

HOMECOMING 2007



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Goolsby-Gregory

Outstanding alumni award recipients to be honored

Homecoming 2007 at Austin Peay State University will celebrate the service and commitment APSU alumni and community leaders have devoted to the University.

The annual Alumni Awards Brunch will be at 11 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 22 in the Morgan University Center Ballroom. Advance registration is required by Wednesday, Sept. 19, and cost to attend is \$25 per person.

The event is open to the public.

For more information, contact the Alumni Office by telephone at (931) 221-7979.

Here are the 2007 award recipients:

Outstanding Service

Ann Ross

The manager of APSU's book and supply store for 30 years, Ann Ross was a leader in her profession, as indicated by her numerous terms as president of the Tennessee Association of College Stores (TACS) and repeated selection as TACS Manager of the Year before retiring.

And her dedication to Austin Peay is just as commendable. In 2002, Ross served as chair of Austin Peay's first capital campaign. Under her leadership, the original goal of \$15 million

was surpassed almost before the campaign was announced to the public.

Also, in that campaign, she was among the first to make a generous gift to APSU. Besides including the University in her estate plan, Ross made a gift to APSU that enabled her to name a lecture room and laboratory in the Sundquist Science Complex in memory of her daughter, Evelyn Ross Hinson, who passed away in 2000.

She also established endowed scholarships in memory of Evelyn and Ross' late husband, Neil, a longtime member of the APSU mathematics faculty. Her gifts make it possible for several mathematics and biology students to attend APSU.

Outstanding Service

Steve Williard ('78)

For almost a quarter of a century, Steve Williard has announced at more than 460 games for much of APSU's men's and women's athletic teams.

This fall, Williard, Goodlettsville, began his 25th season this fall as public address announcer for Governors basketball, having done so for 332 games. Also, he started his 24th season with Govs football, in which his

voice has been heard at 117 games.

Austin Peay games aren't the only venues to hear Williard, a Govs baseball player from 1977-78. He can be heard at various games for Vanderbilt University's baseball and women's basketball teams.

And this year, he announced at the NCAA Nashville Baseball Region Tournament as well as the Nashville Sounds Baseball AAA Tournament. In 1998, for one season, Williard announced for the Clarksville Coyotes A Baseball team.

In addition to serving as PA announcer, Williard is manager of a contract yard in Nashville for Pro Build Co.

Williard is a member of the board of directors for the Goodlettsville Dixie Youth Baseball League, for which he was president from 1998-2004.

Outstanding Young Alumnus

Tim Fox ('90)

Former Govs pitcher Tim Fox is director of medical physics for three clinical facilities affiliated with Emory University's Department of Radiation Oncology as well as for Atlanta's Veterans Administration Hospital.

In Emory's School of Medicine, Fox is an associate professor of radiation oncology and director of both the Division of Medical Physics and Division of Computational Research and Informatics in the department of radiation oncology.

Since working at Emory, Fox has pushed himself to achieve just as he did at APSU. During 1994-2000, he developed a treatment-planning software system that enabled him to aim a radiation beam precisely where he wanted for better cancer treatment. His unique background in both physics and computer technology made it possible to create a treatment-planning system that enabled radiologists to treat a brain tumor via a precise radiation treatment method called radiosurgery or bloodless brain surgery.

He also is an adjunct associate professor of nuclear engineering in the medical physics program of the Georgia Institute of Technology.

Outstanding Young Alumnus

Michael Swift ('05)

Michael Swift, Memphis, recently launched a real estate appraisal

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service after retiring with a career-ending injury in his fifth season of professional football.

Swift played two years of high school football before earning a full paid scholarship to Austin Peay. After a key injury to the secondary in the first game of the season opener, Swift was given the starting free safety position with fellow teammate Jeff Gooch.

As the season continued, Swift took over the position full time and lettered four years with his first season as a true freshman starter. His sophomore season, Swift earned All-Ohio Valley Conference honors on the field as well as academic honors for his work in the classroom.

In his senior season, Swift was one of four members of Austin Peay's starting secondary to enter the NFL. He played for four seasons with the Carolina Panthers and San Diego Chargers before retiring.

Before beginning Swift Appraisal Service, Swift was director of sales and co-owner of Trinity Technologies Inc., where he developed business strategies that helped the company to double its customer base.

Outstanding Alumnus Howard Roddy ('71)

Howard W. Roddy is vice president of advocacy and healthy communities at Memorial Health Care System, Chattanooga. He joined the company in July 1998, bringing extensive management and leadership skills combined with years of experience in developing community partnerships.

In his position, he oversees advocacy and diversity. He also serves as the company's liaison for many hospital and community partnership initiatives, including Project Access, the Step ONE Initiative to Optimize Health through Nutrition and Exercise and Healthy Memorial.

Before joining Memorial, Roddy was administrator of the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Health Department for 17 years. He was responsible to the Hamilton County mayor for the operation of the health department and its divisions.

After earning a B.S. in chemistry from Austin Peay, Roddy received an M.S. in environmental health administration in 1974 from East Tennessee State University. In 2000, he was conferred a Fellow in Creating Healthier Communities by Health Forum, a division of the American Hospital Association.

Active in the Tennessee Hospital Association, Roddy was appointed by Gov. Phil Bredesen in 2004 to a six-year term on the Tennessee Board of Regents.

Outstanding Alumna Pat Goolsby-Gregory ('76)

With 25 years of manufacturing experience, Pat Goolsby-Gregory was recruited from Austin Peay to join Peterbilt Motors in Nashville as one of the first females in a manufacturing role. She has enjoyed a successful career with various companies such as Gibson Guitar and most recently with Dell Computers Inc.

At Dell, Goolsby-Gregory is senior operations manager. She has worked in various sites including the start-up of the Lebanon, Tenn., plant as well as site leader for Dell's largest and most advanced manufacturing facility in Winston Salem, N.C. She is helping with the transition of the returns and refurbishing plant from Austin, Texas, to the Lebanon facility.

Following that assignment, she will relocate to Austin as site leader for Dell's desktop facility, an award-winning factory that has been featured in national publications.

A supporter of the APSU Alumni Association, Goolsby-Gregory also is a volunteer on the Girl Scouts of America Board of Directors, Meals on Wheels, Habitat for Humanity and Junior Diabetes Foundation.

NEWS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

The state Department of Education announced last week that Tennessee now officially has 12 Governor's Schools.

The addition of three new programs at three different state campuses includes a Governor's School for Computational Physics at Austin Peay State University — a first for APSU.

Austin Peay's new school will open for the summer of 2008 and provide eligible rising sophomore and junior high school students a chance to study computational methods used by scientists and engineers.

Governor's Schools were created in Tennessee in 1985 by former Gov. Lamar Alexander. These unique summer programs provide concentrated learning opportunities for talented high school students who want to explore or enhance their skills in a particular discipline.

Gov. Phil Bredesen has indicated in the past that his high school experience in a similar program sparked an interest in physics for him and eventually led to an undergraduate degree in physics from Harvard University.

Schools also were added at Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville and East Tennessee State University in Johnson City.

The local Governor's School will be open to 36 high school students who will spend five weeks on campus.

Students interested in the Governor's School experience at Austin Peay must apply by Nov. 30. Information is available at www.tennessee.gov/education/govschools. (The Leaf-Chronicle, Sept. 7, 2007)

A Tennessee program created to help more African-Americans get into law and medical schools is failing, a state audit released last week revealed.

In a performance audit of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, the state comptroller's office found that 21 percent of students who go through the Tennessee Institute of Pre-Professionals program apply at a professional school.

Fewer than 200 students — about 10 percent of enrollees — graduated from a professional school, according to data collected between 1987 and 2004, the latest year for which num-

bers were available.

The institute provides internships and test preparation for African-American undergraduate students looking to attend law, health or medical school. The program grew out of a federal desegregation lawsuit that was dismissed last year after Tennessee public colleges and universities met diversity initiatives outlined in a 2001 court document.

The commission sent letters in June to schools in the UT and Board of Regents programs saying the schools will control their diversity initiative funds and report to the commission.

The audit also found problems concerning for-profit schools and some internal documentation issues, but said schools were on pace to fulfill goals in the state's higher education master plan. (The Tennessean, Sept. 11, 2007)

Only six days after its launch, the University of Tennessee's partnership with music downloading service Ruckus appears to be a hit already.

More than 6,100 students have signed up; that's 30 percent of the student body. The number includes some 4,000 who already were signed up with Ruckus.

Together, the students have downloaded 1.2 million tracks.

Ruckus allows students free and unlimited downloads of music and some movies. The service caters to students and has partnerships with 173 colleges and universities already.

UTunes, UT's effort to give students a legal method of downloading music, has had difficulties since its launch in 2004. Napster was its first provider, then Ctrax, which went out of business.

With the partnership comes an increase in download speed. Ruckus has the capacity to send a student an entire album in a matter of a few seconds.

Though the service allows files to be downloaded to computers, an improvement over streaming players, students will be unable to burn the songs to CDs or copy them to MP3 players, thanks to digital rights management. (Knoxville News Sentinel, Sept. 6, 2007)

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LOCAL ANGLE

SOARE adviser offers insight into new mountaintop removal rules

Recently, the Bush administration issued a regulation regarding the coal mining practice of mountaintop removal. The technique involves blasting off the tops of mountains and dumping the rubble into valleys and streams.

Dr. Joseph Schiller, associate professor of biology at Austin Peay State University, offers a professional and historical insight into a new rule that degrades water quality in streams resulting from mining activities.

Schiller also is adviser to SOARE – Student Organization for the Advancement of Renewable Energy. Here is his opinion:

The new rule promulgated by the Office of Surface Mining (OSM) basically eliminates the 100-foot stream buffer zone that was passed to prevent mining activities too close to streams. The reason for the original 100 foot stream buffer zone is that mining in and around streams degrades their water quality, making it unable to support many species usually found in streams with good water quality. In this case, the OSM has passed a rule that not only degrades water quality in streams, it completely destroys the stream by burying it under millions of tons and hundreds of feet of mine waste.

When this practice was first challenged in the courts by citizens of West Virginia, the original argument of the state and federal agencies and their coal company “clients” was that because the filled part of the valley no longer contained a stream, provisions of the Clean Water Act (CWA) and Surface Mining Reclamation and Control Act (SMCRA), including the stream buffer zone, only applied to that portion of the stream that flowed out of the valley fill. The late Judge Charles H. Hayden II described this line of reasoning as a “*reductio ad absurdum*” because it led to the ridiculous situation where an entire river system could be filled in with mine waste and as long as some short segment emerged with relatively good water quality then the CWA and SMCRA would have protected the stream.

He went on to rule against the state and federal agencies describing valley fills from mountaintop removal mines

as “waste disposal projects so enormous that, rather than the stream assimilating the waste, the waste assimilates the stream.”

Basically what the Bush administration has done is give the mining industry a free pass, not only to harm streams, but to obliterate them entirely — a privilege extended to no other polluting entity in the country. Of course, environmentalists are enraged, but all industries and utilities should be so enraged because, unlike the mining industry, they still have to play by the rules.

All citizens should be so enraged because it is their heritage of beautiful Appalachian streams, teeming with unique and beautiful organisms, many found nowhere else on earth, and in numbers and variety found almost nowhere else on earth, that is being destroyed for all time on an unprecedented scale and at an unprecedented rate.

However, Hayden’s original ruling was overturned by the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals on a technicality. Subsequent rulings by Hayden and other federal judges have consistently found the state and federal regulatory agencies to be in violation of the CWA, SMCRA, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and the Administrative Procedures Act (APA), but each time the 4th Circuit has overturned those rulings. However, even a few of the 4th Circuit justices have dissented from these rulings so that the administration has had a very difficult time allowing this practice legally.

The administration’s strategy to circumvent these laws was literally to change the rules. It was about the time of the first Hayden ruling that OSM began the rulemaking process to change the stream buffer zone rule so it could legally allow the valley fills required for mountaintop removal mining.

While the 4th Circuit deferred to the Corps rulemaking interpretation, the Corps still was required to follow the law, which only allows dredge and fill permits to be issued under the nationwide permit if the activities have no significant environmental impact. In a recent suit alleging that the Corps was ignoring this require-

ment Judge Robert Chambers ruled: “The court finds fundamental deficiencies in the Corps’ approach, resulting in EAs [Environmental Assessments] which are inadequate and unsupported...” Chambers ordered the Corps either to come back with valid assessments or go back to individual permits that require full environmental impact studies and citizen involvement. Chambers was openly skeptical of the Corps’ ability to do a valid EA that would conclude the proposed valley fills would have no significant environmental impact. Chambers’ ruling is being appealed to, guess, the 4th Circuit.

Then a couple of weeks ago, the Environmental Impact Statement studying the proposed stream buffer zone rule change was published. When OSM first published its intent to change this rule it tried to do so under the less onerous and less transparent process of conducting an EA. In order to change the rule by this process, OSM would have had to conclude that the proposed rule change would have no significant environmental impact. In other words, OSM would have to convince everyone that a rule change that would rubberstamp the destruction of hundreds of thousands of acres of Appalachian forests and hundreds of miles of Appalachian streams would have no significant environmental impact. They thought better of it and decided to proceed with the slower, more painful, but more legally defensible process of a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Typical of the unmitigated cynicism and contempt for environmental protection of this administration, the proposed rule change is titled “Excess Spoil Minimization, Stream Buffer Zones” to give the impression that the rule change is increasing the protection of streams, when in reality, it is removing all protection.

What is to be done? First, it is essential that citizens everywhere submit written comments denouncing this proposed rule and demanding the nation’s streams remain protected under the old stream buffer zone rule. The ramifications of this rule extend well beyond the bound-

aries of Appalachia. This rule will allow destruction of streams by mining operations everywhere in the US. Comments can be submitted in writing by ground mail to David Hartos, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 3 Parkway Center, Pittsburgh, PA 15220 or by e-mail at dhartos@osmre.gov. Identify your comments as referencing OSM-EIS-34.

The next step is to write your federal legislators to demand that they pass strong water protection legislation that reasserts the clear intent of the original clean water act and its revisions to protect and restore the nations’ waters. A strong stream buffer zone provision is an essential feature of any legislation that purports to do this.

Fortunately, such legislation is already pending before congress. It is called the Clean Water Protection Act, H.R. 2169, in the House of Representatives. Currently, two Tennessee congressmen are cosponsors of this bill, Jim Cooper and Steve Cohen. They deserve our sincere thanks, but it is sad that more Tennessee congressional representatives are not cosponsoring this bill. Tennessee has a great deal at stake. For example, did you know that the Sundquist and Royal Blue Wildlife Management Areas could both be destroyed by mountaintop removal mines? Did you know that additional hundreds of thousands of acres of Tennessee’s Cumberland mountains and streams could also be destroyed by such mining? The whole purpose of the proposed rule change is to legalize the filling of streams and accelerate their destruction.

While you are writing your federal representatives, do not forget to write Gov. Bredesen and your state legislators. They have more power to protect Tennessee’s streams from the devastating effects of mountaintop removal than they care to admit. Demand that state regulators deny water quality permits to mountaintop removal and other strip mining operations that would degrade the waters of Tennessee. They have the power to do this even though they would have you believe they do not.

APSU to host Chicago's famous The Second City

Austin Peay State University and the Roy Acuff Chair of Excellence in the Creative Arts program will host The Second City, Chicago's legendary comedy theater.

The event begins at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 20 in the Trahern Theater. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the Trahern Theater box office.

Since its inception in 1959, The Second City has become the premier training ground for some of the comedy world's most famous and talented stars. Alumni include Stephen Colbert,

Amy Sedaris, Steve Carell, Julia Louis-Dreyfus, Alan Arkin, Bill Murray, Gilda Radner, Robert Klein and John Belushi.

Performances of The Second City are full of satire and hilarious improvisations, as well as the comedy stars of tomorrow. No subject matter or topic is off limits for The Second City.

Tickets are currently on sale at the Trahern Theater box office at (931) 221-7379. For more information call Marcus Hayes, assistant professor of theater and dance, at (931) 221-6371. -- *Jessica Baird*

Women's Studies to host Feminist Film Series

The Austin Peay State University Women's Studies Program and the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance will showcase three films throughout the fall semester.

The Feminist Film Series begins at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 26, with a free showing of the Oscar-winning drama "Boys Don't Cry." Released in 1999, the film stars Hilary Swank as a conflicted transgendered woman living as a man. The film also stars Chloe Sevigny and Peter Saarsgard.

"Fried Green Tomatoes" is the second film in the series and will be shown at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 24. Based on the novel "Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Café" by Fannie Flagg, this 1991 release stars Kathy Bates and Jessica Tandy as

two women who forge a deep friendship despite their age difference.

Holly Hunter and Evan Rachel Wood star in "Thirteen," the third and final film in the series, which will be shown at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 28. Co-star Nikki Reed co-wrote this largely autobiographical film about a studious and conscientious teen who befriends a self-destructive classmate.

All films will be shown in Harned Hall Room 245. The movies are free and open to the public. For more information about the Feminist Film Series, contact Dr. Jill Eichhorn, associate professor of women's studies, by telephone at (931) 221-6314 or by e-mail at eichhornje@apsu.edu. -- *Jessica Baird*

Music department to host Jazz Collegians

(Editor's note: Due to an error in last week's issue, the following article is being reprinted.)

The Austin Peay State University Department of Music will present a jazz concert, featuring big band music under the direction of Professor of Music Richard Steffen.

The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 28 in the Music/Mass Communication Building Concert Hall. The event is free and open to the public.

Steffen teaches both Jazz Har-

mony and Brass Methods at APSU, and he also directs Jazz Ensemble. Prior to becoming a member of the faculty, Steffen was principal trumpet with the Greenville Symphony and first trumpet with the Foothills Brass Quartet in Greenville, S.C.

Also he has performed with such legendary entertainers as Tony Bennett, Bob Hope, Johnny Mathis and The Temptations.

For more information about the performance, contact the department of music by telephone at (931) 221-7818. -- *Jessica Baird*

Women's Club seeks members for 2007-08

A membership drive is under way until Oct. 1 for the APSU Women's Club.

Annual dues are \$20 and payable to Phyllis Whittaker, treasurer, in the Business Office or Box 4635.

The purpose of the APSU Women's Club is to bring together the University community in a social relationship to promote greater understanding of the University and its purpose within the community.

The organization supports the Catherine Evans Harvill Scholarship Fund, which awards one tuition scholarship and one book scholarship, for women, each semester.

The Women's Club meets monthly from noon-1 p.m., with meetings including sessions on various topics. The first is Women's Health Issues on Oct. 18 in the Morgan University Cen-

ter, Room 310. Kim French, assistant professor in the School of Nursing, will lead the session.

Members bring their own lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided. Here is the 2007-08 meeting schedule for the APSU Women's Club:

Nov. 8: Crafts by Donna Liverett, MUC 310

Dec. 13: Pot luck and ornament exchange, MUC 310

Jan. 10: Herbs by Diann Nance, MUC 310

Feb. 21: Scrapbooking by Sharon Silva, MUC 213

March 13: Stamping by Debbie Roach, MUC 310

April 10: Financial Planning by Ed Snead, MUC 310

May 8: Spring Luncheon and installation of officers, MUC 305

PLAUDITS

Dr. Tom O'Connor, associate professor and program manager of criminal justice/homeland security, presented a research paper at the Fall Symposium of the Homeland Security Defense Education Consor-

tium, held Sept. 5 in Colorado Springs, Colo.

His paper was titled "What Enlisted Soldiers Want: An Exploratory Study in Workforce Development for Homeland Security."

For the complete Homecoming 2007 schedule:
www.apsu.edu/homecoming/

