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Move over Appalachian State football, there's a new team in Boone. Appalachian State men's basketball ushers in a new era under new head coach Dustin Kerns. Kerns comes from Presbyterian University where he spent three years as the head coach. Kerns brings N-C-A-A tournament experience. During his time as an assistant coach at Wofford, he helped the program reach back-to-back N-C-A-A appearances in 20-14 and 20-15. Appalachian athletics moved on from former coach Jim Fox. Fox's five years as head coach ended up fifty-five wins and ninety-nine loses, and zero N-C-A-A Tournament appearances.

Kern's culture is slowly taking over Appalachian athletics. His new slogan, --Take the stairs-- and renaming the student section are small steps to changing the culture that Fox left behind. Men's basketball tips off on November fifth against Michigan in Ann Arbor.

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