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Dear Alumni,

Jacksonville State University lost an icon with the death of Mr. Pete Mathews in April. "Mr. Pete" served his alma mater as a trustee and in various other roles for more than sixty years. We highlight his life of service on page six. And we note the passing of Dr. James Fairleigh, retired music department head.

Also in this issue, we learn that students returning to civilian life following military service in Iraq face challenges as they readjust to life at home and school. Army veteran Randy Wilson, a sergeant injured in the line of duty during the first gulf war,

writes from experience on page five about how the veterans cope as they return to JSU and re-establish a normal life.

JSU's school ties have a California twist. See our page seven feature about David Hale, Tim Tyson, and Jim Schoeneck, a trio of graduates whose careers landed them within close proximity of one another on the West Coast.

Young motorists who use cell phones drive no better than seventy-year-olds, according to a recent study. JSU's Dr. Michael Clayton, a psychologist, has been experimenting with ways to remind drivers to hang up. Sherry Kughn reports Dr. Clayton's findings on page eleven.

We look forward to seeing you again on October 29 during another exciting Homecoming celebration. At 4 p.m. that evening, the Gamecocks will continue to break in the new artificial turf in Paul Snow Stadium during a contest against Tennessee Tech.

Sincerely,

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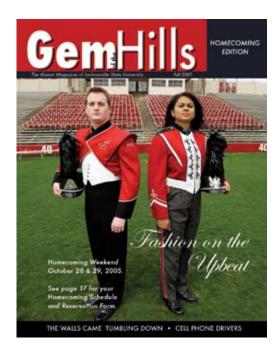
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## Criminal Justice Program Maintains National Reputation



Criminal justice alumni David Patterson (at left with daughter Heley) and Jim Epik (right) chat with criminal justice Professor Randy Wood during the 2004 annual dinner.

Jacksonville State University alumnus Steve Botello found only a few job opportunities when he graduated in 1981 with a bachelor's degree in law enforcement. Throughout the years, he has seen those opportunities grow tremendously.

"The opportunities are about twenty times greater now than when I graduated," said Mr. Botello, who owns a company near Washington, D.C., that designs and installs videoconferencing network equipment solutions. Among his clients are the White House and the Department of Justice.

The acting head of the university's Department of Criminal Justice, Dr. Randal Wood, agrees that criminal justice jobs are in demand, especially for those with a degree. The department offers degrees in four areas: law enforcement, forensic investigations, security administration, and corrections.

"JSU offers an excellent course of study for the criminal justice professional," said another alumnus, Jim Epik, a security specialist with the federal government who also works in the D.C. area. He and Mr. Botello formed the JSU Criminal Justice Alumni Association to assist students with finding tuition and jobs.

"JSU has an excellent academic program based on the strong professional experience of the professors," said Mr. Epik. "Additionally, the two criminal justice fraternities, Lambda Alpha Epsilon and Alpha Phi Sigma, and the internship program prepare students for current job openings

and future job opportunities."

Dr. Wood, who is also a JSU alumnus, knows firsthand how it feels to help students. He obtained his law degree after graduating with a degree in criminal justice, and then he decided to teach rather than practice law.

"I feel I am impacting lives in a positive way," said Dr. Wood,

who has been acting head since September 2004

According to Dr. Wood, there are about 600 majors in the department, a number that has grown steadily throughout the years. Much of that growth is related to increased market demand for criminal justice graduates, especially in forensic investigation, which is also related to advances in science and technology. Some of the growth, too, according to Dr. Wood, relates to the excellent reputation of JSU's department.

The department maintains member-

ship, he said, in the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS), which establishes high standards for criminal justice programs throughout the nation.

Dr. Bob Evans, professor and director of criminal justice graduate studies, says JSU has worked to comply with the standards of the ACJS throughout the years. Just this past March, at the annual meeting of the ACJS, the standards were formalized by the adoption of a certification procedure. The procedure is expected to lead to the department's accreditation within the next three to four years. When accreditation becomes a reality, all programs will be required to meet certification standards.

Dr. Evans said, "We have been able to maintain an academically rigorous and quality program."

Dr. Wood said the reputation of the department is well established.

"I know people who come here from all over the country," he said.

For information about the Criminal Justice Chapter of the Alumni Association, go to www.jsu.edu/alumni/chapters.html. For information about enrolling in the program, call 256-782-5335.

#### **RECENT RETIREES**

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## JSU Mourns Loss of Dr. James Fairleigh

Dr. James Fairleigh, head of JSU's music department for twenty years before retiring in 2000, died 20 February 2005 in Senaca, S.C.

Dr. Fairleigh, a pianist and organist, earned his Ph.D. in



Dr. James Fairleigh

musicology and a bachelor's in music from the University of Michigan. He earned his master's degree in music theory from the University of Southern California. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and many other scholarly and civic organizations.

Upon retiring, Dr. Fairleigh was named Professor Emeritus. Before coming to JSU, Dr. Fairleigh taught at Rhode Island College in Providence, Rhode Island and Hanover College in Hanover, Indiana. Throughout his thirty-five year music career, he performed extensively throughout the United States and Europe.

Dr. Fairleigh served the Episcopal Church of the Ascension as organist and was co-director of the choir. Before relocating to Seneca, he served as minister of music at First Presbyterian Church in Anniston for twenty years, where he and his wife Marlane were members.

He is survived by his wife, Marlane; a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Carey Hofferber of Frisco, Texas; a son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Victoria Fairleigh of Landing, N. J.; a sister, Catherine Haley of Houston, Texas, and three grandchildren, James and Andrew Fairleigh and Kaylee Marlane Hofferber.

Memorial gifts may be sent to the Dr. David L. Walters Department of Music, Mason Hall, Jacksonville, AL 36265; the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 214 Northampton Rd., Seneca, S. C. 29672; or to the Choir Fund, First Presbyterian Church, 1701 Henry Rd., Anniston, AL 36202.

#### Auctioneer School Meets Demands for Pros

Rita K. Smith, program coordinator for the Office of Continuing Education, takes a more active role than ever in promoting the department's auctioneer school after earning her own apprentice auctioneer license in February 2004.

"Auctioneer school is wonderful," said Ms. Smith. "It creates a bond between the students and instructors and is fun."

Once students receive their apprentice license, they must work under their sponsoring auctioneer for one year and take part in at least five auctions before they can qualify to take the auctioneer test.

The school seeks to attract students from throughout the Southeast and is one of the few auctioneer schools offered in Alabama.

Students' graduation requirements include taking part in a charity auction to benefit local groups.

As for income possibilities for auctioneers, "You can make a dollar or a million dollars, depending on your drive," said Ms. Smith.

Some students take the basic course and then specialize in specific auction areas, such as antiques, real estate, heavy equipment, automobiles, livestock, and farms. Past students say auctioneer training has given them confidence and success.

"One instructor used the phrase, 'I'm driving this truck,'" said Ms. Smith. "This meant he was in charge when in front of a class or bid calling at an auction."

For further information about auctioneer training, call the Continuing Education Office at 256-782-5918.



# New English Language Institute to Help Foreigh-Speaking Students

The university's new English Language Institute (ELI) attracts students who need help learning to read, write, and speak English in order to attend college. To attend ELI, a student must be a high school graduate in his or her home country and age 17 or older at the time of application.

"We are very happy to have this opportunity to serve students who have an interest in attending JSU or another American institution, as well as those professionals who want a short-term American learning experience," said ELI Director Phillip Perkins. "We are really interested in building our enrollment and program quickly, so that satisfied students will recruit for us via word of mouth after

enjoying a positive experience with ELI."

Eight-week sessions will take place during the fall and spring semesters. Students may take advantage of double, sixteen-week sessions. Half sessions are also available.

The non-credit courses are available on six levels, ranging from beginners to advanced. Sessions emphasize a thorough knowledge of American culture. The ELI Conversation Partners Program allows interaction with American students. Many campus activities are available to ELI students.

For more information, call 256-782-8350 or e-mail eli@jsu.edu. To learn more about ELI, go to www.jsu.edu/eli.

## Writers' Club Receives \$1,500 Gift

The Jacksonville State University Writ-

ers' Club recently received \$1,500 from the family of someone who loved storytelling—the late Dr. Robert U. Moersch.

The club earmarked the contribution for its annual fiction writing competition, which began last year through the initiative of President Randy Wilson, '05.

Dr. Moersch was a longtime Calhoun County surgeon who died in 2000. Over the years, he had im-

parted his love for words and stories to his granddaughter, student Sarah Fuselli. She is a member of the Writers' Club and pursuing a bachelor's degree in English. She proposed the idea of a memorial gift to her grandmother, Mrs. Marion Moersch of Jacksonville.

"She was very excited," said Miss Fuselli. "My grandfather was a big storyteller. He loved to tell the story of Robin Hood and stories by Hans Christian Andersen."

Because of the gift, the competition was

renamed the Dr. Robert U. Moersch Short Fiction Writing Contest.

> "We greatly appreciate this gift," said faculty adviser Dr. Pitt Harding. "Members of our club have a keen interest in creative writing, and this gift will further that interest. It also gives us the pleasant task of overseeing the selection of winners."

Miss Fuselli often sat with her grandfather during his final years. During their time together, he

encouraged her writing habit, something she practiced even as a young child.

"This would have meant a lot to him," she said.

All JSU students interested in joining the group should go to www.geocities. com/jsuwritersclub.

Writers' Club officers were Randy Wilson, president; Jeff Kretzschmar, vice president; Jennifer Bacchus, secretary; Sarah Fuselli, treasurer; and Joshua Thoney, publi-



## Birmingham Area Chapter Hosts State of the University Reception



Members of the Birmingham Planning Committee are, from left to right, Lacey Bacchus, '00; Shelley Suco, '94; Emily Clark, '99; Sarita Gooden, '03; Jimese Harkley, '05; and Judy Roberts, '75 (chapter president). (Not pictured: Phillip Privett, '93.)

A State of the University alumni reception was held at The Summit Club atop Harbert Plaza in downtown Birmingham on the evening of 19 May. Jeh-Jeh Pruitt, '95, of Fox 6 news, a 1995 graduate and member of the National Alumni Association board, served as emcee. Nearly a hundred alumni and friends attended. Several faculty, staff, and students spoke about JSU's academic progress. University President William A. **Meehan, '72/'76**, served as the evening's keynote speaker and gave local alumni an update on several campus projects, the athletics program, and the Capital Campaign. Head Football Coach Jack Crowe discussed this year's football team and shared his enthusiasm about going for a third straight

Ohio Valley Conference championship.

Sponsors of the event were AmSouth Bank; Mr. Charlie Waldrep, '71; Drs. Wayne, '48, and Sara Finley; and Mr. Sperry Snow, '72. Dr. Meehan and Birmingham Area Chapter President Judy Roberts, '75, thanked sponsors for participating and making the evening possible.

Ms. Roberts said, "We are extremely thrilled with the turnout at this event. We hope to continue to offer more opportunities for alumni in the Birmingham area to gather socially." The chapter will hold a post-game gathering immediately following the JSU vs. Samford game on November 12. Contact the alumni office for more information.

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## Life After Iraq

The Jacksonville State University students mobilized or deployed in support of military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan had to place their college careers on hold to fulfill military service requirements. Mobilizations generally consist of one year of active duty. These students/soldiers must face many challenging issues as they return and begin the readjustment from soldier back to student.

"When the students return, they are tightly wound," said Lt. Col. Herschel May, the battalion commander of the ROTC detachment at JSU. "They've just come out of an environment where they couldn't relax, and it takes a while for them to decompress and learn to relax again."

# "Just being able to pick out my own clothes again [is a big change]."

One of the many challenging adjustments students must make when returning from a deployment is that they are no longer the center of attention. A soldier standing in a foxhole is provided with everything he might need. Someone delivers ammo, water, food, and anything else. The soldier delivering the supplies receives everything he needs. He gets a truck and protection from enemy fire, as well as his basic supplies. The army ensures that everyone is able to accomplish his or her individual mission.

"Just being able to pick out my own clothes again [is a big change]," said Richard Pugh of Heflin, a JSU student recently returned from Iraq. "Wearing blue jeans again is nice."

"However, upon returning to stateside and school, the attention is no longer focused on you or your needs to accomplish your mission. Now, you are just another face in the crowd. To employ a football analogy, when mobilized or deployed you're in the game, no matter the position—end, quarterback, offensive line. Once your tour-of-duty expires, you're relegated to the sidelines or into the stadium." Relationships may also present complex challenges as couples reunite after a long separation.

"Students sometimes have to rebuild relationships," said Lt. Col. May. "Whether it is with a spouse, a girlfriend or boyfriend, or friends, it takes a little while to readjust and reestablish familiarity."

Counseling is available through JSU's Counseling and Career Services at no cost to the student. Counseling and support services are also offered by the army and by the Veterans Administration Clinic in Anniston.

"There are more cadets who were mobilized/deployed with the army reserve or national guard units," said Linda Bright of the Department of Military Science. "They knew in advance and therefore never registered for classes."

#### By Randy Wilson, '05

(Editor's Note: Mr. Wilson is a former army sergeant and a decorated veteran of the first gulf war who was injured in the line of duty.)

Left to right: Dr. Meehan, Rita Price, Douglas M. Price, and Bob Campbell

Mr. Douglas M. Price, '75, presented President Bill
Meehan with a copy of his new book, Lapside, the Holly
Odyssey of Saint Nickolaas
Claus, as the Prince of Teal.
The book is available at www.
ingrambook.com and other bookstores including
www.buybooksontheweb.com.

## **Zotov Pursues Doctorate**

Former International House student Alexander Zotov, a native of Tula, Russia, is pursuing a doctorate in neuroscience at the University of Alabama at Birmingham on a scholarship from UAB.

Mr. Zotov is conducting research into the structure, function, and disorders of the brain and nervous system. The fiveyear scholarship includes tuition, health insurance, and an annual stipend.

"This scholarship means the world to me," said Mr. Zotov. "I can continue to follow my dreams and live up to family expectations."

Mr. Zotov's mother is a high school principal, his brother is a university professor in micromechanics, and both maternal grandparents are teachers.

"We were a little concerned about Alexander when he first arrived," said Dr. John Ketterer, director of the International House. "He was a frightened adolescent who spoke very little English."

Mr. Zotov enrolled at JSU in 2001 at the age of 18 when he arrived from Tula, a town just south of Moscow. He came to JSU specifically to join the IH program,



JSU International House student Alexander Zotov, left, with Dr. John Ketterer, director of the IH Program.

which began in 1946 with five students from France.

Zotov became a member of the IH family of forty students—twenty American students and twenty international students. IH students are chosen through a competitive process, and only the most qualified are selected. Each international student selected receives a scholarship for one year.

According to Dr. Ketterer, "Now he is a self-confident and competent young man. He has achieved success at the highest level at JSU through hard work and dedication."

After his studies at UAB, Mr. Zotov plans on combining his skills in microcomputers and neuroscience with his bother's skills in micromechanics to develop innovative ways of helping people.

### JSU Mourns the Loss of Pete Mathews

Pete Mathews 16 November 1918 — 05 April 2005

Mr. Charles T. "Pete" Mathews, 87, died 5 April at Ashland Hospital in his hometown of Ashland, Alabama. He served 38 years on the Jacksonville State University board of trustees and was named by the board after his retirement as Chairman Emeritus. Mr. Mathews served the university with distinction in various capacities for more than 60 years and was the last member of JSU's founding board at the time he stepped down from the governing body on 21 October 2004. He resigned as chairman in 2002.

Born 16 November 1917 in Ashland, Mr. Mathews enrolled in Jacksonville State Teachers College in 1935 and graduated with a teaching degree in 1939. He taught school one year in Munford before deciding to become a lawyer.

Mr. Mathews entered the United States Army at the outbreak of World War II and served four years. He was stationed in the United States and Canada, assigned to the ordnance works at Brecon (in Talladega), at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds near Baltimore, and at an ordnance depot in Ontario. He spent most of his wartime service as a platoon sergeant in charge of basic training. At the end of his service, he was discharged as a first lieutenant.

Following military life, Mr. Mathews returned to college on the G.I. Bill and received a law degree from the University of Alabama. He practiced law in his hometown, Ashland.

After practicing law for ten years, in 1955 Mr. Mathews entered politics and was elected to the Alabama House of Representatives. Gov. "Big Jim" Folsom appointed him to rewrite the state's insurance laws. Over the next twenty years, Mr. Mathews served the people of Alabama in both the Senate and the House. He was named Outstanding State Senator by the Alabama Capitol Press's Radio and Television Corps. He was voted Most Effective Member of the

House of Representatives while serving in that body.

Following his service in the legislature, Mr. Mathews was elected to the Alabama Public Service Commission, culminating his twenty-four years of elective service.

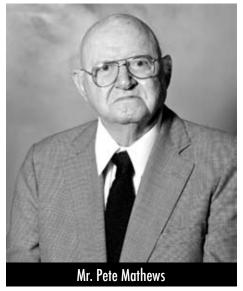
Mr. Mathews served for nineteen years as the in-house counsel for the Alabama Farm Bureau and its insurance company. He also served as the legislative liaison for the Alabama Retail Association in both Montgomery and Washington.

The Clay County native was appointed by Gov. Lurleen B. Wallace to the board of trustees in 1967. Mr. Mathews sponsored the bill in 1966 that changed the name of his alma mater from Jacksonville State College to Jacksonville State University. He has served as president of the Alumni Association and was named Alumnus of the Year in 1962. He established two funds at JSU totaling \$1.5 million for scholarships. Mr. Mathews specified that the funds would take effect after his death and provide tuition scholarships in perpetuity, with Clay County students getting first consideration.

The board of trustees honored Mr. Mathews in 1974 by naming the largest coliseum in northeast Alabama as the Pete Mathews Coliseum. Years ago the university baseball field was named Pete Mathews Field.

His thirty-eight years on the board of trustees included twenty years as president pro-tem. He announced on 21 October 2002 that he would resign as chairman and not seek reappointment.

Under his leadership as board chairman, JSU grew in enrollment and prestige. Mr. Mathews worked with five university presidents and assisted the institution's growth from a teacher's college to a university. During Mr. Mathews' time on the board, the university grew from three buildings to a busy campus populated by more than 9,000 students. The board of trustees honored Mr. Mathews with an honorary doctorate, which was conferred by President Harold J. McGee in December 1990.



In announcing his withdrawal from the board in 2004, Mr. Mathews told the audience at the trustee meeting, "After thirty-six years on the board and over half that as the chairman, the time has come for me to step down and pass the torch. That's half a normal man's lifetime that I've been on the board."

# Leave a Legacy

If you would like to leave a legacy at JSU, as Mr. Mathews did, either for yourself or someone you know, simply contact the JSU Foundation office for assistance. Creating a memorial scholarship is a great way to honor someone. Contact the JSU Foundation office at 256-782-5306 or via email at idev@jsu.edu.

## JSU's California Ties

JSU's school ties have a California twist. Three alumni—David Hale, Tim Tyson, and Jim Schoeneck—live near one another in California and work in pharmaceuticals.

#### MR. DAVID HALE

As an entering freshman during the mid-1960s, **David Hale**, '70, formerly of Glencoe, began taking pre-med classes but decided to use his studies in biology and chemistry to pursue a career in pharmaceuticals after completing his degree in biology.

Mr. Hale now lives near San Diego and serves as president and CEO of CancerVax Corporation, a publicly traded biotechnology company.

The company's PSA test for prostate cancer has helped millions of men throughout the world.

Mr. Hale cites another important work: developing a therapeutic cancer vaccine called Canvaxin™ to treat advanced melanoma. In 2004, the company also broke through the trade embargo against Cuba by gaining permission to bring to the U.S. a promising treatment for lung cancer.

Mr. Hale is co-chairman of the university's Capital Campaign, which he calls an important project that strengthens the university's role in creating a positive economic outlook for the area.

"I think the major reason that I like to help JSU is that it gives people an opportunity to gain an education to pursue their goals and dreams for the future," he said.

#### MR. TIM TYSON

Tim Tyson, '76/'79, CEO of Valeant Pharmaceuticals International, lives and works in Orange County. His company, based in Costa Mesa, is involved in the discovery, development, manufacturing, and marketing of pharmaceutical products, primarily in the areas of neurology, dermatology, and infectious disease. Mr. Tyson feels his greatest achievements include his becoming senior vice president of sales and marketing for GlaxoWellcome, becoming president of worldwide manufacturing and supply for GlaxoSmithKline, and achieving his current position as CEO at Valeant.

Mr. Tyson graduated from Dryden







High School near of Ithaca, N.Y., and the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. He completed the Master of Public Administration and the Master of Business Administration at JSU while stationed at Ft. McClellan.

JSU's graduate programs gave Mr. Tyson an opportunity to prepare for a career outside the military. He said his professors encouraged him to interact with students from international backgrounds.

"I gained a strong understanding of business and finance while at JSU and learned that success in business is all about training and preparation, leadership skills, and, most importantly, valuing people," said Mr. Tyson.

"I want to support the university's growth and commitment to its students. They are tomorrow's leaders and our future," he said.

#### MR. JIM SCHOENECK

Colleagues of **Jim Schoeneck**, '79, often remarked about how easily he made presentations in front of large audiences. As a former CEO of ActivX Biosciences, Inc., in San Diego, he credits his performances with the Southerners for giving him that kind of confidence.

"I think being in the music department, performing, and interacting with talented people helped tremendously with my self confidence," said Mr. Schoeneck, who was a member of several ensembles. Mr. Schoeneck, a Wisconsin native, earned a Bachelor of Science in Education. He entered the pharmaceutical industry during the early 1980s.

While at Centocor, he led the launch of Remicade, a new product for Crohn's disease sufferers that also treated severe rheumatoid arthritis. During his tenure as president and CEO of Prometheus Laboratories, Inc., the company was ranked by *Inc.* magazine as the third fastest growing private company in America. Mr. Schoeneck also became the president of the board of the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America.

In addition to serving as CEO of ActivX during 2003-2004, Mr. Schoeneck worked for Rhone-Poulenc Rorer (now Aventis) in 1992. He joined Centocor, a Philadelphia based biotech company in 1996 and served as general manager of Centocor's immunology business unit until 1999. He headed Prometheus Laboratories from late 1999 until 2003, and he recently sold ActivX Biosciences to Kyorin Pharmaceuticals of Japan.

"Specific knowledge isn't the most important thing in the work world. It's learning to analyze, think, and problemsolve, as well as working with and leading people who will help you find the right path for yourself and help you excel," said Mr. Schoeneck.

Mr. Schoeneck's wife, **Cindy Engelman Schoeneck**, '79, is a nursing graduate and former Southerner.

By Sherry Kughn

## Meet Singer and Professor Kenneth Shaw



Kenneth Shaw (left) rehearses a scene with JSU student Desmond Hubbard. In March, Mr. Shaw performed at the First United Methodist Church in Anniston with alumni Teresa Cheatham Stricklin and Steve Simmons. During his visit, he also taught a master class to JSU's voice students.

Kenneth Shaw, '79, a bass-baritone opera singer and assistant professor of voice at the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music, owns and operates a private voice studio in Cincinnati, Ohio.

# Q. Where are you originally from, and what was your major at JSU?

A. I am from Newnan, Georgia. I graduated in 1979 with a Bachelor of Science in education with special honors in music (voice). Afterward, I obtained a Master of Music degree in vocal performance from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge.

# Q. What do you consider your most important achievements since graduating from JSU?

A. I debuted with New York City Opera in 1987 and received the Debut Artist of the Year Award. I debuted at Carnegie Hall with Leonie Rysanek and Gabriella Benachkova. I performed with the Opera Orchestra of New York and became a faculty member at the Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music. Also, I have sung leading operatic roles throughout the United States, Canada, South America, and Southeast Asia.

# Q. What is the extent of your teaching experience?

A. I have taught in public schools on every level. I was assistant professor of voice and opera at Converse College in Spartanburg, S.C., from 1996-99 before teaching in my current position at Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music. I have taught private lessons in voice throughout my career.

## Q. What are your favorite memories of ISU?

A. I enjoyed singing with JSU's A Capella Choir and performing the role of Cliff in *Cabaret*. I also enjoyed directing the Baptist Campus Ministry's choir for two years and spending quality time with my friends, with many of whom I maintain friendships.

# Q. What skill did you acquire at JSU that has helped you the most?

A. I gained my first real knowledge of how to sing from Dr. Dan Marsengill. He started me on the road to a good technique. I learned musicality and sight-singing skills from my tenure in A Capella Choir under the direction of Mr. Bayne Dobbins.

## Q. What advice would you give to students?

A. They should work to achieve their dreams. The operative word here is "work." Students should love other people and tell the truth — always. I have not always done that, and I suffered when I didn't.

## Q. Do you contribute your efforts to a charity?

A. Occasionally, I will sing for local museums and organizations to help them raise money for something specific.

### JSU Alumnus is First to Seek New Law Degree

Alumnus **Michael Parker**, '87/'89, of Anniston became the first law student accepted into the new national security law program at Catholic University of America (CUA) in Washington, D.C. Sparked by a growing need for legal experts on matters relating to homeland security, the program focuses on national security and foreign affairs.

Until this past December, Mr.
Parker was working in Anniston for Legal
Services of Alabama as counsel for the
elderly for the East Alabama Regional
Planning and Development Commission's
Area Agency on Aging. Mr. Parker said he
loved his job providing free legal assistance
to people more than sixty years old who
lived in a ten-county area, but the new opportunity sounded too good to pass up.

"The degree will give me the chance to expand upon my professional experience as a legal aid attorney," said Mr. Parker, "and to take an active role in helping to shape and develop legal authority and decisions in the crucial area of national security."

Mr. Parker obtained a bachelor's in marketing in 1987 and an MBA in 1989. He said he considered pursuing a doctorate in education, but he decided that a law degree, combined with his business background, would offer more options.

#### How to Become an Old Alum

by Randy Wilson, '05

Science has made great strides in the area of human longevity, but is it really possible for most of us to prolong our life?

According to the Centers for Disease Control, the number one cause of death in the United States, for people forty-five and older, is heart disease. While we can't escape death, there are measures we can employ to prolong life, such as eliminating risk factors for heart disease and acquiring a healthier lifestyle

"The single most important concept in prolonging life is prevention," said Mrs. Amanda Bonds, clinical associate and instructor in JSU's College of Nursing and Health Sciences. "The lack of prevention may lead to the death of the majority."

Mrs. Kristi Beam, R.N. and instructor, said, "Exercising three times a week, in 30-minute sessions, is crucial to longevity. Exercising has many benefits, especially stress reduction."

And Dr. William Hey,
professor of health,
physical education,
and recreation, advises
the following: "Have a
healthy reason to get
up every morning.
A number of studies on aging indicate
that people who have
responsibilities, such
as a job, a hobby, or
some other reason to
feel productive or needed,

usually live longer."

According to the Department of Health, the average lifespan of men and women in the United States in 1950 was 65.1 and 71.0 years, respectively. Today, the average is 73.6 and 79.4 years. The increase

was due mostly to advances in medicine. However, there are many other actions a person can take to live longer.

"The simple ideas of not smoking, eating a healthy diet, and exercising regularly remain the most important factors in living a prolonged, healthy life." said Mrs. Bonds

Says Mrs. Beam, "Do not consume excessive amounts of alcohol and maintain vaccinations against infectious diseases."

And Dr. Hey advises, "Volunteer your time to a worthy cause and get a pet of some kind. The responsibility of pet ownership can provide a good reason for some people to get up every day."

Using these tips *may* help you live longer; surely they will help you live better.

Before beginning a new diet or exercise program, please consult your medical doctor.



Now, for the foods that will make us look good: Dr. Goodwin says three foods are particularly good for appearance -- blueberries, pumpkins, and fish with omega-3 fatty acids, such as salmon. Nutrients in blueberries work with vitamin C to strengthen the capillary system and promote the production of collagen, the underlying protein of skin and tissues.

The carotenoids in pumpkins play a major role in protecting the skin and the eyes from the damaging effects of ultraviolet light. Salmon has more fatty acids that provide the body with vitamin D, which also protects the skin against the sun's most damaging rays.

## Eat Right to be an Old, Good-Looking Alum

Can some foods help us feel better, look better, and slow the aging process?

"The answer is yes," says Dr. Debra Goodwin, an assistant professor in JSU's Department of Family and Consumer Sciences. "Plant-based foods are our primary source of foods that can retard the aging process and make us look and feel better."

Dr. Goodwin says two of the best foods to improve our health are beans and blueberries. She cites a 2001 study that shows adults who often ate them had more than a 20 percent lower risk of coronary disease. Also, blood pressure and total cholesterol improved. One cup of blueberries daily can decrease cardiovascular disease, cancer, and macular degeneration.

"Blueberries are expensive to eat throughout the year," says Dr. Goodwin. "Alternatives are purple grapes, cranberries, raspberries, strawberries, and black cherries. They, too, have similar nutrients that can help prevent disease." One of the best foods for improved health, says Dr. Goodwin, is pumpkin because it is high in carotenes. Eating yellow and orange vegetables has been shown to decrease the risk of cancer, especially in the lungs, colon, bladder, breasts, and on the skin.

Dr. Goodwin lists fourteen of the best foods for good health, a list that was produced by well-known physician and research scientist Dr. Steven Pratt. Those foods are beans, blueberries, broccoli, oats, oranges, pumpkin, salmon, soy, spinach, tea, tomatoes, turkey, walnuts, and yogurt. Most of us learn the hard way that some foods make us feel badly. Dr. Goodwin agrees.

"Foods high in sugar and fat are going to reduce our energy levels and cause us to feel sluggish, short-term," she says. "Longterm, they make us gain weight and predispose us for diabetes. So, sticking with foods that we know are good for us makes us feel better short-term and long-term."

## Dr. Effie Sawyer, 84, Likes Serving Others

**Dr. Effie Mae Sawyer, '81,** author of *The First Hundred Years: the History of Jacksonville State University, 1883-1983*, sends regards to all her Jacksonville friends and says she is doing well.

"I have lots of memories of JSU," she said.

JSU alumni will always be indebted to her for recording the university's history, which is now online at www.alabamamosaic. org.

Dr. Sawyer served as secretary to JSU presidents Dr. Houston Cole and Dr. Ernest Stone. She lives in DeKalb, Miss., "between the Methodist and Presbyterian churches, which is only a block from the courthouse," she said.

As always, Dr. Sawyer is active in her church. She now attends the DeKalb Methodist Church, where she teaches Sunday school every third Sunday. She cooks, tends roses, accompanies her family to plays and movies, and takes part in activities related to the library, senior citizens, and the chamber of commerce.

She holds an honorary doctorate of letters from JSU and is also author of a history book about the church she attended while living in Jacksonville, the First Presbyterian Church. She wrote its history after she

retired, with help from her friends, Mr. and Mrs. Opal Lovett, and members of the church.

As a young woman, Dr. Sawyer traveled from Mississippi to Birmingham to attend business school. She met her husband there, and the two married and settled in Jacksonville. During her tenure, she earned a Bachelor of Science degree at JSU in general business with two minors, English and economics.

Dr. Sawyer's resume reads like an item from Who's Who in American Colleges, where she indeed once was listed. In 1949-50, Dr. Sawyer was the state president of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. In 1953, she was a member of the Professional Secretaries International (PSI) and in 1955 became a certified professional secretary. She was secretary/treasurer of the Council of Public Housing Officials in 1955 and served on the commission and was vice chairman of the Jacksonville Housing Authority. In 1972, she was president of the Ladiga Chapter of the PSI and was secretary of the group in 1975. She was ISU Alumna of the Year in 1984, when she was served as elder at the Presbyterian Church. She received the honorary doctorate presented by JSU President Dr. Theron E. Montgomery in 1984.

## Accidental Expert on Web Design

By the time graphic artist **Clint Baker**, **'92**, graduated from JSU, he had earned enough work experience to last a lifetime.

It was his job at an advertising agency, one that related little to his bachelor's degree in English, that eventually led to his becoming a web designer for the Discovery Channel, *National Geographic*, the *Washington Post*, ABC News, and many other well-known companies and organizations.

Now, Mr. Baker cannot imagine being confined to an office job. He enjoys the benefits of working out of his home in the city of his choice—Memphis, Tenn. He likes the freedom that working on contract gives him, and he loves assisting his wife with the rearing of their two young sons.

Mr. Baker is from Albertville, where he won a drama scholarship while in high school. He took his basic courses and decided as a junior to change his course of studies to English. He was not sure what to

> minor in, but when he took all the courses offered by his favorite JSU art professor, Mr. Carter Osterbind, he had his minor in art.

After he worked in Washington, D.C., for awhile, companies began calling and asking if he would design interactive websites for them or promote their products

on the web. Mr. Baker has continued to attract clients with his own innovative website at www.clintbaker.com. Posted are interactive games and previews for movies and products. Throughout the website are places where users can e-mail Mr. Baker with inquiries about job proposals. He said he is happy to communicate with students considering graphic arts for a career.

#### Houston Cole Library Begins Collaborative Digital Project

The Houston Cole Library has begun its contribution to Alabama's first statewide digital repository, Alabama Mosaic (www.alabamamosaic. org).

The Alabama Mosaic website houses The Cornerstone Project, a unique collection of digitally accessible manuscripts, images, music, and other primary resources related to Alabama history. The materials included in The Cornerstone Project have been digitized from the special collections of Alabama libraries, archives, historical societies, and other repositories. The project was made possible through the efforts of the Network of Alabama Academic Libraries (NAAL) consortium, of which Houston Cole Library is a member.

NAAL received funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, a federal agency that provides grants to libraries and museums. Other NAAL participants in the project include The University of Alabama, Auburn University, UAB, UAH, and many others. The JSU Archaeology/Anthropology Department's Southeastern Indian Research Center participates in the project, contributing materials from Alabama land areas ceded by native Americans during the eighteenth to nineteenth centuries.

The Houston Cole Library contributed its first record to the site this week, making Effie White Sawyer's The First Hundred Years: the History of Jacksonville State University, 1883-1983 available in digital format. Many more records will follow as the Library digitizes "The Harry Strange Collection of Alabamiana," which consists of more than 200 items relating to early 1800s Alabama history. The addition of new resources to Alabama Mosaic will be ongoing as JSU and other institutions around the state digitize their unique collections in order to benefit students, teachers, and researchers.

# Can You Hear Me Now?

By Sherry Kughn, '73/'05



## Drivers Who Use Cell Phones Perform No Better Than Seventy-Year-Olds

Vniversity of Utah study
of cell phone use had some
surprising results: twentyyear-olds who drive while
talking on the cell phone
perform no better than
seventy-year-olds.

The study also showed that elderly drivers have even slower reaction times when they drive and talk on a phone. For both groups, the results are the same whether drivers use hand-held or hands-free phones.

"I am surprised," said JSU student Dzung Le from Vietnam when told about the slowed reaction times. "And I always thought a hands-free phone would be safer."

Leslie Harris, a senior from Oxford, is not surprised that cell phone use slows reaction time in drivers. "I never talk on mine and drive," she said. "I just can't. If someone calls me, I tell them I'll call them back."

The study, conducted by psychology professor David Strayer, appeared in a recent issue of *Human Factors*, a trade journal.

JSU's Dr. Michael Clayton, professor of psychology, conducted his own study recently after observing a co-worker make a dangerous turn in front of traffic with a cell phone in her hand. He also knew someone who was killed in a wreck while talking on a cell phone.

"Eighty-five percent of cell phone carriers use them while driving," he said. "Six percent of auto accidents are caused by cell phone use."

During the JSU study, Dr. Clayton posted several psychology majors at the campus exit at Trustee Circle and Pelham Road. He instructed the students to show drivers a sign saying "Please hang up. I care." If the drivers complied, they flipped the sign over. "Thank you," it read. The goal was to see if the message affected future behavior. After several days in a row with signs being shown at the same time each day, students recorded a twenty percent decrease in the use of cell phones among the same drivers.

The results of the study will be published in the *Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis*. In his article, Dr. Clayton will say that talking on a cell phone while driving puts too much of a drain on concentration.

"We have only so much attention," said Dr. Clayton. "It's like a pie. Each task takes a slice. Talking on a cell phone takes a large slice and doesn't leave enough for driving."

One JSU student with an admitted reputation for excessive cell phone use is Kenn Catoe of Andalusia. He remembered seeing the JSU students with their signs.

"I ignored them," said Catoe. "In fact, I was on the phone when I saw the students."

Talking on a cell phone while driving worries Dr. Randal Wood, acting head of the Department of Criminal Justice. Sometimes he sees drivers add to the dangerous mix. He recently observed someone driving with a cigarette in one hand and a cell phone in the other.

"How she was driving, I don't know," said Dr. Wood.

Dr. Wood knows what could result in

a court of law if a driver is not careful. Those who juggle a cell phone in a car while doing other things, such as smoking, eating, or applying make-up could be charged with manslaughter if they caused a wreck in which a death occurred. If prosecutors can prove recklessness or that a driver had a mental state of recklessness, the driver could be charged with a Class B felony. "That would be punishable by not less than two nor more than twenty years," Dr. Wood said. Even if the prosecution could only prove criminally negligent homicide, which is a Class A misdemeanor, the driver could spend up to a year in jail.

"I'm surprised, and I didn't know that," said Mr. Catoe, when told about the possibility of jail time. "But I never talk and do more than drive. I'm not a multi-tasker."

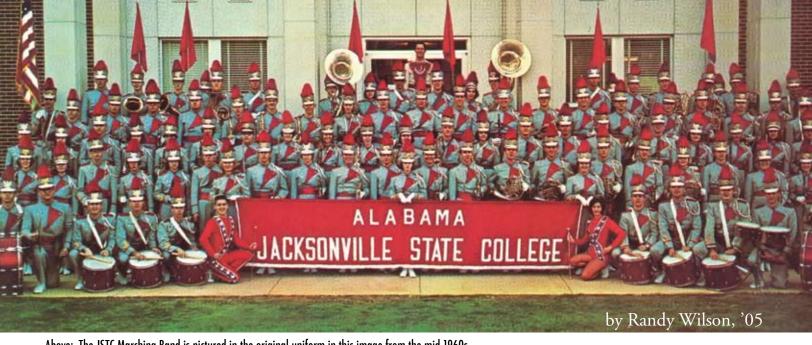
When asked what it would take to discourage him from using the cell phone while driving, Mr. Catoe said he would quit if it were illegal. "With a busy schedule, though, the cell phone is convenient. Driving is a loss of time."

Mr. Catoe lives in a fraternity house with a close-knit group of friends. He calls them often to plan time together. He likes talking to girls, too, and family members. Sometimes, he said, when he is driving four hours away to Andalusia, he will talk on the cell phone almost the entire distance to help pass the time.

Dr. Clayton said he hopes education will help curb cell phone use behind the wheel. "I think it will take lots of penalties, though, as was the case with the seat belt law."

# Fashion on the Upbeat





Above: The JSTC Marching Band is pictured in the original uniform in this image from the mid-1960s.

Left: Jacob Strickland of Red Bay, left, models the new uniform, and Balinda Pruitt of Rome, Ga., wears the old.

or the first time in more than a decade, the Southerners are wearing new uniforms. At the beginning of the fall semester, the Southerners introduced uniforms that feature two designs for the price of one, thanks to an innovative insert.

Made by Demoline at a cost of \$400 each, the uniforms offer two vestees (inserts) for changing the band's look as needed, according to **Mr. Kenneth Bodiford, '88,** director.

"There is only one jacket and it is red," said Mr. Bodiford. "However there are two separate vestees. One insert is white for the traditional look at football games, and one insert is black with silver sequins for exhibitions [night performances]. The red jacket carries most of the traditional look."

"Styles are constantly being updated, and we wanted to update ours," said Mr. Bodiford. "Yet, we wanted to maintain our traditional ties."

Several uniform styles were considered before the final design was selected. Three designs were developed and circulated among band members to gather comments and suggestions before the final decision.

"One of the main things I was interested in for the new uniform," said Mr. Bodiford, "was a shorter jacket to make the students look taller."

To maintain the traditional appearance of the Southerners, the new jacket is wider in the shoulders. Both looks feature the same style of black pants worn by JSU bands in the '70s and '80s.

The Southerners trace their uniform's style back to the Jacksonville State Teachers College marching band of the late 1940s. According to the book, *The First Hundred Years: The History of Jacksonville State University* by **Effie White Sawyer, '81,** J. E. Duncan was the first band director. The band was formed during an expansion of the music department under the tenure of Dr. Houston Cole, president from 1942-1971. The original uniform featured light blue pants worn with a matching jacket, and red stripes accented the sides of both.

After Director Duncan, Dr. John T. Finley joined the Music Department in 1951. Under his leadership, the band continued to expand, and the style of the uniform changed again. Unfortunately, no color photos depicting the changes could be found when we researched this article. Under Dr. Finley, the Southerners established their now famous symphonic sound. In 1956, the Marching Ballerinas were organized, and the band began attracting more attention. The band received its name, the Southerners, in 1958.

Incidentally, Norman L. Padgett is

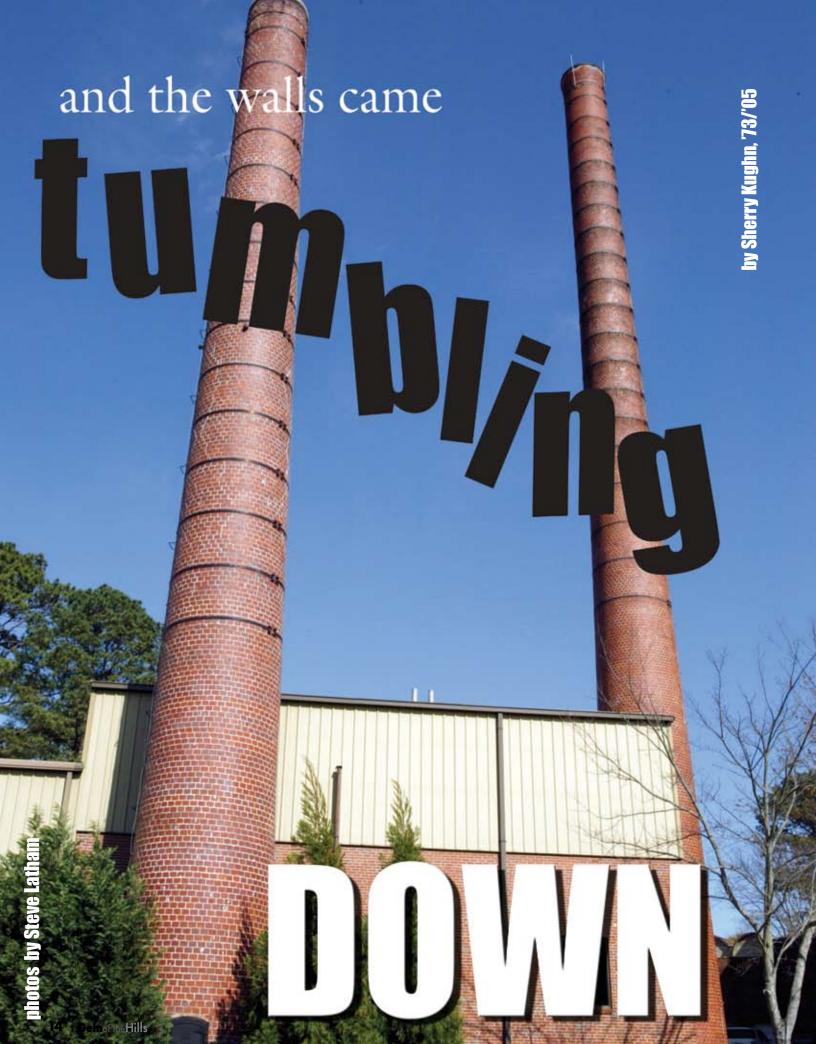
credited with naming the band. The band's charter president, Harold Summerville, '60, of Bowden, Ga., recalls, "On April 21, 1958, I presented a letter of appreciation to Norman L. Padgett. It was signed by Dr. Finley and [me] at the beginning of band rehearsal that day thanking [Mr. Padgett] for his submission of the name The Southerners."

Under the leadership of both Dr. Finley and Dr. David L. Walters, the Southerners earned a reputation for themselves in the marching band universe. Along with their distinctive sound, the Southerners became known for the unique style of their uniform.

The Southerners are frequently invited to perform at exhibitions all over the United States. One of the most notable is the Bands of America Grand Nationals, which is held annually in Indianapolis. The competition features the best high school marching bands in the country, who come together to compete for the title of National Champion. At the end of the competition, before an audience of 50,000, the Southerners perform as an example of what marching bands can accomplish with dedication and persistence.

As for the latest uniform design, students and band members seem to welcome the change, which — according to our best research — represents only the fifth round of new uniforms in university history.

Fall 2006 marks the fiftieth anniversary of the Southerners and Marching Ballerinas, and reunion events are being organized. Mr. Bodiford wants to see 1,000 Southerners alumni back on the field for the reunion game. More information will be available at this years' Grey Echelon reunion on 29 October. Complete reunion information will be in the January 2006 edition of the Gem.



any physical changes have recently taken place on and off campus that reflect JSU's continued growth and prosperity, and more are planned in the near future.

"We are always making progress toward improving the campus," said Mr. Clint Carlson, vice president for administrative and business affairs. "It is vital that we look ahead to keep our buildings safe and efficient. A campus is an everchanging place."

One of the most obvious changes is the removal of the red brick smokestacks on Trustee Circle. A demolition crew collapsed them and dismantled the steam plant. They also removed two underground fuel tanks.

"The smokestacks were no longer safe," said Mr. Carlson. "Metal bands had kept the bricks in place for years."

The steam plant was built around 1953 and provided steam heat at one time for most of the buildings on campus. The plant has not been used since 2003 when the campus converted to independent boilers. A visual arts annex for the art program will be erected in the space vacated by the steam plant. Art Department Head Charles Groover is happy to incorporate the annex into his program, which will remain based in Hammond Hall.

"The additional space will alleviate the crowded classrooms the department has experienced due to rapid growth of the art program," said Mr. Groover. "The building will allow the department to add classrooms for drawing, design, ceramics, and photography. It will also provide space for a new digital photography lab as well as faculty offices. The new annex will allow the department to continue its quality art program."

Other changes include

• Luttrell Hall, which was located behind Sparkman Hall on the north side of Trustee Circle, will be demolished in August or September. The space will be left vacant for now.

• Abercrombie Hall, which sat west of Ramona Wood Hall, was also demolished. A new annex for The College of Education and Professional Studies (CEPS) will be erected in the space at a later date and will be funded through the Capital Campaign. The college, housed in Ramona Wood Hall for the past thirty years, expects future growth due to increasing market demand for secondary and elementary teachers.

The dean of education and professional studies, Dr. Cynthia Harper, is grateful for the added space.

"We have had a lot of growth in our graduate programs. Every classroom is full in the evenings," she said.

JSU graduates more educators than any other school in the state and serves thirty-four percent of the university's student population. Also, according to Vice President for Institutional Advancement Joe Serviss, the new facilities will infuse technology use in every class. The expansion will offer an additional state-of-the-art technology lab, a tutoring center, an expanded library collection, and will enhance the instructional services unit. The college will also continue offering services to the community through the Teaching/Learning Center.

• Building 3181 (JSU-McClellan) at the former Fort McClellan site is a new addition that is shared with Gadsden State Community College. Located about three blocks from the former post exchange, the building was renovated and ready for occupancy in December 2004. The main structure houses JSU's Office of Continuing Education, the Northeast Alabama Police Academy, the Institute for Emergency Preparedness, the In-Service Education Center, and, in the future, the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences and the Archeologi-

cal Resource Lab. Gadsden State leases one wing of the building.

- Bibb Graves Hall will be refurbished within the year and, for the first time, will accommodate administrative offices only. An elevator will be added to one end of Bibb Graves Hall to make it more accessible. After the changes are made, Bibb Graves Hall will house the president's office, academic and student affairs, institutional advancement, institutional research and assessment, administrative and business affairs, and graduate studies.
- The renovation of Ayers Hall was completed in June. The Department of Mathematical, Computing and Information Sciences, moved into Ayers Hall just before the fall 2005 semester, along with the Department of Psychology and the Department of Technology and Engineering. The Department of Psychology was temporarily housed in Luttrell Hall while Ayers was being renovated.

Dr. Rebecca Turner, vice president for academic and student affairs, said the moves were long anticipated.

"Having these buildings reopened assists us in maximizing the use of our facilities to accommodate our 9,000 students and our growing academic programs," said Dr. Turner. "Also, the McClellan building offers easier access to our customers in Anniston, Oxford, and Talladega."

Mr. Serviss said he feels the improvements are a good sign.

"JSU is fortunate to have a board of trustees who saw a bright future for the university," said Mr. Serviss. "Their willingness to fund these major capital projects is noteworthy. The vision of Dr. Bill Meehan, JSU's twelfth president, in developing a campus master plan that looks at the needs of the university through the year 2025 has provided a road map that will lead JSU to greater heights of excellence."





# Credit Reports and the New Law: By Sherry Kughn, '73/'05 What They Mean for You

eginning June 1, Alabama consumers were able to obtain their first free credit reports with no strings attached. Normally, companies that advertise free reports issue them only after the customer has signed up for a monitoring or credit repair service, which charges a monthly fee. The change is possible thanks to an amendment to the Fair Credit Act.

The amendment means consumers may obtain up to three free credit reports annually because the reports are distributed by three separate companies, Trans Union, Experian, and Equifax.

"This is a terrific safeguard that should help protect consumers," said Dr. Bill Scroggins, JSU professor of finance and real estate and head of the Department of Finance, Economics, and Accounting. "Consumers should check their credit report regularly to make sure they have not been victims of identity theft. Last year, nine million people were victims, and that resulted in out-of-pocket expenses of \$5 billion dollars."

One of the best ways to use the credit reports is to spread the three checks out over a year. That way, consumers can inspect their report once every four months.

JSU Police Sgt. Shawn Giddy remembered an incident in which a student got a

credit card in another student's name and ran up a bill. The credit card was found on the wrong person as she was being arrested on another charge.

"Since the bill was not going to the victim's address, we knew about it before the victim did," said Sgt. Giddy.

When identities are stolen, the greatest losses are usually incurred through unauthorized credit card use, according to Dr. Scroggins. Consumers should always check their credit card statements and call their credit card company at once if unauthorized charges show up. They should report lost credit cards to the credit card companies, and they should learn how to go online to check the card's balance. This can be done daily, if the consumer so prefers.

"Many people discover that thieves have stolen their identity and ruined their credit only after being turned down for a new credit card or a loan," said Dr. Scroggins.

Sgt. Giddy said credit card theft can be hard for the thief to overcome. "What the thieves don't realize is that they leave a paper trail wherever they go," said Sgt. Giddy. "When they are caught, we are able to charge them with one count of forgery and one count of unauthorized use of a credit card; that's two felonies for every purchase made," he said.

Dr. Scroggins believes that the grow-

ing risk of identity theft is one reason the Fair Credit Act was amended. "Also," said Dr. Scroggins, "consumers have the right to know what is in their credit file. They have a right to dispute incomplete and inaccurate information."

Credit reports may divulge more than consumers realize, such as their address, how they pay their bills, whether they have been sued, been arrested, or filed bankruptcy. Lenders, landlords, bankers, and other professionals have access to this information. Credit reports also contain the names of companies or agencies that have checked the credit of a consumer.

The easiest way to learn more about the changes is to go to www.annualcreditreport. com. Free credit reports can be requested by calling 1-877-322-8228, or by requesting a form, filling it out, and sending it back to Annual Credit Report Request Service, PO Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348-5281. Consumers can obtain helpful contact information, a list of frequently asked questions and answers, and other information.

Contact information on each of the companies that handle credit reports is Trans Union www.transunion.com, 1-800-888-4213; Experian www.experian.com, 1-888-397-3742; and Equifax www.equifax.com, 1-800-685-1111.



# JSU...Defending Its Turf

Paul Snow Stadium Gets New Look

by Greg Seitz



Date	Opponent **	Time
Oct. 15	*Tennessee-Martin (Hall o	•
0-4-00	(Preview/Family Day) *at Tennessee State	4 p.m.
Oct. 22		6 p.m.
Oct. 29	*Tennessee Tech	4 p.m.
	(Homecoming)	
Nov. 5	OPEN	
Nov. 12	*at Samford	1 p.m.
Nov. 19	*Eastern Illinois	1 p.m.
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*Ohio Val	ley Conference game	



he grass playing surface at Paul Snow Stadium was replaced during the summer with an artificial turf. This was the first major renovation of the stadium since the 1978 season. It took three months to install the new surface at a cost of just over \$700,000. The job was completed in time to hold summer graduation on the new field.

The surface is manufactured by Pro-Grass and has a ninety percent rubber and ten percent sand infill. Benefits include a sub-surface drainage system than can withstand substantial rain and return to playable condition within minutes.

ProGrass manufactures its own synthetic surface at its Dalton, Ga., facility, making it one of only a few companies that make the carpet they install.

## Coach Howe Bids Farewell to JSU

Lisa Howe spent ten years building the Gamecock soccer program and has now left to become head coach at Belmont University.

"We wish Lisa the best in her future endeavors," Athletics Director Jim Fuller said. "We didn't even have a soccer ball when she was hired as head coach more than ten years ago, and she built this program from the ground up. I appreciate all her hard work during her tenure."

Howe was hired in April of 1995, and JSU played in its first match just four months later.

The Gamecocks posted a 99-97-18 record during her ten-year career and made six postseason appearances. JSU finished with four 11-plus win seasons, and Howe was named Coach of the Year in both

1999 and 2002. She also produced 19 All-Conference players during her tenure at ISU.

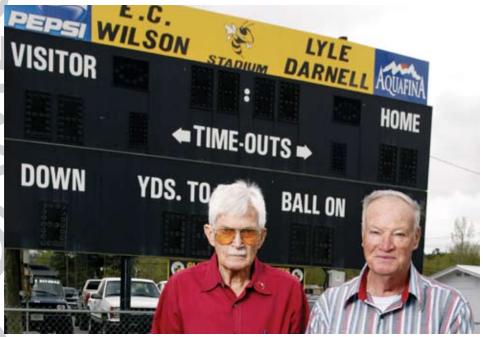
In JSU's first season in the OVC, Howe led JSU to an 11-5-4 overall record and a third place finish in the regular season standings. The 2003 season also marked the first season on the new ISU Soccer Field, and the Gamecocks hosted their first-ever postseason game on campus.

The Gamecocks were a fifth seed in 2004 and advanced to the semifinals of the Ohio Valley Conference Championship after defeating Morehead State 3-0 in the

Before joining JSU, Howe coached at Berry College in Mount Berry, Ga., where she led the women's soccer team to a 13-9-1 record in 1994. She also coached at South Plantation High School (Fla.) from 1992-94.

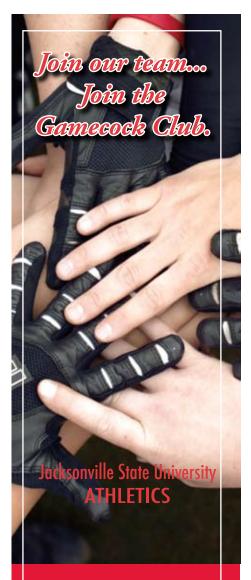


Bob and Lou Kennamer Hall, the athletics program's latest building, is on Alabama 21 (Pelham Road) next to Stephenson Hall. Named in honor of longtime supporters of the university, Kennamer Hall houses the offices of athletics administration, which includes the athletics director, the ticket office, and sports information. Also included are offices for baseball, volleyball, golf, and softball coaches, as well as the softball locker room, the Stewart Center for Strength and Conditioning, and a multi-purpose gymnasium. Renovations to the football field house were completed in May. See the related story on page fifteen.



In August 2004, Glencoe High School honored two JSU graduates for their service and dedication to the school's football program. **Mr. E.C. Wilson, '49,** left, and **Mr. Lyle Darnell, '59,** were on hand for the ceremony in which the Glencoe High School Stadium was named in their honor. Mr. Wilson, who attended Oxford high school, served as head coach at Glencoe for eighteen years (1949-1967). Mr. Darnell, who attended Arab high school, was an assistant and head coach there for fourteen years. He stepped down as coach in 1979. Both played football at JSU.





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> –Mr. Jim Fuller Director of Athletics Jacksonville State University

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## JSU Captures OVC Women's All-Sports Trophy



Jacksonville State won the 2004-05 Ohio Valley Conference Women's All-Sports Trophy.

The All-Sports Trophies symbolize overall athletic excellence in conferencesponsored championships. The trophies were accepted on behalf of the university by President William A. Meehan, Athletics Director Jim Fuller, and Associate Athletics Director Debby Bishop.

The women's team claimed its first all-sports championship after winning OVC crowns in golf and softball and placing third in volleyball.

In addition, the Gamecocks received points for JSU's combined men's and women's OVC rifle title. Finishing in second and third place, respectively, were defending co-champions Eastern Kentucky and Samford.

On the men's side, Eastern Kentucky claimed the men's All-Sports Trophy for the second straight year after capturing an OVC crown in cross country and finishing among the league's top three teams in four other championship sports during the 2004-05 season. Finishing in second place was Samford, followed by Jacksonville State in third place.

### Four Named to JSU Athletic Hall of Fame

Jacksonville State University's two standout women's basketball twins (the only players to have their basketball jerseys retired), a three-time All-American baseball player, and the school's first full-time athletics trainer comprise the 2004-05 class of the Jacksonville State Athletic Hall of Fame.

Dana Bright Austin, JSU's all-time leading scorer in women's basketball; her twin sister, Jana Bright McGinnis, who is ISU's all-time assist leader; former baseball standout Stewart Lee, the NCAA Division II leader in career home runs; and longtime athletic trainer Jim Skidmore will be formally inducted on October 14th.

Dana Bright Austin was a four-time All-Gulf South Conference pick and a 1990-91 Kodak All-American after finishing her four-year career as the Gamecocks' all-time leading scorer with 2,128 points.

A four-year starter, she led the Gamecocks to an impressive 98-22 record, which included four trips to the NCAA Division II Basketball Tournament. The Gamecocks advanced to the South Regional in 1990 after she posted twelve 20-point games. She served as Jacksonville State's women's basketball head coach from 1993-2003, where she earned Coach of the Year honors in 1997.

Twin sister Jana Bright McGinnis combined with Dana to produce the most potent guard tandem in school history. Jana was named the 1987 Co-Freshman of the year, along with Dana. Jana was a two-time All-Gulf South Conference team member who holds the school career record for assists (603) and assists in a single season with 204.

Jana became Jacksonville State's softball coach in 1994 and has earned three conference championships and twice been named the conference Coach of the Year.

Stewart Lee was a three-time All-America third baseman and three-time All-Gulf South Conference team selection. Lee was the most prolific home run hitter in JSU

history with 71 over a four-year career from 1985-88. He is the Gamecocks' all-time leader in hits (241), runs batted in (203), and runs scored (209) over his career.

The Bessemer, Ala., native earned his second All-American honor in 1987 after slamming 22 home runs and hit .473 with 47 RBIs, all which led the GSC. In his first All-American season of 1986, he slugged 23 home runs, which ranked as the fourth most in a single season in school history.

Jim Skidmore became Jacksonville State University's first full-time athletic trainer in August of 1974 and worked as the only fulltime staff member in the Sports Medicine Department for more than 19 years.

A native of Harlan, Ky, Skidmore is a member of the National Athletic Trainers Association and the Alabama Athletic Trainers Association. He was elected into the American Sports Medicine Institute Fellowship Society in 2005, which is one of the most elite honors bestowed upon an athletic trainer.



Jana Briaht McGinnis



Dana Bright Austin



Stewart Lee



Jim Skidmore

# With Alumni

## **Alumni Chapters Award Scholarships**



The Greater Washington D.C. Area alumni chapter recently presented its first scholarship. President William A. Meehan and the D.C. chapter president, Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Dave Bryan, are shown awarding the scholarship to Ms. Rachel G. Hounds on 30 July 2005. Ms. Hounds is an education major from Hokes Bluff, Ala. Since the chapter's inception in fall 2003, alumni from all over the D.C. area have been working hard to create a scholarship for a deserving JSU student. Other chapters have joined the effort within the past year and created their own scholarships. Of those, the Greater Rome, Ga., alumni chapter was able to present its first award to Ms. Audra Hulsey, an education major from Cedartown, Ga. We thank all those who have contributed to our alumni scholarship funds.



The College of Nursing and Health Sciences Alumni Chapter recently awarded scholarships to three deserving students. Robert Mills, chapter president, presented \$1,000 awards to three students. The awards were matched with an equal amount from the JSU car tag fund, bringing each scholarship to a total of \$2,000 per student. The recipients, pictured above, were Ms. Amy Lehnherr, Ms. Renee Culler, and Mr. Douglas Kooyman. The scholarships presented to Ms. Lehnherr and Ms. Culler were named in honor of Sabrina Williams. Mr. Mills expressed appreciation to everyone who contributed to the scholarship fund.

Other students who accepted alumni chapter scholarships for 2005-06 are:

Katie Linbaugh — Madison County Alumni Audra Hulsey — Rome Area Alumni DeAnne Nix — Etowah County Alumni Josh Hill Alumni Association Scholarship

The Alumni Office expresses gratitude to all who contributed to chapter scholarship programs. Your contribution makes a difference.

#### Other Upcoming Chapter Events

Oct. 21 JSU Alumni Riverboat Dinner Cruise on the Tennessee River aboard the Southern Belle in Chattanooga, TN

Oct. 27 Calhoun County Alumni After Hours

Nov. 12 Birmingham Area Chapter Post-game Party following the JSU at Samford game

# Upcoming Events and Reunions

BCM ALUMNI REUNION
October 14-15

PREVIEW DAY
J CLUB REUNION
1955 REFRIGERATOR BOWL
TEAM REUNION

Saturday, Oct. 16

ANNUAL ROTC REUNION
CLASS OF 1955 50TH YEAR
REUNION
CRIMINAL JUSTICE ALUMNI
REUNION
ANNUAL SIXTIES GROUP
REUNION
Friday, Oct. 28

#### **HOMECOMING**

JSU vs. Tenn Tech Saturday, Oct. 29

ALUMNI TRIP TO NEW YORK RECEPTION FOR NEW YORK AREA ALUMNI

Dec. 16-20

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## **Event Pictorial:**

JSU alumni everywhere are gathering and having fun. Pictured below are scenes from just a few alumni events held over the past few months.



Men's basketball reunion.



The Greater Rome, Ga., Area Alumni Chapter's afterhours event with JSU Athletics Director Jim Fuller.



A scene from the holiday alumni trip to Dollywood and the Biltmore.



The Calhoun County Alumni Chapter's after-hours gathering in Anniston.



Madison County alumni picnic at Ditto's Landing.



JSU's Alumni Day at the Chattanooga Lookouts.



The Marshall/Dekalb County alumni dinner.



The Atlanta Area Alumni Chapter dinner in Douglasville, Ga.



The Higher Education Partnership dinner in Montgomery.

The Sixties Group at the Village Inn, Jacksonville.

Members of the Sixties Group (pictured above) recently presented the JSU Foundation more than \$10,000 to honor a fellow classmate, the late **Hall Hayes**. The funds will be used to establish a conference room at Kennamer Hall in the memory of Mr. Hayes.

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#### **BIRTHS**

#### 1990-1999

Leo D. Ambrose, '90, Orlando, Fla., and his wife Mary are pleased to announce the birth of their twin sons, Liam and Thomas, 27 December 2004.

Dyana Gayle Blythe Bucca, '94, Acworth, Ga., and her husband Michael announce the birth of their first son, Kevin Ward, 27 January 2005. Mrs. Bucca is a real estate closing paralegal for a law firm in Atlanta. She was news editor for the Chanticleer while at JSU.

Ginger Cusimano Downs, '94, Hoover, announced the birth of a baby girl last fall. Her nickname is Number Six. Mrs. Downs was a member of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority.

David Scott Townson, '94, Marietta, Ga., and his wife Desta "Dusty" had a baby girl, Camie Kurt, 8 September 2004. She has a big sister, Maddie Kate. Mr. Townson was a member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity at JSU. Mrs. Townson attended JSU and was a member of Phi Mu Sorority.

Kenneth Lamar Massenburg, '95, and Jana Osborne Massenburg, '96, Southside, welcomed the birth of their second child, Aida Corinne, 9 November 2004. Aida has a big sister, Adley Justine, who is two. Mr. Massenburg is a technical specialist at ITC Delta Com and Mrs. Massenburg is a registered dietician at Healthsouth Rehabilitation Hospital in Gadsden.

Robert Boyle, '97/'99, and Rebecca Leanne Jordan Boyle, '98/'02, Orlando, Fla., are delighted to share a "Gamecock" moment in the photo at right. Their son, William Reese, looks like a future Gamecock decked out in his football jersey. Mr. Boyle is area coordinator for the University of Central Florida. Mrs. Boyle was a member of Phi Mu Sorority at JSU.

Richard Glenn "Rick" Phillips, '97, and Christine Smart Phillips, '91, announce the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Lee, born 10 November 2004. Mr. Phillips works for the Louisiana Department of Corrections/Probation and Parole in Baton Rouge, and Mrs. Phillips teaches eighth grade language arts at West Feliciana Middle School located in St. Francisville, La. They also have a son, John Robert, who is almost four. JSU English instructor Janet Smart is the grandmother. Mr. Phillips was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity at JSU.

Jason Walker, '97, and Staci Stone Walker announce the birth of twin sons, Griffin and Stone, 11 January 2005. Mrs. Walker is an assistant professor of English and director of humanities at Murray State University in Murray, Ky. She is the daughter of Bill Stone, '69/'77, and Sandra McCurdy Stone, '69/'73/'80. Mr. Walker is the son of Carol Harris Walker, '66, and the late Troy F. Walker, '60. The family resides in Murray, Ky.

Kim Kinsey Harrison, '98, and her husband announced the birth of a baby girl, Katherine Grace, 10 December 2004.

Matthew Davis Scott, Sr., '98, and Stephanie Love Scott, '98, Oneonta, celebrated the first birthday of their son, Matthew Davis, Jr., 10 March 2005. Mr. Scott is minister of youth at First Baptist Church of Oneonta. Mrs. Scott is a full-time wife and mother.

Jenny Gyurova Hite, '99, Huntsville, gave birth to Evan Alexander, 3 December 2004. Mrs. Hite was a member of the JSU International House program.

#### 2000-2005

Christina "Chrissy" Mullins Millwood, '01, and her husband Lane recently announced the birth of child number three, Mary Katelyn, 8 October 2004. Mrs. Millwood has enrolled in nursing school.



Aida Corinne Massenburg

William Reese Boyle







Matthew Davis Scott, Jr.



Griffin and Stone Walker

#### WEDDINGS

#### 1960-1969

Ferrell Drummond, '67, recently married Doris Wiggins, '63. Mrs. Drummond taught school in Carrollton, Ga. Mr. Drummond served as pastor of Methodist churches in Rome, Griffin, Atlanta, Carrollton, and Stone Mountain Park, Ga. They have two children, Nancy and Frank. The Drummonds reside in Carrollton, Ga.

#### 1980-1989

Curtis James Perry, '85, and Carolyn Anne Porter, 30 April 2005, Eufaula, Ala. Mr. Perry is employed with Wachovia in Birmingham as a senor vice president and commercial banking director.



Mr. and Mrs.Gustavo Vega

Mayako Nakamura, '88, Miami, Fla., wed Gustavo Vega, February 2003. They met while both were employed by Royal Caribbean Cruise Line. Mrs. Vega is an elementary school teacher in Miami. The Vegas recently purchased a home on the beach, which they are enjoying fixing up.

Barry E. Robertson, '89/'91, and Jamey Denise Lloyd, '04, Anniston, 4 December 2004. Mr. Robertson was a member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity at JSU and served as Intrafraternity Council president. He is commissioner of licenses in Calhoun County. Mrs. Robertson teaches at Alexandria Elementary School.

Victor Layne Griggs, '89, Scottsboro, and Julie Holland, 12 February 2005. Mr. Griggs works for Scottsboro City Schools and is pursuing his educational specialist degree.

#### 1990-1999

Robert Calloway "Cal" Moore, '91, Birmingham, and Catherine Ann Walton, 8 January 2005. Mr. Moore manages commercial real estate syndications for SouthTrust Bank.

Ellen Ann Tibbetts, '91, and Scott Ernest Vincent, 18

June 2005, Anniston, Ala. Mrs. Vincent works for the East Alabama Planning Commission's Area Agency on Aging as the Alabama CARES and alzheimer's programs coordinator, serving ten counties in east Alabama.

Pamela Lynn Davidson, '92, Crossville, and Brandon Walter Tidmore, 27 February 2005. Mrs. Tidmore teaches at Crossville High School.

Eric Christopher Soehren, '92/'95, and Jennifer Louise Nolan, '95, Shorter, 10 December 2003. After a seven-year career as a herpetologist at the Tennessee Aquarium in Chattanooga, Mrs. Soehren started a business in 2003 in Shorter, named Stone Leaf Designs, which specializes in custom concrete countertops and hand-crafted concrete garden art. Since 1997, Mr. Soehren has been working as a non-game biologist for the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, State Lands Division, Natural Heritage Section, in Montgomery. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon frater-

Teressa Allen, '93, and Richard Presley, Jr., 23 July 2005, Anniston, Ala. Mrs. Presley is employed by Tape Craft Corp.

Andrea Gail Howard, '93, and Paul Martin Roberg, 16 April 2005, Gadsden, Ala. Mrs. Roberg is employed by Exchange Bank of Alabama.

Glenn Wilson, '93, Chattanooga, Tenn., and Sarah Johnson, 18 February 2005. Mr. Wilson is an instructor at Calhoun Community College.



Mr. and Mrs.Thomas Honeycutt

Thomas L. Honeycutt, '94, and Pamela Lynn Harbaugh, 16 April 2005. An avid Gamecock fan, Mr. Honeycutt couldn't resist doing something a bit different when it came to the groom's cake (see photo).

Joseph Alan Payne, '94, and Candy Michelle Tucker, 4 June 2005, Rome, Ga. Mr. Payne served in the navy from March 1996 through February 2002.

Laura Leanne Bryan,'95, and Robert Allard Killius, 30 April 2005, East Gadsden, Ala. Mrs. Killius works for Lavonia Family Physicians.

Crystal Michelle Clark, '96, Hueytown, and Stephen

Douglas Noe, 28 August 2004. Mrs. Noe was a member of Phi Mu sorority. She works as a registered nurse with Brookwood Medical Center.

Immanuel Christian Sieving IV, '96, and Sheila Suzette Evans, '00, 16 July 2005, Atlanta, Ga. Mr. Sieving was a member of the 1992 national championship football team at JSU. He works for Ethicom Endo-Surgery. Mrs. Sieving was a member of Phi Mu sorority and the Marching Ballerinas. She works for Astra Zeneca Pharmaceuticals.

Virginia Faye Holbrook, '97, and Bobby John Morris, 14 May 2005. Mrs. Morris works for Compass Brokerage as a personal investment officer in Birmingham.

Adam Chadwick Miller, '97, and Emily Kathryn Ephgrave, 4 June 2005, Pell City, Ala. Mr. Miller works for SouthTrust Bank in Birmingham.

Eric E. Mims, '97, and Kelli D. Slaughter, '97, 23 July 2005, Birmingham, Ala. Mr. Mims played football at JSU. He works for Wells Fargo Financial. Mrs. Mims works for the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta.

Kerri L. Sprayberry, '97, and Steven L. Tanner, 16 April 2005, Cullman, Ala. Mrs. Tanner was a member of the International House program. She works for Grayson Valley Pet Clinic.

Matthew Caine, '97, Anniston, and Billie Crawford, 18 December 2005. Mr. Caine is employed by SouthTrust Bank in Birmingham.

Kristi Miller, '97/'99, and Kandy Dewayne Bishop, '98, Birmingham, October 2004. Mrs. Bishop is a cognitive specialist for brain and stroke patients with the Healthsouth Lakeshore Rehabilitation Network. She is also an adjunct faculty member at Jefferson State Community College. Mr. Bishop is a unix administrator for Southern Co/TEK Systems.

Chandra Denise Glover, '98, and DeWarren Louis Smoot, 4 June 2005, Anniston, Ala. Mrs. Smoot is employed by Anniston City School System at Golden Springs Elementary School.

Travis Merrell, '98, and Robin Romans, 21 May 2005, Athens, Ala. Mr. Merrell was a member of Delta Chi fraternity. He is a test engineer at Northrop Grumman.

Heather Church, '99, Pell City, and Jeremy Adams, 19 March 2005. Mrs. Adams was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority. She is employed by Moody Elementary School.

Russell Lee England, '99, and Meagan Leigh Moncus, 2 April 2005, Auburn, Ala. Mr. England is a graduate of the Birmingham School of Law.

Lonnie Shane Jones, '99, and Theresa D. Smith, 23 July 2005, Mobile, Ala. Mr. Jones is a teacher and coach at Foley High School in Baldwin County.

Heather Laran Smith, '99, and Ron Lee Bentley, '98, 10 June 2005, Maui, Hawaii. They reside in DeArmanville. Mrs. Bentley was a member of the Marching Ballerinas. Mr. Bentley was a cheerleader and member of Delta Chi frater-

Bobby R. Tittle, '99, and Jennifer Leigh Bowen, 9 July 2005, Anniston, Ala. Mr. Tittle was a member of the Southerners and is employed by Clay County High School.

#### 2000-2005

Julie Elizabeth Chalfant, '00, Hokes Bluff, and Jarrod Walker Harbin, 12 March 2005. Mrs. Harbin is employed at Kirklin Clinic in Birmingham.

Michael Derek Cobb, '00, and Jessica Leah Hess, '03, 18 June 2005, Anniston, Ala. Mrs. Cobb was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority. She is employed by the Calhoun County Board of Education at Saks Elementary School. Mr. Cobb is employed by the Piedmont City School System as a teacher and coach at Piedmont High School.

William Matthew Glover, '00, and Dede Joanna Logan, 14 May 2005, Jacksonville. Mr. Glover was a member of the tennis team. He is employed by Carraway Methodist Hospital in Birmingham and will soon complete requirements for radiography certification. Mrs. Glover attended JSU and completed her studies at Wallace State.

Eric Clifton Haynie, '00, Jacksonville, and Rebecca Allison Robertson, 11 December 2004. Mr. Haynie is employed by the Whitfield County, Ga., school system.

Jason Michael Keenum, '00, Southside, and Kimberly Dawn Carroll, 15 January 2005. Mr. Keenum is a registered

Melissa Skinner, '00, and David Lumpkin, 18 June 2005, Heflin, Ala. Mrs. Lumpkin is employed by the Cleburne County Board of Education.

Judson Stuart Thomas, '00, and Hollie Raeanna Williamson, 30 April 2005, Birmingham, Ala. Mr. Thomas is self employed in Tuscaloosa.

Rebekah Ann Adams, '01, and Michael Glenn Chambless, 23 July 2005, Heflin, Ala. Mrs. Chambless was a member of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority. She is employed by Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority International Headquarters in Nashville.

Jennifer Candace Brooke Burnett, '01, and Randall Benton Peel, Jr., 25 June 2005, Guntersville, Ala. Mrs. Peel is employed by the Huntsville City School System.

Joel Steven Lamp, '01, and Bonnie Borden, '02, 19 February 2005, Birmingham, Ala. Mr. Lamp was a member of Delta Chi fraternity, and Mrs. Lamp was a member of Alpha Xi Delta. Mr. Lamp works for the Ladies Professional Golf Association in media relations. Mrs. Lamp is employed as an executive assistant with Concord Wilshire Construction, LLC. They reside in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Melody Marie Morris, '01, Heflin, and Adrian Lee Lanning, 18 December 2004. Ms. Morris is employed by the Carroll County, Ga., school system.

Patrick Ian Poole, '01, Mobile, and Kelly Kathleen Langley, 5 March 2005. Mr. Poole was a member of Delta Chi fraternity and is the general manager of American Eagle Outfitters in Auburn.

Matthew Tolbert Putnam, '01, and Lindsay Marie Wilson, 3 April 2005, Huntsville, Ala. Mr. Putnam is employed by the Madison County Board of Education as a teacher and coach at Buckhorn High School.

Suzanne Leigh Reagan, '01/'03, Sand Rock, and Andrew F. Tarver, Jr., '03, Mobile, 4 December 2004. Mrs. Tarver is employed by Chamberlin-Edmonds and Associates of Atlanta. Mr. Tarver played baseball at JSU and is employed by the Pell City School System.

Chad Larramy Sizemore, '01, Gadsden, and Allison Rae Aldridge, 19 March 2005. Mr. Sizemore is employed in the information systems division of SouthTrust/Wachovia Bank as a telecom analyst in Birmingham.

Andrea Nicole Sumners, '01, Ashland, and John Wesley Jordan, '05, Cragford, 4 December 2004. Mrs. Jordan is employed by the Pell City School system as a teacher at Coosa Valley Elementary School. Mr. Jordan is a recent JSU grad.

Joseph Thad "J.T." Spann, '01, Dalton, Ga., and Susan Renae Fowler, '03, Boaz, 18 December 2004. Mr. Spann is employed by the Oxford City School System. He was a member of the Southerners. Ms. Fowler is pursuing her master's degree at JSU.

Bradley Stapler, '01, and Emily Plunkett, 2 July 2005, Arab, Ala. Mr. Stapler is employed by the Morgan County School System as a teacher and coach.

Amber Lee Amberson, '02, Piedmont, and Todd Perry Kitchens, 15 January 2005. Mrs. Kitchens is employed as a registered nurse at the University of Alabama-Birmingham in the heart transplant intensive care unit.

Lori Michelle Burk, '02, and James Ryan Hart, 16 April 2005, Talladega, Ala. Mrs. Hart is employed by Noland Health Care Services in Anniston.

Charity Machelle Dunn, '02, Union Grove, and Brian Lynn Jenkins, '03, Sand Rock, 18 December 2004. Mrs. Jenkins is pursuing a master's degree and works for Marshall County Schools. Mr. Jenkins is a developer with Discount Home Center.

Kevin Gatgens, '02, and Tiphanie Maze Leathers, '02, 25 June 2005, at the Alumni House. Mr. Gatgens is a mentor for Big Brothers/Big Sisters and works for Infinity Insurance in Birmingham. Mrs. Gatgens is a graduate student at JSU and employed by Southeastern Elementary School in Remlap.

Mindy Lauren Green, '02, and Casey Scott Anglin, 30 July 2005, Heflin, Ala. Mrs. Anglin is employed by Wellstar at Douglas Hospital. Mr. Anglin is a senior at JSU.

Wesley Conrad "Woody" Gulledge, '02, and Laura Elizabeth Carroll, 2 July 2005, East Gadsden, Ala. Mr. Gulledge is an assistant principal at Ashville Elementary School and a varsity coach at Ashville High.

Amy Dianne Hare, '02, and Dustin Tyler Diggs, '04, 23 April 2005, Rainbow City, Ala. Mr. and Mrs. Diggs were members of Sigma Theta Tau nursing honor society and work for UAB.

Kinsey April Hill, '02, and Kenneth Benson Moore, 21 May 2005, Anniston, Ala. Mrs. Moore is employed by Designs Unlimited in Lincoln.

Alicia Jill Jordan, '02, and Joseph Andy Martin, 23 July 2005, Glencoe, Ala.

Natalie Frances Mask, '02, and Ryan Moseley, 4 June 2005, Alexander City, Ala. Mrs. Moseley was a member of

Delta Zeta sorority and is employed by the Coosa County Board of Education at Coosa Central Elementary School.

Christina Eloise Morrison, '02, and James Lewis Saunders, 4 June 2005, Anniston, Ala. Mrs. Saunders is employed by the Gadsden Times as a copy editor and page designer. Mr. Saunders is a student at JSU.

Jana Lynn Plunkett, '02, and Justin Luke Barkley, 7 May 2005. Mrs. Barkley is employed by Fort Payne Stockyard, Inc.

David Bradford Roberts, '02, and Leann Malissa Davis, 14 May 2005, Centre, Ala. Mr. Roberts is employed by the Berry Company of Birmingham. Mrs. Roberts is attending JSU.

Holly Suzanne Raughton, '02, Fort Payne, and Lt. William Robert Coulter III '04, Fort Payne, 4 September 2004. Ms. Raughton is employed by the Fort Payne City School System. Lt. Coulter was a member of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity at JSU. A second lieutenant in the army, he was recently deployed to Iraq but is stationed at Ft. Campbell, Ky.

Carrie Ellen Rodriguez, '02, and Russell Nelson Chambless, 9 July 2005, Newnan, Ga. Mrs. Chambless is employed by Encore Rehabilitation.

Myrus Strong, '02, and Karissa Wilson, '05, 21 May 2005, Vestavia Hills, Ala. Mr. Strong is employed as a teacher and coach with the Walker County Board of Education and is a musician who performs in Birmingham.

Clinton Trent Thomas, '02, and Brookelyn Hammond, '03. Mr. Thomas was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and a peer counselor. He is an insurance agent. Mrs. Thomas was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority and the Southerners. She is employed as a music teacher with the Calhoun County City Board of Education. They reside in Calhoun, Ga.

Lori DeAnne Tidwell, '02, and Jeremy Lee Burns, 4 June 2005, Albertville, Ala. Mrs. Burns was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority. She is employed with the Shelby County School System.

Peter Todd Bradberry, '03, and Amberly Marie Bannister, 3 April 2005, Springville, Ala. Mr. Bradberry was a member of the JSU Cross Country team. He is employed by Dr. Glen Brawley in Inverness.

Dewey O'Neal Barker IV, '03, and Mary Caitlin Roberts, 4 June 2005, Anniston, Ala. Mr. Barker was a member of the JSU basketball team and is employed as a teacher and coach at Cherokee County High School.

April Brooke Bowers, '03, and Christopher Michael Berry, 23 July 2005, Hokes Bluff, Ala. Mrs. Berry is employed by the Gadsden City Board of Education.

Lisa Marie DiMartino, '03, and William Todd Connell, 7 May 2005, Hoover, Ala. Mrs. Connell is pursuing her master's degree at JSU and is employed as a graduate assistant. She was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

Charles Blackwell Freeman II, '03, Oxford, and Stephanie Renee Uptain, 18 December 2004. Mr. Freeman was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity and is employed with Thomas Crowley, CPA, in Opelika.

Shannon Galloway, '03, and Eric Kenton Mallett, 23 July 2005, Jacksonville, Ala. Mrs. Mallett was a member of

Zeta Tau Alpha sorority and is employed by the Calhoun County school system.

Bradley Scott Gordon, '03, and Leslie Renea Lipscomb, '03, 19 February 2005. Mr. Gordon was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and is employed by Sign Mart, Acworth, Ga. Mrs. Gordon is employed by the Paulding County, Ga., school district.

**Stacie Gowens, '03**, and Dustin Holland, 16 July 2005, Arab, Ala. Mrs. Holland is employed by the Etowah County School System.

Jerome Sterling Harmon, Jr., '03, and Olivia Frances Rogers, '05, 25 June 2005, Ashford, Ala. Mr. Harmon was a member of Delta Chi fraternity.

Traci Amber Helton, '03, and Christopher Kevin Miller, 11 June 2005, Rainsville, Ala. Mrs. Miller teaches at Cornerstone Christian Academy.

Adam Paul Jones, '03, and Katheryn Elizabeth Scott, 6 August 2005, Dadeville, Ala. Mr. Jones was a member of the Southerners. He is employed as a programmer/analyst for Russell Corporation in Alexander City.

**Daniel McKenzie**, '03, and Robyn Graves. Mr. McKenzie is employed as a U.S. Border Patrol agent. The couple resides in Sierra Vista, Ariz.

Christopher Scott Melton, '03, and Jessica Virginia Abernathy, 9 July 2005, Rainbow City, Ala. Mr. Melton is a graduate student at JSU and employed at Southside Elementary School.

Jenna Miller, '03, and Scott Watson, '04, 6 November 2004. Mrs. Watson was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha and served as the sorority's president. She is a financial analyst for CSK Auto, Inc. Mr. Watson played basketball at JSU. He is a financial planner for UBS Financial Services, and they reside in Arizona.

Jennifer Moseley, '03, and Adam Terrell, 6 August 2005, Centre, Ala. Mrs. Terrell was a member of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority. She is employed by J.B. Scott Publishing in Anniston, where she manages the company's website and publishes one of its magazines. Mr. Terrell is a student at JSU.

Brandace Oliver, '03, Albertville, and Andrew Sims, '03, Albertville, 27 November 2004. Mrs. Sims is employed by Albertville City Schools. Mr. Sims is employed by the Bible Factory Outlet in Albertville.

Brandon Scott Phillips, '03, and Kayla Gail Green, '04, 14 May 2005, Gadsden, Ala. Mr. Phillips is employed by the accounting firm of Ronnie L. McClure, CPA, PC. Mrs. Phillips is pursuing a master's degree at JSU.

Wes Peppers, '03, Albertville, and Marion Blythe, 2 January 2005. Mr. Peppers is a Bible instructor in association with the Greeneville Seventh Day Advent Church in Greeneville, Tenn.

James Orien Powell, Jr., '03, and Elisabeth Grace York, 26 April 2005, Rainsville, Ala. Mr. Powell is serving in the army and stationed at Fort Benning in Columbus, Ga.

Kyle Blake Reeves, '03, Gadsden, and Kelli Dianne Elrod, '04, Gadsden, 27 November 2004. Mr. Reeves was a member of Delta Chi fraternity. He is employed by Lamar Advertising. Mrs. Reeves is a registered nurse with Regional Medical Center, Anniston.

Kristin Laine Vaughan, '03, and David Lane Harville, 21 May 2005, Lineville, Ala. Mrs. Harville is employed by the state banking department.

**Sheldon Ward**, '03, and Monica Kimbrough, 25 June 2005. Mr. Ward is a teacher and coach at Greenville High School in Georgia. He was a member of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity.

Holli Jean-Marie Webb, '03, and Brian Reid Keener, 25 June 2005, Ashville, Ala. Mrs. Keener is employed by Spring-ville High School.

Emily Brooke Williams, '03, and Jimmy Delton Tollison, Jr., 21 May 2005, Alford's Bend. Mrs. Tollison is employed by Robinson-Adams Insurance in Birmingham as a claims examiner.

Tiffany Rose Wood, '03, and William Luke Hurst, 18 June 2005, at the JSU Alumni House. Mrs. Hurst was a member of Phi Mu sorority and is employed by the Calhoun County Board of Education.

Lindsey Michelle Benefield, '04, Woodland, and Kevin Ray Williams, 19 March 2005. Mrs. Williams works for the Chambers County Board of Education.

Jessica Lori Bobo, '04, and James Morgan Fountain, 6 August 2005, Tuscaloosa, Ala. Mrs. Fountain was a member of Phi Mu sorority and is employed by DCH Health Systems in Tuscaloosa.

James Wesley Brasseal, '04, and Bonnie Marie Hobdy, 6 August 2005, Ashland, Ala. Mr. Brasseal was an assistant strength and conditioning coach at JSU. He is employed by the University of South Alabama, where he attends graduate school and is a strength and conditioning specialist.

Bradlee Justin Bruce, '04, and Stephanie Shea King, '05, 25 June 2005, Rainsville, Ala. Mr. Bruce is employed by the Etowah County Board of Education. Mrs. Bruce is employed by First Southern National Bank in Fort Payne.

Brad Cook, '04, and Lora Bannister, '05, 6 August 2005, Munford, Ala. Mr. and Mrs. Cook are both employed by Citizens Baptist Medical Center (BMC).

Jennifer Layne Elliott, '04, and Joseph Van Gossett, 16 July 2005, Southside, Ala. Mrs. Gossett was a member of Phi Delta Kappa honor society and is employed by the Etowah County Board of Education at Hokes Bluff Middle School.

Byron Pattmon Fricks, '04, and Lacie Brooke Stiefel, '05, 9 July 2005, Rainsville, Ala. Mr. Fricks is employed by the Dekalb County Board of Education.

Kenneth Jeremiah Harding, '04, Stevenson, and Susan Michelle Shanks, 5 March 2005. Mr. Harding is employed by the Tennessee Valley Authority in Stevenson.

Caleb Howard Hayden, '04, and Sunny Elizabeth Smith, 14 May 2005, Oneonta, Ala. Mr. Hayden was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and is employed by Enterprise in Birmingham. Mrs. Hayden is a senior at JSU and employed by Twin Oaks at Heritage and Magnolia House.

Matthew Russell Lambert, '04, and Jennifer Nicole Walden, 4 June 2005, Fyffe, Ala. Mr. Lambert is employed by the Fort Payne City School System.

Steven A. Lee, '04, and Brooke Miller, '04, 28 May 2005, Wellington, Ala. Mr. Lee played football at JSU and

is employed with Alfa Insurance in Huntsville. Mrs. Lee is employed with MLS Direct.

Lauryn Elizabeth Norman, '04, Gadsden, and Josh Nayman, 4 December 2004. Ms. Norman was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority and the Marching Ballerinas. She is employed by the Coweta County, Ga., school system in Newnan.

Michael Wayne Norton, Jr., '04, Oxford, and Nancy Paige Morgan, 18 December 2004. Mr. Norton is employed by Pegasus Media Group in Oxford. Mrs. Norton is a senior at JSU.

Christopher Ryan Palmer, '04, and Lindsey Dale Wagnon, 11 June 2005, Hokes Bluff, Ala. Mr. Palmer was a pitcher for the baseball team and is employed by Structured Drywall as an account executive. Mrs. Palmer is a student at ISU.

Amanda LaRae Penland, '04, and Zachary Blake Duckett, 4 June 2005, in Jamaica. Mrs. Duckett is employed with the Jefferson County Board of Education and Gold Kist, Inc. in Guntersville, Ala. Mr. Duckett attended JSU.

Brian Coy Quarles, '04, Sardis City, and Rachel DeAnne Williams, 18 December 2004. Mr. Quarles is employed by the Madison County Board of Education.

Jasmine Lea Roberts, '04, Anniston, and Aaron Taylor Hagan, 5 February 2005.

Bobbie Lynn Self, '04, and Gregory Tielking, 24 June 2005, Arab, Ala. Mrs. Tielking is employed by Hampton Cove Golf Course.

Sheryl Sims, '04, and Chad Pesnell, 7 May 2005. Mrs. Pesnell is employed by Cornerstone Christian Academy.

Rachel Tomlinson, '04, and Nick Parks, 18 June 2005, Albertville, Ala. Mrs. Parks is employed by the Cullman City School System.

Suzanne Michelle Walker, '04, and Gregory Martin Gentry, 28 May 2005, Sardis, Ala. Mrs. Gentry is pursuing a master's degree and is employed by Sylvan Learning Center. Mr. Gentry attended JSU and is pursuing a degree in accounting.

Jason Brent Wallace, '04, Birmingham, and Jennifer Williams Smith, 29 January 2005. Mr. Wallace was a member of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity.

Robert Kent Wheeler, '04, Piedmont, and Sara Elisabeth Winn, 19 March 2005. Mr. Wheeler is employed by Advantage Logistics in Oxford.

Quinton Neil Williams, '04, and Audrey Rebecca Evans, '05, 28 May 2005, Albertville, Ala. Mr. Williams is youth and children's director at Southside Baptist Church in Albertville.

Jessica Amber Blanton, '05, and Ryan Christopher Jackson, 11 June 2005, Heflin, Ala.

Kristen LeAnn Burgett, '05, and Clayton Gibson Holderfield, 21 May 2005, Guntersville, Ala.

Lindsey Cofield, '05, and Brandon Wade, 27 May 2005, at Sandals Resort in Jamaica. Mrs. Wade is employed by the Marshall County Board of Education.

Crystal Cherie Frost, '05, and Jeffery Pierce Magaw, 25 June 2005, Gadsden, Ala. Mrs. Magaw is employed by Wal-Mart of Jacksonville. Mr. Magaw is attending JSU and is employed by NABI.

Brandy Nicole Hammett, '05, and Richard Ryan Posey, 23 July 2005, Jacksonville, Ala. The couple resides in Oxford.

Tara Lynn Hicks, '05, and Jonathan Andrew Townsend, 12 May 2005, in Ocho Rios, Jamaica. They reside in Rainsville, Ala.

Phillip Bruce Hudgins, '05, and Dana Michelle Lowery, '05, 16 July 2005, Rainsville, Ala. Mr. Hudgins is a graphic designer employed by Alabama Industrial Development Training in Lincoln.

Angela Jo Nunnelly, '05, and Franklin Heath Jaynes, 14 May 2005, Glencoe, Ala. Mrs. Jaynes is employed by The Bridge, Inc.

Amanda Michelle Pate, '05, and Edward Jay Peterson, 14 May 2005, Anniston, Ala.

Whitney Shay Patterson, '05, and Larry Chad Furgerson, 23 July 2005, Rainsville, Ala.

Rachel Lynn Townson, '05, and Jonathan Lindsey Davis, 21 May 2005, Oneonta, Ala. Mrs. Davis is currently pursuing her master's degree. Mr. Davis attended JSU and plans to continue his studies in Tennessee.

#### **OBITUARIES**

#### Date of Graduation Unknown, Attended Only, or Other:

Dr. Helen Bush Caver, 22 April 2005, Anniston, Ala. She served on the JSU faculty for many years.

Dr. James P. Fairleigh, Seneca, S.C., 20 February 2005. A professor and music department head at JSU for twenty years, Dr. Fairleigh retired in 2000.

Harry J. Moon, Gadsden. James Branum, Albertville, July 2003.

#### 1930-1939

Dorothy Barnes, '37, Birmingham, Ala.

Edyth Kerr Head,'36, Rock Mills, 9 November 2004. A retired teacher, she had taught at Woodland, Wedowee, and Rock Mills.

Etha Ezma Stamps, '39, Ranburne, 21 February 2005. She retired from Ranburne Elementary School following forty-seven years of service.

#### 1940-1949

Jessica Ruth Ashburn Criswell, '41, Rome, Ga., 12 October 2004.

Christine Glass Triplett, '41, Panama City Beach, Fla., 10 July 2005.

James Burney Bishop, '42, Centre, Ala., 30 June 2005. A World War II veteran, he played in the Navy Band and was

the superintendent of education for Cherokee County from 1966 to 1970. He was a retired teacher, coach, and band director.

Mildred Earnest Carlisle, '43, Hazel Green. She was a retired teacher.

Mary E. Martin, '44, Birmingham.

Julia Phillips Arnett, '45, Southern Pines, N.C., 2 December 2004. Mrs. Arnett was a former teacher.

Braxton C. Tatum, '45, Prattville, Ala., 21 April 2005. Milton Bruce Chase, '48, Marietta, Ga., 4 May 2005. Mr. Chase played football at JSU. A World War II navy veteran, he was a retired football coach and teacher. He was also retired from Lockheed.

Elbert Couch, '48, Talladega, Ala., 18 May 2005. Mr. Couch played football at JSU. He was a navy veteran and served at various schools throughout Alabama as a teacher and coach. He was inducted into the Etowah County Sports Hall of Fame in 1996, the Dekalb County Sports Hall of Fame in 2000, and the Emma Samson Wall of Fame in 1994.

William Olus Mitchell, '48, Northport. His son notified the Alumni Office that Mr. Mitchell died in 1970.

Tom B. Meharg, '49, Arab, June 2002. Mr. Meharg played all sports at Jacksonville State and became a coach in Arab in 1949.

Estelle Bain Owen, '49, Bessemer, 28 February 2005. Mrs. Owen served as a teacher and librarian for thirty-nine years before retiring in 1989.

Dr. James Ernest Owen, '49, Bessemer, 7 January 2005. Dr. Owen was a teacher and school administrator for forty-three years and served on the JSU alumni board from 1958 to 1962.

L. Charles Sprayberry, '49, Northport, died in early 2005. He was a retired Tuscaloosa County superintendent of education. Mr. Sprayberry played football at JSU and was influential in the changing of the name of the JSU mascot from the Eagle Owl to the Gamecock.

#### 1950-1959

Harold Lendon Cheatham, '51, Wellington, Ala., 4 May 2005. He retired from Anniston Army Depot with thirty-one years of service and was a WWII army veteran.

Sherman D. Echols, '50, Hartselle, date of death unknown. JSU was notified of the death during the Phonathon.

Ruby Cook Humphries, '50, Tuscaloosa, 23 November 2004. She was a retired teacher.

Fredy Darrel Shew, '50, Jacksonville, 4 December 2004. An Army Air Corps veteran, Mr. Shew taught in various Calhoun County school systems.

Frances Williams Haynes, '51, Newell, 19 January 2005. Julia Law Willard, '51, Wetumpka. Date of death unknown. JSU was notified of the death during the Phonathon. Mrs. Willard was a retired Auburn University professor.

Dr. Inez A. Edge, '52, Blue Mountain, Ala., 4 July 2005. She retired from education after teaching at Jacksonville High, JSU, and Auburn University. She served as a dean at Berry College in Rome, Ga.

Mary Jobson Everett, '52, Anniston, 21 July 2004.

George W. Ford, '52, Anniston, Ala., 11 May 2005. A WWII veteran, Mr. Ford retired from American General Life Insurance after forty years of service and was active in the JSU Alumni Association.

William Robert Abney, '53, Fruithurst, Ala., 29 November 2004. He served as an Alabama educator for twelve years and worked in human resources for eighteen years. He worked as a supervisor in the Cleburne County Soil and Water Conservation District for eighteen years and in the Adult School for the Mentally Retarded for two years following his retirement.

**Louise Jones Brown Allen, '53,** Muscadine, Ala., 15 July 2005. She retired from a teaching career at Cleburne County Schools.

Gladys McDonald Brasher, '53, Vandiver, Ala. She retired as a principal with the Shelby County Board of Education.

Edgar Brown, '53, Anniston, 29 December 2003. JSU was notified of the death during the Phonathon.

Wilmer L. McNair, '53, Birmingham, 21 March 2005. An accountant at Diamond Home Construction and former chief accountant at Jefferson State Junior College, he was retired from Calhoun Community College.

Jimmie Nearen Couch, '54, Guntersville, 5 March 2005. Mrs. Couch taught at Union Grove for more than forty years.

June Smith Haggerty, '54, Jacksonville, 7 December 2004. She had taught at Jacksonville High for 26 years and Emma Sansom for 4 years.

Herston Pelham Bonner, '56/'65, Gadsden, died in 2003. We were notified by his sister of his death.

Albert Waymon Wester, '56, Centre, 4 December 2004. Mr. Wester was commissioned through the JSU ROTC program, served in the Armed Forces for twenty-eight years, and retired from education with thirty years of service as teacher, coach, and principal.

Dana Mayo Gaither, '57, Heflin, Ala., 26 June 2005. He was a retired U.S. Postal Service mail carrier. Mr. Gaither was a Korean conflict veteran and the first commanding officer of the Army National Guard unit in Heflin.

Curtis C. Hall, '57, Montgomery, Ala., 21 July 2005. He was a WWII and Korean conflict veteran who was recalled to active duty during the Berlin Crisis. He retired from the State Department of Industrial Relations, having been recognized nationally as an expert in unemployment compensation practice and laws.

Carol June Heughan, '57, Guntersville, Ala., 2 August 2005. She was a retired schoolteacher from the Huntsville City School System.

Chester B. Skates, Jr., '57, Destin, Fla., 22 December 2004. He played football at JSU and was a member of the '55 Refrigerator Bowl team.

Garland S. Ward, '57, Sylacauga, 9 December 2004.

Dr. Robert L. Cantor, '58, Carthage, Tex., 13 December 2004. An Army veteran, Dr. Cantor owned and operated Cantor Chiropractic Clinic in Carthage. He had been commissioned through the JSU ROTC program.

Charles Leonard Frazier, '58/'73, Gadsden, 18 January 2005. A navy veteran, Mr. Frazier was a former instructor at JSU-Gadsden, a real estate broker, and president of Frazier Financial.

William Durell Morris, '58, Anniston, Ala., 23 June 2005. He retired from Moore Business Forms and was a veteran of the Korean conflict.

W.R. "Bill" Bennett, '59, Oxford, 27 December 2004. An Army Air Corps veteran, Mr. Bennett was a retired air traffic controller.

Ava Ann Nicholas Fortner, '59, Sumiton, Ala., 16 May 2005. She retired from the Jefferson County School System after thirty years of service. She also taught for twelve years at Walker County State College.

Jearold Powell Horton, '59, Horton, 24 February 2005. An air force veteran, Mr. Horton was a retired Marshall County hospital administrator and worked as a real estate agent for several years.

#### 1960-1969

Jane Chapman (graduation date unknown), Warrior, Ala., 11 May 2005. She was an active member of the JSU Sixties Group.

Elizabeth "Betty" Lee Dickson Watford Phillips, '60, Southside, 22 January 2005. She retired from the Gadsden City School System and had taught at Gadsden State.

Jennie Madeline Weir, '61, Albertville. Date of death unknown. JSU was notified of the death during the Phonathon.

Edna Sue Young Bellamy, '64, Gadsden, 7 February 2005. She taught in Calhoun, Etowah, and Jefferson counties for twenty-five years.

Dorothy I. Kifer, '64, Gadsden. JSU was notified of the death during the Phonathon. She was a retired Gadsden State

Melvin Yates, '64, Sylacauga, 17 November 2004. Mr. Yates played football and tennis at JSU and was in the Glee



Club. A WWII veteran, he taught school for more than forty years at Sylacauga High.

Douglas Wayne Findley, '66, Round Rock, Tex., 20 May 2005. He was retired from the City of Austin, Tex. as a draftsman. Mr. Findley was a member of the Southerners.

Terry Marie Milstead, '67, Hueytown, Ala., 20 May 2005. She spent her entire career teaching at Hueytown High School in Jefferson County. Ms. Milstead was active in the BSU (now Baptist Campus Ministry).

Martha Lamar Eaton, '68/'74, Oxford, 27 January 2005. Mrs. Eaton taught for thirty-two years at Oxford High.

#### 1970-1979

**RETRACTION** — The *Gem* incorrectly reported in the Spring 2005 edition the death of Loyce Gerald Owen, '73/'76, Oxford. Mr. Owen's father had died, not Mr. Loyce Gerald Owen. The Alumni Office regrets the error and apologizes to Mr. Owen and his family for the mistake.

Alvin Mansfield Adams, Jr., '70, Trussville, Ala., 23 May 2005. Mr. Adams was a member of Delta Chi fraternity. He worked as a sales executive with Xerox for more than twenty years. Mr. Adams was active in Ducks Unlimited and served as a volunteer and member of the Alabama State Council for more than thirty years.

Terry Michael Kendrick, '72, Knoxville, Tenn., 30 May 2005. Mr. Kendrick was a certified public accountant and went on to serve as chief financial officer of Kern's Bakeries and Medallion Sign Company in Knoxville.

Jennifer Joy Hayes Moore, '72, New Orleans, La., 17 April 2005. She worked in education for thirty-three years in Alabama and Louisiana. Mrs. Moore was the assistant principal at Luling Elementary School. She was a former Marching Ballerina.

Paula H. Shirey, '72, Lincoln, Ala., 13 July 2005.

Mary Sewell Mitchell, '72/'74, Glencoe, Ala., 24 March 2005. She taught English and Spanish for many years in the Gadsden City School System and one year in Germany. She taught part time for Gadsden State Community College.

Stanley Ervin Waits, '72, Albertville, 19 February 2005. Janice Clonts Entrekin, '74/'77, Gainesville, Ga.

Charles Edward Brackett, '75, Boaz, Ala., 17 July 2005. Mr. Brackett was a retired lieutenant with the Anniston Police Department and commander of the second shift. He was a Vietnam veteran, having served in the air force. After retiring from the police department, he became a poultry farmer with Gold Kist.

LaFonda Gayle Cole, '75, Anniston, April 2005. Ms. Cole had been a nurse at Regional Medical Center and at Jacksonville Hospital. She was owner/operator of The Kitchen Place on the Jacksonville Square.

Milton Foster, '75, Ashville, 16 January 2001.

Durwood Benefield, '76/'78, and his brother Shable Baxter Benefield, '77/'79, Heflin, were killed in a house fire on 8 February, 2005. Their older brother and mother also died in the fire. Shable Benefield was an auditor.

# International House Program 60th Anniversary Celebration!



# Accommodations Hotels with group Accor

#### The Sofitel Paris Bercy (www.sofitel.com)

70 Euros per person based on double occupancy/ \$85 American pp/per night

#### The Mercure Paris Bercy (www.mercure.com)

60 Euros per person based on double occupancy/ \$73 American pp/per night

#### The Novotel Vaugirard (www.novotel.com)

(recommended for triple and quad occupancy)

75 Euros for single/\$91 American per night

- 45 Euros for double/\$55 American per night
- 41 Euros for triple/\$50 American per night
- 28 Euros for quad/\$35 American per night
  - Reservation and full payment due by Nov. 16, 2005 for hotel accommodations
  - Group Transportation arrangements from within the United States can be made through the alumni office.
  - · Visit www.jsu.edu for more reunion information

Hotels are located next to each other, east of Paris with easy access (by metro) to the center of the city.

The Novotel is located in the center of Paris.

#### **Itinerary:**

Friday, July 7

Welcome reception, 5-7 p.m.

Saturday, July 8

Receptions BY ERA 10:30 a.m–1p.m. (Pastries and Juices provided)

Reunion Dinner aboard the Bateau Mouche, 8 p.m. www.bateauxpariseins.com

Sunday, July 9

Farewell Reception

#### Details:

Cost is \$350 per person or 260 Euros per person. Includes receptions and Saturday evening dinner, tshirt and DVD. Does not include transportation and accommodations

Reunion reservations and fees due by November 16, 2005. Within the United States reservations need to be made with the JSU Alumni Office. Reservations outside the United States need to be made with Mr. Denis Droulers denisdroulers@free.fr.

After November 16, 2005, Reunion Fee May Increase to \$400 Per Person Or 297 Euros... don't wait!

Contact the Alumni Office today to make your reservations If you have not received your reunion packet contact the Alumni Office immediately.

#### PLEASE NOTE:

If you were involved in the IH program after 1994, please contact the alumni office immediately! We may not have you listed with the IH program, and therefore, you may not receive a reunion reservation form...please contact us today!

Jimmy Wade Collins, '76/'82, Boaz, Ala., 24 April 2005. He was a sales engineer at Wesco Distribution, Inc.

Melinda Anne Taylor Mills, '76, Toney, Ala., 12 July 2005. Mrs. Mills was a member of the Madison County Indian Education Parents Association and a substitute teacher.

Thomas Douglas Snead, '76, Centre, Ala., 13 April 2005. He was owner of Snead Tractor.

Ralph D. Turley, '76/'97, Oxford, 12 February 2005. He was a principal with the Calhoun County Board of Education.

Joel Murry Alford, '77, Gadsden. The postal service notified JSU of the death of Mr. Alford.

Mary Katherine Ensley, '78, Birmingham, Ala., 20 June 2005. Ms. Ensley was active with the BCM and International House programs.

Darline Crowder Harris, '78/'83, Anniston, 25 November 2004. Mrs. Harris was a teacher with Talladega County

Audrey Johnson Hughes, '78/'79, Oneonta, 29 April 2004. Mrs. Hughes was a teacher with the Oneonta Board of Education.

Thomas Randy Cook, '79, Arab. A relative of Mr. Cook's notified JSU of the death.

Ronny Ernest White, '79, Pell City, 12 January 2005. Mr. White served as band director at Pell City High School for nine years and worked in education for more than twentyfive years.

#### 1980-1989

Julia Ann Vaughn Amos, '80, Weaver, Ala., 22 June 2005. She was a nurse at the former Holy Name of Jesus Hospital in Gadsden and at Stringfellow Hospital and Northeast Alabama Regional Medical Center in Anniston. She retired from Noble Army Hospital after twenty years of service.

Cherri Hurst Mullins, '80, Alexandria, 28 November 2004. She retired from Tyson Foods after eighteen years of service.

Donna Broyles Richards, '80, Fort Payne. JSU was notified of the death during the Phonathon.

Carolyn Virginia Wade, '80, Arab, Ala., 21 July 2005. Ms. Wade was a member of the Southerners.

Arthur Neal Self, '81, Gadsden, 13 January 2005. Mr. Self managed the camera department at the former Hoffman Jewelers in Gadsden, where he had worked for twenty-seven years as a master engraver.

Melissa Dendy Cutillo, '82, New Orleans, La. The postal service notified JSU of the death.

Melanie Harrison Houston, '83/'88, Anniston, 17 February 2005. She taught at Jacksonville, Oxford, and Weaver high schools. In 2003, Mrs. Houston was named Teacher of the Year at Weaver High. Her husband Roland is a former football coach under former Head Coach Bill Burgess.

Bobby Joe Stinson, '83, Cedar Bluff, 22 December 2004. He retired from the air force after twenty-six years of service.

Jeffrey Bryan Suggs, '84, Franklin, Tenn., April 2005. Mr. Suggs had been a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity at JSU. He owned and operated Apex Construction Company in Franklin, Tenn. since 1995.

Todd Lloyd Miller, '85/'87/'91, Gadsden, Ala., 27 June 2005. Mr. Miller played football at JSU. He taught at Huffman High School and served as baseball coach. He was employed by Southern Company.

Joseph Thomas Robertson, '88, Gadsden. Mr. Robertson's wife notified JSU that he died in 1997. Mr. Robertson taught in Etowah County.

#### 1990-1999

Donald Ray Haney, '90, Talladega, Ala., 6 June 2005. Mr. Haney worked for the U.S. State Department.

Kenneth A. Comfort, '91/'95, Anniston, 4 February 2005. An army veteran, Mr. Comfort retired as division manager of the federal bankruptcy court.

David Stanley Hall, '93, Southside, 5 March 2005. A teacher at Hokes Bluff Middle School, Mr. Hall drove charter buses part time.

Christy Lynn Carter Mouchka, '98, Jacksonville, 23 January 2005. She worked for Cherokee County Nursing Home.

#### **ALUMNOTES**

#### 1950-1959

Dr. Hubert Black, '53, Cleveland, Tenn., was named the 2004 recipient of the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award at Lincoln Memorial University's winter commencement ceremonies, where he also served as guest speaker. His career in education spans fifty years with service in nearly every area of the profession. He most recently served as professor of education in Lincoln University's graduate program. He is widely published in journals and periodicals.

James W. "Shag" Richey, '53/'60, Ashville, was inducted into the St. Clair County Sports Hall of Fame in January. He played basketball at ISU, was elected to the ISU Sports Hall of Fame, and was named as one of JSU's 100 Greatest Athletes. He is a member of the Dekalb County Sports Hall of Fame. Mr. Richey is a former principal at Ashville High and former superintendent of education in St. Clair County.

#### 1960-1969

John Thomas Allen, '62, Albertville, was inducted into the Marshall County Sports Hall of Fame. He played baseball at JSU, was selected All-Conference pitcher in 1960, and was co-captain of the 1961 Gamecocks. He began teaching and coaching in 1962. Mr. Allen served as principal at Douglas Elementary School. He continues to serve education as an elected member of the Marshall County Board of Education.

Glinda Owens Dodd, '65, Dora, Ala., recently retired after seventeen years as principal of Bryan Elementary. She served in education for forty years.

Joe T. Hayden, '65, Oneonta, was appointed worthless check administrator and investigator in Blount County. He also assists the district attorney's office in applying for grants. Mr. Hayden is a retired project control manager/cost engineer for Rust Construction, Inc., Birmingham.

Jimmy Lindsey, '65, Fort Payne, Ala., recently retired as Circuit Court clerk in Dekalb County after twenty-eight years and five terms in office.

Barbara Henry Blanks, '66, Albertville, was nominated for the ISU Teacher Hall of Fame. She is an English teacher at Albertville High.

Major Thaddeus J. Davis III, '66, deceased, Marion, Ala., was recently inducted into the Alabama Military Hall of Honor at Marion Military Institute. Mr. Davis was a Vietnam veteran who was awarded the Silver Star, Bronze Star with "V" device, and the Purple Heart. Mr. Davis was commissioned through the JSU ROTC program.

Mary Tuck Grimes, '68, Mt. Olive, Ala., recently retired from the Jefferson County Board of Education with more than thirty years of service. She taught at Anniston High, Gardendale High, and Bragg Middle School. She was chairman of the English Department and drama director at Bragg. She and her husband, Charles Grimes, '69, established the Charles and Mary Grimes (MJHS) Annual Scholarship at Gardendale High and the Charles and Mary Grimes (MJHS) Annual Scholarship at Mortimer Jordan High. Mrs. Grimes is a life member of both the JSU and the UAB alumni associations.

### **NEW LIFE MEMBERS** December 2004-March 2005

Daniel E. Baer, '02 Jennie Lynn Baer Kenneth D. Bruce, '81 Brad D. Butler, '95 Janet Kathleen Carter, '80 Misty Cassell, '04 Michael Eugene Chandler, Jr. Wendy Carol Chandler, '03 Vincent Michael Costanza, '72 Donald Lynn Cotton, '75 Hjordis R. Culpepper, '97 Samuel L. Ellis, Jr., '04 Jeffrey L. Griffin, '87 Kenneth F. Hancock, '50 Karen Howell Helms, '03 Kelly Keim Kendrick, '85 Michael S. Kendrick, '85 Gregory J. Kernion, '90/'93 Rhonda E. Kiser, '80/'81/'83/'02

Jennifer Smith Mackey, '95

Stephanie K. Matthews, '91/'93/'98 Ruth Weldon McGaha, '86 Tommy D. McRae Steven C. Murphee, '82 Donald Jay "Dink" Myers, '80 Wendy Laminack Perry, '00 Calvin L. Russell, '76 Patrick J. Sharon, '83 Curtis L. Sessions, '03 John L. Stanton, Jr., '99 John L. Stanton, Sr., '03 Andrew B. Symonds, '03 June Heisler Tisdale, '61 Nancy Sandlin Walthall, '71 Angela Turner Whitehead, '87 Edward "Rocky" Wilkinson, '85 Eugene Wisdom, '81 Gayle McAnnally Wood, '77/'82 Ilona Lee Wright, '89

Randy Harper, '69/'75, Anniston, Ala., was named JSU's vice president for information technology. He was formerly the executive director of information technology and has been with JSU for twenty-nine years. He is a life member of the JSU Alumni Association.

Dr. Jerry Doran Smith, '69/'72, Cullman, Ala., was awarded the Distinguished Service Award by the Southern Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers in February. The award has been given to only fourteen individuals in the fifty-eight year history of the organization. Dr. Smith retired from JSU in 1999 as dean of admissions and records. He was named Dean Emeritus following his retirement. After leaving ISU, Dr. Smith served institutions in Texas and Kentucky. He was named regional director of the National Student Clearinghouse in August 2004. His wife Susan Smith, '86, is an instructor at Wallace State Community College, and their son will soon become a JSU student.

#### 1970-1979

Jimmy Hobbs, '70/'81, Rainsville, Ala., retired after twenty-seven years as the Plainview High School band director. Mr. Hobbs taught for thirty-seven years. He was a member of the Southerners.

Sen. Larry Means, '70, Attalla, was recently presented the Senator Charles Langford Award for Outstanding Service in the Alabama Senate by the Alabama State Employers Association. Now serving a second term, Senator Means is chairman of the health committee, vice chairman of the banking and insurance committee, and serves on several other committees in the Senate.

Sherri Owen McKendree, '70/'81, Columbus, Ga., is a physical education teacher for the U.S. Department of Defense Schools. She was selected the 2006 DODEA Teacher of the Year for the Georgia/Alabama District. Her husband, Ronald McKendree, '67, is retired.

James William Keller, '71, Grant, was selected for the 2005 class of the Marshall County Sports Hall of Fame. He began his teaching/coaching career at Sylvania High in 1972. He began teaching at Claysville in 1974, serving as teacher and principal there for twenty-two years, retiring in 1996. Mr. Keller has served for eight years on the town council, where he was responsible for recreation facilities and youth programs.

William "Bill" F. Elam, '71, Birmingham, is a senior partner at WilbanksElam Marketing and Public Relations. A veteran marketing, advertising, and promotion executive, Mr. Elam worked in the industry for more than thirty years.

L. W. Tolton, '71/'75, Attalla, Ala., retired as principal at Duck Springs Elementary School. He served in education for thirty-seven years after beginning at Duck Springs in 1968.

Jim A. Vanderford, '71/'73, Southside, is a counselor at Gadsden State Community College. He is married to Cathy Oliver Vanderford, '72.

Charlie Waldrep, '71, Birmingham, recently announced the formation of Vines & Waldrep, PC, a law firm focusing

primarily on civil litigation, public sector, and business representation. Mr. Waldrep serves on the JSU Foundation board and served as president of the JSU National Alumni Association from 1981 to 1983.

Jimmy Williamson, '71, Gadsden, a senior partner of MDA Professional Group, was recognized by CPA Magazine as one of the top one hundred influential practitioners in accounting. Mr. Williamson serves on several boards of directors and committees in connection with his CPA career and splits his time between MDA offices in Fort Payne and Albertville.

Cmd. Sgt. Maj. James D. "Danny" Ashley, '72/'75, Fyffe, was selected to serve as the state command sergeant major of the Alabama Army National Guard. He will serve on the full-time staff of the adjutant general of Alabama as the senior enlisted member of the staff and will advise the adjutant general on all matters affecting enlisted army guard personnel in Alabama. He is a veteran of more than thirtytwo years of military service.

Betty Louise Kelley, '72/'76, Guntersville, Ala., retired from Cherokee Elementary School after thirty-three years in education.

Dianne Griffith Durham, '73, Gadsden, retired at the end of the 2004-05 school year after teaching at Gaston High for thirty-two years. She began her teaching career at Gaston. In 1978, she started the school's first girls' basketball team and later started its first girls' softball team.

Charles Maniscalco, '73/'79, Oxford, Ala., retired as principal of Oxford High School. He served in education for thirty-one years as a teacher and coach. Mr. Maniscalco was on the football coaching staff under Coach Bill Burgess at JSU for twelve years before moving to Oxford. He played baseball at JSU.

Dennis O'Dell, '73, Huntsville, was appointed to a judgeship on the Madison County District Court by Gov. Bob Riley. He practiced law for thirty years in Huntsville.

Alanna Oliver Blanks, '74/'91, Sand Rock, is a resource teacher at Centre Elementary School. She has twelve years of teaching experience, is married, and has two grown children.

Ferrell Vest, '74/'82, Hartselle, was named general manager of Hartselle Utilities. He is the former Hartselle police chief and city administrator. He served more than twenty years in the army before returning to Hartselle as police chief in 1995. He served as city administrator until 2003. Mr. Vest was commissioned through the JSU ROTC program.

Van Davis, '75, Pell City, retired this year as St. Clair County district attorney. He served in St. Clair County courtrooms for eighteen years. He was first elected district attorney

Nedra Holcombe Hundley, '75, Huntsville, has worked for NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center since 1981. Originally hired as an engineer, she serves in the propulsion department of the engineering directorate, where she provides engineering support to the shuttle reusable solid rocket motor and solid rocket booster projects. Mrs. Hundley was a member of the International House program.

Jeffrey Lynn Wood, '75/'85, Talladega, is a member of the Heritage Hall Jazz Band. Mr Wood is a former member of the Southerners. Other JSU alumni who are Jazz Band members and former Southerners include Jeff's brother, Tony Wood, Talladega; George "Buddy" Simpkins, '60/'69, Sylacauga; Marsha L. Hanners, Anniston; Kara Williams Baggett, '76/'80, Talladega; Daniel Burnett, '93, Weaver; Susanne Carter Mullinax, '77/'84, and Billie G. Mullinax, '787/81, Lineville; Buster Bolton, '01, Talladega; James Rodney Conaway, '76, Anniston; Jeff Gossett, '88/'94, Jacksonville; and David Worster, '74, Anniston.

Royce Browder, '76, Wetumpka, retired after twentyfive years as pastor of Wetumpka's First Presbyterian Church. He has accepted the post of executive presbyter of the Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery in Wheeling, W. Va. His administrative duties will include ninety-four churches. He and his wife have moved to St. Clairsville, Ohio, but will keep their home in Wetumpka to return to when he retires.

Marty Cannon, '76/'81, Pineville, La., retired 31 December 2004 after more than twenty years of service with the Federal Bureau of Prisons. He retired as a unit manager. He spent more than seventeen years as an education supervisor (principal). Prior to his career with BOP, Mr. Cannon coached and taught at Ragland, Weogufka, and Talladega.

Deborah Sewell Naugher, '76/'78, Leesburg, is a resource teacher helping students with special educational needs at Centre Elementary School.

Wanda Lynn Scott Parker, '76, Albertville, is a lieutenant colonel in the army and is in the nurse corps assigned to the 86th Combat Support Hospital, which is attached to the 101st Airborne Division. Lt. Col. Parker served in Operation Desert Storm/Shield and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Carol Davis Scott, '76/'78, Centre, is a resource teacher at Centre Elementary helping special needs students. She has taught for twenty-seven years.

Roberta Ann Houston, '77/'80, Fort Payne, has taken over the role of secretary with the United Givers Fund of Dekalb County. She taught for twelve years in the Dekalb County School System.

Dr. John Hammett, '78/'80, Jacksonville, was named associate dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies. Since coming to JSU in 1989, he has been instrumental in developing a B.S. degree program in exercise science and wellness, a comprehensive university-based wellness program, and revamping the B.S.E. degree program in physical education. In 2001, Dr. Hammett was named department head for Health, Physical Education, and Recreation. He played football at JSU and was a member of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity.

Rita Jones Morrow, '78, Guntersville, Ala., retired from Guntersville Elementary School after more than twenty-five years of teaching. She was named teacher of the year by both the Chamber of Commerce and Guntersville School System in 2001. She now plans to work for her brother's store, Mike's Merchandise.

Charles Stewart, '78, Tuscaloosa, Ala., administrator of Northport Medical Center, recently received the Regent's Senior-Level Health Care Executive Award from the Alabama chapter of the American College of Healthcare Executives. He was also re-elected to a second consecutive three-year term on AlaHA's board of trustees. He has twenty-two years of hospital executive experience and has served in his current position for the last nine years.

**Dr. Bruce Curlette,** '79, Xenia, Ohio, recently received a promotion and tenure at Cedarville University in Ohio. After teaching at Cedarville since 2001, Dr. Curlette was promoted to professor of music. Prior to Cedarville, he was a member of the Grand Rapids (Michigan) Symphony Orchestra and chair of the department of music at Cornerstone University. Dr. Curlette is a former Southerner.

James W. Anderson, '79, Talladega, a native of Grant, received his law degree from Northwestern University in December 2004.

Rick Tubbs, '79/'97, Sarasota, Fla., is in his sixth year as director of public safety at the Ringling School of Art and Design. He and his wife recently celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

#### 1980-1989

Brenda Lindley-Anderson, '81, Huntsville, Ala., received an incentive award from NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center for outstanding effort in identifying Project Constellation Safety and Mission Assurance requirements and in supporting the development of the exploration systems missions directorate risk management plan. Project Constellation embodies NASA's plans for exploration beyond earth orbit. Mrs. Lindley-Anderson was a member of the Baptist Campus Ministry.

Richard Bishop, '81/'85, Centre, was named manager of Axcan's employee development program for North America. He spent twenty-five years in education, including serving as instructor and head coach at Gaston High. He was selected Coach of the Year for four consecutive years and Administrator of the Year for 2004 in Alabama.

Steve Botello, '81, Manassas, Va., owns SM III Technologies, Inc., a company that develops videoconferencing network solutions used throughout the federal government.

Rickey Bryant, '82/'87/'04, Grove Oak, was named principal of Fyffe High School by the Dekalb County Board of Education. He was transferred to that position from the Technology Center in Rainsville.

Nora Brock Bledsoe, '82, Lafayette, was named 2005 Teacher of the Year at John P. Powell Middle School. She has been a teacher for twenty-three years. She is also a Student Council advisor.

**Dr. Maria Unger Palmer**, '82, Chapel Hill, N.C., is the principal of an intercultural magnet school in Greensboro, N.C. Dr. Palmer also preached during Thanksgiving 2004 at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. She was a member of the Baptist Campus Ministry (BCM) at JSU and

is married to **Micheal Palmer**, '81, a former Southerner and member of BCM.

Alhaji Isiaka A. Adeleke, '83/'85, Calabar, Nigeria, was appointed pro-chancellor of the University of Calabar. He served as the executive governor of one of the thirty-six states that make up Nigeria, having been elected fourteen years ago.

Chris Bowman, '83, Rainsville, is the new business development manager for Hi-Tech Telecom Security (HTTS). HTTS is an area leader in security, telephone, and wireless Internet solutions serving Dekalb, Jackson, Cherokee and Marshall counties in Alabama. Mr. Bowman was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

LeAnn Gaines Crowe, '83, Jacksonville, was named as a vice president with the J.F. Smith Group, which is a consulting firm specializing in fund-raising management based in Auburn. Mrs. Crowe is campaign director for JSU's Capital Campaign. She was recently married in May 2005 to JSU's head football coach, Jack Crowe. While at JSU, Mrs. Crowe was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority. She is a member of the JSU Alumni Association.

Tammie Pace Gunnels, '84, Piedmont, a veteran teacher with more than twenty years of experience at Piedmont Middle School, was named the system's 2005 Teacher of the Year. She serves as the school's reading coach.

Forrest Calvert "Rusty" Fuller, '85, Vestavia Hills, recently became a member of the Masters Club with Novartis Pharmaceuticals. He has seventeen years of service with the company, and his area has been ranked among the top seven nationally since the division was created in 2001. The Masters Club is open to field managers who have earned a senior manager position and demonstrated consistent long-term sales management and role model behaviors.

Terry Hancock, '85, Section, has served in education for nineteen years. He recently stepped down as principal at North Sand Mountain High School and will entered an administrative position in the Jackson County school system.

Ramona Denise Martin, '85, Pelham, Ala., earned National Board Certification in November 2004. She teaches at Mt. Laurel Elementary School in the Shelby County school system.

Susan Cowan Robertson, '85, Dothan, Ala., was named executive director of the Wiregrass Museum of Art in Dothan, Ala. She served as marketing director at the Anniston Museum of Natural History.

John Valdes, Jr., '85, Jacksonville, launched his own business as a personal chef. He shops for customers, cooks food in their homes, and cleans up the mess. He also conducts cooking parties and assists with food selections. Mr. Valdes is a graduate of The Culinard, the Culinary Institute of Virginia College in Birmingham. He previously worked for the Oasis Cafe in Gadsden and at Jacksonville's Old Henry Farm Restaurant (The Barn).

Major Todd E. Key, '87, Alexandria, Va., is deployed overseas in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He is a strategic planner/effects chief with sixteen years of military service. Maj. Key is normally assigned to the joint staff at the

Pentagon. He was commissioned through the JSU ROTC program.

Cathy Wall Smith, '88/'96, Ragland, serves as uniserve director for the Alabama Education Association, District eight. She was a classroom teacher for seventeen years and also served as a substitute bus driver and teacher.

Jeffie Burns Latham, '89/'91, Gadsden, currently serves as a resource teacher for special education students at Centre Elementary School. She previously taught in Japan, California, Louisiana, Nebraska, and Texas during her husband's military career.

#### 1990-1999

David Glenn, '90, Mobile, Ala., was named Best Weather Anchor for 2004 by the Alabama Associated Press Broadcasters. Mr. Glenn works for WPMI-TV Mobile/Pensacola and serves as an at-large member of JSU's National Alumni Association board of governors.

Chris Colvard, '91, Jacksonville, is writing plays and trying to get published. He works at Books-A-Million in Oxford.

Capt. David Crenshaw, '91, Helena, Ala., executive and maintenance officer for F Co., 131st Aviation, is serving in Afghanistan. His crew of eighty mechanics, pilots, crewmen and logistics personnel are running a 24-hour-a-day operation that hasn't slowed since their arrival in March 2005. The unit has logged more than 6,000 hours of flight time and carried more than 37,000 passengers. Capt. Crenshaw was commissioned through the JSU ROTC program.

Angie Millwood, '91, Orlando, Fla., is associate director of behavior programs for Natural Encounters, Inc., an animal training consulting company. She was a Marching Ballerina.

Tabatha Collins Wright, '91, Centre, Ala., is in her tenth year of teaching in Cherokee County. She is vice president of her local education association (CCEA) and the vice president for the Uniserv Council, District 10, of the Alabama Education Association.

Shaundra Young, '91, Centre, is a Title I teacher at Centre Elementary. She has taught for eight years.

Maj. Clinton Gilder, '92, Alexandria, Va., was recently promoted from army captain to major. He received officer field grade certification and will be awarded a master's degree in military operational arts and science. He is a commissionee of the JSU ROTC program.

Cathy Meadows Jones, '92, Albertville, was named as the new principal at Wills Valley Elementary School in Fort Payne. She previously served as assistant principal at Albertville Elementary School and as a classroom teacher at various

Maj. Gregory J. Long, '92, Guntersville, Ala., an army chaplain, graduated from the Chaplain Officer Basic Course, Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. He is a commissionee of the JSU ROTC program and was a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity.

Cal G. Smith, '92/'94, Attalla, is a math instructor and advisor at Gadsden State Community College's Wallace Campus. He is in his tenth year of teaching and previously taught high school in Georgia.

Conswella Curry Smith, '92/'02, Lincoln, is a teacher at Anniston's Tenth Street Elementary School and was recently nominated for the Alabama Teacher of the Year Award. She has taught at Tenth Street for her entire twelve-year career in education.

Andrew W. Anthony, '93/'97, Sumter, S.C., is a historian for the air force at Shaw Air Force Base in Sumter.

Clinton Bradley, '93, Athens, Ga., was promoted to district manager with Liberty National Life Insurance Co. in Athens. His wife, Carrie Dooley Bradley, will graduate from JSU in December. Mr. Bradley was a member of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity.

Chris G. Capps, '93, East Point, Ga., is a broadcast coordinator at Turner Network Television.

Vicki Lynn Everett, '93, White Plains, Ala., is the new staff writer at the Jacksonville News. She is pursuing her master's degree at JSU.

Michael Shane Goode, '93, Birmingham, is employed by BellSouth Corp. as a major account manager. He and his wife have three children.

Phillip Snider, '93/'97, Alexandria, is a biology instructor and advisor at Gadsden State-Wallace. He taught high school biology for twelve years and worked as an adjunct instructor at GSCC before being hired full time.

Steven P. Thomas, '93, Falls Church, Va., received a Ph.D. in human resource education from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in May 2005.

Scotty Wilson, '93, Anniston, Ala., was promoted to vice president of lending for Colonial Bank's Anniston office. He has twelve years of banking experience and will manage consumer, commercial, and construction lending accounts. He previously served as loan officer at the branch.

A. J. Richards, '94, Fruitland Park, Fla., is working in theatre in Florida and recently completed production of *The* 1940s Radio Hour. He was a member of the Southerners and the International House program.

Leigh Serviss, '94, Birmingham, Ala., was promoted to coordinator of safety and environmental affairs for Sloss Industries Corporation. She has been with Sloss since 1996 directing the environmental and safety training as well as its ISO 2000 certification program. Ms. Serviss was a member of Delta Zeta sorority.

Banyon Allison, '95/'96/'02, Oxford, Ala., completed his doctorate in educational administration at the University of Alabama. He serves as assistant principal at Wellborn High School, vice president of the J Club, and is sideline reporter for the JSU radio team for football. Mr. Allison played football at ISU.

Rita Baker Manyette, '95, Jacksonville, Fla., recently completed an infomercial for weight loss tapes and appeared in a Tiger Woods commercial for American Express.

Clarice Conway Weaver, '95, Dallas, Ga., was named the Paulding County Rotary Club's Teacher of the Month. Mrs. Weaver teaches at Baggett Elementary.

Edna Coffey Wynn, '95, Centre, is a Title I teacher at Centre Elementary School. She has taught for nine years.

Rene Humphrey, '96, Dallas, Tex., recently passed the Texas bar exam and is an attorney in Dallas with the firm of Maloney, Bean, Horn & Hull, P.C.

Michelle Lysy King, '96, Jacksonville, is branch manager at AOD Federal Credit Union, Anniston. Mrs. King worked in the trust department as a wealth management analyst for seven years.

Christopher Brian Sims, '97/'99, Steele, was recently accepted into the University of Louisville School of Dentistry. He and his wife plan to live in Louisville for the next four years, and he plans to return home to practice.

Clay Gresham, '98, Anniston, Ala., a former Fox 6 news reporter, now works as a designer of tire rims that are adorned with sparkling stones. Called Gresham's 924 Shock & Awe Series, his product is marketed by Yokohama Tire, a Japanese tire manufacturer with a plant in California. His rims will be showcased as Yokebir Ice Rims for a new sports utility vehicle launched in June. His web address is www.icerims.com

Christy Hiett, '98/'01, Fruithurst, a first grade teacher at Fruithurst Elementary, has received National Board Certification. She has been a teacher for eight years.

Michael McWaters, '98, Cullman, Ala., has been named CEO of Wiregrass Electric Cooperative. He has eleven years of experience in the industry and previously worked at Cullman Electric as vice president of member services.

Ashley Pendley, '98, Gadsden, is working with several JSU classmates at the Gadsden Cultural Arts Center after two Asian tours with the Missoula Children's Theatre. She is a new mom; Griffyn Brooke was born last March.

Jessica Geron Zeller, '98, Huntsville, was nominated Best Supporting Actress for her role in Theatre Huntsville's *Of Mice and Men.* She also appeared in a performance of *Vagina Monologues* for the University of Alabama-Huntsville. Her second child was born in February.

Jose Alba, '99, W. Hollywood, Ca., was recently recognized by the Manila Film Festival for *Panaghoy sa Suba* (or *The Call of the River*), which won in the festival category "Cinema of the World." The film is nominated for a Cannes Film Festival award. Mr. Alba is also working on the film *Another Deep Breath*.

Vikki Bradford Floyd, '99, Jacksonville, was recently named assistant administrator at Jacksonville Medical Center. In addition to her regular duties, she serves as director of marketing and public relations, Mrs. Floyd is also responsible for the lab and physical therapy departments.

Thea Dickie Ford, '99, Foley, was selected Teacher of the Year at Foley High School. She teaches tenth and eleventh grade U.S. history, college prep, and advanced placement history.

Paulette Bryan Parks, '99, Anniston, Ala., teaches sculpture at her studio in Anniston and accepts commissions in sculpture, oils, and watercolor. Her clay sculptures, hand-pulled prints, and paintings were recently on exhibit at Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts in Florence, Ala., with a primary focus on the human form.

Renee Galloway Vice, '99, Glencoe, is a volunteer for United Way. She is married to Noel Vice, '96, who played baseball at JSU. Mr. Vice is managing director for Big Oak Ranch in Rainbow City. Mrs. Vice was a Marching Ballerina.

#### 2000-2005

Tyler "Ty" Blake Gardner, '00, Oxford, Ala., was recently named new group sales and promotions coordinator at Talladega Superspeedway, with Talladega on Wheels appearances being chief among his duties. His professional background includes working as an assistant golf pro focusing on marketing, advertising, and human resources.

Amanda Buckner Jackson, '00, Gadsden, is a third-generation librarian in her family. She recently began work as public services librarian at the Gadsden Public Library.

Aimee Bruce-Garrett, '01, Centre, is a resource teacher at Centre Elementary for students with special educational needs. She has taught in Cherokee County for eleven years at various schools.

Margaret Harviley, '01, Midfield, works for AmSouth Bank as an administrative assistant to the senior vice president of mortgage banking and vice president of secondary marketing.

**Fabio Pires, '01,** is an understudy in *The Underpants* and *Back at Leipzig.* He has also appeared in a national commercial for Batteries+ and served as a print model.

Jason Shaffer, '01, and his wife, Lori '00, were stationed in Mildenhall, England, as of February. Mr. Shaffer is working for Bomber Avionics and performs work involving communication and navigation electrical systems for aircraft. Their baby girl, Aislinn Greer, was born 8 September 2004.

Nia Cox Stivers, '01, Bridgeport, has been teaching at North Sand Mountain High School for the past three years. She was a member of Phi Mu sorority at JSU.

Thomas Dale Winborn, Jr., '01, Gadsden, Ala., recently received his Master of Divinity degree in biblical languages from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Tex. He plans to continue his studies at Southwestern, pursuing a Master of Theology degree.

Scott J. Caldwell, '02, is a navy seaman. He is in Washington, D.C., serving as a member of the Joint Task Force-Armed Forces inaugural committee.

Mandy Carter, '02, Lubbock, Tex., is working on a teaching certificate at Texas Tech.

Jocelyn E. "Josie" Connell, '02, Lansing, Mich., serves as the weekend anchor/reporter for Fox47 in Lansing. She has been with Fox for the past year. Prior to moving to Lansing, she was a reporter for Fox61 in Chattanooga, Tenn. Ms. Connell was news director for JSU's 92J radio station and president of the campus chapter of SPJ.

Michelle Johnson, '02, is touring internationally with Feld Entertainment's inaugural production for Disney Live!'s Winnie the Pooh and the Perfect Day. She was recently in Madrid, Spain, which was the first stop on the European portion of their tour.

Gina White, '02, Boaz, is teaching at Carlisle Park Middle School in Guntersville. She is in her second year of teaching.

Jason Bozeman, '03, Gadsden, teamed up with several of his former JSU classmates to provide a series of acting classes in Gadsden at the Center for Cultural Arts.

Candice Carter, '03, Madison, is with the Virginia Stage Company as the education stage manager. In January, she was stage manager for a production of Goodly Creatures. In February, she was assistant director for Vincent in Brixton. Her last show of the season was Treasure Island.

Joe Fuselli, '03, is studying at the famed Actor's Studio in New York. He was cast in a production of *Exorcising the* Devil, which was produced through the Brooklyn Playwrights Association in an off-Broadway house. He was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity.

Samantha Pickette Gallahair, '03, Jacksonville, is a girls softball coach and teacher with the Scottsboro City Board of Education. She divides time between teaching at Scottsboro Junior High and Scottsboro High and coaching for the junior varsity and varsity softball teams. She is in her first year as a full-time teacher.

Patricia Lockhart, '03, Wedowee, opened a new maternity boutique in Oxford called "Hot Mamas" that caters to pregnant women interested in fashion. The shop markets to women in all stages of pregnancy.

Judy Newell Murdock, '03, Boaz, exhibited oil paintings at the Hardin Center in Gadsden last November and December. The exhibition was called "Faces" and included self portraits and portraits of family members and pets. Mrs. Murdock is a continuing education instructor at Snead State Community College who teaches basic drawing and beginning printmaking to children and adults.

Molly E. Norris, '03 Horton, is a teacher at Douglas Middle School. She has been a teacher for seven years. She looks forward to becoming a counselor for the school system.

Jeff Roper, '03, Gadsden, has teamed up with former JSU classmates to offer theatre classes in Gadsden. He and his wife became parents this year.

Chris Barker, '04, Jacksonville, an apartment manager, got as far as performing a song for judges Randy Jackson, Paula Abdul, and Simon Cowell on American Idol this year. He auditioned in St. Louis and went through several panels of judges before the performance for THE judges. He made it as far as Hollywood, but did not appear in the final group to be judged.

Cris Morriss, '04, Norfolk, Va., works at Virginia Stage Company and is touring as Rikki in The Garden of Rikki Tikki

Lindsay Stinson, '04, Oxford, manages the Heflin branch of Stinson and Howard Fine Jewelry and is working on her GIA degree.

Danny Lee Tillery, '04, Madison, Ga., joined The Industrial Properties Group as a member of their Interstate 20 corridor team. Mr. Tillery is a market specialist at the company's Monroe, Ga., location. He maintains the unit's database of industrial buildings and assists with brokerage transactions. He played football at JSU.

Thomas Brian Yarbrough, '04, Scottsboro, was named vice president of Peoples Independent Bank's Scottsboro office. He has twelve years of banking experience.

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