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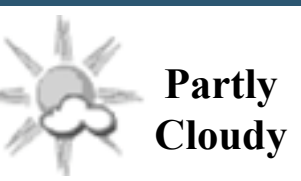
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Jones transitions from roundball to pigskin

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Former Mountaineer basketball star Matt Jones may be expanding his athletic career- by catching footballs instead of basketballs.

Jones, along with former Appalachian State University football players DaVon Fowlkes, Corey Jones, Michael Metcalf and Nygel Rogers, exhibited his football skills at Appalachian's 2005 Pro Day in March in an attempt to woo scouts from the NFL's Indianapolis Colts and Jacksonville Jaguars

Although Jones played basketball for four years at Appalachian, he also has a history rooted in football.

Jones was a standout athlete in high school, earning all-state for football, basketball and track and field at Charlotte Christian. He was awarded most valuable player for his high school football team as a senior at Charlotte Christian.

Greg Simmons, Charlotte Christian's current head football coach, was the wide receivers coach while Jones was in high school.

"He's probably one of the best athletes I've ever seen," Simmons said. "Maybe one of the best to come through this school."

While at Charlotte Christian, Jones' basketball coach was his father, Bobby Jones, who was known as a defensive specialist over his 12-year NBA career.

However, once Jones reached his senior year of high school, his football talent was most recognized by college recruiters.

Jones said he received more scholarship offers to play football in college rather than basketball.

Simmons said Jones was the kind of high school football player who could have played at a number of different colleges.

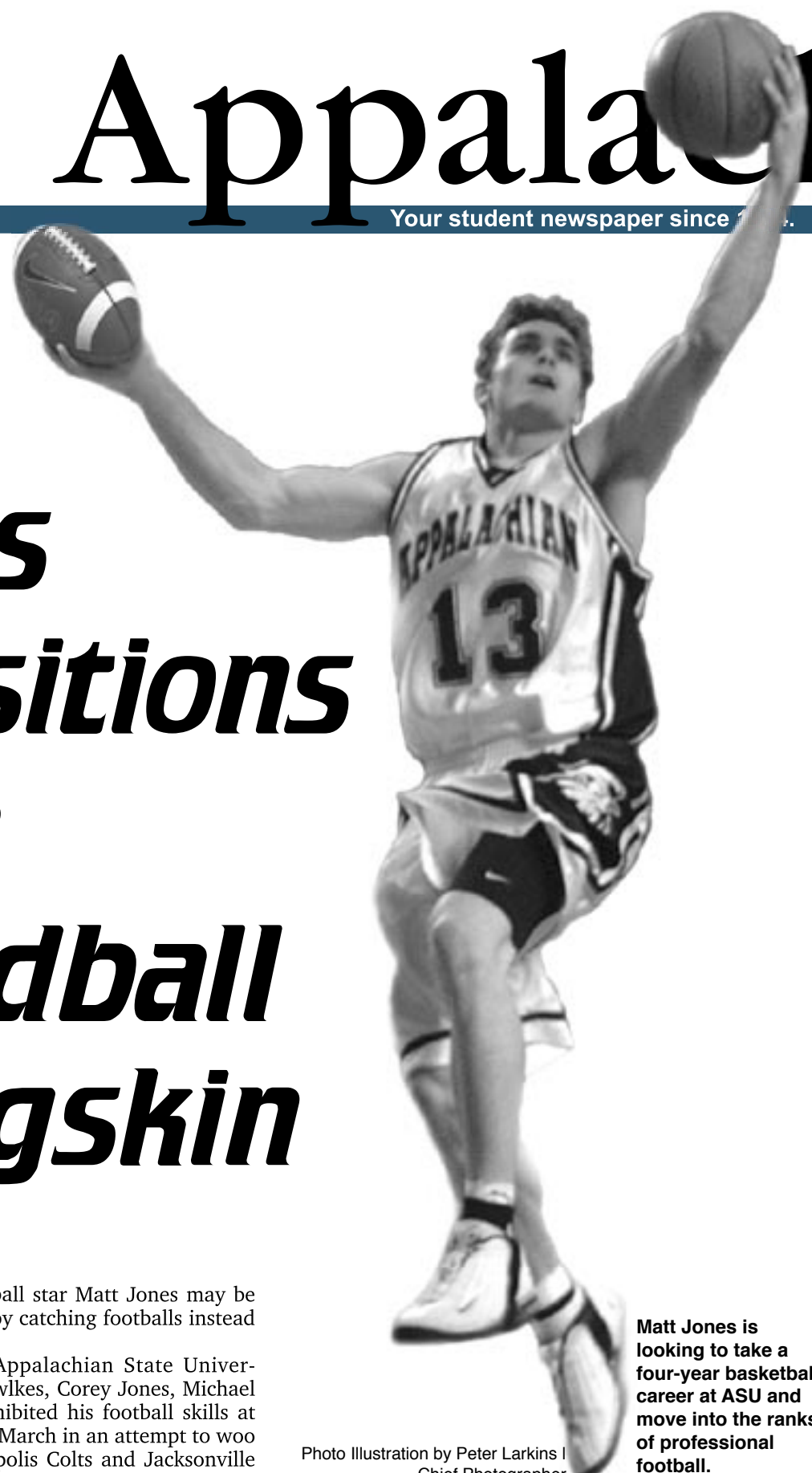


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Matt Jones is looking to take a four-year basketball career at ASU and move into the ranks of professional football.

However, Jones decided to walk on to the basketball team at Appalachian State. Jones said the decision was based largely on the fact that friend and fellow Charlotte Christian graduate Nick Huge was currently on the team.

Jones experienced a very accomplished basketball career as a Mountaineer. During his junior year, his most productive in college, he shot 73 percent from the foul shot line, averaged 5.8 points per game and racked up 60 steals while relishing in the sixth-man role.

Like his father, Jones played a defense-oriented game and also served as an inspiration and leader for his fellow teammates. Jones was a constant defensive force on the floor, leading the Mountaineers in both steals and hustle plays.

"He's the hardest working athlete I've ever played with," assistant men's basketball coach Ahmad R. Smith said. Smith also played for the Mountaineers alongside Matt for two years.

Although Jones had a stellar basketball career, he said that his decision to play basketball instead of football in college is one that he regrets.

As a high school wide receiver, Simmons said that Jones Continued on page 3

Marijuana, alcohol could soon be equal

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The Student Government Association Senate passed a resolution of policy calling for the equalization of penalties for alcohol violations and marijuana offenses Tuesday night.

No debate followed the introduction and discussion about the bill, which was sponsored by Sens. Clark C. Anderson, Autumn Furr and Amanda Gail Zeddy. All are members of the Appalachian State University chapter of

the American Civil Liberties Union.

"If students have the facts, they would support this legislation," Anderson said.

According to the Appalachian State University Code of Student Conduct, the minimum sanction for the first offense of possession or use of marijuana is specific probation, enrollment in a drug education and counseling program, consent to regular drug testing, community service, a service fee and notification of parents or guardians.

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A second offense may include more severe penalties, including expulsion.

For first offenses related to the possession or use of alcohol, minimum sanctions include general probation (which is less stringent than specific probation), enroll-

ment in an educational workshop and a \$50 service fee.

Parents are not notified until a second alcohol offense.

The legislation particularly opposed Appalachian's parental notification policy for first-time marijuana violations. Continued on page 2

Residence hall renovations continue on east side of campus

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The east side of campus is ready to continue its facelift.

Residence hall renovations have already begun with the completion of Doughton Residence Hall and the current work on White Residence Hall, but Appalachian State University has much more in store.

Lovill, Cone and Hoey Residence Halls are all preparing for future renovations.

"We know that we want to maintain all of those

facilities and we want to renovate them," Interim Vice Chancellor for Student Development Cindy A. Wallace said.

East and Coffey Residence Halls have much more extravagant plans in their futures as both dorms will be demolished and rebuilt.

Plans for East Hall have the residence hall being replaced with a new College of Education building.

It is currently undecided what will replace Coffey Hall.

Money is a major factor in deciding whether to renovate or demolish a

residence hall.

Estimations show it would cost \$45,000-\$50,000 a bed to demolish and build a new residence hall, Wallace said.

Wallace said the university spends \$4-\$6 million on a complete residence hall renovation.

"That per-bed analysis is really important because this is a totally fee-supported operation," she said. "Every building we renovate or new building we build, that's an expense that the students carry directly on their backs."

Each residence hall must be renovated one at a time

to avoid the loss of too many beds.

One way Appalachian hopes to speed up constructions is by buying the Quality Inn, located across from Wachovia Bank on Blowing Rock Road.

The hotel would offer an additional 268 beds for students and allow more than one residence hall to be renovated at the same time.

"We have a contract with [Quality Inn] that we hope to close in about six weeks," Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs Jane P. Helm said.

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Dean for arts and sciences selected

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Dr. Robert D. Lyman has been named the new dean for the College of Arts and Sciences for Appalachian State University. He will assume his position at the start of the fiscal year, July 1.

Lyman is currently the dean of the School of Arts and Letters at North Georgia College and State University. He also works as a professor in the psychology and sociology departments. He has held administrative positions at the University of Alabama prior to moving to North Georgia.

"I think it's got a terrific reputation," Lyman said of Appalachian. "It seems to be a school that's really growing and evolving as a university. It's in a terrific location in the kind of place people want to live."

Lyman wants to focus on student engagement and scholarships.

"I think I'd really like to look at ways to increase the scholarship and research ... that are produced both by faculty and by students," Lyman said.

Lyman said he first considered coming to Appalachian last fall when the advertisement for the open dean position was published. Dr. Neal G. Lineback has served as interim dean of the college since July 1, 2004.

The response from his family and co-workers was positive.

"[Appalachian] has a terrific reputation, and not only the university, but also the area is a very desirable place to live," Lyman said.

He hopes to continue his role as both an administrator and professor when he comes to Appalachian, but that is still up in the air.

Appalachian Provost Stanley R. Aeschleman was not available for comment as of press time, but said in a press release that Lyman's previous experience made him a qualified candidate for the position.

"His experience as a department chair is very important for an understanding of the day-to-day operations of a department and an understanding of the challenges department chairs face," Aeschleman said. "He also is well positioned to understand the sciences, humanities and social sciences which comprise our College of Arts and Sciences."

"He's a very good person to work with," chair for the NGCSU department of mathematics and computer science Dr. John E. Cruthirds said. "He's honest, straightforward, and listens carefully when you tell him things. My experience with him is he's very fair, very even-handed."

Cruthirds said Lyman gained respect in the two years he served at NGCSU.

"For the short time that he's been here, he's very well-respected across the campus," Cruthirds said.

12 students return from the Iraqi War

Group part of 1450 National Guard transportation company out of Ashe

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Twelve Appalachian State University students returned from Iraq and Kuwait with the 1450 National Guard transportation company last week.

The soldiers were deployed March 2004 and spent their time overseas hauling materials and running transportation support.

The students are currently being processed before returning home for a 90-day leave.

Now that they have arrived back in the United States, it is time to transition back into civilian life.

Appalachian State is keeping close contact with its military students and the university is working to get the students back on campus.

"The university is working and will work with them in

whatever way they need," Dean of Students Susie L. Greene said. "But I'm sure that right now, all they are focusing on is getting home to their families."

Over the past year, the university has kept each student's e-mail active so they could keep in touch.

The students were sent information periodically to keep them informed about the university and what is happening with campus life.

"As they contact us, we immediately get their paperwork processed and work with them individually as they need help," registrar Don R. Rankins said. "We are trying to keep them informed, keep them in the loop and stay connected."

Advisors reviewed each of the students records and sent them letters explaining what requirements they will need to graduate.

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Construction crews are working on new gravel walkways around White Residence Hall.