Dear Alumni and Friends,

I love success stories, especially about people who have studied at JSU. Gem of the Hills is growing in popularity for this very reason: improved features and profiles. This edition brings you a news account of Anniston native Barbara Robinette Moss, recipient of the prestigious William Faulkner Award. Her new book, Change Me Into Zeus's Daughter, released by Scribner on September 12, has catapulted yet another JSU student into the national literary spotlight and prompted an article in People Magazine.

There is also a feature about William F. Kidd and his wife, Owana, who worked to bring technology and modern ideas to third world countries by helping to make safe blood transfusions possible in India. You will also find the remarkable story of Lisa Baswell Bates, one of the most highly decorated athletes in JSU history. Ms. Bates became the only person in the history of the Trans America Athletic Conference to win the Student Athlete of the Year award for two consecutive years. As we strive to make personalities a bigger part of our magazine, I invite you to share your own milestones with us so we can continually keep Gem of the Hills fresh and lively with the kind of stories we all love to read. I hope you’ll pass along your feature and profile ideas by contacting Connie Edge, JSU Alumni Director, or Al Harris, Information Services Director. I look forward to reading your success story in future issues.

I hope to see you during Homecoming on November 4. Please note this date on your calendar. We host Northwestern State of Natchitoches, LA, at 4 p.m. on November 4. Homecoming is an excellent opportunity for you to invite a prospective college student to come visit the campus and enjoy the festivities. While you are on campus, I hope you will walk around campus to view the many changes that are in progress, particularly the new McGee Science Center and the renovation of Martin Hall. Be sure to see the newly renovated Theron Montgomery Student Commons Building. Once again, thank you for your friendship and support of Jacksonville State University. With your help, “The Friendliest Campus In The South” can only get better and better.

Sincerely,

William A. Meehan
President
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19
Homecoming King and Queen Pageant
7:00 p.m.
Leone Cole Auditorium

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31
Rocky Horror Picture Show
8:00 p.m.
TMB Auditorium

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1
Hypnotist
8:00 p.m.
TMB Auditorium

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3
J-Day Activities Door Decorating Contest
Karaoke in the Café-noon
Alumni Golf Tournament noon
Silver Lakes Golf Course
Bonfire/Pep Rally
7:00 p.m.
Intramural Field
ROTC Alumni Banquet
6:00 p.m.
Gamecock Center
For reservations call 256-782-5601

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4
Alumni Association General Membership Meeting
10:00 a.m.
TMB Auditorium
Brunch at President’s Home
10:30 a.m.-12:00 noon
Homecoming Parade
1:00 p.m.
Pelham Road North
Alumni Cookout
1:30-3:30 p.m.
Adults $7.00 Children $5.00
Lawn Entertainment
Gamecock Center
Pregame Activities
3:45 p.m.
Cheerleader Reunion on the field
Group performance of Two Bits
JSU Show Choir “Encore!” performing the “National Anthem”
Kickoff
4:00 p.m.
JSU vs. Northwestern State

REUNION
1978-82 ROTC Rangers/Scabbard & Blade Reunion held at the game. Details regarding follow-on activities are in the works. Interested alumni should contact Gene Wisdom at (H) 256-536-2054 or (W) 256-830-6352 or email gawisdom@hiwaay.net.

HALFTIME ACTIVITIES
Southerners and Marching Ballerinas
Outstanding Alumni and Faculty Awards
Presentation of the 2000 Homecoming King, Queen and Court

POSTGAME ACTIVITIES
Full performance of the Southerners and Ballerinas immediately following game
Step Show sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Services and the Black Greek Organizations
8:30 p.m.
Coliseum

Alumni Dance
Old Henry Restaurant in Jacksonville
8:30 p.m.-midnight
$25 per person
Music provided by pasTime, Heavy Hors d’oeuvres
Nursing Department Makes Trip to Honduras

Members of JSU’s Nursing Department recently made a trip to Honduras where they provided medical care for residents of Tutule, a small village located approximately 3 1/2 hours away from the capital of Honduras.

Dr. Martha Lavender, Dean of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, arranged the trip for graduate students, undergraduate students, and faculty members. Dr. Jane Cash and Dr. Beth Hembree accompanied the group of students and worked to help them complete this large undertaking.

The clinic was set up in a classroom of the village in order to assure easy access to all of the people in the area. Over 2,000 men, women, and children came for medical help and advice.

“Almost everyone that went was affiliated with JSU. It was truly a JSU team, and I think that is what made the trip so special,” says Dr. Lavender.

The team provided medical assistance to many villagers, and in some cases, was able to prescribe medications.

“We were able to provide medications based on what we had available to us, such as antibiotics, medication for rash, hypertension, mild pain medication, and vitamins,” explains Dr. Lavender.

Graduate students that attended this mission received clinical credit for their community health nursing major, as well as exposure to conditions in a third world country. This exposure to different cultures will serve to complete the well-rounded education gained at JSU.

—Christina Morrison

A Second Gallery

Larry Martin ’61, renowned artist and owner of the Wren’s Nest Gallery in Anniston, opened a second gallery. Wren’s Nest at Orange Beach is located on Perdido Beach Boulevard, behind the world-famous Tootie Green’s Yellow Broom. It is located in a vintage collection of buildings that have retained their 1950s flavor and charm.

Martin says the shopping center, called C-Side, is owned by a friend of his. He sees the second gallery as a test to see what that kind of environment might do for the art business.

He is also looking forward to the opportunity of doing some ocean-oriented artwork.

Information on Martin’s work can be found online at www.larrykmartin.com.

Komatsu Presents JSU with Gift

Jacksonville State University Professor P. S. Yeh, right, professor of engineering at JSU, presents a $30,000 donation to President Bill Meehan on behalf of Alumnus Shigeji Komatsu, who now lives and works in Japan. Komatsu attended JSU in the early 1970s and was enrolled in the International House Program during his first two years of school. He finished his last two years with his own financing and graduated with a B. S. in physics, then returned to Japan. Komatsu’s gift is to be equally distributed among the International House, the John Stewart Scholarship Program and the Technology Dept. at JSU. Dr. Yeh, who will be teaching courses in the Dept. of Technology beginning this fall, has been teaching courses in engineering, physics, computer science and mathematics at JSU since 1967.

—Steve Latham Photo
“It was when I was in art school that the words to this book came to me, really. The words just arrived during the night, they’d wake me up, and I’d get up and scribble down a couple of paragraphs and go back to bed. This went on and pretty soon I had some stories. “

“Hometown audiences are the toughest,” she says softly, more to herself than anyone else in the packed Ayers Room, on the second floor of the Anniston Public Library. She slides herself onto the stool behind the podium and positions herself behind the microphone, clasping in her hands a book; pages marked with yellow post-it notes. The long, lithe, slender woman greets the audience with a winning smile and a confident grace. She is surprisingly comfortable, not just in front of the hometown audience, but also in her own skin.

Around the room, there are hushed whispers among the audience.

She’s so pretty...” “I can’t imagine...” “It’s hard to believe...”

The voices trail off, leaving the rest unsaid, unneeded to be said. Maybe this is why the hometown audience is the toughest because they are the most aware of the past. Some even had a direct hand in her transformation from ugly duckling to beautiful swan.

Then Barbara Robinette Moss, presently of Iowa City, Iowa, formerly of Pell City, Kimberly, Anniston, Estaboga and Birmingham, Alabama begins to speak. Her voice is almost musical, lilting in an Alabama accent diluted with a touch of Iowa. Her voice matches her appearance, warm and confident. After a brief introduction, she begins to read from the book, a chapter entitled Glad. Her voice grows even more confident as these are her memories she is reading, her words, her book.

“Change me into Zeus’s Daughter”, released by Scribner on September 12, is Barbara Robinette Moss’ autobiographical book about growing up poor in Alabama with her 7 brothers and sisters under the abusive rule of their alcoholic father.

But the title refers more to Moss’s own personal struggle.

Lack of money meant no dental or medical care, along with poor nutrition. For Moss, the poverty and lack of care reflected painfully in her face. A massive underbite was the source of years of teasing - her teeth stuck out so far her lips cracked and bled. She was able to stick her infant sister’s entire fist into her mouth without opening it. “A trick that made her laugh and me cry, secretly.”

Malnutrition weakened her bones and her face; her jaw grew crooked, and disfigured. Six moles marred her face, particularly around her nose. “I had blamed Him (God) for giving me such a twisted, mummy face.”

Moss made a list as a child on ways to improve herself.

It began:
1. Remove moles from face
2. Get Braces on teeth
3. Fix Face

Glad details how she saved up 21 dollars, enough money to have one mole removed from her face. She decided that she would never save enough to have them all removed at once. So Moss made an appointment to have one removed - the biggest one. The doctor, in the middle of the process, offered to take all six off for the price of one.

She got braces when she was 15 years old, paying for most of it by working at a car wash. The payments were 35 dollars a month. Eventually, the job ran out and “Mother made up the rest of the dental payment with grocery money.”
"I felt guilty about taking the money, but the guilt wasn’t nearly as strong as the fear that the grocery money wouldn’t be there, that I wouldn’t be able to make the payments at all."

Her physical appearance, however, did not hamper Moss’ dreams or ambition.

"From the time I was 6 years old, I was going to be an artist and that’s what my dream was."

Moss’ mother, Dorris, who had taken drawing courses at Birmingham Southern while studying music there, inspired her love of art. Later her mother had taken the American Artists correspondence course. Moss used to trace the pictures from the books. When they lived in Birmingham, Moss and three of her siblings used to slip into the Birmingham Library and look at the books - medical books and art books. "I had already decided to become an artist, so these books were my favorites."

Moss graduated from Oxford High School, married, had a baby and divorced "in one short year." She moved back home and eventually remarried and got a job at the natural-history museum in Anniston.

"It was just a big old empty building," Moss believes it was about 1977 or 78 when she began working there. But she is able to detail exactly what hand she had in its development. "All those rocks where the billy goats are, I did those," she boasts proudly.

Moss attended Jacksonville State University as a part-time undergraduate taking mostly art and design classes from September 1981 through May of 1984.

At 26, she heard from her doctor about experimental facial surgery they were performing at the University Hospital in Birmingham. After an appointment at the hospital, she found out that not only was she a perfect candidate for the surgery, but that it could be done for almost nothing if she served as a teaching tool. It would be the final, most dramatic step in her physical transformation. "As they wheeled me into surgery, I told the doctor, just cut away everything that’s not me."

Her 6-year-old son did not even recognize her when she came home from the hospital. Moss ended up seeing a counselor for a year after the surgery to learn to adjust to the change.

She applied to Ringling School of Art and Design in Sarasota, Florida with no way to pay for it. "It was a quest for beauty. I don’t mean I just wanted a beautiful face. I wanted to be part of that world of music and art and poetry." After her second marriage failed, she drove to Sarasota in a beat-up car with her young son and $500. She completed her Bachelor of Arts at Ringling and earned her Master’s of Fine Arts at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa.

"It was when I was in art school that the words to this book came to me, really. The words just arrived during the night, they’d wake me up, and I’d get up and scribble down a couple of paragraphs and go back to bed. This went on and pretty soon I had some stories."

Already an accomplished artist, she submitted one story "Near the Center of the Earth" into the Pirate’s Alley Faulkner Society literary contest and won the 1996 Gold Medal for Personal Essay in the William Faulkner Creative Writing Competition. That story, which tells how Barbara’s mother ate poisoned beans and if she didn’t die or get sick, her starving children could eat them too, is now the first chapter in Moss’ book.

They were starving because Moss’ father had disappeared and promised to send money, but hadn’t. But life with him at home wasn’t any easier. He drank heavily and would often wake the household up at 3 a.m. for beatings or to clean house.

"He was awake, if he was awake, somebody needed to be awake. In fact EVERYBODY needed to be awake too. I think he was lonely, and tired and scared." Moss then laughs and adds, as if part of a private joke "and he drank a bit..."

Her mother, who passed away three years ago, was an important source for Moss’ book. She interviewed her extensively for it. "I tortured her about this book. I asked her things that she didn’t want to answer."

The book was originally published by a tiny press in Iowa City - without any editing or marketing support. The first printing of 2,300 hardcover copies sold out in nine days. Moss’ publishing contract was sold to Scribner last year.

Currently, Moss has two more books in the works; one is a collection of short stories entitled A Voice of Their Own. "There is a story that each one of my siblings has told to me. One of the things when the book came out several siblings said ‘why didn’t you put this story in and why didn’t you put that story in. You SHOULDN’T have put this story in!’ There was a lot of that. I wanted to give them an opportunity to tell their own story, their own struggles."

The other book picks up where “Change Me into Zeus’s Daughter” leaves off. “It really chronicles the years after my father’s death. It is really a more personal story rather than a family story. But his suicide took me really, really hard...” Her words are lost in the emotion of the memory.

"He was awful. He was just god-awful half the time, but I just adored him. You just have to forgive people and love them for what they are capable of doing. Hell, he gave me life.”
Jacksonville State University, as a member of Microsoft’s teacher.training@microsoft program, will receive software and training materials to help K-12 education majors to develop strategies for using technology as part of teaching and learning.

With the Microsoft software and materials, valued at $30,000, JSU’s pre-service and K-12 teachers participating in professional development courses in the College of Education and Professional Studies will have new resources to learn how to integrate technology into all aspects of the curriculum, so elementary and highschool students can make the best possible use of the high-tech tools in the U.S. classrooms.

Teachers are the key to making technology an effective tool for learning,” said Mary Stephenson, director, Microsoft K-12 programs. “Jacksonville State University has a strong commitment to helping K-12 teachers build the skills necessary to effectively use technology in the classroom, and Microsoft is proud to support this training with up-to-date software and training resources.”

Jacksonville State University has been a member of teacher.training@microsoft since 1998. The Multimedia Instructional Laboratory is located in the Ramona Wood Building. It is the meeting place for computer studies in the College of Education and Professional Studies.

Undergraduate and Graduate students in teacher education take EIM 410, The Information Age Classroom, while current Alabama teachers can take The Technology Scholarship Program for Alabama Teachers (TSPAT). TSPAT is a series of three graduate courses leading to a technology add-on to their teaching certificate.

Microsoft developed the program in response to educator requests for help and resources for using technology as an effective learning tool.

JSU Receives $30,000 in Materials From Microsoft

Paving the Way...for Tomorrow’s Leaders

“Paving the way...for tomorrow’s leaders” has become the theme of our JSU affinity tag program. Because of your support of the Scholarship program, over $3 million has been made available for our students. Due to recent federal legislation, the Alabama Department of Revenue will no longer be able to provide the names of alumni, students and friends who have purchased or renewed tags to Jacksonville State University. This means that the mailing of acknowledgement letters will be discontinued. We encourage you to retain your tag receipts from the probate office for your tax records. We truly appreciate your support of this program. We hope you will continue to “ride with pride” knowing you are helping tomorrow’s leaders, today.
The newest addition to Jacksonville State University is the McGee Science Center, which will be connected to the newly remodeled Martin Hall.

As Jacksonville State University has grown in size and population, the need for a new science building became evident. The McGee Science Center, added to the renovated Martin Hall, will allow students to connect their classroom learning to the hands-on material they learn in labs.

The Baggette company is currently remodeling Martin Hall, which previously housed many classrooms as well as many labs, and the McGee Science Center is being built by the Chorba company.

Construction of the McGee Science Center is expected to be completed by January 2001, and can be utilized for the spring 2001 semester. The renovation of Martin Hall is expected to be completed in October 2001, in order to be occupied in the fall 2001 Semester.

Don Thacker, Vice President for Business and Administrative Affairs, says, “Martin Hall was built in the mid 1960s as a classroom building which was used for labs. We have now built the McGee Center for physics labs, chemistry labs, and higher-level biology labs. In doing this, we can now utilize Martin Hall mainly for lecture.”

Dr. David Watts, Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs, comments, “These labs will have all-new up-to-date equipment. It is the best equipment that our fundraising can provide.”

The McGee Science Center will be linked to Martin Hall by a catwalk, which will make it easy to go from a lecture class directly to the lab.

“There will be an easy flow of students and faculty from the classroom to the lab,” says Dr. Watts.

“The McGee Science Center will house the biology, physics and chemistry labs,” explains Dr. Watts.

“The McGee Center has met all the modern building codes and is very up-to-date. The architecture is styled in such a way that it will match the buildings already here on campus, and is very pleasing to the eye,” comments Thacker.

“This work will bring the sciences together in one place on this campus, which is something we feel will be very conducive to learning, as well as professional development,” Thacker says.

“In this environment the opportunity for collaborative work is greatly enhanced. This will be the first time since the 1960’s that all our natural sciences will be together in one building,” says Dr. Watts.

“Martin Hall was originally built in the sixties when energy was very inexpensive, so one of the main concerns was to make this building more energy-efficient. The brick on the outside of the building will help with insulation, and the new heating and cooling unit we’ve installed will lower the energy bill,” Thacker explains.

Martin Hall previously had small auditoriums that allowed teachers to lecture to up to approximately 100 students. All these auditoriums have been remodeled and will contain the latest in high quality equipment.

The next large projects that Jacksonville State University has on the books are the remodeling of the exterior of Houston Cole Library and the construction of a new music building.

—Christina Morrison
A Sign of Times

New Electronic Sign Will Keep Community Informed of JSU Events

As travelers and students pass by the Jacksonville State University campus in the near future, they will see a surprise in the new electronic sign placed in front of the Theron Montgomery Building.

The planned sign will be approximately ten feet high, base and all. The sign itself will be six feet high and fifteen and a half feet wide. The base will be approximately four feet high and made of the same brick used to remodel the Montgomery Building.

The structure’s design was prepared by the Jenkins Munroe Jenkins Architecture firm, and the construction of the brick base will be completed by Hale Building Company. Noble Signs, of Anniston will provide the sign.

Jay Jenkins, of Jenkins Munroe Jenkins Architecture, says, “This is a large message sign designed to be placed on the lawn in front of the Montgomery Building. It has a nice brick base, which is keeping with the design of the newly remodeled Montgomery Building.”

The sign is a very sophisticated piece of electronics, as it is capable of posting an almost infinite number of characters. Also the sign has many options which allow it to use sophisticated graphics.

Scott Andrews of Noble Signs says, “The proposed plan, if implemented, is to place an electronic message display with full graphic capabilities in front of the Theron Montgomery Building. This sign can support text and graphics, and can even be used for art.”

The sign will be controlled and programmed by a computer that will be located in the Montgomery Building. Electrical wiring will be run from the building and computer out to the sign in order to provide power and input.

“You can program fifty different messages that can run all day, or only have one. It can also do graphical representations; option-wise, the possibilities are endless. Basically, if the computer can do it, the sign can do it,” explains Mr. Jenkins.

Mr. Donald Thacker, Vice President for Administrative and Business Affairs, says, “We’ve been working and planning on this project for years. We want a display that will inform the community about what is going on at Jacksonville State, and we are looking forward to this project’s completion.”

The sign will be an informative addition to the ever-growing and advancing campus of Jacksonville State University. It will serve as an information center for students, faculty, and community members, as well as a point of interest for many area travelers.

—CHRISTINA MORRISON

Adams Achieves Goal

Vicki Adams (above left), associate director of financial aid at Jacksonville State University, has been promoted to the position of director of financial aid. Adams joined the Financial Aid Department in 1992 as a full-time employee while at the same time attending Jacksonville as a part-time student. She graduated in December 1998 with a Bachelor of Science.

“This has been a goal of mine since I started here,” beams Adams, referring to achieving the director’s position.

Adams has been working in financial aid for over 20 years, working at Gadsden Business College for 16 before coming to JSU.

She is only the third person to hold the position of director of financial aid at JSU. Larry Smith, who previously held the position, is retiring after 30 years of service at JSU.
Dr. Roswal Leads Project for Eurasian Educators

JSU Professor Glenn Roswal recently led a project dealing with adapted physical education for professors from 15 Eurasian universities.

The purpose of this project was to assist the Eurasian universities in designing and implementing programs to train teachers in delivering physical education services to disabled children and adults. Funding for the project was provided by the international nonprofit organization Special Olympics Inc.

The participants in the project are 19 professors from universities in Russia, Belarus, Ukraine, Latvia, Kazakhstan, Moldova, and Bulgaria. The project will continue this year with site visits by the seminar teams to the Eurasian universities.

Alumni Enjoy Being Together on Caribbean Cruise

This lovely photo represents part of the JSU alumni who ventured to the Caribbean in March. This was the first of many trips that will be available to you through the Alumni Association.

Participants of the cruise were: Rudolf and Helga Pietz, Gregg and Jennifer Lowery, Keith and Michelle Nation, Joe and Joan Lamb, Kenneth and Anita Hedgepath, Stan and Mickey Rogers, Wayne and Gail Matthews, Wayne and Susie Dempsey, William and Betty Fallis, Sara Stevenson, Geraldine Welch, Miriam Haywood, Ward Pell, Madge Brownlee, Jennifer Cobb, Michelle Stephens and Connie Edge.

Ronald Miller ’73 has recently authored the award-winning book, A Broken Reed, which is his first publication.

The book won the Mayhaven Award for Adult Fiction, a prize that included publication in Mayhaven Publishing’s fiction contest. Mayhaven is situated in Mahomet, Illinois and has had the contest going since 1997. Manuscripts for this contest are submitted from around the world, and three finalists are chosen for each category: children’s fiction and adult fiction.

“It’s intended as a mystery and is set in Northeast Alabama in the late 1950’s. I incorporated a statement on domestic violence, and it’s more or less about a woman who is going through abuse,” Mr. Miller comments on his book.

Ronald Miller has led a very interesting life since he first received his Bachelor’s Degree from Jacksonville State University in 1973. He went on to receive his MS Degree in history and his Education Specialist Degree in Administration and Supervision.

Miller remembers his time at JSU as a great learning experience. “When I was at JSU I took some graduate courses along with my undergraduate work. I believe part of that education inspired my love for literature, which really helped me tremendously with writing this book,” says Miller.

Miller is married to the former Kathrine Clewis previously of Tampa, Florida. Kathrine has three children from a previous marriage, and Ronald has two daughters from a previous marriage.

The release date for the book is May 2001, and Miller has already finished work on his second book.

–CHRISTINA MORRISON
The JSU Foundation has recently named five new Public Directors and re-appointed six Public Directors.

The six new directors positions were filled by Marc Angle, Jr. ’82, Regional CEO and Texas State Executive of SouthTrust Bank of Houston, Texas; Anthony Humphries, President and CEO of SouthTrust Bank of Calhoun County; Jack Lyle ’83, Vice President and General Manager of Warren Manufacturing, Inc. of Birmingham; Mike McCord, President of McCord Communications of Anniston; and Sperry Snow ’72, President of Barton-Clay Fine Jewelers of Mountain Brook.

The following have been re-appointed as Public Directors: Dr. Sherry L. Colgin ’76, Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon, M.D. (Orthopaedic Specialists of Alabama, P.C., Birmingham); Jim Farrell ’70, President, Southeast Refractories, Inc., Anniston; Ronnie Smith, Vice President-Eastern Division, Alabama Power Company, Anniston; Malcolm Street, Sr. ’39, retired President, Calhoun Broadcasting Company, Inc., Anniston; Charlie Waldrep ’71, Gorham & Waldrep, P.C., Attorneys at Law, Birmingham; and Millard Young, Jr. ’57, President, Young Oil Company, Piedmont.
Lisa Baswell Bates Honored by the Board of Trustees

Lisa Baswell Bates is still garnering honors for her college performance, even after her graduation.

Lisa, a former Lady Gamecock, graduated on April 29, 2000, receiving her Master’s Degree in Education, and doing it all with a 4.0 GPA. She accomplished many goals throughout her college career, and was recognized by the Board of Trustees for these accomplishments.

“Being named the Academic All-American of the Year was my biggest basketball accomplishment, but it was a huge goal of mine to finish my Master’s Degree in only one year with a 4.0 GPA. She scored 1,187 points in only two years, which places her fourth in JSU’s 1,000 Point Club. Lisa also led JSU in scoring, rebounding, and blocks. She scored an average of 21.0 points per game in her career, which places her second in school records for career points average.

Not only did Lisa attain honors on the court, but also succeeded in the classroom. Her many awards and honors include: Member of the JSU Scholar Athlete Hall of Fame, JSU representative for TAAC Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, and graduating first in a class of 398 with a 4.0 Grade Point Average.

Lisa was scouted by agents for WNBA teams many times, but chose not to continue her basketball career in that area.

“The thought of the WNBA was interesting, but it just wasn’t for me. I wanted to start teaching and I was getting married, so it really wasn’t convenient at the time,” explains Bates.

There is another Baswell who remains at JSU, Lisa’s sister Laura. Laura is also a Lady Gamecock and is working on making a name for herself. Bates comments, “I know she will do well as she finishes her basketball career. She is a smart, good player.” Lisa also says that her fondest memory of JSU is the time she was able to spend with her sister.

Lisa credits JSU for helping her achieve many of the goals that she set for herself during her college years.

“I think Jax State has a great Education Department. It prepared me for the real world of being a teacher. Because of all the student teaching I did while I was at JSU, I knew what to expect when I got my first job. I don’t dread going to work at all. I love my job,” says Bates.

Lisa plans to top her college success by coaching a successful high school basketball team and becoming a successful Special Education Teacher.

When asked about the legacy she is leaving at JSU, she comments, “I wouldn’t call it a legacy, but I hope female athletes can look at what I was able to achieve and know they can do it too. I also want them to know that most every honor I was awarded had something to do with academics as well as athletics.”

Lisa Baswell Bates is originally from Locust Fork, Alabama and is married to Keith Bates, whom she met at JSU. She is currently teaching Special Education and coaching basketball at Sand Rock High School.

—Christina Morrison

Susie Francis Dempsey Receives Award

The Alabama Music Teachers Association recently conferred the coveted Music Teacher of the Year 2000 Award to Susie Francis Dempsey ’65 “for excellence in teaching of music and service to AMTA, the community and the state of Alabama.”

Shown above with Susie are her husband J. Wayne Dempsey and Dr. Elizabeth Hotsetter presenting the award.
Imagine a world with no HMOs, no co-pays, no generic drug vs. brand name, no late night trips to the ER with a 12-year-old and a broken arm, or a toddler with a croupy cough. Imagine a world where you didn’t wait 2 weeks for lab results, or feel pressured by the office vampire to donate a pint in the annual blood drive.

William Kidd and his wife Owana have traveled to this world and witnessed first hand the tragedy that can come from it. The Kidds have dedicated their lives to bringing modern medical technology and know how to the far corners of the world.

In the past decade, the Kidds have served in 12 countries on 17 different occasions, working to distribute medical supplies, conduct medical clinics, establish new laboratories and provide blood transfusion services to countries in need.

William Kidd was born in Winston County, Alabama in March of 1926 on a farm midway between Haleyville and Double Springs. “The mailing address was Haleyville.” He lived there until he and his twin brother Milton, enlisted in the U.S. Navy after graduating from Double Springs High School. He and Milton trained as signalmen and served during World War II. After they were discharged, the two brothers roomed together at what was then Jacksonville State Teachers College.

“My father, mother, and uncles attended when it was called Jacksonville Normal School. Houston Cole, later to be Dr. Houston Cole, President of Jacksonville, was a classmate of my parents and uncles.”

“One time,” he recalls, “four male students were returning to the university from the movie theater in Jacksonville. One of the students noted the mayor of Jacksonville’s car parked in front of his house. They decided it would be fun to push it down the street to a side street, therefore, it would appear the mayor’s car had been stolen. He looked out his window and saw his car rolling down the street and the mayor panicked. He could not locate the one policeman serving Jacksonville, so he turned in a fire alarm. The fire truck arrived but there was no fire. The mayor was fined $25 for turning in a false fire alarm!”

After graduating, Kidd taught evening and night classes at Sumiton, Alabama for the Veterans Administration. A year later, he resigned to enter the School of Medical Technology at the Medical College of Alabama at the University of Alabama in Birmingham. After completing his classes, he accepted a position with the Valley View Hospital in Ada, Oklahoma. He organized and taught in the School of Medical Technology for thirteen years.

“There I met Owana (Sims), who was executive secretary to the hospital administrator. We have been married 46 years.”

He then completed his Masters degree and became a civilian consultant for the U.S. Army during Vietnam. He also accepted a position with the U.S. In-
dian and Native Health Service and lived on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota with the Ogalla Sioux Indians.

“"I know a few words of the Sioux language," says Kidd. “I think this is where our interest in developing countries, once called Third World Countries, originated."" Kidd retired from the Health Care Financing Administration (U.S. Government) in 1986.

It was communication with Health Talents International, Birmingham, AL and their encouragement that helped the Kidds to begin preparing for their service work upon retirement. Their service has been made possible through their own funds, and the support of the Waterview Church of Christ as well as the International Executives Service Corporation.

“The first place we served in was Guatemala City, establishing a clinical laboratory and training a nation to do basic tests.”

“We have seen much success in our endeavors,” continues Kidd. He and Owana are especially proud of their success in India where they helped to establish the blood storage and transfusion service. “This service in India was in dire need of change both in technique and support of the national laws. Our recommendations brought to light the need of new laws and enforcement of existing ones.” The Kidds’ plans will be used as the model for blood transfusion service in India and will serve 1/5 of the world’s population.

Their work in Nigeria, Honduras, Kenya and Canada has kept them away from their home in Dallas, Texas seven and half months out of the past twelve. Future plans include serving in Lithuania, Guatemala and Zambia, East Africa.

The Kidds are filled with stories not only of their accomplishments but also of their adventures. “In Tanzania four spitting cobras were killed in the compound where we lived, and in Ghana, West Africa, a green mamba was killed and then burned. We’ve been in villages in Africa where a ‘brunie’, white person, is a novelty. Mothers would make a special effort to show us to their children. Children in Africa liked to feel our hair because its texture is so different from their hair texture, or try to rub their hands over ours to see if the white would come off.”

“We have been fortunate health-wise having had malaria only four times during our 10 years of working in these developing countries. We have been around the world once, at times had bucket-baths because of limited water, worked by lantern, candle or flashlight and have observed rats playing on the rafters where we slept.”

In September, Kidd made his 87th slide presentation regarding his work and the places they have been to the Rotary Club. “I enjoy presenting topics because I can relive my experiences. We plan to write a book on the places traveled...” he pauses, “when we slow down enough to write one.”

“I will always be grateful for the examples of the professors and the pertinent facts taught about everyday life at Jacksonville.”

The Kidds have four children, 3 sons and 1 daughter, 4 grandsons and 4 granddaughters. “They are supportive and encouraging concerning our activities in Third World countries. They think we are ‘cool’.”

The Kidds have awards from Honduras, Central America; Klaipeda, Lithuania and the International Executive Service Corp for their consultation work in Hungary and Egypt. They have worked with hospitals and clinical laboratories in Dhaka, Bangladesh and New Delhi, India also sponsored by the International Executive Service Corp.

This past spring, Bill and Owana Kidd were recognized by the National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NAFRE) at the Texas Federation Chapters Convention in Wichita Falls, Texas. The Kidds were awarded the Individual Volunteerism Award for their dedicated service to the world.

Of the places they visited, the Kidds can’t decide which was the most interesting they have visited. “We cannot pinpoint a particular country because each country has diverse customs. Africa for its customs, India for its ancient buildings, The Red Fort, the Taj Mahal. South and Central America because of the forests, animals, beautiful birds; Romania and Lithuania for their long history. We have been made welcome by the interesting, courteous and helping people. Each country has a ‘special hospitality’ of their own.”

Despite seeing all these wonders, Kidd still seems to carry a piece of Jacksonville around in his heart, sharing a bit from Jacksonville traditions long past. “A co-ed was not really a co-ed until he or she had been kissed on Co-ed Bridge. This bridge, if I recall, was behind the Physical Ed building and was a short cut to the city of Jacksonville.”
In every rank of athletics there are rivals, traditions and MASCOTS. It is no different for Jacksonville State University. Troy State is the rival, the Marching Southerners and Ballerinas are traditions and “Cocky” is the mascot.

Short for Gamecocks, which became JSU’s official nickname in 1946, “Cocky” is not only a mascot, but a tradition that helps motivate the fans and defeat the rivals.

Although “Cocky” may be the logical name of Jacksonville State’s mascot, it hasn’t always been that way.

In 1967, Mr. and Mrs. James Haywood, long-time employees and supporters of JSU, travelled to Mobile, Alabama and purchased the school’s mascot uniform for the first football game that season.

“No one on the entire campus knew that we had bought the uniform,” said Mrs. Miriam Haywood. “Mr. Haywood and I bought the uniform from a Mardi Gras costume maker.”

The secret about the school mascot was kept until the “Matador” ran onto the field and the crowd went wild. The mascot was named “Matador” after the live gamecock that lived caged on campus and sat watching football games on the arm of a JSU student. The “Matador” also accompanied the football team to many games, even airplane trips.

“Cocky” has been the name of the mascot for several years, but there is no documentation on when the “Matador” changed to “Cocky”. If you have any information or if you were ever a mascot for JSU, please call Michelle Alford at 782-5915. We would like to know the year you served as a mascot, what uniform you wore and any fun stories you might have.

Today, “Cocky” can be found at many events on campus leading the Gamecocks to the VICTORY!

–Michelle Alford
2000-01 Lady Gamecock Basketball

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ALUMNI GOLF DAY

Make your plans now for our fall Alumni Golf Tournament.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD

NOON

SILVER LAKE GOLF COURSE

$50 PER PERSON

This year's tournament format will be two tournaments in one. Basic format is a two person scramble. The additional tournament is the combination of two scramble teams to make a best ball of the two scrambled teams.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
MARK JONES AT 256-782-5072.

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ALUM NOTES...We love to hear from you!

The Blount County Department of Health is now located in a building named for deceased JSU alumnus, DR. T.M. TOWNS '17. He was the Blount County health officer from 1936 to 1969 and a pioneer in preventive health medicine. Dr. Towns was the first to conduct vaccination clinics in outlying rural areas at a time when travel was not easy. He delivered a total of 1100 babies during his career and he died in 1974. The building bearing his name was dedicated on April 16.

PLUMA ANNIE PARKER '39 taught school in Cherokee County for 51 years before retiring in 1976. After the Goshen schools were closed, she began teaching at Spring Garden School in 1945 and taught 4th, 5th, and 6th grade for 31 years. She still resides in the family home that she has lived in since 1908 (she was born in 1904).

NORMA CORLEY COLLIER '47 and her husband T.W., who were married in 1950, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 17. A reception was given for them in Hoover at the home of their daughter and son-in-law. Norma is still teaching.

DR. JOHN M. LONG '49 is a world-renowned musician, conductor and composer with a career spanning 50 years. He began his career in 1949 as band director at Blount County High School. Recently, 50 years after that beginning, he returned to conduct Oneonta High School’s senior band spring concert. Theoretically retired, he continues to work at band festivals around the world. Dr. Long holds several emeritus titles at Troy State University, where he served as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. He directed halftime activities of the Blue-Gray All-Star football classic in Montgomery for 42 years. He is one of the few living members elected to the National Band Association Hall of Fame of Distinguished Conductors and has more than 40 records and CDs to his credit.

DR. JULIA LAW WILLARD '51 became the new president of the Montgomery Symphony League for the 2000-2001 year. The League, a support arm of the Montgomery Symphony Orchestra, promotes musical knowledge and appreciation by the public. Dr. Willard has had several responsibilities in the League over the past few years, most recently being Vice President for Youth. She is a retired Professor Emerita of Education at Auburn University at Montgomery, retiring in 1992.

JEANETTE HONEA REMER '55/69 is a part of JSU history. She has been at JSU through 5 presidents and 6 librarians. As both student and professional librarian, Jeanette watched history unfold as the campus grew from a few hundred to over 8000. She began her work in the small Ramona Wood building and now works in the imposing 11 story Hous- ton Cole Library. Her work involves cataloging books and non-print materials.

HOWARD “MOUSE” WALDREP, JR. '55 is retired after 40 years as a teacher, coach and principal, 25 of which were served at Wellborn High School in Anniston. He and his wife have one daughter. “Mouse” played basketball at JSU and is a member of the JSU Athletic Hall of Fame.

JOHN KIRKPATRICK '56 is a retired school superintendent. He served in the Army and fought in the Korean War. He resides in Piedmont.

JAMES TIDMORE '56 has served as the mayor of Section for the past 6 years. He was recently elected Chairman of the Jackson County Commission, and is giving up his position as mayor. James spent almost 34 years working in education, teaching at such schools as Stevenson, North Jackson, Albertville and Section. He is most remembered for serving as principal of Sylavia School. He and his wife have 4 children.

EDMOND “ED” DAVIS '57 serves as city auditor for Piedmont. He is retired after a 32-year career with the Alabama Department of Revenue as an auditor and supervisor. He is also a retired command sergeant major in the Army Reserve. He is married with 2 children. He is a life member of the JSU Alumni Association.

CAROLYN WILLIAMSON DENNIS '59 has held a seat on the Grant town council for 8 years. She recently finished her second term on the job. A widow, she has three grown children. Carolyn taught in the county school system for 20 years and currently teaches clothing production at the Marshall Technical School.

PHIL POWELL '59 retired from Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company in Gadsden, is the mayor of Centre. He worked at Goodyear for 32 years and retired as a supervisor in the warehousing department. He is part owner of the Centre Motel.

MARGARET BROWN DANIEL '61 is principal at Guntersville Elementary School, a position she has held for many years. During her career she has been a teacher, guidance counselor, and administrator. She also served on the local Board of Education.

JEAN TRULL HEAD '61 taught school for 31 years, with the last 25 being at Albertville High School. She and her husband have one grown son. They reside in Boaz. She is Director of Boaz-Marshall Rehabilitation Center working with mentally and physically disabled people to help them have a better quality of life. She also works with the library, senior center and economic development group in the area.

BARBARA SMITH KLEIN '66/67 retired from Gadsden State Community College in 1992 where she had been on the faculty since 1966 in the social science division. She is active in numerous civic, professional and political organizations. She and her husband of 49 years, Hayden, have 3 sons and reside in Etowah County.

VERA MCBEE MYERS '62/ 84 retired from teaching in Southside and is now teaching in Georgia.

SONJA O’KELLEY TUCKER ‘62/77 is retired after 25 years of teaching at Alexandria, Saks and Wellborn schools in Calhoun County. She also taught at Gadsden State Community College for 10 years. She is now a realtor with Home Realty Company in Anniston. She has 2 children.

RUTH BOGGS TAYLOR '64/ 68 was recently honored by the Jack sonville Kiwanis Club as Educator of the Month. Ruth is a teacher at Pleasant Valley. She also teaches adjunct for JSU and Gadsden State Community College. She and her husband have 2 sons.

The Dekalb County Judicial Appreciation Banquet celebrated more than 105 years of combined service to the citizens of Dekalb and Cherokee Counties by its five honorees on January 13 in Rainsville. Two of the five are JSU alumni. The master of ceremonies was CHARLES GAMBLE '65 professor of law at the University of Alabama School of Law. Circuit Judge RANDALL COLE '65 was first elected in 1974 and has been re-elected four times. He and his wife, BARBARA SELLERS RAINS '69 have one son. Circuit Clerk JIMMY LINDSEY '65 was elected to his position in 1977. He and his wife have 4 children.

BILL NUSS '65 has retired as a school administrator in 1999. He currently teaches at St. Bernard Preparatory School in Cullman.

ROBERT D. SLOMAN '65 retired in 1989 after 24 years in the teaching profession, 20 of those as principal at Douglas Elementary School in Marshall County. He and his late wife, WANDA WRIGHT SLOMAN '65/77, had 2 children, Robert has remarried and now has 2 stepchildren. The Marshall County Board of Education recently named the new primary school built on the Douglas Elementary campus the “Robert D. Soman Primary School.”

FRANCES PRATER ENTREKIN '66 retired from Gadsden State Community College, moved to Wetumpka and is now a senior counselor at Alabama Christian Academy in Montgomery. While at Gadsden State, she was also the women’s volleyball coach and a counselor. Frances is a past president of the JSU National Alumni Association.

FRED LANG '67 worked for 25 years in a local poultry company as vice president of finance. He and his wife, Ginger, have 2 daughters. The Langs reside in Albertville where Fred serves on the City Council.

LARRY VOIT PAYNE '67 is an executive with Alfa Insurance in Gadsden. He retired in February 1997 as a Colonel in the Army Engineer Corps after 30 years of service. He not only is very active in volunteer work, but he and his wife run a 135-acre cattle farm. They began raising...
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Brantus cattle seven years ago after moving to Duck Springs. Never having had farming experience, he learned fast! He began his career in teaching and counseling. He’s been with Alfa for 30 years. He and his wife have 4 grown children.

MODY SCROGGINS ’67 was recently named assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction with the Talladega County Board of Education. He began his 33-year teaching career in 1967 at B.B. Comer High School. He has served as assistant principal at Sycamore, principal at Jonesview School, Knight-Enloe School in Roanoke and at Hill Elementary in Munford. In 1987, he was named coordinator of elementary schools and federal programs for the Talladega County School System.

MARGARET SEWELL DAVIS ’68 is a math professor at Floyd College in Rome, GA. On May 13, 2000, she received the Wesley C. Walraven Award, the highest faculty award given at Floyd College. She and her husband, PHILLIP N. DAVIS ’67, who is employed by Regions Bank as branch administrator in Cedartown, GA, have 3 children. Her son, LANCE DAVIS, is a ‘93 JSU graduate. Margaret and Phillip reside in Cave Spring, GA.

LARRY HANCOCK ’68 is Executive Director of the Fort Payne Chamber of Commerce. The nation observed the 25th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War this year. He was critically wounded on Labor Day, 1969, just six weeks after going into the field in Southeast Asia. A mortar round blew him all to pieces. Larry is just happy to be alive.

SHEILA DANNETTE WILLIAMS BRAZELTON ’69 retired in 1998 after nearly 30 years with the Alabama Department of Human Resources. To stay busy, she worked as a cashier for Decatur Utilities but, when her farming experience, he learned fast! He began his career in teaching and counseling. He’s been with Alfa for 30 years. He and his wife have 4 grown children.

JERRY BRASEAL ’70 is the new Mayor of Pleasant Grove, AL. He was appointed in February after the former mayor resigned. He played baseball at JSU. Jerry is also the owner of Brasseal Landscape. He and his wife Carla have 2 daughters.

RONNIE CAMPBELL ’70 is a Community Education Coordinator for the Dekalb County Board of Education. He has 29 years’ teaching experience and resides in Fort Payne.

CHERYL MCGINNIS CASH ’70/75 plans to retire this year from a 30-year teaching career at Weaver Elementary School. She and her husband have one son and reside in Jacksonvillle.

JIMMY JIMMIERSON ’70 recently retired from the Cherokee County Board of Education with 31 years of service. He taught at Centre Elementary and Cherokee County Career and Technology Center. He worked part time as a medical technologist at Cherokee County Hospital and Cherokee Baptist Medical Center. Over the years, he has coached youth baseball and football and been active in several educational and community organizations. In 1995, he was recognized for 25 years of continued service to the Centre Quarterback Club.

CHARLES NEEDHAM ’70/75/88 is teaching in Georgia, after he resigned his teaching position last year in Piedmont. His wife, PATTI RAY NEEDHAM ’70/75, who was a media specialist with the central office of the Piedmont City Board of Education, recently retired.

BG CARLOS “BUTCH” PAIR ’70 recently changed his life. He recently sold his house in Alabama and put his civilian career on hold and returned to active military duty. He is the new chief of staff for U.S. Transportation Command, Scott Air Force Base, IL. The 21-year Army Reserve officer has not been on active duty since 1979. He was nominated for the position by the U.S. Army Reserve Command. He will serve a two-year tour of duty.

CARYL LYNN STAHL ’70/75 will retire this year after a 30-year teaching career at Saks Elementary School in Anniston. She is active in various educational and civic organizations and resides in Anniston.

LARRY BRYAN STEWART ’70/74 is retiring after 30 years in education as a teacher, coach and principal. He retired July 1 as principal at Saks Middle School in Anniston. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta and Phi Delta Kappa. He and his wife have 2 children.

MARY ETTA BAILEY ’71 has served on the Dekalb County Board of Education since 1982. She is director of food services for Dekalb and Cherokee Baptist Medical Centers. Mary and her husband have 4 children.

CHARLOTTE ELAINE HOOPER ’71/81 was selected as one of the recipients of the 1999-2000 Outstanding Alumni Award by the JSU Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation. She is principal of Sand Rock High School. During her 28 years in education, she taught physical education for 18 years before going into administration. She and her husband, CLAUDE HOOPER ’72/78/83, have 2 children and reside in Collinsvillle.

JAMES DANNY ASHLEY ’72/75 is the principal at Fultondale School in Anniston. He served on the Dekalb County Board of Education for 18 years before going into administration. He and his wife, Ann, have 2 children.

GENNIE C. CURRIER ’72/74 is a 5th grade teacher at Kitty Stone Elementary School in Jacksonville. She has taught there for 15 of her 28 years in education. Gennie is a recipient of Kitty Stone’s Teacher of the Year Award and is listed in Who’s Who Among Elementary Teachers.

ELISE BUTTS GOODWIN ’72 is an English teacher at Fultondale High School. She has 27 years of teaching experience.

BETTY GROGAN LUSK ’72/75/82 recently retired as coordinator of instructional services in the Piedmont City School’s central office.

WAYNE JOHNSON ’72/82 has returned as branch manager at AmSouth Bank on the Square in Jacksonville.

BILL BAKER ’73 is employed with the Calhoun County Department of Human Resources as a Program Supervisor. He has 27 years’ tenure with the Department. He has served on Piedmont’s City Council for many years and was called upon to serve as mayor after the death of the former mayor in 1996. He and his wife have 2 children.

PATRICIA COX BLAIR ’73/76 teaches at Kitty Stone Elementary in Jacksonville. She has spent the last 26 years as a 1st grade teacher. She is specially trained in the areas of guidance and counseling.

R. DWIGHT CRISSON ’73/79 recently opened his own CPA practice in Birmingham. He is also a proud new grandfather to Katelyn Henak born October 15, 1999 in Seattle, WA.

VIRGINIA WHISENANT JOHNSON ’73/79 is a retired teacher from the White Plains School. She has served on the Piedmont City Council for many years and resides in Piedmont.

SHARON ROBERTS ’74 is a full-time homemaker after teaching for almost 25 years at Fyffe High School.

MIKE ALMAROAD ’74 is administrator of the Opportunity Center and serves on the Calhoun County Board of Education. He and his wife have 3 children.

LARRY BALL ’74/88 is assistant principal at Piedmont High School where he has 15 years’ experience.

RANDY DUCKETT ’74 recently received a National Quality Award from the Marshall County Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors. This was the 6th straight year he has received the award. It recognizes an agent’s ability to provide long-standing insurance products and services.
service to clients. Randy has represented Modern Woodmen of America since 1984 and serves as VP of the Albertville City Board of Education.

CELESTE STRICKLAND WILLIAMS '74 is director of career and technical education for the Montgomery Public Schools. She and her husband have 4 children. She is very proud of the area's new Brewbaker Technology Magnet High School which will allow students to learn by practical applications, while preparing for college or the workplace.

NAOMI HOWELL WILIAMSON '74/84, is teaching at Pleasant Valley in Jacksonville. She worked for New World College and Anniston High School and Wellborn High. She and her husband have 2 children.

TERRY WILSON '74/81 is owner of Higginbotham Printing in Anniston. He and his wife, BECKY JACKSON WILSON '75/76, have been married for 27 years. They have 2 children. Becky is a counselor at Jacksonville State University. Terry served for many years as president of the Calhoun County Chapter of the JSU Alumni Association and currently serves as President of the Gamecock Club. The Wilsons reside in Jacksonville.

STEVE DURHAM '75/76 has worked in the Jackson County School System for 25 years. He taught at Section High School for 8 years. For the past 17 years, he has served as principal of Stevenson Elementary School. In addition, Steve has taught biology courses at Northeast Alabama Community College. He has been married to KAY AKIN DURHAM '76 for almost 28 years and they have 2 sons.

JAMES B. HOLMES '75 is a part-time pastor at Black's Chapel in Delta and a part-time teacher at Southern Union State Community College in Wedadley. He has been a school teacher, principal and superintendent in Randolph County. He and his wife Kay have 5 children and reside in Wedadley.  

ROLAND HOUSTON '75 recently accepted the role of head football coach at Weaver High School, ending his three-year tenure as head football coach at Childersburg. In 1985, he was an assistant football coach under Bill Burgess and coached on the 1992 Division II National Championship team. He left JSU for Childersburg in 1996. Roland and his wife, MELANIE HARRISON HOUSTON '83/88 have two children and reside in Anniston.

SUE COX JONES '75 received a certificate designating her as Educator of the Month from the Jacksonville Kiwanis Club. Her honors have included Alabama Health Educator of the Year, Alabama Teacher of the Year finalist, Jacksonville High School Teacher of the Year and Drug-Free Schools Program Recognition Winner. Sue retired from teaching at the end of the 2000 school year. She and her husband, BILL JONES '66, retired JSU basketball coach, have 2 daughters.

TON ROBERTSON '75/77, HIV Coordinator for Public Health VI, was named Educator of the Year 1999 from AIDS Alabama at its annual awards recognition banquet in December 1999. Tom works with schools, teachers and parents to gain support for educating young people about HIV. The Cheaha-Coosa Valley Community Planning Group, which he co-chairs, is the first such group in the state, and one of only a few in the nation, to have teenagers serve as full-fledged members. He previously worked for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and was working for the State of Florida.

SANDRA FOX SUDDUTH '75 has been an instructor at Jacksonville State University since 1994. She has worked with the Board of Education in Anniston and Carroll County as a Chapter I counselor, reading and math teacher, Chapter I evaluator, coordinator of elementary counselors and a classroom teacher. She and her husband, Tom have 2 children, TIM SUDDUTH '95 and TRACI SUDDUTH '98.

CHARLES WARREN '75 is principal at Henagar School in Dekalb County. He has 25 years of experience as an educator, spending 11 years as an administrator. He has been principal at Henagar for the last 6 years. He and his wife have 2 children.

DON WISDOM '75 has been named Northwest Alabama Division Manager for Gold Kist, Inc. He is responsible for the operation of the division’s two chicken processing plants, two feed mills, and three hatcheries. Don joined Gold Kist in 1985 in Boaz, as processing plant manager. He was promoted to processing plant manager at Russellville in 1989 and named operations manager for the Northwest Alabama Division in 1997.

JULIA MCBRIDE ARNETT '76, a family and consumer sciences and “world of work” teacher at Madison County Career Academy, was selected Madison County’s Secondary Teacher of the Year. She has taught food production services for 18 years. In 1994, she initiated the world of work program for special needs students. She and her husband Gary reside in Huntsville.

CYNTHIA AUSTIN WINGO '76 was named the “2000 Woman Committed to Excellence” by the Girl Scouts of America Cottaquilla Council. She is the region director of corporate and external affairs for BellSouth. Cynthia was JSU’s Alumna of the Year for 1992.

BARBARA ANN JOHNSON '76/78 is the new principal at Cleburne Elementary School. She has been a teacher for 24 years at Cleburne Elementary. Barbara is the school’s first black female principal.

JAMES D. LOFTIN '76 was named curator of the Gadsden Museum of Art, selected for the job from among 27 applicants. He was a preparatory with the Anniston Museum for 19 years where he was responsible for exhibit design, fabrication and installation. He created life-size dioramas and scale model wildlife and natural history exhibits and supervised 20 contract artists, part-time employees and volunteers.

STEVEN REAGAN '76 is following in the footsteps of his dad RIP REAGAN '51, both former members of the JSU Southerners, and both are band directors. Rip at Gadsden State Community College and Steve at Ashville High School. When Steve was director at Emma Sansom, his bands won the FWV National Championship twice in 1978 and 1979. Only one other person has bested the two consecutive victories — his dad Rip, who won three years in a row from 1957 through 1959! Steve’s mom, GLORIA BOYCE REAGAN ’70, is a retired schoolteacher. Steve and his wife and stepson reside in Birmingham.

BEVERLY HAMMONDS COLEMAN '77 became a certified medical audit specialist in May 2000. She is employed as a medical auditor at Brookwood Medical Center in Birmingham. She is a charter member of the American Association of Medical Audit Specialists. She and her husband reside in Birmingham.

PEGGY COLLIER GIPSON '77 is assistant superintendent of Attalla City Schools in Etowah County and has been since 1998. Peggy has been in education for 23 years. She was a classroom teacher for 12 years, a counselor and chapter resource teacher, assistant principal/counselor, administrator of middle school and director of federal programs - all in Attalla. She was awarded the National Association of Federal Education Program Administrators’ State Leadership Award.

SUSAN MORRIS GOODWIN '77/80/94 is teaching at Kitty Stone Elementary in Jacksonville. She has 22 years teaching in Cleburne County and The Donoho School in Anniston. She and her husband Alan have 2 children.

RAY HAMMET '77/80/94 was recently named principal of Jacksonville High School. He previously served as assistant principal. He and his wife Rhonda have 2 children. He began his career teaching driver education and coaching football and never thought he’d become principal of his alma mater!

ELAINE MILLER SISSON '77/90 was chosen as the April Teacher of the Month for Attalla City Schools. She teaches science at Etowah Middle School and has 24 years teaching experience in the system. She and her husband have been married for 33 years and they have one son. A member of various educational organizations, Elaine has received several awards over the years including Etowah Middle School Teacher of the Year, Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year, Attalla City Schools Secondary Teacher of the Year and Who’s Who in American Teachers.

HOYT BAUGH '78 is mayor of the Town of Fyffe. He’s developed quite a sense of humor about the fame his town achieved during the UFO sightings of years past. He feels if “contact” is made, the inhabitants of those UFOs would be meeting some of the friendliest inhabitants of our country. Hoyt also works as an attorney. He and his wife have 2 children.

MIRIAM ELAINE JACKSON GAINES '78, Director of the Nutrition Section, Office of Professional and Support Services, Alabama Department of Public Health, has been honored as Outstanding Dietician by the Alabama Dietetic Association for the year 2000. Among her awards, she was the recipient of the 1973 Alabama
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Recognized Young Dietician of the Year and the 1999 National Public Health Information Coalition’s Bronze Award for Excellence in Public Health Communication. She is active in many professional organizations and serves in various capacities within each. She and her husband have two children.

RICK GLOVER ’78/84 reigned as principal of Piedmont High School and is now teaching in Georgia.

GARY GRAY ’78 is a technical systems manager for NASA. He and his wife have one daughter and they reside in Guntersville.

LINDA TOLBERT JOHNSON ’78 was selected Blount County Teacher of the Year 2000. She is a first grade teacher in Blount County. At JSU, she was a Pi Kappa Phi little sister. She and her husband have 2 children and they reside in Cleveland.

JOANNE KING POPE ’78 was recently hired by the Jacksonville City Board of Education as the new director of educational services. She and her husband Tommy have 3 children. They reside in Jacksonville.

CAROL DAVIS SANFORD ’78/81 recently left the Piedmont School System to take a teaching position at Spring Garden.

RANDALL ALAN SMITH ’78 has earned the designation of Project Management Professional (PMP). The certification is the profession’s most recognized and respected global credential. He joined the Dell Computer Corporation as project manager in July. He and his wife, SANDRA COEFER SMITH ’78, and daughter reside in Buda, TX. He also earned an MBA and a MS from the Florida Institute of Technology.

DENNIS BOX ’79 was selected as Chairman of the Board of Education for Tuscaloosa City Schools. A member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity at JSU, Dennis is also active in the JSU Black Alumni Chapter.

GLEN GOGGANS ’79 is Assistant District Attorney in Wetumpka. He has served in the District Attorney’s Office since 1990, trying cases in three counties in the circuit and has been in charge of the Autauga County Office for the past three years. Glen is also an ordained minister. He and his wife have 3 sons.

JANET SINCLAIR HINDMAN ’79/98 is beginning her third year of teaching at Kitty Stone Elementary in Jacksonville. She was encouraged by her family to pursue a teaching degree and received both her master’s degree and teacher certification. She and her husband, MICHAEL HINDMAN ’79/80, have 2 children. Mike is a financial consultant and investment broker with A.G. Edwards & Sons, Inc. in Gadsden.

MIKE PRICE ’79 is a sales manager for the special products division of Hinkle Metals and Supply and is a member of the Pell City Schools Educational Foundation. He is also an assistant youth baseball coach in Pell City. Mike and his wife have 3 children.

RICK E. TUBBS ’79/97 is Director of Public Safety at the Ringling School of Art and Design in Sarasota, FL. Rick was a member of the JSU Campus Police. His wife, REGINA MATHIS TUBBS ’80/94, is an English teacher in Sarasota County at Venice High School. They have 2 teenage sons.

DONALD “DINK” MYERS ’80 is employed by State Farm Insurance as an adjuster and claims specialist. He and his wife have 2 children and reside in Guntersville, where he is active in local politics.

JUDI HICKS CLARK ’81 is an assistant principal at Stemley Road Elementary in Talladega County. She previously was assistant principal and taught physical education at Talladega County Central High School. She also spent 5 years at Sycamore.

LTC MIKE HOLLAWAY ’81/94 assumed command of the ROTC battalion at Rose Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute, IN. He and his wife Lisa have 3 children and reside in Brown, IN.

BILL MORRIS ’81/88 is serving as mayor of Moody, a position he has held for the past 8 years. He is employed by Speedway/Super America LLC as an advanced district manager. He and his wife Doll have 3 sons.

LINDA JANE KERLIN POWELL ’81 is employed as an RN with HealthSouth in Birmingham. She has one child and, along with husband Gary, they reside in Birmingham.

ELIZABETH GLENN REID ’81/96 is teaching 7th and 8th grade at Jacksonville High School. She has 3 children.

SOLOMON SHOLANKE ’81 demonstrated African musical instruments and spoke about African culture at the Demopolis Public Library for Black History Month. He is from Nigeria and learned to play drum and dance as a rite of passage within the Yoruba culture at age 7. Questions about African culture from Americans led Solomon to form the Osunare African Cultural Drum and Dance Ensemble of which he has been the leader for many years, appearing throughout the Southeastern United States. He lives in Birmingham.

On a recent trip to Washington D.C., alumnus ANTHONY (TONY) D. TUCKER ’81 (above right) met up with Tennessee Republican Third District Congressman Zack Wamp. Wamp’s daughter, Cody, is a student at Chattanooga Christian School where Mr. Tucker serves as principal. Chattanooga Christian School is recognized as one of the top private, co-educational, inter-denominational schools in the United States.

ANDREW BRISKEY ’82/84 is assistant principal at Erwin High School in Birmingham. Before becoming assistant principal, he taught social studies and physical education. For the second year, he helped coordinate teams in WalkAmerica, the March of Dimes annual walk-a-thon fundraiser. He became involved with the March of Dimes after his daughter was born prematurely, weighing only 1 pound, 2 ounces. She would not have survived if not for the research done by the March of Dimes. He has been married for 10 years.

TIM MITCHELL ’82 is probate judge in Marshall County and has been for the last 11 years. He was chief clerk in the tax assessor’s office from 1983 to 1989, when he began his first term as probate judge. He is also vice president/president-elect of the Alabama Probate Judges’ Association. He and his wife, KATHY LECROY MITCHELL ’80/86, live in Albertville. Kathy is a 5th grade teacher at Evans Elementary. They have 2 children.
J. ANTHONY FINDLEY '83/96 is teaching at Pleasant Valley School in Jacksonville. He has three years of teaching experience with the Calhoun County Alternative School and three with Saks High School. He and his wife, PAMELA LITTLEJOHN FINDLEY '85, have one daughter. Pam works in the Comptroller’s Office at JSU.

SUZETTE MCCLAIN STEWARD '83 is teaching K-4 at Jacksonville Christian Academy. She and her husband have 3 children.

DAVID WEEKS '83/87 has been promoted to assistant principal at Oxford Elementary School. His wife, MICHELLE HUBSKY WEEKS '86, is a kindergarten teacher at Oxford. They have 2 children.

DANNY HORN '84/89 was recently selected by the JSU Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation as a recipient of one of its 1999-2000 Outstanding Alumni Awards. Under Coach Horn, Clay County High School has won three 2A State Football Championships and participated in the playoffs 10 out of the last 11 years. During this period, Clay established a new state record of 55 consecutive wins. He was also selected Coach of the Year by The Birmingham News, Alabama Sports Writers and The Anniston Star.

BOBBY DONALD “DON” ELAM '85 is the new principal at Russell County High School. He has served as a teacher, coach and principal, as well as a superintendent, of several schools in Georgia prior to his move to Alabama.

JANE ANN HOWELL FULLER '85 serves east Alabama and west Georgia’s real estate needs with Spinks, Brown & Durand in Lanett. After a career in Atlanta and Houston, TX in the group insurance business, she returned to the Valley area of Alabama in 1997, continuing her career with J. Smith Lanier and Company. She and her husband have 3 children. Jane was a cheerleader at JSU and a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

CAROL PACE JONES '85 has taught for 15 years and currently teaches at Claysville Elementary in Guntersville. She’s married to JIMMY JONES '80/82/91, a teacher and girls’ varsity basketball coach at DAR. They have 3 children. Her classroom has qualified as a “model classroom” in the accelerated reading program.

TRACI K. MANUEL '86 has been appointed human resources manager for the Swint Plant of Avondale Mills in Guntersville, SC. She is responsible for overseeing employment, training, safety and associate-related benefits and activities. Prior to joining Avondale, Traci worked for 7 years at Wright-Sprayberry Insurance in Sylacauga, and after moving to South Carolina, was employed by Hudson-Ethereedge Insurance in Aiken. She and her husband and 2 children reside in Augusta, SC.

DONNA TURNER POSEY '86 was chosen January Teacher of the Month for the Attalla City Schools. She has been a teacher in the Attalla system for 12 years and teaches 7th grade reading at Etowah Middle Elementary. She and her husband have one daughter.

LISA CAROL SMITH SHADDIX '86 was named Birmingham Teacher of the Month for May by Alfa Insurance. A 23-year veteran of the classroom, Lisa currently teaches 2nd grade at Tuxedo Elementary.

CHARLES SMITH '86 a retired engineer from Goodyear Tire & Rubber, is mayor of Boaz. He previously served on the Boaz City Council. Charles and his wife Betty live in Boaz.

MITCH COBY '87 has been appointed senior vice president at BancorpSouth. He most recently served as city president of Community Bank in Guntersville. He and his wife, LAUREN SMITH COBY '87/00, have 3 children and reside in Guntersville.

ROBIN CHILDS SPOON '87 had planned to go to medical school — before motherhood came along. Just 2 months before she would have started medical school, she discovered she was pregnant. She liked what she was doing as a respiratory therapist and decided to stay with it. Robin works with Alamed of Anniston. Most of her patients are premature babies. Robin and her husband have 2 children and reside in Jacksonville.

BUDDY SPRADLEY '87 teaches art at Iola Roberts Elementary in Pell City. His dad, Wayne Spradley, is one of the country’s premier still-life artists. Buddy prefers to paint abstracts and he began winning awards for his painting as far back as 8th grade.

DARREN DOUTHITT '88/97/00 accepted the position of principal at Glenn Middle School with the Birmingham City Board of Education in 1999. It is in the Ensley-Rush Hills area of Birmingham. He previously worked as an assistant principal at Duran Junior High School in Pell City. Darren recently completed his educational specialist degree at JSU — the first graduate to walk across the platform in the new millennium! He is working on his doctorate in educational administration. Darren resides in Homewood.

DEBORAH MORGAN FUNDERBURG '88 was chosen Teacher of the Month for November 1999, for the Attalla City Schools. She teaches 4th grade at Stowers Hill Intermediate School and has been teaching in the system for 10 years. She and her husband have 2 children.

LYNDA OLIVER MILLS '88 has been employed with the Chambers County Juvenile Court as a juvenile probation officer since October 1989. She and her husband, Kevin, were married in June 1990. She gave birth to their first child, Oliver Thomas, on January 27, 2000. They reside in Valley.

CYNTHIA BURCHFIELD '89 worked at Gadsden State for 2 years in the theatre department. She was eager to move on in her career. Her boss suggested she audition for Disney. She did and had to sign on as a tour guide at Disney World because all the performing jobs were filled. That got her in the door and six months later she was on stage. She has been a cave girl, gypsy, harem girl, alien and evil queen. She’s swam with mermaids and fought with samurai warriors. Living in Orlando, she also appears in local performances. One such performance had her realize a life-long dream - to play Sally Bowles in Cabaret.

THOMAS GAULDIN III '89 has been named account executive in large group marketing for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama and will be based out of the company’s Riverchase corporate center. He began his career with Blue Cross in 1992 as a group service representative and, most recently, held the position of marketing representative. His wife, TZENA GIBBS GAULDIN ’87, is an account executive with Esteé Lauder Services. They reside in Birmingham. They have one child.

MICHAEL TAYLOR '89, vice president of commercial lending at Citizens First Bank in Rome, GA, has taken the overall responsibility for the bank’s commercial loan department. Mike has been with Citizens since 1997 and has more than 10 years of banking experience. He, his wife and 2 children live in Rome.

WENDY WILLIAMS TURNER '89 went to work at Wakefield/Martin’s in Anniston as an assistant buyer for women’s accessories when she graduated from JSU. Now, 12 years later, Wendy is a full-fledged buyer for all 7 Martin’s Department Stores. She was named 1999 Buyer of the Year for the chain and was tops in 1997, too.

SHERRY BROCK KENNEDY '89/90/94 is teaching algebra and physics at Jacksonville High School. She taught at Anniston High and in the department of learning skills at JSU. She has 3 children and lives in Piedmont with her husband, Jimmy.

MYLANE PERRY WIGLEY '89/92/94 is serving as a guidance counselor at Pleasant Valley School in Jacksonville. She is also a licensed professional counselor. Last year, she split her time as an elementary counselor for both Alexandria and Ohatchee. She and her husband, JAY WIGLEY '95, have one child.

MATT AKIN ’90 is the new principal at Piedmont High School. He is working on his doctorate at Alabama. He began his teaching career at Anniston High School where he also coached girls’ basketball and soccer. He then worked in the Anniston City Board of Education’s central office where he was coordinator of technology and student services. Last year he went to work in Piedmont’s central school office. He and his wife reside in Alexandria but plan to move to Piedmont.
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SANDEE CHAMBLEE BARNETT ’90 teaches Kindergarten at Oneonta Elementary School. In November 1999, she was one of 22 teachers in the State of Alabama granted National Teacher Certification from the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards. This was a year long rigorous process which included video tapes of her teaching, many written commentaries and a 6-hour comprehensive exam. Her success brought the total number of National Board Certified Teachers in Alabama to 46. She and her husband Brant have 2 children and reside in Gunterville.

L. NOLAN BREAZEALE ’90 co-founded and was recently named president of Exerver, Inc., a business software company specializing in end-to-end eCommerce for small and mid-sized businesses. Exerver is headquartered in Norcross, GA.

LARAN CROWE ’90 was chosen principal of Wills Valley Elementary School in Fort Payne. For the last 5 years she has served as assistant principal at Wills Valley Elementary School and at Wills Valley. She has 10 years experience in the city school system. She began her career in 1990 at Forest Avenue Elementary School until she was named assistant principal at Williams and Wills Valley. Laran is working on her doctorate degree in education.

• SUSAN ACKER FIRESTONE ’90/99 has joined the accounting firm of MDA Professional Group, P.C. in their Fort Payne office. She is specializing in corporate taxation and audit. Susan and her husband Shawn live in Southside with their daughter.

BILLY HARVEL ’90 is president of Community Bank in Rogersville. He has been with Community Bank for 6 1/2 years. He recently completed the 3-year banking program at Louisiana State University. Billy and his wife have 3 sons.

LISA RENNE BOOZER POLLARD ’90/91 is teaching 2nd grade at Kitty Stone Elementary in Jacksonville. She previously worked with the Calhoun County and Anniston school systems. She was a kindergarten teacher at Pleasant Valley for the last 2 years. Lisa and her husband Rodney have 2 children and live in Jacksonville.

MICHAEL DONWY ’91/99 is an engineer at Springs Industries in Piedmont. He and his wife, DHANA MICHELE DONWY ’92, have 2 children and reside in Piedmont. Dhana is self-employed.

MICHELLE ELLISON LAWLEY ’91 has been named retail officer for SouthTrust Bank in Gadsden. She is responsible for coordinating retail sales and marketing activities for SouthTrust in Etowah County.

DOUGLAS MCDOWELL ’91 and TIMOTHY C. PHILLIPS ’95 own and administer www.ohatchee.com. They are both graduates of Ohatchee High School. In addition, Tim has published his first novel which will be out next year from Fictionworks. Season of the Witch is a detective novel set in Birmingham.

REBECCA GLOVER AMBESON ’92 is teaching secondary special education classes at Jacksonville High School. She has 8 years experience working with children with learning disabilities. She and her husband Benjamin have 3 children and reside in Piedmont.

DORIS L. BOLTON ’92 has accepted the position of Budget Analyst GS-12 with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention/Agency for Toxic Substance and Disease Registry (CDC/ATSDR) in Atlanta. She worked as a budget analyst for the Anniston Army Depot for 23 years.

SEHLA CARPENTER ’92 has been accepted to the UAB Surgical Physician Assistant Program. She has worked for Rehab Associates in Montgomery for the past 5 years as a licensed physical therapy assistant.

DALE HARBIN ’92 is owner of Superior Tire and Auto in Anniston. He and his wife, BETH THOMAS HARBIN ’87, have 2 children. Beth is a teacher in the Calhoun County System.

MARTHA MCCOY KILLION ’92, with some encouragement from her husband plus a scholarship, went back to school after raising 4 children and got her degree some 30 years after graduating from high school. Now, 7 years after she started teaching as a 3rd grade teacher at Grassy in Marshall County, Martha has been named the county’s Teacher of the Year.

TONY REDDICK ’92, principal of Litchfield High School, was recently appointed by Alabama Governor Don Siegelman to fill a vacancy on the Gadsden Civil Service Board for the next three years. He and his wife reside in Gadsden and have 2 children.

CERILLA DEAN ROE ’92 teaches 11th and 12th grades at Pleasant Valley School in Jacksonville. She lives in Anniston with her husband Edward and their 3 sons. She taught one year in Florida, one in Colorado and 11 in Anniston City Schools.

JIMMY “DEWAYNE” BOWEN ’93 has been promoted to plant manager for Gold Kist, Inc. in Boaz. He is responsible for daily operations of the plant, which employs 625 people. He was the division quality manager for Gold Kist in Douglas, GA, before being named superintendent for the Boaz facility in 1998. Dewayne and his wife, Melisha, live in Albertville with their 2 sons.

TERESA COLLINS BRYANT ’93 was promoted from her case management position in Social Services of The Salvation Army to Assistant Director of the Community Corrections Center, which is a federal half-way house operated by The Salvation Army for the Bureau of Prisons. Teresa and her husband, NEMIAH BRYANT ’93 reside in Winston-Salem, NC.

DAVID HASTIE ’93 has opened a restaurant in Dalton, GA named ‘PARDNERS’ and serves BBQ with a taste “as big as the west.” He invites everyone to come visit and enjoy! He and his wife have 2 sons.

TERRANCE L. MARDIS ’93 was promoted to PPO II in the Intermediate Punishment Office of the North Carolina Department of Corrections. He resides in Durham, NC. Terrance was a member of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity.

WAYNE BARGER ’94/96 recently received his Ph.D. in plant physiology from Auburn. He has accepted a position with the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Stoneville, MS, as a research biologist. He and his wife Priscilla will be moving to Mississippi.

B. CHAD BARROW ’94 is a trooper with the Georgia State Patrol. At JSU, he was a member of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity. He and his wife, TRACEY NIXON BARROW ’94, a chemistry and physics teacher at Bowdon (GA) High School, reside in Carrollton with their 2 children.

CHUCK MARCUM ’94/98 recently took over the duties as principal at Handley High School, Roanoke. Chuck has been with the city school system since 1990 and was a teacher and coach at Handley. His wife, KIPPIE TAYLOR MARCUM ’93, is a teacher at Handley Middle School and they have 1 daughter.

JENNIFER M. MUELLER ’94 recently received her Ph.D. from Virginia Tech. She is now on the faculty at Auburn University in the school of accounting. Jennifer was a member of the Marching Southerners and Alpha Omicron Pi.

JUAN E. SACOTO ’94 was recently named senior consultant with Sparks Companies, Inc. in Montgomery.

VANESSA SCOTT ’94 is now assistant principal at Talladega County Central High School. She spent the last year as a resource teacher at the school and, prior to that, was an English teacher at Winterboro High School. She resides in Sylacauga.

TULL WIGLEY ’94 has accepted the position of Southeast Regional Sales Manager for Thomas Hardware. He has a 9-state territory based out of Atlanta. Tull calls on bus, ambulance, fire truck, specialty vehicle, and truck trailer manufacturers. He resides in Peachtree City, GA with his wife and stepdaughter.

• FAUSTINA WILLIAMS ’94 has been named production manager at Coastal Living, which is published by...
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SOUTHERN PROGRESS CORP., which also publishes Cooking Light, Progressive Farmer, Southern Accents and Southern Living magazines, as well as OXMOORE HOUSE books. Faustina began her career at Southern Progress in 1994. She will coordinate and create production schedules for copy and art, act as liaison, handle reprint, and assist the managing editor.

GARY WAYNE WILLIAMS '94 is a service social worker for the Dekalb County Department of Human Resources. Gary serves on various child abuse agencies in the county. He has one daughter and resides in Rainsville.

KAY KING DAVIS '95 is a teacher at Cedar Bluff Elementary School in Cherokee County. She is active in local and community affairs and serves as a volunteer with several organizations.

DENNA DODD '95 has worked through life’s problems without seeing them. She was the first blind cheerleader at Decatur High School. She completed her degree at JSU in only 3 years - her master’s from the University of Alabama in only 1 year. She got used to using Zack, her guide dog, but had to go through 26 days of training with him in Florida. He was trained, she said. They were training HER. She will retire Zack shortly and receive a new guide dog. But Zack will remain with her as her pet.

TAMARA MCINTOSH '95 has joined Family and Occupational Medicine in Anniston, as a family medicine physician. She received her medical degree from the University of South Alabama and completed her residency at Foyd Medical Center in Rome, GA. Tamara and her husband Lawrence have 2 daughters and reside in Ohatchee.

DANA ELAINE ROGERS RUGER ’95/99 teaches 6th grade at Jacksonville Christian Academy. She taught for 2 years at Ohatchee High School and one year in Georgia and at Pleasant Valley in Jacksonville. She and her husband and 2 children reside in Ohatchee.

SONJA BANKS '96 has joined the United Negro College Fund, Inc., Alabama-area office as area development director. She is responsible for raising operating funds, providing student financial assistance and providing technical assistant for the five UNCF member colleges in Alabama.

KATHY BOWEN '96/98 is an elementary teacher with the Piedmont City Board of Education.

ALEXIA JEWELLI DANIELS CLABORN '96 and her husband, STEPHEN LEON CLABORN '97, met at JSU, married and moved to Atlanta after graduation. They have returned to Decatur where Stephen works with his brother who started a jail equipment contracting company. Alexia is a Lawrence County social worker.

GARY WIGINGTON '96 an All-American golfer for JSU, has turned pro and is eying the Senior Tour...maybe 17 years down the road. Locally, he’s won just about everything in sight. He’s working to improve his short game though there’s no question he can hit the ball with anyone. We wish him the best.

JOELLE JAEGGER ARIAIL '97 is a systems analyst for American Cast Iron Pipe Co. in Birmingham. She and her husband have 2 children and reside in Riverside.

JULIE HOLCOMBE CROMIE ‘97 is a family case manager/“One Stop Shop” for Workforce Systems Coordinator with the Douglas County (GA) Department of Family and Children’s Services. She and her husband Paul have twin girls and reside in Riverside.

MICHAEL GRABEN '97 is teaching applied math and coaching at Jacksonville High School. He has 3 years teaching experience at Sakse. He and his wife, JULIE CONN GRABEN '94/98, reside in Jacksonville.

CHAD HOPPER '97 recently graduated from the University of Alabama School of Law. He was a summa cum laude JSU graduate and was named the 1997 Outstanding Male Graduate. In the spring of 1999, he served as an intern for H. DEAN BUTTRAM, JR. '72/74/75, U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama. He began working with William M. Hawkins, Jr. in Centre in August.

KIMMBERLY L. MITCHELL '97 was named New Teacher of the Year for the Family & Consumer Science section of the Alabama Career Technical Education Association (ACTE). She was chosen as a finalist for the ACTE Career Technical Teacher of the Year award. Kim worked for 3 years in the St. Clair County school system and is now employed by Talladega County Schools as a Family & Consumer Science teacher at Munford High School.

NIYAH SIMPSON GRIFFIN '98 is a teacher at Goodlettsville Elementary School in Nashville, TN. She and her husband reside in Nashville.

CATHY HIGGINS '98 has been named to the editorial staff of Pulaski (TN) Publishing and will cover events and interests in area schools, as well as other feature stories for The Pulaski Citizen and The Giles Free Press, both weekly newspapers. She wrote for the JSU campus newspaper, The Chanticleer, for our alumni magazine, and for the Baptist Campus Ministries newspaper. She also wrote about events from the Angel community of Jacksonville for the Jacksonville News.

PAUL CAMERON HOLLAND '98 was recently promoted to the position of Loan Officer with the First National Bank of Scottsboro. Cameron and his wife reside in Scottsboro.

WHITNEY BETH GREEN SMART '98 has been named Credit Administration Officer I in the credit department of Regions Bank in Birmingham. Beth joined Regions in 1998 as a credit analyst. She and her husband Jimmy reside in Altoona.

JENNIFER BELL '99 is an RN at The Children’s Hospital of Alabama in Birmingham in the pulmonary care unit. She resides in Munford.

KEVIN BRADY '99 is a law clerk for Cusimano, Keener, Roberts, Kimberly and Miles. He just completed his first year at the Mississippi College School of Law in Jackson, MS. He does legal research for the firm. During his time at JSU in his criminal justice major, he interned in the narcotics department of the Calhoun County Sheriff’s Office.

KELLY MARIE CHEATWOOD '99 is teaching kindergarten at Pleasant Valley School in Jacksonville. She previously worked at Pleasant Valley as a substitute teacher. Kelly also has special training in sign language.

RHONDA DEESE DAVIDSON '99 is an English and drama teacher for grades 7 through 9 at Pleasant Valley School. She previously taught in
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Randolph County at New Hope School. She, her husband Jimmy and 3 sons reside in Anniston.

• DANIEL ESOE ’99 is serving as a member of the American Red Cross Rapid Response Corps in Atlanta. During this 10-month program, Daniel and five other team members will respond to local disasters such as house and apartment fires, floods and tornadoes and provide assistance to victims. They will visit local schools and community groups to provide disaster preparedness education and will respond to at least two national Red Cross disaster assignments. Daniel will also receive a monetary educational award at the end of his service, which can be used to help with his education.

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CANAEKA LYNE DUNN ’00 teaches kindergarten at Pleasant Valley School in Jacksonville. This is her first teaching assignment. She did her student teaching at Walnut Park Elementary in Gadsden. She resides in Southside.

EVELYN CANNON DUNN ’00 enrolled at JSU in 1969 and, 30 years later, she has completed her degree. Several times in her life she tried to come back to finish, but life kept throwing her curves — most of them. After having 4 children, she had neither time nor money for school, raising the kids on her own. She met the associate pastor at her church, they fell in love and got married. In 1997, she decided it was time to finish her education. Continuous encouragement from her advisors and teachers kept her going. And, after receiving that degree, she is now in graduate school at JSU and has plans to open her own child development center.

MARY ALLISON GRAY ’00 is teaching 1st grade at Jacksonville Christian Academy. This is her first year as a teacher. She is from Guntersville.

STEPHEN WILLIAMS ’00 has been accepted to the famed Actor’s Studio in New York City. Since its inception in 1947, only about 900 artists have been admitted for exclusive lifetime membership including Paul Newman, Marlon Brando, Robert DeNiro, Whoopi Goldberg, Dustin Hoffman, and Holly Hunter. It is a drama school that offers a master of fine arts in dramatic arts. After sending in an application, a letter of intent, and letter of recommendation, he still had to audition in New York. The toughest hurdle now is the $10,000 tuition each semester — not including student fees, room, board, or living expenses in New York.

WEDDINGS

’80-89

DR. MARK N. FROLICK ’82 and Elizabeth McIntosh, January 1, 2000, in Runaway Bay, Jamaica. Mark is employed by the University of Memphis, Fogelman College of Business, in Management Information Systems. He is a former JSU cheerleader and is a life member of the JSU Alumni Association.

EFRAM B. CLARK ’84 and his wife Evelyn were married in Toronto, Canada, on July 24, 2000. He is distributor sales coordinator for Miller Brewing Company. They reside in Mandeville, LA. Efram was a member of the JSU football team, the Student Government Association, and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. He is a life member of the JSU Alumni Association.

WILLIAM BRYANT ROBERSON ’84 and Jennifer Aline Barnett, May 6, 2000, in Hoover. He is employed by Superior Metal Products in Birmingham. William is a former JSU Marching Southerner.

GINGER ABNEY ’85 and Kenon Joseph Wilson, April 15, 2000, in Birmingham. She is employed as a Cost Reporting Specialist for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama. Ginger is a former JSU Marching Ballerina.

RICKY LYNN CHANEY ’85 and Jennifer Jean Cagle, August 19, 2000, in Huntsville. He is employed by ON Semiconductor as a global account manager.

JEANNIE ANNETTE JOHNSON ’88/92 and Robert Alan Cosby, June 3, 2000, in a private ceremony at Dunn’s River Golf Resort in Ocho Rios, Jamaica.

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KIMBERLY DAWN BUMPUS ’90 and Philip Martin Allen, April 8, 2000, in Gallant. She is employed by Bostrom Seating in Piedmont.

CHAD COX ’90 and Rachel Wallace, June 24, 2000, in Chattanooga, TN. Chad is employed as a project engineer for Automatic Automation in Chattanooga.

KAREN LOUISE GRAHAM ’90 and Jason Robert Lowery, March 25, 2000, in Centre. Karen is employed by Union State Bank in Pell City.

RICHARD ALBERT HODGES ’90 and CYNTHIA LYNNETTE SHEARS ’91, May 6, 2000, in Anniston. Cynthia is employed by Astra Zeneca Pharmaceuticals in Birmingham and Richard by Drivers Way in Birmingham. Richard played baseball for JSU.

REBECCA JANE STEWART ’91 and James Michael Smith, May 20, 2000, in Albertville. She is employed by the State of Alabama Department of Examiners of Public Accounts.

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Alumni Association Life Members

The following have become recent life members of the Alumni Association: (Since January, 2000)

Mary Catherine Aleshire '93
Donald C. Atkinson '77
John Charles Awbrey '99
Charles G. Ayers '48
Penny Norred Bolen '80
Dr. Kerrie Gilbert Bowie '95
Cynthia E. Brown '83
Ethylyn Murphree Brown '73
Gary L. Brown '70/78
Stephen L. Cain '74
Efrem Brian Clark '84
Gregory Scott Connell '87
Frances Molan Culbreth '61
Keith W. Deerman '77/80
Anne Moore Giles '52
David Charles Glass '90
Darrel L. Gordon '90
Lloyd Lester Griffitt
Larry Edwin Hawkins '62
Timothy S. Higgins '95
Cynthia J. Jenkins '86
Harry Ben Jones '75
James M. Kirksey '71
K. George Koshy '89
Eric H. Lafayette
Michael R. Livingston '84/90/91
Nancy L. Locke '68
Paul W. Locke '91
Donald T. MacArgel '96
Deborah Wood Miller '79
Kimberly D. Peppers '93
Charles Bruce Pickette '68
Randy Gerald Pierce '98
Jill Campbell Pike '96
Mary L. Poore '79
Carl Tom Reid
Jeanette Honea Remer '55/69
Carolyn Batchelor Rhodes '68/73
Ira W. Rhodes '70
Ruth Kirby Sanders '52
Jan Perry Saunders '87
Joseph F. Shaw '73
Beverly McCrady Smith '69/76/82
Johnny Ray Smith '94
Stephen W. Street '70
J. Derrick Vick '97
Mabel Layton Wallace '62
Woodson D. Wallace '59
Donald White '65
Michelle Patterson Williams '81
Jenny Neal Wokiersen '85
Virginia N. Yocum '61

A New Addition to Life Membership

In response to your many requests, we have added an additional benefit to our life membership. The recreational facilities at Stephenson Hall and Pete Mathews Coliseum are now available for an additional yearly fee. If you have questions, please call the Alumni Office for more details.

LORI PATRICIA GOSS '97 and JOHNNY LEE BAIN '99, June 3, 2000, in Piedmont. Lori is employed by Floyd Medical Center in Rome, GA as a registered nurse in the Intensive Care Unit. Johnny is also employed by Floyd Medical Center as a registered nurse in the Emergency Department.

JASON DEREK GREEN '97 and his wife Jennifer were married in February, 2000. Jason is a police officer for Marietta, GA. They reside in Lithia Springs, GA.

BRADLEE WADE HANDLEY '97 and Carrie Beth Johnson, July 1, 2000, in Sardis, AL. Bradlee is employed by Transouth Financial Corp. in Gadsden and Carrie is working toward her master’s degree in special education at JSU.

ROBERT NATHAN HANNAH '97 and Scarlett Ann Grant, July 8, 2000, in Henagar. He is employed by Ider High School.

HEATHER RICHIE HAWKINS '97 and Timothy Joseph Rahn, June 24, 2000, in Alexander City. Heather is employed by First Citizens Bank in Mt. Pleasant, SC. She was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

BRANDON C. HOLTZAPFEL '97 and Carrie R. Cullins, May 20,
2000, in Gatlinburg, TN. Brandon is the manager of TransWorld Industries in Rome, GA. He was a member of Delta Chi Fraternity at JSU.

JOHN JOSEPH KELLY '97 and JEAN KERI NEGRON-ACEVEDO, '99, June 11, 2000, in Jacksonville. John is working toward his master’s degree in counseling at JSU and is employed by Quincy’s Family Steakhouse. Keri graduated magna cum laude with a double major and is currently pursuing graduate and doctoral studies.

JAMES ROBERT LLOYD, II '97 and Stacey LeAnne Mathews, July 14, 2000. James is employed by Regions Bank.

WILLIAM M. MEEKS '97 and ANALISE SIMPSON '97, July 22, 2000, in Huntsville. Analise is employed by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama as a programmer analyst. She played softball for the Gamecocks. William graduated cum laude from JSU and is employed by Computer Sciences Corporation of Birmingham as a programmer analyst.

TARA LA FRAN RIVES '97 and Tony Bernard Hunley, March 25, 2000, in Anniston. Tara is employed by Bell South Electronic Data System in Birmingham.

CHRISTOPHER BRIAN SIMS '97/99 and Elise Breanne Sheffield, April 15, 2000. He is employed by AmSouth Bancorporation in Birmingham.

MARJORIE LYNNELLE TERRY '97 and Joel Davis Knapp, August 5, 2000, in Gadsden. Lynnelle is a former JSU Marching Band Leader. Joel was on the JSU faculty in the Music Department for several years.

KRISTAL TURPEN '97 and Lt. Van Jackson Kizer, June 17, 2000, in Florence. Kristal is employed by Martin’s Family Clothing in Decatur. Kristal was a member of the Lady Gamecocks basketball team.

ERIC LEE BOURNE '98 and Rebecca Colleen Floyd, May 20, 2000, in Huntsville. Eric is employed by the Maxim Group as a career counselor. He was a member of Sigma Nu Fraternity. Rebecca is pursuing a degree in early childhood education at JSU.

SHERRY JEAN COLEBART '98 and Joseph Lee Martin, June 17, 2000, in Anniston. Jeannie is employed with SouthTrust Bank of Gadsden.

JEREMIAH KENTON ELLIS '98 and Amanda LeAnne Sullivan, August 11, 2000. He is employed as a design engineer with Willo Products in Decatur.

TENA ELISABETH GREEN '98 and Todd Earl Davis, June 10, 2000, in Tuscumbia. Elisabeth is pursuing a master’s degree at UAB. She was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority, Kappa Delta Pi, Phi Eta Sigma and was a JSU Gamecock Hostess. She is employed as a 7th grade English teacher and girls’ volleyball and basketball coach at Chelsea Middle School in Birmingham.

GREGORY WAYNE HALCOMB ’98 and Crystal Diane Gallahar, June 3, 2000, in Talladega. Gregory is employed by the University of Central Arkansas. Crystal is currently attending JSU, but plans to attend the University of Central Arkansas in Conway, Arkansas.

ROBERT JERROD HARVEY '98 and Ginger Henderson, June 17, 2000, in Anniston. Jerrod and Ginger are both employed by Innovative Emergency Management, Inc. Ginger attended JSU.

JERRY DE WAYNE HURST '98 and Sherry Lynn Satterwhite, March 18, 2000, in Ashland. Jerry is co-owner of the Elite Group, Inc. in Ashland.

EMILY ANGEL JOHNSON '98 and Johnathan Mack Burton, June 23, 2000, at The Donnelly House in Birmingham. Emily is employed by Dick Broadcasting Co. in Birmingham. She was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority.

WESLEY KEY '98/00 and Dinah Marler, July 14, 2000, near Talladega. Wesley has accepted a job in Ft. Hood, TX where they will reside.

CLINTON H. KIRKLAND '98/00 and Francella I. Barkley, June 3, 2000, in Albertville. He was a member of the Kappa Alpha Order, American Marketing Association and Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society. He is currently working on his master’s degree in business.

SEAN D. MACHRIEST '98 and Carey J. Henderson, July 8, 2000, in Anniston. Sean is employed by the Talladega County Board of Education.

ANGELA MILLER '98 and MItCH ALLEN '99, May 6, 2000, in Jacksonville. Angela is employed in Birmingham and Mitch in Alexander City. Mitch was a member of Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity.

DOCK W. NOWELL, JR. '98 and Wanda LaPrecious Johnson, August 12, 2000, in Gadsden. Dock is employed by the Department of Human Resources.

CASEY DIANNE REEVES '98 and Christopher Alan Liscinsky, April 15, 2000, in Attalla. She is employed by Electronic Data Systems in Hoover.

HELEN RODGERS '98 and Derrick Brooks, April 29, 2000, in Fairfield. Helen is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and is employed by US Infrastructure, Inc.

TAMIRA SANDERS '98 and Derrick Bibbs, July 1, 2000. Tamika is a data conversion officer for the U.S. Postal Service in Birmingham. She played on the JSU volleyball team. Derrick attended JSU and was on the baseball team. They expect their first child in December.

SUZANNE CELESTE SCHLERF '98 and Barry Dale Skelton, June 3, 2000, in Pell City. Suzanne is employed as the culinary manager at Red Lobster in Oxford. Barry is majoring in engineering at JSU.

AMBER ELIZABETH THOMAS '98 and Brian Scott McCarver,
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July 15, 2000.  Amber is employed by the Anniston City Board of Education.

ANGIE UITHOVEN '98 and DON BLANCHARD '00, June 17, 2000, in Albertville.  Angie is working on her master’s degree in business administration at JSU. She was a member of Alpha Xi Delta. Don was a member of Kappa Alpha.

MICHAEL JOE WEBB '98 and HEATHER LEAH BANNISTER '00, May 9, 2000, in a private ceremony in Glasgow, Scotland. The couple now resides in Maryville, TN.

DOUGLAS SHANE WOODWARD '98 and Tiffany Paige Taylor, August 5, 2000, in Pensacola, FL.  He attends Cumberland School of Law and will graduate in 2001. He is employed as a law clerk with Boardman, Carr and Weed.

MARKUS D. WINDHAM '98 and Melissa D. Wilson, June 3, 2000, in Birmingham. Markus was a member of Omicron Delta Kappa Society and served as a graduate assistant in athletic equipment. He is employed by Shelby Academy in Montevallo as a teacher, baseball and assistant football coach. Melissa is a student at JSU. She is a member of Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority and serves as a Gamecock Hostess.


KEVIN WAYNE BRADY '99 and CRISTY MAURINE BRYANT '99, July 15, 2000, in Attalla.  Christy is employed as a nurse at Riverview Regional Medical Center in Gadsden. Kevin attends Mississippi College School of Law and is employed by Cusimano, Keener, Roberts, Kimberly and Miles, P.C.


JENNIFER BUCHANAN '99 and Jason Thomas, May 20, 2000, near Guntersville. Jennifer is employed by Family Security Credit Union.

JEREMY L. CHRISTOPHER '99 and JENNIFER L. JUSTICE '99, April 16, 2000, at the Noble-McCaa-Butler House in Anniston. Both are former members of the JSU Marching Southerners. They are employed in Huntsville.

COREY JACQUES CLARK '99 and Karen Lee Edwards, May 6, 2000, in Mt. Olive. Corey was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity and the Show Choir. He is employed with Clark Auto and Electric. Karen is studying nursing at JSU. She is a member of Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority.

CORTNI LEIGHAN COLVIN '99 and RICHARD ALAN KELLEY '99, February 5, 2000, in Pell City. Cortedi is employed by Grandview Behavior Health Deferred as a prosecution case manager. She was a member of Phi Mu Sorority. Richard is employed by Mike’s Fabrication as a steel fabricator.

CASEY DAVID COX '99 and MISTI DAWN SCHREINER '00, June 3, 2000, in Anniston. Casey is employed by Alabama Power in Montgomery and Misti at Colonial Bank in Montgomery. Casey was a member of Delta Chi Fraternity and Misti of Phi Mu Sorority. They reside in Greenville.

JAMIE DWIGHT CROSSON '99 and Krista Michele Arrington, April 8, 2000, in Carrollton, GA. Jamie is employed by Becon, Inc. in Anniston.

JONATHAN W. CROSSON '99 and JENNIFER A. ESCE '99, February 12, 2000, at the Noble-McCaa-Butler House in Anniston. Jonathan was a member of Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity and Jennifer of Alpha Xi Delta Sorority. Jonathan is employed by the U.S. Army and Jennifer by Westinghouse in Anniston.

ROBERT EDWARDS '99 and GINGER LEA WRIGHT '00, May 20, 2000, in Birmingham. Robert was a member of Kappa Alpha Order and Ginger of Zeta Tau Alpha. They are both employed in Birmingham.

HOLLY BETH FARLEY '99 and Billy Thad Bennett, June 23, 2000. She is a summa cum laude graduate of JSU and is employed by the Etowah County Board of Education. Billy is a senior at JSU and employed by KenMark, Inc.

KIMBERLY DAWN FRAMES '99 and Claton Jared Sprayberry, March 25, 2000. She is employed by the Anniston City Board of Education. He is attending JSU and employed by Winn Dixie supermarkets.

SHANNON GALLOWAY '99

Alumni House Attracts Many Visitors

Jacksonville State University’s picturesque Alumni House is very well used throughout the school year and the summer months.

The house has been booked for every weekend since January 2000 and is booked through October. The house is used for weddings, bridal showers, baby showers, rehearsal dinners, wedding receptions, civic groups, social groups, barbecues, picnics, proms, and for various luncheons.

There is something extra going on at the Alumni House almost every day, in addition to its use as offices for the Alumni Affairs Department.

Weddings should be booked at least six months in advance, and most events should be planned months in advance.

There is no charge for the use of this facility by current students, faculty, and staff. There is a minimal charge for alumni who have paid their dues. People who aren’t affiliated with the University are charged a slightly higher amount.

For more information on reserving the Alumni House, please contact Nancy Turner in the Alumni Affairs Office at (256) 782-5404.

–Christina Morrison

* Chris Newell '93 and Angela Jackson, exchanged vows on May 28, 2000 at the JSU Alumni House. Chris is employed by International Paper Company in Vicksburg, MS.
and Nathaniel Lee Pearce, July 8, 2000, in Anniston. A member of Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority, Shannon is employed by the Jacksonville City Board of Education as a teacher at Kitty Stone Elementary School. Nate attended JSU. He was a member of Delta Chi and is a golf pro at Pine Hill Country Club in Anniston.

BRIDGITE MIRANDA LOVELACE '99 and James Rochelle Howard, February 12, 2000, in Gadsden. Bridgite is an English, speech and drama teacher at Gadsden High School.

JOSHUA LAMAR LOWE '99 and KRISTA ANN EDWARDS '00, June 24, 2000, at Pine Grove in Centre. They reside in Swainsboro, GA.

LYNDA RAYE MONCUS '99 and Chadwick Cooper Perry, June 10, 2000, in Roanoke. She is employed by the Roanoke City Board of Education.


PATRICK CORDELL PLOT '99 and Makia Aisha Bennett, July 22, 2000. Patrick was a member of the Gamcock football team. He is pursuing his master's degree at the University of West Alabama and is employed with the Pickens County Board of Education. Makia attended JSU but is currently enrolled at the University of Alabama.

JUSTAN MATTHEW PRUITT '99 and Sarah Elizabeth Evans, August 12, 2000, in Opp. Justan is employed by Baptist Medical Center Montclair and Riverview Regional Medical Center in Gadsden.

SANDRA ELAINE REAVES '99 and Lanier L. Price, August 5, 2000. She is a registered nurse at Gadsden Regional Medical Center and is working on her master’s degree at JSU where she is a member of the Marching Southerners color guard. She is also a member of Phi Mu Sorority. Lanier is a student at JSU, a member of the JSU Marching Southerners, and the Chamber Winds and Jazz Band. He also co-directs the trumpet choir with Dr. David L. Walters, former JSU band director.

KRISSTY SORTER '99 and Kevin Gentle, August 19, 2000, in Albertville. Krissty was a member of the JSU cross country team. She is employed by the UAB Health Services Foundation in Birmingham.

HOLLY CAROL HUDSON '00 and JAMES WESLEY "JAY" KNOWLTON '00, June 17, 2000, in Anniston. Holly was a member of the JSU women’s softball team and Jay not only played basketball for the Gamecocks, but served as a graduate assistant coach.

SABRINA LYNN ANDERSON '00 and ANDREW RYAN JONES '00, July 22, 2000, in Leesburg. Both Sabrina and Andrew are magna cum laude graduates of JSU and both are employed by the Cherokee County Board of Education.

AMMIE MARIE HOPKINS '00 and Ronald Keith Brooks, II, August 26, 2000, in Jacksonville. Ammie was a member of the JSU Marching Ballerinas and Phi Mu Sorority. She is employed by AccuMed Systems of Alabama.

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WESLEY NEYMAN '00 and CHRISTA RHINEHART '00, July 22, 2000. Wes is employed by the Floyd County (GA) Board of Education. Christa, a former JSU Marching Ballerina, is a graduate student at UAB.

MISTI RAINS '00 and Jim Bryson, August 19, 2000.

REBECCA KAY STRICKLAND '00 and James Raymond Dickens, Jr., July 8, 2000, in Ft. Deposit. She received her master’s degree magna cum laude from JSU. While at JSU, Rebecca was a member of Sigma Alpha Iota, Phi Delta Kappa, Phi Eta Sigma, and the Collegiate Music Educators’ National Conference. They reside in Tuscaloosa.

AMY LYNN TAUNTON '00 and Adam Lee Langley, June 24, 2000, in Boaz. Amy is employed by the Alabama Department of Health as an Abstinence Education Coordinator for Marshall County.

SHARON ASHLEY TAYLOR '00 and Jamey Taylor Crammer, July 22, 2000. Sharon is employed at the Off-Campus Bookstore.

ANGEL BETH WEAVER '00 and Steven Scott Bushong, June 24, 2000, in Gadsden.

JENNIFER LYNN WILLIAMS '00 and Ryan Alan Brown, August 5, 2000, in Anniston. Jennifer is employed by Anniston Orthopedic Associates, P.A. Ryan is a student at JSU and is employed by Alabama Radio Network.

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REBECCA KAY STRICKLAND '00 and James Raymond Dickens, Jr., July 8, 2000, in Ft. Deposit. She received her master’s degree magna cum laude from JSU. While at JSU, Rebecca was a member of Sigma Alpha Iota, Phi Delta Kappa, Phi Eta Sigma, and the Collegiate Music Educators’ National Conference. They reside in Tuscaloosa.

AMY LYNN TAUNTON '00 and Adam Lee Langley, June 24, 2000, in Boaz. Amy is employed by the Alabama Department of Health as an Abstinence Education Coordinator for Marshall County.

SHARON ASHLEY TAYLOR '00 and Jamey Taylor Crammer, July 22, 2000. Sharon is employed at the Off-Campus Bookstore.

ANGEL BETH WEAVER '00 and Steven Scott Bushong, June 24, 2000, in Gadsden.

JENNIFER LYNN WILLIAMS '00 and Ryan Alan Brown, August 5, 2000, in Anniston. Jennifer is employed by Anniston Orthopedic Associates, P.A. Ryan is a student at JSU and is employed by Alabama Radio Network.

BIRTHS

’70-79

MARK BLACKMON ‘77 and his wife Ann celebrated the birth of their second child, Elizabeth Amber, on December 9, 1999. Mark is managing partner of Ramshead Armoury, Inc. and the producer of the Southern Illinois Renaissance Festival. They reside in Sorento, IL. Those of you in school back then will remember Mark as a DJ on WLJS-FM between midnight and 4 a.m.

’80-89

DEANNE HENDRIX HAYNES ‘87/91 and her husband, Randy announced the birth of their second child, Logan Christopher, on January 20, 2000. They have an older son, Nicholas. DeAnne is a former JSU Marching Ballerina.

DAVID W. JONES ’87 and his wife Jennifer welcomed the birth of their daughter, Alexis Grace, on March 12, 2000.

LYNCH LEICHT ’77 and her husband, Al announced the birth of their daughter, Alexi on March 12, 2000.

SHEILA A. TAYLOR ’80 and her husband, Al announced the birth of their daughter, Kristin Michelle, on October 19, 1999. She has a big brother Austin. They reside in Slidell, LA.

THOMAS DYER ‘89 and his wife, Kristen, announced the birth of their daughter, Alexi on March 12, 2000. Thomas is a sales representative for BellSouth Mobility. They reside in Acworth, GA.

LISA HASKEW WITCHER ’90 and her husband, Al announced the birth of their daughter, Alexi on March 12, 2000. They reside in Pinson. Lisa is employed as an RN at UAB Hospital in Birmingham.

MATTHEW TODD BROOKS ’91 and his wife, Sarah, announced the birth of their son, Matthew Todd, Jr., on November 5, 1999. Todd is sports editor for a newspaper in West Memphis, AR. They reside in Marion, AR. Todd was a member of the JSU football team.

MICHELLE SUELL CREAMER ’91 and her husband, Al announced the birth of their daughter, Brooklin Rae, on January 31, 2000. Al is employed as a senior writer with J. Walter Thompson in Atlanta, as manager of team sports marketing. They have 3 other children and reside in Acworth, GA.

JUDY DETHRAGE WHITLEY ’78 and her husband, Alan Whitley ’90, celebrated the birth of their daughter, Brooklin Rae, on January 31, 2000. Al is employed as a senior writer with J. Walter Thompson in Atlanta. They reside in Villa Rica, GA.

SHERRY FOX COVINGTON ’88 and her husband, Al announced the birth of their twins on May 17, 2000. Campbell Alana and Larson Page have an older brother, Holden and sister, Avery. They reside in Albuquerque, NM.
the birth of their son, Logan Walker, on February 11, 2000. Staci is a former JSU Marching Ballerina and is employed by SouthTrust Bank as supervisor of consumer loans. Mike, a member of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity at JSU, is a manufacturer sales representative for LTL Home Products. They reside in Pelham.

W. BLAKE ’92 and ANGELA BRAGUE STRICKLAND ’92 announce the birth of their son, John Sawyer, on May 24, 2000. They reside in Kimberly.

PHILLIP TODD ’92 and BRIGITTE HICKS TILLERY ’95 welcomed the birth of their daughter, Laura Ashlee, April 14, 2000. Brigitte is a health occupations teacher at Cedartown High School. Todd is a construction teacher at Cedartown High. They reside in Cedartown, GA.

STACEY ’92 and CHRISTIE GARMON WALDREP ’96 announce the birth of their son, Brandon Michael, on April 5, 2000. Brandon has an older sister, Sarah Kathryn. They reside in Albertville.

GRIFF ’93 and ASHLEY FAIRLEY ’93 celebrated the birth of their son, Garrett Ashley, on May 10, 2000. They have an older son who is 3. Ashley is a 3rd grade teacher with the St. Clair County Board of Education. Griff is a sales agent for Forrest Marketing. They reside in Gadsden.

DARYL DEAN ’94 and PAIGE VANDERGRIFF ULLMER ’95 announce the arrival of their son, William Benjamin, on December 15, 1999. Paige is teaching first grade at Union Grove and Daryl works for Woodall & Hoggell. They reside in Guntersville.

Diane Voigt Watkins ’94 and her husband John welcomed the birth of their daughter, Katie Marie, on January 7, 2000. They reside in Helena.

TANDI GLENN SMITH ’93 and her husband Greg had a baby boy, Glenn Edward, on March 29, 2000. They reside in Trussville. Tandi and Greg are in the home inspection business.

STACY W. BLAKE ’92 and ANDREA ARLENE GENTRY ’99 announce the birth of their first child, Adam welcomed the birth of their son, Matthew, on February 8, 2000. They reside in Conyers, GA.

DIANE VOIGT WATKINS ’94 and her husband John welcomed the birth of their daughter, Katie Marie, on January 7, 2000. They reside in Helena.

RITA BAKER MANYETTE ’95 and her husband Christopher announce the birth of their first child, Grant Richard, on March 10, 2000. They reside in the “other” Jacksonville-Florida -where Rita has started her own business, an acting studio called “Acting Out”.

RENEE COPELAND BARD ’96 and RICHARD ALLEN BARD ’97, announce the birth of their son, John Bradley, on September 9, 1999. Richard is a network administrator with UltraTiler, Inc. and Renee is a full-time mom. They reside in Southside.

ALEXIA DANIELS CLABORN ’96 and STEPHEN CLABORN ’96 announce the birth of their son, Stephen Leon, Jr., on May 16, 2000. Stephen is employed with Cornerstone Detention Products, Inc. and Alexia is staying home with the new baby. They reside in Decatur.

MELECA JENKINS LAMBERT ’96 and her husband Jason announce the birth of their son, Alex, on May 20, 1999. They also have a 5-year-old daughter, Carley Nicole. Melecia and Jason were married on March 21, 1998. They reside in Pulaski, TN.

ALLISON MYERS McKinney ’96/99 and her husband Adam welcomed the birth of their son, Mason, on June 16, 2000. They reside in Collinsville.

HARRY ’98 and ANDREA PETERS ARMSTRONG ’98 had a baby boy, Matthew, on February 8, 2000. They reside in Conyers, GA.

OBITUARIES

RETURATIONS:

In our last edition, we reported in error the death of WILLIAM HAROLD BOHANNON ’61. He called the Alumni Office to notify us of our error. He resides in Killeen, TX. We sincerely apologize to him and his family. We were notified by the postal service of his death in error.

Also in our last edition, we reported the death of MARLENE JANICE LOCKRIDGE DOYAL ’79 in error. The incorrect information concerning her death had been reported to our office during the annual JSU Phonathon. We extend our sincerest apology to Marlene and her family members. Marlene resides in Piedmont.

We received a note from NANCY MINYARD NIX ‘81 in April advising us that we had incorrectly listed her as deceased in our last edition! She was wondering why she hadn’t been receiving her alumni mail! We had been misinformed by the postal service earlier that she was deceased. Nancy says it’s GREAT to be alive!

And we do apologize to her and her family! She resides in Rainbow City.

RUTH STOCKDALE HODGES ’41, April, 2000, in Austin, TX. Her family informed us that she died following complications from a stroke. She was a life member of the JSU Alumni Association.

BOLINEE KNIGHT HOLDER ’44, June 8, 2000, in Austell, GA. She was a retired teacher in the Randolph County School System and was married with 2 sons. She resides in Wedowee.

L.D. BRUCE ’47/60, May 17, 2000, in Gadsden. He was a retired coach, principal and teacher and was the director of the Cherokee County Headstart program. Coach Bruce had been inducted into the Dekalb County and the Alabama High School Hall of Fame. He and his wife had one son.

HATTIE BERNICE MOORE DEASON ’47, June 13, 2000, in Wilkesboro, NC. She was retired from teaching after 42 years of service in the Walker and Jefferson County School Systems. She was the widow of JOHN POWELL DEASON ’38 and had 2 children.

WILEY ESTER BOWERS ’49, January 16, 2000, in Talladega. A veteran of WWII, he had received the Purple Heart. He was retired from Pepperdine University in Long Beach, CA and Bassett Unified School District
as a counselor. He and his wife had one son.

L.C. “DOG” GARNER ’49, April 18, 2000. He was a retired State Farm Insurance agent. “Dog” lettered in football at JSU and was a successful coach at Macon County High School in Union City, TN. The Alumni Office was informed by the postal service after a recent mailing that he is deceased. No further information was available.

DURWARD R. WILKS ’49, February 22, 2000, in Anniston. He was a retired Air Force veteran of WWII and was retired from Anniston Army Depot. He was married and had 2 children.

JAMES C. WHITE ’49, June 26, 2000, in Birmingham, after an extended illness. He was retired from Trinity Industries after 38 years as traffic manager. He was the husband of SARA HARDEGREE WHITE ’47 and they have one daughter.

ERNIE ROYAL ’50-59, of Arab. The Alumni Office was informed recently by a family member of her death. No further information was available.

JAMES RALPH ABERCROMBIE ’51, June 16, 2000, in Huntsville. An Army veteran of WWII, he was married with 3 children.

PAUL COOLEY, JR. ’51, March 13, 2000, in Scottsboro, from a heart attack after battling cancer. He was a basketball coaching legend in Jackson County, having coached at Pisgah for many years. He also served on the Jackson County School Board. He had a tremendous influence not only on all his players, but on all the students who went through Pisgah High School during his tenure as coach and educator. He was married to ELIZABETH GILBREATH COOLEY ’51.

VAN BUREN DEERMAN ’51, August 12, 2000, in Jacksonville. He coached and taught school for 33 years, 25 of them at Jacksonville High School. He was a member of the Alabama High School Sports Hall of Fame and had been named Calhoun County Coach of the Year six times. He and his wife, BONNIE WILLIAM DEERMAN ’50/56/68, had 4 children (one deceased).

MARGARET SPARKS FULLAN ’51, of Birmingham. The Alumni Office was notified by the postal service after a recent mailing that she is deceased. No further information was available.

DELPHIA L. WHITAKER ’51, of Guntersville, died recently in Albertville. She was a retired teacher and had 2 children, both JSU graduates — BEBE WHITAKER BROWN ’61 and CAREY WALLS WHITAKER ’69.

KEITH L. BRIGHT ’52, November 11, 1999, in Naples, FL. Retired from the Collier County (FL) Board of Education, he was married and had 2 children.

DEANNA BOWMAN ’53, April 18, 2000, in Huntsville. She was a retired teacher and had 1 child.

VIRGINIA AUDREY WATSON WOOLLEY, ’54, August, 2000, in Huntsville. She taught at Madison County High School, East Clinton School, Terry Heights School and Rolling Hills School. She had 2 daughters. Her daughter, ELIZABETH WOOLLEY KELLER ’60, serves on the JSU Alumni Association Board of Governors. Audrey played women’s basketball for JSU.

JEWELL TANNER NUSS ’55, March 13, 2000, in Cullman. The Alumni Office was informed of her death by her son, WILLIAM E. NUSS ’65. She was a retired educator and historian and died at age 87.

MARGARET B. VOSS ’55, March 18, 2000, in Anniston. A retired educator, she was active in Delta Kappa Gamma and several other local clubs. She also served as a docent at the Anniston Museum of Natural History. She and her husband had 4 daughters.

CLIFFORD D. BLACK ’57, September 21, 1997, in Section. He was a retired instructor from Northeast Alabama State Junior College.

DOROTHY WHEELER FULBRIGHT ’57/72, August 25, 2000, at her home in Ashland. She taught elementary and high school in Texas before becoming a teacher at Saks High School in Calhoun County. She later became an English teacher and guidance counselor in Clay County.

WILLIAM R. JACKSON ’59, of Union City, TN. The Alumni Office was informed by the postal service during a recent mailing that he is deceased. While at JSU, he played basketball. He was retired from Goodyear Tire & Rubber. He and his wife had 3 children.

ALPH W. BELL ’60, March 11, 2000, in Pell City. A Navy veteran, Coach Bell was the former football coach at Saks High School, Munford High School, Shelby County High School, Ashville High School and Durham Jr. High School. He was named the 2-A Football Coach of the Year in 1976. Ralph and his wife had 4 sons.

WINFRED CARDEN ’60, March 21, 2000, in Abalaster. An Army veteran, he owned and operated Western Auto in Lineville for 17 years. He and his wife had 3 children.

MATTIE JO MOORE MISSILDINE ’60, July 26, 2000, of Prattville. She was a teacher in Autauga County. She and her husband had 1 daughter.

BUDDY STONECIPHER ’60, July 24, 2000, in Southside. He was a retired division director with the U.S. Food & Drug Administration.

FELONIA POSTON ROBERTSON ’60, September 18, 2000, in Bessemer. She was a retired postal worker.

I.W. VERNIA FREEMAN ’60, May 21, 2000, in Northport. She was a volunteer at the Ronald McDonald House in Chattanooga, TN. She was a volunteer with the Ronald McDonald House in

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Thomas Euclid Rains Sr. ’44, who was featured in our spring issue of Gem of the Hills, died on Sunday August 27. Rains, who was the first blind member of the Alabama House of Representatives, and his wife Nell, were killed in a one-car accident on Baker Road in Marshall County, Alabama. Reportedly, the car ran off a bridge during a heavy rain as they were returning home from church.

Rains, who had been blind since his youth, attended the Alabama School for the Blind, and earned degrees from Snead State Community College and Jacksonville State University. He became a legislator, coach, scoutmaster, columnist, author, farmer and master beekeeper. Recently he reactivated his local beekeepers’ association and served as its president as well as serving as president of the Geraldine Lions Club. He once appeared on the television show “Truth or Consequences” as the only totally blind Little League coach.

In his 1977 autobiography, “I’m Not Afraid of the Dark,” he wrote “Ignorance, poverty and total blindness couldn’t keep me locked out of life for I have been motivated and driven, as far back as I can remember, by a fierce philosophy that, if I want a thing, though it be barred behind a snow-capped mountain range, I will walk to it and take it...”
Chattanooga. She had 4 children.

RUTH T. BRYAN EVANS ’61, December 28, 1999, in Gulf Breeze, FL. We were notified by her son recently of her death. No further information was available.

JAMES “BUD” FLANAGAN ’62, died recently in Madison County, AL. A Vietnam veteran, he served on the Boards at both Redstone Arsenal Federal Credit Union and the Madison County High School Alumni Association Scholarship Fund. He and his wife, LINDA ZEIGLER FLANAGAN ’63, had 2 daughters. Bud was also commissioned through the JSU ROTC program.

JAMES L. SUGGS ’62, April 14, 2000, in Birmingham. He was retired from Anniston Army Depot and resided in Oxford. He and his wife had 3 children.

ELOISE TOLLESON EDWARDS ’63/80, April 11, 2000, in Jacksonville. She taught art for 15 years, first at Emma Sansom High School in Gadsden and later at Jacksonville High School. She and her late husband, Gus, were best known for maintaining the grounds at St. Luke’s Church in Jacksonville and feeding the church cat, Blue. After she retired from teaching, she earned her master’s degree in media communications at JSU.

HUBERT L. SUGGS ’62, April 14, 2000, in Birmingham. He was retired from Anniston Army Depot and resided in Oxford. He and his wife had 3 children.

HANNAH MYRICK HILLEY NUNNALLY ’63, April, 2000, in Jacksonville. She taught school in Cullman, and throughout Calhoun County, including Ft. McClellan. She had one son.

JAMES LINSERT RAYBURN ’63, January 10, 2000, in Norfolk, VA. He was buried with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetary. Jim served his country in the Vietnam War as a Major in the Army. He had one son.

JIMMY EVERETT PARKS ’66, July 28, 2000, in Anniston. He was the Director of Logistics at Ft. McClellan from 1984-1999. He and his wife had 1 daughter.

BILLY M. BENSON ’68, of Birmingham, died in 1996. The Alumni Office was informed by a family member recently that he is deceased. No further information was given.

JANICE DAPHINE MARTIN BONHAM ’68, April 21, 2000, in Cumming, GA. She was a teacher in Cumming and had been listed in

Who’s Who in America’s Teachers.

BRANCE JOEL JOHNSON ’69, June 1, 2000, in Anniston. He worked for the Social Security Administration in Birmingham for 26 years.

RANDOLPH B. MUNCY ’71, January 30, 2000, in Clanton. The Alumni Office was notified recently by a family member. No further information was given.

MARTHA ELIZABETH CHAPPELL ’73/’76, April 2, 2000, in Imperial, PA. The Alumni Office was notified by her sister, Amanda Reaves. Elizabeth was a former member of the JSU Marching Southerners.

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**WILLIAM “KENNY” HOBBLITZELL** ‘73, April 3, 2000, in Houston, MS. He was a retired newspaper editor with The Times Post in Houston. He and his wife had 2 children.

**MERLE JANE RAY** ‘73, April 24, 2000, in Gadsden. She was a retired Cherokee County teacher. She and her husband, BRANCE ALLEN RAY ‘64, had 2 children.

**JACKIE SIMS MAYFIELD** ‘75, of Crossville. The postal service advised the Alumni Office during our last mailout that Jackie is deceased. No further information is available.

**JO RENETTE SHANKLES BLAIR** ‘76, June 22, 2000, in Trussville, after a lengthy illness. She taught special education for schools in Alabama, Georgia, and South Carolina. While at JSU, she was a 4-year member of the Marching Southerners. She and her husband, FRED C. BLAIR ‘75, had 4 daughters (1 deceased).

**REGINA RAMPLEY GOBER** ‘76, March 10, 2000, in Anniston. She was director of children’s ministries at Parker Memorial Baptist Church in Anniston. She and her husband, WILLIAM DON GOBER ‘76, had 2 children.

**WALTER EMERSON BENSON** ‘77, April 14, 2000, in Jacksonville. He served 26 years in the Army, which included WWII and Korea. Colonel Benson received various medals including the victory medal, national defense service medal with oak leaf cluster, the Korean service medal, the United Nations service medal, and the meritorious service medal with oak leaf cluster. He and his wife had 5 children.

**PERCY ELLIS “NICK” GODBOLD, JR.** ‘78, May 3, 2000, in Selma. A WWII veteran, he began his business career in 1933 and worked for various wholesale, retail, manufacturing and mining businesses. Then, until 1950, he served as an Internal Revenue agent. From 1950 to 1963, he was a partner in Kirkland and Godbold (now Kirkland and Company), CPAs. In 1963, he began his banking career and has served as chairman of the Board of the Commercial Bank in Douglasville, GA, Bank of Pine Hill in Pine Hill, AL, Canebrake Bank in Uniontown, AL and Peoples Bank in Anniston.

**MICHAEL C. SHEARS** ‘78, May 18, 2000, in Oxford. He was owner and operator of Mama’s Flower Pot in Oxford and was an English teacher at Anniston High School. He also served as pastor of Itronon Baptist Church in Talladega.

**FRANCIS CHARLES “RICK” FARRELL** ‘79/81, February 15, 2000, in Anniston. He was retired from the JSU Admissions Office and was a WWII, Korea and Vietnam Army veteran, having served for 30 years. He and his wife, CAROL CROSTA FARRELL ‘82, retired Mail Center Director at JSU, had 4 children.

**VOLNEY V. HARRISON, III** ‘79, of Loganville, GA. The Alumni Office was notified by family members that he is deceased. No further information was available.

**FLORA ANN DUPREE** ‘80, of Mary Esther, FL. The postal service advised the Alumni Office that she is deceased. No further information was available.

**JERRY DEAN MCCORMICK** ‘80, June 26, 2000, in Birmingham. He was retired from the University of Alabama School of Law for the Legal Council of the Elderly. He and his wife resided in Anniston.

**SHEILA SMITH GOLIGHTLY** ‘84, May 17, 2000, in Tuscaloosa. She served as program director of Child and Adolescent Services at West Alabama Mental Health Center and recently served as a program coordinator at Brewer-Porch Children’s Center. She and her husband had 2 daughters.

**ANN L. HOFF** ‘84, of Andover, KS. The Alumni Office was notified recently by the postal service that she is deceased. No further information is available.

**MARY GILBREATH SMITH** ‘84/88, May 5, 2000, in Gadsden. She was employed by the Gadsden City School System. In 1993, she was named Teacher of the Year for Gadsden High School. She and her husband had 2 children.

**CHARLIE GIPSON** ‘85/90, June 17, 1998, in Cedartown, GA. He was a teacher with the Polk County (GA) Board of Education. He and his wife, GLADYS YOUNG GIPSON ‘93, had 2 children. His wife notified our office of his death.

**MICHAEL ANDREW THOMAS** ‘87, July 16, 2000, Huntsville. Mike was killed by an infection caused by exposure to meningitis while working as a microbiologist in the lab at Crosswood Medical Center in Huntsville.

**MARY ALISON LEE MASTER** ‘89, May 9, 2000, in Oxford.

**GLENDA SUZANNE MARTIN** ‘89, April 28, 2000, in Gulf Breeze, FL. She had 1 son.

**RAYMOND L. CUNNINGHAM** ‘91/92, April 6, 2000, in Alexandria. He and his wife had 3 children.

**JAMES BYRDSON** ‘92, April 22, 2000, in Anniston. He was employed as a bookkeeper with the Anniston City Board of Education. He and his wife had 2 children.

**JOHN A.J. MILLER** ‘92, June 17, 2000, in Weaver. John was active in the Drama Department at JSU and in the Anniston Community Theater.

**DOROTHY POWELL ROBINSON** ‘92/97, July 1, 2000, in Anniston. She was program manager for the City of Anniston Parks and Recreation Department. She and her husband had 1 child.

**JOSEPH VAN JOHNSON, SR.** ‘93/97, August 25, 2000, at his home in Jacksonville. He was retired from the Army and was a member of Omega Psi Phi fraternity, Kappa Delta Phi, and Phi Delta Kappa National Educators’ Association. He was a coach and 7th grade social studies teacher at Jacksonville High School and, in 1999, he was honored by their yearbook staff.

**ATTENDED ONLY or DATE OF GRADUATION UNKNOWN:**

**CLIFFORD J. DORSETT,** June 11, 2000, in Birmingham. He was a former member of the JSU Marching Southerners. He was president of the board of directors at North-east Alabama Regional Medical Center in Anniston. He and his wife lived in Oxford.

**MARY MOSS GOGGANS,** April 23, 2000, in Ft. Worth, TX. She taught school in Alabama for 45 years, 26 of them in Jacksonville. She is a former instructor at JSU and was active in the Jacksonville Garden Club, Jacksonville Book Club, and Delta Kappa Gamma.

**JERRY “BIG HOLLY” HOLLIFIELD,** March 29, 2000, of Hoover. He played football while at JSU. Most recently, after selling cars for numerous dealerships in Birmingham, he was self-employed as a lawn care contractor. He and his wife had 2 children.

**TOMMY JOE KEITH,** June 24, 2000, in Birmingham. He played basketball while at JSU.

**CHARLES C. ROBINSON, JR.** April 1, 2000, in Anniston. He was a former member of the JSU Marching Southerners.

**GEORGE “FOOTS” LANGFORD,** August 7, 2000, in Akron, OH. He played football for JSU in the early1980s.

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