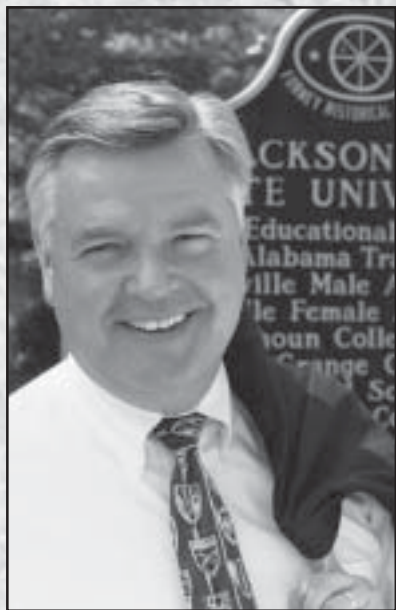


A Message from the President



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Dear Alumni and Friends,

Jacksonville State University students gathered in Montgomery on February 21 along with nearly 2,500 other college students from across the state in a strong show of support for the Higher Education Partnership's annual Higher Education Day.

Legislative, university and student leaders enthusiastically delivered the day's three main messages:

1. That a proposal to appropriate 28 percent of the growth money in the Education Trust Fund (ETF) to higher education is not sufficient.

Gordon Stone, Executive Director of the Higher Education Partnership, told the audience, "The Partnership and the over 13,000 members that it represents must remind all of our political leaders that Alabama's future depends on great universities and great universities must be well funded. Improved funding begins with an appropriation for 2003 that equals one-third of the growth money in the Education Trust Fund."

2. That continued unity in the higher education community is important. Dr. Jack Hawkins, past chair of the University Presidents Council and chancellor of the Troy State University system, said benefits of working together were illustrated in the universities' victory in the 2001 fight for equal treatment during times of proration.

3. That constitutional and tax reform are vital. The Partnership called for Alabama's leaders, especially candidates, to commit to providing long-term education funding solutions.

Bands from Jacksonville State University and Alabama State University energized the crowd with music before, during and after the rally.

On a related front, Jacksonville State University sponsored a constitutional rally for more than 1,000 Calhoun County seniors on February 28th in Pete Mathews Coliseum. The students learned from former Alabama Governor Albert Brewer and numerous expert panelists why a new state constitution is needed and, more specifically, what's in it for them. Before the conference was over, the high school students were given an opportunity to register to vote.

With the continued strong support of our alumni and a new generation of politically savvy young voters, Alabama has a better chance to overcome chronic problems in education funding and build a better system that will support education, kindergarten through graduate school.

I encourage you to join our students in these heroic efforts.

Sincerely,

William A. Meehan, President

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Alumni Award Winners

The Jacksonville State University Board of Governors selected the following to receive the annual Alumni of the Year awards.

Alumnus of the Year: W.E. "Duck" Connell, a 1962 JSU graduate with a B.S. in Education and in 1970 with a M.S.E. Degree in Biology. He retired in 1997 from the Calhoun County Board of Education after 35 years of service as the first principal of Saks Middle School. As principal, his administrative techniques were known to be highly efficient and effective and his demeanor and professional conduct were firm but caring. He has been a highly respected school administrator. When he retired, the gymnasium at the middle school was named for him and his portrait now hangs in its lobby. He was also presented with a flag that had flown over our state capital and an Alabama state representative presented him with a resolution from the state legislature honoring his 35 years of service to the Saks community and its youth. He played football for the Gamecocks and remains active in the Gamecock club. He and his wife Jo Jo, also a JSU graduate, reside in Anniston.

Alumna of the Year: Miriam Wood Haywood, a 1945 JSU graduate with a B.S. in Elementary Education. In 1947 she came to work at JSU as assistant business manager. In 1971, she was named director of personnel services and retired in 1979 with over 35 years of service to the University. In a joint effort, she and her husband, James, were responsible for the lettering on Paul Snow Stadium, flags for the stadium and Student Commons Building, and many dogwood trees throughout campus. Mrs. Haywood was a charter member of Alpha Xi Delta, the first sorority on campus. She helped organize the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity and was the first cheerleading sponsor, a position she held for over 10 years. She also helped design the first Gamecock mascot costume. Back in the 1960s, she originated the Gamecock chicks. This group has now become known as the Gamecock athletic hostesses. She was also instrumental in raising funds for the marble University marker on Pelham Road. Mrs. Haywood resides in Jacksonville.

Young Alumni of the Year: Emily P. Hawk, a 1996 JSU graduate with a degree in Economics and Political Science. She graduated Cum Laude and with honors in both majors. While at JSU, she served as a highly respected peer counselor and SGA president and was an active force at the University in many other ways, causing her to be named to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. She led the effort to get "Casino Night" off to a wonderful start at JSU. She was instrumental in convincing the academic council to modify the school's schedule so that students would have time to study and focus prior to finals. She participated in a number of the state SGA Forums and was elected to chair the group. Since her graduation from JSU, she successfully

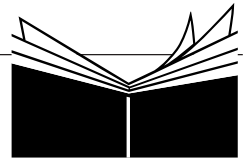


Honorees from left to right are: Alumnus of the Year Mr. W. E. "Duck" Connell, Alumna of the Year Mrs. Miriam Haywood, Young Alumni of the Year Ms. Emily P. Hawk, Military Alumnus of the Year Colonel Stanley B. Clemens, and Outstanding Faculty Member Dr. Barry Cox

completed law school at the University of Alabama and passed the bar exam on her first attempt. After clerking for Judge Sue Bell Cobb, Emily joined the Gadsden, Alabama, law firm of Cusimano, Keener, Roberts, Kimberly and Miles as a junior member. Her decision to return to her hometown of Gadsden to share her education and knowledge is another example of her true love for this area and a desire to improve her community.

The Military Alumnus of the Year: Colonel Stanley B. Clemens, a 1977 JSU graduate with a B.A. degree in Political Science. Col. Clemens is presently assigned as the Senior Regular Army Military Adviser to the Alabama Army National Guard. He has held a variety of command and staff positions both stateside and abroad and his awards and decorations include the Ranger TAB, CIB, EIB, and Master Parachutist Wings. He has attended the Infantry Officer Advanced Course, the USA Command and General Staff Officer College, and the USAF Air War College. He assumed his current position in July of 2000. Col. Clemens also holds a Masters degree from Webster University and is a Joint Staff Officer. He and his wife, Kerry, and son, Casey, reside at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery.

Outstanding Faculty Member: Dr. Barry Cox, Head of JSU's Institute for Emergency Preparedness, Dr. Cox has been the driving force behind JSU's Undergraduate and Graduate degree programs in Emergency Preparedness. Through his efforts, a joint formal agreement between JSU, Ayers Community College and Gadsden State Community College was established to offer an Undergraduate certificate and Associate's degree in Public Safety Communications. A proposal establishing a comprehensive, 4-year degree in Emergency Management will soon go before the commission on higher education and will be the first such degree available online. He has successfully recruited over 200 students for JSU during the past 2 years. Dr. Cox and his wife, Joyce, reside in Jacksonville.



A Bad Back and an Excellent Doctor Brings Forsyth to Jacksonville State



David Forsyth of San Marcos, CA credits Dr. Ronald Varcak (above) for helping him discover JSU.

A California man with a bad back who said he followed the only doctor who could help him to his new practice in Jacksonville says he has improved his health as well as his academic status while attending Jacksonville State University.

David Forsyth of San Marcos, CA, hurt his back several years ago while arranging props for a distance education video course he teaches at Palomar College.

“Dr. Ronald Varcak, at an urgent care clinic, was able to take care of my back without a problem, but over the years I had to keep going back,” said Forsyth. “I tried other doctors without success. He was the only one able to really take care of the problem. He was great. I was able to run marathons.”

When Dr. Varcak moved to Jacksonville, Forsyth “unsuccessfully tried something like 60 other doctors trying to replace him.”

In a move reminiscent of the

plot in the movie “What About Bob,” in which a patient follows his doctor on his family vacation, Forsyth came to Jacksonville for treatments during breaks between sessions at the community college.

“Dr. Varcak would work on me and I’d improve and go back to California, and then the back would gradually deteriorate again. I felt that if I had time to stay longer for additional treatments, the improvement would last longer,” he said.

Then Forsyth discovered Jacksonville State University. He wondered if there was a way to save up enough off time to attend JSU, which would improve his pay schedule, and he would be able to receive further treatments from Dr. Varcak throughout the semester.

Forsyth began accumulating off time by participating in “load banking” at Palomar College, where he teaches business education. By teaching an overload schedule, he was able to build up 15 credit hours of leave. During the Spring 1999 semester he enrolled at JSU in the MPA program.

“I lived in Rowan Hall, and when I checked in the residence hall manager thought I was a parent there to check in my son,” he said.

And on days when the medical procedures caused his back to ache, “I could barely make it up the steps to the dorm, and I’m sure the students thought, ‘Hey, look at that old guy.’”

But his strategy worked. His back improved dramatically,

and he completed nearly half the required courses for his MPA.

Forsyth was thinking of abandoning his MPA program because he had to return to his teaching job in California. The oldest courses transferred to JSU would become outdated and not count toward his degree. But JSU’s Dr. Bill Carr, dean of graduate studies and continuing education, encouraged Forsyth to continue because he was so close to earning the degree.

Forsyth has two other master’s degrees, an MBA and an MA in International business. A third masters would give him a nice pay raise.

“Where I work, a Ph.D. is valued but on the level that I teach in a community college we’re not going to engage in

high-level research, so additional master’s degrees are just as good,” he said.

So, Forsyth returned to California and took additional courses at San Diego State that would transfer to JSU and keep his program alive. He also saved up enough off time to return to JSU this semester. He returned this fall and is on track to graduate in April 2002.

“I’m hoping this time, with the longer stint here with Dr. Varcak, that I will have lasting improvement. I certainly wouldn’t have known about JSU if it hadn’t been for my doctor moving here,” he said.

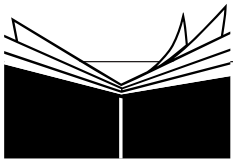
Meanwhile, Forsyth said he told Dr. Varcak that “the only way you’re going to get rid of me as a patient is to move and leave no forwarding address.”

The Piano Man

Michael King opened the B.A.A. Caberet Inaugural Season on October 26, 2001. King also known as the Piano Man, has shared the stage with Eartha Kitt, Jennifer Holiday, Sam Harris, and the Glenn Miller Orchestra. Michael finished JSU with a Piano degree and moved to Nashville where he stayed for two years working for a dinner theatre company and as a musical director for Caberet and South Pacific. His next destination was South Florida where he played in night clubs, hotels and supper clubs. In 1993 he was named South Florida’s Entertainer of the Year.

After fourteen years of working clubs in South Florida, King moved back home to Alabama. He is now affiliated with UAB’s Theatre Department, tours with UAB Caberet, and acts as music director for student theatre productions. He also works with Birmingham Festival Theatres, Terrific New Theatre, Jewish Community Center, Shades Valley High School, Vestavia Hills High School, and also plays for the First Baptist Church of Childersburg. His latest performance was with Diane McNaron, a caberet singer who started the Birmingham Art Association.





a life changing OPPORTUNITY

By Liz Gunnels

Photos by Stephen Gross/The Anniston Star



Earl Warren, the new director of the Boys and Girls club, shares a tip on spinning a basketball with club members.



Earl Warren left his job as a regional supervisor of the Boys and Girls Club of America to take a position directing a local club in Calhoun County in order to be closer to his family. All 1,900 of them.

The story of how Warren got to this point in his life begins more than three decades ago. At the age of two, he went to live with his grandmother in Oneonta after a car accident took his mother's life.

Even though he lived with his grandmother and her nine other children in one of the

poorest areas of town, Warren said he never felt poor or neglected. Instead, an early interest in sports led him to discover the riches in his community that money could never buy.

After school, volunteers would pick him up to take him to basketball or baseball practice. If Warren had no practice that day, they would give him odd jobs, which kept him out of trouble.

Because of the help of those generous individuals, Warren won a basketball scholarship

to Jacksonville State University, where he became a star defensive guard and helped the team win the NCAA Division II championship in 1985. Before he could finish his degree, Warren enlisted in the Army, where he continued his legacy on the court. He helped the Army basketball team win the all forces championship, and played with David Robinson, now a center for the San Antonio Spurs.

graduating, Warren began working for the Boys and Girls club of the southeast. He first became a club director in Huntsville and then an executive director in Tupelo, Mississippi, leading a program he founded himself.

Soon, Warren became the regional services director, which gave him the responsibility for all 25 of Alabama's clubs and most of Tennessee's 18. This job allowed him to serve as a consultant for each club, helping others organize and expand their programs.

But now with a baby boy only two and a half months old, Warren has returned home to stay.

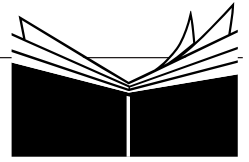
As the director, Warren will work with 1,900 youth, many of whom are disadvantaged. The clubs run after school programs from 2:30 until 6:00 p.m. and summer programs as well. They hold "power hour" to help children with homework.

"The Boys and Girls Clubs break the cycle of dependency," Warren says emphatically. "Nobody really knows what children are going through today in their homes. When they come to the Boys and Girls Club, we're going to make sure they're going to get the attention they need. We're going to make sure they have the structure to be successful."

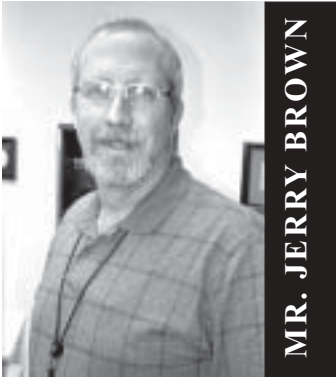
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Warren was discharged after three years and resumed his studies at JSU, finally earning a degree in sociology. After

Coping



Jerry Brown brings comfort to New York City through volunteer hospice work.



MR. JERRY BROWN

Since bereavement counselor Jerry Brown '95, helps people cope with the loss of loved ones on a daily basis, he felt the magnitude of pain inflicted on those involved in the September 11 attacks called for as much help from his profession as possible. So he decided to do something about it. He went to New York City and did volunteer work during the first two weeks in October. Brown took leave from his job as bereavement counselor for Hospice of Marshall County to offer his assistance.

"I heard stories of sheer horror and terror," Brown said. "I heard about incidents that were completely disheartening. On the other hand, I heard stories of heroism." Some people Brown spoke with were overcome with anger while others were calm and logical. Others still are haunted by repeated nightmares. Brown said judging from the experience he gained from the Oklahoma City bombing, some of the worst emotional trauma is yet to come. Brown is originally from northern California, but obtained his bachelor's degree in social work from Jackson-

ville State University. He earned his master's from the University of Alabama and joined the Hospice team of Marshall County only four and a half years ago. Part of his training is in critical incident stress management. Brown describes it as, "Helping people come to terms with a traumatic event soon after the event happens." The process is more of a debriefing session than counseling. It was developed in the 1980s by Drs. Jeffrey Mitchell and George Everly. Brown is also a member of the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation and through this organization the early debriefing process was expanded to civilians and not just firefighters and other first responders. Brown said he and his team depended on this technique in dealing with survivors and people who witnessed the attacks of September 11.

Brown was able to talk to 11 people from a subsidiary of Thomas Financial, which occupied two floors of the second tower. They said they saw the explosion of the first tower, but weren't sure what had caused it. As these employees were evacuating the building, management notified them to return to their offices because tower two was safe. Most company officials insisted that their employees continue the evacuation and they were almost down the stairs when the second plane hit. Four employees who had stayed behind to ensure that others got out safely, were killed. Brown commented that

the primary emotion expressed by this particular group was "anger over what had happened." "Ironically enough, one individual from that company, the most vocal one, was that of a Russian immigrant. "His words to me were, 'They attacked my home.' A lot of folks expressed that: 'My home has been violated.' It was very strong with the immigrant," Brown said.

Others stories Brown heard were tales of heroism. One example was what he found when he talked with a CVS pharmacy employee who was working on September 11. "They opened the pharmacy doors and performed first aid and treated the wounded. When evacuation orders came from the police, they helped people get out," Brown said. People were not trampled in a stampede like one might see in the movies. Instead, if some-

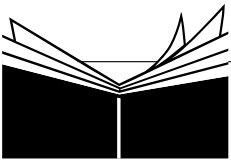
one was knocked down, people would form a barrier and help the person to safety. One of Brown's colleagues worked with a man who was outside one of the towers shortly after it was hit. His wife was inside. "I believe she got out OK," Brown said. When he got there, he stepped around human remains and looked up and saw a man falling silently, not making a sound." "Their eyes locked for that last human contact but he was honored and felt gratitude at being that man's last human contact. The problems began when the man started having dreams about his colleague and in his dreams the falling person turned into his wife. Brown dealt with many survivors of the September 11 attacks and helped them through the healing process.

—BY LIZ GUNNELS

Robinson Presents Check



Alabama State Representative John Robinson (left) of Jackson County presents the winning NASCAR tickets to Mark Venable of Scottsboro. Proceeds from the annual raffle of donated tickets to a NASCAR race at Talladega Speedway, sponsored by the Jackson County Chapter of the JSU National Alumni Association, help support the annual scholarships to JSU for students from Jackson County.



Douthitt Takes the Helm at Anniston High School



Darren Douthitt, the new Anniston High School principal, tours the campus his first day on the job.

BY LIZ GUNNELS/ PHOTO BY TAYLOR CLARK, THE ANNISTON STAR

Darren Douthitt '88, '97, '00, was named principal of Anniston High School only one week before classes began last fall. But having taught there for several years, he was already familiar with the school's challenges and potential.

He literally hit the ground running, putting in many long hours attending meetings, planning, and learning the administrative ropes. Taking a realistic approach to his new job, Douthitt downplays the initial success he's enjoyed. "I realize I'm not a panacea for the Anniston City Schools, or the high school. I feel the solution lies in each individual classroom," he said.

Douthitt was an English teacher at Anniston High School before switching over to the administrative side. He worked for five years under principal Ron Miller, and developed an interest in one day becoming a principal himself. Although he readily admits

that he did not expect to advance so rapidly, he is happy where he is.

Before Anniston High school, Douthitt took a job at Duran Junior High School in Pell City. After being there for a year, Douthitt took a position at Glenn Middle School in Birmingham. He was there for two years. This is Douthitt's first administrative position, but he does have the certification.

As for Anniston, Douthitt is

still getting up to speed on the high school's present conditions, but he says he is fully prepared for what lies ahead.

First on his list of goals is getting to know the teachers or, in his words, "the team." "I have to build trust first," he said.

Douthitt also has the goal of taking his team on a retreat. He also has hopes of meeting with the parents of every student, even if he has to go to them. Another goal for

Douthitt is to improve student attendance. He plans to attend all high school events and to be the first and last person the students see each day.

"It's important to have a good rapport with the students," he said.

Douthitt also wants to start a school telephone hotline for homework and event information, a technique he used at other schools. Douthitt favors building a new high school, because he feels it would have a positive effect on the community.

A native of Ohatchee, Douthitt is the ninth of ten children. He graduated Jacksonville State University and was the first in his family to go to college. Most of Douthitt's family still lives in Ohatchee, so his new job has made for a nice family reunion.

Douthitt said the most important thing about coming home is that now he will be able to see his two-year-old son, Jaren, everyday. Jaren lives with his mother in Saks. Douthitt said he feels it is important to have a prominent place in his son's life. He hopes to have a similar impact on his students at Anniston High School.

A PROUD JSU ALUMNUS



No gamecock, no "Heart of Dixie" but a proud JSU alumnus is behind the wheel.

Brent Heard
Williamsburg, VA
'84, '87



There's Music in the President's Home



Drew Meehan takes a piano lesson under the direction of Dr. Susie Dempsey

When Drew Meehan, 7, one of President and Mrs. Meehan's twin sons, began piano lessons last August under Emeritus Faculty Member Dr. Susie Dempsey, there was one tiny problem: no piano in the president's home.

So, Drew and Dr. Dempsey held their sessions wherever a piano was available, including Jacksonville's First Baptist Church. This worked well, but pretty soon a group of alumni heard the president's home could use another piece of furniture in the form of a musical instrument.

Laura and J.P. ('52) Whorton of Marietta, GA, and Martha ('53) and Earl ('52) Gibson of Gadsden jumped on the project. By November of 2001, they had purchased a 5'5" grand piano. Not long before Homecoming, First Lady Beth Meehan got a call from the delivery crew needing directions.

The debut of the new piano occurred during last year's Homecoming Alumni Brunch when student Haley Shields of Summerville, GA performed Fifties music for more than 200 alumni. Both the Whortons and the Gibsons were in attendance.

"We are very grateful for this generous gift, which has an excellent touch and sound," said Mrs. Meehan. "It is the perfect size for the president's home and serves as a beautiful focal point in the new music area we've selected in front of the windows on the west side of the den, which captures perfect light for Drew's afternoon practice sessions."

Thanks to the Whortons and Gibsons, Drew had the pleasure of playing a duet with his grandfather, the Rev. Dr. Wayne Stevens, Mrs. Meehan's father, during the Christmas holidays at a recital Dr. Dempsey held for her stu-

dents at the Meehans', making quite a joyful noise during the season.

Dr. Dempsey says Drew, who's in second grade at Kitty Stone Elementary, has turned out to be quite a musician.

"I have rarely seen someone so young who was so enthralled by playing the piano," said Dr. Dempsey. "His expression as he plays or listens to others playing shows that he is really pulled by the piano. I am taken by his attitude. The piano has become a real focus of his life."

"Young people like Drew who stay interested and practice at regular intervals not only become very functional but enjoy playing the piano the rest of their lives. Drew is off to a real good start."

And these words mean a lot to Drew, considering the source. Dr. Dempsey is a well-known piano teacher who joined the

music faculty in 1969 and received her DMA in piano pedagogy in 1992, a time when the pedagogy degree was taking piano music education into a much higher realm. Dr. Dempsey retired in 1996 but continues as an adjunct faculty member and teaches private lessons to 16 students ranging in age from seven to 70.

Dr. Dempsey credits Dr. and Mrs. Meehan with boosting Drew's performance by taking such an active role in his lessons.

"Drew is always prepared because the family takes such an interest," she said. "Mrs. Meehan helps Drew, and she is an excellent mom. She observed Drew's beginning lessons during the first two months."

Mrs. Meehan said she took lessons for four years when she was a child, and those lessons have come in handy. She has been able to help Drew, although she said "he is quickly outperforming me."

Mrs. Meehan says Drew is not the only one at home who enjoys the piano.

"On Saturday afternoons in the music room, we frequently get together as a family to hear Drew perform. His brother Will directs, his sister Carol Grace, age 3, sings, and the president and I are the audience and applaud as directed by Will."

"I mentioned to Dr. Dempsey that we may soon be asking for a group rate!"

STORY AND PHOTO
BY AL HARRIS



JSU's SPIRIT Drum and Bugle Corps Begin 2002 Competitive Tour in Jacksonville



Powerful brass, driving percussion, a rainbow of colors, and Broadway-caliber choreography. All of this in one place can only mean one thing: drum & bugle corps returns to JSU in Summer 2002! Feel the excitement as six of the world's top drum corps (including last year's Drum Corps International World Champion, the Cavaliers) converge and compete on the beautiful JSU campus.

The 2002 Spirit of America Drum and Bugle Corps Competition is sponsored by A.G. Edwards and Sons, Regional Medical Center of Anniston, and Spirit Drum & Bugle Corps/JSU Bands. The program will be held on Thursday, June 20, 2002, 7:00 p.m. in Paul Snow Stadium in Jacksonville.

Spirit Drum & Bugle Corps, the newest addition to Jax State's successful band program, begins their second season of competition as JSU's "summer touring ensemble." Marching Southerners' director Ken Bodiford is also the Executive Director of Spirit. He has assembled a talented

staff of designers and instructors for the corps, which includes JSU faculty and alumni and other talented band directors and technicians from around the country.

Drum and bugle corps is the premier outdoor pageantry activity for young people today. Over 10,000 youth participate in drum corps in the U.S. and Canada. Spirit, formerly the Spirit of Atlanta, relocated to JSU, as part of a unique experiment, and it is unique in its university association (other corps are independently operated non-profit organizations). The 135 young men and women (ages 16 to 22) who make up the membership of Spirit include JSU students, students from other colleges and universities, and several high school students who receive accelerated college credit hours.

Last summer's tour took Spirit to Texas, New York, New England, Colorado, Wyoming, and New Mexico. "Spirit achieved so much on our 2001 tour, creating new respect for the organization, generating new fans, and spreading JSU's

reputation as a fine music school around the country," states Bodiford. The 2002 Spirit tour will take the Corps to Florida, Philadelphia, Boston, New York, the Midwest, Texas, and all stops in-between. The 2002 DCI World Championship is the culmination of the summer tour, and will be held in Madison, Wisconsin August 5-10.

Spirit's 2002 production, *Darkness into Light*, was inspired by David R. Holsinger's *Easter Symphony*. According to music arrangers Mark Fifer '99 and Clint Gillespie '90, '98 (both JSU music faculty), the 11-minute program will be a non-literal presentation of the *Symphony*, although the musical and visual elements will portray the intense emotions surrounding the passion of Christ, from death to resurrec-



tion. States Fifer: "As the result of recent world events which have caused all of us to reevaluate our priorities, I think audiences will easily identify with this emotional journey, which takes us from the darkest night to a glorious conclusion." Bodiford adds: "The members are playing wonderfully and really like what they are doing. I think people will see the immediate appeal of the show."

JSU Bands hopes for a sell-out crowd at the Spirit of America competition.

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Kiwanis Cavaliers, Kitchener-Waterloo, ONT
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And two other corps TBA

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For more information, please visit our websites:
www.spiritdrumcorps.org or www.marchingsoutherners.org



Dr. Rebecca O. Turner Named V.P. of Academic and Student Affairs



JSU President, Dr. William A. Meehan, has announced that associate vice president for academic and student affairs, Dr. Rebecca O. Turner, has been named JSU's new vice president for academic and student affairs effective January 1, 2002. President Meehan said Dr. Turner's selection

culminates an exhaustive nationwide search and many months of work by members of the selection committee.

He said, "It is gratifying, following a nationwide search, to announce that one of our own has been selected as the top choice for the position of vice president of academic and student affairs at JSU. I am pleased that we will be drawing upon Dr. Turner's academic and administrative experience to provide leadership in this key division. Throughout her career at JSU, Dr. Turner has demonstrated outstanding leadership skills, and I appreciate her stepping forward and offering to serve."

In response to her selection, Dr. Turner said, "I look forward to the challenge this opportunity holds and to making some lasting, positive contributions to JSU and this community."

Dr. Turner, who has served in her present position since June, 1998 and taught at JSU since August, 1981, fills the position vacated by Dr. W. David Watts.

Dr. Turner is also professor of social work and holds a doctorate and master's degree in social work from the University of Alabama and an undergraduate degree in social work from the University of Montevallo.

Dr. Turner is a member of Commission on Accreditation for the Council on Social Work Education, the national accrediting body for social work education programs nationwide. She is in her second year of a three-year appointment.

Recently, Dr. Turner was named Donoho School's Outstanding Alumna for 2001. In April, 2000, Dr. Turner was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Alabama Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers. From 1997-1999, she was a child welfare research fellow for the U. S. Children's Bureau and the University of California at Berkeley School of Social Welfare, where her research on therapeutic foster care gained national recognition.

JSU Professor Authors Textbook

A Jacksonville State University professor who authored an important new physics textbook and was admitted to the emergency room at Jacksonville Hospital with exhaustion after spending 17 hour days at the keyboard for weeks at a time says acclaim from top scholars and the publisher more than makes up for the ordeal.

Dr. Nouredine Zettili, JSU associate professor of physics, said the constant sitting and intense focus required to meet a publisher's deadline for minor style changes to scientific notation in his 664-page manuscript took a physical and mental toll.

The textbook was published in August 2001 by John Wiley & Sons, the world's top publisher of physics texts, amid praise for the professor's unique perspective in a highly competitive area of physics publishing, quantum mechanics.

Zettili explained that textbooks on quantum mechanics are grouped into two broad categories textbooks that focus on formalism, and books that deal with problem-solving. Zettili's book combines both formats into a single text. He said books in that format are practically nonexistent and are essential for students, professors and researchers alike.

The professor said the format is particularly suitable for students because it gives them quick access to theory and practical aspects in a single volume.

In explaining quantum mechanics, Zettili said, "Unlike Newtonian mechanics, which describes the motion of macroscopic objects, quantum mechanics deals with matter at the molecular, atomic and sub-atomic levels. It is the only valid theory that describes matter at the microscopic level."

His book is intended for a two-semester undergraduate course as well as a one-semester graduate course. The book includes more than 65 solved examples, more than 154 fully solved multipart problems, and an indepth treatment of practical mathematical tools of quantum mechanics.

Academic textbooks are reviewed and commented upon in writing by a panel of anonymous experts in the field called jurors. Their comments can make or break a project. Thumbs-down by jurors leads inevitably to the rejection of a manuscript.

In Zettili's case, the juror's comments were overwhelmingly positive.

Zettili received his Ph.D. in 1986 from MIT. His research interests include nuclear theory, the many body problem, quantum mechanics and mathematical physics. He has published two booklets designed to help students improve their study skills.

For more information about this course and others in physics, contact Dr. Zettili at 782-8077 or at nzettili@jsucc.jsu.edu.

Delta Tau Chi to Hold Silver Celebration

Members of Delta Tau Chi, arguably the most unique social group to ever grace the JSU campus, will hold its silver anniversary celebration next homecoming, according to Larry Nee, '78 first and only president of the group.

The fraternity, which some have referred to as "Animal House South," has remained in contact after a quarter century. "We have two official events each year, a tuna tournament in the spring and homecoming in the fall," said Nee, who now resides in Normandy, TN.

"We meet in various campgrounds around the South for our tuna tournament," said Nee, who attended JSU on a track scholarship. He added that although it's called a tuna tournament, they never waste time fishing.

Any Delta Tau Chi member who has lost contact with Larry Nee, or his wife, Robin, '78, can contact them about the silver anniversary activities at 110 Popular Street, Normandy, TN 37360.

"Delta Tau Chi is a fiercely loyal alumni group which continues to stay in touch with their alma mater," said alumni director Connie Edge. (Editor's note: see related story, In Memory of Major Dwayne Williams)

MPA Degree Program

JSU's master's degree in public administration is designed to meet the professional development needs of individuals employed by or planning a career in government at all levels or in non-profit associations and other fields.

Dr. Lawson Veasey, the new chairman of the Department of Political Science and Public Administration, says that "with the blurring of occupational lines, where government acts like business and vice versa, the MPA degree prepares individuals for leadership positions in the public, non-profit and private sectors."

"MPA students come from a variety of undergraduate degrees all across the spectrum, from English to sociology to whatever," said Veasey.

Evening classes enable full-time workers to find time to enhance their careers without interfering with their work schedule.

"Another aspect of the degree is distance learning," said Veasey. "For those who cannot attend JSU on the main campus, we offer courses via Internet and video cassettes."

Veasey said the department plans to offer the complete MPA program through distance learning in the foreseeable future.

To find out more about the MPA degree, please contact Dr. Veasey at 782-5650.

In Memory of Major Dwayne Williams



Remembering the many acts of kindness Pearl Williams did for them many years ago, members of Delta Tau Chi fraternity planted a tree on campus in memory of her son who was killed in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001

"We used to go to football games and sit in the end zone when Ms. Williams worked with the campus police," said Larry Nee, president of the group. "We often got a little

carried away and she would politely tell us to calm down when she could have just as easily run us off."

When members of the fraternity learned that Dwayne (who had attained the rank of major in the army) was among those killed in the attack on the Pentagon, they decided a memorial was in order. On November 3, 2001, the fraternity planted a tree on campus, along with a plaque, in memory of Maj. Williams. A memoriam was also written and presented to Ms. Williams. It reads:

In memory of Major Dwayne Williams, the loved one
Of a very dear friend, Pearl Williams, we the members
Of Delta Tau Chi, of Jacksonville State University,
Wish to plant this Maple Tree.

With its five point leaf, may it represent the Pentagon,
In which Major Williams served our country, the United
States of America. It was in this line of duty that his life
Was cut short by an act of violence.

We wish the planting of this tree to be an act of love and
Remembrance for his family and friends.

May it spread its branches long after we are gone.
In the summer may it provide shade from the heat, and
In the fall provide color and beauty to all who may look
Upon it and remember those who died on September 11, 2001.

Just as this tree can represent growth and strength
During a time of adversity, may we all gather strength
to go forward and endure against the evil in the world.
The tree and plaque are located in front of Curtiss Hall.

Fabulous Forties

MEMORIES

By Liz Gunnels



Shown above (left to right) are: Mary Cobb Baker, M.L. Roberts, Opal R. Lovett, Wayne Finley, Elene Sparks Chastain

On September 29, 2001, JSU hosted a celebration of the “Fabulous Forties” reunion. Among the guests were members of the very first Mimosa staff, and they spent time reminiscing about those happy golden years in Mimosa history.

Elena Sparks had the assignment of choosing a theme for the 1947 Mimosa. She decided to highlight the new JSU mascot, the gamecock, in the theme.

E.C. Wilson offered to provide a real gamecock and Opal Lovett agreed to photograph the rooster. Spark’s father even constructed a cage for the gamecock, which was placed outside her dorm window. Spark’s fed him, exercised him, and even arranged his photo shoots.

“My busy school schedule often delayed the feeding routine until after dark, so it was quicker and easier to climb in and out my window to care for the rooster,” says Elena Sparks.

“Dr. Cole and his family lived in an apartment at the end of Abercrombie Hall, and their driveway paralleled my room. One evening I was

poised in the window ready to jump down to the gamecock’s cage when Dr. and Mrs. Cole drove slowly past. I waved to the startled faces and proceeded with my chores before climbing back to my room. I recounted the incident to our dorm ‘mother,’ Mrs. Strapp, just in case!”

Mrs. Sparks, as well as the other members of the staff, put forth extra efforts to see that the job was done well.

Opal R. Lovett, photographer for the 1947 Mimosa, recalls some of the “quirks of staffers requesting pictures that were impossible and ridiculous.”

He said, “One work order instructed a picture of a student in a cap and gown standing on the ledge of a chasm looking up into the sky. The subject was to have his back to the camera, but his face had to be seen with a happy expression. He was to be looking at a roll of negatives with a different image of the subject on each frame depicting him from birth to college graduation. That prop alone was impossible.”

Another order came to

Mr. Lovett in the “dead of winter” requesting the subject to wear a swimsuit, posing on a green lawn with greenery in the background.

“I won’t mention the others,” says Mr. Lovett, “for fear it would bring tears to your eyes.”

M.L. Roberts was another staff member who attended the reunion. He recalls how Mary Cobb Baker was chosen as the first editor.

The staff chose to use Paragon Press in Montgomery to publish the yearbook. At that time, the staff was told that it was not the policy of Paragon Press to work with co-editors. The staff did not know how to choose between the two qualified co-editors, so Dr. Mock decided the best way to choose was to draw straws.

“We agreed,” states Roberts. “The Lord answered my prayer and caused you [Mary Cobb Baker] to choose the straw that made you the editor.”

Now that there was an editor, the staff had to come up with a name for the University’s first yearbook. It was decided, Mr. Roberts remembers, to have a contest among the students to select a name.

“The contest was during the spring of 1946, when the mimosa trees in front of Bibb Graves Hall were in blossom,” says Roberts. So it is not hard to see how the Mimosa obtained its name.

With World War II just ending, the editor, Mary Cobb Baker, thought it would be honorable to have a Veterans Section in the first issue of the Mimosa.

She put Wayne Finley in charge of this task. Discharged Veterans returned in 1946 and 1947, each with new experiences to share and equipped with a new outlook on life. It was hard for them to adjust to

college life after being away for so long.

“The Veterans Club was formed to aid veterans in returning to civilian life and help them identify their career goals,” says Dr. Finley. Before the “Fabulous Forties” reunion, Dr. Finley opened his 1947 Mimosa and flipped to the Veterans section.

He said, “The accomplishments of the Club are obscure to me now. But, it [the Veterans section] describes the Veterans Administrative Guidance Center. I do remember taking a battery of tests which was supposed to define those career areas best suited for our personal pursuit.

At that time we were led to believe the results would be most revealing.”

The tests showed that Dr. Finley could be a public school teacher. He became a physician.

Mary Cobb Baker remarks, “Fifty-four years ago the first yearbook was published by Paragon Press in Montgomery, Alabama. The work was done by 24 students. They were Robert Cox, Frances Story, Elene Sparks, Carolyn Ingram, Marzell Culberson, Reginald Tidwell, Elaine Gerstlauer, T.W. Collier, Pat Burham, James Harkins, Monza Henson, Charles Motley, Ann Wallace, Frances Striplin, Opal Adair, Bill Giles, Lance J. Johnson, Sonny Thomas, Charles Gidley, Carolyn Tripplett, Opal Lovett, M.L. Roberts, and Mary Cobb.”

The 1947 Mimosa was dedicated to Dr. Houston Cole, president of the college, who wrote this message:

“Memory and imagination are two of the greatest mental assets we possess. Imagination is the forerunner of change and progress. The recollections of yesteryear are provided by memory.”



Enithie & Delandra

In our Fall 2001 *Gem of the Hills* issue we asked our alumni to submit love stories telling us how they met at JSU. The response was great. Here are a few that we would like to share with you.



Martha & Chris

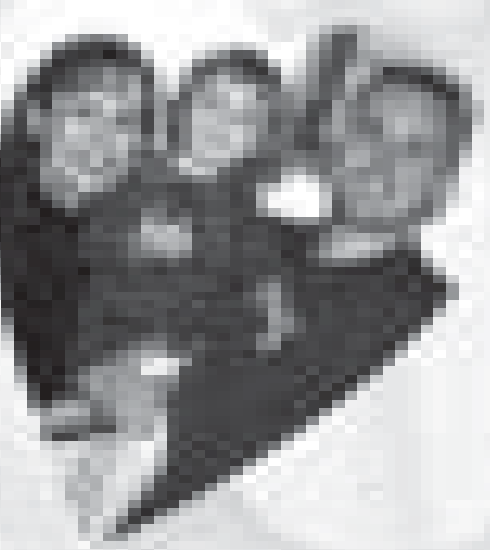


*Sharron & Don
(Photo on right by Mark Lawley)*



Rebecca, David, Jackson & Carter

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AL, then at Geraldine High School in Geraldine, AL. And David set off for graduate school at Mississippi State pursuing a master's degree in meteorology. During this time, they carried on a long distance relationship.

But soon the winds of change blew. David accepted a position at WRCB-TV in Chattanooga, which was closer to home and Rebecca. On November 13, 1991, David planned a "not so ordinary" proposal.

He called Rebecca's mother the night before to tell her of his plans and to make sure Rebecca was watching the early morning forecast while she got ready for work.

"That morning, just before I was to tell the Tennessee Valley what to expect for the day ahead, I paused, dropped to one knee and proposed to Rebecca on the air. I gave her mother the 'Live Line' phone number for Rebecca to call with her response. She did call in and said yes!"

But the proposal wasn't over. David then drove to Geraldine High School and presented Rebecca with flowers. He then blindfolded her and took her to the place they first met, Paul Snow Stadium at JSU. There, he took off the blindfold and presented her with the ring.

David is a 1990 graduate of JSU; Rebecca completed her degree in 1988. They have been married nine years and reside in Mobile. David is the chief meteorologist at WPMI NBC-15, which serves Mobile and Pensacola. Rebecca has traded her school job to be the mom of two boys, Jackson, age 6, and Carter, age 5.

Blushing Ballerina

When Penny Hill came to JSU, it wasn't because she wanted to further her education.

"That was not my first goal," says Penny. "I had seen the JSU Ballerinas perform with the Southerners several times and knew

"Even after all these years, I can close my eyes and see Scotty standing there in that white shirt and he is still gorgeous! And yes, I still blush when asked how we met."

I wanted to be a Ballerina."

In January of 1970, she began her college career and her quest for a Ballerina slot. "I worked harder than I had my whole life." And she coached herself on that fateful day not to worry if she hadn't made it. She would just try out again next year. But she didn't have to. Her name was listed as one of the new Ballerinas.

By becoming a Ballerina, Penny was also eligible to become the J-Club Queen. All the girls were told to dress in Sunday dresses and meet in the basement of the athletic dormitory.

The basement of the men's dorm where all the football players, baseball players and basketball players lived?

Yes, that's the one. She was so nervous she almost left. But to this day, she blushes to tell this story, but she's so glad she can.

She walked into the room filled with men, stated her name, her major and where she was from in her best southern drawl.

Penny quickly exited the room to tell the rest of her Ballerina buddies it was "a piece of cake." But before she could leave the dorm, all of the J-Club members poured out of the room and one handsome man walked up to her and said, "How about waiting on me until after this is over."

Penny thought to herself, "What a gorgeous guy!" So she said in her most southern drawl, "I don't think so..." and turned and walked back to her dorm. But as she was walking up the steps, someone shouted from behind, "Hey, Penny, wait up!"

"I turned and there he was, staring at me in a white shirt with his sleeves rolled up, blue jeans and a big smile. I will never forget the day I met Scotty Marcum. The most important thing that happened during our time at JSU was not our relationship with each other, Scotty's football days or my marching as a Ballerina. It was that we both found a relationship with the Lord in 1972."

Scotty and Penny were married in December 1972. They both went on to graduate in 1973. Penny received her BS degree in secretarial administration, and Scotty received his BS in management. They now have three children. Scotty has been in the ministry for almost thirty years and now serves as an associate pastor in Chattanooga.

"Even after all these years, I can close my eyes and see Scotty standing there in that white shirt and he is still gorgeous! And, yes, I still blush when asked how we first met."

Love Notes

"Our love of music is what brought us both to JSU and what sparked our love for each other," says Martha Ritch Moore, explaining how she met her husband Chris. "The strong and powerful sound of the Marching Southerners and proximity to my hometown in Georgia drew me to JSU, while Chris was drawn to the school's exceptional music program.

Band was an extracurricular activity for Martha, so she developed many long-lasting friendships with fellow band members. And she just happened to fall in love with one particular drummer and music major.

They began dating their freshman year in October 1982. Both graduated in 1986 and married in 1988. Chris and Martha now have two children, Ryan, 8, and Johnathan, 6.

"Music is still very prominent in our lives and JSU and the Marching Southerners can accept full credit as matchmaker."

Martha's sister, Sally Ritch Phillips, '79, also met her husband, Billy, through Southerners. They have now been married 15 years and have three children, Ellen, 9, Kevin, 6, and Neal, 6.

Love Pigeons

Becky Whitman and Michael Roberts met at JSU in 1992. They were in a psychology lab performing behavior modification experiments on pigeons. Michael and Becky found they had a lot in common and began dating shortly thereafter.

Less than a year later, while on a walk around campus, Michael proposed to Becky at the large oak tree in front of Daugette Hall.

The couple married in 1993 and continued their educations at JSU. Michael received a BA in 1995 and a master of education degree in 1997. Becky received her BS degree in 1994 and her MS degree in counseling in 1996. Throughout college, both worked at JSU's Department of University Housing.

They have now been married for eight years and reside in Carrollton, GA. Becky is executive director of the Carroll Rape

Crisis Center, and Michael is an assistant principal for Carrollton City Schools. The couple have a one-year-old daughter named Laurel Elizabeth.

"Hoover Met" Proposal

In 1995, Melinda Hamlet's sorority sister introduced her to Todd Hamilton at a party. Little did she realize what she was getting herself into.

They dated for the rest of their stay at JSU. In 1997 Melinda received a BS in Criminal Justice and Todd received his BS in Computer Information Systems.

In 1998 Todd popped the question. But this was not your ordinary proposal.

After a game at the Hoover Met, which was broadcast by two well-known radio personalities, Todd asked Melinda to be his wife. But it didn't end there.

"We were on the news for three days!" says Melinda.

They now have a five month old daughter Maggie and reside in Helena. They hope their daughter will be a JSU alum also.

Military "Brat" Finds a Home

Mike McGuire began his education at Jacksonville State College in 1961. At a party during his sophomore year, he met Joy Culver. She was dating his good friend, Bobby Gallahar. Mike was also dating Wilma Herring, a good friend of Joy.

When they met, according to Mike, "She must have impressed me, as I asked her on a date and she accepted." But Joy was in the midst of transferring to Auburn, and Mike had no intentions of leaving JSC. After a couple of dates, Joy departed.

"I guess she felt sorry for me," recalls Mike. "I was a military brat and had no real close home to go to as my folks were still in Germany."

Joy asked him to come home with her to Tarrant City one weekend for a "good southern, home-cooked meal."

"Next thing I knew I was traveling to Auburn on weekends to date, and we'd get together when she came home."

Mike proposed in the spring of 1963, and they were married on December 21, 1963. He continued school and Joy continued to work supporting them through. In 1965 Mike graduated and received his commission through JSU's ROTC as a second lieutenant.

They traveled in the military for 27 years and saw a great deal of the United States and Europe; however, Joy stayed home with their own three military brats during his two tours in Viet Nam.

They retired in 1992 from Redstone Arsenal and have lived in Huntsville ever since. They celebrated their 38th wedding anniversary this past December.

Lesson in Love

DeLandra Hunter and his fiancée, Enithie Bradford, met in Janet Smart's English class at JSU.

DeLandra and Enithie were both junior English Education majors.

"We became friends instantly, because we shared so many things in common, such as a love of reading, children and laughing," says DeLandra. "Thanks to Ms. Smart, we were able to see our common interests."

Both were aspiring English language arts teachers. They even received their undergraduate on the same day, August 11, 2000. DeLandra and Enithie continued their educations with the Master's

program. DeLandra's master's degree is in educational administration and Enithie's is in secondary education/language arts.

They are still following their loves by teaching in Georgia. Enithie teaches seventh grade at Rome Middle School and DeLandra teaches eighth grade language arts at Tapp Middle School in Cobb County Georgia.

DeLandra and Enithie plan to march across the stage together again this summer when they receive their educational specialist degrees. But this time they will march as Mr. and Mrs. Hunter. They will be married on May 18, 2002 in Cartersville, Georgia.

Love: Lost and Found

Sharron Herman's first experiences at JSC were challenging and taunting. Little did she know she would meet the man of her dreams that first semester. She also didn't know how long it would take to find him again.

Most freshman girls feared just walking to the dining hall, because they were constantly taunted by upperclassmen. But Sharron was determined not to alter her path to avoid the football team. "Their sole purpose was to ogle the girls coming to dinner," Sharron remembers.

"Somewhere along the line, I sparked the interest of one of those players from Huntsville, Don Hedden. I seemed to run into him constantly and there was not a night at the Chow Hall that I didn't talk to him."

After two dates and a great deal of talking, Sharron and Don embarked on a relationship that would last for more than two years. For them, college was the most wonderful time. Both involved on campus; Don with football and Sharron with the Marching Ballerinas.

These were also exciting times for JSC-incredible football teams, who competed in their first bowl game. Frequent concerts hosted big names of the time, such as The Temptations, The Four Seasons and Otis Redding.

And JSC got a big name for itself, too. Jacksonville State College became Jacksonville State University.

During this exciting time, Sharron and Don's relationship flourished. "In that 2 1/2 years, we never had an argument." But all that would soon change. Their relationship came to a shrieking halt due to a misunderstanding.

Both went their separate ways, married, and later divorced. In March 2000, a mutual friend and fellow JSU alumnus, Jimmy Mikul, visited Don. Jimmy mentioned that Sharron had gotten a divorce.

Don was stunned. "And you came up here without her phone number?" he exclaimed.

On March 22, 2000, Sharron answered the phone and heard a voice that took her back to the magic days at JSU. In April, Sharron and Don had their first date in 32 years. They had a lot of catching up to do.

"That night we talked until 2:45 a.m. By July we were seeing each other every weekend."

The couple even ventured back to Jacksonville State University during football season to relive the wonderful days on campus.

On New Year's Eve, 2000, they took the trip of a lifetime. "We took a mule train into the bottom of the Grand Canyon. At 12:02 a.m. on January 1, 2001, Don asked me to marry him."

Their dream became reality when, after 36 years, Sharron and Don became husband and wife on October 27, 2001.

LISA ROBERTSON

USA TODAY'S TEACHER OF THE YEAR

BY JAMIE EUBANKS



Lisa assists students in a dissection lab. JSU student teacher Chenein Segalas (in background) answers a student's question.

What do a eulogy for a euglena, a video about identifying insects and forensic analysis of a teacher's favorite pants have in common?

These are just a few teaching methods *USA Today's* Teacher of the Year Lisa Robertson '85 uses in her classroom. Robertson is a tenth grade biology teacher at Oxford High School. And she's always known that's what she wanted to do. Just about everyone in her family is an educator.

"It's a calling," she says of teaching. "And it's the right one for me."

Both her father and her husband played football at JSU. So Robertson knew this is where she would end up. But first, she started out at Auburn University where she received her bachelor's degree in education. Then she came to JSU and received her masters in 1985.

She has now been teaching for more than 20 years. And she feels this is what helped her win *USA Today's* Teacher of the Year.

Robertson teaches 15- and 16-year old students biology, but she says it's much more than that. "I'm also instilling values and standards in these students."

Parents often question how Robertson can handle these teens who are going through big transitions. "They're a fun age," she says. "I love my students. That's why I'm here, for the students. And that's what teaching is all about. They're very inquisitive and want to know. My class is very hands-on and not boring."

And Robertson's classes are anything but. For example, a five-day lab called "Mission Possible" uses biological techniques to relate real-world applications of science. This allows students to use forensic science to show them the use of analyzing methods and how to identify and solve problems.

The activity begins with a comical prank occurring during the school day and involving five teachers. One year, a culprit hung a teacher's pair of bright orange pants on the football flag-pole. The students were introduced to the crime and were then charged with using biological techniques and analytical methods to solve the mystery.

Fingerprints were collected from the scene and suspected teachers, and a microscope is used to compare blood and hair samples found at the crime scene. A powder is also discovered at the scene, which must be analyzed.

Robertson also incorporates reading and creative writing into this lab. "Reading is success. It leads to higher test scores and the student's vocabulary increases."

This is just one of the many ways Robertson gets her students involved in science and their world.

"My students don't want to just sit back and listen, so I give them real world experiences in and out of the classroom. Many times I'm just the facilitator and allow them to become thinkers on their own."

Experience has taught her what works. But she still couldn't believe she won this amazing award. And she's no stranger to awards. Just last year, Robertson received the RadioShack National Teacher Award. She was also awarded the State Teacher of the Year by the National Association of Biology Teachers.

"Teachers don't get a lot of congratulations," she says. "My personal reward is when a student comes back and says they enjoyed my class. That's much better than any award I could receive."

And to future teachers or those thinking about teaching as a profession, "It's got to be something you enjoy, not just something to do. If it is, get out in a hurry! We put in a lot of extra hours and you don't really know what it's like until you're in the classroom."

And why does she continue to teach? "It keeps you young at heart."



Lisa is shown above with her son Taylor Robertson. Taylor is a biology major at JSU where he is employed in the Sports Information Department.

In Pursuit of Justice

*Kelly Smith chooses
a different life.*

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Kelly Smith grew up with drug addicted parents. And she would have never guessed she would become a police officer, the one profession she detested. She is one of the many women who serve their communities as police officers. Smith completed the Northeast Alabama Police Academy and is now pursuing a degree in accounting at Jacksonville State University.

And the 25-year-old Gadsden police officer can picture herself doing nothing else. She loves her job.

Her parents are now in prison, but Smith attends college while working full time.

"Everyone wants to feel sorry for me, but they shouldn't," she says. "If I hadn't grown up like that, I might have ended up like that, too."

And she doesn't want to see anyone else grow up like that either. She has a supply of teddy bears in the back seat of her patrol car ready to give to any child she comes in contact with. Assigned to the traffic beat, she often works wrecks kids are involved in.

It's in the lives of kids she most hopes to make a difference. Her favorite part of the job is being a Drug Abuse Resistance Education officer, which puts her working with kids regularly. She also is certified to teach rape prevention classes and recently certified as a traffic fatality investigator.

She has learned that she has to separate herself from the tragedy she encounters through her job.

"I cannot take it personally," she says.

And she has no tolerance for older kids who use their environment as an excuse for their actions. Her success is a perfect example that a bad environment does not necessarily mean failure.

While on patrol, Smith is quick to respond to a fellow officer's call for assistance.

She is forceful, but not rough, as she explains to a woman why she is being searched. And it's women who usually are more resistant to Smith, and men typically tend to show her more respect.

Some of that respect might be linked to her backup. "It might be who they see behind me," she says. "I appreciate them

backing me up. I tell them all the time I'm glad they're there. They look at me like a little sister and I appreciate that."

Smith grew up in Huntsville. Her mother was a paralegal and her father worked for a bakery company.

"The whole time I was growing up, they had normal jobs."

Smith was very young, but she remembers seeing marijuana lying around the house and knew her parents did drugs. She said her father probably used cocaine, but both her parents were addicted to prescription drugs.

She was about six when she first realized the actions of her parents were wrong.

"I knew my mother wasn't like other mothers," she says. "I had a wild childhood. I remember Daddy shooting into a house and I remember us getting stopped by police and he told us to lie about it."

When she was 12 years old, she moved with her mother to Etowah County. Smith, her mother and younger brother were getting away from her abusive father. But he soon followed with promises to change.

"I never understood why she stayed with him, but he had her addicted to drugs," Smith says. "It was a classic example of domestic abuse."

Her mother's prison sentence probably has saved her life. "I never knew my mother when she wasn't on drugs until she went to prison. I feel if she hadn't been sent up there, she'd be dead now."

Smith's mother went through an 18-month drug rehabilitation program and now tutors while at Julia Tutwiler Prison for Women.

It was drugs that led to the convictions of both Smith's parents for attempted murder in 1995. The man who Smith's father attempted to kill testified that he was shot because her father owed him money. And her mother was convicted because she was there.

"I always wanted to be the complete opposite of my dad," Smith says.

That is why she strives so hard to succeed in life.

Her brothers had the same desire to escape that life. Her younger brother, who has lived with her since her parents were sent to prison, is completing college and about to enter medical school. One of her older brothers is completing medical school and the other has two engineering degrees and a successful job.

To get on with her life, Smith has had to forgive her father, but she cannot forget.

She graduated from Southside High School and got married at 19. She went to work at a check-cashing business and there she came in contact with a lot of police officers because the job sometimes placed her in contact with those who broke the law.

She also began to see that all police officers were not bad, and the job might be her best shot at achieving her main goals-to make a difference in the lives of children.

She applied for a job at the police department, and she got the job.

She is now pursuing an accounting degree at JSU and is considering law school after that. But that doesn't mean she plans to change her career. "I just want to be able to have a degree," she says.

"I feel like I was called for this job," she said. "I think my purpose in life is to work here."

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a true DIAMOND *on and off the field!*

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Jacksonville State's Jana McGinnis and her twin sister Dana are known across the state for their athletic ability. But in the small town of Goshen, she's known as a strong-willed and loving mother, wife, daughter and sister.

Jana and Dana grew up as twins. But something that set these twins apart was their love for sports.

"My sister and I always said that if anything happened to anyone in our family, it should happen to us," Jana recalls. "We could handle just about anything."

Jana attributes her strong will to her history in athletics. She says athletics prepared her for life. "I learned discipline. And I've learned that when you're faced with something, you can't sit back and feel sorry for yourself. You have to give everything 100 percent."

And a little more than five years ago, Jana and her husband Russ were faced with such a daunting task. Jana gave birth to a beautiful baby girl they named Kinsey Lane. But at two months, Kinsey was diagnosed with lissencephaly.

Lissencephaly is a genetic defect in which the surface of the brain is smooth. The ridges and valleys in the brain form during gestation and help the brain carry out its functions. When these ridges do

not form, disabilities in mental and motor skill result.

And this was the challenge Jana and Russ, and the rest of their families, faced. But they didn't take it lying down. This was especially difficult for a mother who is also a full-time softball coach at JSU.

"My husband and I have a partnership," Jana comments. "We're in this together. And so is the whole family."

When Kinsey was between one and two years old, she would travel with her mom to softball

games. Russ's mother, Diane, would travel with them and stay with Kinsey in hotel rooms. "Our parents are always offering to keep the kids," she says. "And when I'm at away games, Russ does the cooking and cleaning."

The McGinnises are also part of the Lissencephaly Network. It's a support group for families who have been touched by lissencephaly, and is led by a team of doctors. Lissencephaly itself is extremely new to the medical profession.

"We have one of the best geneticists in the world. And advancements in medicine are constantly making it possible for longer life expectancy for children with lissencephaly."

The McGinnises also had reservations about having more children. They weren't sure if lissencephaly could show up in siblings. But their doctors confirmed that, while lissencephaly is a genetic disorder, it is not necessarily hereditary.

So a little over a year ago, Jana gave birth to a healthy baby girl named Payton Landry. "Kinsey knows she has a sister. If Payton has a toy, she'll walk over and place it in Kinsey's lap. And she gives Kinsey lots of hugs and kisses."

"We're going to be totally honest

with the girls. They will always know that they are loved equally. But there are certain things Kinsey does that Payton cannot. And the same is true for Payton."

So how does she juggle being a coach and a mom? "You just have to give 100 percent at both. When I leave the house I'm a coach, and when I come home we seldom talk about ball. That's family time. You must be able to separate the two. Both are challenging, but the one thing I want to succeed at most is parenting."

But Jana has combined work and home in some ways. Last year she initiated a fundraising program called Hits that Help. JSU, Troy State and Mercer all pitched in to raise \$4,000.00 for the Lissencephaly Network.

And it was on one of those softball road trips while staying with Kinsey that Diane McGinnis got the idea for a fundraising project. She wrote a book, *Bimbo: A Friend for Kinsey Lane*. The proceeds from this book go to the Lissencephaly Network and the Anniston area Cerebral Palsy Center.

Nowadays, Kinsey isn't able to travel with the team, because her immune system is not up to par. But the softball players still ask about her and treat Jana's girls like they would their own little sisters.

As for Payton, Jana hopes she'll get involved in sports. "I won't make her play," Jana says. "But I want her to be involved in some kind of activity. Because I want her to learn responsibility, discipline and to give 100 percent at whatever she does."

And Jana does just that, whether she's on the field or in the kitchen, she's giving her all-and she's succeeding at both.

For more information about lissencephaly, visit the Lissencephaly Network Web site at www.lissencephaly.org.



A Conversation with Dr. Wayne H. and Dr. Sara Crews Finley

by Al Harris

Q You juggled a hectic life as physicians and spouses. This must have been tough before your retirement from the University of Alabama at Birmingham in 1996. What were the pro's and con's of living the marital "paradox" of being together as colleagues and spouses--A "Pair of Docs"--during that period?

Dr. Wayne: The Pro's: It was easier to support two children in Sweden on two fellowships than it would have been with only one fellowship. The developing field of Medical Genetics required someone with both laboratory and clinical responsibilities. Our activities were complementary. Although we had common experiences and obligations, we were able to divide the work in such as way as to be complementary to each other.

Dr. J. F. Volker, president of the university, commented that we could work on a problem all day and could continue working on it at night at home.

The Con's: At times it seemed that various agencies or organizations would look on us as one.

The lighthearted moments: Our staff accused us of having the same reactions. They thought they could predict a response because they said we "thought alike."

Dr. Sara: The Pro's: Many people through the years asked us how we could work together every day and remain friends at home. For one thing, although our offices were in close proximity, we frequently had totally different schedules during the day. It was advantageous to have a partner at work in whom there was complete trust. While we basically agreed on major issues at work, the different views which we hold often was an advantage. For example, Wayne, in solving a problem, is likely to move quickly and give an answer without totally smoothing the edges off the answer. I tended to delay an answer until it was re-hashed and smoothed out. The input from both of us proved much more advantageous than either one alone.

It was an advantage that Wayne preferred the laboratory and teaching aspects of the Medical Genetics Program while I enjoyed most the contact with patients and their families plus dealing with personnel problems.

Since we had so many professional contacts in common, our social life frequently involved colleagues. Another advantage was the ability to accomplish work through conversations away from the office.

Our son and daughter, we hope, benefited from our careers in that they were exposed to many professionals. Our trips to medi-

cal meetings often involved them and gave them travel opportunities and exposure to different parts of the country and world.

The Con's: Any time both parents have full-time careers, much juggling has to go on to keep children's schedules plus work obligations. With cooperative parents, however, this can be accomplished.

It is difficult for both members of the couple to take a prolonged vacation together.

The lighthearted moments: In dealing with children who have chronic, incurable handicaps, we have been exposed to many tragic situations. There were, however, many, many lighthearted moments at work. Many of our staff had a great sense of humor. When some funny experience occurred at the office, we could continue to enjoy it long after work hours.

Q What are your proudest achievements?

Dr. Wayne: Being able to find resources to deliver medical genetics services statewide to families without regard to pay.

Development of a MS and Ph.D. medical genetics graduate training program.

Dr. Sara: I consider my proudest achievement as the association and friendship with so many bright, dedicated, hard-working faculty and staff. To have input into forming and molding a growing unit of the University, which efficiently and kindly served thousands of Alabama families, provided great satisfaction.

Q What are your forecasts for the future of your field?

Dr. Wayne: Genetic factors will be detected in common diseases which will allow better understanding of them.

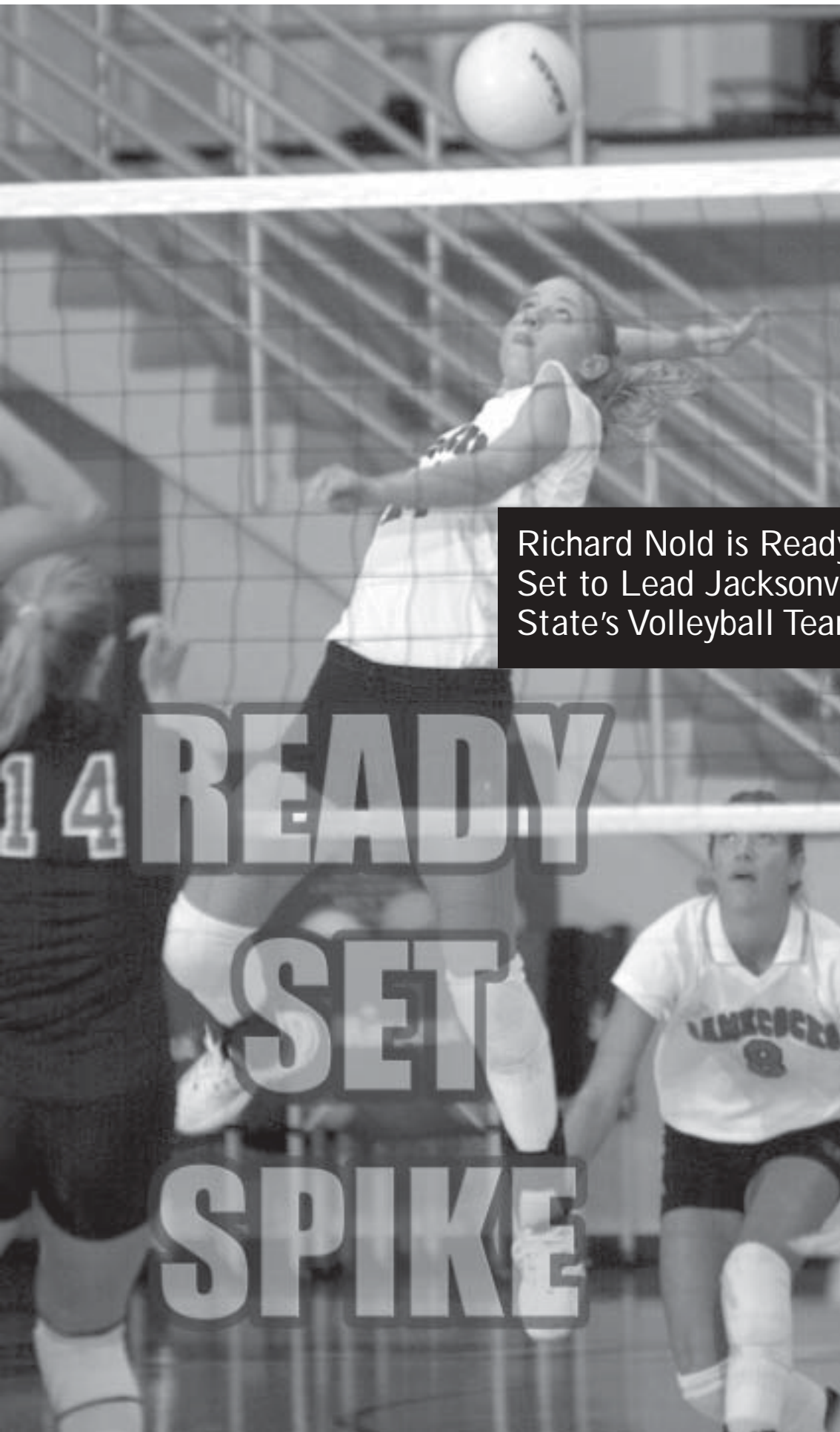
An increasing number of genetic disorders will be identified and approaches to their management and treatment will be developed. Genetic diagnoses will become more precise as specific mutations become detectable.

Dr. Sara: Genetics within the next decade will revolutionize the practice of medicine. Many diseases including rare biochemical problems as well as common problems such as cancer, senility and behavior disorders should have new means of diagnosis, prevention and therapy.

Q Dr. Wayne, what are some of your fondest memories of JSU as an Alumnus? Dr. Sara, although JSU is not your alma mater, what are the impressions of JSU you've picked up through your husband?

Dr. Wayne: My fondest memories include the development of close friendships with fellow students in a small student body during war times; close interactions with the senior professors; staying in Forney Hall and later Gary Cottage; debating in the Morgan-Calhoun Competition; working on the first Mimosa staff with Mary Cobb Baker, M. L. Roberts, and Opal Lovett.

Dr. Sara: While I did not attend JSU, I have a very warm feeling toward the school because of the involvement of Wayne and his family. It is a beautiful school which exerts great impact on future generations because of its emphasis on producing quality teachers. The camaraderie is excellent.



Richard Nold is Ready and Set to Lead Jacksonville State's Volleyball Team

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RICHARD NOLD

has been named head volleyball coach at Jacksonville State University.

“Rick comes from one of the top volleyball programs in the country and also has extensive experience at the club level,” said JSU Athletic Director Tom Seitz. “His recruiting ability and work ethic will be a great asset to the JSU program.”

Nold spent the last six years at the University of Louisville and has been the Cardinals top assistant since 1999. During that time, Louisville won the Conference USA Championship four years and advanced to the NCAA Tournament five times. In 1996 and 1998, the Cardinals advanced to the NCAA Sweet 16.

Nold began his coaching career as an assistant at Assumption High School (Louisville, Ky.) and helped the girls varsity to three State Championships and a 137-9 record, before joining the University of Louisville staff in 1996.

The Louisville, KY native has also been very involved in the Kentucky Indiana Volleyball Academy, serving as head coach of the 16-and-under and 18-and-under teams that won the 1996, 1997, 1998 and 1999 AAU National Championships. The teams also advanced to Top 5 finishes at the USA Volleyball National Championships in 1997, 1998, 2000 and 2001.

A 1998 graduate of Louisville, Nold also served as an intern with the USA Volleyball, where he assisted the women's USA National Team prepare for the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta.



SPORTS NOTES

Gamecocks Take a Bite Out of Crime

Travis Suereth doesn't feel like a hero. In fact, he doesn't much care for the title. In his mind, he didn't do anything out of the ordinary.

That's not what one elderly Florida woman and the commander of the Orange City, Fla., police department think. Suereth and five of his Jacksonville State teammates helped thwart a would-be purse-snatcher and apprehend the bad guy Saturday night during the baseball team's weekend trip to Stetson.

It was becoming a frustrating trip for the Gamecocks. Heavy rains had postponed the first two days of games and catcher Suereth, senior shortstop Andrew Tarver and freshman outfielder Matt Ruckdeschel were passing the time before lights out playing cards in manager Matt Ebert's room when they were alerted by a woman's screams for help from the ground floor.

A man was attempting to make off with Kay Fletcher's purse - with the 69-year-old Jacksonville, Fla., woman still attached to it. Once the players realized what was happening, they broke from the room - Suereth leaping to the ground from a stairwell landing - in hot pursuit eventually running down the bad guy like he was a long fly in the gap.

Suereth and Ruckdschel knocked him down. Tarver got his feet. Ebert got his head. They soon were joined by sophomore catcher Scott Smith and sophomore outfielder Ben Phillips, and they all helped keep the man on the ground while awaiting po-

lice to arrive. At one point, witnesses said, the pinned perpetrator asked the players to let him up, to which the players are said to have replied, "Not on your life."

The would-be thief, identified by Orange City police as Mark Jacks, a local man well known to law enforcement officials, "probably would have gotten away if it weren't for these baseball players, who helped us and who tended to the victim," Orange City PD Off. Craig Johnson wrote in an e-mail to Cmdr. Walt Kucera.

"They were pretty brave at what they did," Kucera said. "They were a hero to this lady. I would consider them to be."

Fletcher and her traveling companion, Claire Scott, in town to participate in a marketing seminar, had another word to describe them.

"I believe in angels and I told them they were angels on assignment that night," Fletcher said from her home Monday. "You talk about action. They went beyond the call of duty. That's the team spirit we need around this country. You know all this we've had with nine-eleven, with the President saying we're supposed to watch out for each other. Well, they were super guys and full action."

"Those boys definitely came to our rescue," added Scott.

Scott said she asked the company sponsoring the marketing seminar if they would do something to recognize the players' heroics and was told they would.

Actually, none of the players consider themselves heroes.

"I'm just glad I was there at the right time; I'm just glad I was able to help somebody," said Suereth, whose parents are both former Florida police officers. "(The potential danger) didn't really cross my mind. I heard somebody yell for help and my first instinct was to go. It was pretty scary."

JSU coach Jim Case, on the other side of the motel watching the Olympics at the time of the incident, said he was proud of the way his players handled themselves.

"There are a lot of people who will stand around and watch things happen and they reacted, and they reacted in a

way that you're happy about," he said. "They heard a lady having a problem and they helped her. That's one of those things that show how good they are. It'd be real easy to sit up there and watch him run away and not get involved, but they reacted in a way you would want someone to help you or your wife or your mother.

"Certainly there could be some bad things happen. You hope that doesn't come up very often, but in this case I'm certainly glad they did what they did."

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2002 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
AUG. 31	Alabama A&M	JACKSONVILLE	7 p.m.
SEPT. 7	OPEN		
SEPT. 14	Mississippi State	Starkville, Miss.	TBA
SEPT. 21	Nicholls State	Thibodeaux, La.	TBA
SEPT. 28	Tennessee Tech	Cookeville, Tenn.	TBA
OCT. 5	Samford	JACKSONVILLE	7 p.m.
OCT. 12	Sam Houston State	JACKSONVILLE	2 p.m.
OCT. 19	McNeese State	Lake Charles, La.	TBA
OCT. 26	S.F Austin (Preview Day)	JACKSONVILLE	2 p.m.
NOV. 2	S.W. Texas State	San Marcos, Tex.	TBA
NOV. 9	Northwestern State (Homecoming)	JACKSONVILLE	4 p.m.
NOV. 16	Georgia Southern	Statesboro, Ga.	TBA

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'20-49

LYNDA BELLE JOHNSON SELLERS '29 celebrated her 91st birthday with family and friends at a birthday luncheon in August, 2001. For more than 70 years, she has written a column for *The Outlook* in Alexander City, keeping the area informed of all the happenings in the Fish Pond community. She borrowed \$250 from her grandfather, attended Jacksonville State Teachers College for 9 months, and received her teacher's certificate. After working as a teacher in several area schools (at a salary of about \$65 per MONTH), she became a homemaker. But, she did pay her grandfather back the money she had borrowed!

'50-59

BEN R. CARLTON '53, of Sylacauga, taught band and choral music for 30 years, 12 as choral director at Sylacauga High. After retiring from teaching, he became a convention and horse show organist. For over 20 years, he has played (and sang the National Anthem) at horse shows and conventions in 12 states. He and his wife, Joyce, have one adult child.

DEWITT SELF '57, a former JSU Southerner, has found his second niche in life. After serving as band director at Leeds High School for 32 years, he now holds the conductor's baton for the Birmingham Wind Ensemble. He also plays the clarinet with the Birmingham Community Concert Band Association.

'60-69

MARY MAUDE CLARK MCCAIN '61, of Trussville, is a recently retired library media specialist with 30 years of experience in public education and public libraries. She served as adjunct professor, Library Media Management and Children's Literature, UAB. Together with JSU Professor of Instructional Media, **MARTHA MERRILL '74**, they have published *Dictionary for School Library Media Specialists*. If you are interested in obtaining a copy, call 1-800-237-6124 or visit website www.lu.com Mary is married to **CHARLES MCCAIN '60** and they have 2 children.

RONALD THOMPSON '61 retired recently after spending the last 14 years as Marshall County district attorney, with 27 total years in the D.A.'s office. Prior to that, he had a law practice of his own for four years before becoming an assistant district attorney. He was a driving force behind the inception of the county Drug Enforcement Unit and Child Advocacy Center.

JOAN SMITHEY DAWSON '63 is educational director at UAB School of Education for a series of grants that promote inquiry science in Alabama's K-12 schools called ALAHASP (Alabama Hands on Activity Science Program.) She and her husband reside in Birmingham.

LUTHER T. WELSH '63 and his wife Betty just celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary last August. They enjoyed a simple breakfast at the hotel coffee shop in Rome, GA where they spent their honeymoon so long ago. They would have stayed in the upstairs hotel again where they honeymooned.....had it still been in operation! He retired from Ft. McClellan in 1981.

DICK JOHNSON '65 has joined the staff of the Tuscaloosa Chamber of Commerce as director of the School-To-Career program. He retired from BellSouth with 31 years of service. He is past chairman of the Chamber and currently serves on its Board of Directors. Dick was honored by The Chamber as Member of the Year and as Tuscaloosa County's Citizen of the Year by the Civitan Club.

PAULA HAMPTON '68 opened her own State Farm Insurance Agency in Charleston, SC. She was formerly an agency field executive with State Farm and resides in Mt. Pleasant, SC.

DON HEDDEN '69 owns Farmers Tractor Co., in Huntsville with his two brothers. His position with the company is president and he heads up sales and sales management. They have 56 employees at four store sites. Don has two sons.

CRYSTAL LEE HACKBARTH CAMPBELL '69 taught school for 3 years in Birmingham and then became a nurse, working at BMC Montclair from 1975 through 1996. She moved to Cullman in 1998 and is now a wife, homemaker and "mother" to their ducks and turkeys!

'70-79

MARGARIT SKINNER GRAY '70, of Anderson, SC, received her Ph.D. from Clemson University in zoology. She is employed at Anderson College as an assistant professor in biology. She and her husband have two grown daughters.

SHERMAN GUYTON '71, a Gadsden realtor and developer, was recently honored by the Etowah County Chamber of Commerce and presented with The Chairman's Award. He worked at Goodyear Tire and Rubber for 13 years while finishing college, was head basketball coach at Etowah High School for 4 years and then, in 1977, he became president of Sherman Guyton Realty, Inc. in Rainbow City. He also is an instructor in real estate and appraisal at Gadsden State Community College. Sherman is a life member of the Million Dollar Sales Achievement Club and is serving as State Director of the Alabama Association of Realtors.

WILLIAM M. CAUDLE '72 is pastor of Berclair Baptist Church in Memphis. He and his wife Linda reside in Bartlett, TN.

LINDA CERAVOLO GUYTON '72/77 was chosen September 2001 Teacher of the Month for the Attalla City Board of Education. She has 27 years' teaching experience and teaches at Etowah Middle School. She and her husband have 2 children.

REBECCA RYAN KAPLAN '72 received her doctorate (higher education administration and leadership) from Georgia Southern University in December, 2000. Dr. Ryan serves on the faculty of the University of South Alabama in Mobile. She resides in Statesboro, GA, with her husband and daughter.

DR. DANNY M. PARKER '72/76 is serving as the Interim President of Truett-McConnell College in Cleveland, GA.

JACKSON 'JACKIE' SASSER '72 was named president of Santa Fe Community College in Gainesville, FL. He previously served as president of Lee College in Baytown, TX, interim president and VP at Calhoun Community College, and dean of instruction and student services at Germanna Community College, VA. He is married to

AMELIA MACON SASSER '73, a teacher, and they have 2 children. He is a former JSU Southerner.

FRED ASBELL '73 has joined the staff of the Health Industry Group Purchasing Association as Director of Strategic Initiatives in Washington, DC. It is a broad-based trade association that represents group purchasing organizations in the health industry and their trading partners.

GEORGE GRAHAM '73 has retired as executive director of the Coosa Valley Juvenile Services Center in Anniston after 26 years. He has seen the center grow from 23 beds to 48, add 2 programs, and a 12-bed Attention Center for girls and 30-bed boot camp for boys. The budget has grown from \$200,000 to \$3.2 million. He originally planned to use his degree in law enforcement to become a police officer. A summer internship at the Alabama Boys Industrial School (reform school) in Birmingham changed his mind.

JOHN R. SUDDUTH, III '73 was chosen the October, 2001, Teacher of the Month for the Attalla City Board of Education. A retired Army Lieutenant Colonel, he has taught Army Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps courses at Etowah High School since 1996. He previously taught at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Ft. Leavenworth, KS, and was a military science professor at JSU. He and his wife Beth have 2 sons.

JUDY CHARLOTTE LANKFORD '74 was chosen the November, 2001, Teacher of the Month for the Attalla City Board of Education. She is a reading specialist at Stowers Hill Intermediate School and has taught for 28 years in Attalla. She and her husband Bill have 2 daughters.

DOYLE R. LEMASTER '75, of Huntsville, is retired from teaching in the Jackson County School System. He has been active in politics for 30 years and recently announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for state auditor. He and his wife, **CATHY FARR LEMASTER '75**, have 4 children.

M. JAYNE WOODS WALTERS '75 is a realtor with Harry Norman Realtors in Roswell, GA. She and her husband Tim reside in Canton, GA.



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CHARLES D. WARREN '75 assumed the office of Dekalb County Superintendent of Education on July 2, 2001. His daughter, **RENEE HOLLOWAY '01**, just graduated from JSU in December with a degree in Elementary Education.

JAMES C. FIELDS, JR. '77 is serving as the assistant administrator of the Department of Industrial Relations and works with a \$70 million budget, a position he has held for the past three years. He is a member of the Cullman Electric Cooperative.

RICHARD LINDSEY '78 of Centre has served as State Representative for his rural Alabama district for almost 20 years. He was recently appointed as chairman of the powerful House education budget committee. He is also part owner of Lindsey Brothers, Inc., a farming and agribusiness company in Cherokee County.

KAREN YOUNG WATTS '78 of Hoover is employed with the Jefferson County Board of Education as a 6th grade math teacher at Pittman Middle School in Hueytown. She recently received National Board Certification in Early Adolescence/Mathematics. She and her husband have 2 children.

BEN BAKER '79 of Jacksonville is in his 10th year of teaching in the Marshall County school system. He has taught at Boaz, Douglas, and now at Claysville Middle School. He's a science teacher, high school football coach (Boaz High), mural artist and former professional photographer.

JIM CUNNINGHAM '79/89/91, teaches at Fort Payne High School. He previously taught in Jackson County before moving back to his hometown of Fort Payne. He was also an assistant varsity football coach.

DR. DIANNE GOSSETT '79 is chairman of the Department of Psychology, Counseling and Foundations of Education at Troy State University. She was recently appointed to the Alabama Board of Examiners in Counseling by Alabama Governor Don Siegelman. She joined the faculty at TSU in 1993.

ROBERT EARL NASE '79, of Reston, VA, is senior project manager with Vion Corporation in Washington, DC. He was a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity at Jacksonville State University.

TERRY SOSEBEE '79/81 was recently promoted to be the Special Agent in Charge for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation at the State Health Care Fraud Control Unit. He has been with the GBI since 1983 as a special agent. He has been assigned to the Unit since 1996. He and his wife Glenda Cearley Sosebee are former members of the JSU Southerners.

'80-89

K. BART ARNOLD '80/89/90 was recently named the 2001 recipient of the Personal Achievement Award for Alabama by the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). Starting at 18, he was elected to the Ragland City Council, while he was at JSU, and his Council service continued until after graduation. He then taught history and coached 3 sports at Ragland High School. In 1984, he was elected Mayor of Ragland and continued his teaching and coaching. He was diagnosed in 1987 with fascioscapulohumeral muscular dystrophy. He has volunteered for the MDA telethon in Huntsville. In the 1990s, he served as assistant principal at Moody High and then principal at St. Clair High. He retired in 1999.

DONNA WRIGHT HASTY '80 has been teaching kindergarten at DAR Elementary School in Marshall County for 21 years. Named Teacher of the Year at DAR for 1997-98, she was also listed in Who's Who for national teachers. Just recently, she was named to a state committee to revise the Alabama Kindergarten Sourcebook.



▲ **LESLIE C. MARSH '80** has retired from the U.S. Marine Corps as a Major after a 20 year career. He

served as deputy director of the Defense Supply Center Columbus, OH, Directorate of Corporate Information. He plans to settle in Cynthiana, KY. Prior to being stationed in Ohio, he was at Camp Lejuene, NC.

KAREN ELIZABETH WORTHY RUSSELL '80, of Marietta, GA, is an Associate Medical Editor with the American Cancer Society in Atlanta, GA.

ERIC TALLBACKA '80 is employed by A T & T in sales. He resides in Jacksonville, FL and has a 5-year-old son, Eric.

NIKKI OWEN SMALLWOOD '81/85 has served as Cleburne County Revenue Commissioner for 10 years. She is a certified tax administrator. She and her husband reside in Heflin.

ELIZABETH "LISA" JOHANNA WILLIAMS TERRY '81 joined Enersolv Corp. environmental laboratory as quality manager. She has 19 years of environmental lab experience as a former chemist at International Paper Co. She resides in Decatur.

LARRY DUFFIE '82 is a business systems consultant with Schering-Plough pharmaceuticals. He and his wife reside in Dalton, GA.

SINIKKA MAKELA SMOTHERS '82, a science teacher at the Alabama School for the Blind (ASB), has become its first teacher to achieve national board certification through the National Board for Professional Teacher Standards. She is in her 10th year at ASB.

PAM SMITH GILLILAND '84, a 5th grade teacher at Douglas Elementary School in Marshall County, has been named Teacher of the Year for the second straight year in Marshall County. She is in her 10th year at Douglas.

JASON KEITH HAMIL '84 has joined Delta Auto Sales as director of parts and service in Dyersburg, TN. He and his wife reside in Dyersburg.

DONNA PARKER JACOBS '84 has been named Dean of the College of Education at Troy State University. She was serving as chair of the Department of Curriculum and Teaching and associate professor of physical education. She joined the TSU faculty in 1994. She previously served as adapted physical education coordinator for the Carroll County, GA school system, as an assistant professor

at the University of Alabama and an elementary education teacher with the Jacksonville City Board of Education. She and her husband Don have 2 daughters.

RHONDA BROWN ROBINSON '84 was recently selected as the piano instructor for the Gadsden Community School for the Arts. She is currently the organist for First Baptist Church in Glencoe. She has been a private piano instructor for more than 20 years.

BRADLEY T. PAGE '85 is the new Episcopal Chaplain at Florida State University. He also serves as Canon for College Ministries in the Apalachee Region of the Diocese of Florida and as an Associate Rector at St. John's Episcopal Church in Tallahassee.

SID BROWN '85 is in his second year as band director at Cherokee County High School. He previously taught at Hayden High School, Ragland High, Etowah Middle and Etowah High. He also spent several years in Nashville on the professional circuit as a drummer for hire. He played with such talent as the Dixie Chicks, Clint Black, Gary Allen and Keith Urban.

DEBORAH GALLMAN WATTS '86 has been promoted to vice president with Exchange Bank of Alabama. She began her banking career in 1988 and has held various positions including Branch Manager and Sales Analyst. She joined Exchange in 1993. As VP, she is working primarily in Commercial Lending at the Rainbow City location of the bank. She and her husband reside in Southside.

ROBERT ELIJAH '87 was recently hired as a faculty member in the social studies department at Florida A & M University. He is married with 3 children and resides in Tallahassee, FL. He is a life member of the JSU Alumni Association.

BECKY COOPER GENTRY '87 is director of the University of West Alabama Singers and accompanies them on piano. She and her husband, **BRUCE GENTRY '86**, have a daughter. Bruce is campus minister at the University of West Alabama.

ROBERT MORELAN '87 retired from the Army in 1995. He went back to work for the Kenosha Unified School District, Kenosha, WI, teaching JROTC/Social Studies at

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Reuther Central High School. He later became the first Commandant of the Kenosha Military Academy. Last year he served as the assistant principal at McKinley Middle School and currently is the principal at Lance Middle in Kenosha. He is pursuing doctoral studies at NSU. He and his wife have 4 children.

ELAINE MILNER DAVIS '88 accepted the position of assistant vice president of patient services at Northeast Alabama Regional Medical Center in Anniston. She is currently enrolled in the master's program at JSU and has worked for RMC since 1988 in the positions of staff nurse, charge nurse and director of women's and children's services.

MARTHA SOEHREN '88 earned her Ph.D. in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies at Wayne State University in October, 2001. She is employed with Comcast Corporation as Director of its Midwest Division of Comcast University. She resides in Southfield, MI.



▲ LAURA WYNN TONKS '88 has achieved master teaching certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards after an extensive, year-long series of assessments, videotapes, portfolios of student work, and a rigorous analysis of her classroom teaching. She teaches at Ashland Elementary in Ashland.

GAIL G. WILLIAMS '88 a teacher at Gaylesville was recently honored with a reception. She is currently finishing her term as District II Director for the State FCE (Family & Community Education) and has been named State FCE Vice President. She is president of the Cherokee County FCE. Gail has been an educator for 21 years and was previously honored as Teacher of the Year by Gaylesville

Alumni Association Life Members

The following have become recent life members of the Alumni Association.
(joined between August 2001-January 2002)

JANDA K. BOLDEN '92	ROBIN DORSETT MACKEY '90/93
L. NOLAN BREAZEALE '90	AMY PONDER NABORS '96
BETHANY GREEN BYRON '95	CHRISTOPHER THOMPSON NABORS '96
STANLEY B. CLEMONS '77	E. ALLAN PACE
LISA GINN FRANKLIN '88	AL SYLVIA PROCTER '96/99
THEODOR MARTIN GALZERANO '81	CYNTHIA ENGELMAN SCHOENECK '79
EMILY A. GONG '99	JAMES ALBERT SCHOENECK '79
WADE LARKIN GRIFFIN, JR. '88/91	ANITA GREEN STEDHAM '75
JOSEPH DAVID GRIMES '92	MARIAN C. STUMAN
TONI TRIGGS HATHORN '97	SARA S. TURNER
YUN FONG HUANG '00	CALLIE EDGAR WALDROP
KEITH WAYNE LETCHER '70	GERALD WAYNE WALDROP '64
DEBORAH PRESTON LETT '84	PATRICK T. WHITE '88
MICHAEL JOSEPH LETT '86/90	PHYLLIS PRIEST WHITE '86
ELIZABETH MITCHELL LEWIS '99	WAI-LAM WONG '95/97
ERIC G. MACKEY '92	CHUNLI XU WONG '97

A New Addition to Life Membership

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

High School, Cherokee County, JSU, and the Coca-Cola Company.

CYNTHIA DIANNE

HOLLIDAY '89 has been voted teacher of the year 3 times at Douglas Middle School in Marshall County. She has been a teacher for 11 years. Prior to teaching, Dianne worked for a bank for 18 years. She and her husband have 2 adult daughters and reside in Altoona.

AMANDA LEIGH CAMP

JOHNSON '89/91 is a certified public accountant in private practice in Heflin. She and her husband have 2 children and reside in Fruithurst.

TERESA RENEE JOHNSON

'89 of Smyrna, GA, is Associate Dean of Students at Spelman College in Atlanta.

DR. CHRIS KELLEY '89

has joined Northeast Orthopedics as an orthopedic surgeon in Gadsden. After graduation from JSU, Chris graduated from UAB medical school and completed his internship and residency programs at The Medical College of Georgia. He practiced in Georgia for several years. He and his wife, also a physician, have 2 sons and reside in Gadsden.

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BRENDA LARAN CROWE

'90 is in her second year of serving as principal at Wills Valley Elementary in Fort Payne. She taught first grade in Fort Payne before becoming assistant principal for another five years. Laran is the mother of 2 children.

KAREN L. ANDERSON

REAVES '90 is co-owner/decorator of The Paper Moon in Heflin. She has spent 11 years in the field of interior design. She previously worked as an in-house decorator for Gordon's Decorating in Carrollton, GA for 5 years and designer's assistant for GCO Apparel. She and her husband reside in Heflin.

VAL COURTNEY '91 is chief of police for the Centre Police Department. He has been with the department for 9 years.

ANGELA CULVER

JOHNSON '91 is a new Spanish and English teacher at Eufaula High School. She and her husband reside in Eufaula with their 4 sons.

KENNEDY MKUTU '91 has just published a report entitled "2001. Pastoralism and Conflict in the Horn of Africa." It looks at the pastoralism, small arms conflict in the Horn, specifically Laikipia District in Kenya and how people can get involved.

ANN KENNAMER LANDERS

'91 is in her 21st year of teaching, 9 of which have been in the Marshall County School System. She's taught in Gadsden, Attalla, Grassy, Union Grove and DAR and currently teaches at Brindlee Mountain Middle School. She and her husband have 2 grown children.

VIRGINIA LEIGH MORGAN

'91, of Weaver, is office manager with the Calhoun County Emergency Management Agency.

JOSEPH FIELDON NABORS,

JR. '91 has been with the Alabama Bureau of Investigation for 10 years. He is currently a lieutenant and has been with the Alabama Department of Public Safety for 21 years. Joe also is an attorney and a licensed polygraph examiner.

DAVID NEAL PUGH '91/92 is the new Dean of Students at LaGrange



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College, GA. Prior to going to LaGrange, David was Director of Student Development and Dean of Students at Birmingham-Southern College. He also served at JSU as an admissions counselor and graduate assistant for Greek affairs. He plans to complete his doctorate at Georgia State in Atlanta. David currently serves on the JSU Alumni Association Board of Governors.

BESS JOHNSON GRIFFIN '92 is a communications officer with the Vestavia Hills Fire Department. She and her husband have one son and reside in Birmingham.

ERIC B. KING '92, a former Gamecock football player, completed his MBA with distinction from DePaul University in Chicago last June. He is employed by Direct TV and lives in Chicago with his wife and 2 daughters.

GLORIA J. THOMAS '92 is a captain in the Army Reserve. She is the commander of the 322nd Military History Detachment in Birmingham. As a civilian, she works as a counselor with the State of Alabama Department of Youth Services in Birmingham. She is married and has one son.

KENNETH J. BEASLEY '93, of Glencoe, was awarded his Masters in Education degree from the University of Alabama last summer. He has taught math at Litchfield High School for 6 years and previously taught at Chattooga High in Summerville, GA, and at Gadsden State Community College. He and his wife, **BOBBIE LYNN BEASLEY '99** (a former JSU Marching Ballerina) have one daughter.

RONNIE CRABTREE '93 is assistant principal at Fort Payne Middle School. He previously was the athletic director, football coach and teacher at a school in Rockmart, GA.

WILLIAM MATT DAY '93 is attending New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary preparing for the ministry. He was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity at JSU.

BRIAN EARLY '95 is the new biology and environmental conservation teacher at DAR High in Guntersville. He is in his 9th year of teaching. Prior to coming to DAR, he taught at Boaz and Claysville. He and his wife have one daughter. He was commissioned through the JSU ROTC program and also works part time for the National Guard.

LORI J. OWENS '93, of Centre, recently earned her doctorate in

political science from The University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. Lori has been employed at JSU in the political science department since 1998.

MYLINA SAMPLES STANFIELD '93, of Boaz, is employed by the Marshall County Board of Education at Boaz Middle School. She is in her third year at Boaz. Prior to coming to Boaz, she taught at Gadsden High School and in Georgia before that. She is the first teacher in the Marshall County School System to become GLOBE certified and she also raised money to have a WHNT Weathernet station installed at her school. She is a volunteer firefighter/medic with the New Union Volunteer Fire Department. She and her husband have 3 children.

STEPHEN P. THOMAS '93 is currently pursuing his PhD in Human Resource Education at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He is actively engaged in his consulting business, offering training and facilitation in personal and self awareness, diversity awareness, and group/team building. He is a certified trainer for TRUE COLORS, a personality style assessment organization and is employed by the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign as a Graduate Assistant/Labor and Employee Relations Specialist.

VICKI REGINA VAUGHN-DANIEL '93 was named Teacher of the Year at LaFayette High School. She has spent 6 of her 7 years of teaching English at LaFayette.

SCOTT BEARD '94 recently completed training at the Alabama State Trooper Academy in Selma and has been assigned to Etowah County. He previously worked for several law enforcement agencies including the Boaz Police Department and Marshall County Sheriff's Department.

BANYON ALLISON '95/96 is the new assistant principal at Wellborn High School in Anniston. Banyon played football for the JSU Gamecocks from 1991 to 1994. He and his wife reside in Anniston.

SCOTT BONDS '95/96 is the new assistant principal at DAR High in Guntersville. He has been teaching for 6 years. Prior to coming to DAR, he taught at DAR Middle and Boaz Middle. He loves helping his dad run a registered Angus cattle farm and spending time with his wife **JANNA WRIGHT BONDS '97/99**.

BRAD BUTLER '95 of Chatsworth, GA, is a Court Administrator with the Whitfield County Juvenile Court in Dalton, GA. He is a former JSU Southerner. He previously worked in Murray County, GA.

COLIN COTTON '95 graduated in August, 2001, from the Alabama Banking School in Mobile. He is vice president with Farmers & Merchants Bank. He and his wife, **MINDI LANDERS COTTON '91**, reside in Jacksonville.

WILLIAM ERIC GRANTLAND '95 gave a presentation on Building Windows Applications in Visual Studio.NET for the Microsoft Developer Days 2001 in Dallas, TX. The presenters were reviewed and ranked by all those in attendance, and Eric came in first place. He is a senior consultant with Immediat Corporation in Dallas. His wife, **AMY PHELPS GRANTLAND '96**, is forecasting and allocation manager for GuinnessUDV in Addison, TX. They reside in Flower Mound, TX.

LINDA MCGOWAN SWILLEY '95, of Cedar Bluff, is employed by CAA or Northeast Alabama Inc. Project Head Start as Education and Career Development Coordinator. In August, 2001, she was inducted into the Xi Chapter of the international honor society in education, Kappa Delta Pi, at the University of Alabama.

VIRGINIA A. TEAGUE HARRISON '95 is now attending the Cumberland School of Law on a Presidential Scholarship.

WENDY SMITH AARON '96 and her husband, **TORRE BART AARON '97** both teach special needs students in Marshall County. Wendy teaches at Grassy and Torre at Crossville High. Prior to returning to Alabama, she taught in Texas when Torre was stationed there with the Army. They have a son and reside in Albertville.

ANN SHELTON WELSH '96/98 transferred this fall to Spring Garden to serve as an elementary special education teacher. She previously worked at Saks Elementary and Cedar Bluff. She is also the school's head softball coach. Ann played softball for JSU. She and her husband reside in Piedmont.

DALE S. CAMPBELL '97, of Albertville, teaches at DAR in

Guntersville. She and her husband have 2 daughters.

ALANA C. RICHEY DIMMICK '97 is employed in the business office of the Old Faithful Clinic in Yellowstone National Park, WY. Her husband, whom she married last April, is a park ranger at Yellowstone.

AMY ELIZABETH GILCHRIST '97 currently resides in La Vega, Dominican Republic, as a Missionary to the Deaf working for the International Mission Board.

CHRISTIAN D. MACNICHOL '97 has joined Springhill Athletic Club in Mobile as an exercise specialist. He is responsible for assisting new club members familiarize themselves with the facility and helping motivate existing members. He was formerly employed with HealthSouth as an industrial rehabilitation coordinator. He and his wife, **TONYA BOOZER MACNICHOL '97**, reside in Daphne. Tonya is a Sr. Sales Executive with Danka in Mobile.

KEVIN L. TYRRELL '97, of Lansing, MI, is an assistant prosecutor for the Ionia County Prosecutor's Office in Ionia, MI.



▲ **JEFFREY W. WAGNON '97**, formerly an attorney with Brunson & Associates, P.A., in Gadsden, has opened his own law office in Gadsden. He was admitted to the Alabama State Bar in 2000. His wife, **JANICE HAYES WAGNON '94**, is his office manager.

JOHN RUSSELL BOYD '98, of Pelham, is assistant project manager with Alabama Bridge Builders Inc. of Pinson. He was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity at JSU.

MEREDITH BUSBY '98, of Concord, NC, is public relations

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manager at Camp & Associates, Inc. — a sports marketing firm in Concord. After graduating from JSU, she worked in public relations at the Talladega Superspeedway. She moved to North Carolina and currently works as public relations manager for a NASCAR Busch Series team. Meredith was the president of Phi Mu sorority while at JSU.

TERRAH FOSTER '99, of Mt. Juliet, TN, is a pediatric nurse practitioner at Tennessee Pediatrics in Mt. Juliet. She played softball for JSU.

TONYA SPILLMAN LILLY '99 is a clinical dietitian at Cherokee County Nursing Home in Centre. She is a former member of the JSU Southerners colorguard and Zeta Tau Alpha sorority. She and her husband reside in Fort Payne.

KARA M. SMITH '99, of Rainbow City, was promoted to General Accounting Manager with Dixie Pacific Manufacturing Co., Inc. of Gadsden.

'00-01

LACEY BACCHUS '00 was recently accepted to the Master's of Business Administration program at the University of Alabama in Birmingham. She works at SouthTrust Bank of Birmingham as a marketing assistant. Lacey was a member of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority at JSU. She resides in Birmingham.

JONI MICHEA OWENS BURKE '00 is an RN in oncology, ICU, pediatrics and the medical surgical areas at Northeast Alabama Regional Medical Center and at Stringfellow Hospital in Anniston. She was formerly employed by the American Red Cross. Her husband, **GARY JASON BURKE '01**, is also an RN at Regional Medical Center in Anniston.

CHAD COFIELD '00, of Boaz, has been named membership director for the Alabama Poultry & Egg Association. He is responsible for developing membership programs and services. Chad was formerly employed with WQSB Radio in Albertville as a sales and promotions associate and on-air personality.

JESSICA GILBERT-SEAY '00 is the new beat reporter for the Sand Mountain Reporter in Albertville. She was a member of Alpha Xi Delta

sorority at JSU and performed with the JSU Show Choir "Encore". She met her husband, **WESLEY RYAN SEAY '00**, at JSU. Prior to returning to her home on Sand Mountain, Jessica worked in public relations in Rainsville.

DAVID L. GODFREY, JR. '00, stationed with the Army's 11th Transportation Battalion at Ft. Story in Virginia Beach, VA, was recently promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant. He is a graduate of JSU's ROTC program.

JEREMY GRIFFITH '00 is currently pursuing his master's degree in applied geography at the University of Alabama.

MICHAEL W. HENDERSON '00 is a systems specialist II with SAIC in Baton Rouge, LA. He was a member of the JSU cross country and track teams and Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity. He and his wife, **KRISTIE LASHELL THOMPSON HENDERSON '01**, reside in Baton Rouge.

TAMMY JERIDO '00 and **CANDICE KELLER '00** are currently working for the State of Alabama with the Chambers County Department of Human Resources as Service Caseworkers. They've been there since July, 2001, and they reside in Opelika.

RYAN SMITH '00 is a coach and teacher at Spring Garden. Before coming to Spring Garden, he taught at Springville High. He helps coach the boys' basketball and football teams.

NIA NICOLE COX '01, of Bridgeport, graduated Magna Cum Laude from JSU in December. She was a member of Phi Mu sorority and was selected for Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities. She has begun teaching at Valley Head High School.

SHANE HAYSLIP '01 is employed with the Chambers County Board of Education as a school nurse.

CHARLOTTE CHANTELE JONES-MORGAN '01 is currently working on her master's degree at JSU in public administration. She plans to enter Cumberland School of Law. She is a certified substitute teacher for the State of Alabama in the Gadsden City School System. She also holds a paralegal degree from Gadsden State Community College.

BRADLEY DALE PRUETT '01, of Gadsden, is head jester and lead dancer with JESTERS, Inc.

NANCY L. GILMER STANDFIELD '01 is a kindergarten teacher with the Gordon County, GA School System. She is a former JSU Marching Ballerina captain and member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority. She and her husband Jason reside in Calhoun, GA.

HOWARD KEITH WYATT '01, of Oxford, is a technician with Morris Sheet Metal/Heating and Air Conditioning in Oxford.

ANDRE RASHOD YOUNG '01, of Riverside, is attending Howard University's School of Law working on his doctorate.

WEDDINGS



'70-79

MYRA SUE BUTTERWORTH '72/87 and Carl Dean Taylor, July 29, 2001. The couple resides in Jacksonville. Sue played soccer at JSU and is a life member of the JSU Alumni Association.

'80-89

WESLEY CHARLES THORNTON '80 and Sheryl Lynne Jordan, October 13, 2001. He is employed with HealthSouth Metro West Hospital in Birmingham as Controller.

MARA HEFFERLY '89 and Jeffery Fabian, September 22, 2001. Mara is employed with Lowe Enterprises in Denver, CO. She was a member of Phi Mu sorority at JSU.

'90-99

HEATHER LEIGH WARREN '92 and Harvey Knighten, III, September 22, 2001. She is an accountant with McWane, Inc. in Birmingham.

JEREMY DAVID HARPER '93 and Elizabeth Reynolds Edwards, October 27, 2001. He is employed as a medical sales representative with Smith & Nephew in Birmingham. Jeremy was a member of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity at JSU.

BRIAN J. HARRIS '93 and Carrie Leigh Gibson, December 15, 2001. Brian is an associate attorney with the law firm of Weener, Mason & Nathan, LLP in Atlanta, GA. They reside in Acworth, GA.

PAIGE SIMPSON '93 and Adam Vance, October 13, 2001. Paige is a manager with the Cannon Company in Atlanta, GA. They reside in Alpharetta. She was a member of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority at JSU.

AMY SHARON EVANS '94/96 and John A. McReynolds, IV, September 28, 2001. Amy is employed with Bradford Health Services in Birmingham.

JENNIFER LEIGH FERRELL '94/96 and **JOEY C. FOSTER '00**, December 8, 2001. Jennifer is employed with JSU. She was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority at JSU. Joey is employed by Corporate Special Services, Inc. in Birmingham. He played baseball at JSU.

JONATHAN MANNING WELLS '94 and Leslie Michelle Tidwell, November 10, 2001. He is pursuing a doctor of pharmacy degree from Samford University McWhorter School of Pharmacy and is employed by CVS Pharmacy.

TIMOTHY SCOTT HIGGINS '95 and Kimberly Ann Freeman, December 29, 2001. He is a certified public accountant at Geeslin, Cordle, Johnson & Wetherington in Peachtree City, GA.

REBECCA ANNE ROBERTS '95 and Michael Eugene Leech, December 8, 2001. They reside in Huntsville.

DAWN SUZANNE TAVIS '95 and Troy Dean Perry, September 10, 2001. She is employed as a nurse by Woodland Village in Cullman.

ALICIA CULVER '96 and Kevin Ballard, October 27, 2001. Alicia is employed as a nurse with Northeast Alabama Regional Medical Center in Anniston and St. Clair Regional Hospital.

JEFFREY TODD DAILY '96/98 and Jessica Meredith Johnson, August 19, 2001. A cum laude JSU graduate, he was listed in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities and was a member of the National Criminal Justice Honor Fraternity. They reside in Ashburn, VA.

JASON LEE OGLE '96 and Chandra Suzanne O'Neal, October



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27, 2001. He is employed by Progressive Insurance as a claims adjuster.

ANDREW RUSSELL PICTON '96 and **KIMBERLY SUZANNE MCGATHY '99**, October 13, 2001, at the JSU Alumni House. Kim is employed as a nurse with Northeast Alabama Regional Medical Center in Anniston and Kennestone Hospital in Marietta, GA. Andrew is also a nurse with Northeast Alabama Regional Medical Center.

CHRISTOPHER ROYCE REASON '96 and Janet Leigh Weathers, October 6, 2001. He is completing his doctorate degree at Birmingham School of Law and is employed by the law office of Jeffrey P. Montgomery, PC.

ANN MARIE SHELTON '96 and Mark Aaron Welsh, October 13, 2001. She is employed at Spring Garden School as an elementary education teacher.

PAULA LEANNE BROWN '97/00 and Ronald Ray Roberson, Jr., October 20, 2001. She is employed by the Cleburne County Sheriff's Department.

DOUGLAS DUANE GUNNOE '97 and **AMBER SHEA HAYNES '00**, October 27, 2001. Amber is employed by the Alabama Department of Public Health and Doug is employed by Super Valu. He was a member of Sigma Nu fraternity at JSU.



▲ **ZENITA JORDAN '97/99** and Cyrus Russell Henderson, March 23, 2001. Commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant through the JSU ROTC Department, Zenita is now a 1st Lieutenant and working as a staff officer in the S-2 section (military intelligence). She was a member of Zeta Phi Beta sorority at JSU. Zenita

will leave the Army in August, 2002, and plans to pursue her Ph.D. in psychology at Walden University. They reside in Killeen, TX.

DANA LARAE KIRBY '97 and Robby M. Wylie, December 21, 2001. She is employed with the Calhoun County Board of Education. Robby is a JSU student and is employed with U.S. Castings.

SHANE HOWARD MCCURRY '97 and Lisa Leslie Anderson, September 15, 2001, at the Botanical Gardens in Birmingham. Shane is employed with Brookwood Medical Center in Birmingham.

TIFFANEY DONIELLE O'DELL '97 and Shannon Dewayne Pesnell, September 29, 2001. She is employed by Computer Science Corporation in Birmingham.

JIMMIE LOUIS THOMPSON, III and Lucretia Renee Henderson, September 15, 2001. He is an assistant administrator with Capitol Hill Health and Rehabilitation Center in Montgomery.

BRENNA MICHELLE BEARD '98 and Steven Donald Powell, October 6, 2001. She was a member of Phi Mu sorority at JSU and is employed by Decatur General Hospital, Decatur.

YVONNE SONJA BENAVIDES '98/00 and **RICHARD BENNETT CREEL '00**, September 29, 2001. A member of Phi Mu sorority at JSU, Yvonne is pursuing a career in vocational rehabilitation. Richard is employed by C.H. Robinson in Georgia. He was a member of Delta Chi fraternity at JSU.

ELIZABETH ARLENE BENEFIELD '98 and Jeffrey Todd Battle, November 22, 2001, in Ocho Rios, Jamaica. She is employed as a registered nurse and dietitian at Pike Manor Health Care Center in Troy.

MATTHEW BRYAN HIGGINS '98 and Dawn Sherie Donner, August 11, 2001. They reside in the Golden Springs area of Anniston after a honeymoon in Ocho Rios, Jamaica.

RUSSELL ARTHUR MITCHELL '98 and Shannon Leann Weaver, October 26, 2001. Russell played golf at JSU. He is employed by First American Bank as an insurance representative. Shannon attended JSU and is a medical transcriptionist with Medico-Legal Services.

ANGELA RENEE' PETERSON '98 and Brandon Craig Lipscomb, November 24, 2001. She is an auditor for Warren, Averett, Kimbrough & Marino LLC in Birmingham.

KENDRA TAMARA WRIGHT '98/01 and Thaddeus Lydell Underwood, September 1, 2001.

GABRIEL DAVID COSTNER '99 and Holly Leigh Smith, December 1, 2001. He is employed with H & R Block Investment Advisors in Atlanta, GA. Holly attended JSU where she was a member of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority. She is currently studying at the University of Alabama.

LAWANDA MATHEWS '99 and Jay Mitchell, October 13, 2001. She is employed by the Birmingham City Board of Education. They reside in Pinson.

VICKI LEE MORGAN '99 and Nikki Adriel Ferguson, September 8, 2001. She is an associate licensed counselor with the Alabama Board of Examiners in Counseling and is employed at JSU as a counselor.

TOSHAN MOSTELLA '99 and Ivan Pierce, September 1, 2001, Gatlinburg, TN.

HEATHER NICHOLE MUSICK '99 and Christopher Lynn Price, November 16, 2001. Heather was president of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority at JSU. She is employed at Southside Middle School in Tallassee, where she teaches 5th grade. She is also the coach of the junior varsity cheerleading squad.

CODY SCOTT ROWELL '99/01 and Alicia Renee Berry, December 15, 2001. He is employed by the Dekalb County Board of Education.

HOLLY LANET SANDERS '99 and Parrish Scott Brackett, September 29, 2001. Holly is a former student assistant at the JSU Alumni Office. She is employed by Battelle Memorial Institute at the Anniston Army Depot.

NICOLE SIVLEY '99 and Stacy Vaughn Hill, November 3, 2001. She is employed by Helen Keller Hospital in Huntsville.

TONYA SHA SPILLMAN '99 and Roman Eugene Lilly, October 13, 2001. She is employed by the Cherokee County Nursing Home in Centre.

CHRISTI DENISE STEED '99 and Gary Michael McCarver, October

20, 2001. She is employed by the University of Alabama in Birmingham Hospital.

BILLY STONE '99/01 and **AMANDA POPE '01**, December 29, 2001. Amanda is employed with the Troup County Board of Education in LaGrange, GA. She was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority at JSU.

TRACY DOUGLAS TAYLOR '99 and Christy Lynn Johnston, October 6, 2001. He is employed by the Infinity Insurance Group of Birmingham.

FARRAH MECHELLE VISE '99 and **CHARLES CLINTON JACKSON '01**, October 20, 2001. She is employed by the Calhoun County Department of Human Resources in Anniston. Charles is employed with Anteon in Montgomery.

NANCY LEIGH WEATHERMAN '99 and Brent Alan Boatwright, October 6, 2001. Nancy was a member of the JSU cross country and track teams. She is employed by the Jacksonville City Board of Education teaching the hearing impaired. Brent is attending JSU, pursuing a degree in recreation administration. He is also employed with the Jacksonville City Board of Education working at Jacksonville High School.

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TARA CHANDELLE BURNS '00 and **GRAHEM COLE MEHARG '00**, October 6, 2001.

Tara is a former JSU cheerleader and member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority. A magna cum laude graduate, she is employed as a teacher at West Elementary School in Cullman. Grahm was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity at JSU and is employed by Enterprise of Cullman.

PATRICK MCCARTER CAFFEY '00 and **KRISTIE RAE WILKINSON '01**, December 29, 2001. Patrick is employed with Sirsi Corp. in Huntsville. Kristie was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority at JSU.

MISTY DAWN COSPER '00 and James Martin Champion, Jr., November 10, 2001. Misty is employed by the Jefferson County Department of Human Resources in Birmingham.

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CHRISTOPHER GLYNDON FULLER '00 and Ryann Bradley Robertson, September 12, 2001. Chris is employed by ITC Deltacom. He was a member of Delta Chi fraternity at Jacksonville State University. Ryann is a senior at JSU.

MICHAEL SHANE GOODWIN '00 and Kylee Alexandria Tompkins, June 9, 2001. They reside in Trussville.

LORI ALLISON JONES '00 and **JAMES MICHAEL THOMAS '00**, September 15, 2001. Lori is employed with Medaus Pharmacy of Birmingham. James is a self-employed auditor in Birmingham.

JEREMY SCOTT NUNNELLY '00 and Anita Marie Reina, November 23, 2001. They reside in Athens, GA.

DEREK MAC SINGLETON '00 and Crystal Valine Pike, September 15, 2001. Derek is employed by the Jacksonville Book Store, Inc. on the Square in Jacksonville.

ERIKA MARIE BURNS '01 and Jeremy Duane Sullivan, December 29, 2001. She is employed by Bay Springs Middle School in Villa Rica, GA. Jeremy will graduate this spring and was an All American on the JSU football team.

GINGER DANIEL '01 and **BRIAN SHUPE '01**, September 8, 2001. Ginger is employed at UAB in Birmingham and Brian by Thermo King, also in Birmingham.

AMANDA DOWNS '01 and **MICHAEL HELMS '01**, December 15, 2001. Amanda was a member of Phi Mu sorority at JSU. She is employed by Brookwood Medical Center in Birmingham. A member of the JSU baseball team, Michael is an assistant golf pro at Oxmoor Valley Golf Course in Birmingham.

LINDSEY NICOLE GILLIAM '01 and Cary Wayne Boozer, December 29, 2001. Lindsey is employed by the Piedmont City Board of Education.

NANCY LEANNE GILMER '01 and Jason Alan Stanfield, August 4, 2001. They reside in Calhoun, GA.

A. BRANDON HAMMOND '01 and Christy Elaine Barron, December 27, 2001. He is employed by Newnan High School, Newnan, GA.

STACIE RENAE HARLAN '01 and Jason Doyal, July 28 2001. They reside in Anniston.

KRISTY REBECCA HERREN '01 and Clyde Eugene Patterson, Jr., December 8, 2001.

TIFFANI LEANN KEASLER '01 and Will Glenn, September 1, 2001.

HEATHER ANN KYNER '01 and Michael Dewayne Dawson, Jr., September 22, 2001.

KIMBERLY LOEB '01 and Stephen Benefield, November 10, 2001. She was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority at JSU. Stephen is a senior at JSU.

BRYAN SCOTT MCCAIN '01 and **BRANDI JO THOMPSON '01**, October 21, 2001. Bryan is employed with Voicestream Wireless.

JOSEPH WYMAN PAINTER '01 and Joanna Rae Newberry, November 17, 2001. Joseph was a member of Sigma Nu fraternity at JSU. He was also a member of the JSU Southerners and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia music fraternity. He is employed by Mobile Infirmiry Medical Center.

KAYLA ASHLEY RAGSDALE '01 and Malcolm Lesley Prater, September 8, 2001. She is employed by GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals.

TABITHA LEE ROYAL '01 and Ian Lee Shelnett, August 18, 2001.

BETSY WHEELER '01 and Christopher Mitchell, January 5, 2002. She is manager of Bath & Body Works in Montgomery.

AMANDA LAUREN WOODROW '01 and Brandon Eugene Maye, August 10, 2001. She was a member of Phi Mu sorority at JSU and a Marching Ballerina. Amanda is employed at JSU. They reside in Jacksonville.

ROBERT SCOTT YAIKOW '01 and Amy LaRea Medders, December 15, 2001. He is employed by the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences. Amy is a student at JSU.

boy, William Drake, on December 11, 2001 in Atlanta, GA. VanDella works with the Federal Bureau of Prisons in Atlanta as the Southeast Regional Community Corrections manager. They reside in Lithonia.

STEPHEN WAYNE RIZZO '87 and his wife Kristi announce the arrival of their son, Nicholas Stephen Martin Rizzo, on December 13, 2001. He has a big sister Olivia. Stephen is an instructor at Beville State Community College in Sumiton. They reside in Sumiton.

JERRY "JAY" LEON PRATER, JR. '88 and his wife announce the birth of a baby boy, Cooper, on September 11, 2001. He is the general manager of the new Hilton Garden Inn in Auburn. They reside in Auburn.



▲ CLAUDIA CORBIN INVERSO '89 gave birth to twins on September 20, 2001, Bonnie Anne and Christopher Corbin. Bonnie was named after Bonnie Gray Jones, Miss JSU of 1984. Claudia lives in Brunswick, ME. She was a member of the Southerners while at JSU. She is a freelance graphic designer and has a website that hosts her art work at www.cloudesign.net. She and her husband Bob also have sons Elias who is 5 and Peter who is 8.

and **RICHARD CAMP '94** had a baby girl, Margaret Allen, on August 9, 2001. They have an older daughter, Madeline, 3. Suzanne is a former JSU Marching Ballerina and is employed with the Fort Payne City Board of Education as a teacher. Richard is also employed with the Fort Payne City Board of Education as a teacher and also coaches football and wrestling.



▲ ERIC KING '92 and his wife Beth, were blessed with their second child, Eastyn Braleigh on April 5, 2001. She was also welcomed by her big sister, Israel Christena, who is 5. The King's reside in Chicago, IL.

SHERRY STYLES KING '92 and her husband Jim announce the birth of their third child, Connor Michael, on September 12, 2001. He has a big sister Sydney, 3, and brother Jay, 2. Sherry was a member of Alpha Omicron Pi at JSU. They reside in Houston, TX.

CHARLTON E. GILES '93/98 and his wife Donna announce the birth of their first child, Anna Elizabeth, on December 16, 2001. Charlton was promoted in June, 2001, to principal with the Gadsden City Board of Education. He was a member of the JSU men's tennis team and Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. They reside in Gadsden.

BETH SMITHERMAN HOLLINGSWORTH '94 and her husband James announce the birth of their first child, Brenda Caitlin, on June 15, 2000. Beth is a kindergarten teacher at Madison Cross Roads School in Toney. James, who attended JSU, is production manager at Alabama Flag & Banner in Huntsville. They reside in Madison.

BRIAN "OPIE" WILBER '94 and **LISA HOLLAND WILBER '96**

BIRTHS



'80-89

VANDELLA GARTH MENIFEE '87 and her husband Robert announce the birth of their baby

'90-99

JENNIFER PUMROY MUNCHER '91 and her husband Benny welcomed the birth of their new baby on August 28, 2001. They have an older child, Adam, who is 3. They reside in Anniston where Jennifer is a teacher with the Federal Government.

SUZANNE ALLEN CAMP '92



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had a baby boy, Ethan Garrett, on June 18, 2001. Brian is an Army Captain with the US Special Forces and is stationed at Ft. Bragg, NC. Lisa is a Systems Administrator for Harnett County, NC. They also have a daughter, Payton, 2. Brian was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon and a JSU cheerleader. Lisa is a former JSU Marching Ballerina and Gamecock Hostess.



▲ **APRIL KILLINGSWORTH JACKSON '95** and **SHANE JACKSON '96** are proud parents of William Shane born June 14, 2001. They reside in Anniston.

TODD '97 and **MELINDA HAMLET HAMILTON '97** had a daughter, Maggie Lane, on May 30, 2001. Melinda was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority at JSU. She works in administration at Odyssey Premier School in Birmingham. Todd is a computer programmer with Blue Cross and Blue Shield. They reside in Helena.

MEMORY "REE" WALLACE SNELLSGROVE '97 and her husband Bill had a baby girl, Memory Riley, on December 23, 2001. Ree is a science teacher at Troup High School in LaGrange, GA. She was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority at JSU, was an SGA senator, and member of Tri Beta. She recently earned her masters of education degree in administration from Troy State. They reside in Hogansville, GA.

MARCUS ADAM WRIGHT '97 and his wife welcomed the birth of their baby girl, Kaylie Grace, on September 14, 2001. They reside in Tuscaloosa.

JOHN M. '98 and **JENNIFER LEIGH ROSIER '00** announce the birth of their daughter, Jordyn, in March, 2001. They reside in Jackson-

ville where John is a computer programmer at JSU and Jennifer is a 1st grade teacher with the Calhoun County Board of Education.

'00-01

TRACY THORNTON PHILLIPS '00 and her husband Doug and son Trey, 5, welcomed a new baby boy, Brody Mark, on August 24, 2001. They reside in Jacksonville where Tracy is employed with the Visitors Center at JSU.

PAIGE N. SHADDIX '00 and her husband Zack welcomed the birth of their baby boy, Micah Cade, on March 15, 2001. He has a proud big brother, Joshua Taylor, who is 3. Paige is currently a homemaker.

OBITUARIES

'10-19

MARY IRENE GURLEY '18, of Anniston, October 6, 2001. She was 106 years young! She was a homemaker. We were informed by her daughter of her death.

'30-39

MARY WALDROP HALE '31, of Glencoe, August 18, 2001. She was 93. For 27 years, she was the postmaster in Leesburg. Her daughter, **JUDITH HALE FORTENBERRY**, is a 1963 and 1970 JSU graduate.

FRANK W. SANDERS '32, of Valley, passed away in 1994. The information was recently provided to the callers by his son during the annual JSU Phonathon.

EMMIE BOOZER, of Jacksonville, died recently. She was 95. She was one of the first graduates of the Jacksonville State College and retired after 42 years of teaching in the Calhoun County and Anniston school systems.

HESTER LEDBETTER SMITH '37, of Arab, November 17, 2001. She worked in retail sales for Smith Distributing Co. She was 90 years old.

SARA SATTERFIELD DORMAN '36/40, of Lanett, February 14, 1999. We were recently

informed through the JSU Phonathon that she passed away in 1999. She was a retired teacher.

JOHN THOMAS BLACK '36, of Ft. Payne. We were recently notified by the postal service that he is deceased. No further information is available.

VONNIE LEE PARKER '37/50, of Ft. Payne. We were informed during the JSU Phonathon by her daughter of her death.

CLARICE MAE DRISKILL '37/44, of Arab. We were advised by a family member of her death recently. She was a member of our Fabulous Forties, an active, organized group of alumni who graduated between 1940 and 1949.

JOHN JORDAN HINDS, JR. '38, of Vincent, October 11, 2001. He was 83. Active in his community of Vincent, he was an area cattle farmer.

'40-49

LLOYDENE FRANKLIN ECHOLS '40, of Birmingham, August 12, 2001. We were recently notified by her daughter, Shirley Tompkins.

OPAL TUCKER OLIVER '42, of Huntsville. We were informed during the JSU Phonathon by a family member that she had passed away in 1999.

WILLIAM TATE ADAMS '46, of Huntsville and his wife **INEZ ROEBUCK ADAMS '46**, are both deceased. He was retired from the National Aeronautic and Space Administration (NASA). The information was obtained during the annual JSU Phonathon.

LOUISE CASSIDY MORRIS '48, of Gadsden, June 15, 2001. She was a teacher with the Etowah County Board of Education for 45 years.

HUGH DONALD CARTER '49, of Anniston, January 25, 2002. He retired as Federal Projects Coordinator for the Calhoun County Board of Education and served 22 years at DeArmanville School as principal, coach and teacher. Prior to DeArmanville, he taught at Saks. He was a WWII veteran.

JESSE BERNARD DRISKILL '49, of Gadsden, August 9, 2001. He was the retired administrator of the East Gadsden Clinic.

LEONORA "LEE" PHILLIPS WITMER, Mesa (AZ), August 24, 2001. She was 93. She taught for the

Calhoun County Board of Education for 25 years.

'50-59

JOSEPH F. SHERER '50, of Jasper, August 24, 2001. No further information was available.

LOUIS HOWLE, JR. '52, of Pensacola, FL, December, 1996. We were notified by Mr. Howle's son-in-law that he has been deceased since 1996.

WILBUR BRATTON SHAW, SR. '53, of Peachtree City, GA, September 6, 2001. He was 74. He retired from teaching with 30 years in the Florida school system and 15 years in the Fayette County, GA school system.

AGNES T. CAMPBELL '54, of Albertville, November 18, 2001. She spent 40 years in the teaching profession, having taught at DAR, Cottonville, Rockdale, Swearingen, and most of her career at Claysville. She retired in 1975. She was 95.

R. LEE MITCHELL '54, of Albertville. We were informed by his wife during the JSU Phonathon that he is deceased.

GEORGE DEWEY DRAIN '55, of Guntersville, January 21, 1998. During the JSU Phonathon, his wife, **BERYL RAINS DRAIN '52**, confirmed his death to us.

KATHRYN CLAY TRAYWICK '56, of Anniston, December 8, 2001. She was a retired teacher with the Anniston City Board of Education.

GEORGIA W. STREET '56, of Oneonta, October 8, 2001. She was 87. She was preceded in death by her husband, **HUBERT L. STREET '47**.

ANNE LEYDEN WATERS DEUPREE '57, of Talladega, September 26, 2001. She was 68. She was retired after 20 years of teaching at Wellborn High School. She also taught at Mechanicsville Elementary, Johnston Junior High, Anniston High, Lanett, and in Austell, GA. Her husband, **EDWIN DEUPREE '56**, is a retired teacher. The information was provided during the JSU Phonathon by their daughter.

MARY ELLA NEAL '58, of Anniston, September 19, 2001. She was 71. She was retired after 30 years of teaching at Heflin High School.

ROBERT L. PORCH '58, of Albertville, January 6, 2002. He was 72. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran

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and had taught at Scottsboro High School before retiring in 1989.

HAROLD T. WILES '58, of Anniston, September 11, 2001. He was 69. He was retired from Fort McClellan after 42 years of service and was a Korean War veteran.

JIMMY L. MORGAN '59, of Ft. Payne, July 24, 2001. He was a retired teacher in Dekalb County. His wife is **LYNDITH RODEN MORGAN '58**. We were notified by the postal service that he was deceased and confirmed it with his wife.

'60-69

HENRY JESSE MARTIN '61, of Gadsden, August 18, 2001. He was a retired accountant. We regretfully learned of his death when we spoke to his wife during the JSU Phonathon.

HENRY ARTHUR FISHER, JR. '64, of Pell City, September 22, 2001. He was 59. He taught for several years in Georgia upon graduating from JSU. He then moved to Pell City where he taught at Duran Junior High and then Pell City High. He also coached both girls' and boys' sports during his career and retired in 1996.

SYLVIA GOREY DAFFRON '65, of Anniston, January 12, 2002. She was 58. She was married to **ROBERT A. DAFFRON '63**. She worked for 32 years as the senior pastor's secretary at First United Methodist Church in Anniston.

SARA JO HOLDBROOKS BURT '65, of Rossville, GA, November 14, 2001. Sara was very active with the JSU 60s Group, an organized group of JSU graduates who hold several reunions each year. She was known to be "the organizer" of many of their activities and never failed to miss one! She most recently attended JSU's Homecoming activities on November 3, 2001, and enjoyed a group reunion the night before.

JAMES TONY TRAYLOR '65, of Rainbow City, May 11, 2001. He was a former member of the JSU Southerners and was employed with the Etowah County Board of Education. Through the JSU Phonathon, we were informed of his death.

CHARLES HERCHEL O'DELL '66, of Columbus, GA, July 29, 1999. His family advised us

during the Phonathon that he had died in 1999.

VICTOR MOREAU RANDOLPH, IV '67, of Slidell, LA, November 29, 2001, of cancer. He was 58. He served in the U.S. Navy.

MINNIE RYAN BULLARD '69, of Falkville, August 23, 2001. She was 91. She was retired from teaching, having taught at Old Battleground School and West Point School.

BRAXTON BRAGG MCKINNON '69, of Orlando, FL, January 21, 2002. Before his retirement in 1994, he was employed with Delta Airlines. He was 59.

'70-79

CHARLES OLLIE BELL '70, of Valley Head, May 19, 2001. A life member of the JSU Alumni Association, he was a retired principal with the Fort Payne City Board of Education and was President of the Dekalb County Commission. His wife is **ANGIE ALLEN BELL '76**.

LINDA ANDERSON HARRIS '70, of Huntsville, January, 2001, from complications due to Multiple Sclerosis. Her husband is **JIM HARRIS '70** and they have one son Keith. Linda was listed as Freshman Beauty in the 1967-68 Mimosa yearbook. The information was provided to us by Linda's college roommate, Susan Weaver Merrill.

DORIS ISBELLA WHATLEY '70, of Anniston, September 11, 2001. She was a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority.

CLAUDE D. HARRIS '71, of Oxford, October 2, 2001. He was an active member of his Masonic Lodge, Elks Lodge, and the VFW. Information was provided during the JSU Phonathon.

SHARON RODEN MOORE '72, of Gadsden, March 2001. She was an accountant at Gadsden Regional Medical Center. Information was provided to us through the JSU Phonathon.

LEONARD WILLIAM JONES '73/77, of Gadsden, March 8, 2001. Information was provided to us by his wife through the JSU Phonathon.

SUSAN DIANE KIZZIAH '73, of Birmingham, November 28, 2001. She was a teacher in the Birmingham and Talladega County School Systems. She

also worked as a police dispatcher for the Birmingham Police Department and the Shelby County Sheriff's Department. She helped implement the 911 Emergency System in Shelby County.

LINDA GASS SMITH '74, of Anniston, August, 2001. The information was provided by her brother during the JSU Phonathon.

CHARLES ROBERT TATE '74, of Boaz, April 25, 1999. The information was provided to us through the JSU Phonathon.

BERTHA LEE WILLIAMS '74/90, of Gadsden, January 1, 2001. She was a teacher with the Gadsden City Board of Education. This information was provided to us through the JSU Phonathon.

MARTHA JOAN PACE '75/79, of Piedmont, October, 2001. She was a teacher at Pleasant Valley High School.

WILLIAM GEORGE KEYES '76, of Jacksonville, December 8, 2001. He was retired from the US Army.

CURTIS WAYNE 'CHIC' NIX '76, of Oxford, September 29, 2001. He was employed with Federal Mogul Corp. in Jacksonville and was a Vietnam War veteran.

BEVERLY ANN SMITH '76, of Helena, December 6, 2001. She was a registered nurse at BMC Montclair and was retired from Blue Cross and Blue Shield Insurance Company.

ANGELA E. GRIGSBY '77, of Southside, August, 2001. The information was provided by her husband during the JSU Phonathon.

MILTON LAMAR JOHNSON '77, of Bloomington, IN, November 27, 2001. Formerly of Talladega, he was a real estate appraiser and Vietnam War veteran.

NORMAN JERRY MORTON '77, of Fort Payne, October 17, 2001. He was 51. He was a Navy veteran and had worked for Galbraith.

CALVIN LEE UMPHREY '77, of Birmingham, September 24, 2001. He was the Science Department Head at Ensley High School. In 1994 he opened "Umphey's LTD", a decorative accessories and gift shop in Mountain Brook Village and operated it for 3 years. He was a former member of the JSU Southerners.

ALFRED LEE "AL" CHILTON '78, of Pelham, August 30, 2001. He was 56. He was a Vietnam War Air Force veteran and was a residential marketing representative with Alabama Gas Corp. for 23 years.

JACK FRAZIER '78, of Smyrna, GA, January, 2001. His wife, **ANN RITA FRAZIER '79**, advised us of his death.

JACKIE L. ISBELL '79, October 7, 2001. He was 72. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps, retiring as a master sergeant and aerial navigator. He was employed with the U.S. Postal Service from 1970 through 1997 when he retired.

WILLIAM LEE TALKINGTON '79, of Memphis TN, September 17, 2001. His stepson advised us during the JSU Phonathon that he is deceased.

IN MEMORIAM

DR. ROLAND A. THORNBURG, of Jacksonville, died recently in Birmingham. Prior to coming to Jacksonville State University, Dr. Thornburg was a WWII veteran and had worked at Union Carbide. He retired from JSU after 30 years as director of student teaching, dean of the graduate school, and dean of the department of education.

DR. RAYFORD BOLES TAYLOR, 64, died recently at his home. Dr. Taylor had lived in Piedmont most of his life. He had been a professor at Jacksonville State University for 39 years and was a well-known historian. He attended the University of Georgia, the University of Birmingham and the University of Virginia. He was preceded in death by his parents, Andrew and Ruth Taylor.



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'80-89

BETTY ARCHER HOWELL '80, of Jonesboro, GA, April 4, 2001. Information was provided to us during the JSU Phonathon of her death.

DONALD CROWE

LONNERGAN '81, of Gadsden, September 18, 2001. We were informed by his wife during the JSU Phonathon of his death. He played baseball for the JSU Gamecocks.

SUSANNE GRIFFIN TIPPS

'83, of Resaca, GA, February, 1998. We were recently informed during the Phonathon of her death back in 1998.

BOBBY J. KELLEY '84, of

Jacksonville, 1995. He was a life member of the JSU Alumni Association.

JoANN PATZSCHKE

MAHAN '84, of Anniston, October 7, 2001. She was 40.

BILLY RAY GUFFEY '89/91,

of Dutton, March 19, 2001. Information concerning his death was obtained during the Phonathon from a family member.

DEBORAH LYNN SAMPLES

JOHNSTON '89, of Gadsden, December 1, 2001, of breast cancer. She was 41. She owned Micro Excell Computers in Gadsden.

'90-99

TOMMY TERESA STUBBS

'92/93, of Birmingham, September 15, 2001. She was 32. She was employed with Alabama Power Corporation and a member of Delta Sigma Theta sorority.

RUSTY DALE PERRY '93, of

Jacksonville, August 14, 2001. He was employed by the City of Anniston.

DATES OF GRADUATION UNKNOWN OR DID NOT GRADUATE:

DORIS ALDRIDGE YANCEY,

of Gadsden, August 22, 2001. She had a career as a court reporter and medical transcriber. She was 51.

FRANCES REED

BIRMINGHAM, of Alexandria, September 5, 2001. She taught 6 years at Alexandria High School and then 35 years in Fort Lauderdale, FL. She was 82.

CAROL OVERTON BRYANT,

of Birmingham, passed away about 5 years ago in an auto accident. We were only recently informed by her husband

of her death. She was a former JSU Southerner.

JEAN DISHMAN BUTLER, of Ft. Walton Beach, FL, November 13, 2001. She taught over 30 years.

DWIGHT "GABBY" HAYES, of Anniston, September 12, 2001. He was a retired truck driver for Anniston Foundry and B.R. Williams Trucking. He was 76.

MICHAEL A. HARVELLA, of Warrior. The postal service recently informed us he is deceased. He was a former JSU Southerner. No further information is known.

CURTIS A. HICKS, of Athens, January 10, 2002. He was 92. His deceased wife, **GWENDOLYN**

GROSS HICKS '36 was a JSU graduate. He was a volunteer curator for the Houston Street Memorial Library Museum.

J. HOLLIE

HOLLINGSWORTH, of Glen Allen, September 18, 2001. He was 94. He was a member of the baseball team when JSU was Jacksonville State Teachers College. He taught school for more than 40 years, mostly at Hubbertville High in Fayette County.

UNA MAE JONES, of Ashland, September 16, 2001. She was 95. She taught school for more than 40 years in Alabama, Georgia and Florida.

GARRY LLOYD, of Anniston, October 19, 2001. He was 47. Garry

had been an employee at Ft. McClellan for 27 years as a computer analyst.

JOHN WADE NICHOLS, of Albertville, September 8, 2001. He was 70. He served in the U.S. Air Force and retired in 1984 as Chief of the Electronics Branch at Ft. McClellan in Anniston.

DOROTHY MAYE HUBBERT NOFTZ, of Montgomery, December 17, 2001. She was 82 and was a Civil Service employee for several years prior to her move to Montgomery.

CAROL TANNER WATSON, of Anniston, August 29, 2001. She was 67. She was retired from the Anniston City Board of Education.

Make New Friends and Keep the Old with JSU's On-line Community

I received an email informing me that JSU's On-line Alumni Community was up and running. I first checked to make sure that they hadn't forgotten me and had my personal information correct. I also took advantage of the free email address that forwards my email to my home or work email address.

After changing my personal information, the fun began. First I started looking up old fraternity brothers and checking for email addresses. I found one and fired off an email to a pledge brother who I had not seen in over 15 years.

Bam! Within 15 minutes he had responded. Now this was going to be exciting. What interesting facts was he going to let me in on? Maybe a fraternity experience we could reminisce about or thank God we didn't get caught. It started off great. He remembered my middle name that a lot of my fraternity brothers called me by. But then he goes into his golf game - yeah his handicap. Over 15 years, and he goes into his golf game? Anyway, it was like we were back on the front porch of the Kappa Sigma house.

I also decided to check out how many alumni worked for NASA. I found listings for 36 JSU Alumni who had retired from or still work with NASA.

But hold on here's another one right here with me at NASA's Langley Research Center in Hampton, Virginia. So I decided to give him a call one day at work. It went something like this.

Bill: *Anderson*

Me: *Hello Bill, this is Brent Heard. You don't know me, but I work over in 1162.*

Bill: *Yes?*

Me: *Anyway, I was going through my university's on-line alumni community and found that you also went to Jacksonville State in Alabama.*

Bill: *Well, yes I did. That was a long time ago. (At this point I think Bill is still thinking I want money or a pledge)*

The conversation went on and I found out that Bill went to Walter Wellborn High School before earning a B.S. in Chemistry at JSU, and then went on to earn his Ph.D. at Montana State. Throughout the conversation I brought up things that I learned from the JSU online Alumni directory like the city he lives in, the names of his children, his wife, his other university, etc. He naturally wanted to know where I found out all of this information about him. I told him about the new on-line community of JSU Alumni. I gave him the web address and told him I would come by and see him. My advice is to try out the new on-line directory today to look up old friends, classmates, or lost loves.

-Brent Heard ('84, '87) works for NASA's Langley Research Center in Hampton, Virginia. He and his family live in Williamsburg, Virginia.

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