

DIVISION OF ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

College of Arts and Sciences

Department of Art

Mr. Doug Clark, Assistant Professor of Photography, continues his research on the *Explorations in New Digital Media and Methodologies: Archival Printing and Color Reproduction* research grant he was awarded from Jacksonville State University.

Dr. Karen Henricks, Professor of Art History, published an article titled *Angels in Alabama Art* in the winter issue of Long Leaf Style magazine.

Ms. Allison McElroy, Assistant Professor of Painting and Drawing, and Ms. Anne Wedler, Assistant Professor of Painting and Drawing, are both participating in the *Sketchbook Project*, an exhibition at The Art House Gallery in Atlanta, GA. The show will travel from Atlanta to The Museum of Contemporary Art in Washington, DC, Philadelphia, PA, Boston, MA, Chicago, IL, St. Louis, MO and Brooklyn, NY. She recently attended Painting Made Flesh, a symposium in Nashville, TN.

Mr. Steve Loucks, Professor of Ceramics, had a solo exhibition, *Altered and Embellished with a Personal Touch*, in the Arnold Gallery at Shorter College, in Rome, GA. He was a Visiting Artist and gave an Artist's Lecture at the exhibition opening. Two of his pieces were published in the Shorter College School of Arts 2008 – 2009 Season catalog. Mr. Loucks is taking fifteen students to the Alabama Clay Conference in Huntsville, Alabama during Spring Break. He has three pieces on exhibit in the *1,000 lbs of Alabama Clay* exhibition in the Hammond Hall Art Gallery at JSU. His work was published in an article titled *Playing in Dirt* in the Anniston Star.

Ms. Jauneth Skinner, Professor and Head of the Art Department, had a print in the 29th *National Delta Small Prints Exhibition*, Bradbury Gallery, Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, AK. *In the Garden of the Poet* was published in the exhibition catalog. Ms. Skinner has another print exhibited in the 33rd *International Bradley Print Exhibition* at Bradley University in Peoria, IL. *Winemaking with Rolando* was published in the exhibition catalog. Ms. Skinner's print *Tempesta (Storm)* is on the cover of Seeing It Now, a book of poetry by Marjorie Buettner, published by Red Dragonfly Press, Redwing, MN.

Ms. Anne Wedler, Assistant Professor of Painting and Drawing, has a drawing in *Drawing from Perception*, an exhibition in Dayton Ohio.

Ms. Sarah Miles, Instructor, exhibited three photographs in *Across the Line*, at the Mississippi State University Art Department Gallery. She has a photograph exhibited in

Blind in One Eye, in the Ferguson Center Art Gallery at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa.

Successful Students and Alumni

Ms. Harper Brown is a finalist in the 29th *Annual College Photography Contest*, sponsored by the Photographer's Forum Magazine. Her work will be published in Best of College Photography 2009. Her work was chosen from over 3000 student applicants.

The Student Art Alliance held a *Monotype Printmaking Workshop*.

The Visual Arts Society and Student Art Alliance organized a bus trip to Atlanta to see the *King Tutankamun Exhibit* and the *First Emperor of China's Terra Cotta Army Exhibit*.

Ms. Harper Brown, Mr. Jason Wright, and Mr. Brandon Jones are participating in *100 Miles of Clay: A Student Exhibition* hosted by Alabama A & M at the 24th Annual Alabama Clay Conference in Huntsville.

Paveen "Beer" Chunhaswasdikul, BFA 1993, has three pieces on exhibit in the *1,000 lbs of Alabama Clay* exhibition in the Hammond Hall Art Gallery at JSU. His work was published in an article titled *Playing in Dirt* in the Anniston Star.

Hammond Hall Art Gallery Exhibitions

Pink: A Study on Being Female, Images by Libby Rowe, Jan. 13 – 23

Jacksonville State University Department of Art Student Exhibition, Feb. 3 - 25

1000 Lbs. of Alabama Clay, Works by over 30 Alabama ceramic artists using indigenous clay, (Part of Kaleidoscope-Festival of the Arts), Mar. 3 – 27

JSU BFA and BA Graduating Senior Show, Apr. 7 - May 1

29th Annual Mini-Works On Paper Exhibition, May 5 - May 27

Save the Date

Annual Gala and Art Auction, sponsored by the Visual Arts Society, May 8.

Biology Department

Publications:

Dr. Al-Hamdani, S. H. and Ms. Cynthia B. Sirna. 2008. Physiological Responses of *Salvinia* to Different Phosphorus and Nitrogen Concentration. *American Fern Journal* 98:71-82.

Dr. Al-Hamdani, S. H. 2008. Selected *Salvinia* Responses to Different NaCl Concentration. 2007. *Aquatic Plant Management*. 46:172-175.

Mr. L. Nelson, Dr. B. Blair, Dr. C. Murdock, Dr. M. Meade, Dr. S. Watts (UAB) and Dr. A.L. Lawrence (UAB). Molecular Analysis of Gut Microflora in Captive-Raised Sea Urchins (*Lytechinus variegatus*). 2009. *Journal of the World Aquaculture Society*. Accepted and in Press.

Dr. Small B.C., Dr. Murdock C.A., Dr. Bilodeau-Bourgeois A.L., Dr. Peterson B.C., and Dr. Waldbieser G.C. (2008). Stability of reference genes for real-time PCR analyses in channel catfish (*Ictalurus punctatus*) tissues under varying

physiological conditions. /Comparative Biochemistry and Physiology - Part A: Molecular & Integrative Physiology /151(3):296-304.

Presentations:

Dr. Rayburn, James, Ms. Bernice Moser, Dr. George Cline, and Dr. Mijitaba Hamissou. The Use of Pro Q Diamond gel stain for detection of vitellogenin in blood plasma from amphibians exposed to selected northeast Alabama surface waters. SETAC, Tampa, FL Nov. 18-21.

Dr. Romano presented a talk entitled 'Adventures of a Biologists: Tardigradology' at the Little River Canyon Center Grand Opening in February 2009.

Awards:

Ms. Bernice Moser and Dr. James Rayburn, Received the McClung award for the outstanding research paper published in BIOS for the year 2007 for the paper "Evaluation of Developmental Toxicity of Interaction between Caffeine and Pseudoephedrine Using Frog Embryo Teratogenesis Assay-Xenopus (FETAX), Bios 78(1) 1-9 2007.

James Rayburn - Received Certificate of Appreciation from Faculty Senate for Valuable Contributions on September 15, 2008.

Service:

Dr. Cline served as a reviewer for the Journal of Herpetology regarding Fire Salamander larvae.

Dr. Cline served as a reviewer for the Alabama Academy of Science regarding Snake Thermoregulation: States.

Dr. Cline served as a reviewer for the journal Biotropica regarding Chytrid fungi in Honduras.

Dr. Cline served as a grant reviewer for the Florida Fish & Game Commission, Non-Game Wildlife Program on the salamander Notophthalmus.

Dr. Cline served as Association of Southeastern Biologists 2009 Local Arrangements Committee (Co-Host and Program Chair) and as part of his duties has written large sections of the two most recent journals, organized presentations & posters, helped organize volunteers, ordered AV equipment.

Dr. Cline served as member of the Association of Southeastern Biologists Senior Research Awards Committee, 2009

Dr. Cline served as a member of the Association of Southeastern Biologists Conservation Committee, 2009

Dr. Cline served as a member of the Alabama Academy of Sciences Student Research Committee, Chair 2009

Dr. Cline presented a program "Mr. Bones" at the JSU Lab School in Oct. 2008.

JSU-CJ is celebrating three positive events in the careers of our faculty:

Dr. Ronald Mellen – promoted to full professor (previously tenured).

Dr. Richards P. Davis - promoted to full professor (previously tenured).

Dr. C. Vance McLaughlin – awarded tenured (hired as full professor).

The appointments become effective in Fall 2009.

On March 4th JSU-CJ hosted our annual Criminal Justice Career Fair. With numerous local, state and federal agencies represented, our students had a great opportunity to see which agencies are hiring and which are accepting interns.

Dr. Richard Kania, Dr. Ronald Mellen and Mrs. Nancy Mellen participated in the annual conference of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences in Boston in March.

Dr. Kania presented a paper on “A Post-Release Program for Women Prisoners in Belarus,” co-authored with Belarusian colleague Lyuba Pervushina. Dr. Mellen and Megan Belcher, Jacksonville State University student, presented research on “Biological Correlates of Alcoholism and Offender Behavior.” Dr. Mellen, Mrs. Nancy Mellen and Janice Palmer-Shedd, another Jacksonville State University student, offered a paper on “Using Cranial Electrotherapy Stimulation To Enhance Participation in a Court-Ordered Substance Abuse Treatment Program.” Dr. Mellen also participated in the Research Showcase and Brunch with a “Survey of Female Inmates in Alabama,” co-authored with Jacob Christopher Shaver, yet another JSU student. Dr. Wade C. Mackey and Dr. Ronald Mellen also co-authored “A Sham Control Group Study of CES as a Means for Reducing Depression and Anxiety In Sheriffs’ Officers,” presented at the ACJS conference.

Dr. Wade C. Mackey co-authored “A Test of the Trivers-Willard Hypothesis with Three Samples of High-Achieving Men: A Tenuous Fit for an Altricial, Fathering-Intensive Species” with Ronald Immerman of Case Western Reserve University. The article was published in the Volume 49, #2 (Winter 2008) issue of Mankind Quarterly.

Drs. Richard Kania and Richards P. Davis joined Dr. Guillermo Francia of Mathematics and Computer Information Systems to submit a \$2.9 million grant to the Office of the Director of National Intelligence to establish a Security Operations Center of Excellence at JSU. JSU will know in July if it is chosen to be one of the ten such centers around the country.

Brewer Hall is receiving a new roof, and getting an attractive new roof-line in the process. Gone is the leaking flat roof which has been there these 30+ years, in favor of a more architecturally stylish hipped roof, with a classical gable above the entry columns and four dormer windows.

Institute for Emergency Preparedness

The Institute for Emergency Preparedness (IEP) continues to provide a leadership role in emergency management education and serve the region through contractual emergency planning services and community and scholarly activities.

Academic Programs:

The MS-Emergency Management program exceeded Alabama Commission on Higher Education (ACHE) viability standards. The post-implementation report was submitted to ACHE by the deadline of February 1, 2009. All projection goals and standards, including enrollment, program completion and employment conditions, have been exceeded.

IEP Faculty and Staff Contractual Services:

During this reporting time-frame, the IEP has 3 active contracts totaling \$396,324.05.

Active contract(s) include:

Medical Coordinator for Alabama CSEPP, ADPH (FY08). IEP will continue to work with ADPH to provide medical planning and guidance for the six CSEPP counties in Alabama with this contract totaling \$191,500.00.

Southeast Regional Research Initiative, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Community and Regional Resilience Initiative (CARRI) Project. JSU was awarded a contract to study community resilience in Alabama. Using a cross-disciplinary approach, the project team will develop a resilience baseline assessment and other practical tools communities can use to evaluate and build their capacity to respond and recover from disaster and other emergencies. Dr. Jane Kushma is the principal investigator and project manager.

The contract totals \$189,404.05.

Center for the Study of High Consequence Event Preparedness and Response, Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Johns Hopkins University Consortium. IEP will continue to work on this project with the consortium in development of emergency preparedness awareness courses during the second year. JSU's contract for the third year is \$15,420.00.

Scholarly and Community Activities of Faculty:

Dr. Jane Kushma:

Conference presentation: "American Society of Public Administration Conference."
Miami, FL: March 2009.

Conference presentation: "Homeland Security Defense and Security Education Summit." Washington, DC: March 2009.

Dr. Bill Lowe:

Conference presentation: "Leadership Principles and Practices: Making the Transition from Plan to Progress," Partners in Emergency Preparedness Conference 2009.
Tacoma, Washington: April 2009.

Conference presentation: "Lessons Learned from Chief Fire Officers," Fire Department Instructors' Conference. Indianapolis, Indiana: April 2009.

Conference presentation: "Leadership Principles and Practices: Making the Transition from Plan to Progress," Business Continuity Insights 2009. Phoenix, Arizona: April 2009.

Ms. Connie White:

Connie White and Murray Turoff. The Potential for Social Networks in Emergency Management. International Association of Emergency Managers. IAEM Bulletin, February 2009.

Department of English

Dr. Steven Whitton announces the following events to be taking place soon:

1. On the Brink sponsors "A Randy Owen Homecoming"
2. Imagining the Holocaust Writing Competition for state middle and high schools
3. Southern Playwrights Competition
4. Paper for Southern Literary Trail March 28, 2009 on Alabama Author William Bradford Huie.

Dr. Andrea Porter will present a paper titled "(De)signing the Contemporary Female Soldier" at the 40th Annual College English Association Conference in Pittsburgh, PA, March 26-28.

Four students from her EH 501 class are presenting a panel of papers on Sylvia Plath and Ted Hughes at this same conference. They wrote the papers as part of Dr. Porter's class last semester, and she helped them submit their panel proposal, which was accepted. Another student from the class has had his Plath paper accepted by two other conferences.

Dr. Raina Kostova published "Posthumous Writing: Mandelstam's Poetics." With Tony Brinkley. *Modernism/Modernity*. 15:4, Nov. 2008, and "Dialogic Imaginings: Stalin's Re-reading in the 1930s of *The Brothers Karamazov*." With Tony Brinkley. *The Dostoevsky*

Journal. Vol. 7, 2006 (Came out Fall 2008). She is also scheduled to present "Beyond Modernism: Wallace Steven's Search for Future Metaphysics in *Notes Toward a Supreme Fiction*" at the International Association for Philosophy and Literature (IAPL), Brunel University, West London, England, June 1-7, 2009, and to chair the panel titled "Reading Ethics in the 21st Century" at the South Atlantic Modern Language Association (SAML), Atlanta, GA, November 6-8, 2009.

Department of History & Foreign Languages

Dr. Llewellyn Cook commented on papers and served on the Board of Directors for the 2009 Consortium on the Revolutionary Era in Savannah, Georgia, in February.

Dr. Jennifer Gross addressed the American Business-Women's Association in March in conjunction with Women's history month. She was also interviewed by the Anniston Star for an article on the inclusion of women's history in "mainstream" courses. And she submitted an essay on Georgia's aid to Confederate widows and veterans for a book published by Mercer University Press on Georgia's experience in the Civil War.

Dr. Gordon Harvey commented on papers and participated in a roundtable discussion on the future of Alabama political history at the Annual Meeting of the Alabama Association of Historians, in Livingston, Alabama in February. He was also asked to serve a second consecutive three-year term on the Editorial Board for the Alabama Review, the quarterly journal of Alabama History.

Dr. Hardy Jackson spoke on Alabama history to a class at Cleburne County High School.

Dr. Phil Koerper presented two public talks in February: "Winston Churchill: The War Years" at the B.B. Comer Memorial Library; and "David Moniac: Alabama Warrior at West Point" to the Coosa Valley Chapter of the Alabama Archeological Society.

Dr. Donald Prudlo delivered the initial paper at the 4th and final International Seminar on "The Dominicans and the Inquisition" conducted by the Vatican and the Dominican Historical Institute. His lecture "Representations of Inquisition in Dominican Hagiography" was the result of an invitation to address the Symposium which gathered scholars together from over ten nations. The proceedings of the symposium will be published by the Vatican Press.

Ms. Rebecca Duke, a History major, was awarded admission to the Ph.D. program in History at Middle Tennessee State University as well as full tuition grant and a sizeable yearly stipend to pursue her graduate work in Public History.

Learning Skills

In September 2008, Assistant Director Ms. Courtney Peppers-Owen and faculty members Mr. Scott Beckett and Ms. Connie Williams presented “Making Every Minute Count: Building the Foundation for True Learning” at the 4th International Conference on Research in Access and Developmental Education in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

In November 2008, Assistant Director Ms. Courtney Peppers-Owen, faculty members Mr. Scott Beckett and Mr. John Brown and Graduate Assistant, Ms. Echo Chan showcased “Learning to ExSEL: Our Summer Vocation” at the 21st International Precision Teaching Conference held at Rutgers University in New Jersey. Ms. Echo Chan also presented her Psychology Master’s thesis in a presentation entitled: “PT in a College Setting: Retention Get’s an ‘A’.”

In January 2009, Learning Skills assistant director and faculty hosted visitors from the Academic Support Division of the University of Western Kentucky. The Director, Tim Brotherton had attended the Learning Skills presentation in Puerto Rico and wanted he and his staff to observe classroom teaching/learning techniques and learn more about Learning Skills’ innovative approaches to learning, especially Precision Teaching and Direct Instruction. A condensed version of the Puerto Rico presentation was also given.

In Spring 2009, Mr. Tony Gravette, Director of Audio Visual and adjunct instructor for Learning Skills, piloted the first course at JSU to incorporate live lecture in the virtual environment of Second Life. He integrated this live lecture as a portion of his online course requirements for LS 104 Academic Success Skills.

Mathematical, Computing, and Information Sciences Department

Dr. Tom Leathrum chaired the “MAA Session on Mathlets for Teaching and Learning Mathematics” at the AMS/MAA Joint Mathematics Meeting in Washington, D.C., January 2009.

Dr. Ming Yang and Mr. Joshua Rogers (student) presented a paper, “H.264/AVC Intra-only Coding (iAVC) Techniques for Video over Wireless Networks,” at the IS&T/SPIE 21st Annual Symposium in Electronic Imaging held in San Jose, CA, January 2009.

Dr. Aaron Garrett presented a paper, “Librate: The Jacksonville State University Library Book Rating System,” at the 2009 International Conference on Technology, Knowledge and Society in Huntsville, AL, January 2009.

Dr. Jan Case coordinated the Arts and Sciences Symposium held February 9-10, 2009. Thirty-two presentations were given by students from the College of Arts and Sciences, nine of which were from the MCIS department. MCIS area awards were given to Fallynn Cartmill (math) and Joshua Rogers (computer science).

The JSU MCIS department hosted the 59th annual meeting of the Alabama Association of College Teachers of Mathematics (AACTM), February 28, 2009. Dr. David Dempsey serves as the AACTM President.

Dr. Ed Smith presented a paper, "A New Look at an Old Technique of E. Sas," at the Alabama Association of College Teachers of Mathematics (AACTM) meeting, JSU, February 2009.

Dr. Tom Leathrum presented a paper, "Introducing the New MathDL," at the Alabama Association of College Teachers of Mathematics (AACTM) meeting, JSU, February 2009.

Dr. Jeff Dodd presented a paper, "What Else Cores Like a Sphere?" at the Alabama Association of College Teachers of Mathematics (AACTM) meeting, JSU, February 2009.

Dr. Jan Case presented a paper, "Teaching Statistical Methods through a Partnership with Institutional Research," at the Alabama Association of College Teachers of Mathematics (AACTM) meeting, JSU, February 2009.

Dr. Tom Leathrum was granted promotion to the rank of Professor effective October 2009.

Professional Development

Dr. Andrew Ciganek attended the Institute for the Development of Excellence in Assessment Leadership (IDEAL) workshop held in Savannah, Georgia, January 4-9, 2009. This invitation-only workshop was a professional development opportunity for individuals responsible for leading their faculty in the development and implementation of a program assessment plan to improve student learning and document program effectiveness. The IDEAL workshop was led by Dr. Gloria Rogers, who is currently the Associate Executive Director, Professional Services, at ABET. The undergraduate computer science and computer information systems degrees offered at JSU are accredited by ABET, the recognized U.S. accreditor of college and university programs in applied science, computing, engineering, and technology.

Dr. Amy Franklin, Ms. Rhonda Kilgo, and Dr. Fred Kelley attended the Brooks/Cole Mathematics Conference, "Setting the Stage for Success in the College Mathematics Classroom," in Nashville, TN, February 2009.

David L. Walters Department of Music

During the reporting period of January, February and March 2009, the David L. Walters Department of Music, its students, faculty and guest performers participated in the following activities:

Faculty Activities

The Jacksonville Woodwind Trio composed of faculty members Mark Brandon, Clarinet, Kelly Crofts, Flute and Erin Oft, Bassoon performed at the Alabama Music Educators In-service Conference in Tuscaloosa on 23 January.

Dr. Patricia Corbin presented a paper on Alabama composers at the Alabama Music Educators In-service Conference in Tuscaloosa on 23 January.

The Jacksonville Woodwind Trio presented a program at the College Music Society, Southern Chapter meeting in Orlando, Florida on 28 February.

Dr. Patricia Corbin made a presentation on Alabama composers at the College Music Society, Southern Chapter meeting in Orlando, Florida on 27 February.

Dr. Renee Baptiste, Associate Professor of Music in the area of Music Education, was granted tenure.

Dr. Wendy Faughn, Assistant Professor of Music in the area of Piano, was granted tenure and will be promoted to the rank of Associate Professor.

Musical Activities

JSU ensembles within the Department continued to present regular concerts for the campus and for community citizens. The following ensembles presented programs during this quarter:

Jacksonville Opera Theater 15, 16, 17, 18 January
Presented "Cosi fan tutti" by. W. A. Mozart in Italian
Directed by Dr. Nathan Wight

The JSU Chamber singers performed at the Alabama Music Educators In-service Conference in Tuscaloosa

Directed by Dr. Patricia Corbin

Foothills Piano Festival	5, 6, 7 February
Organized by Dr. Wendy Faughn	
Recital by Dr. Nancy Elton, Piano	5 February
Master Class by Dr. Elton	6 February
Recital by Dr. Ian Hominick, Piano	6 February
Master Class by Dr. Hominick	7 February
Young Pianist Recital (students of members of the Northeast Alabama chapter of the Music Teachers National Association (MTNA)	7 February
Chamber Winds Concert	24 February
Director by Mr. Clint Gillespie	
Jazz I Concert	6 March
Directed by Dr. Chip Crotts	
JSU Community Orchestra Concert	8 March
"Basically Baroque"	
Directed by Mr. Chris Hosmer	
Recital by Roderich George, Tenor, Guest Artist	9 March
Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia/Sigma Alpha Iota Joint Concert honoring music by American composers	25 March
Jazz II and Jazz III Combo Concert	26 March
A Cappella Choir Concert	29 March
Directed by Dr. Patricia Corbin	
Jax Pan Steel Drum Concert	31 March
Directed by Mr. Tracy Tyler	

Student Activities

The following students presented degree recitals during this period:

Aaron Garland, Trombone	1 February
Casey Boyd, Trombone	28 March

Student Performance Hour programs were presented on the following dates:

30 January
20 February
6 March

Christopher Cushing, Clarinet and Ashley Cushing, Flute presented a joint recital on 5 March.

Students in Class Voice presented a class recital under the direction of Mrs. Teresa Cheatham Stricklin on 24 March

On 1 March 2009 a JSU chapter of the national band fraternity, Kappa Kappa Psi was installed by national and regional officials. Kappa Kappa Psi joins two other music fraternities on the campus of Jacksonville State University (Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia for men and Sigma Alpha Iota for women) in serving the musical, social and fraternal needs of music students. These organizations provide valuable services in aiding the music department and in assisting music students in their musical growth and development.

The Northeast Alabama Alumni Chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia was officially recognized and their petition was granted by the national headquarters in early March. This is the first Sinfonian alumni chapter in the state of Alabama and will serve JSU alumni as well as aiding the current chapter members. This chapter owes a debt of gratitude to Mr. Ben Cunningham who spearheaded the effort and will serve as the chapter's first president.

Each year JSU voice students enter the state auditions of the National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS). These auditions choose finalists who then advance to the regional level. This year JSU had two finalists who were chosen to advance to participate in the regional level competitions. They were:

Estefania Cuevas, Soprano
Eric Wilcox, Tenor

JSU voice students continue to participate in productions of the Birmingham Opera Company. The January production of "Turandot" by Giacomo Puccini featured JSU students:

Haley Arrington
Michael Irvin
Peter Wilder

The March production of "La Traviata" by Giuseppe Verdi featured JSU students:

Estefania Cuevas
Michael Irvin
Eric Wilcox

Student winners: Estefania Cuevas, Soprano, was the runner-up winner in the Birmingham Music Club's student competition in the vocal division. The prize included a \$1,000 scholarship.

David Carroll, Marimba, was the runner-up winner in the Birmingham Music Club's student competition in the instrumental division. The prize included a \$1,000 scholarship.

Physical and Earth Sciences

Dr. Nagarajan Vasumathi, Assistant Professor of Chemistry had the following paper accepted in a peer-reviewed journal: Nagarajan Vasumathi, Meriem Zettili and Kristin Shirey, "Bromination of Dimethyl maleate using bromoform as catalyst under different energy sources – A case study for its role in Biotransformations", paper accepted for publication in the *Journal of Alabama Academy of Sciences*, March, 2009.

Dr. Nagarajan Vasumathi also had the following presentation: "The Effects of Temperature on the Specific Rotation of Isoborneol and (S)-endo-Borneol at a Specific Concentration", poster presentation at the Alabama Academy of Sciences Meeting held at the University of West Alabama, Livingston, Alabama, March 25-27, 2009.

Dr. Al Nichols (Professor of Chemistry) and Dr. David Steffy (Associate Professor of Environmental Science and Geology) presented the following research at the March meeting of the Alabama Academy of Sciences: "Mercury uptake by earthworms with a sub acute exposure".

Dr. Al Nichols and three undergraduate students in biochemistry presented the following Research paper at the March meeting of the Alabama Academy of Sciences: "Fast Food Calories".

Drs. Al Nichols and David Steffy, along with scientists from Auburn University and Tuskegee University have submitted the following research article for publication: "The effects of chronic mercuric chloride ingestion in female Sprague Dawley rats on fertility and reproduction". The article is currently undergoing peer-review.

Drs. Al Nichols and David Steffy have submitted the following research article for publication: "Movement of mercury from a contaminated city park in Oxford into the Coosa River, Alabama". The article is currently undergoing peer-review.

Dr. Jan Gryko (Professor of Chemistry) had the following research paper published in a peer-reviewed journal: M. Beekman, J. A. Kaduk, J. Gryko, W. Wong-Ng, A. Shapiro, and G. S. Nolas, "Synthesis and characterization of framework-substituted Cs₈Na₁₆Cu₅Ge₁₃₁," *Journal of Alloys and Compounds*, volume 470, 365 (2009)

Dr. Jan Gryko made the following presentation of research: C. M. Hill and J. Gryko, "Economical differential scanning calorimeter," American Chemical Society meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah, March 2009.

Dr. Jan Gryko submitted the following major equipment proposal: "Economical FT NMR (Fourier Transform, Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectrometer) for Regional, Investigative Chemistry Curriculum," to the National Science Foundation for \$129,450.00.

Dr. Nouredine Zettili (Professor of Physics) published a new edition of his very popular physics textbook: Nouredine Zettili, *Quantum Mechanics: Concepts and Applications, 2nd Edition*, John-Wiley, Chichester, 2009. It is available in hardcover (ISBN 978-0-470-02678-6), and as a paperback (ISBN 978-0-470-02679-3).

Dr. Nouredine Zettili had the following new grant funded: "IMPACTSEED VII (Improving Physics and Chemistry Teaching in Secondary Schools)" was funded by the Alabama Commission on Higher Education with an external budget of \$165,000.00 for the period of March 2009—July 2010.

Dr. Nouredine Zettili had an abstract accepted at the annual national conference of the American Association of Physics Teachers in Chicago, Illinois Feb. 12—16, 2009.

Dr. Nouredine Zettili has had the following presentation and peer-reviewed proceedings published: "Guided-Inquiry in Teaching Science" at the International FISER 09 (Frontiers in Science Education Research) conference that was held in Cyprus, March 21—24, 2009.

Dr. Nouredine Zettili was featured in the Fulbright Annual Report that was published in March 2009. He served on the various national committees that supervised the publication of a new Physics textbook that was published last month: Nicholas Giordano, *College Physics*, Brooks/Cole, 2009. He also served as a referee for the International Journal of Theoretical Physics.

Dr. Andrew Helms (Assistant Professor of Chemistry) submitted the following research article for publication: M. Campbell and A. Helms, "Surface studies of 2,5-Bis(N,N'-dimethyl)-1,4-benzoquinone on Iron, Copper and Aluminum." The article is currently undergoing peer-review.

Dr Kelly Gregg (Professor of Geography and Geology) and Dr. Jonathan Herbert have

helped to create nature trails at the new Little River Canyon Center. Dr. Kelly Gregg lead walks of the nature trails during the public opening of the Center in February, 2009.

Dr. Lou Reinisch (Professor of Physics) submitted the following research paper for publication: S.P. Lansley, G.T. Betzel, F. Baluti, L. Reinisch, and J. Meyer, "Investigation of the suitability of commercially-available CVD diamond for megavoltage x-ray dosimetry." The article is currently undergoing peer-review.

Dr. Lou Reinisch submitted a Phase I feasibility study grant application to the Department of Defense Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) program: "Feasibility study to use orthogonal spectroscopic information with photochemistry to improve bacterial spore detection." This research will be performed in collaboration with Veritide Research, LLC.

Dr. Lou Reinisch has been a guest lecturer at the University of Canterbury in Christchurch, New Zealand, lecturing on Science Entrepreneurship. These lectures are made with the help of distance learning and using their video conferencing facility. The lectures have been recorded and will be used to develop a distance-learning course at JSU for Science Entrepreneurship.

Dr. Lou Reinisch has served as a referee for the journals: *Lasers in Surgery and Medicine* and *Applied Optics*.

The Archaeological Resource Laboratory (ARL), under the direction of Dr. Harry Holstein (Professor of Anthropology and Archaeology), secured more than \$121,000.00 in new contracts during the period from July, 2008 to March, 2009, in addition to its ongoing contracts with the U.S. National Forest Service and the Alabama U. S. Army National Guard. As a result, the ARL was able to record and investigate numerous new archaeological sites in the States of Alabama and Tennessee.

Over this period of time, the ARL has contract work with the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service, the ARL contracted with the State of Alabama Military Department, the Greater Birmingham Planning Commission, the Coosa Valley Electric Cooperative, the Morgan County Engineering Department, the Talladega County EMA Department, the City of Section Waterworks Board, and the City of Anniston Planning Commission.

In addition the ARL secured contracts from a number of private companies including PERC Engineering Company, Inc., CDG Engineering Associates, Inc., Gallet & Associates, Inc., Goodwyn, Mills & Cawood, Inc., Sherrod Consultants, and Jerry Doss

Construction, Inc.

The ARL has performed work in the following counties in Alabama: Blount, Calhoun, Cherokee, DeKalb, Etowah, Franklin, Jackson, Jefferson, Lawrence, Marion, Marshall, Morgan, and Talladega since July 1, 2008. The ARL has also worked extensively in the Talladega National Forest Shoal Creek Division and other areas of the forest, and Pelham Range in Calhoun County, Alabama, as well as the State of Tennessee.

Projects included the following: Glade Preparation Plant Revision, Palisades Park, Morgan County Bridge, University Mine, Posey Mill Mine, Boaz Industrial Development, Harpersville Historic Preservation, Narley Mine #2, Powhatan Mine, Concrodt Preparation Plant, Talladega EMA Communication Tower, Talladega Borrow Pit #2, Peachwood Bay Estates, Narley Mine #2 Phase II, Etowah County Cultural Resources Survey, Flat Rock Mine #2, Leighton Avenue Structures, City of Section Waste Water Treatment Plant 2, Mount Hope Senior Citizen Center, City of Waldo Cultural Resources Survey, Janney Iron Furnace Confederate Museum, and several others.

In addition, the ARL continues to employ JSU students and provide hands-on training and experience in the field of archaeology, and to provide valuable community service to our area and other areas throughout the State of Alabama.

Department of Political Science and Public Administration

Dr. Lori Owens was named Outstanding Alumnus of the Year by the JSU Alumni Association. She is directing the American Democracy Project for JSU. The key concern of the project is to encourage civic engagement among America's young people.

Drs. Krejci and Pugliese were named to the Board of Directors of the Visual Arts Society.

Drs. Hathaway and Veasey are currently engaged in a project defining community resiliency with Oak Ridge National Laboratories from Tennessee.

Department of Sociology and Social Work

The Sociology Program at JSU hosted The Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Association held its 40th annual conference at Jacksonville State University on February 19th and 20th. The event marked the first time since 1985 that the A-MSA held its annual conference at JSU. Sociologists, professionals, as well as graduate and

undergraduate students from over 25 universities and colleges from Alabama, Mississippi, and Georgia met on the 11th and 12th floors of the Houston Cole Library addressing the challenges and opportunities for sociologists and sociology programs in the 21st century in the Deep South. Topics of research and discussion included issues such as poverty, health care, and race relations in the South. Other topics of discussion included improved pedagogy, as well as maneuvering through the financial troubles of universities, and dealing with unsupportive administrations. Fran Curry, of First Priority of Birmingham, and former TV news anchor of WVTM NBC13 in Birmingham was the plenary speaker. Ms. Curry spoke of the relationship of living a good and civil life, utilizing the message of Jesus Christ, as well as the words of Martin Luther King, who himself had earned a bachelor's degree in Sociology.

Winners of the student competitions were Kara Marie Voorhest of Jacksonville State University for the Poster Session Competition. Joshua Lee Walker of Delta State University won the Undergraduate Student Paper Competition. Andrew Whitaker from the University of Mississippi won the Graduate Student Paper Competition. Special thanks to JSU Enrollment Management & Student Affairs, Cengage Learning, and the JSU Sociology Club for financial contributions.

Dr. Tina Deshotels had the following publication: Instructors Manual: Speaking of Sexuality, Oxford University Press, 2009. She also presided over the following sessions at the Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Association Annual Conference on February 19 and 20, 2009 at Jacksonville State University in Jacksonville, Alabama (1) Challenges and Opportunities for Teaching Sociology and (2) Education and Community. She had the following presentation: Congo-Teach In.

Dr. Mark Fagan had the following publication: "The Current Economic Crisis," JSU Economic Update, March-April 2009, Center for Economic Development, Jacksonville State University. He had the following presentations:

(1) "Baccalaureate Social Work Education and Social Work Licensure," The 2009 Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors Conference, March 18-22, 2009; Phoenix, Arizona and (2) "Retirement on the Gulf Coast," Gulf Coast Retiree Conference for 2009, March 7, 2009; Gulf Shores, Alabama. He was also quoted in the following national internet publication: TheStreet.com, February 4, 2009.

Dr. Rodney Friery had the following contributions at the Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Association Annual Meeting at JSU, February 19 – 20, 2009: (1) Chaired Session – Teaching Introduction to Sociology Online; (2) Presentation – Teaching Introduction to Sociology Online; and (3) Chaired Committee – Local Arrangements Committee.

Dr. David LoConto had the following presentation: "The Diaspora of West Africa: The Influence of West African Cultures on 'Jody Calls' in the United States Military," Sociological Spectrum; with Timothy W. Clark and Patrice N. Ware. As President for 2008-2009, he organized and presided over the 40th Annual Meeting of the Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Association and organized and edited the Winter Newsletter for the Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Association. Finally, he began in February, 2009 as a member of the Academic Advisory Board of ANNUAL EDITION: Race & Ethnic Relations, for McGraw-Hill Higher Education.

Dr. Maureen Newton had the following presentation with Dr. Nancy Stewart and Ms. Kim Womack: "Starbucks" or Social Services: Three Daughters Question System Priorities in Health Care, The 2009 Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors Conference, March 18-22, 2009; Phoenix, Arizona. She also attended the Ohio Valley Conference Joint Legislative Review Meeting, January 5, 2009; Nashville, Tennessee and the Spring Meeting of the NCAA Division I Academic Cabinet, February 2-3, 2009; Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dr. Jenny Savage was promoted to Associate Professor of Social Work with tenure. She also attended the Alabama ARISE, Citizens' Policy Project, Health Care Access Conference, at Birmingham-Southern College on February 10, 2009 with the Social Welfare Policy Class. She also was one of three presenters in a free community workshop for helping professionals (LBSWs, LCSWs, LPCs, DHR staff, and others), *How to Stay Connected*, in collaboration with Bradford Health Services and Private Practitioners, LLC on February 13, 2009. She also participated with the JSU student group, W.I.S.E., under Dr. Tina Deshotels sponsorship, in second annual production of *The Vagina Monologues*, March 27-28, 2009.

Ms. Robyn Snider attended the 2009 Healthy Marriages, Healthy Families, and Responsible Fatherhood Conference on Best Practices on February 16, 2009 in Montgomery, Alabama. She was also trained to teach "Relationship Smarts" which is a curriculum developed to help adolescents make good choices in relationships, Federal Healthy Marriage, Auburn University.

Dr. Nancy Francisco Stewart was promoted to Associate Professor of Social Work with tenure. She had the following presentations at the 2009 Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors Conference, March 18-22, 2009; Phoenix, Arizona: (1) with Dr. Maureen Newton and Ms. Kim Womack, "Starbucks or Social Services: Three Daughters Question System Priorities in Health Care," and (2) "A Better Place for All: Community Resource Development through Service Learning." She coordinated and

accompanied 25 JSU Social Work students to the Arise Citizen's Policy Project's Health Care Access Conference 2009 at Birmingham Southern College, February 10, 2009; Birmingham, Alabama. She served as the JSU Liaison and Board Secretary, Alabama Poverty Project, Quarterly Board meeting and retreat, January 23, 2009; Samford University.

Ms. Kim Womack had the following presentation with Dr. Maureen Newton and Dr. Nancy Stewart: "Starbucks" or Social Services: Three Daughters Question System Priorities in Health Care, The 2009 Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors Conference, March 18-22, 2009; Phoenix, Arizona. She also served on the Planning Committee for the Alabama-Mississippi Social Work Educators Annual Conference, January 30, 2009; Tuscaloosa, Alabama. She also served on the Quality Improvement Committee for Cherokee, Etowah, DeKalb Mental Health Center.

College Of Commerce and Business Administration

The Dean's Office sent congratulatory letters to eighty-one business majors for making the Dean's List during the Fall 2008 semester.

The College of Commerce and Business Administration worked with Ms. Shannon Kelley, Alpha Kappa Psi Fraternity, during the month of February to establish a chapter of the business fraternity at JSU. Ms. Kelley was successful in recruiting approximately forty students.

The College of Commerce and Business Administration hosted The Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours on Tuesday, February 17, 2009. Approximately 100 area business leaders attended.

Dean William Fielding served as a member of the AACSB Peer Review Team at Morehead State University in Morehead, Kentucky, February 22-24, 2009.

A Career Fair was held in Merrill Hall on Tuesday, March 10, 2009. Thirteen businesses attended.

Finance, Economics, and Accounting Department

The 2009 Annual Meeting of the Southern Finance Association will be held at the South Seas Resort on Captiva Island, FL in November 2009. Dr. Ronnie Clayton serves as the Executive Director of the Association and is involved in all aspects of the planning and implementation of the meeting. Approximately 300 finance academicians and professionals from the United States and various international locations are expected to attend over a three-day period to present and discuss their latest research. Additionally, Dr. Clayton selects future meeting locations and negotiates the meeting contract for each location. The most recent negotiations, completed in January 2009, established the contract for the Southern Finance Association meeting to be held in Key West, FL in November 2011.

Dr. Clayton has been invited to serve in a continuing role for the National Science Foundation for the evaluation of Small Business Innovation Research Grant Proposals. On March 2-3, 2009, Dr. Clayton traveled to NSF headquarters in Alexandria, VA to serve on a panel of biotech scientists and engineers as well as business experts to evaluate proposals that may ultimately lead to more efficient hydrogen fuel cell products. Dr. Clayton's task was to evaluate the probability of financial and market success of products proposed in 12 different grant proposals.

Dr. Clayton serves in a continuing role as Editor of the online finance journal, *Financial Decisions*. The most recent issue of the journal was published in early January 2009. Continuing activities include soliciting manuscripts, evaluating manuscripts, assigning manuscripts to the appropriate reviewers, evaluating reviews and working with authors to finalize manuscripts. Approximately 40 manuscripts are received each year for evaluation and 8 of those manuscripts will ultimately be published in *Financial Decisions*. Manuscripts have been accepted to fill the Summer 2009 issue (to be published in July 2009) and work is progressing toward manuscript evaluation for the Winter 2009 issue (to be published in December 2009).

Dr. Clayton is currently working with Mr. Curtis Crowther of Young, Conaway, Stargatt & Taylor, LLP from Wilmington, DE to provide an expert evaluation of the value of an approximate \$1.2 billion mortgage loan portfolio as part of the bankruptcy proceeding of American Home Mortgage. A confidential valuation report has been prepared. Dr. Clayton will give his deposition in the case in April 2009 and will testify in the bankruptcy proceeding in May 2009.

The Student Accounting Association held their annual banquet in the Houston Cole Library on March 12, 2009. Persons attending the banquet included current students, alumni, and representatives of the business community. Jimmy Williamson from MDA Professional Group spoke about inspirations in his life that carried him to a successful

career as a CPA along with the opportunity for leadership positions in both the Alabama Society of CPAs and the American Institute of CPAs. He stressed that success has come to him because of a positive attitude along with being competitive and inspired while doing something he enjoys.

During the banquet several students were recognized. Current officers of the Student Accounting Association are: Trey Perman – President, Kristi Wells - Vice-President, James McGriff – Secretary, Lori Liles – Treasurer. Five accounting scholarships were awarded to the following students: Alabama Society of CPA Scholarship Recipients: Kathleen Newman, Kristi Wells; Trathen Scholarship Recipients: Trey Perman, William Smith; Freeman Scholarship Recipients: William Smith, Kristi Wells; Collins Memorial Scholarship Recipients: Chaz Bolden, Jennifer Noah, Hiroe Tamai, Min Tomlinson; Pearce, Beville, Leesburg & Moore Scholarship Recipient: Yong Castillo. Madison Phillips was named as the 2009 recipient of the Faculty Achievement Award. Lynnley Clark was named JSU's 2009 recipient of the Accounting Achievement Award from the Alabama Society of CPAs. This award is presented annually to the undergraduate accounting student recognized by the faculty and fellow students for excellence in character, personality, leadership, and academic achievement.

Dr. Bill Scroggins served on the faculty for the Anniston Army Depot Leadership Training Program in the Spring 2009 semester.

Dr. Chris Westley serves as the faculty advisor for the new business fraternity, Alpha Kappa Psi.

On January 6, 2009, Dr. Westley served on an Economics Panel for the *Birmingham Business Journal* at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama.

In February 2009, Dr. Westley was interviewed on MyFoxAL.com business show and also on ABC33/40 regarding the economic stimulus package.

Dr. Westley had the following articles published: "Ain't Your High School Civics Text" (book review) in the *Anniston Star*, January 18, 2009; "The Price of Corporatism" in the *Birmingham Business Journal* on January 30, 2009; "Medical Malpractice Reform Policy: Why Economic Efficiency Matters" in the *JSU Economic Update*, 18(1), 1-4 (with Dr. Benjamin Boozer and Dr. Rob Landry); and "Alabama, FDR, and Obama" in the *Birmingham Business Journal* on March 6, 2009.

Dr. Keith Lowe attended the 2009 International Academy of Business and Public Administration Disciplines (IABPAD) Winter Conference in Orlando, Florida, from

January 4-7, 2009. He presented a research paper entitled "The Role of Financial Statement Variables: A Model of Equity Pricing." Co-author of the research was Dr. Benjamin Boozer. This manuscript will also appear in a future issue of the *International Journal of Business, Accounting, and Finance*.

Dr. Lowe served as a session discussant for the modeling and forecasting track at the 2009 International Academy of Business and Public Administration Disciplines (IABPAD) Winter Conference in Orlando, FL.

Dr. Lowe won a research award for the manuscript "The Role of Financial Statement Variables: A Model of Equity Pricing" presented at the 2009 IABPAD Winter Conference in Orlando, FL.

Dr. Rob Landry served on the faculty for the Anniston Army Depot Leadership Training Program in the Spring 2009 semester.

Department of Management & Marketing

Dr. Patricia Borstorff was one of trainers in the most recent Executive Development Training sessions for AAD which began February 16, 2009.

Dr. Richard Cobb presented an economic update on Calhoun County and the State of Alabama to the Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce on January 29, 2009 at the Anniston Meeting Center.

Dr. Richard Cobb was one of trainers in the most recent Executive Development Training sessions for AAD which began February 16, 2009.

Dr. Mark Hearn was one of trainers in the most recent Executive Development Training sessions for AAD which began February 16, 2009.

Dr. Mark Hearn presented an economic update on Calhoun County and the State of Alabama to the Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce on January 29, 2009 at the Anniston Meeting Center.

Dr. Mark Hearn served as organizer of the College of Commerce and Business Administration sponsored Business After Hours in conjunction with the Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce. The event took place at the Gamecock Center on Tuesday, February 17, 2009.

Dr. David Palmer was one of trainers in the most recent Executive Development Training sessions for AAD which began February 16, 2009.

David Palmer attended the Society for Marketing Advances (SMA) Annual Conference in November, 2008 in St. Petersburg Beach, Florida.

He presented a paper titled, "Sarrell Regional Dental Center: Health Care Success in an Unattractive Market."

Dr. Palmer was a discussant for the "Impulsive, Compulsive or Unethical? Consumer Behavior with Public Policy Implications" paper session. He also attended the Supply Chain Management and Industrial Distribution meetings at the conference.

Dr. Joann Williams arranged, as part of the Student Chapter of Society for Human Resource Management Lecture Series, Jennifer Swafford, JSU Alum, to speak to Mgt. 491 - Senior Seminar about "Managing your Career" and Dave Parshley, Human Resource Director of Manna Enterprises, to speak to Mgt. 385 - Human Resource Management on "Leveraging HR as a Manager". Both lectures were open to all students. Dave Parshley, Human Resource Director of Manna Enterprises spoke to students in Mgt. 491 - Senior Seminar on "The role of ethics in managing business". Dr. Williams arranges for two student members of the Society for Human Resource Management attend the Calhoun County Chapter of SHRM meeting each month. These students have the opportunity to interact with professionals in their chosen field of study.

Center for Economic Development And Business Research (Ced) Small Business Development Center (SBDC)

JSU SBDC Counseling and Training

The JSU SBDC provided counseling to over 289 small businesses, and presented training to 303 individuals during this reporting quarter.

JSU Economic Update, January/February 2009 Issue

During this reporting quarter, the January/February 2009 issue of the *Update* was published and distributed to more than 8,400 subscribers.

Presentation to Weaver High School Business Classes

Ms. Robbie Medders, Associate Director JSU SBDC, addressed two business classes of Weaver High School on January 15, 2009. The subject was "Business Planning."

ASBDC/ADECA Orientation and Training Program

On January 26 and 27, 2009, Mr. Jeff Hooie, JSU SBDC, attended a training program of the Alabama Small Business Development Consortium (ASBDC) and the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) in Tuscaloosa. The subject of the training and orientation was "Launching Entrepreneurs Across Rural Networks."

Visit to Randolph and Clay County Chambers of Commerce

Ms. Robbie Medders, Associate Director, JSU SBDC and Ms. Jennifer Welch, JSU SBDC visited the Randolph and Clay County Chambers of Commerce on January 27, 2009. They discussed procurement services offered at the JSU SBDC with chamber staff.

East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission Board of Directors Meeting

Mr. Pat Shaddix, Director, JSU CED, attended the East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission (EARPDC) board of directors meeting in Heflin on January 28 as a newly appointed member of the EARPDC board of directors.

Attendance at the Calhoun County Economic Summit

Mr. Pat Shaddix, Director, JSU CED; Dr. Ben Boozer and Mr. Penn Wilson, JSU CED, attended the Calhoun County Economic Summit in Anniston on January 29, 2009.

Radio Station Interview, WCKA-Alabama 810

On January 28, 2009, Mr. Mike Self, JSU CED, was interviewed on the subject of the Alabama Conference for Inventors by a reporter from Radio Station WCKA - Alabama 810 for a future broadcast on the subject.

Annual Meeting, The Chamber, Gadsden & Etowah County

JSU CED staff attended the annual meeting of The Chamber, Gadsden & Etowah County, at the Gadsden Convention Center on January 30, 2009. During the meeting, Dr. William Meehan, JSU President, was presented the Bobby Austin Leadership Award for service to the Chamber.

Access E-Commerce Workshops

JSU, the Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce, the Alabama Small Business Institute of Commerce, and the Appalachian Regional Commission co-sponsored two "Access E-Commerce" workshops on February 10 and 11, 2009. Presenters were from the Appalachian Regional Commission. The workshops were held on the campus of Gadsden State Community College

Northeast Alabama NASA Business Forum

Ms. Jennifer Welch, JSU SBDC, attended the Northeast Alabama National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Business Forum on February 12, 2009. The event was co-sponsored by the JSU SBDC; The Chamber, Gadsden & Etowah County; The Gadsden Industrial Development Authority; the Hancock Management Group; and the City of Gadsden.

Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours

JSU CED and SBDC staff attended the Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce Business after Hours on February 17, 2009. The function was sponsored by the JSU CCBA.

Visit by Alabama ASBDC State Procurement Director

On February 19, 2009, the JSU SBDC was visited by Ms. Pat Phillips, Alabama ASBDC State Procurement Director. Ms. Phillips conducted the annual review of the JSU SBDC's procurement records.

Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting

Staff of the JSU CED and SBDC attended the Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting on February 20, 2009. Alabama Governor Bob Riley addressed the meeting and announced that the Eastern Bypass of Calhoun County is the highest priority project of the Director, Alabama Department of Transportation, Joe McInnes.

Northeast Alabama Entrepreneurial System (NEAES) Seminar

The NEAS and JSU co-sponsored a seminar, "Small Business Lending in the Current Economic Environment," on February 25, 2009, at NEAES in Anniston. Lenders who were speakers provided information on what to expect when applying for a business loan.

Alabama Conference for Inventors

On February 26, 2009, the JSU CED and SBDC hosted the Alabama Conference for Inventors. The conference was held on the 11th floor of the Houston Cole Library and was attended by more than 40 persons. Presentations were made by a number of regionally and nationally recognized speakers.

National Association of Business Economics (NABE) Conference

Mr. Pat Shaddix, Director, JSU CED; and Mr. Penn Wilson, JSU CED, attended the 25th Washington Economic Policy Conference, presented by NABE on March 3, 2009, in Washington, D.C.

Northeast Alabama Entrepreneurial System (NEAES) and JSU Sponsored Seminar

On March 5, 2009, NEAES and JSU co-sponsored "Tweet Your Business – How and Why Tweeter Should be a Part of Your Business." The speaker was a representative from Outdoor Media Resources.

College of Education & Professional Studies

Dean's Office

Dr. John Hammett welcomed spring 2009 student teachers to their internship experience.

Dr. John Hammett participated in undergraduate and graduate orientation events.

Dr. John Hammett and Mr. Terry Marbut met with Ms. Julia Segar of AL Power to discuss funding for the Engineering initiative in the public schools.

Dr. John Hammett and CEPS faculty consulted with Ms. Tery Medina of the Southeastern Equity Center to conduct diversity seminars for JSU students and faculty, and public school teachers.

Dr. John Hammett participated in the welcome for administrators and faculty from Taizhou University.

Dr. John Hammett attended the CASE Conference in Nashville TN.

Dr. John Hammett attend the AACTE conference in Chicago

Dr. John Hammett, with Ms. Judy Harrison planned the upcoming Leadership Calhoun County and Youth Leadership Calhoun County events at JSU.

Dr. John Hammett participated in student recruitment sessions at the Gamecock Center

Department Curriculum and Instruction

Dr. Larry Beard and Dr. Teresa Gardner attended the Alabama Federation for the Council for Exceptional Children Executive Board Meeting in Birmingham, Alabama, on January 16, 2009.

Dr. Slenda Haynes attended the Alabama Partnership for Children Board Meeting in Montgomery, Alabama, on January 29, 2009.

Dr. Steve Armstrong attended the Alabama Federation for the Council for Exceptional Children Conference in Birmingham, Alabama, on February 7, 2009.

Dr. Larry Beard, Dr. Dale Campbell, Dr. Teresa Gardner, and Dr. Patsy Lowry presented at the Alabama Federation for the Council for Exceptional Children Conference in Birmingham, Alabama, on February 7, 2009.

Department of Communication

The Department of Communication and the New York Times hosted a luncheon workshop at JSU on Monday, March 9, 2009. This workshop provided information on resources available to Jacksonville State University and on ways faculty members can incorporate *The New York Times* into their classes and how it can provide an invaluable resource to students and faculty.

Dr. J. Patrick McGrail, Assistant Professor of Broadcasting in the Department of Communication, has authored a paper for the February issue of the scholarly online journal, *Innovate* (<http://innovateonline.info>).

Dr. J. Patrick McGrail participated in a podcast for interested parties on Monday, February 23, 2009 at 5 p.m. His article deals with challenges educators face when working with students and material that may have questionable copyright status, especially audio and video files.

The Department of Communication will be holding its ninth annual Communication Week during the week of April 13th through the 16th.

The University of Oxford in England has invited Dr. Kingsley O. Harbor, head of the Department of Communication at JSU, to serve as a member of its 2009 Oxford Round Table with the option of presenting a paper. Dr. Harbor's paper is titled, "Postmodernism and the Decline of Ethics: Proposing a Model for Moral Restoration in the Mass Media."

Each year, the University of Oxford selects a group of professors, scholars, government officials, lawyers, physicians, clergy, and other professionals from across the world to assemble on its campus to discuss issues of global import. The general theme for this year's Round Table is, "Ethics: The Convolution of Contemporary Values." The papers presented at the meeting are eventually peer-reviewed for possible publication in the *Forum on Public Policy*, a journal of the Oxford Round Table. Membership on the Round Table is selected through several screening processes-- nomination from previous participants in the Round Table, recommendations to the Round Table directors, recognized presentations and awards by state and national organizations, and by invitation to individuals from a successful organization, university or school district. Shenette McCandless, coordinator of the Round Table, USA branch, explains: "The foundation of the Round Table's success is the assurance that this academic forum will be composed of outstanding leaders."

Dr. Kingsley Harbor, who currently teaches media ethics, plans to integrate the knowledge and materials he gains from the Round Table into his teaching, and to seize the opportunity at the Round Table to network with other scholars at the meeting. Past JSU alumnae of the Round Table include Dr. Rebecca Turner, the Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs, and Dr. Cynthia Harper, retired dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies.

Dr. Augustine Ihator presented and chaired a meeting for the American Association of Behavioral & Social Sciences in Las Vegas, Nevada on February 4-6, 2009. His paper was titled "Critical Analysis of Public Relations Practice in English Speaking African Countries."

Department of Educational Resources

Dr. Gordon Nelson presented at the Hawaii International Conference on Education. The presentation title was "Using Live Text to Teach Distance Education Students".

The following faculty members presented at the Society for Information Technology & Teacher Education Conference in Charleston, SC: Drs. Isreal Eady, Charlotte Eady, Jimmy Barnes, William Kiser, Mary Montgomery-Owens.

Department of Family and Consumer Sciences

The FCS Department recently submitted a curriculum proposal to change the Restaurant and Foodservice Management Concentration to Hospitality and Culinary

Management which was approved by the curriculum committee.

The department's proposal to add a new concentration in Family and Consumer Sciences to the Masters Degree in Secondary Education passed the University Graduate Council and has been sent to the State Department of Education.

The FCS Department had ten graduates in Fall 2008. Ms. Joella Taylor attained the honors of Summa Cum Laude and Special Honors in FCS. Ms. Amy Holbrook attained the honors of Magna Cum Laude and Special Honors in FCS.

There are currently 696 students enrolled in FCS classes for Spring 2009.

Ms. Robbie Boggs attended the ALAFCS board meeting held at the Botanical Gardens in Birmingham on January 16, 2009. Plans are underway for the ALAFCS convention to be held in Birmingham on February 26-27, 2009.

The Budget Friendly Meals program is continuing this semester. Ms. Christina Parker, a Dietetics major, is spearheading the project. The first meal of year was held on Thursday, January 15, 2009 at the Bridge in Anniston.

Ms. Robbie Boggs and several of the Merchandising students traveled to the Atlanta Decorative Arts Center to view a Fashion Group meeting and see a slide show presentation of Spring ready to wear styles from New York, Paris, Milan and London. Industry experts also conducted a question and answer session.

Dr. Virginia Yocum recently donated a serger to the Family and Consumer Sciences department.

Dr. Virginia Yocum, along with her husband Mr. Harry Yocum, continues to contribute \$1000 for the annual Virginia Yocum scholarship. The scholarship is awarded to a FCS student who maintains at least a 3.0 GPA overall and in FCS classes, is at least a junior and has completed at least fifteen hours in FCS.

Ms. Robbie Boggs and several Merchandising students visited AmericasMart in Atlanta on January 24th to see buyers at market with vendors and view a fashion show of items available for sale during market – a typical situation in the life of a buyer.

The Family and Consumer Sciences Department had eight students to apply for Spring graduation.

Ms. Napoli and the Curriculum Planning in Child Development class toured two facilities in February. The first was a visit to Kid's First in Jacksonville to expose the students to the ABeka Curriculum. The second was a tour of the Bruno Montessori School to gain firsthand experience of a Montessori classroom.

Ms. Boggs and the Apparel Design class toured the Breman-Bowden Investment Company in Bowden, Georgia on February 10, 2009. The students were exposed to the production of military apparel using computer assisted design and manufacturing.

Ms. Robbie Boggs and Ms. Kim Townsel attended the Alabama Family and Consumer Sciences annual conference held in Birmingham February 26-27, 2009. Several FCS students also attended. During the conference, Ms. Jana Jones, an FCS major with a concentration in Child Development, was awarded a scholarship by ALAFCS.

Department of Health, Physical Education & Recreation

Dr. Jeff Chandler attended the National Strength & Conditioning Association Conference in Nashville, TN January 9-11, 2009.

Dr. Glenn Roswal attended a grant writing workshop for Special Olympics Alaska in Anchorage, Alaska January 21-26, 2009.

Special Olympics invited JSU to participate in the 1st Special Olympics Global College Summit in conjunction with the Special Olympics World Winter Games in Boise, Idaho. Two HPER students have been chosen to participate.

Dr. Jeff Chandler was recently appointed to the USTA Sport Science Committee for a 2-year appointment.

Dr. Jeff Chandler attended the Southeast ACSM Regional Conference in Birmingham, AL February 12-14, 2009.

Ms. Gina Mabrey, along with 4 undergraduate students, attended the Southeast ACSM Regional Conference in Birmingham, AL February 12-14, 2009.

Dr. Glenn Roswal coordinated demonstration and exhibit booth at Professional Tennis Registry Symposium in Hilton Head, SC February 16-19, 2009.

Dr. Glenn Roswal attended Camp ASCCA Long Range Planning Committee meeting in Jackson's Gap, AL February 21, 2009.

Dr. Roland Thornburg attended the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE) National Conference in Chicago, IL February 6-9, 2009.

Mrs. Lori Thornburg sponsored the PE2theMAX Workshop with JD Hughes presenting. Over 150 physical education teachers and JSU physical education students attended.

Dr. Glenn Roswal and his HPE 403 class attended Special Olympics in Hilton Head, SC March 6-12, 2009.

Dr. Roland Thornburg attended 2009 Professional Development Schools National Conference in Daytona Beach, FL March 12-15, 2009.

Dr. Jeff Chandler attended the American Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance National Convention in Tampa, FL March 31-April 2, 2009. On Tuesday, March 31, Dr. Chandler will be inducted as a Fellow in the North American Society of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, Sport and Dance Professionals.

Department of Instructional Services

Ms. Penny Lane was named employee of the month for March.

The Learning Resource Center will hold a book fair in at the end of March.

The Learning Resource Center will hold a book fair in at the end of March. The Learning Resource Center received a donation of 32 psychological testing instruments from Jefferson County. Dr. Nancy Fox helped procure the materials. The LRC added 16 Ellison dies to the collection ranging from borders to handle grips.

The Teaching/Learning Center Coordinator, Ms. Andrea MacArgel reports that in the spring semester 125 JSU students will provide 1,940 hours of free tutoring to 109 community children.

The Learning Resource Center will hold a book fair March 30. The Learning Resource Center received a donation of 32 psychological testing instruments from Jefferson County. Dr. Nancy Fox helped procure the materials.

Twenty-three technology enriched classrooms in Ramona Wood Hall, Mason Hall, Self Hall and Pete Mathews Coliseum were updated and serviced. Two LCD projectors in Pete Mathews Coliseum were replaced.

Mr. Mike Zenanko as editor produced two newsletters for the Association for the Tutoring Profession, one newsletter for JSU Chapter #0211 of PDK, and one CE&PS newsletter.

Dr. Marsha Zenanko and Mike Zenanko wrote “Developing Program and Tutoring Goals,” a chapter in The atps of Tutor Training, published by the Association for the Tutoring, Madison, NY.

Department of Secondary Education

Dr. Jan Wilson organized the fifth of ten workshops through the NASA Tools for Educators grant, at Ramona Wood Hall and Ayers Hall, titled "Testing the Basics of Rocketry #1" & "Engineering as a Career", January 10.

Dr. Linda Mitchell attended the College and University Faculty Assembly (CUFA) retreat and research meeting at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia, January 16-19.

Dr. Jordan Barkley attended the SunBelt Writing Project “Winter Into Spring Retreat”, in Alex City, Alabama, January 16-18.

Dr. Linda Mitchell and Ms. Sharon Padgett, with their students, attended the ALEX/Thinkfinity training workshop presented by Mr. Keith George, Alabama State Department of Education, on campus, January 20.

Dr. Jan Wilson organized the sixth of ten workshops through the NASA Tools for Educators grant at Ramona Wood Hall, titled "Testing the Basics of Rocketry #2", January 31.

Dr. Charlie Notar presented “Teaching Spelling to Students with Disabilities” at the Alabama Federation of the Council for Exceptional Children, Birmingham, Alabama, February 7.

Dr. Marsha Zenanko published a chapter entitled “Developing Program and Tutoring Goals” in *The atps of Tutor Training*, published by The Association for the Tutoring Profession, Madison, New York, February 2009.

Dr. Virginia Cole attended the 12th Annual Graduate Student Association Research and Thesis Conference, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, March 6.

Department of the Teacher Service Center

Dr. Gena Riley presented at the National Professional Development School Conference in Daytona.

Dr. Gena Riley attended the AACTE National Conference in Chicago.

Dr. Kelly Ryan served on a NCATE review team in Arkansas.

Dr. Kelly Ryan has selected to serve on the NASDTEC Membership committee.

Teacher Hall of Fame interviews were conducted in Birmingham.

Department of Technology & Engineering

The Department of Technology & Engineering hosted two Regional Technology Fairs for the Alabama Council for Technology in Education. The North East Regional Fair was on January 23, 2009 and the Central East Regional Technology Fair was on January 31, 2009. Approximately 950 students (3rd through 12th grade), teachers, and parents were on campus for a fun-filled day of technology based competition. First and second place winners of each fair are eligible for the State Technology Fair on April 24-25, 2009 in Montgomery.

The sixth session of the Anniston Army Depot Leadership Training Program began on February 17, 2009. This contract between JSU and the Anniston Army Depot is an innovative program designed to provide training in various areas of business and technology management for selected depot leadership.

Dr. Nouredine Bekhouche attended the Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME) Assessment Exam Validation Workshop for Electronics Technology on February 27-March 2, 2009 in Detroit, Michigan. JSU was one of nine institutions selected to participate.

Mr. Terry Marbut presented at the Conference for Industry and Education Collaboration (CIEC) in Orlando, FL on February 4-6, 2009. The title of the presentation was "Building Stronger Programs: Strategy and Creative Utilization of Industrial Advisory Councils and Partnerships."

Department of TV Services

Mr. Steve Gillispie, Assistant Baseball Coach, baseball drills DVD is approved. We had taped for him on November 21st. This video was shown at an NCAA baseball conference in January.

Videotaped the removal of the stadium lights. This was done to document the early stages of the stadium/housing expansion project. Videotaping the stadium expansion will be an on-going process.

Taped the Women's and Men's basketball games. These games will be broadcast back-to-back on Wednesday, January 7th at 7 p.m. on TV24.

Interviewed Employee of the Year Ms. Cathy Rose. This interview appeared on the news segment of "JSU Today".

Taped the Miss JSU Scholarship Pageant. Footage from the Pageant was included during the news segment of "JSU Today".

Taped football press conference featuring Coach Crowe, Mr. Ryan Perrilloux, Mr. Alexander Henderson, Mr. Carnell Clark and Mr. Marques Ivory discussing Spring football and the upcoming 2009 football season.

Taped the January 15th Women's and Men's basketball games. These games will be broadcast back-to-back on TV24.

Taped the Jacksonville Opera Theatre presentation of "Cosi Fan Tutte". Theatre Director Nathan Wight submitted the video to a competition with the National Opera Association.

Taped the January 17th Women's and Men's basketball games. These games were broadcast live on TV24.

Interviewed Ms. Connie Thompson and a Mr. Wayne Skinner concerning their kidney transplant. This interview was done for our *Person of the Week* segment on "JSU Today".

Interviewed Ms. Gina Mabrey concerning the JSU Wellness Center. This interview was also done for a *Person of the Week* segment.

The staff of TV Services served in the annual Technology Fair as judges in the various video categories. Director Mike Hathcock served as MC. Footage from the fair was captured and used on the news segment of "JSU Today".

Taped the JSU Softball Fan Day activities. This footage was included on the sports segment of "JSU Today".

Taped an interview with Ms. Sandra Sudduth. This interview will be featured during our *Person of the Week* segment.

Traveled to UAB hospital to interview three Living Donor Coordinators. This interview was included in the Ms. Connie Thompson and Mr. Wayne Skinner package.

Broadcast the February 7th Women's and Men's basketball games. These games were shown live back-to-back on TV24.

*aped The First Pitch Luncheon featuring Jacksonville State head baseball coach Jim Case and head softball coach Jana McGinnis.

*diting of the Jacksonville Opera Theatre presentation of "Cosi Fan Tutte" was approved.

40 DVD's of the production were distributed to the Music Department. Theatre Director Nathan Wight wishes to submit the video to a competition with the National Opera Association.

Taped an interview with SGA Vice President, Tyrone Smiley. We talked about Tyrone, the SGA, and Higher Education Day. This interview was featured during our news segment.

Taped *Person of the Week* interviews with Mr. Carlton Ward, Mr. Mark Jones, and Dr. Sarah Latham. These interviews will be edited and shown at a later date on "JSU Today".

Interviewed Mr. Pete Conroy concerning the Little River Canyon Center dedication.

Lit the new news set for TV24.

Taped the Education Fair that was sponsored by Career Placement Services. Footage will be featured on the news segment of "JSU Today".

*aped the end of *The Power of 125...Join the Celebration!* Campaign reception & the official dedication ceremony of Jacksonville State University's Little River Canyon Center. Shots of all the activities and interviews with architect Mr. Julian Jenkins, select donors, Mr. Randy Owen, Representative Richard Lindsey, and President Bill Meehan were also recorded.

Documented the Canyon Center's Grand Opening including all the activities and ceremony.

Taped an interview with Tennis Coach Steve Bailey as well as b – roll of the team practicing. This will be used during the sports segment of "JSU Today".

Met with the East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission's Area Agency on Aging. TV Services agreed to produce a series of PSA's for this non-profit

group. The Agency serves as an advocate on behalf of all older persons within the service area; identifies needs of the elderly and plans for meeting those needs through a system of in-home and community services which enables the elderly to maintain their independence and dignity; and administers a wide variety of federal, state, local, and private funds which support those services.

Taped b-roll of the JSU/UAB baseball game.

Taped b-roll of Mr. Wayne Skinner (kidney transplant recipient) on the job, walking by a lake, and mowing grass. This footage was used as cutaways during the feature we did on kidney transplants.

Taped the February 28th Women's and Men's basketball games. These games were broadcast live on TV24.

Taped footage at the Third annual Chili Cook-Off. All Proceeds go to JSU's Relay for Life Team. This footage will be used on "JSU Today".

Taped an interview and b-roll activities with Mr. John Zellar, Site Safety Manager for the Stadium Expansion. This interview and footage is part of the Department of Technology's segment that will be included on the College of Education & Professional Studies iTunes page. A secondary use will be for a new recruiting DVD for the college.

Taped Spring football practice footage for the sports segment of "JSU Today".

Taped b-roll of JSU/Harvard baseball game for the sports segment of "JSU Today".

Taped the Tuesday, March 10th, presentations of the Educational Specialist Program of the Department of Curriculum and Instruction. This footage will be used on the College of Education and Professional Studies iTunes page.

Taped a class in the Machining/Manufacturing Processes for the Department of Technology and Engineering. This footage will be used on the College of Education and Professional Studies iTunes page.

Taped b-roll of the JSU/Greensboro tennis match for the sports segment of "JSU Today".

Taped b-roll of the JSU/Alabama State baseball game for the sports segment of "JSU Today".

Taped a feature, "1000 Lbs. of Alabama Clay" for the "JSU Today" show. This feature included a mini-tour of the traveling exhibition conducted by the show's curator and JSU Art professor, Ms. Lynnette Hesser. This art program included 35 contemporary, Alabama, ceramic artists using native Alabama clay in each artist's unique style. JSU

professors Mr. Steve Loucks and Ms. Lynnette Hesser as well as JSU art student Mr. Beer Chunhaswasdikul had works in the exhibit.

Department of Anniston/Wellness

JSU Wellness-Anniston will be providing education and screening at the Wesley Park Senior facility-On Crane.

JSU Wellness-Anniston will be providing education and screening at Wesley Place Senior facility – On Noble.

JSU Wellness-Anniston provided education and screening services for Salvation Army in Anniston.

JSU Wellness-Anniston Mr. Fred Smith was the guest speaker at the Anniston High School Career day sponsored by the FBLA Club.

JSU Wellness-Anniston provided education and screening services for the Wiggins Center in Anniston.

JSU Wellness-Anniston provided education and screening services for Family Services center in Anniston.

JSU Wellness-Anniston provided education for the Second Chance life skills class in Anniston.

JSU Wellness-Anniston will host Budget Friendly Meals on February 19, 2009 at 6:00pm in the Bridge First United Methodist.

JSU Wellness-Anniston S.E.W. program has begun teaching 8th grade classes at Anniston Middle School through the Next-start character education program. This will be facilitated by Tony Saxton our Social Work student worker.

JSU Wellness-Anniston Silver Nutritional program has begun programming at Carver Community Center for their seniors.

JSU Wellness-Anniston program appeared on the Calhoun County Community television show to provide information about our program. We also gave the second quarterly report of miles walked by our Wellness Walkers.

Wellness-Anniston Walkers club members turned in their miles for the second quarter.

Wellness-Anniston latest initiative is the implementation of the S.E.W. program. S.E.W. stands for the social unity, emotional stability, and wellness education.

Met with, work study student workers and office staff to discuss future programming for JSU Wellness-Anniston.

Prepared a program report about the first semester activities of JSU Wellness-Anniston program, the report was submitted to Dr. John Hammett Dean, College of Education and Professional Studies.

The Wellness program has formed partnerships with local agencies and organizations in an effort to provide maximum wellness programming to Anniston residents. These are some of the organizations and churches Wellness-Anniston has partnered with: Jacksonville State University Wellness Program-Anniston is located at the First United Methodist Church-Anniston. The office is undergoing renovations which should be completed within the next week. The physical address and contact information is listed below:

JSU Wellness-Anniston will provide wellness programming for the farmers market.

JSU Wellness-Anniston provided screening services for the Wellness Wednesday program.

JSU Wellness-Anniston provided screening services for the meals of mercy meeting.

Provided coordination for upcoming men and women's health seminar that will be hosted at the Bridge first United Methodist Church .The event will host health education and screening services.

Office of Distance Education

The Office of Distance Education continued to provide high levels of educational technology and instructional design expertise and support to the campus during this

reporting period. According to faculty evaluations of DE submitted at the end of the Fall 2008 semester, 88% of those faculty members surveyed indicated that the Office of Distance Education provided Excellent/Good levels of support to them during their teaching period. Additional variables of interest from this study indicate:

- 86% of faculty responding to the survey have taught one or more Distance Education courses prior to this semester, indicating many faculty are returning to teach through these methods multiple times, and that DE has experienced DE faculty teaching our courses.
- 98% of faculty responding indicated that they use email to interact with their DE students; 57% of these same faculty members also use an asynchronous discussion board for increased levels of discussion during their DE classes.
- 37% of faculty surveyed indicated that the quality of their student-instructor interaction in their DE course offered *was increased above the offering of the same course* in a traditional, face-to-face method; similarly, 51% of faculty responding indicated that *their DE course improved student learning above the same course* offered in a traditional, face-to-face format.

Online Programs

Seventeen complete online programs and certificates are currently offered through Jacksonville State University's Distance Education program. These programs are advertised through the use of the *MyJSU Online* <http://myjsuonline.com> website. The *Bachelor of Science degree in Family and Consumer Sciences with a concentration in Child Development* was the most recently added program, beginning in Fall 2008. Additional programs are working toward fully-online offerings. Support for faculty, staff, and students in these programs is provided by the Office of Distance Education from the beginning phases of program development, to implementation, and through support once launched.

The following online degree programs are currently offered:

Arts and Sciences

BS in Emergency Management with a minor in Homeland Security
BS in Emergency Management with a minor in Public Safety Telecommunications
Graduate Certificate in Emergency Management
MPA in Emergency Management
MS in Emergency Management
Graduate Certificate in Geographic Information Systems
MPA in Geographic Information Systems
MS in Computer Systems and Software Design

MPA in Sports Management

Commerce and Business Administration

Master of Business Administration

Education and Professional Studies

BS in Family & Consumer Sciences with a concentration in Child Development

MSEd in Physical Education

MS in Manufacturing Systems Technology

Nursing and Health Sciences

Graduate Certificate in Nursing Education

MSN in Nursing (in Community Health Nursing)

RN to BSN (STEP Program)

RN/BSN/MSN in Nursing (STEP Program)

Office of Distance Education Initiatives

Second Life

Second Life (SL) ©, a virtual world software application utilized by faculty, staff, and students at JSU, was successfully installed on 16 computers in the Office of Distance Education's Instructional Technology and Design Computer Lab (ITDL). The installation will allow faculty interested in testing out this software to do so in a pre-installed setting, without needing to install the software on their machines initially. As well, installation of the SL software into the ITDL will allow for training opportunities on this software to bring faculty and staff up to speed on the technical aspects as well as pedagogical possibilities available with the use of this tool.

Work with the newly acquired Office of Distance Education educational island space in the virtual world of Second Life® (SL™) has progressed dramatically, with the cooperation of support of the Audiovisual Department. The island, called *JSU SLOnline Campus*, now boasts re-creations of Bibb Graves Hall, Houston Cole Library, Merrill Building, and a mock-up of the Paul Snow Stadium, along with an interactive virtual classroom. Work on the Little River Canyon School virtual building is underway. Collaboration with the Division of Information Technology allowed for clearance for the roll out of this software learning and collaboration tool on-campus, and write-ups on this cutting edge educational tool occurred through the JSU NewsWire, the Jacksonville News, and in the Office of Distance Education's biannual newsletter, *Eminus*. Dr. Sherri

Restauri also gave a brief presentation to the Faculty Senate in December 2008 to demonstrate this new tool to the faculty at JSU. A SL Users Group is under development, to allow for collaboration among staff and faculty on campus at JSU interested in using this tool for online conferences, recruitment of students, virtual immersion teaching experiences, and online lecturing. The Office of Distance Education has developed a reference website to assist faculty, staff, and students in utilizing this tool, available at:

http://www.jsu.edu/distance/knowledge_base/de_kb_0086.html

Blackboard and Supporting Tools

The Office of Distance Education completed an intensive evaluation of Blackboard 8 (Bb), a minor, intermediary upgrade release of the Bb Course Management System (currently on 7.3+) used across the campus at JSU. Following this review, the Office of Distance Education engaged in an extensive evaluation of the newly-launched Bb Learn (9) CMS software in a test account scenario. Noteworthy enhancements in this upgrade include a modernized user interface, introduction of the *Blackboard Scholar* © tool, drag-and-drop functionality, blogging, enhanced gradebook, integrated help features, additional accommodation tools for meeting multiple user needs, and peer assessment. Based on preliminary evaluation of this software upgrade, the JSU Bb test and development server has now been upgraded to allow for further evaluation of this software in a hands-on, administratively-controlled environment. Evaluation of this new version of Bb 9 will continue throughout the remainder of the Spring 2009 semester, and plans for early previews and training on the Bb 9 system during the Fall 2009 semester have been established. Provided evaluation of this new system proceeds successfully, the full-scale upgrade to Bb 9 is planned for December 2009, with roll-out on the production server planned for January 2010.

The Summer 2009 and Fall 2009 Blackboard course shells, used by instructors prior to the beginning of terms, were created and made available early to faculty in February, allowing for an extended time period of course development for faculty. Plans are to maintain this extended time frame for Bb course shell generation in future semesters. Work on removal of Bb courses older than the 2-year cycle continued, with removal of the Fall 2006 Bb courses in February 2009, allowing DE to manage the new level of virtual storage successfully. Plans for removal of Spring 2007 courses, and courses predating the integration of the Bb system with JSU's Student Information System, are scheduled for June 2009, with cyclical removal of courses older than the 2 year mark to continue from that point, as well.

During this reporting period, the Office of Distance Education also evaluated several tools for potential integration with the Bb CMS, including *Pronto* (includes textual and voice chat functionality) and *Bb Sync* (allowing for students' to receive updates on their Bb courses to their Facebook accounts). Implementation of these tools will be dependent on final decisions for implementation of the Bb Learn (9) system.

A total of 7 workshops have been offered by the Office of Distance Education during this reporting period. Workshops held include *Fundamentals of Online Instruction*, *Adding Content & Assignments*, and *Communication Tools*. Additionally, there have been 27 one-on-one training sessions with faculty, as well as 3 Blackboard orientation sessions for students. Upcoming workshops for this semester include: *Fundamentals of Online Instruction*; *Getting Familiar with My Blackboard Course*; *Adding Content and Assignments*; *Communication Tools*; *Quizzes, Tests, and Surveys*; *Gradebook, Reporting, and Performance Dashboard*; and *Using the Technology You Already Have*.

Also of note is the newest course in final stages of development by the Office of Distance Education, titled *Accessibility and Universal Design*. This course is self-paced and intended to be a stepping off point for building online courses that are student-friendly and accessible. The content of the course is intended to inspire further exploration and advocacy for designing materials that benefit students and help them achieve their educational goals. Faculty completing this workshop concluded with examinations, and received a certificate acknowledging their successful completion of this course.

Videoconferencing

The videoconferencing system in Self Hall on campus at JSU is receiving daily usage for academic courses and other endeavors. In Fall of 2008, the Office of Distance Education established a relationship with Kitty Stone Elementary, with plans to establish a portable interactive videoconferencing (IVC) unit in the school system to allow for pre-service teacher observations and interactions. Upon signing of the MOU in February 2009, the Office of Distance Education was able to loan one of our videoconferencing systems to KSE for this project. Additional work to relocate a DE IVC unit into Ramona Wood Building on campus at JSU is also underway, providing additional convenience in this project.

In addition to this work with KSE, JSU's Office of Distance Education continues to strive to serve the community through the use of the IVC system both at JSU and beyond. Discussions relating to installation of one of the DE videoconferencing systems at the newly-opened Little River Canyon Field School are underway, allowing for multiple

educational and outreach opportunities between this building, the JSU campus, and more.

Capture and Podcasting

Along with the use of the podcasting station setup in Self Hall, the Interactive Videoconferencing system in Self Hall has continued its' high-level of utilization throughout the Spring 2009 term to capture video for translation into podcast form, to be placed onto the Office of Distance Education's iTunes U server. The growing number of faculty seeking audio and video podcasts has begun to be matched during this term by the number of non-faculty, with interest from the SGA, television services, and many other areas across campus. This grant-based service, provided at no cost to faculty, staff, students, or JSU, was awarded over 2 years ago to the Office of Distance Education and continues to grow in demand. Multiple requests from diverse areas across campus continue to mount as DE's podcasting initiative expands across campus.

Due to this influx of requests, the DE iTunes U site is experiencing its' heaviest use to date with 1040 total downloads from 1/1/2009 - 3/6/2009. There are currently 164 total files on our iTunes U site with more files being added weekly. Work on the development of a "public" iTunes U site is nearing completion, which will complement the "private" iTunes U site. A presentation relating to the DE initiatives of Videoconferencing and Capture/Podcasting is being presented in March 2009 at the monthly Academe meeting to further promote this system.

Advertising

Twenty-three new online courses were approved through the Alabama coordinator of the Southern Regional Electronic Campus for the Spring 2009 term, and these courses were then included in the SREC online database. In addition, 23 new courses were added for the Summer 2009 terms, including May, Summer I, Summer II, and all Marathon Summer terms. Continued advertising of the *MyJSU Online* Distance Education initiative in areas such as the SREC is one free method through which we can continue to ensure knowledge of these programs to students outside of the local area, thereby growing the DE program and overall student enrollment at JSU.

The MyJSU Online domain (<http://myjsuonline.com>) continued to receive student interest via internet searches ("hits", or visits to the website) during this quarter of the year. Please see the table below for data pertaining to this reporting period.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Unique</i>	<i>Number of</i>	<i>Pages</i>	<i>Hits</i>	<i>Bandwidth</i>
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	<i>Visitors</i>	<i>Visits</i>			<i>(MB)</i>
Jan 2009	1619	2508	13625	29584	220.17
Feb 2009	1193	1878	8969	19134	150.61

The Spring 2009 edition of the Office of Distance Education's newsletter, *Eminus*, was published solely online for the first time this semester. It may be accessed at http://www.jsu.edu/distance/pdf/Eminus_Spring_2009.pdf

Enrollment:

Distance Education showed an overall increase of 11% between Spring 2008 and Spring 2009 in total student enrollments. Spring 2009 data for course sections and enrollments in DE classes is included in the table below, along with the percentage increase in methods showing growth from Spring 2008 to Spring 2009. Notably, on-campus courses supplemented with the Blackboard Course Management System increased 72% in Spring 2009, along with a 14% increase in online course enrollments.

Spring 2009 Distance Education Course and Enrollment Data, Including Blackboard Hybrid Courses

<i>Format</i>	<i>Course Sections</i>	<i>Enrollments</i>	<i>1 Year Percentage Increase</i>
All Online (Bb, Other, STEP)*	226 (160 courses) 255 sections offered	5,053 (3,109 unique students)	14% (enrollments)
Bb Supplements**	817 sections, incl. 3 that were Videoconferencing (742 Bb courses)	<i>Not available</i>	72% (sections)
Videoconferencing*	4 (2 courses) 8 sections offered	67 (67 unique students)	-
Video-Based*	0 (0 course)	0 (0 unique students)	-
All distance formats*	230 (162 courses) 263 sections offered	5101 (3205 unique students)	10% (sections)
All formats and supplements**	1,044 sections	<i>Not available</i>	

**Data provided by the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment.*

*Source: BANINST1_AS_STUDENT_REGISTRATION_DETAIL and
BANINST1_AS_CATALOG_SCHEDULE from 01/15/2009*

***Data provided by the Office of Distance Education.*

Source: Blackboard Interface – 01/22/2009;

*Data entered based on information provided by the Office of Institutional Research
and Assessment.*

Spring 2008 Distance Education Course and Enrollment Data

<i>Format</i>	<i>Course Sections</i>	<i>Enrollments</i>
All Online (Bb, Other, STEP)*	199 (139 courses) – 220 sections offered	4,568 (2,840 unique students)
Bb Supplements**	476 (408 Bb courses)	Not available
Videoconferencing*	5 (2 courses) – 14 sections offered	61 (56 unique students)
Video-Based*	1 (1 course)	24 (24 unique students)
All distance formats*	206 (144 courses) – 235 sections offered	4,653 (2,901 unique students)
All formats and supplements**		

**Data provided by the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment.*

*Source: BANINST1_AS_STUDENT_REGISTRATION_DETAIL and
BANINST1_AS_CATALOG_SCHEDULE from 01/17/2008*

***Data provided by the Office of Distance Education.*

*Source: SQL Queries run against Blackboard user interface search functionality
compared against other collected data – Query run 04-23-2008 (assumes all Online
Courses have availability setting enabled on this date.)*

College of Graduate Studies and Continuing Education

Continuing Education

As of March 31, 2009, The Office of Continuing Education conducted 266 classes beginning October 1, 2008. Service was provided to 1,446 students and 14,310 contact hours were generated.

UPACE, the University Partnership for Alabama Continuing Education, continues to offer certificate programs for the Association of County Administrators, Association of County Engineers, County Revenue Officers Association of Alabama, E911 Administrators and the Alabama Association of Chiefs of Police. Participating in the program at this time are 258 County Administrators, 138 County Engineers, 133 Revenue Officers, 136 E911 Administrators and 892 Chiefs of Police.

Classes were held at JSU McClellan for the Alabama Association of Chiefs of Police. The New Chiefs' Development Seminar was held on January 25-27 for 30 new chiefs. "Police Leadership: Managing for the Future" and "Stress and Time Management" courses were also conducted for 44 experienced chiefs as a part of the Certified Law Enforcement Executive Program.

The UPACE Partnership facilitated training in Huntsville on January 13-14 for 225 police chiefs on the topic, "Creating an Ethical Environment in Law Enforcement."

From January through March, the following training programs were held in Montgomery for County Administrators, Engineers, and 911 Directors:

Orientation and Overview of Administrators' and Engineers' duties – 18 attending.

General Accounting, Financial Management and Planning I – 15 attending.

Fundamentals of Emergency Communication District Administration II – 8 attending.

Training was provided in February for 28 County Revenue Officers in Pelham on "Legal Considerations for Local Revenue."

On February 13, the Sixth Annual Auctioneer School began and continued for 10 days until graduation on February 22. The student auctioneers conducted an auction for the Jacksonville Christian Outreach Center on February 21 as a part of their graduation requirements.

Harley-Davidson contracted with the Office of Continuing Education for 12 hours of training for 15 employees on "Understanding Team Dynamics with the Myers Briggs Type Indicator."

The ACT study preparation class was held at JSU McClellan for 14 students.

On March 25, a workshop was conducted in partnership with East Alabama Regional Planning Commission entitled, "Terrorism in Anniston?" Colonel Bob Baker, Center for Domestic Preparedness was the speaker.

In-Service Education Center

The In-Service Education Center offered 70 professional development sessions between January 1, and March 31, 2009 for a total of 1,443 participants.

Professional development sessions were offered for teachers in the Gadsden City System and the Etowah County System on January 6, 2009. A writing workshop for grades 3-8 was presented for Etowah County by Mr. Rick Shelton and a session entitled, "Think and Grow," was offered by Mr. Rich Martin in the Gadsden City System.

Sessions were offered at JSU, McClellan in January and February for School Improvement Specialists from the 15 school systems served by JSU In-Service Center.

The In-Service Center collaborated with the Alabama Department of Education to offer, "Middle Grades That Work." It was taught by Dr. Dorothy Dolasky.

A Textbook Expo was offered January 26 -29, 2009 at JSU, McClellan for the Textbook Committees of the 15 school systems served by JSU. The review sessions were provided by textbook publishers to enable the Committees to make selections of Language Arts books for adoption.

Sessions were offered by the In-Service Center in January, February, and March to mentor teachers in the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards application process.

AMSTI

Jacksonville State University will sponsor its third annual Alabama Math, Science, and Technology (AMSTI) Summer Institute training twenty-four schools from its In-Service Region. AMSTI – JSU expanded to include eleven new schools. The Summer Institute will be held July 6– 17, 2009 at Oxford Middle School. Approximately five hundred fifty teachers and administrators will be trained.

Leading up to the AMSTI Summer Institute, one thousand five hundred math and science kits will be assembled by the AMSTI-JSU staff. In the fall of 2009,

approximately one thousand math and science teachers in JSU's In-Service Region will be AMSTI trained and using AMSTI math and/or science kits.

Houston Cole Library

Publications:

Dean John-Bauer Graham reappointed to Editorial Board of *The Journal of Academic Librarianship*.

Latham, Bethany M. Managing Editor for *Historical Novels Review*.

Barnett-Ellis, Paula. Editor for *The Alabama Librarian*.

Poe, Jodi. Editor for the *Journal of Library and Information Services in Distance Learning*.

Book Chapters

Poe, Jodi and Sonja McAbee. "Electronic Reserves, Copyright, and CMS Integration – Six Years Later." In *Best Practices in Access Services*, ed. L. Driscoll and W.B. Mitchell, 251-263. New York: Routledge, 2009.

Peer Reviewed Journals

Charnigo, Laurie. "Lights! Camera! Action! Producing Library Instruction Video Tutorials Using Camtasia Studio" accepted for publication in *Journal of Library and Information Services in Distance Learning*.

Poe, Jodi and Sonja McAbee. "Electronic Reserves, Copyright, and CMS Integration – Six Years Later." *The Journal of Access Services* (v.5 no.1/2, 2007), pp.251-263.

Book Reviews

Poe, Jodi W. Rev. of Management Accountant's: Standard Desk Reference, by Jae K. Shim. *Choice* (v.46 no.7, 2009), p.1366.

Grants:

Wang, Hanrong. University Travel and Self Improvement Grant to present at the Chinese American Library Association annual meeting in Chicago, IL.

Lurleen B. Wallace College of Nursing and Health Sciences

Ms. Kim Craven and Ms. Kim Hollingsworth, along with Dr. James Rayburn from the Biology Department, presented "Ready, Set, Click! Integrating Technology for Classroom Interaction" at the January Academe meeting.

The Alabama State Nurses Association and the Alabama Coalition of Nursing Organizations sponsored a statewide rally for nurses at the Alabama State House and Capitol in Montgomery, AL on February 12. The event, "Healthcare in Crisis: Nurses' Day at the Capitol" highlighted the worsening nursing shortage and increasing concerns over access to quality healthcare for Alabamians. Nursing schools from across the state participated in this event. Twenty-one nursing faculty/staff and approximately 250 nursing students represented JSU at this event. Over 1,000 nurses and student nurses from all over the state attended making this the largest gathering of nurse professionals in Montgomery in many years.

Dr. Sarah Latham and Dr. Phyllis Waits participated at the SAACN and ACAPNEP Deans/Directors meetings in Montgomery, AL on March 3-6, 2009.

Drs. Sarah Latham and Phyllis Waits and Instructors Ms. Laura Walker and Ms. Kim Helms attended "Best Practices for Improving Student Success and Retention" at AUM March 5, 2009.

Ms. Christie Shelton successfully defended her dissertation "Predictors in Self-Reported Health Status Among Occupationally and Environmentally Exposed Individuals" on March 19 at UAB.

The College of Nursing and Health Sciences has been invited to participate in the 1st Annual Cultural Competency Nursing Faculty Institute workshop sponsored by the UAB through a HRSA grant. Ms. Marilyn Bougere, Dr. Carrie Elkins, Ms. Janel Crawford, Ms. Honey Holman, and Dr. Phyllis Waits will be participating in this workforce diversity workshop on April 3 in Birmingham, AL.

Honors Ceremony for May graduates will be held at the College of Nursing and Health Sciences on April 9, 2009. Sigma Theta Tau inductees, scholarship recipients, and special award recipients will be announced.

Annually, the Alabama State Nurses Association sponsors the largest and most prestigious nursing conference in the state, FACES. The following instructors will be presenting at FACES 2009 on April 21 in Montgomery, AL: Ms. Betsy Gulledge and Ms. Laura Walker will present “Stress Management for Nurses and Healthcare Providers”; Ms. Sherron DeWeese will present “Not Tonight, Honey, I Have a Headache: An Overview of Sexual Function and Advancing Age”; Ms. Cristy Daffron will present “Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Targeting the Elderly in Faith-based Community Settings”; and Ms. Kim Craven and Ms. Kim Hollingsworth will present two presentations “Welcome to Our World: Adventures in Geriatric Nursing Education” and “Ready, Set, Click! Integrating Technology for Classroom Interaction”.

Ms. Betsy Gulledge is writing a second opinion piece for MCN: The American Journal of Maternal Child Nursing to be published in the July/August edition. She will be writing the CON side of a pros/con opinion to “Should parents of toddlers receive BMI report cards from their day care providers”.

Division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management

Admissions Office

JSU hosted Spring Preview Day on February 21. High school juniors, seniors, and transfer students were invited to visit JSU and speak with representatives from all departments on campus. Campus tours, financial aid sessions, and housing sessions were also available.

JSU hosted the first ever Early Bird Registration Days on February 27 and March 6. The final Early Bird Registration Day is scheduled for March 28. Newly accepted undergraduate students were invited to attend this event and register for summer and fall classes. Early Bird Registration replaces the previous registration component of Spring Preview Days. A total of 226 new students registered for the fall 2009 semester on February 27 and March 6.

Career Services

Career Services (CS) partnered with Gadsden State Community College to host the Alabama Association of Colleges and Employers Winter Workshop on January 15-16. CS hosted 30 school systems for the Spring Education Fair on February 19 and 18 companies at the Spring Career Fair on March 10. Redstone Arsenal, Anniston Army Depot, and Leeds City Schools conducted on-campus interviews during this quarter. Twenty-five students were selected for co-op positions at the Anniston Army Depot.

Disability Support Services (DSS)

Ms. Katy Goodgame presented DSS program and services to CBA100 classes January 12th through 16th, 2009.

Ms. Katerri Krebs began her position as Staff Interpreter with DSS on January 16, 2009.

Mrs. Katy Goodgame attended the "HIV-Ab Counseling and Testing Skills In-Service" February 10, 2009.

As DSS club advisor, Ms. Katy Goodgame attended bi-weekly CADA (Campus Awareness of Diverse Abilities) student club meetings. The club had much success with a campus-wide bake sale on February 13, 2009.

Ms. Katy Goodgame, Ms. Stephanie Hatfield and Ms. Katerri Krebs participated in Preview Day on February 21, 2009 as representatives of DSS at the information booth.

Ms. Cindy Camp presented at the Early Hearing and Detection and Intervention (EHDI) conference in Dallas Texas March 9-10, 2009. Her presentation was on PEPNet Online training titled "iTransition". Ms. Camp also presented at a statewide Deaf Transition Conference in Houston, Texas on March 24. This conference provides information on how to help deaf and hard of hearing individuals transition from high school to the workforce to postsecondary education.

University Housing and Residence Life

Occupancy Report:

The re-application process for the Department of University Housing and Residence Life for the upcoming 2009-2010 academic year took place February 16 - March 6. Listed below are the numbers of residents that re-applied for on-campus housing over the past two (3) years:

2007-2008	662
2008-2009	764
2009-2010	762

Staff Report:

Ms. Andrea Pruitt reported that we have completed our Resident Assistant (RA) recruitment process for the 2009-2010 academic year. Over 120 students applied and 113 applicants interviewed for 57 positions. Of the 113 students that interviewed, 43 were returning Resident Assistants and 70 were new applicants. By April 6th, the selection process will be completed.

The Department of University Housing and Residence Life attended and helped with our annual Southeastern Association of Housing Officers (SEAHO) Conference. This yearly professional development opportunity is an excellent developmental experience for our department. This year's conference was hosted by the Alabama Association of Housing Officers (ALAO) on February 23-27 in Birmingham, Alabama. Jacksonville State University and Auburn University Montgomery worked together to serve on the host committee.

Mr. Wesley Todd reported that the Residence Hall Association (RHA) will work on assisting Relay for Life. Mr. Todd is also working on "Resident Appreciation Week" details for April 6-10.

Facilities Report:

In conjunction with the Physical Plant, the Department of University Housing and Residence Life schedules several projects throughout the department. These projects are carefully organized in order to continue enhancing the quality of living within our facilities. Please note the following projects that are planned for this summer.

Fitzpatrick Hall:	Mechanical Piping Replacement \$910,000 (estimate)
Sparkman Hall:	Exterior Improvement/Painting \$525,728 (bid closed)
Colonial Arms Apartments:	Renovate/Upgrade \$300,000 (estimate)
Pannell Hall:	Roof Replacement \$400,000 (estimate)
Dixon Hall:	Chiller Replacement (\$50k-Housing) \$128,000 (bid closed)
CCTV:	\$378,561.07 (bid closed)
Access Control:	\$248,801 (bid closed)
Fire Alarms:	Logan, Patterson, Crow, and International House are on line. Pannell, Dixon, and Daugette are nearing completion.

Program Report:

Resident Assistants have been providing numerous programming opportunities for residents during the month of February. Approximately 17 RAs presented 13 programs on topics ranging from health awareness, reapplication information, black history, Valentine's Day, Japanese language school, and drug awareness. In January, approximately 16 RAs presented 9 programs on topics ranging from part-time job fair, poetry night, microwave cooking, battle of the sexes, eye health awareness, STAT club informational meeting, and career guidance.

Mr. Bernie McGrenahan of Happy Hour Comedy was on campus on March 9, 2009 as the kick-off event for Safe Spring Break Week. This event was co-sponsored with Counseling Services.

On February 19, 2009, 25 students and staff members participated in the 2nd annual Birmingham Civil Rights Institute trip. Students had lunch at a UAB Dining Hall and then toured the institute. Students enjoyed themselves and stated they learned new information about the Civil Rights Movement.

Student Health Center

Mr. Robert Mills attended the Maj. Dwayne Williams Memorial Golf Tournament Committee Meeting and the Southern College Health Association (SCHA) Annual Conference, "Harmony in Health", held at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN on March 5-7, 2009.

Ms. Twyla Hobbs represented the Student Health Center at Jacksonville State University's Spring Preview Day at Stephenson Gym.

Effective March 9, 2009, the Student Health Center with the assistance of LabCorp implemented an independent fax system to ensure timely and quality lab reporting.

Ms. Ester Morrison, Temporary Project Assistant (LPN), filled in from January 8 through February 13, 2009, for Ms. Nancy Edge-Schmitz while she was on medical leave.

Ms. Nancy Edge-Schmitz resigned as Director of the Student Health Center on February 6, 2009.

The total number of client visits this quarter was 948. This includes 773 student visits and 175 faculty/staff visits. The primary care physicians and the gynecologist provided services at the Student Health Center 16 hours per week during the months of January – March 2009.

University Police

Chief Giddy, Sgt. Mann, Sgt. Schaffer and Cpl. Singleton attended Police Pak Training in Prattville, AL.

Chief Giddy and Melonie Carmichael attended ICS-300 training at the Center for Domestic Preparedness Homeland Security.

The Regional High School Basketball tournament was successfully held at Pete Mathews Coliseum.

The UPD jurisdiction bill passed the House and is under review in the Senate.

UPD applied for grant that would provide 50 percent funding to purchase protective vests for the officers.