Dear Alumni,

This year you should be proud to call yourself a Gamecock. Thanks to your help, our capital campaign *Power of 125...Join the Celebration* has raised $18 million exceeding our original goal of $17.5 million for future JSU students. We are on our way to the $25 million goal. In this issue you can read about some of the successes of the campaign on pages 38-51.

Homecoming is October 20th, and we are planning a weekend of exciting activities. At the football game, you will notice that Paul Snow Stadium has a new look with the addition of a new digital scoreboard. At halftime, you will be introduced to our outstanding alumni award winners and the 2007 Homecoming queen. See page 6 for more information and make plans to come back to campus.

Willard and Joan Butterworth have a marriage for the storybooks. Willard built his wife a car for their 30th anniversary. Read about this love story on page 14.

Paige Marhis is a JSU grad who continues to inspire children through music. Her encouraging story is on page 10.

On page 12, we bring you our new Miss Alabama, Jamie Langley. Jamie is a Communications student at JSU. Read about her and other former Miss Alabamas from JSU.

I hope you enjoy this issue, and I look forward to seeing you on campus again soon!

Sincerely,

William A. Meehan, President

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**It Was Written In The Stars**

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JSU Students Visit Washington D.C.

Criminal Justice students from JSU and Northeast Alabama Community College traveled to the Washington, D.C., area in May for “police week”. The bus load of students met with members of the Greater Washington, D.C., area alumni chapter and they were treated to tours of the National Mall area, Arlington Cemetery, Ford’s theater, the spy museum, the Capitol, and the D.C. police department.

On the way home, the students stopped in Virginia to tour the FBI Academy in Quantico.

Loring White

JSU truly has some outstanding alumni. Loring White, ’78, is one of them.

Loring White has his own nationwide technology company, Capitol Business Equipment, Inc. (CBE). In 1979, the company began with selling calculators and typewriters. As times began to change, so did White’s business. Now CBE is one of the leading suppliers of point-of-sale systems and digital surveillance.

White has not always been interested in technology. Before owning his own business, he was a football coach and teacher.

Above: Loring White ’78 and Coach Jack Crowe in the Loring White lobby of the JSU Fieldhouse

“It was a means of survival”, says White. “With the change of times, I saw a niche for my equipment and communication systems. So I started my own business.”

When asked what was his biggest accomplishment after graduating, he replied “It would have to be seeing this small business in Montgomery grow into this successful company.”

White is very humble. If you would ask anyone in the football department what his biggest accomplishment is, it would be giving back to the team. He has given football gear, security camera systems, and even automobiles for the coaches for recruitment purposes.

Loring White is an example of a proud JSU alumni. Not only is he successful but he also has a quiet way of giving back to JSU.

Recent JSU Faculty Retirees

Linda Love, President’s Office
Ann Hill, Athletics
Marilyn Johnson, Math & Computer Science
Susan Beard, Continuing Education
Alger Harris, News & Publication Bureau
Deborah Bearden, Student Teaching
Patricia Miller, Office of Vice President of Business Affairs
Ann Wells, Continuing Education
Gayla Allison, Resident Life
Catherine Bass, Cleaning Services
Michael Crowe, Psychology
Frank Fuller, Finance, Economics & Accounting
G Mckenzie Gilliam, Health, PE, Recreation
Charles Groover, Art
Lorenzo Q. Head, Educational Resources
Judith Mckibbin, English
Karen Nemeth, Family Consumer Sciences
Mary Jane Peters, Math & Computer Science
Yolanda Suarez-Crowe, Psychology
Michael Malone, Educational Resources
Aquilla Mims, Curriculum Instructions
Howard Johnson, Physical & Earth Sciences

Thanks to David L. Roush (Alpha Zeta Chapter, Penn State) for allowing us to use this photo in our last publication.
Little River Canyon Field School

After years of consideration and fund raising Jacksonville State University broke ground in June for the construction of the Little River Canyon (LRC) Center in DeKalb County, Alabama.

The concept for the project began in 1992 when discussions first began a partnership between the National Park Service and JSU. Funded through NASA and private donations, the LRC Center is a LEED registered project, designed with assistance from the NPS. The 25,000 square foot building will include office space, a museum, auditorium, classrooms, library, restrooms, education store, outdoor trails and other amenities. Additional funds are being sought for the project’s museum exhibits and outdoor amphitheater.

The National Park Service, Alabama Power Company, DeKalb County Commission and many others have played an active and integral role in the development of the Little River Canyon Center. All recognize that the facility will be a valuable tool for visitors, students, teachers and others interested in environmental sciences and natural resource protection.

Designed by Jenkins Munroe Jenkins Architects and being built by Eidson Construction, a grand opening is expected in early 2009. In the meanwhile, those who are interested in the project can signup to tour the construction site by calling JSU’s Environmental Policy and Information Center at 256-782-8010.
Alumni Golf Tournament

Jacksonville State University held its first annual Alumni Golf Tournament at Silver Lakes Golf Course in March. The event was held during Spring Fling weekend, a weekend filled with JSU events including a concert featuring Sara Evans. Team 2 which consisted of Jeff Webb, Tommy Reilly, Brad Burgess, and Ricky Northen, took first place. Plans are being made now for the next Alumni tournament. For more information, contact the office of Alumni Affairs at 800-231-5291, ext. 5404 or via email at: alumni@jsu.edu.

Dr. Zettili to Serve as Fulbright Scholar in Algeria

Jacksonville State University continues to be resilient when it comes to expanding its educational boundaries worldwide. Evidence of this can be seen when Jacksonville State University faculty travel out of the country on awards such as the Fulbright Awards. Dr. Zettili, Professor of Physics in the Department of Physical and Earth Sciences, will travel to Algeria on a Fulbright Award.

Dr. Zettili, who originally is an Algerian native, is excited about the opportunity. “I am looking forward to and, indeed, am eager to serve as a ‘Fulbrighter’ in Algeria,” says Dr. Zettili.

Dr. Zettili’s reason for deciding to serve as a ‘Fulbrighter’ in Algeria is that he has always been impressed by Senator Fulbright’s ideals, most notably his vision to establish an international education exchange program that promotes mutual understanding between people of the United States and citizens of other countries.

Having lived in Algeria during his early school years before migrating to the United States, Dr. Zettili was aware of the fact that there was not a lot of collaboration between United States institutions of higher learning and Algerian institutions of higher learning. The main reason for this is that Algeria is a French colony. As a result, institution of higher learning collaborations and exchanges had been taking place between French universities and cultural programs.

“The Fulbright award will undoubtedly give me an opportunity to introduce my Algerian colleagues to the United States educational system and its successful paradigms. We take these for granted here in the US, but these paradigms can make a difference in Algeria,” says Dr. Zettili.

During his sojourn in Algeria, Dr. Zettili will primarily be teaching physics at the host institution and carrying out joint research work with other professors in Algeria. Dr. Zettili also intends to give public lectures at other universities and, if given the chance, would like to talk to the media about the ideals and mutual benefits of the Fulbright program.

Dr. Zettili’s primary goal is to introduce and publicize Jacksonville State University to the Algerian community of higher learning.

Dr. Nouredine Zettili

INTERESTED IN BEING AN ADVISOR FOR YOUR FRATERNITY OR SORORITY?

If so, please contact Eddie Banks-Crosson at 800-231-5291, ext. 5491 or ecrosson@jsu.edu.

Your assistance will be greatly appreciated!

GSU Facts:

FACT: Gov. Edward A. O’Neal signed legislation establishing the State Normal School, now JSU, on February 22, 1883
FACT: The first graduation commencement was held in 1886 with nine students receiving diplomas
FACT: The International House Program began in 1946 when Fernand Marty, our first French student, arrived on campus on July 19.
FACT: Since 2004, more than 55,000 books and $6500 worth of school supplies have been shipped to Baghdad University from JSU.
FACT: The Bibb Graves bell was cast in 1858 in Troy, N.Y., and was first located in the tower of the old Calhoun Building on the State Normal School campus

First place team: Tommy Reilly, Jeff Webb, Brad Burgess, Ricky Northen

First place

Dr. Nouredine Zettili
Alumnus Of The Year:  
Mr. Timothy C. Tyson

Mr. Tyson graduated from JSU in 1976 with a Master's in Public Administration and in 1979 with a Master's in Business Administration. He is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Valeant Pharmaceuticals International. He and his wife, Amy, reside in Newport Coast, California.

Alumna Of The Year:  
Dr. Syble Hazelrig Brindley

Dr. Brindley received her Bachelor of Science degree in Education from JSU in 1964 and went on to receive her master's and Ph.D from the University of Alabama. She spent her primary career teaching at every level of education and retired as Professor/Department Chair of Kinesiology at the University of Montevallo. Dr. Brindley and her husband, Joe, (also a 1964 JSU graduate) reside in Oneonta, Alabama.

Military Alumnus Of The Year:  
COL Stephen K. West

COL. West was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Field Artillery in 1978 upon graduation from JSU. His awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with two oak leaf clusters, National Defense Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, and Global War on Terrorism Service. He and his wife, Melissa, reside in Jacksonville, Alabama.

Outstanding Faculty Of The Year:  
Dr. Sarah Vines Latham

Dr. Latham graduated from the University of Alabama School of Nursing in Birmingham, Alabama, with a B.S.N., M.S.N., and a D.S.N. in 1973, 1975 and 1985, respectively. She currently serves as the Dean of the Lurleen B. Wallace College of Nursing and Health Sciences at JSU where she has been employed since 1982. Dr. Latham also serves on the JSU Foundation Board, Inc. Her and her husband, Joel, reside in Cedar Bluff, Alabama.

Young Alumna Of The Year:  
Dr. Kelly Brooks Friery

Dr. Friery earned a Bachelor of Science in Education from JSU in 2001 and followed up with a Masters in Education in 2002. She is an assistant professor of exercise physiology at the University of Louisiana-Monroe. She and her husband, Dean, reside in Monroe, Louisiana.
Jacksonville State University

HOMECOMING

OCT. 20 2007

ONE WEEKEND
ALL THE ACTION

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19
60's Group reunion at the Lodge .......................... 5:30 pm
ROTC Alumni Banquet at Gamecock Center .............. 6:00 pm
Class of 1957 50th Year Reunion
  11th floor of Houston Cole Library .................... 6:30 pm
Criminal Justice Alumni Reunion dinner
  11th floor of Houston Cole Library .................... 6:30 pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20
President’s Open House ................................... 9:00-10:00 am
Homecoming Parade ........................................... 10:30 am
Alumni Board of Governors meeting
  TMB auditorium ............................................. 11:30 am
Food and Entertainment
  Cole Drive/RV & Parking lots ......................... 11:30-2:00 pm
Grey Echelon pre-game performance
  Paul Snow Stadium ....................................... 2:00 pm
JSU vs. Tennessee Tech .................................... 2:30 pm
Presentation of Alumni of the Year and
  Homecoming Queen and her court .................... Halftime
HOMECOMING 2007
A Great Time for Our Alumni to Come Back Home!

FRIDAY, 19 OCTOBER:

Sixties group annual reunion at McClellan in Remington Hall
• Begins at 5:00pm and includes served dinner catered by Remington
• Entertainment is the band, Black Diamond

Class of 1957 “Golden Gamecock” 50th year reunion
• 11th floor of the Houston Cole Library
• Begins at 6:30pm with a served dinner

ROTC alumni annual banquet at JSU Gamecock Center
• Social hour begins at 6:00pm
• Guest speaker, 2007 Military Alumnus of the Year: Col. Stephen West’78
• Cost is $20 per person
• For reservations, call 256.782.5601 or email: rotc@jsu.edu

Criminal Justice annual alumni banquet
• 11th floor of the Houston Cole Library
• Begins at 7:00pm with a buffet dinner and silent auction for scholarships

SATURDAY, 20 OCTOBER:

HOMECOMING DAY!!!! JSU VS. TENNESSEE TECH AT 2:30PM
Jacksonville State has a reputation of nationally producing competent Army officers throughout the years.

“Each Professor of Military Science assigned by the Army to Jacksonville State University, along with the other military faculty members, works diligently to sustain and strengthen the reputation of the program they inherit from their predecessors,” says LTC Chip Hester, head of the Department of Military Science (ROTC) at Jacksonville State University.

LTC Hester credits the work of his predecessors. “Many of the successes that we are experiencing today are directly attributable to the work and the accomplishments of those who served in the department before us.”

The ROTC department continually assesses the strengths and weaknesses of the program to determine where to focus resources and efforts. Since the ROTC program began in 1948, Jacksonville State has commissioned more than 1,400 officers for the United States Army. Many of the officers commissioned are still serving across the globe. Some of them have retired from service.

In the year 2006, Jacksonville State University commissioned 22 Army officers. This number totaled more than any four-year university in Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi.

The ROTC department is optimistic about being able to produce the highest number of Army officers in the year 2007. This is an outstanding achievement when one compares the student body population of Jacksonville State University to the student body of Auburn or the University of Alabama.

“It is a great reflection of the reputation and support of Jacksonville State University and its commitment to developing quality leaders for our Army,” says LTC Hester.

“I am very pleased with where the program is today, but I am not satisfied. There are areas that we can still work to improve,” says LTC Hester.

The ROTC department successfully continues to have an increase in recruiting cadets during this time of war. The department has been able to maintain an aggressive recruiting program in high schools, television, radio and last, but not least, on the Jacksonville State University campus.

“A total of 54 freshmen and sophomore students were enrolled in the ROTC basic course in the spring of 2007. This was a 93% increase from spring 2006 and spring 2005 which is a tremendous achievement during a time of war,” says LTC Hester.

Jacksonville State University continues to have a very impressive ROTC Alumni Chapter consisting of men and women who have received their commission through the ROTC program at JSU.

“The chapter continues to be very active in supporting the leadership development of cadets in our programs,” says LTC Hester.

Colonel Steve Corbett, Commander of Western Region, U.S. Army Cadet Command, recently visited campus. During his visit he was pleased to announce that among the 175 ROTC programs under his command, no ROTC program received more support from its alumni than the program at Jacksonville State University!
International House Program is Named in Honor of Founders

Sometimes heroes go unnoticed. This will no longer be the case for Dr. John and Mrs. Myra Hume Jones. Dr. and Mrs. Jones are credited with founding the International Program at JSU over 60 years ago. Thanks to these two people, students from all over the world have had the opportunity to study in the United States and participate in a visionary program designed to promote world peace.

Deeply disillusioned by the destruction of Europe in World War II, Dr. and Mrs. Jones jointly developed a vision for a program that would add diversity to the JSU campus and promote cultural understanding and exchange. While Mrs. Jones wrote extensively defending and extolling the program, Dr. Jones converted the vision into a program, a tradition, and a significant component of JSU life. Nearly 2000 international students have benefited from the program.

The JSU Board of Trustees corrected an inadvertent omission in February, 2006, proclaiming that the official name of the International House Program should henceforward be the Dr. James H. and Myra Hume Jones International House Program. At the July 2006 alumni reunion and anniversary celebration in Paris, France, the alumni responded by raising $150,000 for the Jones Scholarship Fund.

The money raised is held in an endowment fund of the International Education Foundation, Inc., and will provide scholarships to future generations of international students.

A dedicatory plaque, also directed by the JSU Board of Trustees, will be placed in the living room of the International House sometime in 2008.

A True Gem of the Hills- Wuhan Scholar Family

Jacksonville State University lives the phrase “the friendliest campus in the South”. Now JSU can add “the friendliest campus in the WORLD” to its motto. Li Fang, a professor from Wuhan University in China, can witness to that motto. Li Fang and her husband Jhou Xin named their baby girl Jeanette “Chi Chi” Lee after the hills of Jacksonville where she was born.

Li Fang is a part of the Wuhan Scholar program. Each year a professor from Wuhan University comes to JSU to conduct research, teach classes, and observe educational practices. Since the program started in the early 1990s, several JSU professors have reciprocated the opportunity.

Jeanette was named after Jeanette Johnson, a JSU grad and supporter of the International House program. Mrs. Johnson adopts families in the International House program and makes them feel at home while here. She invites students and faculty in the IH program to her house and to her church. The Jhou family was so moved by her generosity that they named their child after her.

Fang nicknamed her child Chi Chi which means “Gem of the Hills” in Chinese. She felt her baby girl was truly a “gem from the hills” of Jacksonville. Her husband moved to the United States after learning that his wife was pregnant. They left with their baby girl in July of this year. Even though the Jhou family has left JSU, they took a little bit of the Gamecock spirit with them.
Alabama has already proven itself to be the capital of American Idols. JSU is not short of talent either. Through the Music Department at Jacksonville State, many music alums have gone on to touch the world. Paige Mathis, a JSU grad, is a product of that department.

Mathis is the Music Director of the Atlanta Young Singers of Callanwolde (AYSC). She received her Bachelor’s degree in Music Education from JSU in 1984. At JSU she was a member of the A Cappella Choir and the Marching Southerners. She went on to become a member of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra Chorus and Chamber Chorus where she sang and recorded under the baton of the late Robert Shaw.
Since becoming the Music Director of AYSC, she has expanded the program by creating the Youth Chorale in 1994. The Youth Chorale is made up of three different ensembles from ages 14-18. The chorale is designed to prepare students for college, civic or professional choral organizations by aiding them in the transition from the immature to the mature voice.

Atlanta Young Singers range from ages 7 to 18 and come from more than 85 different public, private, and home school environments in Atlanta. Each year AYSC unites between 150 and 200 diverse children from all different backgrounds to work together and build relationships. AYSC encourages children to learn more about different cultures through music. JSU has prepared Mathis for her career in the music profession by reminding her that every part of her musical life is important. "JSU has taught me that music is everywhere and it is permanent," says Mathis. She feels that JSU has also helped her to understand that not everyone is going to be a music professional but that music can still make a difference in your life no matter what you choose to do.

"Although the staff at JSU took music very serious, they still gave us room to be goofy and express ourselves," says Mathis. During her time at JSU, Mathis faced many hardships. "There were many times I wanted to give up but Mr. Gerald Davis (aka Jerkyl), a music professor at JSU, encouraged me to go on." Mr. Davis was one of the many professors that encouraged her at JSU.

As the Musical Director of AYSC, she makes sure her singers know the basics first. "We teach them classical music because we feel that it is the base to learning other styles of music. It’s called classical for a reason. Every time you sing classical music you get something different from it," explains Mathis. Besides classical music, AYSC singers learn music from different countries, sing songs from local composers, and also sing contemporary and folk music.

AYSC marries travel and music to give children a chance to experience life through the eyes of other cultures. "I grew up in the South. History only existed in books and in my imagination. Going to these different countries gives you chances to experience how different cultures really think and live," says Mathis.

When asked if one specific event stuck out during her travel, she told the story of one of her trips to South Africa. "At an International Music Festival in South Africa, we stopped to get something to eat. While in line, as usual, my children were goofing off and began to sing some South African songs that they had learned. As I turned around I realized that we had an audience, a huge circle of people, including some young South African children. They were laughing at these American children trying to sing South African songs. Before I knew it, the South African children began to join in with my children. The songs we were singing were traditional South African Sunday School songs. At that moment, in the cow pastures of South Africa, my children experienced culture through music. I knew then that this was an experience they could never replace in their lives," tells Mathis. "This, to me, is what music is all about. Smelling the same air and walking the same earth as that culture."

This story is one of many stories that these children can tell about their experiences as an AYSC singer. The program gives children a chance to experience once in a lifetime opportunities. For more information about the Atlanta Young Singers of Callanwolde, contact the office at 404-873-3365 or click on its website at www.aysc.org.
Jamie was groomed by her sister who has been competing in pageants for 15 years, for her title as Miss Alabama.

“After watching my sister in all the beautiful dresses, I found it captivating,” says Jamie. “When I started competing six years ago, I realized that it was much more. It’s about personal development and community service.”

Jamie, originally from Wadley, Alabama, is no stranger to the Miss Alabama pageant. She competed in the pageant six times before being crowned. She beat out 48 other girls for the title. When asked to describe how she felt when she won, she replied, “I was ecstatic. I felt so blessed that this was happening to me.”

There was one secret weapon that she had that none of the other girls could compete with, her voice. Jamie sang “Listen” from the soundtrack of Dreamgirls, and everyone did just that. Jamie has been a member of the JSU Encore choir, Hilltop Singers, and BSC Concert Choir.

Jamie gave lots of praise to her vocal teacher and role model, Ms. Teresa Stricklin. “Ms. Stricklin was also Miss Alabama. She gave me more than just voice lessons. She prepared me for how life would be after winning the title,” says Jamie.

Since becoming Miss Alabama, Jamie’s life has changed significantly. “It’s been wonderful. Life changed immediately. For one year my life is being Miss Alabama,” says Jamie. “I’m so excited to have a chance to help others in ways that I couldn’t if I wasn’t Miss Alabama.

As Miss Alabama, she will make public appearances, speak to different groups in the community, and compete in the Miss America pageant.

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May 16 - 17, 2008

Walt Disney World Beach and Yacht Club Resort
Registration Fee $290 (per person)

Includes the following:

Events:
Fri. May 16
Reception-Beach Club-6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Sat. May 17
Dinner-Living Seas Salon at “Epcot”- 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Dessert Party, including VIP seating for “IllumiNations: Reflections of Earth” light show- 8:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Reunion DVD
(Note: Paris DVD has experienced technical difficulties. Being worked on and will be sent to everyone who attended as soon as possible! Sorry for the delay!)

Sun. May 18
Optional Golf Outing (additional fee)

Group DISNEY PARK TICKETS will be available for additional fee (information will be included in August registration packet). AIRFARE can be coordinated through R&R Travel Service for additional fee. A block of hotel rooms has been reserved for our group at each of the following Disney resorts. Rates apply from May 14-19, 2008.

Disney Beach Club Resort $260 per night/per room (includes taxes & fees). New England seaside splendor a short walk from “Epcot.” Rooms accommodate a maximum of 5 guests in two queen beds and 1 day bed.

Disney's Coronado Springs Resort $160 per room/per night (includes taxes & fees). Architecture and culture of Mexico and the American Southwest, plus fantasy playgrounds and pools. Rooms accommodate a maximum of 4 guests in two double beds.

Disney's Pop Century Resort $120 per night/per room (includes taxes & fees). A trip down memory lane featuring giant icons of the biggest fads of the 20th century. Rooms accommodate a maximum of 4 guests in two double beds.

REGISTRATION PACKETS HAVE BEEN MAILED
REGISTRATION FEE DUE BY DECEMBER 1, 2007
Another JSU Alumna is crowned.

Although Jennifer Curvin is married with children, she never gave up on her dreams entering beauty pageants. In June on the campus of Samford University in Birmingham, Ala., her dream became a reality when she was crowned Mrs. Alabama.

Jennifer has a few titles under her belt. Before becoming Mrs. Alabama, as a junior in high school, she won Miss Pleasant Valley High School and while at Jacksonville State, she entered the Northeast Alabama International Women's Pageant and won.

As Mrs. Alabama, she wants to continue to pursue her passion of talking to children across the state. Jennifer will represent Alabama at the national pageant in September. Jennifer received her bachelor of science degree from JSU in 2006 with a major in family and consumer science. The Curvin family resides in Jacksonville, Ala.
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"It was definitely a surprise when he told me that they were going to build a car but I was so excited," says Joan. "This was not out of the ordinary because Willard always does his own mechanic work. I never would have thought that he would build a car though." The car was finished right in time for their 30th anniversary on January 3, 2001.

"He could not have given me a better gift," says Joan. "The car was a perfect gift. It holds just the two of us. I could have searched the world over and not have found a better husband."

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The PERFECT Gift

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“Will you help me study for my literature class?” a student asked when he walked into the office of Disability Support Services (DSS) at JSU. The vision of DSS is dynamic, yet consistent, in addressing the needs of students with disabilities. The student who came asking for help has both a learning disability and an attention deficit disorder. Unlike any college student who makes an art out of cramming the night before a test and makes a decent grade, this student needs to have a studying strategy along with a “cheerleader-type” mentor encouraging him to do his best.
DSS has a Disability Specialist, Katy Goodgame, who specializes in learning disabilities and attention deficit disorders, who works with over 150 students on campus. She currently holds the only such position in higher education in the state of Alabama.

Through training and attending related conferences that focus on how to better serve such students, Goodgame is gaining perspective on how to create peer coaching program for the needs of JSU students. There is a need for peers to come in and help coach LD/ADHD students with their study, learning, time management, and self-advocacy skills. She says, “[These disabilities] can’t be fixed or changed. Instead, we work with each student on an individual basis to find strengths and weaknesses when it comes to studying and learning. Then, we develop a unique strategy for the student to succeed in the academic setting.”

DSS aims to be in the forefront in providing services to not only those with LD and ADHD, but also to the deaf, hard of hearing, blind, visually impaired, and others with mental-, medical-, and orthopedic-related disabilities. To have services available for every kind of disability, DSS has sponsors from outside JSU to help fund the services. Having celebrated almost 22 years of being Alabama’s most successful postsecondary program serving students with disabilities, DSS has technology and support services to provide students access to classroom information and on-campus activities.

One of the main successes DSS has maintained over the past several years is the college preparatory program for the deaf and hard of hearing that is usually held in early June. In collaboration with the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services’ Lakeshore Rehabilitation Facility and the Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind’s E.H. Gentry Technical Facility, the program D/HH: College Prep is designed toward traditional college-age deaf and hard-of-hearing students who are enrolled in college the following fall. Students from all over Alabama come to JSU to experience college life. They live in a dorm and attend preparatory classes. The preparatory classes are designed to teach students skills to help them be successful in college as well as the “real world.” Classes include Effective Decision Making, Career Exploration, Communication, and Technology as an Educational Tool. Evenings are allotted for team-building and educational events. A former College Prep student, Desiree Baird, believes in the importance of participating by all deaf and hard-of-hearing students.

College prep is so important for students, because they need to know how to be prepared and go through the experience [to acknowledge] how the world is. College prep helps students to gain more knowledge and more confidence, and it also real shows the students how to present themselves to professors. College prep focuses on the student’s weaknesses and strengths in life, and how the student can benefit from that experience.

Not only is DSS efficiently helping students transition from high school to college; it is also guaranteeing that every student with a disability has equal access to the information given in the classroom.

A current DSS-registered student, Amara Chekwa, has received several academic and leadership awards including membership in the Omicron Delta Kappa Leadership Honor Society. She contributes her success to having a captionist in every class to understand the professor and fellow classmates and also for extracurricular activities such as SGA and Peer Educators. Chekwa says, “Life for me at JSU would have been less fulfilling without the services of DSS. I wish to use this opportunity to express my gratitude to the JSU administration and all the dedicated DSS professionals for the assistance I have received so far. I know that I speak for many of my fellow students.”

DSS has a vision to establish and expand its learning community, with the hope of more financial resources, the department looks to create “The Center” which will focus on study skills and learning strategies. If you would like to learn more about JSU’s Disability Support Services and its vision for the future, please contact Dan Miller at 256-782-8385 or via email at dss@jsu.edu.
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*OVC Games
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New Scoreboard

“Gamecock Vision” was installed in the spring of 2007 with the addition of two new scoreboards to Paul Snow Stadium. The east endzone board features a 14’ x 24’ ProStar VideoPlus Display that is the largest in the Ohio Valley Conference. The video replay system utilizes the V-Link 4000 Video Processor and the Venus 7000 Controller.

The scoreboard now spans 8’ by 48’ with LED Team Name Message Centers. On the Gamecock Field House, a new scoreboard was installed as Paul Snow Stadium becomes the only school in the OVC with two scoreboards. The new boards feature a state of the art control booth, located under the east endzone. It was installed at a cost of just over $800,000.

Head Football Coach Jack Crowe knows the benefits will be longterm for the university.

“The addition of the new scoreboards to Paul Snow Stadium will be a tremendous asset to Jacksonville State University,” said Crowe who begins his eighth season as head coach in 2007. “It will benefit us in a variety of ways, including student recruiting to fund raising to enhancing our Game Day atmosphere for our fans, alumni and students. We’re very excited and look forward to seeing it in action this fall.”

“Gamecock Vision” made its debut during spring commencement and was enjoyed by more than 10,000 guests at graduation.

From the Gamecock Field to the Medical Field

Everyone knows that your years in college are irreplaceable. You meet new friends, create lasting memories, and then you graduate and it all ends, right? As with most JSU alumni this is not the case for two JSU friends: Rusty Fuller (’85) and Ed Lett (’99).

In college, they were teammates and roommates on road trips with the football team. Rusty played tight end and Ed was quarterback.

Today they both work for Novartis Pharmaceuticals. Novartis Pharmaceuticals is a world leader in offering medicines to protect health, cure diseases and improve well-being. Their products range from vaccines and diagnostics to animal health care. They operate in more than 140 countries.

Ed and Rusty found a connection again through work and continue to have a strong friendship. “Ed and I are still very good friends,” says Rusty.

Ed knows the phrase ‘It’s all in who you know’ well. Ed credits his friendship with Rusty for getting his job out of college, nearly 21 years after he started. “He gave me an opportunity with Novartis when I really didn’t fit the mold,” says Ed. “I was 40 years old without a medical background but Rusty believed in me, went beyond the call of duty and gave me a second chance.”

Another JSU grad also works for Novartis, Charles Harris (’83). Charles is also a really good friend of Rusty and Ed. Rusty is Charles manager at Novartis. Ed was in Charles wedding.

“Charles Harris lived across the hall from me in Salls Hall,” says Rusty. “We work very closely together.”

JSU is so much more than just the classroom and football games. It is a chance to network and build lifelong friendships. You never know who will give you a hand up in life. Rusty and Ed are great examples of what a friendship that started on the field can become.
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Shultz Joins Gamecock Athletic Team

A former Crimson Tide football player joined the Gamecock athletic team this year. Roger Shultz was hired as Associate Athletic Director for External Affairs.

Shultz came well equipped for the job. He graduated from the University of Alabama with a BS in C&BA in 1991. He later received his MA in Marketing from the University of Alabama.

During his college football career, Shultz won the Pat Trammel and the Dwight Stephenson Awards. He was also a graduate assistant when UA won the National Championship in 1992. In 2000, Shultz was a part of the All Decade Team for the 90s and in 2006 was a part of the 50 Year All Iron Bowl Team.

His skills go beyond the football field. Shultz has experience as a radio host for several syndicated football shows. He even co-hosted a few television spots, including Fox 6 Sports on TV3 and Fox 6 Sports Saturday with Rick Karle.

He enjoys public speaking and giving back to the community. As Associate Athletic Director for External Affairs, Shultz will be in charge of sports information, fundraising, tickets, marketing and promotion and corporate sales.

Shultz is married and has one son, Ivan Truitt.

Gamecock Football Television Schedule

Jacksonville State University will appear on television six times during the 2007 football season. The Gamecocks will appear on Comcast/Charter Sports Southeast (CSS) four times and ESPNU once during the season.

The Gamecock football television schedule is one of the largest television packages in the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision. JSU’s home football games against Chattanooga, Tennessee-Martin, Tennessee Tech and Eastern Illinois will all air live on CSS, while the Gamecocks’ road game at Austin Peay has been moved to Thursday, October 11, and will be carried on ESPNU.

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* Denotes Conference Games

Only One GOAL Counts... Winning!
### Gamecock Cross Country 2007/2008

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**Live to run . . . Run to live !!!**

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**Photographic Services Now Has An Online Photo Store**

JSU Photographic Services began offering a new service in September 2006 in the form of an online Photo Store. Users can search, browse and purchase thousands of JSU related photos directly from the site, using a credit card, money order or personal check. Photos are available in a variety of sizes and finishes and are shipped directly to the customer. Images cover a wide spectrum, from athletic events to aerials of the campus.

To access the store, go to [www.printroom.com/pro/jsu](http://www.printroom.com/pro/jsu), or contact University Photographer Steve Latham for more information, at 256-782-5341 or email at stlatham@jsu.edu.
Help Build CHAMPIONS!

Visit www.jsugamecocksports.com or call 256-782-5536 for more information about the Gamecock Club.
Jacksonville State University pays tribute to the legacy of Mrs. C.W. Daugette, Jr., which is inextricably woven in the Daugette-Forney family legacies linked to the University from its inception—a legacy which spans from the University’s early days as Jacksonville State Normal School, progression to Jacksonville State Teachers College and its emergence as a University, a distinction it holds today.

Florence Earle Throckmorton Daugette was born in Birmingham, Alabama (1920), the daughter of a pioneer Birmingham family and died August 2, 2007, at the age of 87. With her marriage to C.W. Daugette, Jr., Florence Daugette, and her husband became full-fledged members of the Daugette/Forney legacies through their spirit and deeds. It seemed a natural progression for the couple to become advocates of higher education and to espouse its causes.

Daugette was the son of Clarence William Daugette who served as the institution’s president from 1899 to 1942 and was recognized for his leading role in the school’s eventual transformation to university status. Daugette’s mother was Annie Rowan Forney, daughter of the famous Confederate General John H. Forney, who became the wife of Clarence William Daugette. She was being affectionately known as “the mother of the institution” by virtue of her serving as the first lady of the school. Extending the reach of the families’ legacies, Annie’s brother had previously served as president of the original Jacksonville State Normal School.

C.W. Daugette, Jr. was a member of the original Jacksonville State University Board of Trustees, serving as chairman for a number of years and receiving the title of trustee emeritus upon his resignation due to illness prior to his death.

One of the C.W. Daugette, Jr. family’s major contributions to JSU was to enrich the University’s cultural and academic curriculum in the International House Program by establishing the first significant International House endowment program to fund deserving students. Annual perpetual scholarships for outstanding seniors were established by and Mrs. C.W. Daugette, Jr. The International House facility, completed in September, 1964, was named in honor of C.W. Daugette, Jr.

The family’s role in higher education as leaders and advocates bound the C.W. Daugette, Jr. couple to JSU throughout their long and eventful lives. With the death of C.W. Daugette, Jr. in 1988, Mrs. Florence Daugette continued her dedication of service to the International House Program, along with the couple’s son, Clarence Daugette, III who serves on the International House Board and daughters, Mrs. Lynn Lowe and Mrs. Raymond Renfrow, who are faithful supporters of the program.

The International House presented Mrs. C.W. Daugette, Jr. with a copy of a Resolution given by the JSU International House Foundation in October, 2001, honoring the Daugette and Forney families for their long-time contribution to the International House and JSU’s academic programs. As a tribute to his family’s leadership role at JSU, Clarence W. Daugette, III pledged $1 million to JSU to fund a range of projects in response to the University’s Capital Campaign.

University President Bill Meehan said the gift includes $500,000 toward construction of a bell tower on Pelham Road, $250,000 for the C.W. Daugette, Jr. scholarship fund for International House students, and $250,000 to create the Clarence W. Daugette, III Professorship in Finance in the College of Commerce and Business Administration.

According to Dr. Meehan, “Clarence Daugette’s contribution moves JSU toward greatness by assisting with our master plan and other needs in academic and student affairs.”

Dr. John Ketterer, director of JSU’s International House, said, “I am pleased to see that Clarence Daugette, III and the Daugette family have once again taken the leadership role and set the example of commitment to the International House program and to the goals of global understanding that we have always had with this program.”

Dr. Meehan speaks at “State of the University” Dinners

JSU alumni, friends, and prospective students attended a “State of the University” Dinner at The Club in Birmingham in May. The event was sponsored by

- Lane McNaron & April Jackson
- Southern Management
- Cynthia Wingo of RE-MAX
- Emily & Reid Clark

The Greater Huntsville Area Alumni Chapter also held a “State of the University” in April at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center. Over 80 alumni, friends, and prospective students were in attendance.

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Upcoming Events and Reunions

- Pre-game Tailgate Party Prior to the JSU vs. Alabama State football game at the Crampton Bowl in Montgomery
  - September 1, 2007
- Family Day/Preview Day
  - September 22, 2007
- 1955 “Refrigerator Bowl” Football Team Reunion
  - September 22, 2007
- FAB 40s/Nifty 50s Reunion
  - September 29, 2007
- Etowah/ Marshall County Pre-game Picnic at the Alumni House prior to the JSU vs. UT Martin game
  - October 4, 2007
- Greater Washington D.C. Alumni Chapter Dinner
  - October 5, 2007
- Calhoun County Alumni After-Hours in support of Homecoming Week
  - October 18, 2007
- Class of 1957 50-Year Reunion
- ROTC Banquet
- 60s Group Reunion
- Criminal Justice Alumni Dinner
  - October 19, 2007
- HOMECOMING 2007!
  - A complete listing of all Homecoming Activities can be found on page 6
- Grey Echelon Reunion and Pre-game Performance
  - October 20, 2007
- Gamecock Gallup (Contact Gina Mabrey for registration at gmabrey@jsu.edu)
  - October 27, 2007
- JSU at Samford
  - November 3, 2007
- International House Program Reunion in Orlando, Florida
  - May 16-18, 2008
- Young Alumni Cruise to Mexico
  - June 26-30, 2008

Don’t miss out on important information. We need your e-mail address. Please e-mail us at alumni@jsu.edu.
**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.

- **Florida Panhandle, Alumni After-Hours in Fort Walton Beach**
- **Calhoun County Alumni & STAT Club Spring Shrimp Boil**
- **Greater Rome Alumni After-Hours at Harvest Moon**
- **North Texas Alumni After-Hours in Dallas**
- **North Texas Alumni After-Hours in Dallas**
- **Dekalb County Alumni Dinner**
- **Blount County Alumni Dinner in Oneonta**
- **Chattahoochee Valley After-Hours at Grand National in Auburn**
- ** Alumni Social Gathering in Houston, TX**

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It Was Written in the Stars...

Brenda Lindley Anderson ’81

The year 2008 will be the birthday of two very special events: one is the day Brenda Lindley Anderson was born, and the other is when NASA was born. Who is Brenda and what does she have to do with NASA? The answer to that question is simple. She is a 1981 graduate of JSU and she has worked for NASA for the past 25 years.

Many adults have had childhood dreams that were abandoned for one reason or another. The dreams of wanting to be a cowboy, a doctor, or lawyer have been crushed by the harsh realities of life: reasons like cowboys don’t make a lot of money, I will be in school forever if I want to be a doctor, or I hate political science. This was not the case for Brenda who, ever since she could remember wanted to build rockets and she did.

Brenda was born in the space age so her interest in outer space came naturally. Her earliest childhood memory of space can be traced to May 5, 1961. This is the date when Project Mercury, NASA’s first high-profile human spaceflight, was launched.

“I was there, so I was told, in front of the television when Alan Shepard finally had that candle lit and pushed the U.S. into its first baby steps of manned space flight. You will see that I was rather young to be making the claim [of remembering this flight]. My parents assured me I was right there with them, and so I’m sticking to the story. (And I haven’t missed seeing a launch since.),” recalls Brenda.

The flight that confirmed her dream of working for NASA was Project Gemini in 1965. During the Gemini project, scientists and engineers gathered more data on weightlessness and perfected landings. Brenda recalls the moment she saw the launch.

“Our teachers were certain that the space program would have such a profound affect on all areas of our lives that they dragged old black and white television sets into the classroom to be certain that we did not miss a launch. For some kids this was the same as in-house leave...a free morning from classwork. There were those of us, though, who were quite literally glued to the tube from the moment it was turned on until coverage ended or the teacher turned it off. [Afterwards] those teachers had the nerve to ask, ‘And what do you want to be when you grow up?’ From the earliest memory of that question, I recall my emphatic and immediate answer. ‘I want to work for NASA and build rockets.’”

Now, Brenda’s answer to that question would not seem so weird but at that time it was taboo. By 1972, women would make up more than 17% of NASA’s workforce but in the earlier years, working at NASA was a male-oriented profession. Brenda shares the reaction of her teachers when she announced she wanted to become a rocket scientist.

“I was met with a quirky smile and a pat on the head. Of course many kids at that time shared similar visions. And, of course, they would outgrow them as they got older and were exposed to more subjects, more experiences and more “real world” careers. Most of all, I would outgrow it, they were certain, because I was a ...a girl. And, in the early 1960’s, girls most decidedly didn’t do things like that. At least not a girl from small town USA reared in all the stereotypical girlish manners.”
Project Gemini sparked her interest in the world beyond this one. Brenda started to read more about science and science fiction. Math and science became her obsession. May 25, 1961, was when “it” happened. Man finally walked on the Moon with the launch of Project Apollo. She remembers every detail. “I still draw a breath and hold it as I recall; the memory is sharp as if it were yesterday. Men walking on the moon! or as I recall; the memory is sharp as if it were sci-fi and it was nearly like all the Saturday movies I hopping at least. To my ten-year-old eyes, it was not in color, and it was kind of fuzzy... and it was real.”

So why did a future rocket scientist choose JSU?

“I grew up in Anniston and it was a habit of my father’s to take us for Sunday drives. I loved driving through the campus of JSU, particularly after spotting the observatory atop Martin Hall. However, when in high school, I began investigating NASA and their employment needs. My original interest was to “build rockets” and it sounded as if in that part of NASA, engineers were the overwhelming majority. Alas, JSU offered no engineering degree, but a minor only. When I began looking around at other colleges in the area which did offer engineering degrees, I figured out quickly that I wouldn’t be able to afford that. That turned my eyes back to JSU, which was more affordable and offered the choice of living at home and commuting each day, another big money saver. That still left me high and dry on what to study. A recruiter came to my high school and I talked with him. He told me on a physics major, assuring me that NASA could use plenty of physicists and that JSU had a solid program.”

After graduating from college, Brenda only had one job in mind to apply for: NASA. Unfortunately, NASA was having a hiring freeze but they did have a co-op position open. This was not her dream job but it was a way to get in the door. All she had to do was apply for grad school. Before Auburn University could process her papers, she was offered a “real job” at NASA. In September, 1981, her lifelong dream of becoming a rocket scientist came true. She describes how it felt being offered the chance of a lifetime.

“Before I could get that process finished [grad school], I got another call from NASA. This time a real job. A full time position as an aerospace engineer. I nearly bit my tongue off to not laugh into the mouthpiece. ‘Was I interested?’ ‘That was like asking if I needed air to breathe.’

Since her career began at NASA, Brenda has seen the Challenger tragedy, which was more affordable and overwhelming majority. Alas, JSU offered a “real job” at NASA in September, 1981, before Auburn University could process her papers, she was offered a “real job” at NASA. In September, 1981, her lifelong dream of becoming a rocket scientist came true. She describes how it felt being offered the chance of a lifetime.

Next year, Brenda and NASA will be 50 years old. She plans to throw a party where else: The Space Center with a space theme.

“I was born into the space age. I was born when NASA was. It was meant to be. Happy Birthday to NASA and to everything the agency and its people have accomplished. There will be an extra candle on my cake for you...perhaps one that looks like a rocket. (It’s not rocket science! It’s not? Then I can’t do it; I am a rocket scientist!”

Brenda has no doubts about the impact that NASA has had on our lives.

“Men have worked on the surface of another celestial body. If that doesn’t affect someone, then they are numb...or they never heard of it. And the probes to other planets...all the data collected and what we’ve learned from that. Just to see the pictures from close up of planets millions of miles away certainly should make anyone with a mind consider their place in the universe. However, I also realize there are lots of people who turn a blind eye to all that. I meet people who talk of the ‘waste of money’...no reason to be off at other planets when there is so much hunger and trouble here. Still, there is an answer to that too. It would take a multi-volume book to list all of the benefits we’ve reaped from the space program. Technologies that we use every day were developed because of people who saw other ways to use items and material that were originally used for NASA. It’s been worth it.”
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Capital Campaign Exceeds Scholarship Goal by More Than $3.5 Million

When The Power of 125…Join the Celebration! Campaign began in 2004 an ambitious goal of $1,450,000 was set for endowed Student Scholarships, which would supply enough funding to provide 15 to 20 scholarships each year. Academically-gifted students from diverse backgrounds not only positively affect the University learning environment and challenge our faculty, but they also contribute to our overall academic reputation and educational goals of increasing our student population to 10,000. To attract and enroll these bright students, many of whom face financial difficulties, it is imperative that we provide more scholarships.

This initiative is a top priority in our fundraising efforts and has proved to be a top priority among our generous alumni and friends. Donors to The Power of 125 campaign have already contributed more than $5.1 million, in current and planned gifts, to endowed scholarships, which exceeds the original goal by over $3.5 million! This outstanding accomplishment can be attributed to the donors who have contributed to scholarship through the campaign.
Your $50 Makes a Difference

What can your $50 contribution do at JSU?

Plenty. Your $50 can purchase over $50,000 of much needed furniture and equipment for JSU classrooms and labs. How can that be?

It’s easy! During the JSU annual fund drive callers, like Sheila, contact our alumni and friends asking for donations and confirming contact information. You have an opportunity to give to a specific college or department. You can also designate your gift to “where the need is greatest,” also known as an unrestricted gift. With over 40,000 alumni being called, each $50 contribution can add up quickly.

Individual gifts are accumulated to fund projects for our students such as new equipment and furniture. Your donation makes a difference in the lives of our students.

If you are a contributor, we thank you and ask for your continued support! If you have not had an opportunity to give, we ask that when you get that phone call this fall, you consider making a donation. Together, we can do a lot!

Sheila Kiker coordinates a JSU Phonathon
A major expansion project of the College of Education and Professional Studies received a boost from the State's record legislation approving capital bond funding earmarked for education.

The significance of this legislation by the State for capital bond funding cannot be overstated. For a number of years, the State of Alabama has been unable to provide any reasonable amount of capital bond funding to the University despite the growing backlog of deferred maintenance and an established need for new construction.

In the absence of this capital bond funding, along with stagnant state appropriations, the University has had to produce additional revenue from other sources. By increasing its efforts to attract additional levels of philanthropic support through capital campaigns and an active development program seeking private gifts, the University hopes to provide a level of excellence not otherwise possible. In addition, the University has been compelled to take on debt to address pressing capital needs to obtain the necessary funding for building repairs and renovations.

Earl Warren, JSU’s director of Institutional Development, said “State funding cannot keep JSU on the cutting edge—that requires private and corporate support to bolster quality programs, to give adequate scholarships, and to recruit the best professors.”
The University has been in the forefront of raising awareness of the need for significant reform to achieve equitable and adequate funding for higher education. JSU works diligently with state, county, and local government leaders, legislative delegations, and the business community to advocate for additional state funding.

“Additional space is needed to support education programs offered in the College of Education and Professional Studies,” said Dr. Cynthia Harper, dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies. “While the current facility is in excellent condition and is equipped with state-of-the-art technology to support teaching, additional classrooms and office space for faculty are needed. From a personal perspective, this is the most exciting news the College has received in my 32 years of service at JSU. This new facility will demonstrate to our candidates and to the public that JSU believes in and recognizes the important role that teachers have in helping shape the lives and careers of tomorrow’s leaders.”

Expansion plans for this College include renovation, reallocation of space, and construction of a new facility. The renovation of Ramona Wood Hall and the construction of additional classroom and office space are needed to provide relief from overcrowding as well as a more attractive and updated learning environment for the College.

Plans for the annex include a large auditorium/lecture hall,
conference room, classrooms, a computer lab equipped with 30 computers, small group-study rooms, and a student lounge.

“Present plans also include moving the Instructional Services Unit to the annex. Of course, we anticipate that all new classrooms will be equipped with ‘smart technology,’” said Harper.

The expansion project will enable the College to continue providing educational instruction to the community through the Teaching/Learning Center (TLC). For the past 20 years, the TLC has provided free tutoring to more than 5,630 children. By providing an outstanding learning environment in which to deliver educational tools and information, the College of Education and Professional Studies will continue to lead the state in the preparation of educators.

The College of Education and Professional Studies currently serves 34 percent of the school population, graduating the largest number of teachers and educators in the state. The education unit is the 13th largest in the Southeast and the 40th largest in the nation. In 1996, the College of Education was renamed and added the Departments of Communication, Technology and Engineering, and TV Services.

New facilities will assist the College of Education and Professional Studies in meeting the State Department of Education recommendations to infuse technology use in every class. The expansion will offer an additional state-of-the-art technology laboratory, a tutoring center, an expanded library collection, and enhance the instructional service unit to provide additional teaching supplies.

JSU President William Meehan plans to ask the Board of Trustees to set aside most of the nearly $4.6 million earmarked for JSU from this capital bond funding for the expansion project.

Meehan estimates the project will cost between $9 and $10 million, so the bond will cover a significant amount of the cost, but will not cover the total amount. An additional $500,000 has been donated by area businesses. When the rest of the funding is in place and construction is ready to commence on the project, the new annex will be located where Abercrombie Hall once stood. Abercrombie was leveled during the summer of 2005 in preparation for the project.
A Driven Man

Dave (Richard) Belcher

By Sissy Spence

Dave (Richard) Belcher was born in Roanoke, Ala., to Mamie and Elmer Belcher. He graduated from Roanoke’s Handley High School and continued his education at Jacksonville State University in Jacksonville, Alabama. In 1959, he earned his degree in secondary education. Belcher was president of the Student Government Association at JSU in 1958-59 and was elected to Who’s Who in Colleges and Universities of America. JSU is where he met and married JSU graduate Sue Merrill ’60 from Heflin, Ala. They have two sons, David and Greg, and five grandchildren.

Belcher was a member of JSU’s ROTC Program and was commissioned as a second lieutenant upon graduation. He served eight years on active duty in the United States Army with overseas tours in Korea and Vietnam. He was awarded the Bronze Star, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Vietnamese Commendation Medal, National Defenses Service Medal, and Overseas Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster.

After his military service, he began his journey in the automobile industry. In 1967, Belcher began his career with Key Buick in Jacksonville, Fla. He moved to Huntsville, Ala., as he progressed into management, and then moved to Vestavia Hills in 1974 where he purchased an Oldsmobile dealership. It developed into Royal Automotive, Inc. He expanded the franchises to GMC and Isuzu and opened Saturn of Birmingham 15 years ago. Belcher currently represents GMC, Saturn, Volvo, and Volkswagen franchises. Dave is a multiple winner of the Oldsmobile Dealer Elite Award and the Oldsmobile Service Merit Award. His sales achievements include being in the top five in the Atlanta Oldsmobile Zone standings for 29 consecutive years. He is a past member of the GM President’s Council and Saturn Marketing Consulting, as well as past President of the Southern Oldsmobile Marketing Group and the Birmingham Automotive Association. He was named the 1996 Time Magazine Dealer of the Year, State of Alabama and the 1996 Dealer of the Year Finalist, USA.

Belcher has invested his time and talent in Birmingham and its surrounding communities. His incredible passion for youth is portrayed in the way that he gives back to his community. He has served on the board of directors of the Vestavia City Schools and is a past member of the board of directors for the Big Oak Boys and Girls Ranch. He purchased playground equipment and coordinated an effort of Saturn owners to install it in the inner-city of Birmingham. He provided the financial support for Royal Field in the baseball park at Liberty Park. He currently serves on the Samford University Board of Trustees and is an active deacon and member of the Shades Mountain Baptist Church. Belcher is a former member of the JSU Foundation, Inc., Board of Directors.

Belcher’s success has grown, and so has his support for JSU. His very generous investment to the Power of 125...Join the Celebration! capital campaign in support of the coaches excellence fund reinforces his commitment to our great university. It will allow JSU the ability to attract and retain great athletic coaches for years to come. Head football coach Jack Crowe reflects on the time he has spent with Belcher and says, “Dave’s commitment to JSU has been obvious to me since I first visited him upon my arrival at JSU. He immediately let me know he was there to make a difference in our program.” Belcher is also a supporter of the JSU ROTC scholarship program. This program provides financial assistance for the education and training of highly qualified and motivated young men and women who desire to be commissioned officers in the Army upon graduation from college. He says, “It is more important now than at any time in our recent history to take part in giving back to our armed forces.”

Belcher is a believer in his university and recalls the first time he set foot on the campus. He realized at that time that he had found a special place to call home. The exhilaration has never diminished. Amazing sentiments from a man who has seen the world and still calls JSU home.
Making Education Matter:

By Sissy Spence
Long-time community supporter and benefactor, P.O. Wilson died December 28, 2006, in Anniston, Alabama, after two years of declining health. His impeccable life can mostly be described as that of a lover of mankind. Mr. Wilson has given back to his family, his church, and his community and the impact of his gifts will be remembered forever.

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“We have always hoped that our actions will inspire others and reinforce the belief that going to school matters.”

—Mrs. P.O. Wilson
After his death, his wife of fourteen years, Margaret Wilson, sought to honor his memory locally by creating the most prestigious scholarship ever offered at Jacksonville State University. The P.O. and Margaret Wilson Achievement Scholarship provides the full cost of tuition, room, books, meals, fees, and study abroad and is valued today at approximately $60,000 over the selected students’ four years of study. The scholarship will be awarded to one student every four years, and the recipient will be known as the “Wilson Scholar.” The first Wilson Scholar will be selected in March 2008 for study beginning in the fall of 2008.

Encouraging education and helping students are responsibilities that the Wilsons accepted wholeheartedly. “We have always hoped that our actions will inspire others and reinforce the belief that going to school matters,” said Mrs. Wilson. “The scholarship fits well into our way of thinking,” she said. “We have often tried to make choices in our lives that strengthen and give back to society.”

The Wilson Scholar applicant must have maintained a “B” average or better in high school, have scored in the top 10% on the standardized entrance exam (approximately 27 ACT), and exhibit outstanding aptitude, leadership, and community service. Applications are available at the University website (www.jsu.edu). The deadline for submission of this and other JSU scholarships is February 1, 2008.

Each summer, Wilson Scholars are also eligible for the P.O. Wilson Summer Self-Designed Educational Experience scholarship award — up to the value of one year’s tuition — to participate in a JSU approved summer program designed by the scholarship recipient and related to their particular academic or vocational interest. Also, concurrent with their college courses, Wilson Scholars are eligible for the Margaret M. Wilson Research Fellowship award — up to double the value of one year’s tuition — for a JSU approved research project, related to their particular academic or vocational interests. No other scholarship offered at JSU compares to the uniqueness of the P.O. and Margaret Wilson Achievement Scholarship.

“P.O. Wilson demonstrated his love for the community as a strong leader and humanitarian,” said JSU president Dr. William A. Meehan. “He was always encouraging everyone around him, and he gave generously from his resources. The establishment of the P.O. and Margaret Wilson Achievement Scholarship endowment is a wonderful and generous commitment that will provide opportunities for deserving students to develop as leaders.”

Wilson was preceded in death by his first wife, Martha Johnson-Wilson. They were married for 57 years before her death in 1991.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret Vinson Wilson; two stepsons, Chuck and his wife Sue, of North Carolina; Tommy Vinson and his wife Carolyn, of South Carolina; three grandsons, Michael Vinson and his wife Susan, of South Carolina; Curtis and Kyle Vinson of North Carolina; one granddaughter, Cynthia Vinson Richards and her husband, Robert, of South Carolina; and five great grandchildren.

Wilson was born in Seville, Ga., but grew up in Birmingham, Ala. He attended Massey Business College and The University of Alabama in Birmingham where he later served as an adjunct faculty member teaching accounting and business. He worked for Barber Dairy and later for Shaver Pontiac in Birmingham. He served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II, and remained in the military reserves until his retirement as a lieutenant colonel after 28 years of service. He returned to Shaver Pontiac after the war and was offered an automobile dealership of his own in Anniston in 1954.

Wilson was an active member of Parker Memorial Baptist Church, where he served on many committees, was president of the Baraca Sunday School Class, and was church treasurer for eight years. He and Mrs. Wilson recently funded completion of the third floor in Parker’s Christian Life Center for the youth of Parker Memorial and were long-term sponsors of the Knox Concert Series in Anniston. The Series is devoted to enriching the cultural ambiance of its community and is dedicated to educating young people on the merits of the live classical arts.

Wilson served on the board of directors of the Anniston Rotary Club, chaired United Way, was a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason, and a 50-year member of the Anniston Country Club. He also served on the Judson College Board of Trustees from 1977-2001.

At the memorial service, Judson College president Dr. David Potts spoke about Wilson and concluded by quoting John Wesley and indicating that Wilson’s life modeled Wesley’s words, “Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.”
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Dear Mr. Smith and Mrs. Smith,

I am writing to express my gratitude for your generous contributions to the JSU Foundation. Your support is crucial in fulfilling our mission to provide quality education and opportunities for growth to students at Jackson State University.

Your philanthropy is a testament to the value you place on higher education and the positive impact it can have on individuals and communities. It is through such contributions that we can continue to strive for excellence in our academic programs and enhance the lives of our students.

I would like to inform you about the various types of gifts that you can consider to further support the JSU Foundation. These include:

1. **Annuity**: This provides for a guaranteed fixed income for a specified period. It can be a lifetime annuity, paying income for the donor's lifetime and/or a set period of years.
2. **Lump Sum**: This is a one-time gift of cash or property, which can be immediately recognized for tax purposes.
3. **Gifts of Stock or Securities**: Donating appreciated securities can provide greater tax benefits.
4. **Gifts of Real Property**: Real property, such as a home or other real estate, can be transferred to the JSU Foundation.
5. **Gifts of Appreciated Property**: Other items of significant value, such as artwork or collector's items, can be donated.

Each option has its own set of advantages and disadvantages, and I would be happy to discuss the specifics with you.

One option that I would like to highlight is the **Bequest of Stock or Real Property**. By including JSU in your will, you can ensure that your assets are used to support the university's mission.

I hope this information is helpful, and I encourage you to consider how your gifts can best be utilized to support JSU. If you have any questions or would like to discuss your options further, please do not hesitate to contact me at 1-800-555-6789 or via email at donations@jsufoundation.org.

Thank you again for your support of JSU.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

[Foundation Representative Name]
## Ways to GIVE

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<td>Outright gifts may be in the form of cash, securities, real estate or personal property</td>
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<td>The fair market value also will be applied toward the campaign goal.</td>
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<td>MATCHING GIFTS</td>
<td>Many companies will match gifts that their employees make to charitable organizations. A list of matching companies is available from the Foundation, or you may wish to inquire at your company to see whether it matches your charitable contributions.</td>
<td>You can double or even triple the impact of your gift—at no extra cost to you.</td>
<td>The matching gift from your company will be added to your own gift in determining the amount to be applied toward the campaign goal when you submit a completed matching gift form. (Varying restrictions may apply from some matching companies)</td>
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<td>FIVE YEAR PLEDGES</td>
<td>Payment of your pledge over the next five years.</td>
<td>You can consider a larger commitment because payments can be extended over five years.</td>
<td>The total value of that pledge, plus any anticipated matching gifts, may be counted toward the campaign goal.</td>
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<td>A contract between you and JSU Foundation for a gift in exchange for a life income. A special kind of gift annuity, called the deferred gift annuity, permits you to make a gift to JSU now in exchange for a guaranteed life income, beginning at a future date.</td>
<td>A charitable gift annuity provides a guaranteed fixed income for you and/or others. The amount of income you receive is based upon your age at the time you make the gift. By deferring the income, you increase both the amount of your charitable deduction and the amount of income you will eventually receive from your gift.</td>
<td>The gift portion of a charitable gift annuity counts at full face value toward the campaign goal.</td>
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<td>CHARITABLE REMAINDER UNITRUST</td>
<td>A trust which returns income to a donor or others for life or for a period of time which does not exceed 20 years.</td>
<td>The annual or more frequent payment of income is based on a percentage of the trust assets, as valued annually.</td>
<td>At the termination of the trust, the remainder is paid to JSU.</td>
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<td>LIFE INSURANCE</td>
<td>JSU Foundation is named as both owner and beneficiary of a new or existing life insurance policy.</td>
<td>Immediate income tax deduction for any current value of the policy. Amount of premiums is deductible as a charitable contribution.</td>
<td>The current value of the policy, plus the amount you pledge to pay in premiums over the next five years, may be counted toward the campaign goal.</td>
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<td>BEQUESTS</td>
<td>You may include JSU in your will for a specific amount, a percentage of your estate, or a remainder gift after bequests to individuals have been paid.</td>
<td>Estate tax deduction for full value of your bequest to JSU.</td>
<td>Certain restrictions apply to counting bequests toward the campaign goal. Please consult your development officer.</td>
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Note: We are not engaged in rendering legal or tax advisory service. Please seek the services of an attorney or other professional advisor for specific advice and additional information.
Births

1990–1999

Merry Nelson Albro,'92/'93, and her husband Mike announce the birth of their daughter, Jolie Shay, 5 October 2006. Mrs. Albro is a guidance counselor at Ardmore High School, Ardmore, Ala. She was a member of Gamma Sigma Sigma Sorority at JSU and was active in the Baptist Campus Ministry. They reside in Decatur, Ala.

John Bryant,'93, and Jennifer Burns Bryant,'98/'01, announce the birth of their daughter, Lynleigh Blair, 10 July 2006. Mr. Bryant was a member of Kappa Alpha Order at JSU and Mrs. Bryant was a member of Phi Mu Sorority. They reside in Leeds, Ala.

Stephanie Doss-Deamues,'94/'97, and her husband welcome the birth of their daughter, Sydney Sanaa, 2 May 2006. Mrs. Deamues has served on the JSU Alumni Board of Governors as a chapter president in Tennessee. They reside in LaVergne, Tenn.

Shawn Wells,'94, and his wife Shawna announce the birth of their son, Michael, 10 December 2006. Mr. Wells was a member of the JSU rifle team. He helped train Olympic hopefuls in Colorado for many years. He is now a corporal with the Lake County Sheriff's Office in Tavares, Fla. They reside in Eustis, Fla.

Kristi Regner Babb,'97, and her husband Michael announce the birth of their son, Jackson Douglas, 21 July 2006. He has a big sister, Sydney, who is 4. Mrs. Babb was a member of Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority at JSU and was a peer counselor. They reside in Cullman, Alabama, where Mrs. Babb is a library media specialist at Garden City Elementary and Welti Elementary Schools.

Amanda Lockmiller Divine,'98, and her husband David welcomed their first son, David Adam, on 13 July 2006. They reside in Gadsden, Ala. Mrs. Divine is a Pharmacist.

Scott Alan Bonds,'95/'96/'03, and Janna Wright Bonds,'97/'99/'03, welcomed the birth of their daughter, Lila Jane, 4 November 2006. Mr. Bonds played football at JSU and was involved in the Baptist Campus Ministry. He is employed as principal at Sloman Primary School in Marshall County, Ala. Mrs. Bonds was a member of the JSU Marching Ballerinas and is employed as a school counselor at Douglas High School in Marshall County. They reside in Guntersville, Ala.
Aimee Brock Johnson, ’97, and her husband Brandon announce the birth of their son, William Kutter, on 18 August 2005. Mrs. Johnson was a member of Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority at JSU, served as Panhellenic president and as a peer counselor. They reside in Southside, Ala.

Robert “Bubba” Colquett, ’98, and his wife Heather welcome the birth of their daughter, Madeline Elizabeth, 21 May 2006. Mr. Colquett is a preschool teacher with Bright Horizons. They reside in Louisville, Ky.

Melissa Nugent Stockton, ’99, and her husband Hayden announce the birth of their daughter, Olivia Faith, 16 March 2006. They reside in Pinson, Ala., where Mrs. Stockton is employed by the State of Alabama. While at JSU, Mrs. Stockton was a member of Delta Zeta Sorority and the JSU Volleyball team. Mr. Stockton attended graduate school at JSU and served as an assistant football coach for the Gamecocks. He is now defensive coordinator at Clay-Chalkville High School.

2000–06

Ricki Wynn Coleman, ’00/02, and her husband Randy R. Coleman, Jr., ’02, announce the birth of their daughter, Maya Katrell, 29 November 2005. Mr. Coleman played football for JSU and was a student coach. He is a teacher in Coweta County, Ga., and also is an assistant football and baseball coach. Mrs. Coleman was a graduate assistant athletic trainer at JSU. She also teaches in Coweta County and serves as the assistant athletic trainer at East Coweta High.

Retraction:

In our last issue, we listed the wedding of Braxton E. Wade, ’02, and Natalie L. Spinks in error. The marriage has not yet taken place. We apologize for the error in reporting the wedding.

William Bradford “Brad” Smith, ’00/01, and his wife Kristin Cooper Smith, ’03/05, announce the birth of their daughter, Kamryn Ranae, 4 April 2006. Mr. Smith played baseball for JSU and Mrs. Smith was a member of Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority. They reside in Oxford, Ala.

Danni Lusk, ’04, and L. Glynn Lockaby, ’05, welcomed the birth of their son, Maddox Glynn, 24 August 2005. Ms. Lusk was the editor-in-chief of the JSU campus newspaper, The Chanticleer, during 2004–2005. She currently is working for a weekly newspaper in Gadsden, Ala. Mr. Lockaby was a member of Sig Ep Fraternity and is the former advertising director for The Chanticleer. They reside in Jacksonville, Ala.

Weddings

1970–79

William Bedford Davis, ’70, and Mary Carol Paseur, 2 December 2006, in Scottsboro, Ala.

Deborah Williams Barham, ’71/74, and Tsunco Kano, ’73, 15 November 2006. Both were members of the International House Program at JSU. They reside in Madison County, Ala.
1980–89

Philip Harold White,’87, and Jane Elizabeth Gibbins, 4 November 2006. Mr. White is self-employed in Springville, Ala.

1990–99

Terrie Lynn Conley,’90, and Willie Frank Tyson, 10 June 2006, Munford, Ala. A member of Sigma Theta Tau nursing honor society, Mrs. Tyson is employed with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama. They reside in Munford, Ala.

David Pinkard,’91, and Sheila Neslin, 28 October 2006, Rome, Ga. Mr. Pinkard is employed by Northwest Georgia Regional Hospital.

Julie Lin Curvin,’94/’01, and Jeffery Scott Samples, 14 July 2006, Gadsden, Ala. Mrs. Samples is employed by the Calhoun County Board of Education.

Mr. and Mrs. David Harlan

Christopher M. Calvert,’95, and Marnie L. Epple, 12 October 2006, Arkansas. Mr. Calvert is employed with the National Weather Service at the Radar Operations Center in Norman, Okla. They reside in Moore, Okla.

Lee Shane Browder,’96/’98, and Courtney Anne Goldenberg,’05, 5 October 2006, Kiawah Island. Mr. Browder is a former graduate assistant coach for the JSU women’s basketball team. He is employed as an assistant principal at Cherokee County High School. Mrs. Browder is employed as a history teacher at Gadsden City High School.

Scott Jarrard McKendree,’98, and Sara Anne Nelson, 22 July 2006, Birmingham, Ala. Mr. McKendree is employed by AmSouth Bank.

Karen Varner Sprayberry,’98, and Russell Walker Jones, 8 July 2006, McClellan, Ala. Mrs. Gilchrist was a member of Delta Zeta sorority at JSU and is employed by Etxowah Middle School.

2000–07

Richard Todd Cole,’00, and Kristen Mallory Moore, 16 December 2006, Opelika, Ala. Mr. Cole is employed by Valley High School.

Capt. David L. “Davy” Godfrey, Jr.,’00, and Kelli Kathleen Lee,’05, 17 July 2006, JSU Alumni House. Mrs. Godfrey is currently pursuing her master’s degree at JSU. She is employed by Family Services Center. Capt. Godfrey was commissioned through the JSU ROTC program and is serving in the U.S. Army Transportation Corps.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hinkson

Amanda Lee Lackey,’00/’04, and Staff Sgt. Jamey Warren McCain, April, 2006, Jacksonville, Ala. Mrs. McCain is employed by the Okaloosa County (Fla.) School System. They reside in Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

Heather LeeAnn Mayes,’00, and Lucas Tommie Powell, 25 June 2006, Guntersville, Ala. Mrs. Powell played basketball for JSU. She is employed by the Dekalb County Board of Education. Mr. Powell is currently pursuing his degree at JSU.

Wendy Marie Owens,’00, and Ryan Key, 26 August 2006, Gadsden, Ala. Mrs. Key is employed by Gadsden Regional Medical Center.

Stephen Vincent Sims,’00, and Courtney Lee Schwartzburg, 23 September 2006, Tuscaloosa, Ala. Mr. Sims was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity at JSU. He is employed by U.S. Investigation Services.

Mary Frances Williams,’00, and William Shaw Stewart, 24 June 2006, Springville, Ala. Mrs. Stewart teaches at North Fayette Elementary School in Atlanta, Ga.

Jason Floyd Addison,’01, and Sarah Frances Nobles, 26 June 2006, Hilton Head, S.C. Mr. Addison is currently a student at Life University, Marietta, Ga. They reside in Atlanta, Ga.

Louis Harviley, Jr.,’01, and Candice Marie Bennett, 17 June 2006, Adairsville, Ga. Mr. Harviley is employed with Ogihara Corporation in Birmingham, Ala.

Allison Lynn Long,’01, and Blake Tyler, 7 October 2006, Okaloosa Island, Fla. Mrs. Tyler is employed by the Etowah County (Ala.) Board of Education at John Jones Elementary School.

Douglas Richardson,’01, and Alison Meleia Bailey, 15 July 2006, Calera, Ala. Mr. Richardson is employed with Colonial Bank.
New Life Members of the JSU Alumni Association
(July, 2006 – January, 2007)

Larry G. Abrams ’72/’74
Clifford E. Akins ’82
Kannyetta Showette Ammons ’00
Perry D. Andrews ’83
Keshia Dawn Ashley ’05
Timothy Marshall Ballard ’80/’04
Eleanor Marie Berberich ’91
Belinda Kay Blackburn ’74/’05
Holli Michelle Blass ’03
Janis Milwaukee Bolt ’88
James Bryan Bonds ’87
Emily Sides Bonds ’87
Kay Aderholdt Boozer ’69/’96
Leanne Jordan Boyle
Robert Joseph Boyle ’97/’99
Catherine Roberts Brownell ’82
Glendy J. Bryant ’03
Ginger Waddell Bunn ’95
Matthew Ryan Burns ’05
Terri Jackson Cameron ’82
Jack P Causey ’95
Vernon S. Chapman, III ’62
Robert Charles Clements ’95
Alice Faye Cleveland ’99
Joey Alan Crews ’99
Dana Corin, Jr. ’99
Janna Leigh Culpepper ’05
Adrienne D. Curvin ’96
Joan Smithey Dawson ’63
Diane Waits Dobson ’80
Henry J. Dobson, Jr. ’88/’81
David Lewis Eason ’80/’81
William Larry Eiland ’91
Debra R. Elgin
Lee Elgin ’06
Karen Witherspoon Ellis ’84
Martha Etton ’52
Janet Folsom Fisher ’87
Robert Joseph Fowler ’96
Dr. Nancy J. Fox ’80/’86
Jennifer Marie Bell Frank ’99/’03
Vincent Stephen Frank, Jr. ’94/’99/’03
Jonathon Fuller ’92
Phillip L. Gambrell ’72
Amy Elizabeth Gannon ’06

in Montgomery, Ala., as a senior programmer. They reside in Alabaster, Ala.

Jodie Melinda Smith,’01, and Jeffery Wayne Thompson, 8 April 2006. They reside in Alexandria, Ala.

Jeanette Williams,’01, and Kevin Robinson, 26 August 2006, Pontiac, Ill. Mrs. Robinson is employed by QEK-General Motors, Naperville, Ill. She was a member of Alpha Xi Delta Sorority at JSU.

Danya Golden,’02, and Jon-Caleb Wright, 24 June 2006, Altalla, Ala. Mrs. Wright is employed by Rainbow Middle School.

Andrea Martin,’02/’04, and Chad Rains, 24 June 2006, Scottsboro, Ala. Mrs. Rains was a member of Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority at JSU. She is employed by Gadsden High School in Gadsden, Ala.

Kelli Lynn Patterson,’02/’05, and John Frank Hendon, 10 June 2006. Mrs. Hendon was a member of Alpha Xi Delta Sorority at JSU and is employed by Knight Enloe Elementary School in Roanoke, Ala.

Tara Ashley Rhodarmer,’02, and 1st Lt. Nathan Paul Applebaum,’04, 12 June 2006, Copenhagen, Denmark and reaffirmed stateside at a celebration on 30 December 2006. Mrs. Applebaum was a member of Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority at JSU. She is working with the Red Cross in Germany. 1st Lt. Applebaum was commissioned through the JSU ROTC program and is currently stationed in Idar-Oberstein, Germany. He was a member of the JSU rifle team.

April Joy Schrimscher,’02, and Joel Sutton Williams, 15 July 2006, Decatur, Ala. Mrs. Williams is a social worker at Huntsville Hospital in Huntsville, Ala.

Anthony Duane Scott,’02, and Heather Marie Ingram, 29 July 2006, Kingston, Ga. Mr. Scott is employed with the Alabama Department of Examiners of Public Accounts.

Rasul Taghiyev,’02/’05, and Leslie Erin Whiteside, 5 July 2006. They reside in Calhoun County, Ala.

William Nicholas Thornton,’02, and Dorothy Elizabeth “Dottie” Hallman, 19 August 2006, Anniston, Ala. Mr. Thornton is employed by Alabama Specialty Products in Munford, Ala.

Kenny Randall Boman,’03, and Elizabeth Ann Whitworth, 16 December 2006. Mr. Boman is employed by the Hoover (Ala.) City School System.

Joey Haymon,’03, and Kristen Wright, 4 October 2006. They reside in Powell, Ala.

Danny Kimble, Jr.’03, and Gerri Mitchell, 15 July, 2006, Talladega, Ala. Mr. Kimble is employed by the University of Alabama as a graduate assistant football coach.


April McGinnis,’03, and Jonathan Hathaway, 15 July 2006, Ohatchee, Ala. Mrs. Hathaway is employed by Stringfellow Hospital in Anniston, Ala.

Bethany Marie McGlothlin,’03, and Joshua Allen Weathersby, 21 October 2006.

Matthew Owens,’03, and Dana Carol Jackson,’06, 26 August 2006. Mrs. Owens is a freelance graphic design artist working for Threefold Design. Mr. Owens is employed by McWaters and Associates and is also doing freelance graphic design work for Threefold Design.

Kevin Michael Shannon,’03, and Monica Regine Swez, 16 December 2006, Hartselle, Ala. Mr. Shannon played football at JSU. He is employed as a teacher/coach for Austin High School.

Sean Spraley,’03, and Chan Shyu, 5 August 2006. Mr. Spraley is employed by the Federal Aviation Administration as an airway transportation specialist. He is also a technical sergeant in the U.S. Air Force Reserves.

Chasta LaDoria Varner,’03, and Jonathan Hunter Brelad, 7 October 2006. Mrs. Brelad is employed by the Jackson County School System as a teacher.

Jana Lee Bowman,’04, and Cyrus Scott Butterworth, 23 September 2006, Bowdon, Ga. Mrs. Butterworth is employed by the Alabama Department of Revenue.

Tikesha Nikia Bynum,’04, and Tavarus Cosper,’04, 11 November 2006. Mr. Cosper is employed by Thankful Baptist Church. Mr. Cosper is employed by the Anniston Ordinance Depot.

Tasha D. Canady,’04, and Eric W. Ruffin, 17 June 2006, Birmingham, Ala. Mrs. Ruffin was employed as a registered nurse at UAB Hospital. They reside in Nashville, Tenn.

Candice Jo Christopher,’04, and Cass Wesley Brown, 12 August 2006, Gadsden, Ala. Mrs. Brown was a Ballerina with the
JSU Southerners. She is employed by UAB Hospital in Birmingham, Ala.

Jeremy Franklin,’04, and Jana Farris, 19 January 2007. Mr. Franklin is employed with U.S. Steel as an emergency specialist.

Philip Michael Hollingsworth,’04, and Jillian Dawn Gamble, 1 July 2006, Pittsburgh, Tenn. Mr. Hollingsworth was active with the Baptist Campus Ministry at JSU. He is employed by the City of Jacksonville’s Parks and Recreation Department in Jacksonville, Ala.

Dawn Honeycutt,’04, and Chris Tumlin, 2 September 2006. Mrs. Tumlin is employed by the Gadsden Treatment Center in Gadsden, Ala.

Reggie Jenkins,’04, and Shay Davis, 26 August 2006, Attalla, Ala. Mr. Jenkins is employed by the Social Security Administration.


Somer Ashleigh Maze,’04,’05, and Joel Nicholas Nowak, 23 September 2006, Rainbow City, Ala. Mrs. Nowak is employed as a counselor at the Cherokee County Children’s Advocacy Center. Mr. Nowak is currently a student at JSU.

Dustin Myers,’04, and Angela Malsy, 23 September 2006, Jacksonville, Ala. Mr. Myers is employed as an assistant manager for Wal-Mart.

Joshua Ryan New,’04, and Aleah Tyler Cooper, 12 August 2006, Anniston, Ala. Mr. New is employed by the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, Tenn.

Stacy Michelle Silvey,’04, and Jared Kyle Gray, 30 September 2006, Gadsden, Ala. Mrs. Gray is currently pursuing a master’s degree at JSU and is employed by the Calhoun County Board of Education at Pleasant Valley Elementary School.

Jeremy Wade Sims,’04, and Kacee Hall Kirkland,’05, 24 June 2006, Dothan, Ala. Mrs. Sims is currently pursuing her Ph.D. in biochemistry at Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, Ga. She was a member of Phi Mu Sorority at JSU. Mr. Sims, a member of Delta Chi Fraternity at JSU, is employed with Barnes & Noble in Atlanta, Ga.

Chris Smith,’04, and Jessy Snyder,’04, 8 July 2006, Gadsden, Ala.

James Wilson Vasquez,’04, and Alicia Danielle Manners, 29 July 2006, Jacksonville, Ala. Mr. Vasquez is employed at The Pentagon in Washington, D.C. Mrs. Vasquez is a student at JSU.

Sheree Evette Westbrooks,’04, and Henry C. Lindsey, Jr., 29 July 2006, Anniston, Ala. Mrs. Lindsey was a member of the JSU Show Choir. She is employed by the Oxford City School System at Dearmanville Elementary School in Oxford, Ala.

Thomas Brian Yarbrough,’04, and Brooke Nycole Chaney married in the fall of 2006. Mr. Yarbrough is employed by Peoples Independent Bank in Scottsboro, Ala.

Christina Leigh Allison,’05, and Michael Brent Dunn, 24 June 2006, Gadsden, Ala. Mrs. Dunn is employed by Southern Care Home Health/Hospice. Mr. Dunn is currently pursuing his degree at JSU.

Jason Clay Arnold,’05, and Hillary Elizabeth Brandon, 15 July 2006, Hollywood, Ala. Mr. Arnold is employed by the Scottsboro City School System in Scottsboro, Ala.

Joshua Arie Bearden,’05, and Heather Ann Connelly, 7 October 2006, Tuscaloosa, Ala. Mr. Bearden is employed by the Polk School District in Cedartown, Ga.

Emily Sue Boozer,’05, and Randall Scott Ginn, 4 November 2006, Alexandria, Ala. Mrs. Ginn is employed by Alexandria High School in Alexandria, Ala.

Jessica Renee Bryant,’05, and John Mark Boucher, 2 September 2006. Mrs. Boucher was a member of the JSU Southerners. She is employed by Rapaport Academy Preparatory School in Waco, Tex.

Charlotte Beth Cooper,’05, and John Charles Millard, 24 June 2006, Rome, Ga. Mrs. Millard is employed by the Floyd County (Ga.) Schools as a teacher.

Adam Spencer Crowe,’05, and Jennifer Ann Ainsworth, 30 September 2006, Leawood, Kan. Mr. Crowe is employed as the Platte County Emergency Response Planner for bio-terrorism in Kansas City, Mo.

Justin Davis,’05, and Anna-Marie Lesley, 5 August 2006. Mr. Davis is employed by Crown Pontiac Nissan in Hoover, Ala. They reside in Hoover.

Jason Ross Dawson,’05, and Abbey Meghan Teague,’06, in a private ceremony held 5 August 2006, Gulf Shores, Ala. A reception was later held 12 August 2006 in Centre, Ala. Mrs. Dawson is employed by the Northeast Alabama Law Enforcement Academy, McClellan, Ala. Mr. Dawson is employed by Union State Bank in Cedar Bluff, Ala.

Jeffrey Kent Ellard,’05, and Erica Magan Boozer, 23 September 2006, Gadsden, Ala. Mr. Ellard is employed by Skyline Steel in Atlanta, Ga.

Cory Richard Etter,’05, and Wendy Kay Robertson,’06, 24 June 2006, Tallapoosa, Ga. Mrs. Etter is employed by Haralson County Board of Education in Buchanan, Ga. Mr. Etter is employed by Cider Ridge Golf Course in Oxford, Ala.

Amy Brooke Galloway,’05, and Roger Heath Davidson, 24 June 2006, Geraldine, Ala. Mrs. Davidson is employed by the Polk County (Ga.) School System. Mr. Davison is pursuing his degree at JSU.

Mary Allison Garner,’05, and Barry Gene Rogers, Jr., 24 June 2006, Cave Spring, Ga. Mrs. Rogers is employed at Cherokee County High School in Centre, Ala., as a family and consumer science education teacher.

Jennifer Hamilton,’05, and Rustin Reaves, 17 June 2006, Destin, Fla. Mrs. Reaves is employed by White Plains (Ala.) Elementary School and The Animal Medical Center. Mr. Reaves is pursuing his degree at JSU.

Jennifer Kay Johnson,’05, and Brandon Chance Fell, 5 August 2006. Mrs. Fell is employed with the University of Alabama Health Services Foundation in Birmingham, Ala.

Holly Jones,’05, and Terry Pearson, 20 July 2006, Springville, Ala. Mrs. Pearson is employed by the Wal-Mart Vision Center and the Dekalb County (Ala.) School System. They reside in Collinsville, Ala.

Laramy Heath Jones,’05, and Amy Jean Stephens,’06, 29 July 2006, Fort Payne, Ala. Mrs. Jones was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority at JSU.


Lance Miller,’05, and Stephanie Gilmer,’06, 28 October 2006, Oxford, Ala. Mr. Miller is employed by Miller Farms in Oxford.

Brittney Michelle Mitchell,’05, and Todd Derrick Klueger, 4 November 2006, Scottsboro, Ala. Mrs. Klueger is presently employed by Mountain Lakes Behavioral
Health Care in Guntersville, Ala. as a family and child therapist.

Heather LaKaye Moses,05, and Kevan Brian Hall, 4 November 2006, Guntersville, Ala. Mrs. Hall is employed by Huntsville City Schools as a teacher. They reside in Huntsville, Ala.

Lindsay Nicole Mullins,05, and Jamie James Vann, 7 October 2006, Huntsville, Ala. Mrs. Vann is employed by the Huntsville Police Department as a dispatcher.

Jessica Erin Owens,05, and Jeremy Paul Barker, 16 September 2006, Blountsville, Ala. Mrs. Barker is employed at Retina Consultants of Alabama at Callahan Eye Foundation Hospital in Birmingham, Ala.

Emily Susan Ryals,05, and David Brandon Balenger, 26 August 2006. Mrs. Balenger is employed by the St. Clair County (Ala.) Department of Human Resources.

Stephen Lynn Smith,05, and Laura Nicole Williams, 8 July 2006, Starkville, Miss.

Jolie Suzanne Stephenson,05, and Wesley Reagan Roberts, 16 December 2006, Glencoe, Ala. Mr. Roberts is employed as a teacher with the Gadsden City Schools at C.A. Donehoo Elementary in Gadsden, Ala.

Tabatha Lynn Thomas,05, and Dustin Scott Greenwood, 7 July 2006.

Kimberly Nicole Belyeu,06, and Jonathan Ray Cash, 7 October 2006, Gadsden, Ala. Mrs. Cash is employed as a registered nurse with Children’s Health Systems in Birmingham, Ala. She was a member of the JSU Southerners.

Stephanie Nicole Brand,06, and Kevin Alexander Anglin, 28 October 2006.

Stefanice Nicole Carnes,’06, and Joshua Seth Terrell, 24 June 2006, Horton, Ala.

Lee Ann Clontz,’06, and Beau Justin Stewart,’06, 22 July 2006, Glencoe, Ala. Mrs. Stewart is employed by Glencoe First United Methodist Church.

Kristi Danae Clough,’06, and Wesley Blake Walker, 26 August, 2006, Jacksonville, Ala. Mrs. Walker is employed by Doctors Med Care in Jacksonville, Ala.

Miriam A. Cruz,’06, and Dustin Little,’06, 14 October 2006, Rome, Ga. Mrs. Little is employed at Top O’ the River in Gadsden, Ala. and is a translator for the Etowah County Department of Human Resources. Mr. Little is employed at Eastwood Middle School, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Renee Danielle Culler,’06, and Willie Jacob Parker, 5 August 2006, Arab, Ala. Mrs. Parker is employed at Marshall Medical Center North in Arab.

Keri Fulpinwider,’06, and Corey Galloway, 8 July 2006. Mrs. Galloway is employed by Prattville Primary School in Prattville, Ala.

Bethany Marie Joy Garrard,’06, and Paul Brian Johnson, 16 September 2006, Glencoe, Ala. Mrs. Johnson is employed by TV 24 and is co-owner of Boaz Health Hut.

Eric Tarpley Heaton,’06, and La’Tishia Artella Gaskin, 1 July 2006. Mr. Heaton is employed at Honda Manufacturing in Lincoln, Ala.

Chad Everett Gilchrist,’06, and Samantha Lauren Smith, 12 August 2006, Oxford, Ala. Mr. Gilchrist is employed by Room by Room Furniture. Mrs. Gilchrist is pursuing her degree at JSU and will graduate in April 2007. She is employed by The Surgery Center in Oxford.

Amber Jolene Gillies,’06, and Mathew Scott Strother, 12 August 2006. Mrs. Strother is employed by Sarrell Regional Dental Center for Public Health in Anniston, Ala.

Marja Jones,’06, and Jared Whitaker, 1 September 2006, Albertville, Ala. Mrs. Whitaker is employed at Marshall Medical Center South.

Kristina Michelle Morgan,’06, and Nathan Louis Siegel, 9 June 2006, Las Vegas, Nev. Mrs. Siegel is employed as a salon manager in Atlanta, Ga.

Tawan Rosha Nevols,’06, and Peyton Deandre Marbury, 23 September 2006, Baldwyn, Miss. Mr. Marbury is pursuing his degree at JSU and is employed by Cleburne Mental Health Center as a mental health rehabilitation instructor. He is a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity at JSU.


Cassidy Blair Norred,’06, and Brandon Scott Whitman, 15 July 2006, at the JSU Alumni House. Mrs. Whitman is a teacher at Oxford Elementary School in Oxford, Ala.

Jeanna Elizabeth Sansing,’06, and Beren Daniel Gossett, 15 July 2006, Ashville, Ala. Mrs. Gossett is employed at Ashville Elementary School as a teacher.

Kendall Andrew Taylor, ’06, and Candace Dunn, 14 October 2006, Anniston, Ala. Mr. Taylor was a member of Phi My Alpha Music Fraternity and the Southerners at JSU. Mrs. Taylor is currently pursuing her degree at JSU. She is a member of the Chamber Winds Musical Performance Ensemble.

Obituaries
(al all information obtained from obituary notices unless otherwise stated)

CORRECTION: In our previous issue, we listed the death of an alumna in error. We reported the death of Catherine Louise “Kay” Trotter Jordan, ’48, Boaz, Ala. She emailed us to assure us that she is alive and well! The Alumni Office apologizes to Mrs. Jordan, her family and friends for this error.

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Dr. Virgil Benson, 17 December 2006, Pell City, Ala. He taught chemistry at JSU for 32 years.

Dr. Thomas G. Nicholson, Professor Emeritus from the JSU College of Criminal Justice, 24 December 2006, Mississippi State Veterans Home, Kosciusko, Miss. He taught 18 years at both JSU and the University of Texas Permian Basin in Odessa, Tex. He was a retired Special Forces lieutenant Colonel with the Military Police Corps of the U.S. Army and served in Vietnam. Memorial donations may be made to the Parkinson’s Disease Foundation, 1359 Broadway, Suite 1509, New York, NY 10018.

John Edwin Hodges, Sr., Gadsden, Ala., 13 December 2006. He had been employed in the accounting department at Republic Steel until 1970. He also established the John E. Hodges Insurance Agency in 1964. Mr. Hodges was active in many civic and social organizations and loved to travel and play golf.

Walter John Maher, Anniston, Ala., died recently in Anniston. A veteran of World War II, he attained the rank of Major in the Air Force. In his professional life, Mr. Maher held positions in sales and management. He was active in local civic, social and veterans organizations.

Lamora Allen Martin, Goodwater, Ala., 4 January 2007. Mrs. Martin taught in the Clay County School System for several years and retired from the Tallapoosa County School System with 40 years of service at Hackneyville High.

Cleo Nelms King, Gadsden, Ala., 23 December 2006. She taught school for 39 years, retiring at the age of 62.

Peggy Pruett, Talladega, Ala., 21 December 2006. Ms. Pruett had been a school teacher in Blount County. She was 100 years old.

Ewing Glover Storey, Huntsville, Ala., died in December 2006. Mr. Storey taught at Dean’s Chapel and was both teacher and principal in Trenton before joining the military in 1942. A veteran of World War II, he served in the Navy as a member of the Fighting Seabees and fought in the South Pacific. Afterwards he continued his role as an educator for returning troops through the Veterans Administration. He also enjoyed a career with Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., retiring after many years of service.

Lois Louisa Cassidy Stallworth, Birmingham, Ala., 25 November 2006. She was 100 years old. Mrs. Stallworth taught for many years in the Fort Payne and Dekalb County School Systems.

Gerald R. “Jake” Ayers, Scottsboro, Ala., 15 June 2006. Mr. Ayers attended JSU in the 1960s and played football. He was very active in his church activities in Union City, Tenn.

Clyde D. Baker, Guntersville, Ala., 4 September 2006. He became a lawyer at age 50 after a career in the space program; attended 9 different colleges and universities studying 5 different fields; was presented the Pioneer in Space Award in 1991 by the United Daughters of the Confederacy, and received 8 awards while working at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, including NASA’s Medal for Exceptional Scientific Achievement in 1971. He retired in 1973 as chief of the Astrodynamics and Guidance Theory Division, Aero-astrodynamics Lab at Redstone Arsenal. He was married to Mary Cobb Baker, ’47.

George Robert Bowlin, Ashville, Ala. The Alumni Office was notified by the post office of his death. Mr. Bowlin played baseball for JSU.

Stella C. Brown, Locust Fork, Ala. The office was notified by the post office of her death. Ms. Brown was a retired teacher in the Blount County School System.

Roy G. Davidson, Sr., Birmingham, Ala. The office was notified by his son of Mr. Davidson’s death. He attended JSU in the 1920s.

Oris R. “Jackie” Jackson, Anniston, Ala., 31 July 2006. Mr. Jackson played football at JSU and was active in the Sixties Group of alumni. He was an executive for many years with the Boy Scouts of America organization in both Alabama and Florida. Mr. Jackson also was Director of Personnel for two companies in Georgia and owned and operated several small businesses. His son Hayes Jackson, ’00, is also a JSU grad.

Jimmie Lee McCoy, Columbus, Ga. He played football at JSU.

DeForest M. Nolen, Ashland, Ala., 31 October 2006. He was a World War II veteran with duty in the South Pacific. Mr. Nolen served as Chief Operating Officer and Engineer for Tri-County Telephone Company, Inc. during which time he saw it grow from 650 telephones to over 10,000 telephones, becoming Alabama’s largest independent telephone company.


P.O. Wilson, Anniston, Ala., 28 December 2006. He began his business career with Barber Dairy for ten years in management and then began his career in the automotive industry with Shaver Pontiac in Birmingham. He served in World War II in the Air Force but returned to the automotive business afterwards. He did remain in the reserves, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel with 28 years of service. As his knowledge and experience of the auto industry grew, the Pontiac Corporation offered him his own dealership in his choice of locations. In 1954 he opened in Anniston.

1930–39

Tommie Darby Head, ’36, Roanoke, Ala., 25 September 2002. Information that she is deceased was provided to the Alumni Office by a family member.

Eileen Dooley, ’37, Nashville, Tenn. The Alumni Office was advised during the annual phonathon of Ms. Dooley’s death.
New Life Members of the JSU Alumni Association
(July, 2006 – January, 2007)

Sybil Parris Parker ’56/’74
David Keith Patterson ’89
Carla Byrom Patterson ’89/’99
Michael Angela Pearson ’79
Bradley A. Plante ’91
Debra Sharlee Pollard ’82/’02
Phyllis Ann Poore ’82
Elizabeth Potter ’04
Mark Eric Rehm ’88
LuAnn Jackson Roy ’90
John B. Royal ’78/’91
Ellen Ann Tibbetts Vincent ’91
W. Albert Waldrop, ’37, Union Grove, Ala. The Alumni Office received this information through the phonathon.

1940–49
Doris Norton Campbell, ’40, Gallant, Ala., 23 September 2006. She had taught at Walnut Grove and Altoona from 1945 to 1962.

Edwerta Carpenter, ’40/’59, Jacksonville, Ala. Ms. Carpenter was a teacher and principal for the Anniston City Board of Education from 1941 to 1980.

Mary Nell Owlsley, ’40, Birmingham, Ala. The Alumni Office was notified by the post office of her death.

Jerry B. Hulsey, ’41, Fort Payne, Ala., 6 October 2006. Mr. Hulsey was an Air Force World War II veteran. He was a teacher and coach at Lawrence County High prior to serving in WWII. He later became head basketball coach and then principal at Dekalb County High and was inducted into the Dekalb County Sports Hall of Fame as one of its charter members in 1997. Mr. Hulsey retired from Gadsden State Community College in 1981 after serving 15 years as chair of the Social Sciences Division. He played basketball and baseball while at Jacksonville State and has served on the JSU Alumni Association’s Board of Governors.

Lebus Dowling Wheeler, ’43, Cedartown, Ga., 30 March 2006. The Alumni Office was informed by his wife of his death.

Louise Pinion Wilson, ’43, Fayette, Ala., 20 November 2006. She and her husband operated a lumber company in Hamilton, Ala., from 1946 to 1968. Mrs. Wilson was well known as an artist and creator of hats designed from Alabama forest products. She spent a lifetime promoting visual arts and received awards honoring this devotion and service. Also interested in genealogy, Mrs. Wilson organized the Tuscaloosa Genealogical Society in 1975.

Mildred Boozer Williams, ’43, Jacksonville, Ala., 25 August 2006. For 41 years she was an elementary school teacher and taught in Gadsden, at the Williams School in Calhoun County, at Constantine in Anniston, at Jacksonville Elementary, at Head Start in Anniston and at Norwood School in Anniston. An avid JSU supporter, she was a life member of the Alumni Association.

Capitolia Stanfield Pratt, ’44, Nashville, Tenn., June 2006. Mrs. Pratt had taught for 37 years and was a volunteer for 17 years at St. Thomas Hospital. The Alumni Office was notified by her daughter of her death.

Donald “Boky” McClellan, ’45, Weaver, Ala. The Alumni Office was notified by the post office of his death. Mr. McClellan played football for JSU.

Sara Katherine Segrest Stevenson, ’45, Jacksonville, Ala., December 2006. She was a retired teacher from the Jacksonville City School System and from JSU. Mrs. Stevenson was married to Horace Stevenson, ’33, a retired teacher and coach from the Jacksonville School System. He is also deceased.

Samuel Frank Morris, ’46, St. Simons Island, Ga., date of death unknown.

Maye Cofield Strain, ’46, Wedowee, Ala., September 2006. Mrs. Strain had been a teacher for 42 years with the Randolph County School Board and was active in the local garden club.

George Gordon “G.G.” Blair, ’47, Ashland, Ala., 3 November 2006. He was a longtime educator at various schools throughout Clay County, the last 28 of his 36 years in education were at Bibb Graves High School where he later served as principal. Mr. Blair was an Army Air Force veteran of WWII, serving in battles in Europe and awarded numerous decorations and citations for his service and valor. He was a successful cattle rancher and timber producer, elected the first president of the Clay County Cartlemen’s Association and instrumental in establishing catfish production in Clay County.

Eunice Ramona Haynes Cooley, ’49, Wedowee, Ala., 6 October 2006. Mrs. Cooley was a longtime educator in Calhoun County.

Eula May York McCurdy, ’49, Ider, Ala., 26 November 2006. Mrs. McCurdy had taught for 38 years at Ider Elementary School. She also served as church clerk at Macedonia Primitive Baptist Church for 60 years.

Marzell Culberson Motley, ’49, Huntsville, Ala., 12 October 2005. Mrs. Motley had taught in the Huntsville City Schools for a year. She then served as personal secretary to General John Medaris, commander of the U.S. Army Ordnance Missile Command at the beginning of the space program in Huntsville. She left federal service and served as church secretary for
Faith Presbyterian Church for 17 years before returning to federal service and retiring in 1993. Mrs. Motley was married for 39 years to Charles E. Motley, ’49, prior to his death in 1989. She was a member of the JSU International House Program.

1950-59

Floyd M. Clark, Jr., ’50, Anniston, Ala., 8 September 2006. He was retired from A.G. Edwards & Son, Inc. as Vice President and Branch Manager of the Anniston office. Mr. Clark was also a WWII veteran and served in the Air Force.

Lois Stoddard Lyon, ’50, Arab, Ala. The Alumni Office was notified by the post office of her death. She was married to William Beamon Lyon, ’49, also deceased.

O. M. Nix, ’50, Bessemer, Ala. He played baseball for JSU.

Nell B. Still, ’50, Fort Payne, Ala. The Alumni Office was notified by the post office of her death.

Thelma Gaines Anderson, ’51, Anniston, Ala., 5 October 2006. A Navy veteran, she was also retired from the Anniston Army Depot with 42 years of service.

Kathryn Walker Gardner, ’51, Anniston, Ala., 22 June 2006. Mrs. Gardner had been employed by the Calhoun County Board of Education.

Peggy Stevens O’Berg, ’51, Yuba City, Calif. The Alumni Office was notified by a family member of her death. She was a retired teacher.

Hugh Pinckney “Peasoup” O’Sheilds, ’51/’70, Oneonta, Ala., 7 January 2007. A WWII veteran, Coach O’Sheilds played football for JSU. He coached football, track and basketball for 32 years at Cleveland and Oneonta and his teams won state championships in football, track and cross country. Coach O’Sheilds was inducted into the Alabama High School Hall of Fame, the JSU Sports Hall of Fame and the Blount and Dekalb County Sports Hall of Fame. He was married to Ruby Letherwood O’Sheilds, ’51, who is a retired principal with the Oneonta City Board of Education.

Harry Calvin Howell, Jr., ’53, Gadsden, Ala. The Alumni Office was notified by the post office of his death.

James W. “Shag” Richey, ’53/’60, Ashville, Ala., 28 July 2006. A standout basketball player in high school and junior college, he earned a scholarship to play for JSU. He served as captain both seasons and led the team in scoring as a junior with 349 points. His most memorable moment in playing at JSU was when the team defeated the famous University of Alabama Rocket Eight 67-64. Mr. Richey was recognized by JSU as one of its top 100 athletes in the school’s first 100 years. He was inducted into the JSU Hall of Fame 1990-91. He was also inducted into the Dekalb County Sports Hall of Fame and the St. Clair County Sports Hall of Fame. Mr. Richey served as head basketball coach at Sylvania, taught at Centre and served as principal at Ashville High before being elected superintendent of education for St. Clair County. His wife, Elvelier “Vecie” Shanks Richey, ’55, was also a longtime educator before her retirement. She said, “He has given us a sense of a life well spent, a time on earth well spent, and a heritage of lasting meaning.”

Vivian B. “V.B.” Ward, ’53, Rockford, Ala., 29 November 2006. Mr. Ward was a member of the JSU basketball team and was commissioned through the JSU ROTC program. He served in the Army in the Korean Conflict. He retired from the National Guard with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Mr. Ward was employed by the Coosa County Board of Education for 32 years. He served as principal of Richville and Rockford Schools.

Florence S. Burkhalter, ’54, Higdon, Ala. The Alumni Office was notified by the post office that she is deceased.

Altha Thompson DeLoach, ’54, Montgomery, Ala., 7 September 2006. She taught school in Etowah County for 26 years.

Dr. Lester Mitchell Sims, ’55, Trussville, Ala., 1 June, 2002. A WWII veteran, he served as a naval aviator. Dr. Sims was a longtime educator, recently retiring as Director of Educational Services at Medical Center East. He also served for several years as Dean of Business Affairs at Jefferson State Community College.

Charles E. Keel, ’57, Cullman, Ala. The Alumni Office was notified by the post office of his death.

Lindell L. Cummins, ’58/’72, Hueytown, Ala. The Alumni Office was notified by the post office of his death.

Helen Fry Davidson, ’58, Gadsden, Ala., 16 November 2006. Mrs. Davidson had taught at and retired from Emma Sansom High School with many years of service.

Eugene Franklin Johnson, ’58/’62, Jacksonville, Ala., 23 November 2006. Mr. Johnson was an Army veteran. He taught chemistry, biology and science at Alexandria High School for 28 years.

Ethel Boatner Reaves, ’58/’65/’69, Jacksonville, Ala., 29 July 2006. Mrs. Reaves retired from JSU in where she taught English from 1969 to 1984. She was a published author, prolific gardener, gracious hostess and locally renowned artist. Mrs. Reaves was a member of Phi Mu Sorority at JSU.

Charlie Hugh Rice, ’58, Jacksonville, Ala., 6 December 2006. He was retired from the Oxford City Board of Education where he served as principal at Oxford Elementary School.

Ortis Lee Williamson, ’58, Gadsden, Ala., 22 December 2006. He had served as an executive with Compass Bank. Mr. Williamson was active with the Baptist Campus Ministry and was a cheerleader at JSU.

Edgar Boyd, ’59, Cleveland, Tenn. He was a member of the JSU Southerners.

Billy G. Howell, ’59, Pell City, Ala., 31 December 2006. Mr. Howell was an Air Force veteran. He spent his entire 34-year career as an educator in St. Clair County, serving as a teacher at Iola Roberts and Pell City High, counselor at Duran Junior High, principal at the former Pell City Intermediate School (now Walter M. Kennedy), and also at Pell City High. He went on to coordinate the trade and industrial program at Pell City High. He then served as principal at Ragland High and completed his career a supervisor with the St. Clair County Board of Education.


Forrest Carter Tate, ’59, Anniston, Ala., 2 September 2006. He was a WWII veteran, serving in the Army during the Korean War. He was a civilian chemist at Robins Air Force Base in Warner Robins, Ga., and at Anniston Ordnance Depot in Anniston from where he retired. In 1978, he received a Special Achievement Award for sustained Superior Performance from the Department of the Air Force.
1960–69


John Winfred Fox,’60, Montgomery, Ala., 4 October 2006. Mr. Fox was an Army veteran and had been commissioned through the JSU ROTC program. He had operated the Hackneyville Country Store for many years and was currently a self-employed car dealer.

John H. Dunlap,’61, Birmingham, Ala.

Doris T. Paslay Standridge,’61, Jacksonville, Ala., 17 October 2006. She was the guidance counselor at Jacksonville High from 1962 to 1989.

Rayford E. Talley,’62, Cullman, Ala., 8 September 2006, of pancreatic cancer. He played football at JSU and was commissioned through the university’s ROTC program. He began his legendary coaching career at Bibb County before going to Cullman to coach junior high and then the varsity team. He also coached at Falkville and Hanceville where he coached until he retired in 1989, leading the team to three appearances in the state semifinals as well as many playoffs. Mr. Talley coached for over 30 years.

Virginia Hall Whiteside,’62, Rabbittown Community, Ala., She was a retired elementary school teacher at Weaver Elementary.

Robert F. Blumhagen,’63/’64, Columbus, Ga., died in 1995. The Alumni Office was recently notified by his wife Helen of his death.

William O. “Billy” Chitwood,’63, Dearmanville, Ala. He was a former English Literature Professor at JSU.

Thomas Brindley Coggins,’63, Cullman, Ala., 24 July 2006. A former Morgan County circuit judge, Mr. Coggins died in a plane crash. He was commissioned through the JSU ROTC program and served in the Army Corps of Engineers during which time he wrote groundbreaking computer programs in accounting and tax reporting. He was also a farmer and enjoyed woodworking. He loved flying and volunteered for Angel Flights to transport sick children to treatment centers.

Posie Eugene Price,’63, Cumming, Ga.


Terry Joe Brown,’64, Gardendale, Ala., 4 July 2006. He was a retired Air Force Captain and was employed as an insurance claims supervisor with AIGA.

Robert Luther Morton,’64/’72/’83, Montgomery, Ala., 1 August 2006. He played baseball for JSU and was commissioned through the ROTC program. Mr. Morton had been employed by the State Department of Education. The Alumni Office was notified by his daughter of his death.

Nancy Tuck Nabors,’64, Moody, Ala. The Alumni Office was notified by the post office of her death. Mrs. Nabors was a member of the Baptist Campus Ministry at JSU.

Ruth Boggs Taylor,’64/’67/’68, Jacksonville, Ala., 20 October 2006. She retired from the Calhoun County School System in 2000 with 35 years of service as an English teacher. She most recently taught at Pleasant Valley High School. Mrs. Taylor also taught part time at Gadsden State Community College at McClellan and at JSU.

Rita Jo Strickland Gilbreath,’65, Crossville, Ala., 17 July 2006. Mrs. Gilbreath was a retired elementary school teacher from Crossville who also taught adult education in Albertville.

Linda Ann Kilgore Williams,’65, Cohutta, Ga., 12 December 2005, of cancer. She also earned her Master’s degree from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and her Eds. Degree from Lincoln Memorial University. Mrs. Williams taught at Moreland Elementary in Coweta County (Ga.) and at Cohutta Elementary and Vannell Elementary in Whitfield County (Ga.). She is survived by her husband, James V. Williams, ’64, three children and eight grandchildren.

Helen McCord Thompson,’66, Alexander City, Ala. The Alumni Office was notified by the post office of her death.

1970–79

Rodney Victor Allred,’70/’80, Rome, Ga., 18 December 2006. Mr. Allred was an Army Vietnam veteran. He also served in Cambodia, Okinawa and Germany. Mr. Allred was an educator retired from the Cartooga County (Ga.) Board of Education.

Louis P. Botta, Jr.,’71, Birmingham, Ala., 18 June 2006. Mr. Botta served in the Army National Guard. He was employed in sales at ICJ Shoes in Tarrant.

Warren Lee Matthews,’71, Bluffton, S.C. The Alumni Office was notified by the post office of his death.

Carol Davis Gosssett,’72/’79, Centre, Ala., 11 January 2007. She was a retired teacher with the Cherokee County Board of Education, having taught elementary school for 34 years.

Jeanette Burke Miller Edwards,’72, Montgomery, Ala., 1 September 2006. She taught history and political science at Westminster Christian School in Gadsden for 18 years.


Gladys Carson Williams West,’72, Hoover, Ala., 20 December 2006. Mrs. West served as librarian at JSU, at FortMcClellan, and with at the Elba Public Library.

Mitchell Clinton Barron,’73, Oxford, Ala., 19 August 2006. He was very active in his Masonic Lodge.

Opal Williams Coffey,’73, Albertville, Ala. The Alumni Office was notified by the post office of her death.

Donald Frank Gilmore,’73, Anniston, Ala. The Alumni Office was notified by the post office of his death. Mr. Gilmore was a member of the International House Program at JSU and was commissioned through the ROTC program.

John Glenn Hardy,’73/’77, Sylacauga, Ala., December 2005. He was as member of the JSU cross country team. Mr. Hardy was chair of the School of Business at IIT. He also taught for several years at Auburn University-Montgomery.

Sandra “Sandy” Kaye Hipp Meadows,’73, Homewood, Ala., 12 July 2006. Although she began her career with Compass Bank, Mrs. Meadows spent most of her career with the United States Postal
Hoyt Dewayne Cabaniss, ’76, of the Circle Oak Saddle Club. He also was past president of the North Alabama Saddle Club city of Oxford as an Inspector. Mr. Tyree was a lifelong teacher in Alabama at schools in Gadsden, Ala., 8 January 2007. He was retired from the U.S. Army Special Forces (Green Berets) and was the recipient of numerous meritorious medals and decorations during his years of service.

J. C. Williams, ’79, Bessemer, Ala.

1980–89

Janice Whisnant Hinds, ’80/’82, Macon, Ga. The Alumni Office was notified by the post office of her death.

Glenda Roe Rice, ’80, Gadsden, Ala. The Alumni Office was notified by the post office that she is deceased.

Jimmy Peppers, ’81, Boaz, Ala.

Jan Watson Waid, ’83, Pelham, Ala., 10 January 2006. The Alumni Office was notified by her parents that she is deceased.

Willard Ralph Summerlin, III, ’88, Huntsville, Ala. The Alumni Office was notified by the post office of his death.

1990–99

Max Veldon Knight, ’90, Boaz, Ala. The Alumni Office was notified by the post office of his death.

John Mitchell Jenkins, ’91, Denmark, S. C. The Alumni Office was notified by the post office of his death.

Linda Gail Roberson, ’91, Northport, Ala. The Alumni Office was notified by the post office of her death.

Akbar Karrien Mitchell, ’92, Seaside, Calif. The Alumni Office was notified by the post office of his death. He was a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity at JSU.


Jean Young Lanterman, ’95, Marietta, Ga., 19 January 2006. Mrs. Lanterman was employed as a registered nurse at Kennestone Hospital. She had been a member of the JSU Southerners. The Alumni Office was notified by her mother that she had died January 2005.

Marcus Adam Wright, ’97, Southside, Ala., 19 November 2006. He had worked as a nurse in numerous hospitals across the state and was currently the Administrator of the Long Term Care Hospital in Tuscaloosa.

Alice P. Doyle, ’99, Atlanta, Ga., 25 December 2005. She was a devoted JSU fan and life member of the JSU Alumni Association. The Alumni Office was notified by her family of her death.

2000–06

Pamela Delores Ware, ’00, Fairburn, Ga.

Norman Isdore Carrin, ’04, Jacksonville, Ala., 28 September 2006. Mr. Carrin was an Air Force veteran. He taught as a graduate assistant at JSU and worked as a resident assistant. He was very active in community service.

Lei Jin, ’04, Alpharetta, Ga. The Alumni Office was notified by the post office of her death.

Jeannie A. Coffey Morgan, ’04, Glencoe, Ala., 1 August 2006.

Alumni Office was notified by the post office of his death.

1959 and Before

E. C. “Baldy” Wilson, ’49, Glencoe, Ala., was inducted into the Etowah County Sports Hall of Fame in January 2007. He was a
four-year basketball and two-year football letterman in high school. After serving in the Army, he was a three-year football and one-year basketball letterman at Jacksonville State. He coached football at Glencoe High (1949-67), earning 15 winning seasons, competed in seven Etowah County post-season games and won the Charity Bowl in 1966 and 1967. He also coached the basketball team (1950-65), winning five county titles and earning a trip to the state tournament in 1957. Mr. Wilson was named “State All-Star Coach” in 1959 and in 1967 he was named “Etowah County Coach of the Year.” He served as superintendent of Etowah County Schools 1976-84. He was chosen JSU’s Alumnus of the Year in 1987. From 1996 to 1999, Mr. Wilson was inducted into the Patriot’s Hall Of Honor, Alabama High School Sports Hall of Fame, and the JSU Gamecock Hall of Fame. Both a city park in Glencoe and the football stadium at Glencoe High have been renamed in his honor. Mr. Wilson has also served on the JSU Alumni Association’s Board of Governors.

1960-1969

Fred Allen Greer,’62, Sumiton, Ala., a special education teacher, was recently selected Walker High School’s Teacher of the Year for his extraordinary work as an educator. He has been an educator for over 20 years and has been in special education at Walker High for the last eight years. Commissioned through JSU’s ROTC program, Mr. Greer served three years in the Army Signal Corps at the Panama Canal. He remained in the Army Reserves and Alabama National Guard for almost 30 years, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel.

MILAGRO, published in 2006. It is a suspense tale of corporate espionage, kidnapping and forgotten love. Recently featured and praised in the New York Times Christmas Book Review, the story takes the reader from the red dirt roads of Alabama to the silver mines of Mexico. It is available at local bookstores and online (www.amazon.com) and is available in CD, MP3 CD and cassette versions. Visit Mrs. Rainwater’s website at www.lindarainwater.com. She was a member of Alpha Xi Delta Sorority at JSU.

Rev. Bobby H. Welch,’65, Ormond Beach, Fla., retired in August 2006 as pastor of First Baptist Church in Daytona Beach, Fla., after 32 years. He is currently completing his second one-year term as president of the Southern Baptist Convention. He plans to stay in the church and will become pastor emeritus, giving assistance to the new senior pastor. Rev. Welch was commissioned through the JSU ROTC program and played football for JSU. He served in Vietnam and left the Army with the rank of Captain. He also became a Paratrooper, Ranger, Jungle Expert and Green Beret, receiving the Bronze Star with “V” device for bravery, Purple Heart, Air Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge and other decorations. Rev. Welch was selected as JSU’s 2004 Alumnus of the Year.

Ruth Gunter Mitchell,’67/’82, Eastaboga, Ala., retired Calhoun County teacher and wife of Gordon E. Mitchell,’66/’75, retired superintendent of the Calhoun County Board of Education, has published her first novel, Nothing But the Blood. The novel is set in Calhoun County and is available through her website, www.ruthguntermitchell.com, or from amazon.com, Waldenbooks.com or booksurge.com. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell’s daughter, Tonya Mitchell Reid,’91, is a psychometrist for the Etowah County Board and Education and daughter, Audrea Mitchell Blevins,’05, teaches at Shelby County Elementary School.

Judy Craddock Andrews,’68, Sylacauga, Ala., retired from teaching (after 32 years) in May of 2000. She is now working at her church (First Baptist of Sylacauga) as music secretary and church pianist. She also accompanies the senior high choir and is director of the younger children’s choir. Mrs. Andrews was a member of the JSU Marching Band Ballerinas.

Jennifer A. Brown,’69, Eclectic, Ala., has been named dean of Auburn University Montgomery’s School of Education. She previously served as dean and graduate coordinator for the School of Education. Ms. Brown has been employed at AUM for 30 years.

1970-1979

Ginger Rich Adkins,’70/’78, Albertville, Ala., has taught economics at Snead State Community College for 24 years. She is an advisor to the Phi Beta Lambda Club at Snead State. In June 2006 she attended Phi Beta Lambda’s national conference in Nashville and received an award for 20 years of working with the club.

Verna Jay Law Noah,’70, Piedmont, Ala., is teaching at Jacksonville Christian Academy. She has been an educator for over 30 years.

Louis Phil Ray,’70, Rome, Ga., was selected as one of the more than 100 principals throughout the state to be named Georgia High Performance Principals by the governor’s and state superintendent’s office. He previously taught and coached at Piedmont, Ala., for six years, was principal and coach at Boaz for 24 years and served as assistant principal at Pepperell High School in Georgia for a year before becoming principal, where he has served for the past four years. Mr. Ray is married to Lynda Naugher Ray,’69.

Ira Roland Houston,’75, Anniston, Ala., is now head football coach at Jacksonville High School. He previously served as teacher and coach at Oxford High, Childersburg and Weaver and was an offensive line coach and defensive coordinator for the JSU football team.

Larry Archer,’72, Russellville, Ala., has joined the Bank Independent as area president for the Franklin County area. He has 33 years of banking experience, having most recently served as senior vice president for Hometown Bank of Alabama in Oneonta.

Myron K. “Kent” Anderson,’72, Sewanee, Tenn., has been selected by Cowboys & Indians Magazine and WORDHARVEST as winner of the annual Tony Hillerman Writers Conference mystery short story contest. His story, “Going Back…To Where You Wanted To Be In The First Place,” was published in the March 2007 issue of Cowboys & Indians. Mr. Anderson serves as Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Tennessee. His story was chosen from more than 266 entries received from professional and amateur writers throughout the U.S., England.
and Canada. He was a member of the JSU International House Program.

Jeff McCool, ‘73, Daphne, Ala., is employed as a Public Health Environmental Supervisor with the Alabama Department of Public Health, Seafood Branch, Mobile, Ala. He was awarded the Environmentalist of the Year for the State of Alabama by the Alabama Environmental Health Association for exemplary service to the State of Alabama and its citizens. Mr. McCool played baseball for JSU.

Linda Walters Burdette, ‘74, Anniston, Ala., has been named chief executive officer (CEO) at Stringfellow Memorial Hospital. She spent 18 years as chief operating officer at Stringfellow and served as interim CEO until her appointment in December 2006.

Harold E. Oakes, ‘74, Montgomery, Ala., has been promoted by Alfa Insurance to regional vice president of claims managing Alfa’s Southern District (southern half of Alabama and state of Mississippi). Mr. Oakes has been with Alfa since 1977, starting as an adjuster.

David A. McPherson, ‘74, Columbus, Ga., retired in March of 2006 after reaching the rank of Colonel in the Alabama Army National Guard and serving full time for more than 25 years. His total military service exceeded 31 years. In his final assignment, Col. McPherson served as garrison commander of the Ft. McClellan ARNG Training Center in Alabama. He is married to Angie Ledbetter McPherson, ‘82/85, and now works as a Department of Defense contractor. Mrs. McPherson serves as the principal at Stowers Elementary School at Ft. Benning, Ga. Col. McPherson was commissioned through the JSU ROTC program. He was also a member of Delta Chi Fraternity at JSU.

James Camp, ‘75, Tarrant, Ala., was promoted to the rank of Colonel on 6 October 2006 in a ceremony at Madigan Army Medical Center, Fort Lewis, Washington, where he currently serves as Laboratory Manager. Col. Camp has served in the Army reserves and on active duty for a total of 34 years.

Leland M. Fuller, ‘76, Talladega, Ala., has been appointed the new general manager for the Coosa Valley Electric Cooperative. He has served for nearly 24 years as the Cooperative’s chief financial officer and human resources manager.

P. Edward Gettys, Jr., ‘76, Stevenson, Ala., is a new teacher at Scottsboro Junior High. Mr. Gettys played tennis for JSU.

Joni Roberson Baker, ‘76, Talladega, Ala., is Director of the Child Nutrition Program for the Talladega City Schools. The schools’ nutrition program was recently showcased in the Fall 2006 issue (Number 25) of Hot Topics: A Newsletter for the Foodservice Industry From Hatco Corporation.

Leon DeHaven, ‘76, Tempe, Ariz., retired 3 July 2006 after more than 36 years of Federal service, having started his career at 17 as an Army cook. In November 2004, upon retirement from the Army Reserves as a Lieutenant Colonel, he was awarded the Legion of Merit. After law school, he was a law clerk in the U.S. Attorney General’s Office in San Diego, Calif. Mr. DeHaven has worked for the Social Security Administration, Internal Revenue Service and Defense Logistics Agency. In 1999, he became an Asylum Officer for Legacy INS and now USCIS, where he conducted affirmative interviews and Asylum Prescreening Interviews in California and Arizona. Mr. DeHaven has done refugee processing in Cuba, Haiti and six African countries.

Judith Johnson Haley, ‘76, Acworth, Ga., has joined Bayer Properties LLC’s design and construction division as administrative assistant in pre-development providing support to the senior vice president and other team members.

John “Kirk” Giles, ‘77, Gurley, Ala., has been promoted to Captain with the Huntsville Police Department. He has been with the department since joining its Ranger program in 1972 and becoming an officer in 1977. Capt. Giles is also a graduate of the prestigious FBI National Academy in Quantico, Va.

Gary H. Tate, ‘77, Birmingham, Ala., has been promoted to the position of clinical administrator with Behavioral Health Systems, Inc.. Mr. Tate has been employed with the Birmingham company for more than six years.

Jeffrey K. Stout, ‘78/’80, Dothan, Ala., has been promoted to president of SunSouth Bank. He previously served as president of another local bank in Dothan. Mr. Stout will also become the bank’s senior lender, concentrating on commercial and real estate lending. He was a member of Kappa Alpha at JSU.

1980-1989

Brenda Lindley Anderson, ‘81, Huntsville, Ala., recently received a Special Service Award from NASA. Mrs. Anderson works at Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville. The award was presented for outstanding effort in identifying Ares Upper Stage Preliminary Hazards and in supporting the Launch Abort System concept study and requirement development. “Ares” is the new launch vehicle which will be pressed into service upon the retirement of the shuttle fleet in 2010. Mrs. Anderson works on Vehicle Integration in the preliminary design of the Ares launch system.

Honor Mosley Bell, Sr., ‘81, Pensacola, Fla., was recently presented the President’s Volunteer Service Award by President George W. Bush in person. Mr. Bell is the Founding Chair of 12 volunteer programs in Pensacola and is a one-on-one mentor in the Escambia County (Fla.) School District. He is also a member of the Governor’s Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service. These volunteers are designated as USA Freedom Corps Greeters.

Robert Luther Phillips, ‘81/’87, Anniston, Ala., is now teaching at Kitty Stone Elementary School in Jacksonville, Ala. He has been an educator since 1981 in the Calhoun County area. Mr. Phillips is married to Laura Albright Phillips, ‘92, principal of The Donoho School (Lower division).

Vanessa A. Jackson Austin, ‘82, Harvest, Ala., owns and manages Austin’s Bookkeeping Service and CABBIT Designs in Harvest. She loves writing poetry and has had a book recently published. Live On: Inspirational Poems & Quotes is now available through AuthorHouse (www.authorhouse.com).

Arthur Donald “Donny” Jones, ‘82/’89, Collinsville, Ala., is the new principal at Collinsville School. Mr. Jones was serving as
interim principal at the school. He has more than 23 years of educational experience with 16 of those years at Collinsville School.

Johnny C. Brewer,'83, Boaz, Ala., is an instructor of Speech Communications at Snead State Community College. He recently attended the 7th Annual Alabama Master Teacher Seminar, an honor in itself because the selection process for seminar participants is very competitive among Alabama’s most outstanding two-year college instructors. Mr. Brewer has over 22 years as an educator. He was chosen “Glencoe Teacher of the Year” in 1999 when he was band director at Glencoe High. In 1999, he was selected “Academic Faculty of the Year” for Snead State and was nominated for the Alabama College System Chancellors Top Educator Award. In 2003, he was honored with the first “Educator of the Year” award from the Boaz Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Brewer is also well known for his local theatre productions, receiving the Whole Backstage (Theatre) Lifetime Achievement Award in 1998.

Charlie L. Boren,'83, Bessemer, Ala., has been named new head football coach at St. Clair County High School. He previously was head coach at Bibb County High and has 13 years of experience as a head football coach.

Cindy Iliff Pair,'83/’86, Weaver, Ala., is now teaching at Pleasant Valley Elementary School in Jacksonville, Ala. She has 23 years of experience as an educator at Saks Elementary.

Ltc. Kevin Lancaster,’84, is currently serving in the Army at Ft. Lewis, Wash., and is on the list for promotion to full colonel this year. He is married to Joan Teresa Williams Lancaster,’83, who is retired from the Army Nurse Corps and is now serving as a critical care nurse at Madigan General Hospital at Ft. Lewis.

Kristi Page Martin,’84, Birmingham, Ala., has been promoted to clinical administrator with Behavioral Health Systems, Inc. Ms. Martin has been with the company for seven years. She previously worked with Bradford Health Services and C.E.D. Mental Health Center.

Phil E. Sanford,’84, Woodstock, Ga., has been promoted to Director of Technology at Customer Business Solutions, an independent company funded by The Coca-Cola Company. Mr. Sanford joined Coca-Cola Enterprises in 1990.

Steven Tyndall,’84, Peachtree City, Ga., has begun his 22nd year as a professional music educator. He has been at Rising Star Middle School, Fayetteville, Ga., for 10 years where his Symphonic Band has consistently received superior ratings at district level Bands of America Large Group Performance Evaluation. Mr. Tyndall was a member of the JSU Southerners as well as the former Spirit of Atlanta (now Spirit of JSU) drum and bugle corps.

Ltc. Joel C. Williams,’85, Prattville, Ala., is currently attending the Army War College at Maxwell Air Force Base.

Robert “Mitch” Coby,’87, Guntersville, Ala., is the new divisional president of BancorpSouth. He has been with BancorpSouth since 2000. He is married to Laureen Smith Coby,’87/’00, a reading specialist for the Marshall County Board of Education.

Grover H. Kitchens II,’87/’89, Gadsden, Ala., was recently awarded the Chancellor’s Staff Member of the Year Award in November 2006. Mr. Kitchens is bookstore manager and political science instructor at Snead State Community College. He also serves as president of the Etowah County Chapter of the JSU Alumni Association. Mr. Kitchens was active in the Baptist Campus Ministry at JSU and served as a peer counselor.

Susan Pfeil Harvey,’88, Anniston, Ala., is now teaching at White Plains High School. She has taught at Anniston Middle and Northside Methodist Academy.

Ltc. Mark Sullivan,’88, and his identical twin Ltc. Tim Sullivan,’88, made a bit of history last summer when they took command of battalions at Fort Benning, Ga., within a month of each other. It is the first time identical twins have lead battalions at the base in its entire history. Both were commissioned through the JSU ROTC program and served in Iraq during Operation Desert Storm in 1991. They returned from the war in Iraq in 2003. Both have earned Bronze Stars, senior parachutist badges, medals for Korean defense, Kuwait liberation and Global War on Terrorism. Both were selected jointly as the 2006 JSU Military Alumnus of the Year and were honored at the 2006 Homecoming activities.

Darren Joseph Hamby,’89/’98, Pleasant Valley, Ala., is a new teacher at Pleasant Valley High. He previously taught at The Donoho School and at White Plains.

Teresa Johnson Ramey,’89, Lithonia, Ga., has been hired as dean of students at Francis Marion University in Florence, South Carolina. She previously served as interim dean and associate dean of students at Spelman College, assistant dean of students at Texas Tech, and has worked at Aiken Technical College, Case Western Reserve University and the Georgia Institute of Technology.

1990-1999

Nancy Melissa Howle Dyer,’90/’96/’03, Alpine, Ala., has been named the new principal at Graham Elementary School in Talladega. She has been with the City School System for nine years. She served as assistant principal at Zora Ellis Junior High for the past four years.

Kimberly Brown McPherson,’90, Trussville, Ala., has been named St. Clair County Administrator. She is also a certified public accountant. Mrs. McPherson’s county government work experience includes serving as executive director of business and financial affairs for the Jefferson County Board of Education. Prior to that, she served as an account examiner for the State Examiners of Public Accounts and as a part-time accounting instructor at Gadsden State Community College.

Jeff L. Smith,’90, Hazel Green, Ala., has joined First Southern State Bank as vice president and branch manager of the bank’s Higdon office. He has 16 years of bank-
Marcia Johnson Stallings,’90/’94, Jacksonville, Ala., is now a guidance counselor at Jacksonville High School. She previously taught in Rome, Ga., and at Anniston Middle School. She also served as a guidance counselor at Ohatchee High and Saks High.

Christopher T. Young,’90, Ocilla, Ga., is coaching and teaching at Irwin County (Ga.) High School. He has been married to a “south Georgia peach” for 13 years and they have one son.

Carolee Ausborn,’91/’06, Southside, Ala., is in her first year of teaching at Jacksonville High School. She was a member of Delta Zeta Sorority at JSU.

John R. “Ricky” Ray,’91, Gadsden, Ala., chairman and CEO of The Exchange Bank of Alabama and The Gadsden Corporation, has been elected president of the Alabama Bankers Association.

Emily Mendiola Sims,’91/’98, Weaver, Ala., is now teaching at Pleasant Valley High School. She previously taught at Jacksonville High for seven years.

Linda A. Mitchell,’92/’01, Augusta, Ga., has joined the faculty at Augusta State University as an assistant professor of social studies education in ASU’s Department of Teacher Education.

Lorie Lasseter Burnett,’93/’94, Southside, Ala., is teaching at Jacksonville High School. She has eleven years of secondary and one year of post secondary teaching experience (JSU and Gadsden State). Mrs. Burnett was a member of the JSU Marching Ballerinas.

Lisa Marie Mallett,’95/’98, Jacksonville, Ala., is now teaching at Pleasant Valley Elementary. She has eleven years of teaching experience having previously taught at Kitts Stone Elementary. Mrs. Mallett is married to Ken Mallett,’96/’05.

Dana Hollingsworth Prickett,’95, Jacksonville, Ala., is now teaching at White Plains Elementary School. She previously taught for ten years in the Piedmont School System.

Kathy Barnes Richey,’95, Rainbow City, Ala., is teaching at Jacksonville High School. She previously taught at Ragland High, Etowah Middle and Etowah High.

Brian L. Jett,’96/’00/’06, Fort Payne, Ala., was named principal at Williams Avenue Elementary School recently. He had served as assistant principal at the school.

Candy Fortune Seeger,’96, Jacksonville, Ala., is working as a bookkeeper in the Central Office of the Calhoun County Board of Education.

Chad Allen Hudson,’97/’04, Jacksonville, Ala., is now teaching at White Plains High School. He previously taught at Springfield High and Saks High.

Pam Cranmer McElroy,’97, Weaver, Ala., is now teaching at Pleasant Valley Elementary School. She previously taught at Saks Elementary.

Gretchen Cobb Weathington,’97, Dearmanville, Ala., is teaching at Jacksonville High School. She previously taught at Saks High School for several years.

Raymond Wayne Carden,’98, Ohatchee, Ala., was named assistant vice president of Noble Bank & Trust, Anniston, Ala. Mr. Carden played football for JSU.

Clint Kirkland,’98/’00, Huntsville, Ala., has been named vice president, commercial lending, for Colonial Bank’s Huntsville Main Office. He has 12 years of banking experience, previously serving as a commercial lender and business banker at another financial institution. Mr. Kirkland was a member of the Kappa Alpha Order at JSU.

M. Kusayanagi,’98, Boaz, Ala., has been named executive assistant to the Director of the Gadsden Museum of Art. She previously worked as a staff writer for The Sand Mountain Reporter and, more recently, as Director of Sylvan Learning Centers in Boaz and Rainbow City.

Donna Moore Thompson,’98/’01, Weaver, Ala., is now teaching at White Plains Elementary School. She previously taught at Golden Springs Elementary. Mrs. Thompson was a member of the JSU Marching Ballerinas.

Jeanie “Keri” Acevedo Kelly,’99, Birmingham, Ala., recently graduated from Cumberland School of Law. She is a magna cum laude graduate of JSU.

Derrick L. Richardson,’99, Birmingham, Ala., serves as Director of Public Policy for the Birmingham Regional Chamber of Commerce. He is the first African American to hold this position. Mr. Richardson has spent his career serving in various capacities in the political and legislative arenas. The Alabama Legislative Black Caucus highlighted his efforts during the 2006 legislative session with an award as a trailblazer and successful lobbyist. He was also recently profiled in the inaugural edition of Who’s Who in Black Birmingham. He previously served as partner with Epps, Richardson & Associates, a Maryland-based public interest consulting firm providing services to elected officials, not for profits and private companies. In 2004, he was selected for a Congressional Internship in the D.C. office of the Honorable Artur Davis. He is also an Army veteran, completing eleven years with the Guard and Reserves, serving two rotations in Panama.

Rod L. Scott,’99/’06, Jacksonville, Ala., is in his first year as an educator and is teaching at White Plains High School.

2000-2006

Stacey Holcomb Johnson,’00, Albertville, Ala., is a licensed social worker for the Hospice of Marshall County. After recently completing a certification program, she is now qualified to act as a consultant/facilitator for grief support groups. Under her leadership, the hospice has hosted national speakers on grief, as well as bereavement programs for all ages. Mrs. Johnson was a member of Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority at JSU.

Jonathan Nix,’00, Gadsden, Ala., has been named the new head football coach at Ashville High. He previously led the Ashville
Lady Bulldog softball team to a third place finish last May and has coached in several schools in Georgia.

Wesley Ginn, ’01/’05, Alexandria, Ala., is now teaching at Pleasant Valley High School. He has five years of previous experience having taught at White Plains and Alexandria.

Diane Hall, ’01/’03, Jacksonville, Ala., is teaching at Kitty Stone Elementary in Jacksonville. She has four years of teaching experience.

Melody Turner Holden, ’01, Jacksonville, Ala., is teaching at Jacksonville High School. She has four and a half years of prior teaching experience with the St. Clair County School System.

Steven Miles, ’01, Talladega, Ala., is the new operations manager at PPG Talladega for Staff Management, Inc. He previously served as the CSEP-EMA Planner/Operations Manager for the Talladega County Emergency Management Association.

Leigha Young Burnham, ’02, Silver Creek, Ga., currently teaches at Armuchee (Ga.) High School. She has been an educator since 1995 and has spent her entire teaching career in Floyd County Schools. Prior to Armuchee, Mrs. Burnham taught at Coosa High School and Model High. She was recently named Floyd County Schools “Teacher of the Year” in Rome, Ga., which put her in the running for the Georgia Teacher of the Year program.

Jocelyn E. “Josie” Connell, ’02, Saginaw, Mich., was recently promoted to co-anchor the two-hour weekday morning show at WNEM-TV5, the CBS affiliate in the Saginaw area. She also won her first Emmy this year for a piece she did on teens and cell phones. While at JSU, Ms. Connell was news director for 92J (campus radio station) and served as president of SPJ. She graduated summa cum laude with a 4.0 average.

Tara Roper Hood, ’02/’06, Pleasant Valley, Ala., is now teaching at Pleasant Valley Elementary School. She has four years of previous teaching experience.

Alaina Wilbanks Moore, ’02, Pisgah, Ala., is the new reading coach at Rosalie Elementary School.

Monica Headrick Phillips, ’02, Sylvania, Ala., is a new teacher at the Pisgah School.

John Martin Doyle, ’03, Albertville, Ala., has taught and coached for more than three years at Guntersville High School.

Jordan Roland Houston, ’03, Oxford, Ala., is now teaching at Jacksonville High School. He previously taught at Oxford Elementary.

Angela Elizabeth Reaves, ’03, Anniston, Ala., is now teaching at White Plains Elementary School. She previously taught at Wellborn Elementary.

Erica Finch Russell, ’03, Scottsboro, Ala., is a new teacher at Collins Elementary in Scottsboro.

Andrew Tarver, ’03, Lincoln, Ala., was recently named as the new head varsity baseball coach at Pell City High School. He is also an assistant football coach at the school and is in his fourth year at Pell City. While at JSU, Mr. Tarver played baseball for the Gamecocks.

Michelle Allison Conner, ’04/’05, Jacksonville, Ala., is teaching at Kitty Stone Elementary School. She previously served as an instructional assistant in a multi-handicapped classroom. Ms. Conner was a member of the JSU Southerners.

Jonathan P. McNutt, ’04, Scottsboro, Ala., is now an instructor at Caldwell Elementary School. He previously taught at D.A.R. School in Grant, Ala.

Jenny Sue Moore, ’04/’06, Auburn, Ala., has been selected Five Points Elementary School’s Teacher of the Year for 2006-07 in just her second year as an educator! She is currently doing postgraduate work at JSU.

Vivian "Kathan" H. Spears, ’04, Jacksonville, Ala., is teaching at Kitty Stone Elementary in Jacksonville. She previously taught at Wellborn Elementary.

Clayton Jared Sprayberry, ’04, White Plains, Ala., is now teaching at White Plains High School. He previously taught at schools in Carroll County (Ga.). Mr. Sprayberry played football for JSU. He is married to Kimberly Frames Sprayberry ’99.

Gaylon Tuggle, ’04, Guntersville, Ala., is a coach at Guntersville High School and has been an educator for three years. He previously taught at D.A.R. High School.

Michelle E. Williams, ’04, Albertville, Ala., is a teacher at Cherokee School and has been an educator for two years.

Christopher E. Boggs, ’05, Fort Payne, Ala., is a new teacher at Dutton School. Mr. Boggs played football for JSU.

Kenneth "Slade" Carden, ’05, Valley Head, Ala., is a new teacher at the Pisgah School.

Allison Crow, ’05, Jacksonville, Ala., is now teaching at White Plains Elementary School. She previously taught at Saks Middle School. Ms. Crow was a peer counselor while at JSU.

Jennifer R. Curren, ’05, Alexandria, Ala., has been hired as sales executive for The Anniston Star newspaper. She started at The Star as an advertising sales executive in the summer of 2006.

Cambrey M. Jordan, ’05, Nashville, Tenn., is an Online Recruitment Specialist selling CareerBuilder.com online recruitment products. Ms. Jordan was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority at JSU and was a student assistant with the JSU Alumni Office. She currently serves as President of the Middle Tennessee JSU Alumni Chapter of the JSU National Alumni Association.

Annie M. Holt, ’05, Fort Payne, Ala., is the new elementary counselor at Skyline School.

2nd Lt. Bradley L. Keef, ’05, Fort Payne, Ala., recently graduated from the Armor Officer Basic Course at Fort Knox, Ky. He is assigned to the 131st Armor Division, Calera, Ala. Lt. Keef was commissioned through the JSU ROTC program.

Melinda McDonald, ’05, Jacksonville, Ala., is in her first year as a teacher and is at Pleasant Valley Elementary School.

Ronnie H. Preston, Jr., ’05, Pleasant Valley, Ala., is in his first year as a teacher and is at Pleasant Valley High School. He was commissioned through the JSU ROTC program.

Jennifer Hamilton Reaves, ’05, Weaver, Ala., is in her first year of teaching at White Plains Elementary School.

Amanda "Mandi" Reynolds, ’05, Jacksonville, Ala., is a staff writer for the Piedmont Journal. She previously was employed by The Daily Home in Talladega where she was a copy and design editor.

Jeff D. Tubbs, ’05, Scottsboro, Ala., is a new teacher at Scottsboro Junior High School.

Robert Lawrence Cochran, ’06, Jacksonville, Ala., is in his first year as an educator at Jacksonville High School.

Candi Lynn Cronan, ’06, Piedmont, Ala., is in her first year as an educator at White Plains Elementary School.

Jesse D. Daniel, ’06, Fort Payne, Ala., is a new teacher at Bryant School.
Laura Alise Guyton,'06, Rainbow City, Ala., is in her first year of teaching at Jacksonville High School. Ms. Guyton was in the JSU A Cappella Choir.

Kim Jo Hass,'06, Scottsboro, Ala., is the part-time assistant principal and part-time band director with the Hamilton County (Tenn.) School System. She previously served as band director at Scottsboro High.

Wesley Alex Heath,'06, Hokes Bluff, Ala., is in his first year of teaching at Pleasant Valley High School.

2nd Lt. Evan M. Jamieson,'06, Columbiana, Ala., recently was commissioned through the JSU ROTC program. He will be assigned to a specific Army corps to serve on active duty or may choose to serve in the National Guard or Reserve. He will also attend the officer basic course relating to his particular military occupational specialty or job.

Katie Orelia Johnson,'06, Alexandria, Ala., is in her first year as a teacher at Pleasant Valley Elementary School.

Susan Key Maxwell,'06, Alexandria, Ala., is in her first year as a teacher at White Plains High School.

Caroline Diane Middendorf,'06, White Plains, Ala., is in her first year of teaching at Kitty Stone Elementary School.

2nd Lt. John M. Miles,'06, Woodland, Ala., has been commissioned through the JSU ROTC program and will be assigned to either a specific Army corps on active duty or with a National Guard or Reserve unit. Lt. Miles will also attend an officer basic course relating to his military specialty or job.

Brittney Robinson Page,'06, Jacksonville, Ala., is in her first year as an educator at Kitty Stone Elementary School.

Brenda K. Davis Russell,'06, Fredericksburg, Tex., is the new Executive Director and Head Start Director of the Stonewall, Fredericksburg and Harper Head Start programs. Mrs. Russell has traveled the United States extensively, speaking and mentoring teenagers in the areas of problem solving, crisis, trauma, foster care, adoption, juvenile correction, and spiritual matters.

Joshua Andrew Turner,'06, Jacksonville, Ala., is in his first year as a educator at White Plains High School.

Kristin Wells,'06, is in her first year of teaching at White Plains High School.

Abbie Lauren Wilbanks,'06, Jacksonville, Ala., is in her first year as an educator at Jacksonville High School.

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During the fall of 2006 there were 2,007 JSU students over the age of 30.

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