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**U.S. Congressman
Mike Rogers**

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



ANITA GIBSON '88

Rainsville, Alabama

DEGREE:

Bachelor's in Secondary Education (Elementary)

MOST RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

First-ever elementary school teacher to receive the national Horace Mann-NEA Foundation Award for Teaching Excellence, which was presented this past December in Washington, D.C. She was also a top 5 finalist for the National Foundation for Improvement in Education Award presented by NEA. The Girl Scouts of Alabama presented her the Northeast Alabama Women of Distinction Educator Award in March of this year.

EMPLOYMENT:

Mrs. Gibson has served as a teacher with the DeKalb County school system since 1988. She is a former fifth grade teacher of American history and geography at Plainview School in Rainsville who now works with ESL (English as a second language) students at Crossville and Collinsville High Schools through a Federal Grant program under the Workforce Investment Act.

WHAT SHE ENJOYS MOST ABOUT TEACHING:

I enjoy being with children. I learn so much from them. I know you've heard the phrase "watching the light bulb come on," but I do enjoy seeing that "aha!" moment when students really get what I'm teaching.

HER BIGGEST CHALLENGE AS A TEACHER:

I think the greatest challenge of any teacher is meeting the individual needs of every student. Children are so diverse and have so many needs, even some that are above educational needs. I believe a teacher must teach the whole child.

HOW JSU HELPED HER ACHIEVE HER CAREER GOALS:

JSU provided quality training and quality classes that were convenient. Being a working mom and trying to go to school at the same time, I found it important to have classes that I could work around my schedule. I could take classes at Gadsden, and that made it easier than having to drive to Jacksonville all the time. I felt like the classes I took offered me high quality. The instructors were caring, and they prepared me for my job as a teacher.

A Message from the President



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Volume 10, Number 1

Dear Alumni and Friends,

A few words about the special stories in
store for you in this issue.

We take pride in noting that Mike Rogers
became the first-ever JSU alumnus to be
elected to a Congressional seat in
Alabama. The Third District
Congressman talks about his views on
Iraq, the United Nations, and issues
facing constituents in Northeast
Alabama.

We're also delighted to profile two
outstanding faculty members who
recently traveled abroad to conduct
significant scholarly work. Dr. Russel
Lemmons, professor of history, and Dr.
Safaa al-Hamdani, professor of
biology, went to Germany and Jordan,
respectively, and returned to JSU with
experience that benefits their students.

Lloyd Dobyns, JSU's Ayers Chair in
communication and noted former
network broadcaster, is leaving the
University to devote more time to
writing. The acclaimed journalist

recently added one more award to his
resume: his induction into the prestigious
Virginia Communications Hall of Fame.
Dobyns has made lasting contributions at
JSU, and he will be missed.

And you will find here the story of Dr.
Bill Carr, dean of Graduate Studies
and Continuing Education, the latest
recipient of the highest honor that
can be presented to a university dean —
the 2003 Award for Outstanding
Contributions to Graduate Education in
the Southern Region, which was
presented on February 23 by the
Conference of Southern Graduate
Schools at its thirty-second annual
meeting in Tampa, Florida.

Once again the alumni magazine brings
you all the latest "good news" from
your alma mater!

Sincerely,

William Meehan, President

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A fifth generation
resident of Calhoun
County, Mike
graduated from Saks
High School. Both
his undergraduate
degree in Political
Science and his Mas-
ter of Public Admin-
istration Degree were
completed at JSU.



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Winners Alumni Award



Pictured left to right:

Mr. Jerry Cole,
Alumnus of the Year,
Mr. Jeh Jeh Pruitt,
Young Alumnus of the Year,
Dr. Kelly Gregg,
Outstanding Faculty Member,
Mr. Dennis Pantazis,
National Alumni Association
President,
Col. David A. McPherson,
Military Alumnus of the Year,
and
Ms. Patricia Anne Hobbs,
Alumna of the Year

The 2002 Alumni of the Year were recognized at last year's Homecoming festivities on November 9th. The winners were chosen because of their outstanding work in their fields and their love for JSU.

Alumnus of the Year

Mr. Jerry Cole

Mr. Cole graduated in 1957 with a B.S. in business. He was JSU's first full-time athletic director, serving from 1973 until his retirement in 1997. Cole is married to the former Ellen Goins, JSU classes of '91/'93 and the couple resides in Weaver.

Alumna of the Year

Ms. Patricia Hobbs

Ms. Hobbs graduated in 1976 with a B.S. in Education and 1978 with a M.S. in Education. She is the director of internal communications for the U.S. Department of Education. Hobbs resides in Alexandria, VA.

Young Alumnus of the Year

Mr. Jeh Jeh Pruitt

Mr. Pruitt graduated in 1995 with a B.A. in Communications. He is a FOX6 newsmen and very involved with the Kidney Foundation. Pruitt is married and has one daughter. Jeh Jeh and his family reside in Birmingham.

Military Alumnus of the Year

Col. David A. McPherson

Col. McPherson graduated with a B.A. in psychology in 1974. He is the director of information management, STARC headquarters, Alabama Army National Guard, and manager of the Ft. McClellan Army National Guard Training Center. He is married to the former Angie Ledbetter, a '82/'85 graduate.

Outstanding Faculty Member

Dr. Kelly D. Gregg

Dr. Gregg graduated with a B.S. in geography, an M.S. in soils and an M.A. in geography from Kansas State, as well as a Ph.D. in geography from the University of Kansas. He is an associate

professor of geography here at JSU. He is married to the former Karen Brunnenkant who is also employed at JSU.

Don't miss your chance to nominate a fellow classmate for the 2003 Alumni of the Year awards. Visit the JSU website at www.jsu.edu/ alumni for nomination forms or contact us at 800.231.5291, ext. 5404.

Nomination deadlines for this year's awards which will be presented at homecoming on Saturday, October 25th, are due by **JULY 3rd!!!!!!**

Going to Bat for Future Gamecocks



(Left to right): Stephanie (Vickers) Walker '96, Cassie (Duncan) Shields, Rachel (Stone) Smith '96/'00, Bridget Diggs (Sand Rock Player), and Kendra Anderson (Sand Rock Player).

Our goal each year is to give five \$500 scholarships to local seniors planning on attending JSU. Periodically, we have fund-raisers in order to fund these scholarships. Our fund-raisers have ranged from a 3 on 3-basketball tournament to a night time golf tournament. Just recently, we held a softball clinic for our local softball league.

I called upon Rachel (Stone) Smith for help. Rachel organized both clinics. Rachel called upon 2 other former JSU softball players, Stephanie (Vickers) Walker and Cassie (Duncan) Shields to help with the player's clinic. Rachel also recruited some players from Sand Rock's softball team to help with the players' clinic.

On March 7, 2003, Rachel held the coaches' clinic at The Johnston Family Life Center at Fairview United Methodist Church in Centre. On March 8, 2003, Rachel held 2 sessions for the players. The first session was for 8 & under and 10 & under teams; the second was for 12 & under and 14 & under teams. Stephanie Walker was in charge of batting, and Rachel was in charge of pitching. Coaches from the league, along with the Sand Rock players, helped Cassie, Stephanie, and Rachel at each station.

There were 173 girls to show for the free clinic. The league had told us that they would pay us \$15 for each girl from the league that attended.

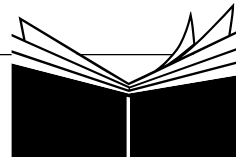
That fund-raiser resulted in \$2,595.00 for the Cherokee County Alumni Chapter's scholarship fund.

—Cathy Wallace Davis,
Cherokee County Alumni Chapter President

COMING SOON!

Hal Hayes book "Why Stars Fell on Alabama", the legacy of The Southerners and The Marching Ballerinas as well as the history of cheerleading is due out in September according to Higginbotham Press of Anniston. Please watch the alumni web site for information, www.jsu.edu/alumni.

Newsnotes



Get Involved!



Volunteers from across the country will arrive in Calhoun County this summer to assist in the Habitat for Humanity and Jimmy Carter Work Project.

On the list of arriving volunteers are former President Jimmy Carter and his wife Rosalynn. They will be boarding in one of Jacksonville State University's dormitories. The opening and closing ceremonies for these events will be held at JSU's Paul Snow Stadium. The project will take place from June 8-13, 2003 and organizers aim to build 50 houses by the end of that week.

To make a donation or to get involved, contact Chairman Sam Sampson at the Jacksonville Police Department, 256-435-6448, or Bill Cain at the Jacksonville Fire Department, 256-435-2310.

Memorial Scholarship Established

Mrs. Faye Pritchett of Jacksonville and the family of the late James Buster Pritchett recently established a memorial scholarship for nursing majors at Jacksonville State University.

The Tony Areno Perseverance Scholarship will be awarded for the 2003-2004 academic year, with a preference given to nursing students interested in working with traumatic brain injury patients.

Dr. Sarah Latham of the JSU College of Nursing and Health Sciences said, "This is a wonderful gift because nursing is such an intense, time-consuming major that, usually, students find that all their time must be focused on their school work. Often, a job is not compatible with being a nursing major. As a result, many students face a financial challenge."

As a young man, Areno suffered a traumatic brain injury in an automobile accident. Three years ago he

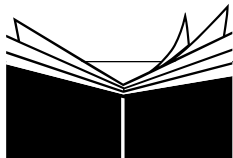
befriended Mrs. Pritchett's son, John, after John received a brain injury.

According to Mrs. Pritchett, Areno, who died in May, 2002, "reached out and offered encouragement and helpful information to John on how to handle problems that all families face when caring for a brain injured person."

Mrs. Pritchett said John "was inspired by his friendship with Areno." She said, "We hope this will become an annual scholarship, which will be continued by the Royal Order of Eagles, a civic and charitable organization, as a yearly project."

Areno and his family helped establish The Practical Side, a meeting facility on Nisbet Lake Road in Jacksonville for head injury survivors.

Donations and support for the scholarship can be mailed to the JSU Foundation, 700 Pelham Rd. N., Jacksonville, AL 36265. Call 256-782-5306 for further information.



Angelia L. Mance

Mance Publishes Book

"War is God's way of teaching Americans geography," goes the famous line from the late newspaper columnist, satirist Ambrose Bierce. And it's the bane of geographers who try to publish books with the most accurate, up-to-date information.

Such was the travail of Jacksonville State University's Angelia L. Mance, whose new book, *Iraq*, went through almost continual rewrites right up to press time due to changing political winds.

"It was supposed to take about six to eight months to write, but the last chapter is called '*Iraq Looks Ahead*.' I was finishing it in fall of 2001, then September 11th happened, then I resubmitted it, and literally up until the time it went to press I was rewriting it. It went to press in spring, 2002, and I was rewriting it weekly. Now the publisher has talked about an update, depending on what happens," she said.

Mance, associate director of the National Council for Geographic Education based at JSU, wrote the volume as part of the Chelsea House Modern World Nations series. The book targets a reading level

suitable for ages 9 through 12, but the fact-filled content provides an excellent primer for adults who wish to keep quick, easily-accessible facts at hand while watching network news. *Iraq* (ISBN: 0791069281, 99 pages, Library Binding) is going fast: Amazon.com stated recently that they've had to re-order.

A cultural geographer, Mance discussed some of the more politically relevant aspects of her book. She said a significant question today concerns the country's quality of life.

What attracted Mance to her topic? The simple answer is that she used to teach courses on Iraq.

"I taught world regional geography — it was one of the first courses that I taught. I was graduating with my undergraduate degree about the time the first conflict was going on in Iraq. I noticed that few people knew anything about that part of the world," she said.

Emergency Management Education at JSU

Jacksonville State University's Dr. Barry Cox, director of the Institute for Emergency Preparedness (IEP), presented a program for the JSU Board of Trustees about the University's strong leadership role in emergency management education for the nation.

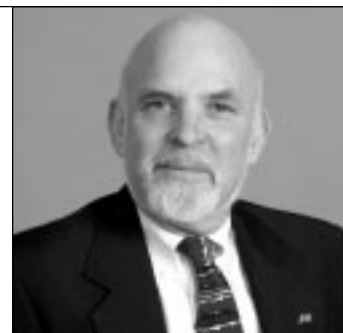
"In three years Jacksonville State University's emergency management programs have surpassed the enrollment of other institutions, some of which have been offering programs for more than 20 years," he said. "JSU is cur-

rently the only university offering both graduate and undergraduate degrees in emergency management."

In partnership with Gadsden State Community College, IEP also offers certificates and an associate degree in public safety telecommunications. These programs are available to students throughout the world via the Internet.

The Institute's Master of Public Administration with a concentration in emergency management and its Bachelor of Science with a major in emergency management and a minor in public safety telecommunications are JSU's first academic degrees that are available completely online. IEP currently has approximately 400 students in 43 states and five foreign countries.

According to Cox, "The popularity of these programs is due in part to their availability on a 24/7 basis from students' homes or offices,



Dr. Barry Cox

allowing individuals to complete their degree without leaving their jobs or families."

The program achieved a milestone in the spring of 2002 when Sarah Miller, a 911 operator from Monroe, Washington completed her graduate program in emergency management. Sarah became JSU's first student ever to complete her degree online. The MPA concentration is growing rapidly with over 150 majors and 45 new students enrolled this semester. A number of students also pursue the 15-hour graduate certificate in emergency management."

If you would like to know more about IEP, contact Dr. Cox at 256-782-5925.

Nursing Scholarship Established



Robert Mills (left) presents JSU student, Tammy Pritchett, with the \$1,000 Nursing scholarship.

A pat on the back for our nursing alumni who, under the direction of chapter president, Robert Mills, created the Nursing Alumni Chapter Scholarship. The \$1,000 scholarship will go to a deserving student each year. Mr. Mills would like to thank all the alumni who helped with this project. If you would like more information on the nursing alumni chapter or this scholarship program, please contact the Alumni Office at alumni@jsucc.jsu.edu.



Jacksonville State University will be helping local elementary school physical education teachers put together a program to promote a healthier lifestyle and lifetime fitness beginning this fall.

JSU's Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation (HPER) is sponsoring Run for Your Life, a walking-running program for children in grades pre-through six.

Students will run or walk

during PE one to two times a week in the fall and spring for 15 minutes. The minimum requirement is one mile. Students will be rewarded by seeing their laps converted into miles. When they achieve a designated total they will be placed in a "club." They may buy a tee-shirt that displays their mile "club."

For more information, contact the HPER Department at 782-8279 or 782-8216.

Funding Approved for Field School

\$1.8 million dollars has been approved to fund the construction of Jacksonville State University's Little River Canyon Field School. The project will be located on the Dekalb and Cherokee County line, adjacent to the Little River National Preserve.

"This is a great and long-awaited day for JSU. Now we can do even more in providing quality environmental education while boosting tourism for the region," said JSU President William A. Meehan. "Congressman Aderholt and the other members of Alabama's Congressional delegation deserve our thanks."

"In the Fourth Congressional District, we're blessed to have some of the most beautiful scenery and the Little River Canyon is a perfect example of that," said Congressman Robert Aderholt. "It's important to support efforts like this



Pete Conroy

to bring education about nature and the outdoors to the public at large."

Operating without a facility near the canyon, the Little River Canyon Field School has been in operation for twelve years. This funding support will allow Jacksonville State University to establish a base of operation near the canyon and provide important information to both residents and visitors who want to learn more about the Little River Canyon National Preserve, a unit of the National Park Service. According to Aderholt, "Due to the national scope of the Little River Canyon National Preserve, hundreds of thousands of visitors are expected to use this facility."

"We're off to a terrific start," said Pete Conroy, Director of the JSU Field Schools. "Senators Shelby and Sessions, along with Congressman Aderholt, working together with JSU trustees like Randy Owen, groups like the National Park Service and Alabama State Parks, businesses like the Alabama Power Company and so many others have made this funding happen."



As you may have noticed, your spring *Gem of the Hills* edition is later this year. We have moved the delivery schedule to a later date to allow for a Homecoming edition, including our upcoming award winners, to be in your homes by the first of October.

This means that Alumni of the Year nominations must be received in our office by July 3rd. You can expect your Homecoming edition at the first of October, your winter edition in mid January and your spring/summer edition in June.

Visit our web site at www.jsu.edu/alumni for 2003 Alumni of the Year nomination forms!



Tony Lindsey (left) accepts Employee of the Year plaque from JSU President Bill Meehan.

Tony Lindsey Honored for Outstanding Service

by Al Harris

He walks seven to 13 miles a day, averages 40 miles a week, and gathers 30 to 40 bags of litter a week.

He's Tony Lindsey, the man responsible for making JSU one of the prettiest campuses in the South. Mr. Lindsey was honored as JSU's 2002 Employee of the Year.

"I love my job," says Lindsey, 32, a native of Wellington. "It's like going into an arena and playing professional sports. I just want to get in there and do a good job. When I get up in the morning, I have one thing on my mind: knock it out, get it finished."

As he makes his rounds, Lindsey is a one-man public relations force. He gives directions, answers questions and talks to students. "Students even ask if I can give them ink pens that I pick up as litter. I have a whole bucket full of pens and highlighters at home and I'm constantly giving them away to students," he said.

Lindsey is often surprised at what turns up among all those pieces of litter. Wallets, CD players, CDs, driver's licenses, even cell phones. He walks down to the campus police station and turns them in.

"It's amazing what you'll find when you pick up litter," he said. "My heaviest days are Mondays. On a good Monday I'll gather 11 bags of trash, on average, and after a game or Homecoming weekend a lot more."

Lindsey has been with JSU for four years. He joined the cleaning crew after working at a machine shop in Decatur and working on a farm.

"It's because of the farm work, which is what really makes a man out of you, that I like my JSU job so much. I like being outside. I also like the people I work with. They help a lot. They're great folks."

Lindsey was honored with a \$500 cash award and plaque.

Help us GROW!

One of our duties as alumni of JSU is to spread the word about this incredible institution to prospective students. We need your help in reaching 10,000 students. Talk to the students in your area, at your local high schools and help them get to know JSU.



If you know of someone needing an information packet about JSU, please visit our web site at www.jsu.edu/alumni and fill out form under "Get Involved".

The Department of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation Recognize Outstanding Alumni



(Left to right): Ms. Terri Sisk '97, Health, Physical Education, and Recreation's 2003 Alumna of the Year; Mr. Rush Propst '80/'85, Health, Physical Education, and Recreation's 2003 Alumnus of the Year; Dr. Bill Meehan, JSU President.



Kaci S. Beatty

Kaci S. Beatty Accepts JSU Alumni Director Position

by Al Harris

revitalizing alumni chapters throughout the nation.

Other facets of her position include event planning, program development and fiscal responsibilities.

"One of the big things I want to do is work with our chapters and get those going again," she said. "We want to get some alumni activities scheduled and get people involved."

"I also hope to have representatives from JSU go out and meet chapter members as well as bring chapter members back to campus. I'm hoping to meet with chapter presidents twice a year for planning and ideas."

President Bill Meehan said, "Kaci's ability to improve alumni service will be an

asset to JSU. We're confident that our alumni will see progress under Kaci's leadership."

Joe Serviss, vice president for institutional advancement, the division that has oversight of Alumni Affairs, noted that Ms. Beatty worked for five years as JSU's alumni field representative, a position that gave her experience with groups and chapters throughout Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee.

In her letter of application, Ms. Beatty wrote, "My love for JSU is a lifetime connection, not just merely a working relationship. I am a life member of the alumni association. I am involved with several student organizations on campus. I want to be involved in the community."

Kaci and her daughter, Abbie, 3, have recently moved to Jacksonville.

A 1995 graduate of Jacksonville State University with a degree in communication, Ms. Beatty is currently working on the Master of Public Administration degree at JSU and expects to graduate in spring 2004.

She is a member of the Gamecock Club, an advisor for Alpha Xi Delta Sorority, is a United Way volunteer and serves on the University's Enrollment Management Committee.

Before joining Jacksonville State, Ms. Beatty worked for the technical division of CNN and was involved in control room activities during live broadcasts.

"I want to hear from our alumni," she said."

Ms. Beatty's email address is kbeatty@jsucc.jsu.edu, and she can be reached at 256-782-5405.



Thank You Alabama Power

The Jacksonville office of Alabama Power has made a donation of \$400 to Jacksonville State University's Up 'Til Dawn organization, a student organization that fundraises for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital each year.

Up 'Til Dawn would like to thank Alabama Power for this wonderful gift to St. Jude's and the lives of the children the donation will help to save.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is located in Memphis, TN. The hospital treats children with catastrophic diseases regardless of their ability to afford treatment and is also a research facility to advance treatment protocols for these diseases. For more information about St. Jude, visit www.stjude.org.

Payphones...A Thing of the Past

The rise in popularity of cell phones and other wireless technologies has led to the decline of payphones, including those at JSU.

All the payphones on campus were removed in January. There are now three emergency phones around campus that ring directly to the JSU police department.

The payphone industry has been in decline for years, and this icon of public communications is starting to disappear across the country. Payphone providers say the nationwide decline has been so large that many are no longer able to economically support all of the payphones that are currently in service. BellSouth, one of the nation's largest payphone providers, announced this year its intention to leave the payphone industry entirely.





Joe Serviss Named JSU Vice President for Institutional Advancement

by Al Harris

Joe Serviss, a Jacksonville State University graduate with more than 30 years of leadership and management experience, was named by JSU President Bill Meehan as vice president for institutional advancement effective October 14, 2002.

Serviss, JSU's director of development and executive director of the JSU Foundation for the past 13 years, assumes the position vacated by Jack Hopper of Gadsden, who retired. Serviss, a Jacksonville resident, will preside over JSU's fund raising, public relations, alumni and related support functions. President Bill Meehan said, "I'm pleased to announce that our extensive nationwide search confirms that Mr. Serviss is well suited to lead our institution in this demanding position, which will draw upon his considerable experience in fund raising and management. I'm gratified that we're tapping not only an excellent employee but an alumnus who holds two degrees from JSU."

In addition to the office of development, the Division of Institutional Advancement includes the offices of alumni affairs, the news bureau and publications unit, photography, print shop, and word processing.

Serviss, a Sylacauga native, holds a B. S. in general business and an MBA, both from JSU. He is a 1964 graduate of Sylacauga High School.

Serviss was no stranger to higher education even before assuming his development post here in 1989. Eight of his 20 years in the military were served in institutions of higher learning. He worked three years at JSU as an assistant professor of military science and five years at the Armed Forces Staff College, National Defense University, where he ended his military career as chief of the evaluations division.

Serviss has served for the past two years as president of the Alabama Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals. He also serves on the executive board of the 22-county Greater Alabama Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

During Serviss' tenure as director of development, he revitalized the annual fund campaign. The annual "phonathon" increased pledges significantly. Under his leadership, the university's planned giving program and capital campaign made dramatic strides.

Scholarships Awarded

THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF ENGINEERS
(ASSE) UPS DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP

Two Jacksonville State University seniors, Carlos Garcia and Jennifer Williams, were awarded scholarships from The American Society of Safety Engineers.

Carlos Garcia of Anniston is the first recipient of The American Society of Engineers (ASSE) UPS Diversity Scholarship. Carlos received the \$3,825 scholarship at the annual Conference in Nashville, TN.

The ASSE UPS Diversity Scholarship is designed to help minority students in the Occupational Safety and Health field. Carlos is currently a senior in the Occupational Safety and Health Technology Program at JSU and has been on the Dean's list for over two years.

Jennifer Williams of Oxford also has been awarded The American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) UPS Scholarship. Jennifer, also a senior in JSU's Occupational Safety and Health Technology Program, was one of four students awarded this national UPS Scholarship.



We need your HELP!

We are looking for all former
women's basketball players,
coaches and support staff for a
reunion next season. Please contact
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or by phone at 256.782.5404.




CAMPUS NEWS



College of Graduate Studies at JSU



Dr. William D. Carr



Dr. Jean Pugliese

Dr. William D. Carr Honored for Superb Contributions

Dr. William D. Carr, dean of the College of Graduate Studies and Continuing Education at Jacksonville State University, received the 2003 award for outstanding contributions to graduate education in the southern region.

This award was presented on February 23 to Dr. Carr by the Conference of Southern Graduate Schools at its thirty-second annual meeting in Tampa, Florida.

The membership of this association includes more than 200 universities offering graduate degrees in fourteen southern states and Washington, D.C. The Conference es-

tablished this award in 1980 to acknowledge, thank, and honor a person whose contributions have significantly benefited graduate education in the southern region of the United States.

Dr. Carr has served on the Executive Board of the Conference of Southern Graduate Schools for ten years and also served as secretary-treasurer of this association for nine years. He is past president of the Alabama Council of Graduate Deans and has served on its executive committee for five years. He is currently president of the Alabama Staff Development Council and vice-chair of the Alabama Council of Regional Inservice directors.

Dr. Carr has served as dean of JSU's College of Graduate Studies and Continuing Education since 1982. He served twice as acting vice president for academic affairs at JSU, in 1988 and in 2001.

Dr. Jean Pugliese Joins JSU

Dr. Jean Pugliese recently joined JSU as its new associate dean for Graduate Studies and Continuing Education.

Dr. Pugliese earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish from the University of Massachusetts and secondary school teacher certification in Massachusetts.

She completed a semester of foreign language study at the University of Salamanca in Spain. In 1998, Dr. Pugliese earned her doctorate in the Administration of Special Education Programs from Syracuse University. While at Syracuse, she served as the special education representative to the School of Education Assembly, and participated on the Graduate Student Advisory Committee.

Dr. Pugliese has considerable administrative and leadership

experience, and has developed collaborative work relationships with multiple agencies.

She has served as a senior level manager for human service agencies, and directed several grant-funded research and demonstration projects. Pugliese has successfully received continued funding for agencies at the local, state, and federal levels of government, including the United Way, Alabama's Children's Trust Fund, the Alabama Council for Developmental Disabilities, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center on Birth Defects and Disability, and the Appalachian Regional Commission.

She has served on several statewide committees and task forces to improve the quality of services to individuals with disabilities and their families.

Dr. Pugliese resides in Gadsden with her husband and two children.

Dr. Robert Felgar Donates Book

In recognition of Black History Month, Dr. Robert Felgar, on behalf of the English Department, donated a first edition of Richard Wright's famous autobiography, *Black Boy* (1945), to the Houston Cole Library. The book is one of the most compelling and powerful autobiographies in American literature.

The book is also considered to be one of Wright's finest works. Richard Wright received international praise for his powerful representation of the black experience. *Black Boy* continues to challenge readers almost 60 years after it was first published.

Black Boy is sometimes considered to be an autobiographical novel because of its different novelistic techniques. The autobiography describes Wright's harsh childhood growing up in rural Mississippi and Memphis Tennessee. It is a portrait of the hardships of racism and poverty. When the book was first published many white critics viewed *Black Boy* as an attack on the racisms of southern society. Since the 1960's, the novel has come to be understood as the story of Wright's coming of age in which race was only one of the contributing factors to his life lessons.

University Librarian, William Hubbard, expressed gratitude to the English Department and Dr. Felgar, its department head, for this generous donation. Felgar's first edition will reside in the Old and Rare Books section of the library's Alabama Gallery.

Cell Phones Saving Lives...



One Heart at a Time.

Above: Proud of their hard work in collecting cell phones for Project Valentine, the Freshman Forum rally around Kel and Joanne Kelley, founders of the Triple Heart Organization.



by Kim Sheffield

A Jacksonville State University alumnus and heart transplant recipient has come up with an innovative way for transplant candidates to get faster help and information when donated organs become available. And the program got its startup on the JSU campus.

Kel (Class of 1970) and Joanne Kelley, founders of the TripleHeart organization, have been working to collect and distribute old but usable cell phones and battery chargers to the patients in partnership with the Douglas County, GA, Kiwanis Club, GhostNet, Inc. of Jasper, GA, The Freshman Forum of Jacksonville State University, and Cingular Wireless.

The TripleHeart organization provides the phones to people waiting for some form of organ transplant. Most of the individuals who are waiting for a transplant are too sick to work and cannot afford a cell phone, so the Kelleys help those people in need. The idea is to give people access to 911 at all times to make the patients' ordeal a little easier.

Kel Kelley is a heart transplant recipient. He had to take the difficult journey, with his wife at his side, of waiting two years before

receiving a donated heart. He and his wife decided to assess the gaps they saw between the patients and their communication with the hospitals. The Kelley's wanted to relieve other people's anxiety over the long wait for an organ.

They started a website —www.TripleHeart.org — to help provide a place on the Internet for all of the transplant recipients and caregivers to communicate with each other.

Beepers are traditionally provided for patients waiting to receive an organ transplant. However, most or all of these services are not free. Many doctors feel a cell phone may also be necessary, in case patients are out of range of the pagers or in dire need. Many times the patients are so sick they need immediate access to 911 in case of emergency.

Donated cell phones with 911 access give patients an extra avenue of communication when their organ becomes available and they are unable to get to the hospital. They can call 911 and an ambulance will be called.

Joanne Kelley, wife and caregiver of Kel Kelley, understands. "These people are really sick. They can be okay one minute and

severely ill the next. The cell phones give them that emergency contact in case they need it — no matter where they are.”

There are over 80,000 people looking for organs. The Kelleys say 10 to 12 people die every day waiting for an organ.”

“We want to ease the process as much as possible, and networking is very important. Our hands must be extended to one another.”

The TripleHeart.org website provides a lot of background information on the Kelleys and their mission. The website is currently number one on Yahoo and provides communication between people from all over the world. There are so many needs and only so much that can be done. The Kelleys say they just want “to be there and help people, sort of like the movie Pay it Forward, we just want to do what we can to help other people.”

Kel Kelley hopes that “TripleHeart will become a nationwide organization. When Joanne and I present this idea elsewhere and get people to collect phones all over, we will make sure that everyone knows the effort began at Jacksonville State University.”

Their Project Valentine — a campus cell phone collection effort — at JSU was highly successful. Students from the Freshman Forum headed the event that supported the TripleHeart organization. The goal was to conduct a phone drive and collect as many phones and chargers as possible. The cell phones will be distributed to those waiting for organ transplants so they may make that life-saving 911 cell phone call for free.

The Freshman Forum donated a total of 107 cell phones (as of March 3) to the campaign. The Freshman Forum has asked that people continue donating phones and chargers to the project.

To contact the Freshman Forum call the office of student activities at 256-782-5491 or call toll free 1-800-231-5291 ext.5491. For more information on TripleHeart visit the website at www.TripleHeart.org or call Kel and Joanne Kelley at 770-920-2324. Kel can also be reached by email at kelkelley@tripleheart.org.



(Left to right) Kel Kelley, Megan Cook, and Joanne Kelley happily exchange one of the cell phones donated to Project Valentine.

Transplant Facts

- F The longest a person has survived after heart transplant as of 2002 is 24 years.
- F Heart transplant survival rates are now 84.8% at one year, 77.1% at 3 years, and roughly 50% at 10 years after transplant surgery.
- F The number of people 65 or older who receive heart transplants is increasing faster than any other age group.
- F From 1996 to 1999, heart transplants in the 65-plus age bracket rose 28%.
- F Acute heart rejection is more likely to happen when the heart *donor* was female regardless of recipient sex.
- F Heart failure is the leading cause of death in most of the developed world. About 730,000 Americans die each year from it.
- F In 1998, only 2,345 heart transplants were done in the USA.
- F As of December, 1999, there were 4,135 people on the national waiting list for heart transplant, almost double the number who actually had a transplant the year before.
- F Average waiting time to transplant is more than 7 months.
- F In some parts of the country, as many as 40% of patients die while waiting.
- F Pharmaceutical companies tell many of their employees to bring back samples of dirt from any foreign places they visit on vacations. That's because cyclosporine and some other very valuable drugs come from fungus found in dirt from different parts of the world.



www.tripleheart.org



Mike Rogers

Classes of '82/'85

Mike Rogers, JSU's first alumnus to win a U. S. Congressional seat representing Alabama, recently talked about Iraq, issues facing the Third Congressional district, and the role education played in his career.

by Al Harris

Q What are your views on Iraq?

A: It's a country that is going to have to recognize that there's going to have to be a regime change for the security of not only the region but of the world because of their roll in support of terrorism. I wholeheartedly support the president in his position on the war and the force buildup that we've had to move into the Persian Gulf region. The prospects of bringing about stability in that region with Saddam Hussein remaining in power are not good in that we wouldn't have any dialogue at all now about possible compliance with UN resolution no. 1441 but for our buildup over there and the threat of force. I think he's doing the right thing, I think he needs to continue along the same course of action.

Q What is your opinion of the UN and its ability to diffuse global unrest following the failed diplomacy efforts to disarm Iraq?

A: The UN and their performance in these circumstances really disappointed me as it has, I think, the majority of our nation and made us wonder about its relevance as we go into the future. After this event, I think all of us will be revisiting our role about the UN.

Q What are the top issues that concern East Alabamians?

A: Well, it depends on the region, frankly. I hear a lot of concern about jobs throughout the region in part because we have a heavy reliance on defense-related jobs. And there's the looming threat of a base realignment closure commission out there, so that's one thing I hear. I hear the need for new jobs, too, to be brought in that are more diversifying for our region. And the need for infrastructure improvements to help facilitate that kind of economic growth

and development. Really, it depends on the region. The issues become more parochial once you get past those kind of threshold issues.

Q Do you hear about specific issues such as the chemical weapons incinerator and other problems that are particular to our immediate area?

A: I do, mainly from folks concerned about us not moving toward eliminating those weapons, that this continues to be a problem that's ever-present, that we will not rid ourselves of the problem short of starting to take some action to destroy those weapons. So, I hear a lot of frustration from folks in the community. Frankly, the Calhoun County region of the Third Congressional District has the most demanding issues throughout the district. There are a lot of big things happening up here that have to do with incineration, have to do with the Depot — the Anniston Army Depot — which is the largest employer in the district, and it's possible vulnerability to (closure). The eastern bypass, which is vital to the development of McClellan — I mean, all of those are hugely important issues to not only Calhoun County but to this region of the Third Congressional District.

Q Are you concerned about the budget crisis on the state level and its impact on Kindergarten through higher education?

A: Absolutely. I have three small children, two in public elementary school and one in pre-school, and I very much believe in a public education, and I want to make sure that we have quality public education available, not only for my children, but for everybody's children. I am concerned about the trend, that's why during my eight years in the legislature I was one of the lone voices supporting, calling for, meaningful constitutional reform and meaningful tax reform. It's

having a very real effect on us now. But, it is really going to show long-term problems, or create long term problems for us, 10, 20 and 30 years from now if we don't make those investments in public education that are so critical now. So, that is one of the reasons why I am so optimistic about this particular year. I truly believe that our current governor means it when he calls for constitutional reform, and tax reform, and that he desires to see the trends of the past corrected. I hope so, at least.

Q When you look at the broader national picture, with proposals for raising tax on gasoline and other measures that affect the cost of living, do you have solutions on the congressional level that you are working toward?

A: One of the things that I try to urge my colleagues at the federal level to keep in mind is that we really need to focus our primary efforts on concerns that local and state governments cannot handle themselves. Like national defense. What we are working on now — those are the kind of things that I think everyone would acknowledge comes under the role of the federal government to take the lead on. But when it comes to a lot of these other issues, like education funding and a lot of transportation funding, we really do need to try to emphasize that state governments, oftentimes, are the appropriate governing levels to take the lead on those initiatives. I truly believe that half the money ends up going in a black hole when you do something at the federal level. State and local people should keep their eye much more on the ball.

Q What role has higher education played in your career?

A: Without it, I would not have been able to be as successful in my personal and professional life, much less my political life. It was just pivotally important in my growth and development as an individual.

Q What do recall most about your years at JSU?

A: Warm and friendly — JSU was there not only when I needed the opportunity for higher education but it was a wonderful experience to be a part of the JSU family and to have the opportunity to grow in that environment.

Q What was one of your most memorable moments at JSU?

A: Well, I started dating my wife while I was there. I met her before JSU, but we actually started dating while I was at Jacksonville. And I made the joke when I was up there campaigning — I was speaking to a group of sorority members up there in Sparkman Hall during the campaign, and I told them it was awkward for me to come in the front door and show an ID because all those years as a student I was coming in through the side door, usually when I wasn't suppose to.

Q What advice would you have for current JSU students?

A: Decide on what your goals are and what is the best path to achieve those goals. And stay focused and determined. One of the things that I found in my experience, and in my personal life, and my professional life as an attorney and a business person, and politically, is that there's not a whole lot in this world you can't do with hard work, focus, and determination. And that's what I would urge students at JSU to do, to decide where they want to go, and then work hard toward it, and then remain focused on it and determined to achieve it — and you can do pretty much anything. I truly believe that.

Q Who at JSU influenced you the most or had pivotal roles in your career and in what became your future in politics?

A: Dr. Glen Browder had a huge influence and continues to have a huge influence on me as a politician. He helped me with a lot of practical insight, I think, into politics that have been beneficial not only on the electoral side but on the governing side. And then Dr. Jerry Smith was a very important professor of mine in the process. He helped me understand and appreciate the importance of the nuts and bolts of governance and how you



A fifth generation resident of Calhoun County, Mike is a true representative of the 3rd Congressional District.

have to have a good understanding of how government works to be able to be effective in developing public policy and in making it apply in an effective way for your constituency.

Q How has your life changed since going to DC?

A: I spend a lot of time doing things I love doing and developing public policy. These congressional seats have a big impact on national and international public policy but where they have the most impact is in affecting the daily lives of people right here in east Alabama. So, I spend a lot of time working on issues that make a real difference to the people of east Alabama that I love very much. But, also, the other big change is my schedule — the demands of the schedule — I am gone a lot from east Alabama, from home, from my wife and children. I have three small children. So, that's been a big adjustment, having to get used to being away from home about half the time. The pace of the office, as well. There are many more things that need to be done each day than there are hours in a day. My days are scheduled in 15 to 30 minute increments, and the whole day is scheduled — pretty much every day of the week. Trying to keep that reined in so that you still have time for personal life with your children and family is a little bit of a demand.

Q Do you think you'll be ready for re-election?

A: I intend to be ready for re-election, and am doing exactly what I want to be doing with my life right now. I'm already working toward the election of '04 as well as working on the issues of east Alabamians.

Martha Lavender

MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE

Louise Clark

Starring Dr. Martha Lavender and Dr. Louise Clark  written by Al Harris

SACS Review



Mr. Phelps Would Have Picked Martha and Louise

Mr. Phelps' unwavering confidence in each episode of "Mission: Impossible" sprang from his sure ability to match the right people to each assignment.

Likewise, JSU President Dr. Bill Meehan self-confidently matched the talents of Dr. Martha Lavender and Dr. Louise Clark to the job of leading the University's self study in preparation for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools' process of reaffirmation of accreditation. "The job," he said, "was so meticulous and intertwined that it was like unknitting a strand of DNA."

Lavender, dean of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, directed the project; Clark, the associate dean of the College of Commerce and Business Administration, served as co-director. Each drew upon the other's strengths.

"I have a lot of experience with specialty accreditation (in nursing)," Lavender explained. "Louise has a lot of experience with institutional accreditation, and what we brought to the process created a richer process."

Lavender and Clark got down to work in the summer of 2001. They put together committees to study every facet of JSU, compiled the research results, accumulated and sorted the evidence, put the emerging self study document through numerous rewrites -- and even went to the grocery store for doughnuts to stock the SACS visitation team's refreshment breaks. Through it all, they taught their regular classes and, as Lavender put it, "kept up the day jobs." All this without a penny of extra compensation or relief time from normal duties.

Clark said, "There were weeks when I

spent virtually all of my time over at the College of Nursing because that is where we had everything set up to work. The real intense times involved the development of the unit plan formats, the development of the survey instruments that we used to survey campus constituencies, and then the editing, rewriting and revising of the committee reports and the development of the final report."

According to Lavender, "I have never engaged in anything that required that level of organization. It really required me to manage every day and every activity very carefully in order to get things done in a timely fashion. And, frankly, it paid off, but it took quite a bit out of Louise and I both."

Early on a Thursday morning in February, the SACS visiting team convened to deliver the exit interview. The meeting would not reveal in direct, "official" language whether JSU had succeeded in its reaffirmation efforts. Instead, the SACS team would deliver general findings, which would be reported to SACS for a crucial vote in December 2003.

Years of state budget cuts had exacted a toll at JSU. Presidents had fought for resources — everything from library books to faculty positions. Among some of the JSU team members that morning, the exit interview brought tension and hand wringing moments before the SACS team gathered to deliver the report. Lavender and Clark, however, remained calm and certain.

"For me there was a sense of relief that day," recalled Clark. "There was nothing unexpected as far as the outcome. I think my interaction and serving on these committees before gave me a different perspective than some of the others. I could relate to their worries; a fear that the

SACS team might have come here to see how bad we look or how much they could find wrong. But it was really not like that at all, and I realized that. I did not have any apprehension that morning.”

Clark attributed JSU’s success to the way Meehan had set up the project. “The President took such a wide-open and honest viewpoint of the entire thing. He wanted us to find out the truth -- JSU had nothing to hide. We went into it knowing that we had the support to find any problems and report them,” she said.

Lavender recalled, “The very first thing that went through my mind that morning was that I already knew most or all of what was coming. I was not surprised by any of their findings. It was a positive affirmation — the committee worked very hard to be objective and critical of the University’s process. I found it to be affirmative that we had done the job that we set out to do. I felt very happy.”

“...anything is possible.”

During the briefing the SACS team commended the University on its extraordinary “student centeredness,” citing that core value’s centrality in the University mission. The visitors praised JSU’s clear documentation of its efforts in student services. The team specifically cited the depth in which JSU provides student services at the Gadsden center.

Although the outcome was positive, the institutional work continues. The University must respond to the SACS report and develop a plan to address and resolve recommendations. Finally, in December, the reaffirmation comes to a vote by SACS.

Lavender said she came away from the self study with a new sense of what she can do — “that anything is possible.”

Clark said, “The project really made me appreciate JSU, what we’ve got here. And a real treat was the way Martha and I worked together. We got to where we would both start to say something and it would be exactly the same thing. We have developed a good relationship, which has been fun.”

“I don’t think there’s a day that goes by that Louise and I don’t talk — we still have to stay in touch,” Lavender said.

Dobyns to be Inducted into Virginia Communications Hall of Fame

Lloyd Dobyns, a former network broadcaster and Jacksonville State University’s Ayers Chair in the Department of Communication, was inducted into the Virginia Communications Hall of Fame on April 10 at The Jefferson Hotel in Richmond. Dobyns was among eight mass communications professionals with ties to Virginia recognized at the 16th induction ceremony, hosted by the School of Mass Communications at Virginia Commonwealth University. After reporting at two Virginia television stations, Dobyns joined NBC News in 1969 and worked in various positions as an editor, director, bureau chief, anchor-writer, international correspondent and co-anchor until 1986. People Magazine called Dobyns “one of TV’s best reporters,” and the Washington Post said he was “one of the best clarifiers, as well as one of the best communicators in broadcast journalism.” Dobyns has won 28 national awards including a George Foster Peabody medal, a Depont-Columbia baton, a Humanitas prize and two Christophers. One of his most unusual honors was his selection as a clue in three national crossword puzzles. Dobyns has worked in 48 states and 47 foreign countries.

At JSU, Dobyns teaches writing and Internet research. As part of his Ayers responsibilities he also writes for the *Anniston Star*, *Blue Ridge Press* and other publications.

From 1986 to 1996 Dobyns was a freelance writer who co-authored two

books on quality management and wrote and narrated five documentaries for PBS. He was with NBC News from 1969 to 1986, where he started as assistant news director in New York before moving to WMAQ in Chicago, an NBC owned-and-operated station, where he ran the news department from 1970 to 1972. He went to Paris as bureau manager before he became a correspondent in 1973 to cover the Paris Peace Talks on Vietnam. His last assignment for NBC was as bureau chief and senior Asia correspondent in Tokyo. Between the two overseas postings, he wrote and reported nine documentaries, wrote and anchored two news magazine programs including

“Weekend” from 1974 to 1979. In the summer of 1976 he was co-host on the “Today” program. In 1982 Linda Ellerbee and he did the daily news program “NBC News Overnight,” which Time magazine rated one of the ten best television programs of the year. His documentary “If Japan Can ... Why Can’t We?” set the NBC News record for the number of transcripts requested by the public.



Before joining NBC News in 1969, Dobyns worked at local broadcast stations in Virginia, Maryland and New York City and was a lieutenant for two years in the U. S. Army. He was born in Newport News and educated in Virginia at Fork Union Military Academy and Washington and Lee University, where he graduated in 1957 with a B.A. in journalism. He holds the honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from the University of North Carolina.

As *Gem of the Hills* went to press, Dobyns was working on the script of his final public lecture, which will be about major policy changes the FCC is predicted to impose later this summer.

FULBRIGHT

Recipients

The Fulbright Program, the U.S. government's flagship program in international educational exchange, was proposed to the U.S. Congress in 1945 by then freshman Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas. In the aftermath of World War II, Senator Fulbright viewed the proposed program as a much-needed vehicle for promoting "mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries of the world." Congress approved his vision and President Truman signed the program into law in 1946.



DR. RUSSEL LEMMONS

Dr. Russel Lemmons went to Germany in 2002 to finish research for a book on the German Communist Party's long-term manipulation of the image of a man named Ernst Thaelmann, the party's last leader during the Weimar Republic who was eventually murdered under Hitler's direct order.

Lemmons, JSU history professor, traveled on a grant from the German Academic Exchange Service, which sends non-German scholars to Germany and German scholars to the rest of the world.

The professor's research will culminate in a book, Germany's Eternal Son: The Ernst Thaelmann Myth, 1925-1989, which will be published by the University Press of Kentucky.

Lemmons explained, "What I do is deal with the creation of (Thaelmann's) image while he was still alive and, even more importantly, of that image after Thaelmann's death, and even more specifically after the establishment of the German Democratic Republic, or East Germany, following World War II. Thaelmann

became one of the most important heroes of East Germany in the years following the Second World War."

He discovered the Thaelmann story almost by accident as a graduate student in 1986 during his first trip to Germany.

"In 1986 I visited East Berlin, and there were signs and posters all over the place commemorating Ernst Thaelmann's 100th birthday. The poster I remember most vividly had a picture of Thaelmann's face with the words Fight like Thaelmann would have fought.' That's when I was introduced to the myth.

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Fulbright scholar Dr. Russel Lemmons made his first trip to Germany in 1986.

by Al Harris

"I did doctoral research, and then my first book was about Nazi propaganda in the Weimar Republic. In studying Nazi propaganda, I became increasingly interested in the propaganda of the other political extreme, the Communist Party, and I was particularly intrigued about the similarities between the two.

"I originally started with the idea of just writing a broadly based book about East German political propaganda, and the Ernst Thaelmann myth would have been just one chapter. But then I concluded that the way that Thaelmann's image was manipulated was among one of the most important motifs in East German political propaganda. I decided to concentrate upon that and hence narrow the focus of the subject. That had the effect of expanding the time frame of the book, because rather than starting in 1949 I am now starting with 1925, when Thaelmann became chairman of the German Communist Party."

Thaelmann was elected to the Reichstag in 1920 and over the next few years emerged as the leader of the German Communist Party and was the party's presidential candidate in 1932. He won 13.2 of the vote compared to the 30.1 received by Adolf Hitler. After the Reichstag Fire on 27th February, 1933, the Nazi Party launched a wave of violence against members of the German Communist Party and other left-wing opponents of the regime. This included Thaelmann who was arrested and imprisoned on 3 March 1933. Thaelmann was executed in Buchenwald Concentration Camp on 18th August 1944.

In 1996 Lemmons won his first grant from the GAES and spent three months researching his project at numerous German archives including the Federal Archive in Koblenz and the Institute for Contemporary History in Munich.

"I got to Wittenberg about two weeks before the floods arrived," he said. "I read minutes of the meetings of the East German Politburo, minutes of various committees in the East German government and various organizations within the confines of the government. I found pamphlets, films and photographs that aren't available on the Internet. And I rue the day that they are, actually. Just imagine claiming to be a German historian

without ever traveling to Germany. I just don't think that's possible."

Lemmons' interest in Germany springs not from heritage, but simple interest.

"I am what the German's call a 'mischling.' We would use the term 'mutt.' I have all kinds of European ancestry, but that's the one thing I haven't got. I have no German ancestors. I just found it interesting. When it gets down to it, I would say the two most interesting European countries are Germany and Russia. Germany just happened to be the direction I moved in."

DR. SAFAA AL-HAMDANI

Kudzu expert Dr. Safaa Al-Hamdani envisions his native Middle East covered by the plant that's been dubbed the "vine that ate the South."

Al-Hamdani's research shows kudzu is effective in removing heavy metals and other toxins from soil. He received a JSU Faculty Scholar award for his research several years ago.

His research led him to Jordan in the 2001-02 academic year as a Fulbright Scholar to study a little-known desert plant that, like kudzu, removes pollutants from the soil, making it potentially useful in environmental clean-up. In return, Al-Hamdani shared his knowledge, and a batch of kudzu seeds, with the Jordanians.

The JSU biology professor is hoping Jordanian scientists will convince their governments to introduce kudzu to their land.

"Kudzu is a very aggressive plant that grows about 60 feet a season, and the leaf is beautiful. We don't like it here in the south, but in Jordan — where there is bare soil — it will be a nice cover, will beautify the land and protect the soil from erosion," says Al-Hamdani.

"Initially, they were hesitant, but when I explained to them the benefits they seemed very enthusiastic about it. And now they are growing it in greenhouses. Hopefully, they will introduce it to the field this coming year, but that's to be seen."



Fulbright scholar Dr. Safaa Al-Hamdani researches the usefulness of kudzu.

Kudzu was introduced by the Japanese to the United States in 1876 at the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. During the Great Depression of the 1930s, the Soil Conservation Service promoted kudzu for erosion control. Hundreds of young men were given work planting kudzu through the Civilian Conservation Corps. Farmers were paid as much as eight dollars an acre as incentive to plant fields of the vines in the 1940s. Southerners have been working hard ever since to get rid of it. Biologists estimate it covers more than seven million acres of the deep South.

Al-Hamdani is a plant physiologist specializing in stress physiology. His Fulbright trip had a two-part mission: teaching and research.

Al-Hamdani taught two courses at a Jordanian University, where he said students signed up for his classes "in record numbers." He learned some new approaches to teaching and said "the first thing I did when I returned was to revise my courses at JSU. I now teach differently."

The professor had the opportunity to study the unnamed desert plant that holds promise for cheap environmental clean-up. He hopes to return to Jordan in the future to continue his studies.

The professor also had personal interests in the region. Born and raised in the Middle East, Al-Hamdani has been living in the U. S. since 1979. His wife and children had never seen the Middle East, and Al-Hamdani said "it was a good opportunity to introduce them to that culture."



SPORTS NOTES



Shanika Freeman

SHANIKA FREEMAN IS A-SUN PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Jacksonville State standout Shanika Freeman was named the 2002-03 Atlantic Sun Conference Player of the Year by the league coaches for her outstanding basketball performance.

Freeman (Forward/Sophomore/Chattanooga, Tenn.) led the conference in

scoring the entire year and currently ranks ninth in the NCAA in scoring averaging 21.7 points and 15th nationally in rebounding, averaging 10.4 boards per game.

This season, Freeman set the A-Sun and NCAA record for consecutive free throws in a game going 22-for-22, while setting the single-game free throw percentage record.

Freeman is the first A-Sun women's basketball player to earn Freshman-of-the-Year and then follow up with Player-of-the-Year honors.

She is already a member of the 1,000 points club at JSU, with 1,026 points in only two years.

"This is an outstanding award for Shanika," said JSU head coach Dana Austin. "She is very deserving of this honor because she has played game in and game out all season. She has also been a key role in our improvement as a team this year."



Coach Jana McGinnis

COACH JANA MCGINNIS REACHES MILESTONE

Jacksonville State head softball coach Jana McGinnis won her 300th game March 26, 2003, during the Orlando Rebel Games against San Jose State. The Gamecocks shutout SJSU, 1-0.

In her ten years at JSU, McGinnis has won an Atlantic Sun Conference Tournament title (1996), a league regular season title (2001), two Western Division titles and averages 30 wins per season. She also received Conference Coach of the Year honors in 1996.

JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY HAS NEW ATHLETIC LOGOS AND WORD MARKS

JSU has unveiled new athletic logos and word marks.

"We wanted to create a consistent, action-oriented brand that represented the JSU athletic program," said Tom Seitz, JSU's Athletic Director. "In the past, our word marks and logos have varied considerably from one sport to the next. This will give us one consistent look across the entire program."

New word marks using a consistent type face have been created for every

sport and a traditional Gamecock has been structured with new JSU word marks to form the primary logo. In addition, a secondary logo features a new Gamecock with a frontal view, surrounded by Jacksonville State University and the word Gamecocks.

Phoenix Design Works, based in New York City, was selected to create the new logos and identity program. Phoenix has designed logos on both a national and international basis for numerous clients.



Primary Athletic Mark



Secondary Athletic Mark



Word Mark



Word Mark



Sport-Specific Word Mark

All JSU sports have their own sport-specific word mark.

SPORTS NOTES



More Jacksonville State University Graduates Inducted into the Alabama High School Sports Hall of Fame



Sandra Hunter



Wade Lipscomb

On Monday, March 12, 2003 two Jacksonville State graduates were inducted into the Alabama High School Sports Hall of Fame, at a ceremony held at the Montgomery Civic Center.

Sandra Hunter graduated from Weaver High School where she was on the track team. She went on to JSU, playing volleyball, basketball and tennis and receiving her bachelor's degree in 1977. She also attended graduate school at JSU, earning her master's degree in 1978 and her Ed.S. degree in 1983.

In 20 years coaching at Pleasant Valley High School, she racked up an incredible 13 state championships: seven in softball, five in volleyball and one in track. Not only that, she also has had eight runners-up in sports, plus six 3rd place teams and three 4th place teams. Her record in volleyball is 798-160. In softball it is 546-93.

She has retired from Pleasant Valley and is now teaching and coaching in Georgia.

Wade Lipscomb is a native of Macon, MS, where he attended Macon High School and the University of West Alabama (formerly known as Livingston State University). He received his Master of Education degree from JSU in 1973. He started his career as teacher and coach at New Hope High School and then went on to JSU as assistant basketball and head golf coach. In 1974, he accepted a position at Huntsville High School as athletic director and

Sandra and Wade join the ranks of these other 29 JSU graduates in the Hall of Fame:

Estes Hudson '41

J.P. Cain '51

James Chafin '51

Chuck Miller '56

J.L. Nolen '48

James R. Porch '35/'38

Hugh O'Shields '51/'70

Dusty Carter '35/'37

John Meadows '52

Earl Morris '55

L.D. Bruce '47/'60

Paul Cooley '51

Lyle Darnell '59

Van Buren Deerman '51

Louise Marbut '64/'80

Jack B. Stewart '55/'74

Howard Waldrep '55

Bryan Yates '56

Larry Patterson '71/'77

Malcolm Street, Sr. '37/'39

E. C. "Baldy" Wilson '49

Oliver Woodard '49

Bill Farrell '47/'59

Bobby Joe Johnson '65

C. B. "Red" Strickland '50

L.D. Dobbins '60/'74

Allen Stephenson '65

head coach in basketball, golf and baseball. He left his mark as athletic director on Huntsville High School and has devoted his life and his professional career to education and athletics.

2003 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
AUG. 30	Alabama A&M	Huntsville	6:30 p.m.
SEPT. 6	OPEN		
SEPT. 13	North Alabama (Band Day)	JACKSONVILLE	7 p.m.
SEPT. 20	Kansas	Lawrence, KS	6 p.m.
SEPT. 27	Eastern Kentucky	JACKSONVILLE	7 p.m.
OCT. 4	Murray State	Murray, KY	6 p.m.
OCT. 11	UT Martin (Preview Day/Parents Day)	JACKSONVILLE	4 p.m.
OCT. 18	Tennessee State	Nashville, TN	6 p.m.
OCT. 25	Tennessee Tech. (Homecoming)	JACKSONVILLE	4 p.m.
NOV. 1	OPEN		
NOV. 8	Samford	Birmingham	6:30 p.m.
NOV. 15	Eastern Illinois	JACKSONVILLE	4 p.m.
NOV. 22	S.E. Missouri	Cape Girardeau, MO	1 p.m.

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'39-49

MARGUERETTE POSEY BRYANT '39 loves international travel. While at Jacksonville, she worked in the bursars office, was active in drama and played violin in the orchestra. In her junior year, she was elected "Miss JSTC" (Jacksonville State Teachers College). She taught first grade, worked as a clerk for the FBI in Washington, DC and San Diego, CA, and worked in various government agencies. She now resides in Charlottesville, VA and is a certified artistic judge for Garden Club of Virginia floral arrangements.

ALEEN HANSON EVANS '46 of Grant was selected as one of 7 members of the Class of 2002 of the Alabama Senior Citizens Hall of Fame. The Hall honors living Alabamians who have made significant contributions toward enhancing the lives of elderly citizens. She has written senior citizen articles for the Advertise-Glean for 34 years. Before retiring, she taught in Virginia and then in Claysville Junior High and New Hope.

ROBERT ELLIS RINGER '49 of Marianna, FL, recently presented a gift of investment grade stock to JSU in memory of his parents, Raymond J. and Ruth Chisolm Ringer, to provide income for faculty development and travel. Dr. Ringer is a life member of the JSU Alumni Association.

'50-59

EDSEL N. HAND '50 and his wife have been married for 58 years, sharing a life of music, art and travel. He is an instructor at Gadsden State Community College and has taught at JSU. The oldest college professor still teaching a full schedule in the State of Alabama, he is also known as the co-founder of Gadsden State more than 40 years ago when asked by Governor George Wallace to do so.

ALVES P. PARTON '51/72 has completed over 51 years of federal service. He began with the Air Force in 1951 and, after 8 years, he became an educator with the Department of Defense Dependents Schools system overseas. He has taught in Newfoundland, Japan, the Philippines, Libya, Germany, Turkey and Belgium, spending the last 35 years of his career in Brussels. Upon retirement, he received the Defense Department's Superior

Civilian Service Award. He plans to live in Ohatchee, AL.

AUDREY HALL JOLLEY '53 was recently voted into the Dekalb County (AL) Sports Hall of Fame. She played at Jacksonville and was voted Best Girl Athlete. She is also in the JSU Teacher Hall of Fame. The Alumni Office has lost touch with Mrs. Jolley. If anyone knows her mailing address, please contact the JSU Alumni Office.

SIDNEY LANIER WHITLEY '55 AND WILMA DOROTHY COLE WHITLEY '56 are residing in Picayune, MS. Sidney taught at Walter Wellborn High School in Anniston for 2 years and then worked for 34 years at NASA. Before retiring from Federal Civil Service, he served at the Johnson Space Center in Houston and Stennis Space Center near Bay St. Louis, MS. He currently is President of the Southern Regional Corporation and VP of the Lower Pearl River Valley Foundation. Dorothy was a homemaker and a former teacher in Anniston, Florida and Japan. She was a librarian in Japan and at the NASA Technical Library (Johnson Space Center, Houston, TX).

LARRY LEE '57 was honored at the 2002 JSU ROTC Alumni Banquet during Homecoming in November. He was cited for his leadership, promotion of a spirit of cooperation and mutual service, organizational skills and initiatives during his tenure as the ROTC Alumni Chapter's president. Under his tenure, he increased chapter membership, promoted and established a close working relationship with the ROTC Department and initiated their scholarship program.

'60-69

JAMES RONALD BENNETT '62 served in the Alabama House of Representatives from 1978 to 1983, State Senate from 1983 to 1993 and as Secretary of State from 1993 to 2003. His accomplishments include helping to purge Alabama's voter rolls of more than 250,000 people who are deceased or convicted felons. He currently serves on JSU's Board of Trustees as its chairman.

TOM BATEY, JR. '63, a life member of the JSU Alumni Association, is serving as county commissioner for Etowah County. He was appointed by former

Governor Don Siegelman. He has operated Batey and Sanders construction supply business for 25 years and resides in Gadsden.

BILLY CHURCH '64/'65 of Leeds is a local legend as an Elvis impersonator. Though his grandmother encouraged him because of his resemblance, a chance meeting with "The King" in 1956 in a restaurant planted the seed to his music career. He and Elvis remained friends until his death.

PATSY BRYANT GILMORE '65 of Florence, MS, became a National Board Certified Teacher in 2002. She was also elected President-Elect of the Mississippi Music Educators Association. Patsy is a former member of the JSU Marching Southerners.

CLAIRE EMILIE VANVRANKEN BACHOFER '66 of Birmingham is employed as a bookkeeper with Southside Family Dentistry.

JERRY M. JACOBS '66 of Stone Mountain, GA, is an associate advocate with the U.S. Treasury Department in Doraville, GA.

JIMMIE ANN GUEST CAMPBELL '67/68, President of Prudential Ballard Realty in Montgomery, is the 2003 president of the Alabama Association of Realtors. They have a membership of over 10,000.

JOYCE NELL DOBBS '67 of Melrose, FL, is president and owner of Better Business Brokers in Ocala, FL. She was a member of the JSU gymnastics team.

ERNEST TOMPKINS '67 is president of The Tompkins Consulting Group, Inc. in Winston-Salem, NC.

CALVIN EUGENE KENNEDY '68 of Grant, AL, is a retired Colonel with the United States Army.

CATHY RENTSCHLER BOGART '69 of St. Petersburg, FL, has joined the staff of the Law Library and Information Center as catalog librarian.

'70-79

GINGER K. RICH ADKINS '70/78 of Albertville, a life member of the JSU Alumni Association, has taught economics at Snead State Community College in Boaz for 20 years. She was nominated for the 2002-2003 Chancellor's Award in academic instruction. Each year one administrator, technical instructor, academic instructor and staff

member are nominated from each two-year school for the award in each area.

STANLEY COOK '70 of Lyerly, GA is owner of Cook Tool & Supply, Inc.

DOROTHY "DOTTIE" FRANCES CASEY HENDERSON '70 of Seattle, WA, is Manager of Disbursements at Swedish Medical Center in Seattle.

JIMMY EDWARD HOBBS '70/81 of Ft. Payne was named one of "50 Directors Who Make a Difference" by the monthly management magazine for music educators School Band and Orchestra. He is the band director at Plainview High School. The magazine selects one band director from each state, with over 20,000 directors actively seeking the honor each year! He has been at Plainview since 1978. His son, **DAVID EDWARD HOBBS '95/99**, is also a band director. Both are former members of the JSU Marching Southerners.

JAMES HODGES '70 of Trussville is self-employed as an insurance agent with Robert Hodges State Farm Insurance Agency.

KATHY RICH LANGLEY '70 of Pell City is Principal at Ruben Yancy Alternative School. She began her teaching career at Jacksonville High before moving around the country during her husband's military career. She also has driven a school bus during her career!

MARIE COKER MANNING '70/78 of Wattsville recently retired as Superintendent of Schools for St. Clair County with over 32 years of experience in the teaching field. She started her career at Munford High School and began teaching in St. Clair County in 1974. She became superintendent in 1998. She is a life member of the JSU Alumni Association.

SARAH JOYCE HEARD TWIGGS '70 is financial aid director at Northwestern Technical College in Rock Spring, GA.

WILLIAM RUSSELL COTNEY '71 of Memphis, TN, is Assistant Adjutant General/Air of the Tennessee Air National Guard in Nashville.

CYNTHIA HULSEY HARPER '71/74 of Anniston is now Associate Dean of the JSU College of Education and Professional Studies. She has taught at JSU since 1974. Her husband, **RANDY HARPER '69/75**, is Director of Computer Services for

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JSU and their daughter, **JULIE HARPER**, is a 1999 JSU grad! Randy and Cynthia are life members of the JSU Alumni Association.

CHARLES MCROBERTS '71 of Atlanta is Vice President of Developer Sales with GO Software in Kennesaw. He was a member of the JSU football team.

FREDDIE MEADOWS '71 of Moulton is a retired band director with the Jasper City Board of Education. He is a former member of the JSU Marching Southerners.

TERESA JONES NOELL '71/73 of Anniston is UniServ Director for the Alabama Education Association. She is married to **KENNETH FRANKLIN NOELL '70**.

ANN CAROL FOSHEE '72 of Douglas was recently appointed administrator at Parkview Health Care Center in Huntsville. She has worked in the long-term care industry since 1977, auditing and managing nursing home facilities.

GEORGE EDWARD "DEE" GOREY, JR. '72/75/79 of Anniston recently announced his retirement as President of The Donoho School, effective June 30, 2003. After three decades of working his way up the ranks as teacher, principal, vice president and president at Donoho, he's looking for a bit of relaxation. But he says he would consider doing something else related to education. He is married to **BETH COLLIER GOREY '71**. Dee has served for many years on the JSU Alumni Association Board of Governors and is a life member of the Alumni Association.

CAROL CHAMBERS SHAMBURG '72 of Walnut Cove, NC, is retired from the Stokes County (NC) Board of Education. She was a member of Phi Mu Sorority and was an ROTC sponsor.

TERRELL VICK '72 of Harpersville has been named chief executive officer of St. Clair Regional Hospital. He has been with the hospital since 1973, beginning his career there in 1973 as assistant controller. He is married to **VICKIE DISON VICK '74**, a teacher.

PATRICIA KENNAMER CAGLE '73 of Rainsville has 25 years as a teacher in Dekalb County, most of those years at Fyffe Elementary School. Her youngest daughter, **JANA CAGLE GROGHAN '00**, is a teacher at Shelton Elementary in Dallas, GA, and Jana's husband, **DAN**

GROGHAN '02, was a member of the ROTC program at JSU.

CHARLES RONNIE GADDIS '73 of Jacksonville is Director of Bands at Weaver High School. Ronnie is a former member of the JSU Marching Southerners and performed with the A Cappella Choir.

RON MILLER '73/78/88 of Anniston recently published a novel entitled "A Broken Reed" based on a murder in Calhoun County about 40 years ago. The book was awarded the Mayhaven Award for Fiction. He is a Vietnam veteran and has taught in local schools for 12 years before retiring in 1998. He has published articles, short stories for magazines, and a novella. Ron is married to **KATHRINE CLEWS '82**.

KEITH BYRON MOORE '73 of Columbia, TN, is a professor and coordinator of vocal studies at Belmont University in Nashville.

RANDY Y. OWEN '73 and the rest of the band "Alabama" were honored recently by Alabama Governor Riley with a "Spirit of Alabama" award. The group sang at the inauguration ceremonies for Governor Riley in January. Randy is serving as a member of the JSU Board of Trustees.

MIKE PATTERSON '73 of Talladega was voted senior high teacher of the month for October, 2002 at Munford High School. He has taught for 28 years, 14 of which have been at Munford High. He is married to **KAYE BEVERLY PATTERSON '75**, who is also a teacher.

WINSTON MARK FAGAN '74, department head for Sociology and Social Work at JSU, has authored "Retirement Development: A How-to Guidebook" after 10 years of research, travel, seminars, lecturing and writing. Mark has taught at JSU for 21 years and has been recognized with various awards and features in major and professional media. It is a guidebook for areas considering launching programs to attracting retirees.

GESNA HUGHES LITTLEFIELD '74 retired in 2002 as Asst. Superintendent of Elementary Education for the Gadsden City Board of Education. Her education career spanned some 47 years, where she served as teacher, principal and director. In

1986 she was named "Teacher of the Year".

DAVID MCPHERSON '74 of Jacksonville is Training Center Manager for the Ft. McClellan National Guard Training Center. Commissioned through JSU's ROTC program, he was selected JSU's 2002 Military Alumnus of the Year. He is married to **ANGIE LEDBETTER MCPHERSON '82/85**, who is a teacher.

PHIL SAVAGE '74 of Montgomery has been elected secretary of the Alabama Propane Gas Association. He is territory manager for Rutherford Equipment Co.

WILLARD WOODROW TRUITT '74/77 of Florence is owner/president of Business Systems Solutions.

NANCY WORLEY '74 recently won her campaign for Alabama Secretary of State and replaced retiring JSU graduate, Jim Bennett, in that position. She is a retired Decatur educator and served two terms as president of The Alabama Education Association.

BAXTER LEE BAKER, SR. '75 is assistant superintendent with the Brewton (AL) City School System.

JULIA SIMMONS GODFREY '75 of Hokes Bluff retired from teaching in 2001. However, she recently enjoyed returning to the classroom as a substitute teacher. She taught at Glencoe Elementary and Middle Schools.

DONALD HARRIS '75 of Montgomery is Vice President of Aronov Insurance in Montgomery. Don is a life member of the JSU Alumni Association.

VERONICA PIKE KENNEDY '75/81 of Birmingham is copy

editor for The Birmingham News.

JOANN RAY '75 of Gadsden is owner of Designworks, LLC.

JAMES AKINS '76 of Hinesville, GA is a teacher/coach at the Bradwell Institute in Hinesville.

SANDRA PHIFER MILLER '76 of Pelham is a CPA and supervisor with Warren, Averett, Kimbrough & Marino, LLC in Birmingham.

STEVE REAGAN '76 is the new band director at Gadsden High School. He is the son of **RIP REAGAN '51**, former band director at Emma Sansom High and current band director at Gadsden State Community College. Both are former members of the JSU Marching Southerners. He previously was at Asheville High.

REBECCA MONROE DUKE '73 of Birmingham is a CPA with Brooke, Freeman & Lee.

SUSAN MARIE DAVIS ROBINS '76 of Calhoun, GA is a teacher at Ashworth Middle School. She was a member of Alpha Xi Delta Sorority and the Marching Southerners.

RICKEY L. SAVAGE '76 of Tifton, GA is Marching Band Coordinator for Tift County High School. He is a former member of the Marching Southerners.

EUGENE S. WRIGHT, III '76/90 of Marietta, GA, has been promoted to the grade of GS -14 in the Federal Civil Service. He is engineering division chief for the Software Factory within the Standard Systems Group at Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, AL. He is married to **JUANITA N. WRIGHT '90**.

CHRISTA FAIR '77 is well known for her work with the Knox Concert Series in Anniston. She has

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Maria E. Amado '94
Steven Douglas Bailey '75/'77
Jesse Ray Clausen '96
Becky Angel Craven '77/'79
Daniel A. Craven '77
Brian Wayne Ellyson '92
Kimberly Lane Etheridge '97/'99
Paige Faulkner '00
Nannie Sue Herron '00
Patricia A. Hobbs '76/'78
Michael J. Holbrook '77
Donna Howell Wood '82/'97
Wendell W. Wood '93

Shane C. Johnson
Darrell K. Jones
Janet Knight Jones '87/'96
Lemuel Russell "Rush" Jordan
Jason Clay Junkins '98/00
Michael J. King '75
Shirley G. Kirkland
Stephen R. Kupec
Cathy Dempsey Liang '79
S. Keith Lowe '94/'96
Paul H. West III '79
Dorothy M. Willingham '91/'99
Jess Wright, Jr. '79



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also performed throughout the U.S., Canada, Mexico, Europe, Australia and the Caribbean. She is a singer and dancer and has performed in Broadway plays with Town and Gown in Birmingham.

ANNA SIMON FLEMMING '77 of McCalla is a graphic designer for Southern Co. Services, Inc. in Birmingham. She is a former member of the Marching Southerners.

CURTIS P. MITCHELL, JR. '77 of Birmingham is VP of operations for Best Storage, Inc. out of San Marcos, TX. Curt played football at JSU. He is back in Alabama after a 21 year track through Texas and Georgia!

ANGELA KINES KING '77 of Cedartown, GA, is a paralegal with Hartman, Simons, Spielman & Wood, LLP in Atlanta. She was "Cocky," the JSU mascot, for the 1975 cheerleading squad.

GAIL JEFFERSON LECROY '77 of Madison has opened LeCroy CPA Group, PC, a tax accounting and consulting business in Huntsville. She is a CPA and was previously with MDA Professional Group for more than 20 years. She is married to **RONNY KEITH LECROY '77**.

WAYNE R. MESSICK '77 of Trussville is manager with CNA Surety in Birmingham.

ROBIN KEITH BYROM '78 of Rolla, MO, is a combat development analyst with the U.S. Government at the Maneuver Support Center, Ft. Leonard Wood, MO. Commissioned through the JSU ROTC program, he is also a former member of the Marching Southerners. He is married to **ROSEMARY BOWDOIN '79**.

DIANNE OWENS GRIDER '78 of Scottsboro is an IEP Coordinator for the Jackson County Board of Education.

GINA OGBURN RODEN '78 is a Brailist at the Alabama School for the Blind Library in Talladega. She is one of only two Nemeth Code-certified Brailists in Alabama and of 200 in the nation. It is a system that translates math formulas and scientific expressions into Braille. She is also certified to translate literature into Braille. Gina has worked for the school for three years.

DONNA BASS SCROGGINS '78 of Magnolia, AR is a teacher/coach at the Christian School at First Baptist Church in Magnolia. She has traveled with medical missions to Mexico, Bolivia, Honduras, Costa Rica, and The Philippines. She is married to **STAN SCROGGINS '79**, who recently finished his 11th year as Minister of Music and Education at

First Baptist Church in Magnolia. He travels teaching at international seminaries. Stan was a member of the A Cappella Choir at JSU, the International House Program and Baptist Campus Ministries.

DANNY MICHAEL THORNTON '78 of Panama City, FL is a Lieutenant Colonel with the U.S. Air Force currently serving at Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida.

PAMELA BAKER-KING '79 has established an organization, SIR (STEEL I Rise) for cheerleaders and athletes in Hobson City. She served as a Georgia High School Association cheerleading judge from 1994-2000. Serious personal injury prevented her from continuing in that capacity; however, she has plans now to return to judging cheerleading and gymnastics. She is a teacher with the Douglas County (GA) School System.

DEBBIE JUNE DOWNER '79/80 of Madison, AL is principal at Summerville (GA) Middle School. She is a former member of the JSU Marching Southerners.

EDNA HALES DOWNEY '79 of Huntsville is co-owner of Downey Construction and Consulting, a residential and commercial construction and contracting business.

DAVID DRISCOLL '79 of Huntsville is an advertising agency executive with Durham Advertising. He was a member of Delta Chi Fraternity at JSU.

KATHLEEN KITCHEN LANG '79 has been teaching for 23 years. She currently teaches at DAR Elementary.

SUSAN MALTBIE SANDERS '79 of Boaz recently joined Hospice of Marshall County as community liaison. She worked for 18 years in Women's and Children's Services and spent the last five years in home health and hospice care before joining Hospice of Marshall County. She is married to **JEFF LIONEL SANDERS '87/91**, who teaches in the Marshall County Board of Education.

'80-89

CHRISTOPHER BERRY '80 of Rainsville is owner/partner of Berry and Dunn Office Equipment in Rainsville.

DONNA BETH GUICE BRUCE '80 of Crossville teaches art at Grassy, Union Grove and

Asbury, rotating between schools each week. She is in her 13th year of teaching. Beth previously worked for 13 years with an oil company.

AL DENSON '80 took over as Executive Director of the Birmingham Airport Authority in 2000, just one year before the terrorist attacks that have changed the face of the air travel industry forever. He has been with the Authority since 1983.

SHERRY LEE GRADY '80 of Wichita, KS, has been promoted to Vice President - Government Business at Raytheon Aircraft. She joined Raytheon in 1988 and previously worked for Richardson-Vicks Corp. and Parker Hannifin, Inc.

JACK R. MCCLANAHAN, JR. '80 an Army Reserve Lieutenant Colonel, graduated from the Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, PA. He was a member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity.

ANITA BANKS O'KELLEY '80/99 of Oxford is an art teacher with the Oxford City Board of Education.

TOM SANDERS '80 of Ashville is St. Clair County Board of Education's superintendent-elect. His teaching career began at Ragland and he has served as principal at Ashville High for the past 9 years.

CAROLYN SAIA POWELL '81/86 of Selma has been named to the staff of Congressman-elect Arthur Davis as a constituent services representative.



▲ **RITA PAOLINI PRICE '81/91** was awarded the 2002 Teacher of the Year Award for her outstanding service at West Central Elementary School in Rome, GA. She has been named to Who's Who in America and America's Outstanding Names and Faces.

DON H. PRUETT '81 of

Birmingham recently joined Heritage Bank as executive vice president and chief lending officer. He has 21 years in the banking industry.

ANTHONY B. "TONY" TUCKER '81 recently attended the Christian Schools International Conference in Vancouver, British Columbia. Tony is principal of Chattanooga (TN) Christian School, the largest private school in Chattanooga, with an enrollment of 1100. While at JSU, he was a member of Kappa Alpha Order, ROTC, the Young Republicans and the Ushers Club.

MELISSA MYERS ADKINS '82 is in her 20th year of teaching at Moody Elementary School in St. Clair County. She is also a reading coach.

HORACE PATTERSON '82 of Talladega is pastor of Mt. Canaan Baptist Church, president pro-tem of the Talladega City Council, and statewide director of family and senior services for the Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind. He is married to **DOLIA MCINTOSH PATTERSON '77**.

AMY E. PEMPEL '82 of Orlando, FL is director of media relations for Sunshine Network, Florida's largest regional sports television network and a member of the FOX Cable Networks family. She was a member of Alpha Xi Delta Sorority, a Sigma Nu little sister and a news reporter for 92J.

SHIRLEY SIMMONS SIMS '82 is a retired educator with the Talladega Board of Education. She is active in the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority and various civic and social organizations.



▲ **THOMAS H. WICKS '82** of Huntsville has set a huge goal for himself! After competing in powerlifting for 25 years, he gave

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up the sport in 1998. But the desire to go for an official world record made him go back in training. The official drug-free deadlift world record is about 700 lbs! At his last contest in '98, he lifted 639 without using a weight belt. He plans to utilize a belt now, which could add 20-40 lbs to his lift. He's decided to hang up powerlifting for good when he reaches the big 5-0, so he's got 3 1/2 years left to earn that world record.

SUSAN NIXON PORCH '83 of Pelham has returned to work at Southern Progress Corporation Custom Publishing as office manager. She previously worked for the company in another capacity. Susan is married to **JAMES M. NIXON '82** and she played on the JSU tennis team.

JOHN ASHLEY THOMAS '83 of Beaver Creek, OH is an application engineer for Computer Sciences Corp. in Fairborn, OH.

ALMA MARIE WOODARD '83/85 of Oakland, CA has worked for over 11 years with a private foster care agency. She is the District Administrator for the Oakland and San Francisco offices.



▲ **SCOTT BUTLER '84** of Hampton Cove, AL has been named vice president of business development for Beason & Nalley, PC, a business consulting group. He was also recently elected as Chairman of the Board by the shareholders of the firm. Scott is an owner and has been with the firm for 8 years.

KAREN ELAINE WITHERSPOON ELLIS '84 of Douglasville, GA, is a customer service administrator for the City of Atlanta at Hartsfield International Airport. Karen was a member of the JSU Cheerleading squad and served as a Gamecock Hostess and Gamecock Chick.

TAMMY PACE GUNNELS '84 of Piedmont was named 2003 Teacher of the Year for the Piedmont City Schools. She is an 18-year teaching veteran and teaches at Piedmont Middle School.

ROGER PUTNAM '84 of Birmingham has been named vice president of technical services for Alabama Gas Corp. He was formerly vice president of gas supply. He joined Alagasco as a plant engineer in 1984 and was made a company officer in 1989.

TERRY SPRADLIN '84 organized Stock Car 101, a NASCAR class being offered in Anniston to teach race fans almost everything about stock car racing. He organized it through his company, University Resources, based in Atlanta. Legendary Alabama racers Donnie Allison, Bobby Allison and Red Farmer are the instructors. Terry and Donnie Allison have been staging courses since January of 2002. For more information, call 888-271-5533.

FORREST C. "RUSTY" FULLER '85 of Vestavia Hills is in sales management with Novartis Pharmaceuticals. He was awarded the National Sales Area of the Year Award in 1988, National Rep. of the Year in 1990 and was National Sales Mgr. of the Year in 1996 and 1999. He was a member of the JSU football team and was selected to the Gulf South Conference's Team of the Decade (the 80s) and Team of the Quarter Century for football. He is married to **JOY BILES FULLER '84**.

KIMBERLY ALLEN GREENE '85/88 of Madison is a software engineer with Raytheon in Huntsville.

BETH ANN BAKER HILL '85 of Waukegan, IL, is Asst. Director of Nursing with HCR ManorCare in Libertyville, IL. She was a member of Delta Zeta Sorority.

DANIEL JENNINGS '85 of Las Vegas, NV, is surveillance officer for the Solomon R. Guggenheim Foundation in Las Vegas. He is a life member of the JSU Alumni Association.

SUSAN COWAN ROBERTSON '85 of Anniston is marketing director for the Anniston Museum of Natural History and the Berman Museum of World History. She is also president of the Alabama Museums Association.

PATRICIA SMITH ST. JOHN '85 of Lenexa, KS is lab manager for the University of Kansas Medical Center, Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology in Kansas City.

KIM COOK FOSSETT '86 of

Langston is a teacher at Nelson Elementary School in the Scottsboro City School System. She was a member of Alpha Xi Delta Sorority.

TONY N. HOYETT '86 of Opelika is a teacher/coach in the Opelika City School System. He was a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

TONY MACK MABREY '86/97 has been named men's basketball head coach at Snead State Community College in Boaz. He was an assistant women's basketball coach at JSU and spent the last several years as head basketball coach in Albertville.

KATHERINE KINE MCNAMARA '86 of Woodstock, GA, is a school counselor at Arnold Mill Elementary in Woodstock.

SONDRA DEMPSEY OSWALT '86/89 of Munford was named Alfa Insurance's Teacher of the Month for October, 2002. She has been teaching at Oxford High School since 1986. Both she and the school received checks for \$1000.

MELVIN ROY "MEL" EDWARDS '87/91/93 of Ringgold, GA, recently received notice that he had achieved National Board Certification for teaching. He is a teacher/head football coach with the Catoosa County Board of Education at Ringgold Middle School.

SUSAN ANN ROPER MORRIS '87 of Gadsden is president of First Equity Mortgage, Inc. in Gadsden. She was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority.

DUANE SCOTT COX '88 of Centreville is a corporal with the criminal investigations unit of the University of Alabama Police Department in Birmingham.

JESSE LUKE JENNINGS '88 is currently working on a doctorate of ministry in missions administration. In 1992, he and his wife, **WENDY VINCENT JENNINGS '89**, were appointed by the International Missions Board to serve in the Philippines where they have lived since 1993.

CASSANDRA RAY MARTIN '88 of Piedmont is a Sr. Medicaid Eligibility Specialist with the Alabama Medicaid Agency in Gadsden.

DAN EUGENE MEDDERS '88 of Birmingham is an application architect for Computer Sciences Corporation in Birmingham.

SUSAN DAVIDSON MURRAY '88 of Gadsden is in her 14th year as a teacher at Ashville Elementary School.

DEBRA ANDERSON SEIDLER '88 of Putnam Valley, NY, is delivery manager for IBM in White Plains, NY. She is a former member of the Marching Southerners, A Cappella Choir and Wind Ensembles.

LAURALYN SPARROWHAWK '88 of Boston, MA, is community technology center manager for Cruz Computer Learning Center in Boston. Lauralyn was a member of the champion JSU gymnastics team.

RAYMOND STANBERRY '88 of Richmond, VA is a counselor for the Henrico County School System. He was a member of the JSU rifle team and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. Raymond is married to the former **PATRICIA A. JONES '89**, a teacher with the Richmond City School System.

TODD TAYLOR '88, a desert storm Army veteran, recently had his poster design selected by the Annual National Shrimp Festival committee for the 31st Annual National Shrimp Festival. The design is being used for the official poster and will also be featured on all official Shrimp Festival retail items.

BARRY KYLE TWIGG '88 of Alexandria is a senior field representative with Safeco Insurance Co.

JENNIFER AGUILAR '89 is a teacher at Kitty Stone Elementary School in Jacksonville.

ONY DALE BRIGHT '89 of Lansing, MI, is a consultant with Michigan State University. Dr. Bright is a former member of the Marching Southerners and was selected JSU's 1997 Young Alumnus of the Year. He was a member of Delta Chi Fraternity.

MARK GRIFFITH '89/91 of Helena is a senior financial analyst with Baptist Medical Center Montclair in Birmingham.

PATTI SMITH JOHNSON '89/94 is principal at Ashville Elementary School. Not many people return to the school they attended and become principal there!

GREGORY MCNEIL '89 of Odenton, MD, is a teacher with the Arundel County Public School System at Freetown Elementary.

R. LEON MOODY, III '89 has been appointed executive vice president with Batson-Cook Co., one of the leading general contractors in the Southeast. He has been with Batson-Cook for 15 years. Leon was a member of the JSU baseball team.

JAMES NOLIN '89 of Pell City



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is Director of Network and Telephone Services for AirTran Airways in Atlanta.

KATHLEEN SCHEIDEMANTEL WELKER '89 of Ft. Knox, KY, is a congressional liaison with the U.S. Army Recruiting Command. She received the Commanders Award for Exemplary Civilian Service.

'90-99

SANDEE CHAMBLEE BARNETT '90 of Guntersville is a teacher at Cherokee School in Marshall County. She obtained her National Board Certification while teaching in Oneonta.

ANGELA BROOKS CAYLOR '90 of Acworth, GA is a teacher at McEachern High School in Powder Springs. She is married to **DANNY CAYLOR '80**.

MICHAEL CHAMLEE '90 of Montgomery is an attorney-advisor with the Social Security Administration.

DAVID GLENN '90 of Mobile is chief meteorologist for NBC 15 WPMI and Clear Channel Radio. He has been awarded The Seal of Approval of the American Meteorological Society in recognition of the quality of his television weather broadcasts. He currently serves the National Weather Bureau as an evaluator for the Broadcast Committee which reviews tapes of those seeking the NWA Seal of Approval (which he was awarded in 1995). He is married to **REBECCA MAUREEN FROST '88/91**. Rebecca was a member of Alpha Xi Delta Sorority.

KATHARINE DAUGHTERY JONES '90 of Gadsden is education director for Riverview Regional Medical Center in Gadsden. She is a former member of the JSU Marching Ballerinas.

DEBRA LOMBARDI '90 of Seaside, CA, is a hostess with the Pebble Beach/Stillwater Bar & Grill in Pebble Beach, CA. Debra was commissioned through the JSU ROTC program and was a member of the JSU Marching Southerners.

ELLEN MYER '90 of Lineville is the author of several books. *Annie's Shoes* is about a hyper child with ADHD and *Freddie's Friends* is about a shy introvert. The books are designed to give children with similar disabilities an outlet and tools for

building self esteem. She taught for a year at Constantine Elementary in Anniston while her husband was stationed at Ft. McClellan. The books can be purchased at the Anniston Museum of Natural History and the Lineville City Library.

BRUCE PURDY '90/95 of Stevenson has been promoted to general manager of the North Alabama Electric Co-Op, serving the part of Marshall County north of the Tennessee River. He had previously been the office manager for 7 years. Bruce was a member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity.

PAUL ANDREW WILLIAMS '90 of St. Petersburg, FL is Senior Business Unit Director for Jabil Circuit, Inc. He was a member of the JSU football team. He is married to **TRACEY JEAN BUSSEY '87**, who is a full-time mom. They have 4 children under the age of 9. Tracey was a member of the JSU gymnastics team.

MIKE ALTMAN '91/99 of Heflin is in his 3rd year coaching the White Plains football team. He is married to **EMILY MEADORS '95/99**, who is a teacher in Tallapoosa, GA.

NANCY HAMBY DUKE '91/92 of Prattville is a training specialist with Regions Mortgage, Inc. She is married to **JOEL THOMAS DUKE '90** who is the city planner for the City of Prattville.

DELANA BROCK HUBBERT '91 of Opelika is a teacher at Berry Elementary

School in Berry which she has worked for 10 years. Prior to that, she taught at Fayette Academy.

EDWARD LAMONTE JOHNSON '91/94 of Altamonte Springs, FL, is manager of operations development for the Central Florida Regional Transportation Authority in Orlando. A life member of the JSU Alumni Association, he was a member of the ROTC program at JSU and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

JASON JUNKINS '91 of Centre has opened a new office for his medical practice in Centre. He is the son of Etowah County Probate Judge, **BOBBY JUNKINS '69/72** and wife Susie. He is a life member of the Alumni Association.

STEPHEN LANG '91 of Weymouth, MA, is senior regulatory associate for Acambis, Inc., a pharmaceutical company in Cambridge, MA. Stephen was a member of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity.

LARRY SHANE MCGRIFF '91 of Norcross, GA recently joined Gazelle Consulting helping to launch a group that focuses on financial services companies. The company is a fast-growing firm, specializing in large business analysis and reporting solutions.

CHRISTOPHER J. MORGAN '91 of Montgomery is a Major in the Alabama National Guard. He was recently awarded an Army Commendation Medal for performance. He has served in the Guard for 19 years and is employed full time as the Deputy Military Personnel Officer for Alabama. He is married to **LESLIE BULLOCK '87**. **TABATHA COLLINS WRIGHT '91** of Centre is a teacher

at Centre Elementary School.

LARRY E. ZIMMERMAN '91, a Marine Corps Colonel, has been on deployment to the Island of Bahrain since December. He is assigned to Camp Smith, Hawaii.

TERRY SHANE ALLEN '92 of Boaz has been a teacher at Asbury Junior High for 4 years and serves as coach for the girls' basketball team. Prior to becoming a teacher, he was a technician with Cook's Pest Control.

STEVEN M. ARMSTRONG '92 of Richmond, VA is the Night Supervisor of Transfusion Medicine at VCU-Medical College of Virginia Hospital. He transferred there in August, 2002, from Lafayette, LA.

AMY HORN MITCHELL '92/99 of Talladega was selected Teacher of the Month for August, 2002, at Munford High School. She has taught for 9 years and would like to go become a counselor.

DENNY-JO NAUMEC '92 of Kent, WA, is a patrol field training officer for the City of Bellevue Police Department. He was a member of JSU's baseball team.

CHRISTIE FOSTER PRUETT '92 of Kennesaw, GA, is systems project manager for Per-se Technologies in Atlanta. She is married to **TROY PRUETT '91**. Troy was a member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity at JSU.

MICHELLE TAIT ROTH '92 of Murfreesboro, TN is a human resources representative for Safeco, FIS.

TERRY LEWIS WHITE '92 of Memphis, TN, is an operations supervisor for UPS. He was a member of the JSU football team.

JSU Grad Honored



Jim Haynes '99 has been with The Jacksonville News since 1994 and has served as Advertising Director since 1999.

Jim Haynes '99, Advertising Director for *The Jacksonville News*, Jacksonville, Alabama was honored recently in an advertising competition by the Alabama Press Association.

Haynes, who lives in Oxford, Alabama led a sales and creative team that garnered two first place awards, one second place and one third place.

Advertising entries from *The Jacksonville News* were placed in competition with similar circulation size newspapers across the state of Alabama and were judged by a volunteer team from the West Virginia Press Association.

Categories in which *The Jacksonville News* entries were winners were: Best Advertising Campaign, *Gold's Gym*, first place. Best Multiple Advertiser Signature Page, *Halloween Safety*, first place. Best One-Time Special Section, *Open House at the New Community Center*, second place. And, in the same category, *A Personal Look at Jacksonville Business*, third place.

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CRAIG WHITESIDE '92 of Alabaster is a computer programmer for Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Alabama in Hoover. He is married to **ELAINE STEWART '92** who is a teacher.

WILLIAM BOHANNON '93 of Sylacauga, received his Doctor of Osteopathy degree in May, 2002 from the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine. He received recognition for graduating in the top 15% of his class. He plans to do his internship at Regional Medical Center in Anniston.

PENNY ROUSSEAU GREEN '93 of Scottsboro has joined the staff of Job Seekers, Inc. She has more than 9 years' experience in the human resource area.

KEVIN HATHCOCK '93 of Rainbow City is assistant principal at Odenville Elementary School. He is also involved with the Miss Alabama Pageant System and was named Director of the Year for 2002. He currently serves as Director of the Miss Homewood Area Pageant.

GENE ANN HILDRETH '93 of Prattville is territory sales manager for the Campbell Soup Company.

AMBER LENORE MCPHERSON '93 of Ft. Payne has been an advocate for children and young women in Dekalb County for the last nine years. She is now the executive director of The Way Home, a Christian home for unwed teenage mothers committed to bettering their lives and the lives of their children. She is married to **GARY LADON MCPHERSON '92**.

STACY SMITH NELSON '93/95 of the Saks area of Anniston is school counselor at Winterboro High School with the Talladega County Board of Education.

LANE PATTERSON '93 of Oxford is a trainer with SportsFirst. You can find him on the sidelines of athletic activities in Talladega County. He also works with the football program at JSU.

ALLEN REYNOLDS '93/96 of Savannah, GA is a clinical therapist at Coastal Harbor Treatment Center. He is a former member of the JSU Marching Southerners and JSU Show Choir.

CANDI PRUITT SNIDER '93 of Oxford is a teacher at White Plains Elementary School. She is in her 9th year of teaching.

JACQUELINE TURNER '93 of Alpine was selected Teacher of the Month for September, 2002, at

Munford High School. Her long-term goal is to become a facilitator for an elementary, middle or high school.

ANGELA MOSES BARNES '94 of Birmingham is a teacher. **SANDI PONDER HOLLAND '94** of Blountsville and her sisters **SHARI PONDER SLOAN '97** of Altoona and **JANET PONDER CORNELIUS '01** of Altoona, all teach at Susan Moore Elementary School.

RHONDA KORNEGAY PERRY '94/95 has been chosen 2002 Teacher of the Year at Disque Middle School in Gadsden. She has taught special education for 9 years.

AMANDA T. STAPLES '94/99 of Franklin, GA is an Army Reserve Staff Sergeant with the 2125th Army Reserve Garrison Support Unit in Decatur, GA. She was deployed to Ft. Bragg, NC, in November to support the mission of Operation Noble Eagle for homeland security. She is a personnel services specialist who has been in the military for 4 years.

REBEKAH WINGO THOMAS '94 of Senoia, GA is MIS Manager for Morgan Chemical Products, Inc. in Peachtree City, GA. She is a former member of the JSU Marching Southerners.

DARYL ULLMER '94 of Huntsville is a financial service product associate with State Farm Insurance. He was a member of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity at JSU.

RICKY AUSTIN '95 of Piedmont is the girls' varsity basketball and volleyball coach at Spring Garden High School. A marathon runner, he is inching his way to within reach of the 25,000 mile mark in long-distance running over the past 12 years! He has won several 5K, 10K and ½ marathons. He came in 97th of 55,000 runners in the 1996 Peachtree 10K in Atlanta.

BRIDGET JOHNSON BOTHWELL '95 retired in 2001 from the Air National Guard after more than 17 years and in May, 2002, she retired from her fulltime position of 11 years with the guard as a military personnel technician.

CHARLES SHANE BYRD '95 of Ft. Payne is principal at Williams Avenue Elementary School in Ft. Payne. He previously was a teacher at the middle school and then served as assistant principal at Williams. He has also spent the last 2 years coaching track and cross country. He will give up his duties in track but will remain with the cross country team.

JEFF COBB '95 of Anniston is Cherokee County's newest probation and parole officer. Prior

Aleen Evans Inducted into Alabama Senior Citizens Hall of Fame

Aleen Evans, who died on Sept. 18, 2002, was recently inducted into the Alabama Senior Citizens Hall of Fame. She graduated from Jacksonville State University in 1946 with a bachelor's degree in education, was born in Arab, AL and graduated from high school there. Mrs. Evans also attended Auburn University and Alabama A & M, where she earned her master's degrees in education and learning disabilities education. She taught in Virginia and in Alabama. Upon retirement from teaching, she joined the Alabama Retired Teacher's Association, where she served three terms as president of the Marshall County unit.

The Alabama Senior Citizens Hall of Fame was formed in 1983 by the Alabama Legislature "to honor living Alabama citizens who have made significant contributions toward enhancing the lives of elderly citizens." Evans is said to have "displayed a keen appreciation and compassion for our senior citizens. She consistently responded to requests for help and has taken the initiative on numerous occasions to sensitively offer her services."

Evans wrote news articles for the Guntersville newspaper, the Advertiser-Gleam, for 34 years, with much of her work dealing with senior citizens. She served as PTA president at the DAR School, volunteered with Meals on Wheels and MedSmart of Alabama. She served for many years as a member of the Alabama Silver Haired Legislature. She was also very active with Grant First Baptist Church.

to this, he was a police officer with the City of Anniston.



▲ **JAMES "JAMIE" THOMAS COLE, II '95** of Alabaster has been named creative editor at *Progressive Farmer* magazine, a division of Southern Progress Corporation. He began his career with Southern Progress in 1995 as a design assistant at the magazine. Before being named creative editor, he worked as Web editor for the magazine's web site. The site was reviewed by *The Wall Street Journal* and *Dow Jones Business Report* as one of the best places on the Web for farmers. He was editor-in-chief of JSU's award-winning newspaper, *The Chanticleer*.

KRISTY CHAPMAN ELLARD '95/01 of Jacksonville is 10-12th grade counselor at Jacksonville High School. A life member of the JSU Alumni Association, Kristy was a member of Alpha Xi Delta Sorority.

JASON GARDNER '95 of Cullman has been named soil conservationist in the Natural Resources Conservation Service – Cullman field office. He previously was a soil conservationist in Philadelphia, MS.

LINCOLN HIGDON '95 of Dacula, GA, is an advanced systems administrator for Electronic Data Systems (EDS) in Atlanta. He is married to the former **EMILY TAYLOR '95** and both are former members of the JSU Marching Southerners.

DEEANN HAYES '95 of Madison, AL is a teacher/coach at DAR Elementary School in Grant. She is a former JSU cheerleader.

THOMAS GALEN JOHNSON '95 of Duluth, GA, is audio engineer with Avatar Solutions Group in Duluth. He is a former member of the JSU Marching Southerners.

PATRICIA A. PATTERSON '95 of Attalla has been chosen the 2003 Teacher of the Year for Ivalee School. She has taught at Ivalee for the past 7 years.



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PHILIP PATTERSON '95 of Stockbridge, GA, is project manager for SunTrust Bank in Atlanta.

KENNETH STEWART THOMPSON '95 of Kingston, Ontario, Canada, is owner/manager of Pro-Golf of Kingston, Ltd.

JASON TURNER '95 of Little Rock, AR, is a computer specialist with Veterans Affairs in North Little Rock.

CHERYL JOY BOHANON CANNON '96 of Dallas, GA, is a teacher with the Cobb County Board of Education.

She is married to **PATRICK ALLEN CANNON '96**, a consultant with Music and Art's Music Store. Both were members of the JSU Marching Southerners.

DR. JEREMY A. MARGOLIS '96 of Houston, TX is a research associate at the University of Texas Houston Health Science Center.

LEOPOLD SAMBOU '96 of Atlanta is F & B Director for Meristar Management in Alpharetta.

ANDREW W. ANTHONY '97 of Alpharetta, GA is network engineer for Cingular Wireless in Atlanta.

RUSTY BRAND '97 of Huntsville has joined First Commercial Bank as cash management officer. He has 4 years' experience in the financial industry and 2 in human resources. Rusty was a member of the JSU basketball team.

MATTHEW C. CROUSE '97/98 of Huntsville is a safety specialist with Toyota. He previously was the safety director at M & H Valve in Anniston. He is married to **TAMMY M. CABLER '98/01** who is band director for the Franklin County (TN) School System at Huntland High School. She previously was band director for Randolph County (AL) High School in Wedowee. Tammy is a former member of the JSU Marching Southerners.

RHONDA SUZANNE BATTLES FORD '97 of Gallant is a teacher with the St. Clair County Board of Education at Springville High School. She is married to **JONATHAN LEON FORD '99**, a teacher/coach with St. Clair County at Springville Middle School. They were members of the JSU Baptist Campus Ministries program.

CHRIS MACNICOL '97 of Daphne has been promoted from exercise specialist to fitness

coordinator at Springhill Athletic Club. He recently became a certified strength and conditioning specialist by the National Strength and Conditioning Association Certification Commission. He was a member of the JSU baseball team. He is married to **TONYA BOOZER '97**, an account executive for DANKA. She is a former JSU cheerleader.

TERRY LYNN SISK '97 of Leeds is head women's tennis coach at Samford University in Birmingham. She played tennis for JSU and was a member of Alpha Xi Delta Sorority.

DAVID R. STEPHENS '97 of Harvest recently graduated from the Air National Guard Academy of Military Science at McGhee Tyson Air National Guard Base, TN, and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Air Force Reserve. He is a communications officer assigned to the 225th Combat Communications Squadron in Gadsden.

MIKE CAVENDER '98 of Heflin is serving as the current Choccolocco district executive for the Boy Scouts of America.

SONYA NICHOLE TALTON CLEMENTS '98 of Hokes Bluff is a case manager for Southern Care Hospice.

ADAM NATHANIEL COKER '98 and **OLYA POVERENNOVA COKER '99** of Spring Lake, NC, were appointed in November, 2002, by the International Mission Board. They now serve in Russia where Adam is a strategy coordinator and Olya conducts outreach through church and home. Adam was a member of the Marching Southerners.

STACI DALE DUNN '98 of Mobile is a corporate PC support technician for Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Alabama.

PAUL CAMERON HOLLAND '98 of Scottsboro recently graduated from the Alabama Banking School in Mobile. Cameron is an assistant VP and loan officer at the First National Bank of Scottsboro. He was a member of Kappa Alpha Fraternity.

ROBYN CARPENTER HUTTO '98 of Moulton is a teacher and volleyball coach with the Lawrence County Board of Education. She played volleyball for JSU and was a member of Delta Zeta Sorority.

JEANNA LOU SWAFFORD '98 of Louisville, KY is a consultant dietician with Martha Gregory and Associates. She is married to

MICHAEL SEAN SWAFFORD '00.

TARA TURNMIRE TROBAUGH '98 of Ringgold, GA, is a music teacher at Rossville Elementary School, Rossville, GA. She was a member of the JSU Marching Southerners and A Cappella Choir.

WILLIAM WOOD '98 of Pea Ridge, AR, is a computer programmer with Wal-Mart.

KEVIN W. BRADY '99 received his juris doctorate degree from Mississippi College School of Law in August, 2002. He has been appointed to a position with the Mississippi State Court of Appeals in Jackson. Kevin is married to **CHRISTY BRYANT '99**, who is a nurse.

JONATHON CROSSON '99 of Jacksonville is a 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Army and is a battalion ammunition officer with an artillery unit. He was called on last summer to defend his fellow Americans by fighting the forces of Mother Nature in the West. He helped to fight a 20,000 acre wildfire in Oregon.

VIRGINIA CHER BUSE DULANEY '99 of Pensacola, FL is credit manager with Conseco Finance Corp.

VIKKI BRADFORD FLOYD '99/01 of Anniston is director of marketing and public relations at Jacksonville Medical Center (formerly Jacksonville Hospital). She previously worked for BellSouth Business Systems in Birmingham.

AMY MARIA KENDRICK '99 of Summerville, GA, is a medical examiner investigator at the Georgia Bureau of Investigation Crime Lab in Summerville. She was a member of the Marching Southerners at JSU.

ELIZABETH TAYLOR LOEHR '99 of Austell, GA, is area council manager with the Cobb Chamber of Commerce in Marietta. She is a former member of the JSU Marching Ballerinas and Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority. Libby is married to **ROBERT LOEHR, JR. '96** who is a band director in Georgia. Bob served as the JSU mascot "Cocky" for several years.

SHERRY FULLER MAXWELL '99 of Southside is manager of Patient Financial Services at Brookwood Medical Center in Birmingham.

LAWRENCE MCGRAW '99 of Talladega is a teacher/coach with the Talladega City Board of Education. He was a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity at JSU.

LAYLA CHAMNESS MINOR

'99 of Arab is a teacher at Susan Moore High School in Blountsville.

STEPHANIE TAYLOR PARKER '99 of Attalla is a teacher with the Savannah-Chatham County (GA) Board of Education.

COURTNEY F. WHITEHEAD '99 is a teacher at Blountsville Elementary School, Blountsville, AL

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DESTINY CORALIE BARNES '00 of Nashville, TN, is a graphic artist with Duthie Associates, Inc. A peer counselor at JSU, Destiny was also a member of the JSU Fastbreakers dance line.

MELINDA BARROW '00 of Madison is an RN at Huntsville Hospital.

STEPHANIE D. BRADFORD '00/03 was named Teacher of the Year at General Forrest Middle School in Gadsden. She has been with the Gadsden City Board of Education for 3 years.

BETH WILSON CHAFFIN '00 is a gifted teacher at Douglas Middle School in Marshall County.

GARY L. COBB '00 is a 2nd Lieutenant with the Marine Corps and recently completed a 6-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit, based at Camp LeJeune, NC.

ALLISON NICOLE EASON ETHEREDGE '00 of Moody is an employment assistant with HealthSouth in Birmingham. She is married to **ELLIS KEITH ETHEREDGE '00** a teacher/coach with the Jefferson County Board of Education. Allison was a peer counselor and member of Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority.

JOHN SCOTT GIBBS '00 of Gadsden is a remediation specialist with the Gadsden City Board of Education. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity.

DAVID D. HOOPER '00 of Huntsville is an industrial hygiene and safety specialist with Boeing.

GERALDINE M. MCCORMICK '00 of Anniston is a clerk for Gadsden State Community College's Anniston campus.

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LATONYA MECHAE
RHODES '00 of Gadsden is a purchasing specialist for the Gadsden Job Corps Center.

LORI HOLLINGSWORTH SHAFFER '00 is a teacher at Jacksonville High School. She previously taught at Lighthouse Christian Academy in Montgomery. Lori is a former member of the JSU Marching Southerners.

AMANDA DELL LAUGHLIN SKINNER '00 of Birmingham is an administrative assistant with Campus Outreach. She is a former member of the JSU Marching Ballerinas, Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority, the Show Choir and A Cappella Choir. Amanda is married to **RAYMOND WAYNE SKINNER '97** who was a member of Delta Chi Fraternity.

JAMES MICHAEL THOMAS '00 of Helena is a certified revenue examiner with Rivertree Systems, Inc. in Birmingham. He is married to **LORI JONES THOMAS '00**.

SHNEKA DONALD WHALEY '00 of Chattanooga, TN, is a receptionist with Duracelle and an assistant basketball coach at Chattanooga State College. Shneka was a member of JSU's women's basketball team and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority.

NIA COX '01 of Bridgeport is a teacher at North Sand Mountain High School. She previously taught at Valley Head.

JERRY DAVIS '01 of Crossville is a teacher at Asbury. Before he decided to become a teacher, he was in the Navy, sold cars and worked various other jobs. The turning point to become a teacher was after sitting in on a class taught by one of his friends.

JOHN MARK FORD '01 of Ragland is a teacher at Springville Elementary School. He previously taught at Stemley Road Elementary School in Talladega County.

TINA LACHELLE GIBBS '01 of Gadsden is a teacher at Glencoe Elementary School. She recently was awarded an Alabama Power Service Organization award of \$1000 given to teachers who were chosen from a list of the state's top graduates in education.

DEBORAH DENISE SHELL KILPATRICK '01 of Boaz is a staff accountant with MDA Professional Group, PC in Albertville.

JEFFREY SCOTT SOUSA '01 of Birmingham is a special investigator for the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM).

DUFFY LYNN WAGONER '01 of Jacksonville is a teacher at Jacksonville High School. He was a

member of Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity at JSU.

CAROLYN THOMAS WAUGH '01 of Guntersville was selected Teacher of the Month for August, 2002, at DAR High School.

JAMES WILSON '01 of Madison is in sales at McRae's Department Store in Huntsville.

JENNIFER M. CHAPPELL '02 of Lewisville, TX, is a Child Protective Service Specialist II with the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services in Dallas.

SHANNON LYNN HOWARD '02 of Jacksonville is a teacher at Pleasant Valley High School.

CORI EVONNE SANDERS JONES '02 of Jacksonville is a shift manager at Sav-a-Lot grocery. She is a former member of the JSU Marching Southerners.

MARGARET NELSON '02 of Gadsden has started her first post-graduate job doing outreach under the auspices of Thirteenth Place. She implements the anti-drug, anti-violence LINC ID program in area schools. She also volunteers at the Child Advocacy Center as a public awareness specialist. She previously worked for 23 years at the steel plant in Gadsden.

MARK ANDREW THOMAS '02 of Helena is a web developer/programmer with Industrial Training Consultants in Pelham. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity. He is married to **SHERRY TODD THOMAS '02** who was a member of Phi Mu Sorority, a Gamecock Hostess and SGA senator and Up Til Dawn Director. She is employed by Cygnus Business Media in advertising sales.

RUTH WARREN WEAVER '02 of Gadsden was hired as a special ed teacher at Douglas Middle School in Guntersville.

WEDDINGS



'50-59

SARA LOU ARMSTRONG CONNELL '53 of Leeds and Burke Finney McLaughlin, October 5, 2002. They were high school sweethearts who went their separate ways. Sara was an educator who served as Associate Dean of Student Support Services at Central Alabama Community College until her retirement. She had been married to **JODIE CONNELL '53**, a JSU Little All-American football player, who passed away in 1983. She has 3 sons.

'80-89

WALTER ABNER WILLIAMS '81 and Lisa Carol Reich, October 26, 2002. He served as a Captain in the U.S. Navy and is now employed in Birmingham.

JUDITH E. KOCIAN ABRAMS '82 and Robert F. Fields, August 2, 2002. She is employed by Lockheed Martin Corporation and they reside in Huntsville.

ALGER "AL" CARLTON HARRIS '82/91 and Patt Williamson, December 2, 2002. Al is director of the JSU News Bureau. The couple resides in Jacksonville.

RANDY MEDDERS '83 and Tamra Ann Whatley, July 13, 2002. Randy is programming manager at Regulus Group in Birmingham.

KATHY ELIZABETH RANKIN CAMBRON '83/89 and **ROBERT CHARLES CAMPBELL '89/91**, March 21, 2003. Kathy is JSU's Acting Registrar and Robert is an audio visual technician at JSU. They reside in Jacksonville.

CHARLES DAVID PACE '86 and Beth Ann McAllister, July 12, 2002. He is employed by Lozier Corporation in Scottsboro.

SARAH CATHERINE WOOD '86 and Stephen Alford Chubb, October 19, 2002. A former JSU cheerleader, Sarah is employed as a software analyst with Time Domain Corporation. They reside in Huntsville.

REGINA COLETTE WILLIS '89 and William Riley Hawkins, January 25, 2003. Regina was a member of Alpha Xi Delta Sorority at JSU and is Alabama at Birmingham.

'90-99

MARCIA FIELDS '90 and Ira Dobbins, October 12, 2002. Marcia is a former JSU Marching Ballerina and she is employed in Birmingham.

NANCY LYNN SANFORD '92/98 and Patrick O. Fahy, June 26, 2002. She was given in marriage by her son and her daughter served as her maid of honor! Her husband's son served as his dad's best man! They reside in Salt Lake City, UT where Nancy is teaching and completing her Ph.D. in Education at the University of Utah.

DOUGLAS RAY BENTLEY,

JR. '93 and **KATHERINE BOWEN '98**, November 2, 2002. Both are employed by Russell Corporation in Alexander City.

TERESA BRUCE '93 and Randy Liebl, August 31, 2002. Teresa is employed by Walgreens Pharmacy as a manager. They reside in the Huntsville area.

CHARLES FLOYD STEELE, JR. '93/96 and **AVA LASHON ENGLISH '97/01**, October 19, 2002. Charles is employed by URS Corporation and Ava by Westinghouse Anniston/Washington Group International.

KRISTI LYNN GILBERT '94 and Jason David Elrod, August 17, 2002. Kristi is employed by the Albertville Nursing Home.

DANA HOWELL '94 and Tucker Hall, September 7, 2002. Dana is employed by Rue 21 in Oxford.

BRUCE PATRICK WRIGHT '94 and Tonya Ramsey, September 28, 2002. He is employed by Wakefield's in Anniston. They reside in Heflin.

GREGORY KEITH PRICE '95 and **LESLIE D. POWELL '99**, November 2, 2002. Leslie is employed by the Marshall County Board of Education and Gregory by Lisco, Inc. of Oneonta. He plans to enter the practice of law. They reside in Boaz.

BRANDEE PRUITT '95 and **ROY van GELDER '96/98**, September 21, 2002. Brandee is employed by Daniel Realty Services, LLC, in Birmingham. Roy, a member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity and the men's tennis team at JSU, is employed by AmSouth Bank in Birmingham.

MICHAEL DAVID KENNEDY '96/97 and **APRIL LEIGH BATEY '99**, December 23, 2002, in Las Vegas, NV. Michael is currently attending Officer Training School for the United States Air Force at Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, AL.

BRIAN MORRIS LIPHAM '96 and Tonia Diane Strickland, September 14, 2002. They reside in Alexandria.

MICHAEL LEE PERKINS '96 and Jaime Danielle Williams, July 20, 2002. He is employed by the City of Scottsboro.

CHRISTOPHER JAMES SULLIVAN '96 and Lisa Ann Oviatt, October 11, 2002. Both are employed by the Salt Lake City (UT) School District.

SCOTT D. ARRINGTON '97



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and Michele D. Reavis, July 13, 2002. The bride's mom served as her matron of honor and her daughter was her flower girl! Ushers included both the bride and groom's dads. They reside in the Saks area of Anniston.

AIMEE BROCK '97 and Brandon Johnson, July 20, 2002. A member of Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority at JSU, Aimee is employed by Coca-Cola Enterprises.

MITZI GAIL HARMON '97 and Gregory C. Wallace, July 20, 2002, in a sunset wedding in Montego Bay, Jamaica. Mitzi is marketing director for Town Village Retirement Community. They reside in Vestavia Hills, AL.

BRYAN EUGENE HILL '97 and Melissa Renee Irby, December 8, 2002. He is employed by the Social Security Administration as a claims representative.

STEVEN CRAIG QUALLS '99 and Allison Rebekah Lowery, August 10, 2002.

KARA MICHELE SMITH '99 and Jason Everett Arthur, August 31, 2002. Kara is employed by Dixie-Pacific Manufacturing Co. Inc.

MARY ELIZABETH WEST '99 and Matt Stewart, July 20, 2002. Elizabeth is employed by Boaz Printing.

CRAIG WOMACK '99 and Sherri Blevins, November 2, 2002. Craig is employed by US Xpress, Chattanooga, TN.

'00-02

MELISSA S. ABERNATHY '00 and Cary Phillip Parris. A former Gamecock hostess, Melissa is employed by Terrace Mortgage Company in Atlanta as Servicing Manager/Quality Control. Cary attended JSU and was a member of Delta Chi Fraternity. They reside in Woodstock, GA.

JENNIFER LYNN BARRS '00/02 and Jason Patrick Thomas, August 10, 2002. She was a member of Phi Mu Sorority. Jason attended and played baseball for JSU before transferring to UGA. The couple resides in Temple, GA.

JANA CAGLE '00 and Dan Groghan, March 17, 2001. Jana teaches in Paulding County, GA. Dan is a student at JSU and is a member of ROTC. He was a

member of the Marine Corps Reserves for 6 years.

AMBER LESLIE CANTER '00 and Mark Thomas Harrell, December 7, 2002. Amber is the manager of Heirlooms gift shop in Jacksonville.

JENNIFER ANN DUNAWAY '00 and Daniel David Hammock, February 22, 2003. She is completing her master's degree at UAB and is employed by the Alabama School for the Deaf and Blind as a physical education teacher and as a track, cheerleading and swimming coach.

ANGELA LONERGAN '00 and **PETER LINH WILLIAMS '00**, April 5, 2002. They reside in Texas.

MICHAEL DAVID MCGLAUGHN '00 and Amy Suzanne Russell, December 14, 2002. A former member of the JSU Marching Southerners, he is

pursuing a graduate degree at Cumberland School of Law at Samford University. He is a life member of the Alumni Association. **TASMA SHANTE MCGOWAN '00** and George Herbert Ball, Jr., September 21, 2002. She is employed by Youth Villages as a family counselor.

SARAH ELLEN MUELLER '00 and John David Griffin, September 7, 2002. She is employed by Ayers and Parkey Law Firm of Knoxville, TN. John attended JSU. **DEREK LEE PATTON '00** and Stephanie Lee Yocum, September 28, 2002. They reside in Houston, TX.

AMANDA KAY WADDELL '00 and Andrew Paul Carpenter, August 24, 2002. Amanda is employed by Gadsden Regional Medical Center.

RODNEY RAY WHITTINGTON '00 and Dorothy Ann Black, October 11, 2002. He is employed as an RN with HealthSouth in Birmingham. Dorothy is a nursing student at JSU.

AMANDA LEIGH WOOD '00 and **BENJAMIN LEE GUEST '02**, December 14, 2002. Amanda is employed by Stringfellow Hospital in Anniston and Ben by Physicians Apothecary.

GLORISA DEAN WOOD '00/02 and **KEITH ALAN REASON '01**, October 12, 2002. Glorisa is employed by Baptist Montclair Hospital. She is a member of Sigma Alpha Iota women's fraternity.

BRADLEY DAVID ALMAROAD '01 and Jodi LeAnne Woodward, February 22, 2003. Brad is employed by Tyson's in Gadsden as plant safety manager.

WYTAUSHA LAVORE ALMON '01 and Kenneth Thomas Perry, July 27, 2002. They reside in Anniston. and is employed by the

Tom Roberts Public Relations Agency in Guntersville.

DAVID BOMAN '01 and Michelle Davis, July 13, 2002. David is employed by the Fort Payne City Board of Education.

JAYLAN STEWART ELLISON '01 and **ASHLEY LYNN LLOYD '01**, September 28, 2002. Jaylan was a member of the JSU golf team. He is employed by Edward Jones Investments. Ashley is employed by Wakefield's, Inc. in Anniston.

CHERI FINLEY '01 and Chad Barnett, July 20, 2002. Cheri is employed as a teacher at Kitty Stone Elementary School in Jacksonville. Chad is a student at JSU and works for Strut's restaurant in Jacksonville.

GEORGE LYNWOOD FRENCH '01 and Ekaterina Sokolovskaya, July 31, 2002. George is a lieutenant in the Alabama National Guard MP Unit in Alexander City. Ekaterina is a nursing student at JSU.

TONYA BROOKE GARMON '01 and Jeremy Bradley Goss, March 22, 2003. Tonya is employed by the Anniston City Board of Education.

ASHLEY DENISE GWIN '01 and Joel Nicholas Williamson, December 21, 2002. Ashley was a member of Phi Mu Sorority at JSU. She is currently attending UAB pursuing a master's degree. She is employed by the Shelby County Board of Education.

JOHN MICHAEL HARBISON '01 and **AMBER RAE BURGESS '02**, July 13, 2002. John was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity at JSU. He is

employed as a sales representative with Jenkins Brick and Tile in Birmingham. Amber was a member of Alpha Xi Delta Sorority at JSU and is employed as office manager for Dr. William Ferguson in Anniston.

MEGAN KATHLEEN HARRIS '01 and Jonathan Copeland, July 6, 2002. She is a former member of the JSU Marching Ballerinas and is employed in Gadsden.

LAURA BROOKE HAWKINS '01 and **ROY LEE TATE, II '02**, December 21, 2002. Laura was a member of Phi Mu Sorority at JSU and is employed by the Shelby County Board of Education.

JAMIE C. LUCAS '01 and Shannon L. Morrison, July 13, 2002. Jamie is employed by Eagles Landing High School in McDonough, GA. He was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity at JSU.

HAYLEY MABREY '01 and Chuck Burns, October 19, 2002. She is employed by the Alabama Department of Human Resources. Chuck is employed by JSU.

CHAD EUGENE MARTIN '01 and **AMBER BENAE' STILLWELL '01**, July 13, 2002. Chad is employed by the St. Clair County Board of Education and Amber by the Calhoun County Board of Education.

KEITH NELSON PHILLIPS '01 and **STEPHANIE LYNN HOLLAND '02**, August 3, 2002. A former member of the JSU Marching Southerners, Keith is employed as Associate Minister of Music and Worship at Dauphin Way Baptist Church in Mobile.

CANDICE HOLLY ROBERTSON '01 and Jacob Andrew Kohute, December 22, 2002. She is currently pursuing a master's degree and is employed by JSU as a graduate teaching assistant in the Physical and Earth Science Department. Jacob is a student at JSU and is employed by Williamson Oil Co.

KAREN MELISSA SIMMONS '01 and **IAN SPENCER PALMER '02**, July 13, 2002. Ian is employed by Stockbridge Middle School in Stockbridge, GA.

AMANDA LEIGH SMITH '01 and **JASON BRADLEY STEWART '02**, December 28, 2002. Amanda is employed by the Calhoun County Board of Education.

MEIGHAN JOANNA SMITH '01 and John Randall Earnest, September 14, 2002. Meighan is employed by Northeast Alabama Regional Medical Center in Anniston.

APRIL ADAMS '02 and Chad Pritchett, March 28, 2003. April is employed by Gadsden State Community College and Snead State Community College.

MICHAEL COREY ALMAROAD '02 and Danielle Renea Morgan, July 6, 2002. Michael is a safety and environmental engineer with Bostrom Seating in Piedmont. Danielle attends JSU and is a special education aide at Saks Elementary School.

AMANDA JILL ARMSTRONG '02 and Roger Derek Reeves, August 3, 2002.

HILARY DEANN BUTLER '02 and Robert Edwin Moran, September 14, 2002. Hilary is an RN with University Hospital in Birmingham.

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TINA L. CLEVENGER '02 and Jeremy L. Waters, August 10, 2002. They reside in Anniston.

CHARLES RICHARD DOBBS '02 and Jessica Lynn Rogers, March 22, 2003.

RYAN HEATH FAULKNER '02 and Jennifer Michelle Harlan, March 15, 2003. Ryan is employed by Faulkner Brother's Grocery.

JENNIFER LEIGH GILLILAND '02 and **CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL KNOX '02**, December 21, 2002.

AMANDA HASTY '02 and Jerry Scheidegger, September 21, 2002. Amanda is employed by Dixie Pacific Manufacturing in Gadsden. Jerry is a student at JSU.

MIRANDA ANN HENDON '02 and Christopher A. Watson, October 5, 2002. Chris attended JSU.

JAMES F. HESTER '02 and **ASHLEY ROBINSON '02**, July 13, 2002. James and Ashley are both employed by the Paulding County (GA) Board of Education.

AMANDA NICOLE HIGGINS '02 and Randall Scott Morgan, September 21, 2002. She is employed by Tewana and Co. of Gadsden.

ELORA GRACE ISRAEL '02 and Johnnie Alan Ellis, December 13, 2002. She is employed by Charter Media in Birmingham.

MICHAEL "BJ" JONES '02 and Melody Brooke Daniell, November 23, 2002. BJ is employed as a teacher/coach by the Attalla City Board of Education.

LEAH RHIANNON LANDERS '02 and Kristian Shayne Singleton, July 12, 2002. She is employed at Opelika High School.

VENETIA LASHA LAWRENCE '02 and Julian Herring, October 12, 2002. She is a budget analyst at Anniston Army Depot.

MICHAEL CHAD LINCOLN '02 and **ASHLEY DIANNE RAINES '02**, June 22, 2002.

JASON SCOTT NUNN '02 and **JENNIFER AMY WILSON '02**, December 27, 2002. Jason played baseball for JSU and is a former professional baseball player with the NY Yankees. He is now employed by the Pickens County Board of Education. Jennifer was a member of Phi Mu Sorority. She is also employed by the Pickens County Board of Education.

LINDSEY MICHELLE PASSLER '02 and Scott Anthony Dossey, October 5, 2002. Lindsey was a member of Alpha Xi Delta Sorority.

ANTHONY CRAIG ROBINSON '02 and Katie Leann Kilgore, August 10, 2002. Anthony was a member of Delta Chi Fraternity. He is employed by Ronnie Watkins Ford in Gadsden. Katie is pursuing a nursing degree at JSU.

CORI EVONNE SANDERS '02 and William Scott Jones, August 3, 2002. William is a student at JSU and is employed by the Calhoun County Sheriff's Department as a K-9 officer.



▲ **ANDREW THOMAS '02** and **SHERRY LYNN TODD '02**, August 3, 2002. While at JSU, Sherry was a member of Phi Mu, the 2002 Homecoming Court, Sigma Phi Epsilon's First Sweetheart, Order of Omega, and 2002 Up 'til Dawn Director. Mark was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, Phi Eta Sigma, Omicron Delta Kappa, Computer Science Club and Order of Omega. They reside in Birmingham.

KEVIN YOUNG '02 and Charly Hickman, December 28, 2002. Kevin is employed by the Gadsden City Board of Education.

BIRTHS

'80-89

GREG EPPERSON '85 and his wife Nicole welcomed the birth of their twins, **KALYN NICOLE** and **KYLE GREGORY**, on August 29, 2002. A life member of the JSU Alumni Association, Greg was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

MICHAEL LEE SCOTT '89 and his wife Amy announce the birth of their second child,

CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL, on October 10, 2002. Their first child, Johnathan Lee is 5 ½ years old. Michael has been employed by HCA/Redmond Regional Medical Center in Rome (GA) as a Network Administrator for the past 11 years. He and his wife also own and operate a successful wedding entertainment and coordination business, Scott Productions, Inc. Mike was a member of the Marching Southerners, Sigma Nu and Phi Mu Alpha fraternities.

'90-99

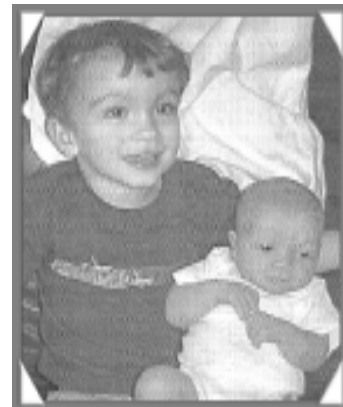
GREG '92 and **AMY MCKINNEY GAYDON '94** announce the birth of their daughter, **EMILY REED**, on August 22, 2002. Greg was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity and Amy was a member of Phi Mu Sorority. Their other children, William Lanier and Matthew Smith, welcomed their new sister home. The family resides in Flowery Branch.



▲ **DOUG SINGLETON '92** and his wife Becky welcomed the birth of their daughter, **MICAELA KIREI**, on July 30, 2002. They relocated to Marietta, GA in August, 2002, after Doug completed his orthodontic residency at Baylor Hospital. Micaela is the granddaughter of Miyo Haynes, who works in the JSU Bursar's Office.

LORI COKER WALLACE '92/94 and **BRETT WALLACE '95** of Macon, GA announce the birth of their second child, **CURTIS REED**, on January 3, 2003. Their first child, Maggie Claire, is 3 ½. Brett is a teacher and coach in the Bibb County School System and Lori is a

guidance counselor in the Houston County School System.



▲ **TANYA "TANDI" GLENN SMITH '93** and her husband Greg announce the birth of their daughter, **TANA MARIE**, on August 26, 2002. Tana has a big brother, Glenn. Tandi is owner of Housemaster Home Inspections in Trussville. The family resides Orlando, FL.

JACK KENNEY "KEN" BRYANT '94 and his wife Brandi announce the birth of their daughter, **EVA NEVAEH**, on February 4, 2003. Ken owns Bryant Lawn & Landscape. They reside in Jacksonville.



▲ **ZENITA JORDAN HENDERSON '97/99** and her husband Cyrus, welcomed the birth of their daughter, **CASSIDY TYLER**, on September 18, 2002. Commissioned through JSU's ROTC program, Zenita is serving in the U.S. Army stationed at Ft. Stewart, GA, as a medical logistics officer.

WENDI GOOLSBY CIESLA '96 and her husband Bill announce the birth of their daughter,



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ISABELLA EAGAN, on February 25, 2003. She was 20 inches long, 6 pounds 12 ounces. The family resides in Orlando, FL.



▲ **HEATHER O'CONNELL JOHNSON '97** and **SPENCER ROMAINE JOHNSON '97** of Harvest, AL welcomed the birth of their first child, **EMMA CAROLINE**, on February 8, 2003. Heather is currently serving on the JSU Alumni Association Board of Governors as the president of the Madison County Alumni Chapter. Both are life members of the Alumni Association and work in Huntsville.



▲ **TIM LOCKETTE '97** and his wife Buffy of Gainesville, FL, announce the birth of their first child, **NOAH HAYDEN**, on February 2, 2003. Tim and Buffy met as writers for *The Chanticleer* at JSU and were married on May 5, 2001, in St. Augustine, FL. Tim is a reporter for the *Gainesville Sun* and Buffy is an editor for the University of Florida.



▲ **CHRISTIAN '97** and **TONYA BOOZER MACNICOL '97** of Daphne, AL announce the birth of their son, **TATE CHRISTIAN**, born December 31, 2002. Chris played baseball at JSU. Tonya was a JSU cheerleader and member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority.

OBITUARIES

(unless otherwise noted, all information received through newspaper obituary notices)

'30-39

JIM FRANK CLARK '37/41 of Valley, November 1, 2002. He was retired from WestPoint Pepperell's Riverdale Mill with over 20 years of service. For 20 years he also served as principal of Riverview Elementary School and as the chairman of the Chambers County Board of Education.

WILBUR B. FOWLER '37 of Arab. Date of death is unknown. The Alumni Office was advised by a member of the Fowler family during the 2002 JSU Phonathon that he is deceased. No further information was available.

WILLIAM MAX JOHNSTON '37 of Dunnellon, FL, May 30, 2002. He was 94. Mr. Johnston was a member of the Jacksonville State baseball team. The Alumni Office was notified by Mr. Johnston's son, Jim, of his death.

MARGUERITE GREEN SNODDY '39 of Jacksonville, August 27, 2002. She was retired from the Anniston City School System and had been active in the Calhoun County Retired Teachers Association, the Alabama Retired Teachers Association and the National Retired Teachers Association. Her husband, **GAITHER B. SNODDY, JR. '47**, is also deceased.

'40-49

GLADYS HANSON '40 of Oxford, February 18, 2003. She had been a teacher for 34 years and also worked for several years at the Oxford Public Library.

HADEN TIDMORE '40 of Guntersville, November 24, 2002. He played basketball for Jacksonville State. Mr. Tidmore served as superintendent of the Guntersville School System and was principal of Guntersville Elementary in the late 1940s. He then was a real estate developer in Tucson, AZ, building shopping centers and subdivisions. He returned to Guntersville after retiring in 1974.

PHYLLIS BURT TIMMERMAN '42/46 of Cypress, TX, November 27, 2002. She had currently been employed at Cy-Fair School and Cy-Fair College. She previously taught at the Darlington School and in Rome, GA.

OLLIE GERTRUDE WALKER '42 of Edwardsville, June 1, 2002. She was 98 years old and had been residing at the Cleburne County Nursing Home for many years. Ms. Walker had taught for over 50 years in the Cleburne County School System. The town of Edwardsville named the town park in her honor. She had been a life member of the JSU Alumni Association. A member of her family phoned the information to the Alumni Office.

ALEEN HANSON EVANS '46 of Grant, September 18, 2002. She was a retired teacher and active in volunteer work. She was well known for her reports of Grant news for 34 years in the Advertiser-Glean newspaper. She had been scheduled to be inducted into the Alabama Senior Citizens Hall of Fame on September 29.

EUGENIA BOWLING GERLACH '46 of Lansing, MI. Date of death is unknown. We were notified at the end of 2002 by the post office that she is deceased.

FLOSSIE MAY SMITH '46 of Mulga, June, 2002. The Alumni Office was notified recently by a family member that she is deceased. She had been a teacher and was retired from the Jefferson County Board of Education.

CLARENCE SHELTON CHASTAIN '48 of Ashville, November 27, 2002. He was retired from Northern Illinois University in Dekalb, IL, where he had taught for 36 years. He was a World War II veteran. He was married to **ELENE**

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SPARKS CHASTAIN '49, a former member of the JSU Marching Band.

KATHRYN CARPENTER '49 of Wedowee, December 2, 2002. She had been an elementary school teacher and was active in many civic and volunteer organizations. She wrote the New Hope news for the local newspaper for more than 40 years.

ROBERT LLOYD SUMMEROUR '49 of Hixson, TN, July 9, 2002. We were recently informed by a family friend of his death. No further information was available.

LTC. GORDON FRANK WOOD '49 of Anniston, October 15, 2002. He served in the Navy for 28 years and was a veteran of World War I, the Korean War and Vietnam. He then worked as a substitute teacher, school coordinator and Red Cross volunteer.

LTC. GEORGE E. "GENE" WOOD '49/74/75 of Jacksonville, December 12, 2002. Mr. Wood was a member of the undefeated and untied Jacksonville State football team of 1947. He was an Army veteran of World War II and rejoined the Army in 1950, serving until his retirement in 1971. He then became a probation and parole officer for the State of Alabama. He retired from that position in 1986. A life member of the JSU Alumni Association, he was named Alumnus of the Year in 1992.

'50-59

LERA C. BLOCKER '50 of Leeds, December 1, 2002. She taught for 30 years in the St. Clair County School System. She was the widow of **H.L. BLOCKER '49**, who had

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been principal at Moody Junior High for 25 years. She was chosen as one of Alabama Outstanding Teachers in 1953 and was selected as one of the Outstanding Teachers in the U.S.

EUGENE M. HOLLEY '50 of Lady Lake, FL, November 20, 2002. An Army veteran, he was the former President of Calhoun Gas Co. and was active in civic organizations when he lived in Anniston. He was a Jacksonville State cheerleader.

JOHN W. HURTT, SR. '50 of Ft. Payne, January 21, 2003. A war veteran, he was stationed in Europe and participated in the D-Day Invasion at Omaha Beach (France) and the Battle of the Bulge. He was awarded various service medals and ribbons and was honorably discharged in 1946.

ORUS E. KINNEY '51 of Alachua, FL, August 12, 2002, of skin cancer. At Jacksonville he was active in student government and was a member of the debate team and the original ROTC class. He taught his first 4 years at Hartselle, AL, before moving to Florida in 1955. He served as principal at both the elementary and secondary levels for 31 years. He earned his Doctorate in Education from Nova University. Dr. Kinney served in the U.S. Navy during WWII, participating in the D-Day landings, in the invasion of Southern France, Okinawa and Iwo Jima. He was married to **PATSY SHIPP KINNEY '52**. Mrs. Kinney reported his death to us recently.

LEONA 'POLLY' MITCHELL NUTT '51 of Seminole, FL, November 30, 2002. A retired schoolteacher, she had taught at Sand Rock Elementary and Centre Elementary School in Cherokee County (AL).

HELEN POPE PRICE '51 of Centre, May, 2002. The Alumni Office was notified by a family member during the 2002 annual Phonathon that Mrs. Price had passed away. No other information was available.

LUCILLE KEELING STEPHENS '51 of Gadsden, January 23, 2003. A retired school teacher, she had taught in Duck Springs and Hokes Bluff, as well as several locations in Florida and Georgia.

AMY WILLIAMS WEST '51 of Decatur, GA, March 13, 2003. She had taught at Clarkston and DeKalb Colleges.

BERYL RAINS DRAIN '52 of Guntersville is deceased. We were informed during the 2002 Phonathon by a family member that she had passed away. No other information was available. She was married to **GEORGE DRAIN '55**.

PAT H. KENAMER '52 of Fyffe, September 9, 2002. He taught in Dekalb County schools for 33 years and was a Scoutmaster for 20 years. A World War II veteran, he was a member of the Jacksonville National Guard unit which was mobilized and he served as a Staff Sergeant in the Philippines and in New Guinea. He is survived by his wife, **GRACE PAYNE KENAMER '49**, who taught for over 31 years, most of them in Dekalb County.

MILFORD COAN '53 of Phil Campbell, AL, January 19, 2002, of lung cancer. A member of the baseball team at Jacksonville State, he was retired from N.W. Shoals Jr. College at the Phil Campbell campus. His wife, **INEZ M. COAN '65**, advised us during the 2002 Phonathon of his death.

JACK THOMAS ROLAND '54 of Panama City Beach, FL, October 19, 2002. A life member of the JSU Alumni Association, Jack owned a used car dealership. During the 2002 Phonathon, we learned of his death from a family member.

WILLIAM HILLIARD MILLS '55 of Gadsden, September 26, 2002. A veteran of the U.S. Army, he was a current member of the Gadsden Civil Service Board. He was also President of Coosa Federal Savings and Loan Association, liquidation officer with the FDIC and chief of the Receivership Department.

RUTH HORTON BONDS '56 of Albertville is deceased. No further information is available. She was a retired teacher. The information was provided to us during the 2002 Phonathon by a family member.

PATRICIA MCCULLEY BULGER '56 of Columbiana is deceased. No date of death was given. The information about her death was received during the 2002 JSU Phonathon. She had been a personnel supervisor with the Shelby County Board of Education.

HUGH ROY JOHNSON '56 of Athens, GA, September 5, 2002. He was retired from the USDA Agriculture Research Service as the Real Property Management Specialist of the South Atlantic Area. He was also a veteran of the U.S. Army and was commissioned through the ROTC program at Jacksonville State. He was a life member of the Alumni Association.

MAXINE GRAHAM JOHNSON '56/73 of Piedmont, November 17, 2002. She had retired from the Piedmont City Board of Education after 30 years of service.

DR. RALPH ERSKINE

PARNELL '56 of Lincoln, died recently in Birmingham. A life member of the JSU Alumni Association, Dr. Parnell had taught in the JSU Educational Resources program from 1962 to 1988 and from 1988 to 1990, he was an adjunct faculty member. Dr. Parnell was very active in the Retired Staff & Faculty Club.

HERBERT JACKSON LOVE '57 of Huntsville, August 17, 2002. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War and was a long-time teacher and coach.

FRANCES MARIE CAMPBELL '58 of New Market, October 4, 2002. She was a teacher for 39 years in the Madison County Board of Education and was a member of the Alabama Education Association and Retired Teachers Association of Madison County.

DAVID M. JOSEY, SR. '58 of Columbus, GA, December 10, 2002, of cancer. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean War. Until his retirement in 1994, he was store president of Western Auto of Columbus.

FINIS 'BILL' EWING STOREY, JR. '58 of Talladega, October 21, 2002. He had been a local scoutmaster and had received several scouting awards. He was active in the Civitan Club and served as its president and secretary/treasurer over the years. He operated Storey's Tax Service.

JOSEPH THELBERT DANIEL '59/63 of LaGrange, GA, is deceased. During the 2002 JSU Phonathon, his wife informed us of his death.

'60-69

RUBY JONES LANG '60 of Rainsville, is deceased. During the 2002 JSU Phonathon, a family member advised us of her death. She was a retired teacher with the Dekalb County Board of Education.

RAMONA BORDEN LOVE PRATER '61 of Decatur, November 30, 2002. She taught in several schools in Decatur and Huntsville and also served as music director and instrumentalist for adult and children's choirs in several churches. She also taught private lessons.

WINNIE HESTER WILLIAMS '61 of Anniston, June, 2002. She was a retired teacher with the Randolph County Board of Education. The information concerning her death was provided to us during the JSU 2002 Phonathon.

DONALD FRED PEARCE '62 of Heflin, is deceased. No date of death was given.

SAMUEL GERALD RUSSELL '62 of Anacoco, LA, November 14, 2002. His wife informed the Alumni Office of his death. He was the owner of Russell Associates.

BILL J. ALLMAN '63 of Gadsden, July, 2000. His wife, **ETHEL ALLMAN '65**, advised us during the JSU Phonathon of his death.

MARIE LYDA FIELDS '63 of Flat Rock, June 30, 2002. She had taught at Flat Rock School for 25 years. She was 95.

SARAH F. OTWELL '63 of Oxford, died recently in Tennessee. She was retired from Oxford Elementary School where she had taught for 24 years.

KAY O'BRIEN HUFFAKER '64 of Weaver, April 10, 2002. No further information was available. The information was obtained during the 2002 JSU Phonathon.

NATHAN P. THOMPSON '65 of Albertville, January 30, 2003. Colonel Thompson had been an instructor at JSU before his retirement from active military service in 1960. Afterwards, and upon receiving his degree in secondary education, he taught at Albertville High School where he initiated the Junior ROTC Program. He had served 32 years in the U.S. Army.

JAMES HAROLD 'BUDDY' BROOKS '67/74 of Gadsden, September 15, 2002. A U.S. Army veteran, he was retired from the Etowah County Health Department in 1997.

DANIEL WAYNE BURNS '68 of Birmingham, October 14, 2002. He had practiced law in the Birmingham area since he graduated from law school in 1978.

PEGGY J. TINNEY '68/71 of Eastaboga, is deceased. Date of death is unknown.

BEVERLY JEAN MITCHAM '69/82 of Anniston, August 26, 2002. She was a retired teacher with the Anniston City Board of Education.

JOHN MASON MOORE '69 of Southside, February 24, 2003. He was employed by Alfa Insurance. We were advised by a family friend of his death. John's wife, **KATHY WRIGHT MOORE**, is a 1970 JSU graduate.



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'70-79

ARNOLD LAVELLE

HAWTHORNE '70 of Leeds is deceased. The information was given to us during the 2002 JSU Phonathon information was available.

ALLIE JO VISE HAYDEN '70/74 of Talladega, January 28, 2003. She was a retired teacher at Graham Elementary School. She was named Teacher of the Year in 1976 for the City of Talladega. She retired at the age of 67 due to ill health.

GARY MICHAEL BURSON '71/87 of Jasper is deceased. The information was obtained during the 2002 JSU Phonathon. No further information was available.

RICHARD WESLEY JOHNSON '71/77 of Jacksonville is deceased. No date of death was provided to us by his wife, **BERNETA ODOM JOHNSON '63/77**, during the 2002 JSU Phonathon. He had been a teacher with the Oxford City Board of Education.

JAMES LARRY MCELWEE '71/76 of Gadsden, October 26, 2002. We were notified by the post office of his death.

GEORGE WASHINGTON DAVIS '73 of Gadsden, July 12, 2002. He began his career as a high school teacher, but years later he held prominent positions such as co-founder and assistant director of Gadsden State Technical Institute. During his 35 year tenure, he served as business manager and treasurer.

KARAN LEE EVANS '73/78 of Cartersville, GA, September 23, 2002. She was a Cartersville Middle School teacher for many years.

JAMES DOUGLAS SLATER '74 of the Center Point area of Birmingham, October 22, 2002. We received the information concerning his death from his brother. No other information was provided.

SUE ANN HESLER '76/77 of Anniston, December 20, 2002. She was retired from Ft. McClellan with 12 years of service and was an Army veteran.

JOHNNY DALE HOOD '78/85 of Rainbow City is deceased. His wife informed us during the 2002 JSU Phonathon. He was a self-employed accountant.

LOIS JAY KAPLAN '78 of Las Vegas, NV, July, 2001. We were notified by her sister of her death. She was a life member of the JSU Alumni Association.

LENDORA MCCLELLAN '79

of Alexandria is deceased. No further information is available.

ROY POTTS, JR. '79 of Jacksonville, August 18, 2002. He was retired from Anniston Army Depot's transportation department. He was a U.S. Army veteran and active with the Boy Scouts of America.

'80-89

DEWEY ARNOLD

WHISENANT '80 of Gadsden, February 7, 2003. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran, and served as a flight navigator on a B-24 during World War II, where he flew 35 combat missions over Germany. He was employed from 1954 to 1997 with Goodyear Tire and Rubber as a zone and plant engineer.

SHARLEEN HALLMARK STEPLETON '81 of Boaz, September 29, 2002. We were notified of her death by **BETTY CHAMBERS HOLCOMB '88**.

JAMES DAVID PASEUR '82 of Southside, July 19, 2002. We received information during the 2002 JSU Phonathon from a family member that he is deceased. He was president of Jim's Coffee Service in Gadsden.

DAVID ELLIOT RUSHTON '82 of Saluda, SC, April 5, 2002. No further information was available. The information was received during the JSU Phonathon.

FRANK PATRICK HOVEY '83 of Chamblee, GA, March 15, 2002. He had been owner of Hovey Building and Design in Doraville, GA. Information concerning his date of death was provided during the JSU Phonathon by a family member.

DUDLEY GUILDFORD "BUBBA" PARSONS, III '84 of Gadsden, February 12, 2003. He played football while at JSU. He owned Parsons Tire Service in Gadsden.

SANDRA L. GEORGE '85 of Charlotte, NC, March 13, 2002. Her parents informed us during the JSU Phonathon of her death. No other information is available.

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LINDA SMITH MILLER '90 of Southside, April 29, 2000. Her son advised the JSU Phonathon callers of his mother's passing. No other information was available.

FORNIE EZRA MARTIN, III '93 of Anniston is deceased. Information of his passing was provided to the JSU Phonathon

callers. No other information was available.

JOHN ERIC REAVES '94 of Heflin, is deceased. No date of death was given. He was a computer engineer with the Anniston Star and was active as a T-ball coach for the Heflin Parks and Recreation Department.

KATRINA GARRISON SUMNER '94 of Prattville, January 13, 2003, of complications following surgery for vascular disease. She was the wife of Alabama State Missionary **DAVID SUMNER '91**. Katrina grew up in Zambia, the daughter of missionaries. She was active in the Baptist Campus Ministries at JSU. She served faithfully at her husband's side at each field of service and became an integral part of his ministry.

WILLIAM H. SNYDER, JR. '95 of Jacksonville, August 18, 2002. He was retired from the Navy with 30 years of service.

PAMELA JEAN HAMBY CARROLL '99 of Anniston, is deceased. No date of death was given. She was a teacher with the Calhoun County Board of Education at Wellborn High School. Pamela had served in the Marine Corps.

JSU EMPLOYEES:

DR. CLYDE P. COX of Jacksonville, September 20, 2002, of a heart attack. He was the retired head of the JSU English Department and was a pianist at the Victoria Inn in Anniston for more than 10 years. A memorial fund in memory of Dr. Cox has been established at Jacksonville High School to help provide musical instruments to students unable to afford their own to participate in the music program.

NANCY C. GARMON of Jacksonville, February 20, 2003. She was retired from JSU.

GRADUATION UNKNOWN:

MATTIE LULA COOPER BRITTON, of Birmingham, December 19, 2002. She had taught elementary school in Alabama and Tennessee. For many years she edited children's materials for the Methodist Board of Education and she is the author of several books herself. She is listed in *Who's Who of American Women*.

DELLIS KNIGHT COLLIER of Guntersville, July 17, 2002. She was 93. She had taught for several years, but retired from working with the Red Cross in 1973. She enjoyed raising Pekingese dogs and flowers.

DELORIS MARGUERITE JOHNSON WALLER CUNNINGHAM of Rainbow City, September 14, 2002. A teacher and psychometrist with the Dekalb County Board of Education, she had retired in 1997.

LILLIAN JOYCE WALKER HARRISON of Birmingham, March 4, 2003, of cancer. She was 74. She had been employed by the Alabama Department of Industrial Relations from which she retired after 33 years. She then worked for the Federal Government, retiring in 2001.

KATIE WEAVER JOHNSON of Greensboro, February 26, 2003. She was 97. She had taught in Perry County and is remembered for having organized the first public school cafeteria for that county. She also served for many years as a substitute teacher in the Greensboro Public Schools. An accomplished seamstress, she sewed original children's clothing for Neiman Marcus, Marshal Fields, and the Best and Company department stores.

GENEVIEVE MURPHREE RAINES of Birmingham, February, 2003. She was 86. She had taught for several years prior to her marriage to Rev. Howard Raines.

GLADYS HILL ROBINSON, of Gadsden, June 19, 2002. She taught school for 45 years in Etowah County and was a nominee for the JSU Teachers Hall of Fame.

IRENE MEHARG STENMOE of Oxford, 2002 (date unknown). She was retired from Turner Dairy where she had been a bookkeeper.

CHARLES R. THRASH of Albertville, August 11, 2002. He had served with the U.S. Coast Guard and was a farmer.

Attention Golfers!

The Annual Alumni Golf Tournament will be Saturday, September 27th at Silver Lakes Golf Course. It will begin at 8:00 a.m. The cost is \$55 per person. **Contact the Alumni Office for more information.**