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A woman with dark hair, wearing a light blue button-down shirt and large silver earrings, is smiling and holding a brown chicken. The background is a lush green field with some purple flowers.

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A NEW HOPE

Service-Learning is giving the APSU community new ways to help a much larger community. Page 10



The summer sun shines on The Sentinel, retired professor Olen Bryant's public art installation, in the center of the APSU campus. Photo by Taylor Slifko, APSU.

ON THE COVER: Alexandra Wills, director of the APSU Center for Service-Learning and Community Engagement, holds Nancy, one of 10 chickens that lay eggs for the campus food pantry.

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APSU INSTALLS DR. ALISA WHITE AS 10TH PRESIDENT

▶ On a warm spring morning, hundreds of well-wishers eagerly filed into the Mabry Concert Hall to watch Dr. Alisa White officially become the tenth president of Austin Peay State University.

“Dr. White, we’re thrilled you’re here,” Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam said during the ceremony. “We can’t think of a more important time to be involved in higher education or a more important university.”

The University’s Department of Music performed several musical pieces, and members of the APSU and Clarksville-Montgomery County communities extended the festive mood by speaking optimistically of White’s coming tenure.

“I am honored that Chancellor Morgan and the Tennessee Board of Regents have given me the opportunity to serve you,” White said during her Presidential Address. “Elliott (Herzlich, White’s husband) and I are honored to have the privilege of living among you. I have been given an astonishing gift, and my pledge to you is to do whatever is in my power to advance this institution, to work alongside you to build upon the wonderful work that you have done with others and to realize our collective vision.”



GREGORY RETIRES AFTER 24 YEARS OF SERVICE

▶ After serving Austin Peay State University in multiple capacities for 24 years, Roy Gregory, executive director for University Advancement, retired on June 30.

“Austin Peay is a special place due to the great people on campus and the outstanding alumni, supporters and friends throughout the nation,” he said. “My years at APSU have been special for me and my family. I am retiring at a time when the future is indeed bright. We have great leadership under President (Alisa) White and her leadership



team. I pray that friends and alumni will choose to make a difference in lives through their support for this great University.”

White praised Gregory’s work ethic and his dedication to the University.

“Positions can be filled, but we will never have another Roy Gregory,” she said. “He has a passion for Austin Peay that is evident to all he meets. He has a genuine concern for people, and he’s made deep, lasting relationships with the broad University community that span decades. That’s why he’s had so much success over the years.”

Gregory began his career at APSU in 1991 as head coach of the Governors football team. Few people knew that he led the football program while undergoing chemotherapy for Non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma.

“That was in the days before the more advanced medications to treat side effects,” Gregory said. “But I only missed one day of practice.”

On April 30, 2001, then-APSU President Sherry Hoppe named Gregory the executive director of University Advancement, placing him in charge of APSU’s fundraising efforts. Gregory has been involved in raising more than \$80 million since assuming that position.

DEPARTMENT OF ART AND CENTER OF EXCELLENCE AWARD INAUGURAL TENNESSEE ARTIST FELLOWSHIP

▶ The Austin Peay State University Department of Art and Design, in association with the Center of Excellence for the Creative Arts, presented Memphis-based artist Maysey Craddock with the inaugural Center of Excellence for the Creative Arts Tennessee Artist Fellowship.

Craddock was selected from a list of outstanding artists from across the state for the honor, and she was awarded \$5,000 to aid in the creation of new artwork. In addition, Craddock will visit campus in the fall to speak and donate an original piece to the University’s permanent collection.

“Since APSU is the Center of Excellence for the Creative Arts for the entire state of Tennessee, we wanted to find a way to support artists statewide,” Barry Jones, interim chair of the APSU Department of Art and Design, said.

“There is an incredible amount of amazing artists here, but unfortunately there isn’t much financial support for them. We hope that this fellowship helps a Tennessee artist maintain their practice and know that we support what they are doing.”

APSU NAMED VETS CAMPUS BY THEC ▶ On May 7, the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) named Austin Peay State University a Veterans Education Transition Support (VETS) Campus.



The certification is awarded to higher education institutions that not only prioritize outreach to veterans, but also successfully deliver the services necessary to create a supportive environment where student veterans can prosper while pursuing their education.

“Our military traditions are rich and they’re deep,” APSU President Alisa White said. “Our relationships are rich and deep, and we are committed in a very rich and deep way to serving active duty soldiers and veterans and their families, and in fact, that commitment is unwavering.”

Dr. Russ Deaton (pictured left), interim THEC director, presented the designation to White during a special ceremony. Several dignitaries from THEC, the Tennessee General Assembly, the Tennessee Board of Regents, the Office of the Governor, the Tennessee Department of Veterans Affairs and the APSU campus community attended the event.

STUDENTS PLACE FIRST IN TVA INVESTMENT CHALLENGE ▶

Austin Peay State University business students, enrolled in the Selecting Equity Investments Course last year, placed first in the Tennessee Valley Authority’s annual Investment Challenge.

Competing against teams from 25 other universities, the APSU team managed an investment portfolio that outperformed the benchmark index by more than 65 percent. The APSU team earned a 22.67 percent return for TVA invested funds, outperforming the Standard and Poor’s average by 13.69 percent.

In 2012, Austin Peay students managed a portfolio that also ranked first in annual performance. The APSU College of Business stock portfolio is now worth more than \$650,000.

ALUMNUS PACE RECEIVES TBR PHILANTHROPY AWARD ▶

Wayne Pace ('68), Austin Peay State University alumnus and former executive vice president and chief financial officer of Time Warner Inc., was honored by the Tennessee Board of Regents for his unwavering generosity toward his alma mater. In late April, TBR Vice Chair Emily Reynolds presented Pace with the 2015 Regents Award for Excellence in Philanthropy.

Several years ago, Pace and his wife, Bobbi ('69), gave a sizeable donation to APSU for a much-needed renovation and expansion of the Emerald Hill Mansion. Their gift helped preserve the antebellum home, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and it is now referred to as the Pace Alumni Center at Emerald Hill.

Pace has also established and contributed to several scholarships at APSU.



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APSU COLLEGE OF EDUCATION CONTINUES TO SHINE AFTER 60 YEARS OF NATIONAL ACCREDITATION ▶

Last fall, Austin Peay State University's Martha Dickerson Eriksson College of Education was reaccredited under the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) standards, ensuring that APSU's teacher candidates will be fully prepared to enter classrooms across the United States.

The good news arrived as the college celebrated the 60th anniversary of its national accreditation. APSU's College of Education was one of two Tennessee schools to be accredited in 1954. With this reaccreditation, the APSU teacher licensure program has been continually accredited for 60 straight years.

Last fall, APSU President Alisa White received a letter from the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP), commending the College of Education's high standards.

"Special congratulations are in order because the Commission cited no areas for improvement relative to any of the standards," James Cibulka, CAEP president, wrote.



Adison Hardyway

ARMY ROTC NAMED A 2014 MACARTHUR AWARD WINNER ▶ The U.S. Army Cadet Command named Austin Peay State University's Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) department as a MacArthur Award winner earlier this year.

The award, presented by the U.S. Army Cadet Command and the Gen. Douglas MacArthur Foundation, recognizes the ideals of "duty, honor and country," as advocated by MacArthur. The award is based on a combination of the achievement of the school's commissioning mission, its cadets' performance and standing on the Command's national Order of Merit List and its cadet retention rate.



SUPPORTER JENKINS EARNS TBR CHANCELLOR'S AWARD ▶

Don Jenkins, president and CEO of Jenkins & Wynne Ford-Lincoln-Honda, was presented with the Tennessee Board of Regents 2015 Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Philanthropy in June in recognition of his years of service to Austin Peay State University.

"Mr. Jenkins is a true friend and supporter of this University," John Morgan ('74), TBR Chancellor, said during the annual APSU Foundation Dinner on June 2. "What strikes me most about his generosity is that he didn't attend Austin Peay. Mr. Jenkins graduated from Rhodes College in Memphis, but as a business leader in this community, he sees the value Austin Peay State University brings, and he isn't shy about championing this institution."

◀ From left, APSU President Alisa White, Sandy Jenkins, Don Jenkins and TBR Chancellor John Morgan

REAGAN GIVING CIRCLE AWARDS EIGHT SCHOLARSHIPS

► During a special luncheon on April 30, the Austin Peay State University Reagan Giving Circle presented scholarships to eight female APSU students.

The University established the Reagan Giving Circle in November of 2011 to honor the entrepreneurial spirit of Dr. Carmen Reagan, the first female dean of the APSU College of Business and an influential community leader, volunteer and philanthropist.

The purpose of the Circle is to cultivate women as philanthropic leaders, create new and substantial funding for the University via the support of women and identify opportunities emphasizing the educational enrichment of women.

Each year, APSU recognizes a local woman who exemplifies the spirit of the Circle by presenting her with the APSU Women in



Philanthropy Award. This year's award went to Hazel Irwin, a longtime supporter of APSU.

▲ From left, Ginna Holleman, Kathy Ellis, Leah Grubb, Sarah Elliott, Caity Purcell, Dr. Carmen Reagan, Dr. Alisa White, Hannah Evans, Ariana Jelson, Hailey Reeve, Lauren Maki, Alyssa Albright and Neisha Wolfe

APSU'S REVAMPED CAREER SERVICES CONNECTING STUDENTS AND ALUMNI WITH EMPLOYERS

► In August 2014, Austin Peay State University unveiled its new Office of Career Services, allowing the University to provide students and alumni with more opportunities for finding the jobs that fit their skills.

As part of its new mission, the department unveiled a powerful new online tool that will help connect employers with students. The tool, Jobs4Govs, is available through the career services website, www.apsu.edu/careers and it allows employers to post jobs specifically for APSU students. Access to the database is free for employers, APSU students and APSU alumni.

"Employers can post a job in the system and allow our students to apply," Amanda Walker, career services director, said. "They can then preselect from those students and only interview the ones they want on the day they set. The selected student would then sign up for a time slot."

The Office of Career Services staff is also available to help guide students through the entire job search process with advising, career assessments and interview preparation.



Adison Hardyway

GRADUATE DEGREE IN COMMUNICATION ARTS RANKED AS ONE OF THE TOP ONLINE PROGRAMS IN THE NATION

► Austin Peay State University's graduate degree in communication arts is one of the top online programs in the nation, according to a survey by Affordable Colleges Online (ACO). The national online resource released its Top Online Programs for 2015 rankings last spring, and the APSU master's degree program, with concentrations in general communication and corporate communication, was ranked 30th in the country.

ACO highlighted the program's flexibility, pointing out that it "has both a fast track, consisting of one year and two summer sessions, and a professional track, which requires two years and two summer sessions."

ACO also released rankings of the most affordable online colleges in each state, with APSU ranking second in Tennessee.

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THE ALL STATE TAKES HOME INDIVIDUAL, TEAM AWARDS AT JOURNALISM COMPETITIONS ▶ Austin Peay State University’s student newspaper, The All State, was honored for its excellence on both the regional and state levels.

The All State earned a No. 4 in the South ranking on Feb. 27 at the annual Southeast Journalism Conference (SEJC), held Feb. 27-28 at Georgia State University in Atlanta. Jake Lowary, staff adviser of The All State, was named the new president of the SEJC, replacing Georgia State University’s Bryce McNeil.

The All State was also honored as the No. 2 college website at the Tennessee Associated Press Managing Editors (TAPME) award ceremony. The newspaper also won second place for Best Specialized Topic Reporting.

▼ Sean McCully, Jennifer Smith and photography award winner Taylor Slifko work together on an All State project.



DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS PLACES FIRST IN MAA MATH JEOPARDY COMPETITION ▶ If the answer is “The best in the southeast,” then the question is “What is Austin Peay State University?”

Last spring, the APSU Math Jeopardy team bested 27 other schools to take home the 2015 Mathematical Association of America (MAA) Jeopardy championship at the MAA Southeastern Section meeting, held March 12-14 on the campus of the University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

APSU’s winning team was mentored by Dr. Ben Ntatin, associate professor of mathematics, and consisted of team captain David Zhang and students Mathew Rayburn, Ryan Honea and Thomas Clayborn.

Ntatin’s team outperformed the competition, which consisted of squads from universities such as the University of Tennessee at Martin, Duke, The Citadel and South Carolina.

“We changed our strategy from last year where we finished in second place,” Ntatin said. “As a result this year, we actually cleaned the tables, not losing too many points and ending with 8,001 points, as compared to 200 points for the second place team from South Carolina.”

AUSTIN PEAY LAUNCHES NEW “BE A GOV” CAMPAIGN ▶ Austin Peay State University has earned a national reputation in recent years as an innovative school, but in Tennessee, many people still see it as a small town university with a funny cheer. In an effort to wipe away these misconceptions, APSU is embarking on a new marketing campaign that promotes the University as the thriving institution it has become.

The centerpiece of this new campaign is a series of commercials, “Be A Gov,” which reflects a drastically different campus from the one that was here just a few years ago. For viewers who aren’t familiar with or have little knowledge of the University, the commercials provide visuals that reinforce the quality of the University and define what being a “Governor” is all about.

The commercials air locally on area broadcast and cable venues and can be viewed by visiting the University’s YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/apsu1927



Taylor Slifko

NEW SCHOLARSHIP HONORS LATE CLARKSVILLE EDUCATOR LYNDA CONNER

► For nearly 40 years, Lynda Wilkerson Conner was one of the first people the Austin Peay State University College of Education faculty contacted whenever they needed to place a student teacher in a classroom. In that time, she mentored dozens of future teachers, passing along her motto, “To reach a child’s brain, you must first reach his heart.”



Taylor Siffko

Conner passed away in November 2014, but her legacy as a compassionate teacher will continue to thrive in this area thanks to a new scholarship at APSU. Last spring, her husband, Lawrence Conner, returned to Austin Peay to endow the Lynda Conner Education Scholarship for Student Teachers.

The new scholarship will be awarded annually to an education student entering his or her student-teaching year. Family and friends hope the scholarship will grow in the coming years to offer more opportunities for deserving APSU students.

To support this scholarship, contact the University Advancement Office at advancement@apsu.edu or 931-221-7127, or send a financial donation for the scholarship to University Advancement, Box 4417, Clarksville, TN 37044.

◀ Lawrence Conner signs the contract for the creation of the Lynda Conner Education Scholarship for Student Teachers.

STUDENT SERVES ON ARCHEOLOGICAL DIG IN BULGARIA

► By digging into the past, Austin Peay State University student Amber Kearns said she hopes to find her future. A double major in biology and classics, Kearns was the first APSU student to participate in an excavation in Bulgaria at the site of the former Greek colony known as Alexandropolis.

“The Greeks did not stay in what we now consider ‘Modern-Day Greece,’” Kearns said. “Just like the Romans, they really spread out completely over a number of areas that are now other countries. So there is evidence of their culture (spread throughout Europe).”

Founded by Alexander the Great, the colony known as Alexandropolis would later become the Roman colony Parthicopolis. Kearns joined a contingent of American undergraduate and graduate students for the month of June as they explored a hotbed of archaeological findings.



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▲ *Winners of the championship flight, shooting a 19 under, Payton Williams, Hunter Richardson, Ellen Fisher and Ryne Fisher*

MICKEY FISHER GOLF TOURNAMENT CONTINUES TO INSPIRE ▶ For six years, Austin Peay State University has hosted The Big Fish Mickey Fisher Memorial Golf Tournament—a two-day event to raise money for a scholarship endowment at APSU. The endowment provides dependents of wounded or fallen soldiers at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, with scholarships to attend APSU. Scholarship recipients receive \$5,000 a year for four years, totaling \$20,000.

Fisher, a Clarksville native, taught in the Fort Campbell Independent School System for 33 years as a teacher and coach. As a student-athlete at Clarksville High School, Fisher participated in basketball and golf, and he also played for the APSU men’s basketball team.

Four APSU students are currently receiving the scholarship, and each year, a new recipient is selected. As long as a 3.0 GPA is maintained, the scholarship is renewable.

Next summer’s tournament will take place July 8-9, 2016. Ellis and Struble Retirement Strategists is the main sponsor of the event.

APSU NAMES IVEY AS NEW ATHLETICS DIRECTOR

▶ Ryan Ivey, a rising star among college athletic administrators, was named the new director of athletics at Austin Peay State University during a news conference in August. In his previous position as athletics director at Texas A&M University-Commerce, Ivey was credited with helping transform a low-ranked Division II program into a Lone Star Conference (LSC) powerhouse. Last year alone, the Lions won a school record six conference championships in both men and women’s sports, including football, basketball and women’s soccer.

APSU began searching for its 13th athletics director in April when Derek van der Merwe was promoted from that position to vice president of Advancement, Communications and Strategic Initiatives. After an extensive national search, which resulted in four finalists visiting campus for interviews, Ivey was selected to lead APSU’s

athletics department.

“In the last few years, we’ve seen a lot of momentum within our athletics programs, and the hiring of Ryan Ivey will continue this exciting trajectory for our fans,” APSU President Alisa White said.

“Ryan knows how to build winning teams, and he has a track record of doing so while keeping the well being of student athletes top of mind. While at Texas A&M-Commerce, he developed a mentoring program to help improve his players’ personal and professional skills. Ryan also understands the importance of Gobs fans to Austin Peay, and he will work to build positive relationships within our community right away.”

“I am extremely humbled and honored about being selected as the next athletics director for Austin Peay,” Ivey said. “I would like to thank Dr. White, the search committee and the entire Governor family for placing their trust and faith in me as

STUDENT CONOR SCRUTON STUDIES POETRY AT SUMMER HOUSE OF ROBERT FROST

▶ Over the summer, Austin Peay State University graduating senior, and developing poet, Conor Scruton visited American poet Robert Frost’s summer home to study under some of the nation’s top poets.

Held every year in Frost’s hometown of Franconia, New Hampshire, the Frost Place Conference on Poetry invites a handful of developing poets to spend a week in an “intensive poetry camp” environment, learning from distinguished poets. Over the course of the conference, students work toward a deeper understanding of the writing and reading of poetry.

Scruton is the third APSU student in three years to attend the conference, which typically invites just 20-25 people each year. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in May and will be pursuing a Master of Arts in English.

“When I look back at the writing I produced when I was a high school student, it looks almost like someone else had written that poetry,” Scruton said. “During my time at APSU, I have received such a high level (of mentorship) from the teachers here that it has allowed me to really grow as a writer.”

we move the athletics department into the future. It is an opportunity that I do not take for granted and one that I will work hard every day to ensure we are moving forward.”



Brittany Sparr-APSU Sports Information

APSU'S JOHSTONO WINS MISS COLLEGE MAJORETTE OF TENNESSEE, COMPETES AT NATIONALS ▶ Austin Peay State University featured twirler Hannah Johstono has demonstrated her talent and skill with a baton in front of crowds both large and small during her 14 years of twirling.



A regular with the Governors' Own Marching Band for the past four seasons, Johstono has captivated everyone from APSU fans gathered in Governors Stadium's Tailgate Alley to 100,000 fans at Neyland Stadium as the Governors took on the University of Tennessee Volunteers.

In mid-May, Johstono also proved she could win over a panel of judges when the elementary education major captured the title of "Miss College Majorette of Tennessee" at the Tennessee State Twirling Championships.

"In April, (APSU Band Director John Schnettler) got a call from an alumna feature twirler named Margie Beasley who asked if he had anyone who would be interested in representing APSU at the Miss Majorette competition," Johstono said. "I figured it would be a great opportunity to both compete one last time, as well as get APSU's name out there among the twirling community."

Johstono also competed in the National College Twirling competition, placing 44th in the nation.

BEACH SCHOLARSHIP HONORS LEGENDARY CLARKSVILLE COUPLE ▶

Dr. Thayer Wilson Beach began her career at Austin Peay in 1950, retiring as a professor in the Department of Languages and Literature in 1991. That was also the year her husband, Judge William O. Beach, passed away.

To honor Judge Beach's memory as a devoted public servant to the Clarksville-Montgomery County community, the family established the Judge William O. Beach Endowed Scholarship Fund at APSU. Earlier this year, Thayer Beach passed away at the age of 90. Her name will now join her husband's on the scholarship that is awarded each year to a rising junior majoring in English.

The Judge William O. and Thayer Beach Scholarship will be presented to students of high academic standing, with at least a 24 ACT composite score. Recipients will be chosen by the Scholarship Committee of the Department of Languages and Literature. No applications are required.

APSU BEGINS WORK ON NEW FINE ARTS BUILDING ▶ On Sept. 1, Austin Peay State University hosted a groundbreaking ceremony for a long awaited project—a new \$21.3 million fine arts building. The 46,000-square-foot building and an accompanying green space will occupy what was a faculty/staff parking lot between the Trahern Building and Harned Hall.

The project was originally conceived as an addition to the Trahern Building, which currently houses both the APSU Department of Art and Design and the APSU Department of Theatre and Dance, but University officials quickly realized separate buildings were needed for the growing departments.

"We're going to renovate Trahern, mainly mechanicals and cosmetics on the exterior," Mitch Robinson, APSU vice president of finance and administration, said. "Theatre and dance is going to take over most of Trahern, with ceramics staying in that building as well."

The new Art and Design Building will include faculty office space, general purpose classrooms, a multifunction room, art studios, a photographic studio, a general art gallery and a student gallery. It is scheduled to be open for students by Spring 2017.

"This is going to help with recruiting because our facilities will match the quality of instruction," Barry Jones, interim chair of the APSU Department of Art and Design, said.



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APSU's new CSLCE is helping students become better citizens

Story By Colin Harris

Photos By Beth Liggett and Taylor Slifko

In 1978, the writer and critic William Zinsser worried about the evolution of the American college student. That year, he published his famous essay, "College Pressures," which noted a distinct difference between students of the late 1960s and those of the late 1970s.

The students of the sixties often asked, "Why is there so much suffering in the world?" or "How can I make a contribution?" Zinsser wrote. By 1978, the students he saw at Yale were focused only on what degree path would earn them the most money.

In 2015, Zinsser's worries seem anachronistic. That's because a new, socially conscious generation of students is showing up on college campuses across the country, looking for meaningful ways to end suffering and contribute to the world. Instead of sitting in their dorm rooms, playing video games or taking selfies, they're organizing recycling centers on campus and relief efforts for earthquake victims. Somehow in the last 30 years, college students have decided to become better citizens, and in 2014, Austin Peay State University took a radical step to foster

their altruistic yearnings when it developed the Center for Service-Learning and Community Engagement (CSLCE).

One year later, the full-operating center now offers a wealth of opportunities for students, from community-service projects to service-learning classes to international volunteer programs. Though the Center was initially developed to support and encourage collaboration between the University and the needs of the community through curricular and co-curricular programming, Alexandra Wills, the center's director, said the scope of that simple mission has blossomed into something beyond her expectations.

While aspects of the Center's operations are planned – an absolute necessity, given every facet of its operations – Wills freely admits the Center has taken a number of unexpected turns in its evolution.

"(The Center) has really been a kind of 'it takes a village to make this happen' sort of thing," she said with a smile. "A lot of the things we do now are the result of students saying 'we can do better,' and getting the ball rolling."



HELPING HUNGRY STUDENTS

In 2011, when Wills worked as assistant director of the APSU Office of Student Life and Engagement, a pair of graduate students approached her with a unique idea. The duo asked if her department had any interest in partnering to open a food pantry for low-income APSU students and their families. In February 2012, the University opened the Save Our Students (S.O.S.) Food Pantry—one of the first programs of its kind in Tennessee.

The pantry was instantly a hit, as it began accepting donations in the form of a variety of non-perishable foods.

“We had a small closet in the (Morgan University Center) – a really small closet,” Wills joked. “So we started with that and everything was bagged or canned food. In my office alone, I’d open a drawer in my desk and it was filled with ramen.

“I had stashes of dried food all over the campus because I just didn’t have a place where I could store everything.”

From assorted closets around campus, the pantry quickly expanded to a one-bedroom apartment located in the University’s Emerald Hills Apartments. But as the pantry continued to grow, Wills recognized the need for assistance with the expanded operation.

“I still worked in the (MUC), so I needed someone over in Emerald Hills to work with the pantry,” she said. “I found an intern from APSU’s Health and Human Performance Department, and the first thing she did was take a look at the nutritional value of the food we gave out and come up with some ideas of her own to improve the ways we can help people.”

Much like the creation of the pantry itself, one student’s idea led to a major addition to the program with the creation of what is now known as the “Victory Gardens,” a nod to private gardens popular in World War I and II which, at one point, provided as much as 41 percent of the produce consumed in America. The Victory Gardens provide fresh produce, including cabbage, broccoli and lettuce.

Today, the Center oversees the S.O.S. Food Pantry and Victory Gardens.

Lena Ziegler has been hired as a full-time manager to oversee daily operations and assures the pantry is ever evolving to meet the needs of the campus community.

“The pantry has grown so rapidly that more and more people are coming as the word gets out,” Ziegler said. “It seems like every semester we’re here, the usage of our pantry keeps growing. We probably feed about 15-20 individual students a week, as well as all of their dependents like children, spouses and other family members.

“Having (dedicated pantry volunteers) has been really important, because we’re always here to help assist

and make sure that we’re addressing everyone’s unique situations. We strive to make sure that students have access to items when in need.”

An example of a good problem to have, the CSLCE and its offerings quickly began to outgrow its MUC and Emerald Hill locations. In May of 2015, Wills’ various operations were brought under one roof when it moved to a former fraternity house at 322 Home Avenue on the University’s campus.



“We already had a lot of plans for the CSLCE, but we thought outside of the box and now we have a space that can really meet all of our combined needs and goals,” Wills said.

“It’s been a lot of work, but every nook and cranny of this house is being used by the Center, and it’s been really great to fill this old house with new purpose.”

One purpose Wills admits she did not plan for was the newest job title on her business card: “chicken lady.” Along with student fundraising efforts, the initiative known as “Pick-a-Chick” invited people to sponsor a chicken, allowing the Center to create a chicken coop in the garden behind its new location.

The chickens provide fresh eggs that can be distributed to pantry users.

“We have an agricultural student who has helped us implement sustainable practices for the chickens and gardens, and Lena has experience working with organic practices from some of her previous positions,” Wills said.

“We got the chickens in February of 2015, so they’re young, but they’ll help us provide a source of fresh protein and a healthy option for our pantry users.”

ENGAGING WITH THE COMMUNITY

Feeding APSU students is only one of the CSLCE’s efforts to enrich the University community, as Wills and her team work hand-in-hand with APSU faculty to provide students with the opportunity to serve, while also gaining insight into their future careers.

“Our office’s full title is ‘Service-Learning and Community Engagement,’ so it’s really two separate things,” Wills said. “We spend up to a year at a time working with faculty to plan service-learning courses that complement the work students are doing in the classroom while working alongside non-profits in the community.”

Through the service-learning program, APSU history students have created history exhibits for the public at Clarksville’s Customs House Museum, public relations students have created publicity kits for area non-profits and Spanish students have authored a directory of bilingual businesses for community members unable to fluently speak English.

Classes designated as “service-learning courses” require 13-15 hours of volunteer work, and it is important to Wills and faculty that students spend that time making a difference at their work sites.

“We don’t want students to just be answering phones at a non-profit,” Wills said. “What we aim to do is create a mutually beneficial relationship where our students are gaining valuable experience while still providing an important service to the non-profit.”



1 Alexandra Wills, center, stands in front of the CSLCE’s new home with Lena Ziegler, community garden and food pantry manager, left, and Jamie Pack, center coordinator, right.

2 Lena Ziegler displays a selection of the pantry’s offerings.

3 Volunteer for the Center, Tahswiyah Abdul-Baaqee, waters plants in the Victory Gardens.

4 Jamie Pack and Alexandra Wills bag a selection of vegetables grown in the Victory Gardens.



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The long-term plan, Wills said, is to grow the program to a point where a student who enrolls as a freshman in the fall will have taken at least one designated service-learning course before their graduation.

To accomplish that, Wills and her staff work with faculty to connect professors with non-profits whose needs align with the work being done in APSU classrooms. If a professor wants their class to participate, but is unsure where to turn, it is the Center's job to make the organization process as simple as possible.

"Professors apply with our office to teach a service-learning course, and I work with them to match up with community partners," Wills said. "Because a lot of faculty don't know how to start the process, or where to look in the community, it's my job to make those connections."

Gaining experience through service-learning courses is not always about preparing students for their anticipated

5 APSU students work on a public relations project in a communication service-learning class.

6 APSU students on the Center's Alternative Break trip to Guatemala pose with local children.



career path, however. Sometimes, Wills said, the classes can expose students to the unexpected realities of their potential careers.

"Students have taken service-learning classes and realized they don't want to go into that field for a career, and that's just as important as finding what you love," Wills said. "We've had students who worked at clinics and realized they didn't want to be a nurse because they didn't like to be around blood. That's important because it's a chance to learn what you want to do before you head down that career path."

Dr. Christina Hicks-Goldston, assistant professor of communication, teaches a service-learning class every year, which has students developing media plans for non-profits that can't afford to pay for public relations services. Because the students are working with a real organization, she said they tend to push themselves a little harder.

"Service learning makes you emotionally connected to what you're doing," Hicks-Goldston said. "No one ever retakes the class; we've never had a student fail because they're that invested. I would teach service learning all day long if I could because they really are invested in it."

While service learning takes place in and out of the classroom, the community engagement arm of the CSLCE is what happens when students seek ways to lend a hand in their free time.

The CSLCE offers a program called "Service Samplers," which hosts weekly opportunities for students to try out volunteering with a specific organization. Volunteering for the first time can be daunting, and the Center staff does not want a student's nervousness to stand in the way of their desire to serve. The Center does all of the legwork, allowing students to easily find opportunities that align with their interests and schedule.

"We also do volunteer fairs at the beginning of the school year where we bring non-profits onto campus and allow students to put a face to a place and find ways to volunteer," Wills said. "We know that a lot of people aren't likely to just show up at a non-profit and volunteer, so we use things like Service Sampler and the fairs to simplify things for students."

AN ALTERNATIVE TO VACATION

The Center's reach is not limited to APSU or even the city of Clarksville, as it also provides students a chance to reach a global community through its alternative spring break programs.

Started six years ago, the program gives students a chance to spend their time away from the classroom engaging in meaningful community service. All trips are organized by

students, with the help of the Center staff, and offer the chance to experience the world while volunteering with a wide range of organizations.

“We’re organizing trips every fall, winter, spring and summer break from APSU,” Wills said, noting that there are 12 trips planned for the 2015-16 academic year. “We take students all over the place and we let them create an unforgettable experience, both for themselves and others. Our student trip leaders determine where and how they will make a difference for each trip, providing a leadership opportunity.”

Alternative break trips have sent APSU students to lend a hand with Hurricane Sandy cleanup in New Jersey and to help clean up polluted islands in Florida.

In May, the program took another major step when students organized the CSLCE’s first international alternative break trip. With the help of Center staff, a contingent of APSU students traveled to the Central American country of Guatemala.

Students spent a week exploring the country’s culture, while also helping to rebuild and fortify an underfunded health clinic.

“We started planning for this trip in May of 2014, and we left in May of 2015, so a lot of planning and work went into the trip,” Dominik Shannon, APSU senior and Guatemala trip student leader, said. “Eventually, we were connected with a group called ‘Maximo Nivel,’ which helped work with us to set up volunteer work for when we arrived.”

APSU students, many of who had never been out of the country, worked with a clinic in Antigua, Guatemala, that desperately needed an expansion. The group turned a dirt patio into a new waiting area. Mixing concrete by hand, students installed a floor and erected walls and doors to improve security at the clinic.

In addition to their service, the students also explored Mayan ruins, toured historical sites and even roasted marshmallows over the heat vents of an active volcano.

“We worked from eight to noon every day we were there in this health clinic that really was in need of some construction work,” Shannon said. “We’re just a bunch of college kids, but here we are, in Guatemala, using old fashioned tools to help build a health clinic.

“There were nurses who worked there that were saying that they really couldn’t believe that this work was finally being done,” Shannon added. “They were so grateful for something (so simple) that it really made you appreciate how good we have things in America.”

BUILDING A LEGACY

The ultimate goal of the CSLCE is to give students the opportunity to make the world a better place.

Sometimes that mission sends students to Central America to rebuild a clinic, but it can also mean distributing food and clothing to those in need or something as simple as helping middle school students with their math homework.

And yes, students may occasionally pluck an egg or two out of a hen house behind an old fraternity house at the edge of campus.

But everything Wills, her staff and APSU students do can be traced back to its core: enriching the student experience and providing all students a chance to grow and learn the value of sharing their time, talents and spirit with their community.

“We’re pretty unique when you look at other universities, and sometimes I don’t know if we’re just ahead of the curve or we’re out there in left field,” Wills mused. “But when you boil it all down, we’re about giving students hands-on, real-world experience that will shape their sense of community responsibility.

“What we want the students to know is that, when you graduate, you can continue to serve your community – whether it’s Clarksville or anywhere else you go – and there’s a vast array of ways to do that, unique to you,” Wills said. “What’s your legacy? Six years ago, I didn’t think I’d be ‘the chicken lady,’ but every day, I come to work to an exciting and positive environment where students are surprising and changing the world around them. I couldn’t ask for anything better.” **AP**



**32ND ANNUAL CANDLELIGHT BALL SET FOR MARCH 12, 2016
HILTON NASHVILLE DOWNTOWN**

Austin Peay State University's Candlelight Ball has over a 30-year history as one of Austin Peay's premier social events. Hosted by President Alisa White and husband Elliott Herzlich, this upcoming ball will be held at the Hilton Nashville Downtown on Saturday, March 12, 2016. Along with the reception, dinner and dancing, the ball this year will feature our sixth annual Wendell H. Gilbert Award and Spirit of Austin Peay Award presentation to two individuals who have made memorable contributions to Austin Peay State University.

The primary purpose of the Candlelight Ball is to provide scholarships to deserving students. The funds raised this year will be added to a scholarship endowment and will allow APSU to award even more scholarships in the years ahead.

This event is the premiere social event for Austin Peay and is made possible by the work and service of the Candlelight Ball Committee, this year's co-chairs, Andrea Goble and Fran Jenkins, and the businesses and underwriters which support this event. Tickets for Austin Peay's 32nd Annual Candlelight Ball are \$150 per person.

To make your reservation, or for more information, contact the Alumni Relations Office at 931-221-7979, or visit www.apsu.edu/alumni



◀ U.S. Rep. Marsha Blackburn and APSU alumnus Jim Roe ('65) enjoy APSU's 31st Annual Candlelight Ball, hosted by President Alisa White and husband, Elliott Herzlich.

GOVS CONNECTION CAREER NETWORKING EVENT

The Career Networking Event will be held at Austin Peay on Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2016 in the Ballroom of the Morgan University Center. The National Alumni Association and Wilbur N. Daniel African American Cultural Center will sponsor the event.

This activity is of great value and importance to both alumni and students. The career networking event provides an opportunity for successful alumni to return to campus to spend time with students in one-on-one, small-group or roundtable discussions to share their experiences, offer practical advice and give students a realistic picture of their respective fields.

This is an incredible opportunity for students to network with alumni and benefit from their advice and experience while speaking with them candidly about important issues that concern them. Students may come at any time between 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

For more information, call the APSU Alumni Relations Office at 931-221-7979 or email keanr@apsu.edu

▼ APSU students network and engage with successful alumni at the annual Govs Connection career-networking event. This event takes place each February and gives APSU alumni the opportunity to serve as mentors to our current students, giving them advice on what it takes to become successful in the career world.



Taylor Siffrko

APSU ALUMNI AND FRIENDS TRAVEL ► The APSU National Alumni Association is once again sponsoring two international trips for Alumni & Friends set for 2016 and 2017. We hope you will join us for these once-in-a-lifetime opportunities!



ALUMNI TRAVEL 2016-17

May 13-24, 2016

Tuscany/Italy – Collette Vacations

July 6-17, 2016

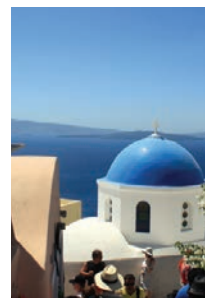
Germany/France Wine Trip /Accompanied by Dr. Dewey Browder

June 15-29, 2017

Greece/Accompanied by Dr. Timothy Winters

July, 2017

Spain Classics – Collette Vacations



Be on the lookout for upcoming information on these trips. Visit www.apsu.edu/alumni/alumni-travel, or call the Alumni Relations Office at 931-221-7979 for information.

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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.letsgopeay.com

Sept. 26
Govs Color Run
APSU campus

Oct. 3
APSU vs. EIU
Baseball Alumni Reunion
APSU campus

Oct. 9
APSU Basketball Fundraiser
Clarksville, Tenn.

Oct. 10
5K Scholarship Run
APSU campus

Oct. 17
APSU vs. UTM
Volleyball Alumni Reunion
APSU campus

Oct. 19-24
Homecoming "Red Tie Affair"
APSU campus

Oct. 23
Class of 1965 Reunion
APSU campus

Oct. 24
Homecoming- APSU vs. JSU
Governors Stadium

Nov. 7
APSU vs. SEMO
Tennis/Track and Field Alumni Reunion
APSU campus

Jan. TBA
Florida Alumni Receptions
Orlando/Tampa areas

Feb. TBA
Texas Alumni Receptions
Greater Texas areas

Feb. 20
APSU vs. Murray State
Basketball Alumni Reunion
APSU campus

Feb. 24
Govs Connection/ Career Networking
APSU campus

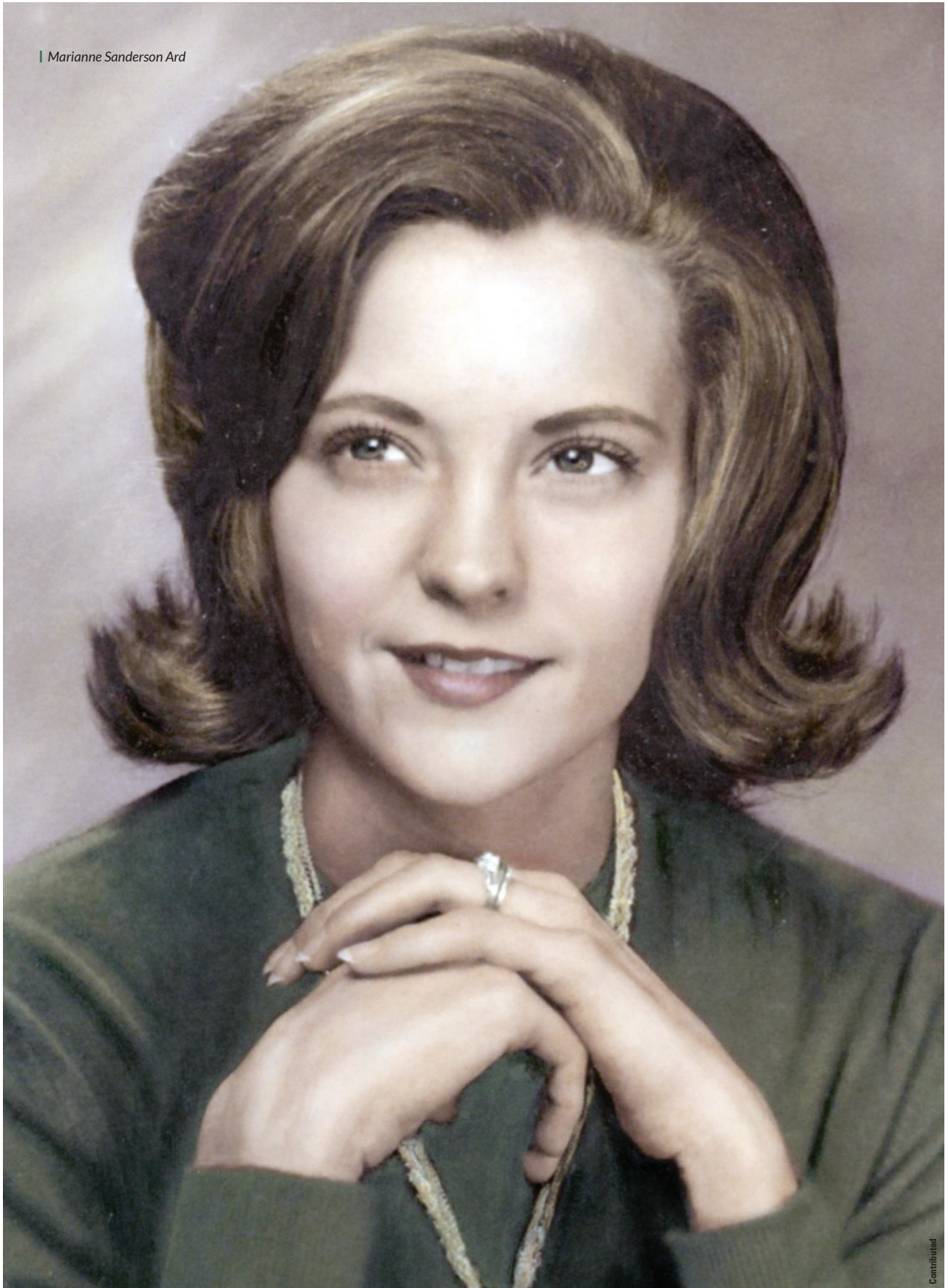
March 12
32nd Annual Candlelight Ball
Hilton Nashville Downtown

March TBA
Washington, D.C. Alumni Receptions
Virginia/D.C. areas

May 13-24
Tuscany/Italy Alumni and Friends Trip

July 6-17
Germany Alumni and Friends Trip

| Marianne Sanderson Ard



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SCENES from a marriage

Story by Charles Booth
Photography by Beth Liggett

The name on APSU's newest building honors a 55-year love story

That Thursday, Wayne Ard, president of Ard Construction, sat at the kitchen table, trying to keep his strength up with another cup of coffee. Through the room's tall windows, gaps between the bare tree limbs revealed a dull-colored winter sky. After a moment's quiet, with steam rising from his mug, the nurse appeared in the doorway.

"You better get in there immediately," she said.

Ard turned to her. "What's going on?"

"You're wasting time," the nurse said. "Get in there."

In a front bedroom, on the first floor of the stately, suburban house, Ard's wife of 55 years, Marianne, lay with her eyes closed. Her breathing was soft. Ard's hands, rough and tanned from years of hard work, grabbed her thin, delicate fingers.

"Darling," he said. "I love you."

The nurse stood in the background. Marianne's voice, normally so confident, had left her, but she moved her lips deliberately; they formed the words "I love you."

Later, Ard would daydream of traveling back in time so he could record himself telling his wife he loved her; he wanted to play that tape for her on an endless loop.

"She used her last breath to say that to me," he'd tell himself. "She liked to hear it so much."

Marianne Sanderson Ard, born Jan. 29, 1940, was an extraordinary woman. Thin, with a classic Hollywood type beauty—the wide, starlet eyes and bright, white-toothed-smile—she surrounded herself with books, abhorred gossip and hypocrisy, and tried to make everything around her reflect the beauty that she believed was at the core of existence. Birthdays were always remembered, as were the little things that she knew made people happy.

"I was always so proud to go with her when we'd go somewhere," Ard said recently. "She had a knack for talking, writing and doing everything. I just don't want her to ever, ever be forgotten."

That's why, a few months after his wife passed away, he met Dr. Alisa White, president of Austin Peay State University, for breakfast at a local restaurant. Ard, with his wavy brown hair, has an easy, friendly manner and a gift for telling entertaining stories, but that morning, he seemed tired. Talking about Marianne was both painful and healing.

"My wife was a believer in education," he told President White. "She said that education was something you can't get

too much of. So today, in Marianne's honor, I'll make a pledge to you."

That pledge resulted in a major financial gift in Marianne's name to the University, which will go on to fund several scholarships for generations of deserving APSU students.

"For several decades, the Ards have been great friends of this University, and I'm honored that Wayne has chosen to honor his late wife, Marianne, in this way," White said.

In recognition of this extreme generosity, White announced that Austin Peay's new student health services building, at the corner of University and College streets, will be named the Wayne and Marianne Ard Building. That renovated structure will become a place where students can heal, but it will also serve as a public monument to a remarkable 55-year-love story.

CATCHING A BIRD WITH SALT

Sumter, South Carolina, in the early 1950s, was a small, humid town built near a black-water swamp named Swan Lake. The locals, sweating through their clothes and wiping their glistening foreheads, would gather on porches or in front of stores to joke about catching birds by pouring salt on their tails.

Ard, a handsome 16-year-old, would walk the muggy streets, believing he'd live in that town forever. He was already engaged to his high school sweetheart, but he had a hidden independent streak that was beginning to thaw in Sumter's sultry climate. After his father wrongly accused him of horsing around in church, Ard joined the army, leaving behind his fiancée and the only life he'd ever known.

The army sent him to Fort Campbell at a time when bands still played at Dunbar Cave, and Warfield Drive in Clarksville was just a narrow, gravel road. The young soldier made friends, went to dances, and one night found himself at a party sitting next to a girl more beautiful than any he'd known. Boys kept stopping by the table, asking her to dance, and when she left, Ard remembered the old legend about putting salt on a bird's tail.

While couples waltzed to the music, Ard unscrewed the top from a saltshaker. He waited until the young woman and her dance partner turned, and then he poured salt in her chair. When the music ended, she returned to the table.

Ard leaned toward her. "You know, they said if you throw salt on a bird's tail, you can catch it."



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-Wayne Ard

"I guess if you got that close to it, you could catch it," she replied.

"Marianne." Ard smiled. "I caught you."

A minute passed, while the band began a new song. Marianne's face, with its confused smile, slowly hardened. "You better not have!"

She stood, brushed her hand against the back of her dress and watched the salt sprinkle the floor like snow.

"You can't afford this dress!" she said.

She was right. His \$200 a month paycheck from Uncle Sam didn't leave him much spending money. He didn't even own a car. That sobering reality, along with the thought that he'd ruined his chances with Marianne, put him in the mood to leave. He stood, telling everyone he was going to take a taxi back to post.

"I'll take you back," Marianne offered.

In her father's 1949 Chevrolet, the couple drove the long, narrow highway that connected Clarksville to Fort Campbell. It was a cloudy night, and when she turned into the post, leaving behind the streetlights, a thick darkness fell like a shroud over the buildings within the military installation. Marianne parked outside of Ard's barracks, turned off the headlights, and for several minutes they sat together in silence.

"Marianne," Ard finally whispered. He was faintly aware of her turning toward him. "If I ask you if I could do something, would you let me do it?"

Her dark silhouette became rigid. He imagined those white teeth disappearing behind tightly clamped lips.

"It depends on what you want to do," she said in a loud, suspicious voice.

"It's nothing vulgar," Ard said. "I just want to kiss the most beautiful girl in the world."

In the darkness, he sensed a softening in her posture. "I'll give you a kiss, but I'm not the most beautiful girl in the world."

"You're the most beautiful girl I ever laid eyes on," Ard said.

She leaned over and let the young soldier give her a kiss. That night, after she drove away, Ard stretched out in his bunk while memories of her lips kept him wide awake.

"Boy," he said to himself. "You got to get a car."

A SENSE OF STYLE

Several years later, after the couple married and Ard turned a small, home improvement business into a prominent, residential construction company, Marianne organized a much-needed vacation. Ard worked long, late hours, and when he was home, he often talked about his business, wondering what he could do to make his houses stand out from the others.

That night, as he pulled out clothes for his suitcase, Marianne shook her head. "You have to take a tuxedo with you."

"For what?" he asked.

She closed her eyes for a brief moment. "If you're going to eat, you're going to have to wear it."

"Where are we going?"

The couple ended up at The Cloister at Sea Island, a Mediterranean-style, five-star resort in Georgia, with three championship golf courses. At the end of their stay, a relaxed-looking Ard went to the hotel lobby to check out.

"I'll handle this," Marianne said.

"What do you mean?" Ard asked.

"I will *handle* this."

The front desk clerk handed Marianne the bill. When Ard glanced at the amount, the color left his cheeks. “That’s not our bill, is it?”

The clerk cleared his throat. “Yes sir.”

“All we wanted to do was spend the night. I don’t want to buy this place,” he said.

Ard would have said more, but Marianne pulled him away. “You’re embarrassing me.”

After she paid the bill, he told her he couldn’t believe she took him a place like that. She stopped, and the embarrassment was replaced by a look of patience.

“You deserve it, Wayne. You’re working hard now, and when you go on vacation, I want you to go some place nice.”

Marianne had a gift for bringing out the beauty in all things. Her friend, Fred Landiss, said, “The first thing you noticed about Marianne was that she was always impeccably dressed, very attentive to every detail. As you got to know her, you found that she was like that in whatever she did—again, very attentive to detail.”

This skill would become one of Ard Construction’s biggest assets. The company would go on to be known for building homes with a sophisticated style throughout Clarksville.

“She made me,” Ard said years later. “She had what it took to steer me in the right direction. Without her, I don’t know what I would have done.”

FRIENDS OF APSU

On a late spring afternoon, Marianne met a teenager who’d recently graduated high school. One of Marianne’s great regrets

was that she never went to college, so she asked the young girl what school she planned to attend.

“I’m not going to go,” the girl said. “I can’t afford it.”

That night, Marianne sat alone, thinking about their conversation. When her husband came home, she told him about the girl.

“Wayne, I think every youngster that graduates from high school should be able to go to college,” she said. “They should have that opportunity.”

This desire to help led the Ards, in 1989, to Austin Peay. That year, the University needed \$60,000 to fund a Chair of Excellence in the College of Business. The money would go toward scholarships. When Marianne heard this, Ard Construction announced it would build a house in the St. Bethlehem community and donate the profits from the sale to the APSU Foundation.

“We were at the Candlelight Ball one night,” Ard recalled recently, and (then-President) Oscar Page got up and said, ‘We have sold our house.’ I was so happy, I didn’t know what to do.”

The couple quickly became strong supporters of the local university. Marianne joined committees, co-chaired the Candlelight Ball and hosted legendary parties for Austin Peay. One afternoon, Page called the Ard house.

“Marianne, we have some people coming from France. Do you think you could talk Wayne into hosting a function for them?”

“I don’t have to ask him anything,” Marianne said. “I’ll host it.”

Years later, Ard stared at a portrait of his wife, hanging above the fireplace. “She would always do something like that.”

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-Wayne Ard





SILVERBERG AWARDED FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP

► **Dr. Ann Silverberg**, professor of music, was named a Fulbright Scholar earlier this year. The prestigious award will allow her to dive deeper into China’s musical past, as she spends the year living in that country.

The Fulbright Scholarship is a program of highly competitive, merit-based grants for international educational exchange for students, teachers and other professional fields. Since it was established in 1946, more than 360,000 Fulbright winners have participated, with approximately 8,000 grants awarded annually. Many Fulbright alumni have gone on to win major awards, including the Nobel Prize and the Pulitzer Prize.

Silverberg will reside at the Shenyang Conservatory of Music in Shenyang, one of the largest cities in China. Over the course of her research, Silverberg said she plans to study the zheng—an ancient, traditional Chinese instrument. She will also spend time with music scholars and students of the instrument.



WILLIAMS FEATURED ON NEW OPERA CD ►

Dr. Jeffrey Williams, assistant professor of music, contributed his voice to renowned composer Thomas Sleeper’s new CD, “Einstein’s Inconsistency: A Series of Operas.” The two men had worked together multiple times while Williams was a doctoral student at the University of Miami, where Sleeper is director of Orchestral Activities. Last July, Sleeper asked Williams if he would return to Florida to record the new album.

“He already knew my voice, so he sent me the score and asked me to come down in September,” Williams said. “Being in seven of the eight works was a lot of fun. Sometimes, I was even two characters within the same work. We would record the first character and then go right back and record the second. It was pretty wild hearing my own voice in the track and then harmonizing with myself!”

Albany Records released the album on March 1, and it is available for purchase at Amazon.com, iTunes and at Albany Records, www.albanyrecords.com

SPOFFORD RELEASES FIRST COLLECTION OF POETRY ►

Dr. Andrea Spofford, assistant professor of creative writing and poetry, published her first collection of poetry, “The Pine Effect.”

“The phrase ‘the pine effect’ was actually inspired by a trip I took to the Southwest,” Spofford said. “On this particular trip, I noticed many of the trees in the national and state parks I explored had almost self-combusted; they stood as burned stalks in the middle of an otherwise green landscape. I kept returning to this image—the combusted pine—while I was assembling this collection.”

Spofford’s poems and essays have appeared in The Portland Review, Sugar House Review, Vela Magazine, Revolver, Kudzu Review, Composite: Arts Magazine, Puerto del Sol, Redactions and Red Paint Hill Quarterly. Her chapbook “Everything Combustible” is available from Dancing Girl Press, and her chapbook “Qikiqtagrük: Almost an Island” is available from Red Bird Chapbooks.



DI PAOLO HARRISON EXPLORES HISPANIC LITERARY GENRES ►



Dr. Osvaldo Di Paolo Harrison ('06), associate professor of Latin American Literary and Cultural Studies, recently published his research on fictional genres in Spanish literature in a Spanish-language book titled “Negrótico.”

Alongside fellow scholar Nadina Olmedo, Di Paolo Harrison’s study focuses on the fusion of hardboiled detective novels and Gothic literature and how it has grown in popularity and relevance as an effective method of social criticism.

The fusion of the two genres has created its own genre classification known as “novela negrótica,” a seemingly disparate merging of hardboiled’s focus on detectives and criminals with Gothic’s elements of fictional monsters, ghosts and medieval castles.

“This book started because I attended (a dissertation) being given by Nadina about gothic literature, while I was there to give my own dissertation on hardboiled (fiction),” Di Paolo Harrison said. “I ended up telling her that we should (publish research) together, because hardboiled really gets its roots from Gothic.”



**BUCHANAN NAMED
COUNSELOR EDUCATOR
OF THE YEAR** ▶ Dr. Deborah

Buchanan, assistant professor and program coordinator in the APSU Department of Psychology, was honored last spring for her excellence in preparing the next generation of school counselors.

Buchanan was selected as the Counselor Educator of the Year by the Middle Tennessee Counseling Association at the group's annual award banquet in early May.

"Under (Dr. Buchanan's) leadership and direction, the (counseling) program has grown," Dr. Eva Gibson, APSU adjunct instructor and local school counselor, said. "Not only does she provide her students with quality curriculum, but she plays an active role in strengthening the relationship between the University and the local school system.

"(Buchanan) has participated in collaborative school counselor in-services, facilitated counselor/student gatherings and co-presented at professional conferences on the importance of building relationships," Gibson, who nominated Buchanan for the award, continued. "Our future school counselors are well equipped under her care."



APSU RECOGNIZES OUTSTANDING FACULTY ▶

On April 28, APSU recognized several outstanding faculty members during the annual Academic Honors and Awards Ceremony in the Mabry Concert Hall.

The University's top faculty honor, the APSU National Alumni Association Distinguished Professor Award, was presented to **Dr. Nell Rayburn**, professor of mathematics. Rayburn earned her Ph.D. in mathematics from Vanderbilt University, and in 1988, she arrived at APSU as an assistant professor. During her career at Austin Peay, she has received the Socrates Award, the Distinguished Community Service Award and the Academic Advising Award.

The University presented three tenure-track faculty members with the Socrates Award, which recognizes those instructors and professors who are known around campus for their ability to inspire and motivate students. This year's recipients were **Kristen Hershey**, associate professor of nursing, **Dr. Andrea Spofford**, associate professor of languages and literature, and **Jane Semler**, associate professor of allied health sciences.

The University's Richard M. Hawkins Award, presented each spring to a faculty member who has demonstrated exceptional scholarly and creative behavior, was presented to **Dr. Dwonna Goldstone**, professor of languages and literature. Since joining the APSU faculty in 2001,

Goldstone has published four articles in peer-reviewed journals, three essays in book-length collections and five reviews of scholarly books. Her own book, "Integrating the 40 Acres: The 50-Year Struggle for Racial Equality at the University of Texas," won the 2006 Coral H. Tullis Memorial Award for best book on Texas history.

Each year, the Distinguished Community Service Award recognizes a full-time teaching member or departmental chair whose service has enhanced or will enhance the quality of life in the Clarksville-Montgomery County area. **Dr. Minoa Uffelman ('82, '83)**, associate professor of history, received the award this year because of her efforts to blend her research with the interests of the local community.



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OUTSTANDING SERVICE



Maggie Kulback ('77)

Maggie Kulback retired from Jostens in 2008, after 30 years of service, but she has continued a 34-year commitment to supporting her alma mater, Austin Peay. Kulback graduated from APSU in 1977, having served as SGA president and having been elected First Lady of Austin Peay. Once she graduated, Kulback became an active member of the Clarksville-Montgomery County

community and a key donor to APSU. Kulback, along with her husband Barry, made a major gift pledge to the University during the 2010 Legacy Capital Campaign. In recognition of this gift, APSU named the atrium in the Maynard Mathematics and Computer Science Building the Kulback Atrium.

Over the years, she has supported the University as chair of the Candlelight Ball Committee, co-chair of the Homecoming Committee, co-chair of the 2010 Capital Committee, a member of the APSU president selection committee, a member of the APSU Tower Club and a member of the APSU Gobs Club.

Kulback is an alumna of Leadership Clarksville and the Citizen Police Academy, and she served on the committee for United Way and the Board of Directors for the Clarksville Chamber of Commerce. She chaired the Culture/Public Assembly Committee for Clarksville's 20-year Smart Growth Plan, and she was past school board president for Immaculate Conception School.



Mike O'Malley

Mike O'Malley, an Air Force veteran, earned his college degree from Ohio University, not Austin Peay, but when he moved to Clarksville in 1988, the successful businessman saw how important the local university was to the entire community.

O'Malley came to town to work for Wendy's of Bowling Green—a franchise operating 18 restaurants. In 1990,

he became a partner in the business and helped it grow to 42 Wendy's restaurants in four states. He was inducted into the Wendy's Hall of Fame in 2010, and he became CEO and senior partner of Wendy's of Bowling Green in 2012. The company has been the recipient of all of Wendy's major awards, including the prestigious Founders Award, given to the top franchisee in the system.

During this impressive business career, O'Malley found time to support APSU in a number of capacities. He served as past chairman and current board member of the Austin Peay Foundation, a member of the Foundation's investment committee, a member of the Tower Club and a member of the APSU Red Coat Society. He is a longtime APSU Athletics Department supporter and corporate sponsor of the Wendy's Golf Tournament, benefiting the APSU golf program.

O'Malley has served Clarksville in numerous capacities, and in 2006, he was presented with the William O. Beach Citizen of the Year Award.

OUTSTANDING YOUNG ALUMNUS



Michael Wall ('00)

Michael Wall joined Comcast Corporation in 2006 as the director of State Government Affairs for Georgia, and he was promoted in 2009 to senior director of State Government Affairs for Georgia and Alabama. He formerly served as vice president of State Government Affairs for the Marietta, Georgia, firm of Brock Clay Government & Public Affairs and as an attorney in the Atlanta office of Hall, Booth, Smith & Slover. Wall now represents Comcast's best interests and advances the company's public policy positions in Georgia and Alabama by working closely with the general assemblies, state agencies and departments, governors, other state constitutional officers and the states' federal delegations in the United States Congress and all of their staffs.

Wall earned a Doctor of Jurisprudence from the College of Law at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, (UT Law) and a Bachelor of Science degree in political science from Austin Peay State University. While at APSU, he was elected president of the Student Government Association. At UT Law, he served on the editorial board for the Tennessee Law Review.

Wall was honored by Georgia Trend in 2009 when he was named to its coveted "40 Under 40" list for the State of Georgia. James Magazine twice (2008 and 2010) named him as one of Georgia's Top 10 Lobbyists for Associations/Corporations.

OUTSTANDING ALUMNI



Fred Landiss ('69)

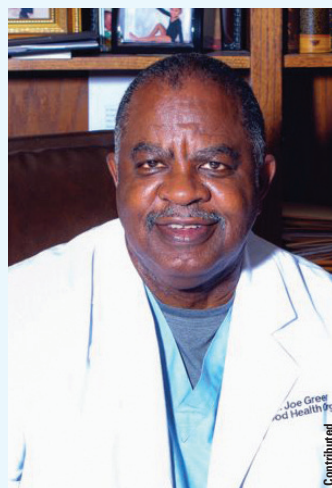
Fred Landiss, senior vice president/director of Marketing and Public Relations for F&M Bank, has an enviable track record as a practicing banker for more than 30 years. He is a much sought-after speaker and seminar leader for groups representing business, industry, education and government.

A resident of Clarksville for more than 45 years, he received a Bachelor of Science in 1969 and a Master of Art in 1970 from Austin Peay State University.

Early in his banking career, Landiss was recognized as among the "savviest and most respected" in the industry, as featured in the book, "Bank Marketing for the 90s: New Ideas from 50 of the Best Marketers in Banking Today."

Landiss is noted for development of "high-touch" consumer banking products and services that require a high degree of customer service. In addition, he has served as an adjunct faculty member teaching marketing at APSU for more than 40 years. In his teaching, he seeks to provide quality learning experiences for his students and regularly hosts events at F&M Bank for the students to interact with business leaders, professionals and elected officials from the Clarksville area.

Landiss has also taught salesmanship and marketing at the Graduate School of Banking of the South at Louisiana State University for six years and has served on the American Bankers Association's Communications Council. Prior to beginning his banking career, he served as the director of alumni and placement at APSU.



Dr. Joe Greer ('70)

Dr. Joe Greer is one of Tennessee's leading dentists, having earned numerous awards and a certificate of appreciation from former Gov. Don Sudquist, but he is also a major supporter of Austin Peay State University.

Greer graduated from APSU in 1970 with a Bachelor of Science in chemistry and biology. He earned his D.D.S. from the University of Tennessee Center for the Health Sciences in 1973. He

went back to school in 1991 to receive his Master of Science in Health Promotions, with an emphasis on fitness and nutrition, from Memphis State University.

During Greer's esteemed career, he has served as an instructor at the UT College of Dentistry, operated a successful private practice, developed a computerized health management program for the Good Health Institute, developed the Preventive and Interceptive Medical health insurance benefit plan for self-insured programs and served on numerous professional organizations, including the National Dental Association, the Academy of General Dentistry and the American Academy of Implant Dentistry.

In 1997, he participated in the Citizen Ambassador Program as a member of the American Dental Association Delegation to the Republic of South Africa.

Greer has served APSU in several capacities, including alumni director for the VII District and president of the National Alumni Association. The University previously honored him with the Outstanding Service Award and the Alumni Admissions Award.

OUTSTANDING YOUNG ALUMNUS



Chad Kimmel ('02)

Chad Kimmel was named assistant athletic director for Development in August 2014 after seven years with The University of Wisconsin Athletics. He serves as the head of the Wisconsin Athletic Development Office, overseeing annual giving, major gifts, scholarship endowments, premium seating and fundraising initiatives for capital projects. Wisconsin Athletics has seen a growth in gift totals under his leadership, including an all-time high of \$34 million in contributions made in 2014.

Kimmel earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Austin Peay in 2002. He continued his education at Kansas State University, earning a master's degree in college student personnel in 2004, and he participated in the Ph.D. program in higher education administration-student affairs.

Kimmel arrived in Wisconsin in 2008 in the role of assistant director of development. He was promoted to director of development in 2010 and later to senior director of development. In 2013, he transitioned to managing group leader of major gifts.

During his tenure at Wisconsin, Kimmel has been a valued member of the development team, responsible for securing more than \$50 million for capital projects and growing the annual fund from \$8 million to more than \$13 million.



Brittany Sparrn-APSU Sports Information

MIDLICK NAMED 10TH HEAD COACH OF WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

► A familiar face once again will grace the sidelines for Austin Peay State University women's basketball team as David Midlick was named the 10th head coach in program history during an April press conference.

Fans of Austin Peay will know Midlick's name from his long-time association with Gobs and Lady Gobs basketball. Midlick got his college coaching start as a volunteer assistant for Austin Peay's men's basketball team in 2003, holding that position through 2006 during an era that saw the Gobs finish unbeaten in Ohio Valley Conference play in 2003-04 and advance to two conference tournament championship games (2004 and 2006) and one National Invitational Tournament appearance in 2004.

FORMER LADY GOV TATIANA ARIZA AGAIN PLAYS FOR COLOMBIA DURING WORLD CUP

► For the second time in her young career, Tatiana Ariza ('13) competed against some of the best players in the world in this year's 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup, played in Canada during the late spring/early summer.

The former Lady Gov soccer star, wearing uniform number 15, was one of 23 players selected to the Colombian National Team squad that made the trip to Canada. Although she didn't start in the matches, Ariza proved to be more than a capable reserve. She provided an assist on Colombia's first World Cup goal against Mexico and again played a vital off-the-bench role in the team's stunning upset of France in Group F play that led to the country's first appearance in the Knockout Round.

Ariza, along with twin sister Natalia, played four years at Austin Peay, scoring 10 goals or more in each season. She finished her tenure as the all-time leading goal

scorer in Lady Gov history with 54, nearly twice as many as second placed Ashley Beck on the list. The striker also holds program records in career points (132), assists (24) and shots (265).

11 AUSTIN PEAY TEAMS MAINTAIN PROGRESS IN LATEST NCAA APR REPORT

► Eleven APSU athletic teams maintained their progress or showed improvement in the May 2015 release of the NCAA's Academic Progress Rates (APR).

Women's golf and volleyball were among those 11 teams to show improvement or maintain their APR from last season. Women's golf posted a perfect 1000 for the third consecutive season. Volleyball's 1000 mark was a five-point upswing from the previous season. Both of those teams received the NCAA APR Public Recognition Award.

The Austin Peay men's golf team showed the greatest improvement, jumping 29 points to a 987. The Governors basketball team also posted a 21-point increase, with

Midlick returns to APSU after serving one season under Melissa McFerrin at Memphis, where he worked with the post players, recruited a seven-state area and served as the team's academic, strength and conditioning and training room liaison. Under Midlick's tutelage, the Tigers' post players improved their collective field goal percentage in 2014-15, and Memphis saw its opponent scoring average decrease by more than five points per contest.

Hitting the ground running, Midlick quickly pieced together his coaching staff within 50 days of being hired as Kayla Oxenrider, Chelsea Turner and Tessah Holt were named to the coaching staff in June. Oxenrider, of Ashland, Pennsylvania, joins the Lady Gobs after one season as assistant coach at St. Francis University. The Norman, Oklahoma native Turner spent the last two seasons at Tulsa as the Director of Player Development and Team Manager. Holt comes to Clarksville from Fayetteville, Georgia, and recently completed her master's degree at West Florida, where she played and was a graduate assistant.

a 962 mark. Baseball (+17), men's cross country (+4), men's tennis (+19) and softball (+11) rounded out the eight teams to move their number forward.

DI SALVO EARNS ALL-OVC HONORS FOR SECOND STRAIGHT YEAR

► Senior tennis standout Ornella Di Salvo was named second-team All-OVC for a second straight year.

A native of Buenos Aires, Argentina, Di Salvo posted a 5-5 OVC mark playing at the No. 1 singles spot. Di Salvo closed the season strongly, winning her final three singles matches in the 2015 season. She also went 9-5 at the No. 1 doubles spot, claiming her final two doubles matches of the spring.

RECORD 37 STUDENT-ATHLETES EARNED 4.0 GPA DURING SPRING

► A department-record 37 student-athletes earned 4.0 grade-point averages during the Spring 2015 semester, Austin Peay State University announced in early June.

Those 37 student-athletes were among 159 named to the Spring 2015 Athletics Director's Honor Roll, representing more than half (52.3 percent) of the department's student-athletes. In addition, 83 student-athletes were named to Austin Peay's Dean's List. The department finished both the spring semester and 2014-15 academic year with a 2.88 GPA.

Thirteen of the department's 16 teams had at least one student-athlete post a 4.0 GPA and receive the corresponding President's List recognition. Five teams – football, baseball, volleyball, women's soccer and men's tennis – each had four student-athletes named to the President's List.

Ten of the department's 16 teams posted a 3.0 GPA for the semester, led by the women's tennis team, which posted a 3.50 GPA. Three of the team's six members were

named to the Dean's List, including two that received President's List honors.

The other teams posting 3.0 or better GPAs were men's tennis (3.45), women's basketball (3.31), women's soccer (3.31), women's golf (3.30), men's golf (3.29), dance team (3.26), volleyball (3.25), women's cross-country (3.19) and women's track and field (3.07).

43 STUDENT ATHLETES PARTICIPATE IN SPRING COMMENCEMENT

▶ Forty-three Austin Peay student-athletes participated in Spring Commencement ceremonies, May 8 in the Dunn Center.

The following student-athletes, athletics alumni and departmental employees were bachelor's degree candidates for the May 2015 Commencement:

Erika Adams, track and field; Alex Belew, Jake Corum, Mark Hendrick, P.J. Torres, Britte Underwood, baseball; Javier Booker, Hunter Branch, Ben Campbell, Deandre Carroll, Jamaar Embry, Malcolm Goines, John Houston Jr., Adam Noble, Nathan Sanders, Jacob Sexton, Johnathan Shuler, Isaiah Tuiasosopo, Julian Virgo, Travis Williams, Bradford Wilmer, football; Frankie Carbajal, Shelby Olszewski, Haley Shoaff, women's soccer; Antonio Diaz, Thomas Owen, men's cross country; Ed Dyson, Chris Freeman, Fred Garmon, Serigne Mboup, Jeremy Purvis, Damarius Smith, Zavion Williams, men's basketball; Ashley Eisenbraun, softball; Cami Fields, Hillary Plybon, Jada Stotts, volleyball; Cleve Guinn, Tucker Wallace, men's golf; Meghan Mueller, women's golf; Kristen Stainback, women's basketball; Aleksas Tverijonas, men's tennis.

TRIO OF TRACK STANDOUTS REPRESENT APSU AT NCAA PRELIMS

▶ For the first time since 2009, Austin Peay sent a trio of track and field standouts to May's NCAA East Preliminaries in Jacksonville, Florida, the culmination of an excellent season for the Lady Goves track and field team.

Seven school records fell for Austin Peay during the 2014-15 season, including two set by senior Erika Adams (60m dash indoor and 100m dash outdoor). The Lady Goves parlayed their successes in 2014 into continued improvement in 2015, ending their team season with a third-place finish in the 2015 OVC Outdoor Championships, hosted at Governors Stadium, less than 10 points behind champion Tennessee State.

Three standout individuals advanced to the regional round – the fourth year in a row at least one Lady Gov has advanced to the preliminary round. Junior Breigh Jones, who broke the school 400m record during indoor season, advanced to the NCAA tournament for the third time in as many seasons, finished 28th overall, thanks to her season-best 53.63 mark.

Sophomore Kaylenn Pitts made her return to the NCAA level and became the first Lady Gov to pull double-duty when she competed in the long jump (26th, 5.85m) and narrowly missed advancing to the NCAA Championships in the triple jump with a 12.69m leap, finishing 14th overall. She also broke the school outdoor record

in the triple jump with a 12.92m mark at the Memphis Invitational and now owns the top marks in APSU history in both the indoor and outdoor events.

Pitts and Jones were each accorded conference honors for their exemplary work in 2015. Pitts earned OVC Outdoor Co-Female Field Athlete of the Year honors, while Jones earned Track Athlete of the Year honors.

Pitts was joined at the regional level by sophomore Chancis Jones, who broke the school and Championship record at the OVC Outdoor Championships in May with a 6.29m leap. In her first NCAA Preliminary appearance, Jones finished 30th with a 5.79m mark.

▼ The Lady Goves 4x100m relay team won the OVC Championship at Governors Stadium in early May. Comprising that team were: Breigh Jones (front) along with (standing from left) Lamontra Robinson, Kymmalett Ross and Erika Adams.



LEAVER, BARNES KEEP CHIPPING AWAY AT PRO CAREERS

► While many PGA golfers were across the ocean at St. Andrews for the British Open, former Austin Peay golf great Grant Leaver qualified for the PGA Barbasol Championship, played July 16-19, at The Auburn University Golf Club. It was the third PGA event for Leaver since turning pro in 2009. Leaver was inducted into the APSU Athletics Hall of Fame in 2015.

Leaver's former Govs teammate, Erik Barnes, the 2009 OVC Golfer of the Year, was chosen to represent the Web.com Tour as a member of the World Team in RNC Canada Cup, July 8, in Halifax, Nova Scotia. He was a member of a team that was comprised by PGA members Andres Gonzales and Colt Knost and captained by golf legend Tom Watson, winner of 39 PGA championships, including eight majors. They played against a Canadian team captained by Mike Weir, winner of the 2003 Masters.

RECORD-SETTING BAKER EARNS ALL-OVC HONOR

► A pair of men's golfers earned All-OVC honors, led by junior Chris Baker, who shattered the Austin Peay single-round record with a 61 in the spring and was named All-OVC. Meanwhile, freshman Justin Arens, who elevated his play down the stretch while playing in all spring events, was selected to the OVC All-Newcomer team.

Baker, a Franklin native, led the Govs with a 73.50 strokes-per-round average while owning a 73.3 winning percentage in 10 events. He authored 12 rounds this season of par or better, including five rounds in the 60s—he shot 69 in the

OVC tournament's opening round. That was highlighted by the 61, March 14, in the second round of the Grub Mart Intercollegiate at the Silver Lakes Golf Club in Glencoe, Alabama.

It is the 15th straight year, an APSU golfer earned All-OVC honors. Baker also earned OVC All-Tournament honors after finishing fifth in this year's championship.

Arens played in 9 of 11 tournaments this season, including all six spring events. The Columbus, Ohio, native owned a 74.8 scoring average over his final three regular-season tournaments entering the OVC Championship, helping lower his overall scoring average to 75.84. He saw 19 rounds counted out of 25 played this season, including 11 of his last 13. He shot seven rounds of par or better, including a season-best 5-under 67 in the second round of the OVC Championships in Muscle Shoals, Alabama.

BASEBALL: ROBLES A DOUBLE 1ST-TEAM ALL-OVC PICK, COPELAND AND GRAY EARN 2ND-TEAM HONORS

► APSU sophomore Alex Robles became the first player in Ohio Valley Conference baseball history to receive two first-team honors in the same season. Robles, of Tucson, Arizona, was named first-team All-OVC as both a utility player and starting pitcher after starting at all four infield positions during the 2015 season, serving as the team's designated hitter for the bulk of the year and was the Govs' No. 1 starter for its OVC schedule.

Offensively, Robles batted .328 with 12 doubles, three home runs and 39 RBI. He compiled a .406 on-base percentage, thanks

to 21 walks and six times hit by pitch. Robles started all 30 OVC contests, finishing the campaign with a .312 batting average, three home runs and 22 RBI. On the mound, Robles finished with a 6-3 record and 3.31 earned-run average – finishing third in victories and second in ERA.

In addition, sophomore infielders Garrett Copeland and Logan Gray received second-team All-OVC honors. Copeland, a second baseman from Bartlett, Tennessee, was the Govs' third-leading batter with a .345 batting average, while posting 15 doubles and 29 RBI. He also led APSU with 36 walks, a .463 on-base percentage and 18 stolen bases. Gray, a third baseman from Leawood, Kansas, led the Govs with a .366 batting average, 14 home runs and tied with Robles for the team lead with 39 RBI in just 38 games.

BURROUGHS ENDS CAREER WITH ALL-OVC HONORS

► Capping an outstanding senior softball season, Austin Peay's Laurel Burroughs was voted second-team All-OVC.

It was the first post-season honor for the second baseman and Lebanon native. Burroughs ended her career with a .340 batting average, with a team-best 49 hits, 37 runs scored, seven doubles and 10 home runs, along with a school-record 23 stolen bases. She also became the first Lady Gov in history to lead the OVC in steals.

Her 10 home runs were the third highest single-season total in program history.



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BROWN EARNS WELL-DESERVED RECOGNITION

► Men's and women's tennis head coach Ross Brown, in his third season at Austin Peay, led the Govs to a 12-7 overall record and a 7-2 mark in OVC play. He is the first Govs head coach to earn an OVC Coach of the Year since Malik Tabet earned the award for coaching the women's team in 2010. The last men's coach prior to Brown to win the award was Lou Weiss, who earned the honor in 1988.



▲ Governors tennis players Alexas Tverijonas and Dimitar Ristovski flank volleyball standout Jada Stotts and track star Breigh Jones. They were APSU's major athletic award recipients at the annual APSU Athletics Banquet this spring.

ATHLETES EARN TOP HONORS AT ANNUAL APSU ATHLETICS BANQUET

Senior tennis player Dimitar Ristovski, who earned All-OVC four straight years and led APSU to the title match this season, took home APSU's Most Outstanding Male Athlete honor. Teammate Alexas Tverijonas took home the Male Legends Award as the most valuable senior athlete after a career that saw him earn All-OVC honors each season, an OVC Championship ring and the prestigious OVC Scholar-Athlete award.

Junior track star Breigh Jones, a two-time NCAA Regional participant who broke school and OVC marks in the 400m dash, was named Most Outstanding Female Athlete, while volleyball player Jada Stotts, who excelled on and off the court and was Student-Athlete Advisory Council President for 2014-15, was named Female Legends Award recipient.

RISTOVSKI AND TVERIJONAS EARN ALL-OVC FOR FOURTH STRAIGHT YEAR

For the fourth consecutive year, tennis standouts Dimitar Ristovski and Alexas Tverijonas took home postseason OVC honors.

Ristovski, a native of Skopje, Macedonia, posted a 14-8 mark at No. 1 singles, including a 5-4 OVC mark. At No. 1 doubles, he partnered with Iago Seffrin to compile an impressive 5-1 OVC mark. In head-to-head singles action, he defeated three players who earned All-OVC honors this season. Over his four-season career, Ristovski compiled a 64-29 record with a 26-8 OVC record.

Tverijonas posted a 15-10 record at No. 2 singles, including a 7-1 OVC record. The Lithuanian partnered with sophomore Aaron Jumonville in doubles to compile a 4-1 OVC mark at No. 2 doubles. He was 72-26 overall in singles play during his four-year career, including a 30-3 OVC mark.

APSU TENNIS TOPS IN SPORTSMANSHIP

Austin Peay men's and women's tennis teams have earned the 2014-15 Ohio Valley Conference Team Sportsmanship Awards for tennis.

Voted on by the student-athletes and coaches of the respective sports, the team awards are bestowed upon the Conference

squads deemed to have best exhibited the standards of sportsmanship and ethical behavior as outlined by the OVC and NCAA. Included in the areas for evaluation are the conduct of student-athletes, coaches, staff and administrators and fans.

"Without sportsmanship, there are truly no meaningful victories," said Beth DeBauche, OVC Commissioner. "The recipients of the OVC Team Sportsmanship awards should accept this award with great pride for their fellow competitors have made it clear their teams exemplify the best in intercollegiate athletics. In receiving this prestigious honor, other competitors are saying these student-athletes compete with class, respect their opponents and value fair play. That is quite a compliment as those are all traits that will lead to true victories throughout the course of life."

11 STUDENT ATHLETES EARN ARTHUR ASHE JR. AWARDS

Eleven Austin Peay student-athletes were named to the 2015 Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholars Teams, as selected by *Diverse: Issues In Higher Education* magazine.

Senior Jada Stotts was honored for the third time to cap her stellar career at Austin Peay, while junior Breigh Jones picked up her second honor in as many years from the publication. Juniors Kymmalett Ross

and Jennifer Nwokocha were joined by sophomores Chancis Jones and Unjula Lester and seniors Erika Adams, Jessica Gray, Serigne Mboup, Zavion Williams and Bradford Wilmer were first-time recipients of the honor.

Diverse: Issues in Higher Education sponsors the Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholar Awards to honor undergraduate students who have excelled in the classroom as well as on the athletic field. Inspired by tennis legend Arthur Ashe Jr.'s commitment to education, as well as his love for the game of tennis, U.S. colleges and universities are invited to participate in this annual awards program by nominating their outstanding sports scholars. In addition to their athletic ability and academic performance, Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholars demonstrate a commitment to community service and community activism.

To be recognized, students must have a cumulative grade-point average of 3.2 or higher through the fall of 2014, have completed one full academic year at the nominating institution, be enrolled for the fall term of the academic year being nominated, be an active member of an intercollegiate athletic team during the 2014-15 year and have a record of campus or community service.

SCOUTING *the* FUTURE

Rex Hogan maneuvers himself from
college athlete to NFL executive



Story by Colin Harris • Photography by Beth Liggett

Rex Hogan's basement office tells the story of his lifelong obsession with the sport of football. A framed Austin Peay jersey, a football signed by former University of Notre Dame standouts, artwork featuring signatures from nearly every member of the 1985 Super Bowl champion Chicago Bears — each piece of memorabilia acts as a milestone of Hogan's nearly two-decade journey to the upper levels of the sport.

But you'll never see him on the sidelines or in the owner's suite on game day. While your favorite teams and players are competing for championships, Hogan is combing the nation for the next crop of superstar athletes. A former director of football operations for two-time national championship winning head coach Urban Meyer and an NFL scout for nearly a decade, the APSU graduate was hired in 2014 as the senior director of college scouting for the New York Jets.

While a general manager signs players and a head coach manages those players during the week, it is Hogan's responsibility to collect raw data on hundreds of student-athletes and turn stats like height, weight, strength and speed into reports that help teams decide who is worth picking at the annual NFL Draft.

"In a typical year, I'm on the road 10 or more days at a time, and I probably visit 60 colleges and write about 400 different scouting reports on players," Hogan said. "As director, I have scouts responsible for their own areas of the country, and when they identify a player, they give that information to me, and I evaluate them myself (for Jets' management)."

Hogan is now in a position of considerable influence in the highest profile sport in the world, but the bright lights of New York City were far from his mind as he grew up in the shadow of Austin Peay State University.



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FROM THE SOUTH TO SOUTH BEND

A four-year member of the APSU football team and a 1994 preseason All-Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) pick at punter, Hogan's playing career was an example of the hometown boy who made good.

The oldest of eight children, he grew up on the campus of Austin Peay. During the winter, he watched the Governors compete for OVC titles in men's basketball. In the fall, Hogan sat in the stands at Governors Stadium and cheered on the football team. On the wall of his office is the printing plate from an edition of *The Leaf-Chronicle* newspaper, featuring a photo of a young Hogan being tossed into the air following an Austin Peay victory.

Austin Peay football runs in the Hogan family, as Rex's twin brother, Dave Hogan, lettered in 1993. Youngest brother John Patrick played for the Governors from 2001-04, while brother-in-law Chris Wiggins played at APSU from 1993-96. His sister, Katharine Hogan Wiggins, is also an APSU graduate.

While not an APSU graduate, sister Bridget Hogan Miles is still deeply involved with the sport, as she is the wife of current Georgia State University head coach, Trent Miles, whom she met while both Hogan and Miles were assistants at Notre Dame.

"I can remember going to every Governors game as a kid, and so do most of my family," Hogan said. "I don't think my grandmother missed a home Austin Peay basketball or football game for something like 20 years - this University has really been engrained in me from a young age."

Being a Governor means the world to Hogan. It shows in his face as he talks about the dozens of former teammates and lifelong friends he remains in close contact with from his time at Austin Peay.

"I have a group text message chat with about 10 or so guys I used to play with at Austin Peay, and we talk almost

daily," Hogan said. "We'll always talk about what's going on with us now, but the conversation always reverts back to Austin Peay stories and memories of being roommates, classmates and teammates."

While wearing the red and white of Austin Peay provided him countless memories, the one thing he did not take from the experience was a vision for his future.

"It's funny because I always followed the NFL and played college football, but I had no idea what I wanted to do when I was in college," Hogan, who graduated with a degree in public relations, said. "I was working in Brentwood for Primus Financial Services, and after a year, I just thought there was no way I could keep doing this."

Realizing he needed to get back into sports, Hogan started working the phones with former teammates and coaches, asking for any way to turn football into a career. One call was to a friend who remained connected to one of the premier college football programs in the country.

"A family friend of ours was a student manager on the 1988 national championship team at Notre Dame, but he also flew helicopters on an ROTC scholarship," Hogan said. "During his senior year, he was stationed at Ft. Campbell, but since he was a huge college football fan, he would always go to games at Austin Peay."

While attending church services one evening following a Governors game, Hogan's mother noticed a national championship ring on the man's hand. Herself a devout Irish Catholic and Notre Dame fan, Hogan's mother became fast friends with the man and his soon-to-be wife.

That relationship would pay off years later, as the man arranged for a graduate student opportunity at Notre Dame for Hogan.

"This was the summer of 1998 and the Notre Dame official said they had an internship position and asked if I'd be interested," Hogan said. "I said, 'absolutely.'"

He asked how soon I could be there and I said, 'How soon do you need me?'"

It was at Notre Dame where Hogan first crossed paths with the legendary Urban Meyer, who served as a receivers coach for the Fighting Irish.

"Urban and I were close and always stayed in touch, and we always stayed in touch after he left (to become the head coach at Bowling Green State University in 2001)," Hogan said. "Urban tried to bring me with him to Bowling Green to work in recruiting operations, but I had just been offered a chance to stay at Notre Dame in a full recruiting position, and I decided to stay."

Two years later in 2003, Meyer called again as he had just been named the head coach at the University of Utah. Meyer was putting together his staff, and he wanted Hogan to run the show as head of football operations.

"Urban called and said he's getting this job in Utah and asked if I'd want to be recruiting coordinator and the pro liaison," Hogan said. "I knew Urban and a lot of the other guys on his staff so well, and this was a chance to run my own show. So against my better judgment, I took a leap."

TAKING A LEAP

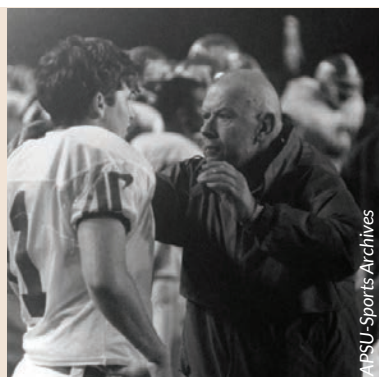
The one constant throughout Hogan's career at the college level was a towering figure in the professional game—Jerry Angelo. A long-time NFL executive, Angelo served as the director of player personnel for Tampa Bay Buccaneers from 1987-2000 before being named general manager of the Chicago Bears in 2001.

Hogan's duties at both Notre Dame and Utah frequently brought him into contact with Angelo, who Hogan considers a mentor in the business.

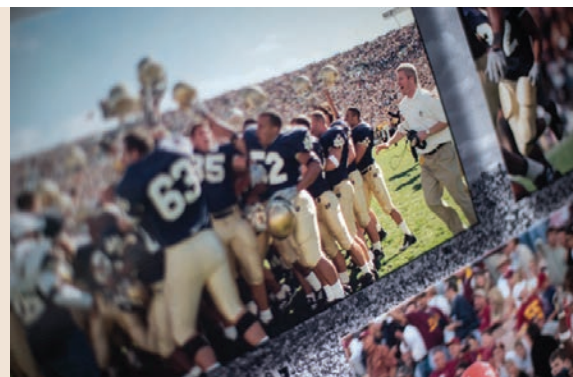
"Jerry would come in when he was working for Tampa Bay, and I was at Notre Dame, and we'd just sit down and talk players," Hogan said. "Eventually, he asked



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me if I ever thought about getting into (working in the NFL), and I told him that I'd like to, but at the time, I liked being at Notre Dame, and I loved recruiting at the college level."

Hogan rebuked Angelo's offer one more time while at Notre Dame, but things took a major turn after Angelo became the GM of the Chicago Bears in 2001.

"I didn't even get a full calendar year at Utah because Jerry called in 2001 and said 'I've offered you this scouting job three times now,'" Hogan joked. "He just asked me what I saw myself doing in five years, and I told him I'd be working in the NFL.

"I can still remember Jerry saying 'Big Dog, you just turned 30, and you gotta just get into (the NFL). What are you waiting on? This is what you want to do.'"

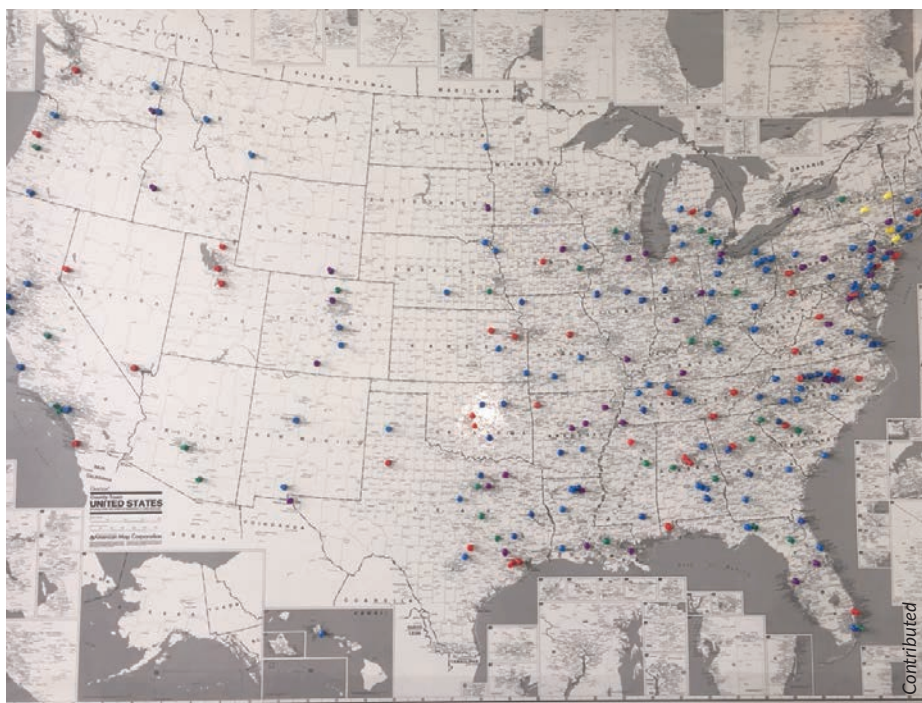
Much like leaving Brentwood for Notre Dame, and eerily similar to his decision to leave Notre Dame for Utah, Hogan took another leap - this time to Chicago, where he started out as a regional college scout in 2003.

"Sometimes I look back at the success Urban has had, winning national titles at Florida and Ohio State and wonder what might have been, but (the NFL) was where I wanted to be," Hogan joked. "But (being in the NFL) was something that I knew I always wanted to do."

LONGSHOTS

Hogan's first brush with the NFL Draft process came in 1996, shortly after he graduated from Austin Peay.

"I was sitting in a dorm room at Austin Peay with Jeff Gooch, hanging out with him as he waited to be picked on draft day," Hogan said. "Jeff's roommate, Kirk Pointer, had already gone in the fourth round (to the Miami Dolphins), and Jeff, according to all the talent evaluators, had tore it up at the combine and was projected as the top



(Left) Hogan was a punter during his days on the Austin Peay football team.

In his office, Hogan displays a photo from his days at the University of Notre Dame.

(Above) Hogan works at the New York Jets facility in Florham Park, New Jersey, during the NFL draft.

A map on the wall in Hogan's office pinpoints the many colleges and universities Hogan and his team of scouts visit during the year.



sleeper in the draft and maybe a third round pick.”

Gooch went undrafted that afternoon, but that did not deter the former Governors linebacker. He would eventually sign with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and went on to play nearly a decade in the NFL.

“Jeff signed with a team and got his shot, but I had to sit there and watch him go through that whole day and, with every pick, I saw him feeling the weight of the world,” Hogan said.

Now, Hogan is on the lookout for athletes like Gooch – players who fell under the radar and are looking to get one shot in the league. The official term for players like Gooch are undrafted free agents. As soon as the NFL Draft ends, the recruiting process for them begins. And it’s scouts like Hogan that teams rely on for finding players who they can bring into training camp and possibly sign to the roster.

“To me, the best part of my job is finding those long shots who we sign as an undrafted free agent,” Hogan said. “Because the odds are so far from making the 53-man roster of a team, when they do make it and have success and sign that second contract that sets them up for life. That’s the coolest aspect of my job.

“When you see guys who remember what they had to go through and now have success, but remain humble and civil and realize that what they’re doing is impactful, and they can be role models, it’s great to know you played a role in that process.”

A GOV FOR LIFE

Because of the nature of his job, Hogan is constantly on the road. While he maintains a space at the Jets’ facility in Florham Park, New Jersey, he primarily works out of his home in Nashville.

When he’s not combing the country or pouring over college game film, Hogan spends time with his wife, Christy Hogan, and his children, Ryan, McKenna and Erin.

Sports are a way of life for the Hogan family. Christy was a four-year starter in both field hockey and lacrosse at the University of Richmond and currently is the assistant director of academic support for student-athletes at Vanderbilt University. The couple met at Notre Dame, where Christy was an assistant women’s lacrosse coach at the university.

Because he works from home during the summer, Hogan jokes that he’s frequently shuttling his children from one sports camp to the next in the Nashville area.

“I’m definitely running a bit of a daddy day care here at home,” he said.

But despite his busy schedule, Austin Peay remains a big part of Hogan’s life. His parents still live in Clarksville, as well as one of his younger sisters, and when he visits, Hogan said he always finds time to take his kids around the University campus.

“My mom was one of eight kids and six of the eight siblings in her family graduated from Austin Peay,” Hogan said. “My uncle, my mother’s oldest brother, was the sports information director at Austin Peay. I

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Rex Hogan

Rex Hogan with his wife, Christy, and their children, Ryan (7), Erin (5) and McKenna (9).

played at Austin Peay. So for me, Austin Peay has always been all about family.”

During his career, Hogan has scouted thousands of players from hundreds of colleges and universities around the country, but it’s that sense of family that he says makes Austin Peay a special place. While bigger schools like the University of Tennessee or Memphis offer larger student bodies and bigger cities, there is something unique about Austin Peay, Hogan says, that sets it apart.

“There’s a family feeling and a feeling of community that I think is really unique to Austin Peay,” he said. “There are so many people I knew growing up who went there, and there are so many families who all went to Austin Peay that are in the (Clarksville area) that there’s a love of the University that is really engrained in the people there.

“That’s what’s really special to me – the people of Austin Peay and Clarksville embrace you when you’re there,” Hogan continued. “There’s this feeling at Austin Peay that, no matter where you’re from, you’re welcome there.” **AP**



APSU STUDENTS GIVE BACK TO COMMUNITY WITH THE "BIG EVENT"

▶ A bright red wave swept across Clarksville on March 21, wiping away debris and litter and leaving a grateful community in its wake. That wave consisted of about 500 Austin Peay State University students participating in The Big Event—a day of service that allowed students to express their gratitude to the community that supports their University.

"I think our students really want to give back, and those that participated had really awesome experiences," Zac Gillman, last year's APSU Student Government Association president, said.

APSU students spent the day planting flowers at local schools, picking up litter and debris, volunteering in animal shelters, packing food boxes for the homeless and helping out

dozens of other local agencies across Clarksville.

"We were the first group to go into Dunbar Cave in six years," Gillman said. "We dug out mud, and now the cave is open. That's 100 percent because of our group."

The Big Event is a national service event that started at Texas A&M in 1982 as a way of saying thanks to the residents of Bryan-College Station, Texas. More than 75 Big Events now occur at colleges and universities around the world. Gillman brought the event to APSU this year, and he hopes it will become an annual event for the campus community.

"We have G.H.O.S.T. and Mudbowl in the fall, but we don't do anything in the spring as far as SGA is concerned, except elections," Gillman said. "We don't really have a big signature, traditional event, so that was my main priority as SGA president."

A planning committee was organized earlier this year, and members hoped students would be interested in spending a day doing service work. Three days after the project was announced, more than 300 people had signed up.

"It turned out really well," Gillman said. "Our goal was 500 students this year and we met that. It was crazy, a really good atmosphere with awesome energy. Our goal for next year will be 750 students."

A video of The Big Event can be viewed online at www.youtube.com/apsu1927.

A photo gallery, featuring images from the different sites, is also available online by searching "Big Event" at <http://austinpeay.photoshelter.com>

▼ APSU President Alisa White and husband Elliott Herzlich cheer on students during The Big Event.



1970s

NEBBIE BINKLEY ('74)

was promoted to vice president of bank security and internal audit for Legends Bank.

JACK JACKSON ('74)

has been writing opinion/editorial columns for the Dayton Daily News.

RICK REIPRISH ('74)

was named senior assistant of college scouting for the Pittsburgh Steelers football team. He previously served as the director of college scouting for the New Orleans Saints for 11 years.

DR. CORNELIA WILLS

('74) is the author of the book "Mama Said: A Word to the Wise is Sufficient."

1980s

KARISSA THACKER ('89)

founder and president of the Philadelphia-based consulting firm Strategic Performance Solutions Inc., is working on a book on leadership, tentatively titled "The Art of Authenticity."

1990s

DR. ERIN CHAMBERS

('98) joined Premier Medical Group's family practice department.

MARTHA M. DAY ('90, '93)

associate professor/SkyTeach co-director at Western Kentucky University, received the Student Advisement Award from WKU. That university annually recognizes outstanding contributions by faculty members with its faculty awards.

DR. L. DAWN LARSEN

(’90), associate professor of theatre at Francis Marion University in Florence, South Carolina, recently published “American Traveling Tent Theatre, 1900-1940: Rural and Small Town Tent Show Plays Performed in the Midwest (Including Scripts of Popular Tent Theatricals)” with Edwin Mellen Press.

KRIS PHILLIPS (’91),

associate vice chancellor of development and alumni affairs at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, was named chair of District III for the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE). He will serve in the position until 2017.

JANET STAGGS (’96)

was named principal of East Montgomery Elementary School.

SHERY WINN (’95) was named assistant principal at Sango Elementary School.

2000s

DR. LAURIE JEAN CANNADY (’00),

associate professor of English at Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania, was selected to attend the 2015 A Room of Her Own Writer’s Retreat, held at Georgia O’Keefe’s Ghost Ranch in New Mexico.

NICOLE CASTILE (’05),

a third-grade teacher at Norman Smith Elementary School, won the Milken Family Foundation’s Milken Educator Award. The award, dubbed the “Oscars of Teaching” by “Teacher Magazine,” comes with \$25,000.

JAPANESE ARTIST RETURNS TO CAMPUS TO SEE HIS PAINTING

► On an early spring afternoon, Takuya Kanemitsu, a Tokyo-based artist and art professor, wandered through the Austin Peay State University Browning Building, looking for one of his paintings. He finally found the massive, six-foot wide canvas on a wall next to the president’s office, and Kanemitsu spent several quiet minutes that day reconnecting with the image of a pensive young woman surrounded by books.

“I was interested in the rhythm of the books,” he said, moving his hand slowly in front of the painting. “The composition, I thought, was interesting.”

Kanemitsu created the work back in 2007, when he was an international student at APSU, and for the last eight years, he’s wondered what happened to it. A related mystery has preoccupied several APSU staff members working inside the Browning Building. They pass the painting every day, often stopping to admire it, but the work is unsigned. Who, they’ve often asked, is the artist?

“We have looked at this picture a lot,” Carol Clark, APSU director of community and business relations and executive assistant to the president, said. “All we had heard is it was painted by an international student.”

Kanemitsu, dressed stylishly in a polka-dotted chambray shirt and blue jeans, quietly returned to campus around lunchtime one day in late March. He and his wife had come to Austin Peay to visit his old classmate, APSU Information Technology



▲ Takuya Kanemitsu's painting, “After the Library Closed,” is displayed in the Browning Administration Building next to the president's office.

Specialist Jarad Sneed, and to get a glimpse of the painting he’d spent 200 hours working on during his time at the University.

Word quickly spread through the building that the painting’s artist had returned, prompting a small crowd to gather outside of the president’s office. Kanemitsu confirmed for them that it was set in the University’s Woodward Library, and he spent several minutes explaining how he created the popular work of art.

“I made a sketch and asked a student to be a model,” he said. “After the library closed, I asked if I could go inside and take a picture. One of the librarians helped me take this picture, holding a lamp up.”

When he finished the painting, titled “After the Library Closed,” Kanemitsu realized it was too large to take home with him to Tokyo. That spring, he entered it in the Department of Art’s annual juried student exhibition.

“When he painted it, he was hoping he would win a student award so he wouldn’t have to worry about taking it back home,” Sneed said.

“It was too big,” Kanemitsu added. “I couldn’t take it back to Japan.”

He did win, which is how the University came to own it. Kanemitsu went back home to Tokyo a few weeks later, where he currently works as an artist and drawing professor.

For a several minutes that spring afternoon, he lingered in front of his painting, pleased to see it displayed so prominently. He answered a couple of questions and posed for pictures next to the canvas.

When the nostalgia finally receded, Kanemitsu and his wife left the Browning Building in order to buy some APSU memorabilia.

“Some of my students are interested in studying abroad, so I talk about my experience here,” he said.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL NAMED FOR APSU GRADUATE, LONGTIME PRINCIPAL, DELK

▶ Dean Delk ('68) received a special honor when the longtime administrator became the namesake of a new school in the district in which he served for nearly 30 years.

The ribbon was cut on Delk-Henson Intermediate School in Chapel Hill in May, honoring the many contributions of both Delk and fellow former administrator Norman Henson.

Delk arrived in Chapel Hill in September 1985 and served as a principal at Forrest School, a middle and high school in the district. Before arriving in Chapel Hill, he was an assistant principal at Bamberg Elementary School in Orangeburg, South Carolina.

Delk would later become the first principal of Chapel Hill Elementary School when it opened in 1996 – a position he held until his retirement in 2014.

"I have been very blessed to have an opportunity to serve the children of this community and work with so many great people," Delk said. "Over the years, I probably was able to serve 35 or 36,000 students, work with 110 faculty and staff members and 12 superintendents, and they all played a part in my success.

"I worked in education for 46 years, and I honestly wouldn't change a thing."

Born in South Carolina and raised in Florida, Delk came to APSU on a football scholarship in 1965. He earned his bachelor's degree in 1968 before receiving a master's degree in education at South Carolina State College, as well as an educational specialist degree from The Citadel.

Delk's wife, Becky Scott Delk ('70), is also an APSU graduate and served as the librarian at Chapel Hill Elementary School. The couple has three children: Scott, David and Rebecca, as well as five grandchildren.

Retirement has not slowed him down as Delk continues to serve his community as a county commissioner. Now in his fifth four-year term, Delk is one of two elected commissioners of Marshall County's District 1.

"I'm grateful to Austin Peay because it provided me with the opportunity to better myself," Delk said. "I came (to APSU) to play football, and I thank (the coaches and administrators) for giving me the chance.

"I didn't make a major impact on the football field, but I was able to get into school and better myself and the rest has been history."

JUSTIN DICKENS ('03)

was hired as the University of Alabama's Director of Football Operations. He previously served as director of football operations at the University of Michigan.

L. ASHLIE FARMER,

M.S., ('04, '10) was named National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Coordinator for the City of Clarksville Street Department.

DR. BRYAN JOHNSON ('04)

was named chief academic officer for the Clarksville-Montgomery County School System.

DIARESE MALACHI

GEORGE ('07) recently graduated from Trevecca Nazarene University with her Doctor of Education in leadership and professional practice.

CARLA NECOLE WILLIAMS

('02) had her newest book, "The Power Within: How to Heal, Love and Design the Life You Want," published in May.

2010s

WILLIAM "BILL" FOUST

('13) began work at the Clarksville Foundry, which has been owned and operated by members of the Foust family since 1912.

TAIRA MCAFEE ('11)

had his poem, "A Soldier," published in Clarksville Family magazine.

KIMBERLY QUINN ('02)

was named principal for Jackson Careers and Technology Elementary School in Jackson-Madison County. She was formerly assistant principal at Thelma Barker Elementary School.



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**APSU PROFESSOR'S
"LIFETIME WORK"
PUBLISHED, IDENTIFIES
STATE PLANTS**

▶ In January 1967, while The Rolling Stones performed on The Ed Sullivan Show and a blizzard dropped 23 inches of snow across Chicago, a young Austin Peay State University botany professor began a project that would take him nearly 50 years to complete. Dr. Edward Chester, his suit then smelling of chalkboard dust and his dark hair pomaded in the style of Jerry Lee Lewis, sat at his desk that winter to write a comprehensive guide identifying all of Tennessee's 2,878 vascular plants.

As he jotted down notes, Chester flipped through "The Flora of Tennessee," a slim volume published in 1901 by a German botanist named Dr. Augustin Gattinger. The APSU professor wanted to replace that terribly outdated book—the last comprehensive guide published about the state's plants—and he finally succeeded in April, when the University of Tennessee Press released his "Guide to the Vascular Plants of Tennessee."

On a recent Tuesday morning, Chester, his once dark hair now thin and white, lifted the 813-page book from his desk and carefully turned its pages.

"This is a lifetime work," he said.

In the spring of 1967, that young assistant professor quickly learned that tracking down, identifying and then illustrating or taking photos of all of the state's native and naturalized plant species required more time than his teaching responsibilities allowed. Chester would work on the guide intermittently through the years, but he got serious again in 1988 when his former student, Dr. Eugene Wofford, a botany professor at the University of Tennessee, joined him on the project.

"After a few years, we said let's get some other people to help us out with this," Chester said. "So we recruited The Tennessee Flora Committee."

The committee, made up of academics and professional botanists, also struggled to find time for the important project.



Then, in 2004, Chester retired. The emeritus professor moved into a small storage closet inside the University's Sundquist Science Building, where he worked every morning on the book.

"I don't think it would ever have gotten completed had I not retired," he said. "I just kept coming every day."

The committee, including current APSU botany professor Dr. Dwayne Estes, also worked with more than 25 experts from across the country and Canada to identify the state's different plants. Last year, they finally submitted their manuscript to the academic press, and now "Guide to the Vascular Plants of Tennessee" is expected to become a standard textbook in college classrooms across the state.

"It's to be used to identify plants," Chester said. "It's to be used with our website that is maintained by the University of Tennessee but is a joint effort with Austin Peay. The website provides color photos of the plants and maps showing plant distributions throughout the state. We're hoping that it helps students, but that other people will also find it useful—foresters and environmentalists."

The new guide opens with introductory chapters on Tennessee's botanical history, a survey of the state's vegetation and a description of the state's physiography. The majority of the book consists of taxonomic treatments, with keys to identify all the plants.

Most large taxonomy textbooks end up costing around \$85 because publishing costs rise with the page count, but Chester and the Tennessee Flora Committee wanted to keep the price low for students. To do that, they contacted the Tennessee Native Plant Society for assistance. Several committee members, including Chester, are members of the Society.

"They have published some books on wildflowers that have sold well, so they have some money escrowed," Chester said. "The organization put up \$5,000, and that cut the cost of the book to \$49.95."

Because of this investment, the Tennessee Native Plant Society will also receive royalties from book sales, which will be used for conservation and education projects in Tennessee. Chester smiled at that as he set the heavy book back on his desk. The glossy cover caught and reflected the room's florescent lighting, pulling attention away from a worn copy of Gattinger's "The Flora of Tennessee" that sat inconspicuously on a shelf.

"Guide to the Vascular Plants of Tennessee" is sold in the APSU Ann Ross Bookstore and online at amazon.com. For more information, visit the University of Tennessee Press website at <http://utpress.org/>

IN MEMORY of alumni and friends who have recently died

DR. THAYER WILSON BEACH,

professor emeritus of the Department of Languages and Literature, April 25, 2015

JAMES EDWARD BRYANT ('92)

March 27, 2015

PHILIP L. BURNEY ('75)

Feb. 1, 2015

JERRY G. CRABTREE ('65)

March 20, 2015

CHARLEY JOHN DAVIS JR. ('83)

March 11, 2015

GERALD EPSTEIN ('70)

Jan. 2, 2015

DR. WALTER CLAY GRAY III ('62, '66)

Feb. 1, 2015

DR. LEWIS PAUL HYATT SR.,

professor emeritus of the Department of History and Philosophy, Feb. 24, 2015

BRENDA NUTT JERLES ('72)

April 3, 2015

JEAN DENISE JONES ('97)

March 7, 2015

CHARLES MCWHORTER ('67)

April 6, 2015

MILDRED ROSS BELLAMY MOORE ('39)

Feb. 9, 2015

KITTEN REDING PARKER ('81)

Jan. 1, 2015

EDGAR PATTERSON ('71)

March 26, 2015

PHILLIP MICHAEL PROVO ('68)

Sept. 12, 2014

NAN MARIE ROBERTSON

June 8, 2015

MILDRED SARDIS ('38)

March 18, 2015

FREDRICK RAY SEAY ('76)

April 24, 2015

KATHERINE FLOE SEAY ('76)

Jan. 23, 2015

GABRIEL R. SEGOVIA ('96)

March 23, 2015

WAYNE "COACH" SINKS ('71, '74)

April 20, 2015

MARY WARD SMITH ('64)

Feb. 14, 2015

JOHN GRAHAM SUGG ('61)

March 28, 2015

ERNEST L. WOODWARD,

professor emeritus of the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, April 5, 2015

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FOREVER

Marianne Ard passed away on that Thursday in December, shortly after mouthing the words "I love you" to her husband. After the funeral on Sunday, Ard asked the man with Neal-Tarpley-Parchman Funeral Home for a favor.

"I want her to be home one last time," he asked.

The funeral home's silver vehicle turned onto Memorial Extension, passing grassy fields that had faded yellow for the winter. The driver steered the car into a subdivision and then parked it in Ard's driveway. A minute passed. Then another thirty seconds.

"All right," Ard said. "I just wanted her to be here one more time."

A new mausoleum, designed by Marianne, now stands near the entrance to the Greenwood Cemetery. Every morning, Ard visits the polished stone structure and lets his hand touch the wall, just a few inches from where her head rests.

"Marianne, I love you, and I miss you," he says, ignoring the looks of passersby.

When Ard returns home, the house is quiet. A picture of his wife hangs in nearly every room, keeping her image close to him.

"That's your problem, Wayne," a friend once said. "You can't get rid of her."

"I don't ever want to get rid of her," Ard said. "She is my wife, and I am married until the day I die."

In the afternoon, he'll sit on the couch and read through the cards she gave him during their 55 years together. When he looks up, his mind tricks him into thinking she is walking down the hallway. One night, after a day of missing her, Ard stretched out on the couch in the living room to watch television. A cold breeze passed against his face.

"I feel you," he said.

Marianne once said she didn't want him to forget her, and every day, either through his gift to Austin Peay or through conversations with friends, he is making sure she will always be remembered. **AP**

THE BATTLE FOR HARNED HALL

Late in the winter of 1943, while German U-Boats attacked American ships in the Gulf of Mexico, Austin Peay State College officials scrambled to fortify Harned Hall. A double wall, insulated with rock wool, was erected to separate the building into two sides, and according to a Feb. 12, 1943, issue of The

All State student newspaper, plans were being made for a 24-hour watch.

"All room doors will be kept open day and night, and a patrol will be constantly on the move in the corridors of all floors," the paper reported.

At that time, World War II was causing a ruckus in Europe and Asia, and radio news

reports about German spies on the snowy beaches of Maine and Japanese subs patrolling the California coast brought the danger home to many Americans. But at Austin Peay, the precautions at Harned Hall were meant to defend against a threat of a more amorous nature. That winter, the country's War Department sent hundreds of naval cadets to the Clarksville college for training, and with space tight, the strapping young men were forced to bunk inside the all female dormitory.

With about 184 women students living in Harned Hall that spring, Austin Peay's old-school faculty was determined to thwart these new intruders. The school's first line of defense—the male students the administration knew and trusted—had, according to The All State, packed up "their good looks" and left for war. Then came word that the incoming cadets were decorating their tidy dorm rooms with pictures of their many girlfriends.

"It looks as though some of those guys will make good wives in the days to come," The All State reported. "And surmising from the display of beauty on the tables and dressers, some of them may turn out to be bigamists."

The Navy insisted that these would-be bigamists be housed in Harned Hall, so a reinforced wall was installed, separating the building into two sides. Vigilant faculty members patrolled the halls day and

night and marched with the young men to the dining hall for breakfast and lunch. But some of the female students didn't appreciate all these defensive maneuvers.

The student newspaper published an article that spring, "Meandering Meditations of a Mad Maid or Cool Contemplations of a College Co-Ed," where an anonymous writer lashed out against the new rules. "Why that war has to mess things up by enforcing strict 'lights out' rulings on those charming cadets," she wrote. "Oh, but if it wasn't for the war I wouldn't have all this practice exerting my charms."

According to The All State, those charms, apparently, were on display most mornings. "It seems that the cadets find it impossible to concentrate on P.T., with Mrs. Lowe's girls out on the obstacle course getting strong," the paper reported.

Two years later, with the defeat of the Axis powers ending World War II, the siege at Austin Peay faded away. The naval cadets left campus, and with things slowly returning to normal, everyone soon forgot about the Battle for Harned Hall.



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APSU ALUMNI...ENGAGING ACROSS THE COUNTRY ▶ President Alisa White and Derek van der Merwe, vice president for Advancement, Communication and Strategic Initiatives, join the members of the offices of Alumni Relations, University Advancement and others as they travel across the country to meet with friends and alumni. The events held throughout the year include alumni receptions and gatherings, chapter-sponsored activities and pregame/sporting events such as the recent trip to Nashville to cheer on the Govs in a football game against Vanderbilt.

There are no fees associated with membership in the National Alumni Association or the alumni chapters. To find an alumni group in your area, or if you are interested in organizing one, call the APSU Alumni Office at 931-221-7979. For our complete event schedule and list of alumni groups, visit www.apsu.edu/alumni or email alumni@apsu.edu





APSU alumni and friends gather around the country connecting with familiar faces and engaging with new ones. These alumni and supporters are proud to be members of the APSU family and proud to "BE A GOV!" For information on alumni events, contact the APSU Alumni Relations Office at 931-221-7979, or visit www.apsu.edu/alumni



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HOME COMING

2015 APSU

Alumni Calendar of Events

MONDAY, OCT. 19

Fight Song Competition/Bonfire/Court Announcement

5 p.m. Free and open to all. Student organizations perform the traditional "Smash Bang" fight song and an altered rendition based on Homecoming theme. Contact Student Life and Engagement at 931-221-7431.

TUESDAY, OCT. 20

APSU Apollo (Student Talent Show)

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

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 21

Governor Games

4 p.m., Intramural Fields
Competitions and games for student organizations to display their athletic ability. Contact Student Life and Engagement at 931-221-7431.

THURSDAY, OCT. 22

Student Concert (valid APSU I.D. required)

7 p.m., Foy Center
A nationally known artist performs for APSU students.

FRIDAY, OCT. 23

37th Annual Homecoming Golf Tournament

10 a.m., Swan Lake Golf Course
Entry is \$60 per person, and open to all. Sponsored by Budweiser of Clarksville. Fee includes ditty bag, refreshments on the golf course and light lunch. Frazier Allen ('99), chair. Contact Alumni Relations Office at 931-221-7979 or visit www.apsu.edu/homecoming

Pep Rally / Soul Fest

11 a.m.-1 p.m., Morgan University Center Plaza
Free and open to alumni and students. Sponsored by Student Life and Engagement, African-American Alumni Chapter and WNDAACC. Cheer on the Govs as they prepare to play JSU in our Homecoming game! Following the Pep Rally, join us for Soul Fest. Teams of seven or less compete in a 3-4 minute stroll-off routine. Open to non-Greek and Greek students and alumni. Prizes will be awarded. Contact Jasmine Jones at jonesj@apsu.edu or 931-221-7210.

WNDAACC Alumni and Current Student Homecoming Mixer

2-4 p.m., Wilbur N. Daniel African American Cultural Center (Clement 120). Free and open to all alumni and students. Catering by Monell's of Nashville. Contact Henderson Hill at hillh@apsu.edu or Tammy Sanchez at sanchezt@apsu.edu or 931-221-7120.

50-Year Reunion Dinner (Class of 1965)

5:30-7:30 p.m., Morgan University Center (Room 305)
Class of 1965 celebrates this momentous occasion! To RSVP, contact Alumni Relations Office at 931-221-7979 or email kearnr@apsu.edu.

Military Alumni Chapter Dinner and Scholarship Endowment

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

College of Business

Homecoming Reception

6-8 p.m., F&M Bank (Franklin Room)
All College of Business alumni invited. Food will be provided. To RSVP, contact April Williams at 931-221-7674 or williamsan@apsu.edu

Governors' Own Alumni Band Rehearsal and Cookout

5:30-8 p.m., Governors Stadium. All Governors' Own Band alumni are welcome! Rehearsals at 5:30 p.m., followed by a cookout. The alumni band will rehearse

the fight song and other tunes. Alumni will join current band members for a mix and mingle cookout at 6 p.m. in the choir room (MMC Building). Free for band alumni. RSVP by Oct. 16, 2015, to Vanessa Cobb at vcobb1@my.apsu.edu

African-American Alumni Chapter Scholarship Mixer

8 p.m. - midnight., Riverview Inn (50 College St.)
\$15 per person. Proceeds to benefit the Marvin Posey Jr. Scholarship Endowment and African American Cultural Center Scholarship funds.
Light refreshments, cash bar. Sponsored by APSU African-American Alumni Chapter and Wilbur N. Daniel African American Cultural Center. Alumni enjoy a discounted rate of \$109 per night (plus tax) at the Riverview Inn and must be booked for Oct. 23 and 24. Reservations required by Sept. 23 by calling 931-552-3331. Contact the Alumni Relations Office at 931-221-7979 or 1-800-264-2586.

Block Party in the "Alley"

8-11 p.m., Strawberry Alley, downtown Clarksville.
\$3 per person (includes wrist band and first beverage). Must be 21 and with a valid I.D.
Celebrate APSU Homecoming 2015 to the sounds of Neil Brock and the Coverup.
Sponsored by Budweiser of Clarksville, Edwards Steakhouse and Section 125.
Contact Alumni Relations Office at 931-221-7979 or 1-800-264-2586.

SATURDAY, OCT. 24

Governors Football Alumni Breakfast

8-9:30 a.m., Governors Football Stadium (Club Level)
Free. All former football players are invited to reunite. Advance reservations requested. Contact Alumni Relations Office at 931-221-7979 or 1-800-264-2586.

Martha Dickerson Eriksson College of Education Alumni Reception

9 a.m., Claxton (Room 308)
Join Dr. Carlette Hardin and APSU faculty/staff for the Martha Dickerson Eriksson College of Education alumni mix and mingle. Food will be provided. To RSVP or to join College of Education Alumni Chapter, contact Matt Bucy at 931-221-7130 or bucym@apsu.edu





Greek Alumni Parade "Watch Party"

9:30 a.m., Clement Lawn (off of College Street – Greek Tent). Join current APSU Greeks and reconnect with your fraternity brothers and sorority sisters during the Homecoming Parade.

Free event. Contact Victor Felts, Greek Alumni Chapter President, at 931-221-7431 or feltsv@apsu.edu.

College of Science and Mathematics Alumni Reception

9:30-11:30 a.m., Maynard Mathematics and Computer Science Building (Ken and Amy Landrum Courtyard) Reunite with alumni and College faculty/staff for this year's Homecoming parade! Contact Tami Fraley at fraleyt@apsu.edu or 931-221-7971.

Homecoming Parade

10 a.m., APSU campus

Free and open to all. APSU gathers together to celebrate Homecoming 2015. Tailgate Alley opens at 2 p.m. Contact Athletics to reserve a spot at 931-221-7904. Contact Student Life and Engagement at 931-221-7431 for parade information.

Governors' Own Alumni Band Rehearsal and Social

9 a.m. All former Governors' Own Band Members will meet in Choir Room (MMC Building) for final rehearsals, followed by parade, Tailgate Alley and game performances. Free event for band alumni. Contact Vanessa Cobb at vcobb1@my.apsu.edu

Alumni Awards Lunch

Noon, Morgan University Center Ballroom

\$25 per person. Open to the public. Join alumni and friends in honoring this year's outstanding alumni award recipients: Maggie Kulback ('77), Mike O'Malley, Michael Wall ('00), Chad Kimmel ('02), Fred Landiss ('69) and Dr. Joe Greer ('70). RSVP by Wednesday, Oct. 21. Contact Alumni Relations Office at 931-221-7979 or 1-800-264-2586.

Lady Gobs Softball Alumni Chapter Tailgate

2-4 p.m., Tailgate Alley

Tailgate with former and current Lady Gobs softball players and coaches before the Gobs football game against JSU at 4 p.m. Food is provided. Contact other teammates to join us. RSVP Ryan at jessryan19@gmail.com

Alumni Hospitality Tent

Alumni Chapters in the Alumni Tent are listed below.

2-4 p.m., Tailgate Alley

Meet and mingle, update your alumni information, register for door prizes and pick up swag. To set up a table at the Alumni Tent, contact Alumni Relations Office at 931-221-7979 or 1-800-264-2586.

Governors' Own Alumni Band Chapter

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Homecoming Game – APSU vs. JSU

4 p.m., Governors Stadium

Presentation of 2015 Homecoming King, Queen and court at halftime. For admission prices, contact Athletics Ticket Office at 931-221-7761.

Homecoming Step Show

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

\$10 APSU students with I.D., \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Contact Fraternity and Sorority Affairs at 931-221-6570 or apsupgrees.com for more information.

STAYING OVERNIGHT?

Enjoy the Homecoming/Alumni discounted rate at these following hotels:

Reference "APSU Alumni Homecoming" when making your reservation.

Riverview Inn (50 College St.)

\$119 plus tax

Two night minimum

931-552-3331

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A full detailed schedule is available at www.apsu.edu/homecoming



From the President



I love to travel. When I was a child, my parents made sure we took advantage of opportunities to explore our nation, and I still remember my excitement at seeing the Rocky Mountains, the Sonoran Desert and Niagara Falls for the very first time. Those trips fostered a desire to see more of this vast country, and I would eventually go on to visit all 50 states. But in the last sixteen months, I've found myself staying pretty close to one particular spot—my home here at Austin Peay State University.

Every day, I feel like a traveler as I walk across this campus and discover something new. Universities are institutions of change, and ours is no exception. A parking lot will soon be a new fine arts building that will serve our deserving art and design students and faculty. Because of the generosity of Wayne Ard, I will soon look out my office window and see the A. R. Boyd Student Health Services serving students in a newly-renovated space, the Wayne and Marianne Ard Building.

Travel provides a great opportunity to meet interesting people, but I've learned that some of the most interesting are right here on the APSU campus. If I walk to the Music/Mass Communication Building, I can walk by the office of Dr. Ann Silverberg, who is spending a year as a Fulbright Scholar in China, studying that country's musical past. I will most likely stop and scan QR codes in the Time Magazine Person of the Year exhibit. I can also go to the McCord Building and meet with the nursing students who achieved a 100 percent pass rate on their State Board exams. I can drive to our campus on Fort Campbell and enjoy a meal prepared by our top-notch culinary arts students. Everyone at Austin Peay contributes to the positive energy that defines our campus, which is why, for the fourth year in a row, the Chronicle of Higher Education named us a Great College to Work For.

Visiting all 50 states made me realize that we live in a beautiful and wonderful country. Seeing this first hand gave me a deeper appreciation for the sacrifices our men and women in uniform make to protect this nation. I was so proud when the Tennessee Higher Education Commission named Austin Peay a Veterans Education Transition Support (VETS) Campus earlier this year. We received this certification because our faculty and staff go out of their way to help student veterans succeed in their pursuit of a college education. It's the right thing to do.

It turns out that Austin Peay makes it fun to travel even when close to home. My mode of transportation is a lot simpler than most, because I can walk or bike wherever I want to go. I have a hunch that the future will hold many new views and experiences as the University strives to meet the needs of new generations of students. You've helped make this University great. Your gifts, both large and small, provide opportunities that our students and faculty can't get at other institutions. They make Austin Peay an extraordinary place that continues to attract high-caliber students.

Thank you for your generosity. You are making a difference in so many lives, and together we will continue to make this University a place we're all proud of.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alisa White". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Dr. Alisa White
President

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