



## XXIX Olympiad Games

Ms. Erin Cunningham Gossett, a Family and Consumer Sciences graduate in merchandising, attended as a wardrobe assistant with NBC the XXIX Olympiad Games in Beijing, China. Ms. Gossett has worked as a merchandise runner at the last two Olympic Games that were held in Greece and Torino, Italy.

As a wardrobe assistant, Ms. Gossett's flight and lodging was paid for by NBC. She was paid for each day's work and also allowed per diem. She worked every day in shifts that ranged from 8 to 15 hours. Many of her workdays started at 5:00 a.m. Sometimes she worked all night long which allowed time for sightseeing in the day hours.

During prime time schedule, five to six people worked hair, makeup, and outfits for the commentators. The wardrobe assistants were responsible to see that no outfits were duplicated during the coverage. A wardrobe assistant also had to see to it that the commentators' ties were straight. They used collar stays so every commentator's collar was perfectly straight. Dust and makeup were a major priority since this can be easily seen due to the high definition television broadcast. Ms. Gossett dressed people like Bob Costas, Jim Lampley, Cris Collinsworth, and Bela Korolyi. The wardrobe assistants had to be in the studio anytime someone appeared on television. During the broadcast, no one was allowed to talk, cough, use a cell phone, or go to the bathroom.

Trading Olympic pins was a favorite activity for attendees. Ms. Gossett has quite a collection from her three Olympic trips and many are limited editions. She traded one for a beautiful, bound Chinese calendar and held on to her prized ones from her affiliation with NBC. Ms. Gossett flew back home on airline seats reserved for NBC and was treated like royalty.

## Two Faculty Complete Their Doctoral Studies

Dr. Melinda Bolgar and Dr. Virginia Cole have both successfully completed requirements for their doctorates.



Dr. Melinda Bolgar has been an instructor in the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation since the fall of 2007. Previously she held these degrees: B.A. Biology, Ithaca College, M.E.S.S. Clinical Exercise Physiology, University of Florida, M.S. University of Florida. Her dissertation is titled "The Effects of Exercise Intensity on Differentiated and Undifferentiated Ratings of Perceived Exertion During Cycle and Treadmill Exercise in Recreationally Active and Trained Women." Dr. Bolgar's doctorate was awarded in December of 2008 by the University of Pittsburgh.



Dr. Virginia Cole is an instructor in the Department of Secondary Education. She started teaching at JSU in fall 2008. She holds a B.S., Stillman College; M.A., and now a Ph.D., from The University of Alabama. In January of 2009 she met the requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy in Curriculum and Instruction in the Department of Secondary Education from The University of Alabama. Dr. Cole's dissertation is titled "The Effects of Co-Teaching on Test Performance and Attitudes towards Science in High School Biology."

## JSU's Inaugural Technology Summer Institute

From June 16–20, 2008 fifteen high school students participated in JSU's first Technology Summer Institute. Young men and women from high schools within a 70-mile radius of JSU had the opportunity to learn about careers in science, technology, and engineering related fields. Mr. Phil Dean, prorata instructor in the Department of Technology and Engineering, was the program's coordinator.

Participants in the program were either recent high school graduates or rising seniors. The 15 participants visited Honda Manufacturing of Alabama in Lincoln and Parker Hannifin in Jacksonville to learn more about these local manufacturers. Each of the faculty members from the Department of Technology and Engineering gave a brief presentation to the students about his or her subject area. The participants learned through a number of hands-on activities about different engineering and technology concepts such as basic programming, computer-aided design (CAD), and introductory robotics.

The Department of Technology and Engineering gratefully acknowledges the generosity of Honda Manufacturing of Alabama and Parker Hannifin in sponsoring this program.



### Being the Best We Can Be

At the Alabama Federation of the Council for Exceptional Children Superconference 2009, Drs. Larry Beard, Teresa Gardner and Charlie Notar presented. Dr. Gardner presented on organizing a student chapter of the Student Council for Exceptional Children. Drs. Notar, Gardner, and Beard teamed to present on teaching spelling to students with disabilities. Dr. Beard also manned an exhibitor booth for Jacksonville State University. Dr. John Hammett, along with three other College of Education deans, were thanked in the conference brochure for their donation in support of a conference breakfast. Dr. Larry Beard serves on the AFCEC Executive Board as the treasurer for 2008–2009.



### Chapter on Goals

Dr. Marsha Zenanko and Mr. Mike Zenanko contributed a chapter to The atps of Tutor Training, a book published by the Association for the Tutoring Profession, Madison, New York (2009). Their chapter discusses the process of developing effective program goals and training tutors to use goals in the individual tutoring session.

## SDE News

The SDE approved the new Class A Instructional Leadership program during the December 2008 Board Meeting. JSU is now admitting candidates to the new program, and candidates in the now closed Educational Administration program will complete coursework no later than this summer.

The SDE also approved our new Master of Science program in Sport Management. The College is currently pursuing ACHE approval and plans to admit candidates in fall of 2009.

The College has also been granted permission to develop two new Class A programs in Family and Consumer Science. Program materials will be submitted in July, 2009 for review.

The SDE changed the policy on background clearance in the fall 2008 Administrative and Certification Code revision. Beginning fall 2008, all new admits to any education program (undergraduate, graduate, traditional, or alternative) must provide proof of a clear background review conducted by the Alabama Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Candidates were allowed to provide documentation during the first semester of enrollment for fall 2008 and spring 2009, however, beginning Summer 2009 documentation must be received prior to enrollment.



### Busy TV Services

02/01/09—TV Services taped the JSU Softball Fan Day activities for the sports segment of “JSU Today.”

02/02/09—TV Services taped an interview with Ms. Sandra Sudduth that will featured during the *Person of the Week* segment of “JSU Today.”

02/05/09—TV Services traveled to UAB hospital to interview three Living Donor Coordinators.

02/07/09—TV Services broadcast the Women's and Men's basketball games.

02/09/09—TV Services taped The First Pitch Luncheon, featuring Jacksonville State head baseball coach Jim Case and head softball coach Jana McGinnis.

02/09/09—TV Services worked on the editing of the Jacksonville Opera Theatre presentation of “*Così Fan Tutte*” Theatre Director Nathan Wight wishes to submit the video to a competition with the National Opera Association.

02/11/09 TV—Services taped an interview with SGA Vice President, Tyrone Smiley. that will be featured during our *Person of the Week* segment of “JSU Today.”