volleyball programs. The 24 wins also were the fourth-most, and its 12 conference wins marked the eighth time it has reached a dozen league wins in program history.

GUTH EARNS 100TH WIN AGAINST UAB

Austin Peay State University women's soccer head coach **Kelley Guth** earned her 100th career win with a 2-1 victory over the University of Alabama at Birmingham, in the 2016 regular season opener.

Guth became the second active coach in the OVC to reach the century mark for her career—the other being Southeast Missouri's Heather Nelson. Guth has led the program since its inception in 2002.

CORLEW DEALERSHIP PROVIDES NEW SCOREBOARD FOR GOVS BASEBALL

Fans attending Austin Peay State University baseball games at Raymond C. Hand Park will have the opportunity to enjoy the largest baseball video board in the Ohio Valley Conference, thanks to a significant gift from the Clarksville-based James Corlew Chevrolet Cadillac dealership.

"We are dedicated to making Raymond C. Hand Park one of the finest baseball facilities, not only in the Ohio Valley Conference but in Tennessee," Ryan Ivey, APSU athletics director, said. "I cannot express enough gratitude to James Corlew Chevrolet Cadillac for their generosity to help us move toward that goal with the addition of this impressive video board project."

The company previously donated to the replacement of the baseball dugouts, a project currently nearing completion. The video board and dugouts are the first phases of a complete facility plan being developed by Ivey.



WHEN DID WE FIRST SAY 'GO PEAY?'

Was it 1967 or 1968? Linda Wood Thompson isn't sure of the year, but it was definitely in the fall, during Austin Peay's Homecoming celebration.

"It could have been the fall of 1966," she said, pausing in her story. "There's a picture of it somewhere, if I could just find it."

So in 1966 or 1967 or 1968, Thompson was a student at Austin Peay State University, (or State College, depending on the year), and a Governette with the Governors' Own Marching Band. Her parents, a proper, well-mannered couple, drove from Nashville to attend that Saturday's homecoming football game, and as they sat bundled in the stands of Municipal Stadium, they were among the first people, according to Thompson, to hear the school's now infamous cheer—Let's Go Peay!

"I think it was the fall of 1967," Thompson said. "During Homecoming, we used to decorate the dorms, and they used different themes. That year, we did 45 records—that was the theme, and every dorm did something record-wise. Cross Hall was the jock dorm, and they built an outhouse because the song 'Little Brown Shack Out Back' was a hit."

The song, performed by country music singer Bobby Bare, was a lament about a new town ordinance forcing a man to tear down his beloved outhouse. To honor this love

story, the Cross Hall residents built an outhouse and wrote "Let's Go Peay" on the door. Thompson said that's the first time she ever saw those words together, and throughout Homecoming week, Austin Peay students kept repeating the phrase. During that Saturday's game, someone chanted "Let's Go Peay," and within a few minutes, the student section turned the words into a cheer.

"The reason I remember it so well is because my parents came to that game," Thompson said. "Dad turned to my mother and said, 'Are they saying, 'Let's go pee?'" And mother said, 'I'm afraid they are Ralph.' I will remember that forever."

Class Notes



▲ **DR. RONALD I. MILLER ('65)** recently had his book, "Laser Weapon Development at Redstone Arsenal, 1960-2015," published by the Directed Energy Professional Society. The book covers the history of laser weapon activities at Redstone from the earliest research into high-energy lasers to truck-mounted, solid-state air defense laser weapons of 2015. Miller retired as the senior intelligence officer for Directed Energy Weapons for the Department of Defense's Missile and Space Intelligence Center.



▲ **CAROL NORFLEET ('83, '87)** was named a "Woman of Influence" by the Nashville Business Journal in February 2016. In June, she received the Meeting Professionals International (MPI) RISE Award as Member of the Year for the global, 20,000-member organization. The RISE Award was presented for her continued contributions to and involvement in the meeting's profession.

BARBARA BOONE MCGINNIS ('87), a partner at Takacs McGinnis Elder Care Law, has become a Certified Elder Law Attorney (CELA) of the National Elder Law Foundation. With this designation, McGinnis becomes one of only 14 Certified Elder Law Attorneys in Tennessee, and Takacs McGinnis Elder Care Law is the only law firm in Middle Tennessee with two Certified Elder Law Attorneys on staff.



▲ **DR. DAVIN KNOLTON ('86)** was appointed to deputy provost for the Army University. The Army University encompasses all Training and Doctrine Command schools, provides a single point of contact for all Army education matters and addresses the educational needs of the Army, while providing individual soldiers and Army civilian employees the opportunity to accomplish their own academic goals. As deputy provost, Knolton is the senior civilian executive, adviser and consultant to the provost of the Army University. Major organizations of the Army University include the Command and General Staff College, the Army Management Staff College, the United States Army Sergeant's Major Academy, the TRADOC Culture Center, the vice provost for Academic Affairs, the vice provost for Learning Systems and the Army Press.

KRISTOPHER PHILLIPS ('91) was named executive director for the Austin Peay State University Office of University Advancement. He is also chair of District III for the Council for Advancement and Support of Education—a professional association that advances and supports educational and professional institutions.



▲ **MARK E. JANKOWSKI ('02)** is a professional development specialist with Discovery Education. This job involves traveling around the country to provide professional development on digital techbooks in Math and Science, as well as ongoing training and support for schools incorporating STEM as part of their culture at the school. Jankowski handles multiple accounts throughout the country.



▲ **GUNNERY SGT. SAMUEL BARLOW ('00)** performed in the 58th Inauguration of the President of the United States on Jan. 20, as a member of "The President's Own" United States Marine Band. After earning a Bachelor of Music in Music Education from APSU, Barlow received a master's in Music Performance from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory in Ohio. He joined "The President's Own" United States Marine Band in June 2004, and was named principal trombone in January 2013.

TAMIRA COLE SAMUEL ('06, '09) was selected for the Leadership Houston Class XXXV and The Coaching Fellowship for Women Leaders. Currently, she serves as the New Teacher Support Manager in the Office of School Leadership, where she creates and implements strategic development and intervention for more than 2,500 new teachers in 283 schools. She is also a Rice University Education Entrepreneurship Program MBA Business Fellow in the Jesse H. Jones Graduate School of Business. She is a former Education Pioneer Graduate Fellow.



▲ **ASHLIE FARMER ('04, '10)**, storm water coordinator with the City of Clarksville Street Department, received the Person of the Year Award from the Tennessee Stormwater Association. Farmer earned the commendation for the time and dedication she devoted to the association in 2016. As a member of the association's board, Farmer spent many hours lobbying state lawmakers about storm water legislation and spoke at a Tennessee House committee meeting.

CALEB ROBERTS ('10) was promoted to senior director of development, major gifts, at Tulane University. In this new role, Roberts will lead a team of three regionally based major gift officers covering New York, Washington, D.C., San Francisco, Miami, Nashville, Birmingham and New Orleans. Roberts will continue to work with Tulane alumni and parents in Central and Southern California. Prior to his promotion, Roberts was director of development, regional program. He has been at Tulane for four years.



▲ **GREG KNOBEL ('11)**, a U.S. Army veteran, recently transitioned out of active duty and into residential real estate with Kansas City's Leawood-based Better Homes and Gardens team, The Hayhow Group. Following high school, Knobel enlisted in the U.S. Army. While deployed during his second tour in Iraq in 2008, he was selected for the prestigious Green to Gold program, allowing him to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in marketing from Austin Peay State University.



▲ **DR. SARAH PIPER ('06)** is a veterinarian with Banfield Pet Hospital. She is a graduate of St. Matthews University School of Veterinary Medicine and received her undergraduate degree from APSU in 2006 with a double major in biology and agriculture. Her interests include internal medicine, emergency medicine and geriatric care.

JUSTIN NELSON ('16) is a graduate teaching assistant in choral music at Texas Tech University, where he is working on his Doctor of Musical Arts degree in choral conducting.

CODY ROBINSON ('11) earned his Master of Arts in ethnomusicology from the University of Limerick's Irish World Academy of Music and Dance, and he is now teaching music and advising the Glee Club at Norman Smith Elementary School.

BIRTHS

CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL JOHNSON ('11) and **EMILY BRIGGS JOHNSON ('11)** welcomed their son, Michael Johnson, on Nov. 12, 2015. **CARTER CRESON BRIGGS ('77)** and **PAMELA RAGAN BRIGGS ('83) ('86)** are the child's grandparents, and former Austin Peay State College football player **CRESON BRIGGS ('51)** is the great-grandfather.

IN MEMORY

Dr. Harvey F. Blanck Jr., emeritus professor of chemistry
May 7, 2016

J. Michael Carn Sr. ('76)
Dec. 12, 2016

Barbara D. Cota ('69)
March 21, 2016

Catherine Darnell ('72)
Oct. 29, 2016

Walter Davic ('62)
May 29, 2016

Dr. Thomas Dixon,
emeritus professor of history
July 7, 2016

Mary D. Ferguson ('56)
June 9, 2016

Martha F. Lehman ('50)
June 17, 2016

Mary Ella Morgan ('69)
Nov. 18, 2016

Margaret "Peg" Olson ('81)
Sept. 16, 2016

Iva Ruth Fussell Patterson ('51)
Nov. 11, 2016

Karen Pearson ('71)
May 7, 2016

Dr. Alton B. Sisco Jr. ('66)
July 11, 2016

Governors Gathering

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





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- 1 Over 60 APSU baseball alums from Coach Joe Ellenburg's era is reunited on campus Sept. 30-Oct. 1, 2016, to reminisce about their days as Gobs.
- 2 APSU golf alumni gathered this past October, where a special presentation was made to the 1979 OVC Champion men's team. The former players were presented with rings by former APSU Coach Sherwin Clift ('60).
- 3 The APSU National Alumni Association recognized six deserving individuals during the 2016 Alumni Awards Luncheon. Honorees included Maxie Shatoya McClintock ('02), Wilma Newton ('73), George Leavell ('84), James Holleman, Roy Gregory and Staci Lynch ('10).
- 4 Coach Dave Loos and alumni from the 1964 team gathered this past January for an APSU basketball alumni reunion. This year the 1964 and 1987 men's teams were highlighted.
- 5 Gobs from the Class of 1966 returned to campus to celebrate their 50-year reunion in October 2016.
- 6 APSU football alumni returned for a reunion this past September. All APSU football lettermen were highlighted and recognized for their accomplishments as Governors.
- 7 Don Jenkins was awarded the 2017 Wendell H. Gilbert Award at the 33rd Annual Candlelight Ball.
- 8 APSU's Carol Clark and APSU Military Chapter President Joe Shakeenab ('04) present a military supporter of excellence award to Dr. Rick Canady ('73) for his service to the nation/ community and his continued support of APSU.
- 9 During Homecoming, the APSU National Alumni Association's Military Alumni Chapter recognized outstanding servicemen and women for their military service.



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