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DEAR ALUMNI,

There are few places more beautiful or exciting than Jacksonville State University in the spring. The trees bloom, spring sports commence, and our hard-working students busily prepare for exams.

Spring is, after all, a time of new beginnings, and this spring, the university we all love is adopting a fresh logo and marketing campaign. On page 22, find a story about the exciting plans Big Communications, a Birmingham advertising agency, has for JSU, and learn about the creative role two of our own alumni are playing in the change.

Throughout this issue, you'll read of how our current students and proud alumni are making a difference all over the world. On page 6, read about alum Dwight Payne's treacherous venture to the ice roads of Canada. You'll find the story of how our Department of Communication became one of only three accredited communication programs in the state of Alabama on page 9.

Our generous alumni and friends are so important to the success of this university, and in this issue, we again offer a tribute to some of those who have assisted with our recent capital cam-



paign. On page 30, read about Bill Brantley, a former JSU basketball player who decided to give back to the program that gave him so much. Enjoy the story of Raymond and Robert Ringer, two kind-hearted men who are hard at work raising money to create a professorship in honor of beloved JSU educator Leon McCluer. Learn about how you can help on page 29. I hope you enjoy this issue, and I look forward to seeing you on campus soon.

Sincerely,

William A. Meehan, Ed.D.
PRESIDENT

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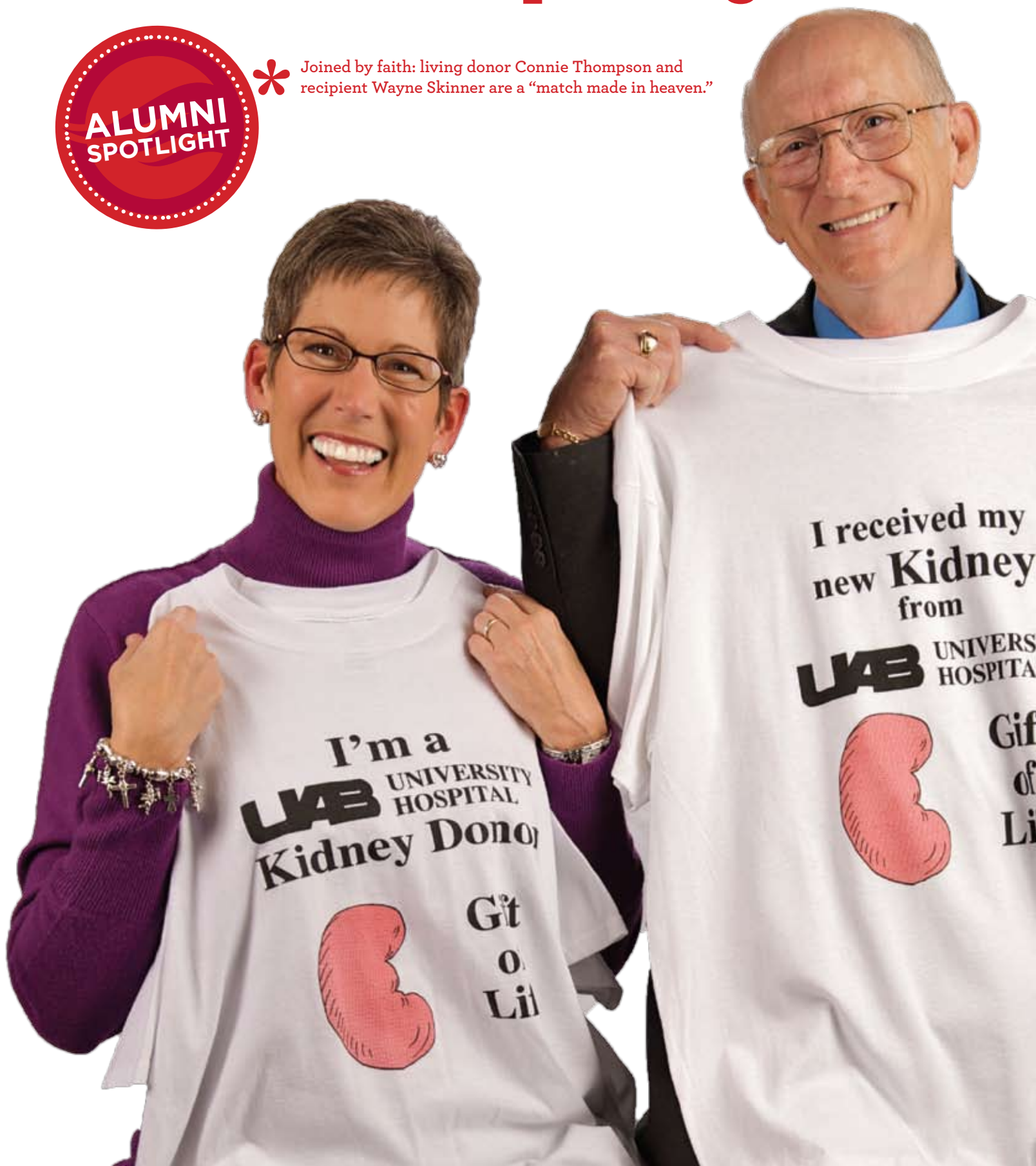
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connie thompson gives so



Joined by faith: living donor Connie Thompson and recipient Wayne Skinner are a “match made in heaven.”



someone else can live

BY ERIN CHUPP

ONE LATE SUMMER SUNDAY MORNING, WHILE SITTING IN HER COUNTRY CHURCH IN CLEBURNE COUNTY LAST YEAR, CONNIE THOMPSON HEARD A CONCERNED SON ASK A SMALL CROWD TO REMEMBER HIS FATHER, WHO AT THAT TIME WAS IN NEED OF A KIDNEY TRANSPLANT. WAYNE SKINNER, THE DIRECTOR OF DRYDEN'S FUNERAL HOME IN HEFLIN, ALA., HAD A LIFE-THREATENING GENETIC KIDNEY CONDITION CALLED POLYCYSTIC KIDNEY DISEASE.

THE CALL Thompson, an associate director at Jacksonville State University Gadsden, says upon hearing this prayer petition, she was immediately moved to be tested to see if she was a match for this gentleman whom she did not know well. She feels this initiative was something she was called to do as part of her faith – to give so someone else might live.

Thompson says she never considered being a living organ donor until this particular day after hearing Skinner's story. Skinner's brother and sister, both of whom share this disease, have already received kidney transplants from family members, and Skinner's son has also been diagnosed with the same disease.

According to Transplant Living, a project of the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) with a mission to unite organ availability and transplantation, living organ donation dates back to 1954, when a kidney from one twin was success-

of peace about the whole decision."

After contacting the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB), Thompson spent several months undergoing test after test. She and Skinner were both assigned a care coordinator by the transplant team at UAB to provide each of them with personal care and attention. Thompson says the community is fortunate to have an outstanding medical facility nearby with doctors who have been performing transplants for more than fifty years.

THE CONNECTION "I didn't really know Mr. Skinner all that well prior to the start of this process," says Thompson. The first time these two met after they found out they were a match, Thompson says no words were exchanged, just tears.

"It's hard to understand what it means to someone when there seems to be no hope and then all of a sudden, there is hope," Thompson explains. "Naturally we are now very close and I consider myself part of their

It's hard to understand what it means to someone when there seems to be no hope and then all of a sudden, there is hope. – CONNIE THOMPSON

fully transplanted into his identical brother. Today, one in four living donors is not biologically related to the recipient. "Once I made the decision to be tested," says Thompson, "I had a wonderful sense

family! I told him that we expected to be invited to all the family reunions! We stop by to visit [the Skinner's] regularly to check on [Wayne's] progress, and we watched the SEC championship game together."

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man **vs** ice: jsu grad journeys canada's ice

BY BETHANY HARBISON

***** Only 42,000 people call the Northwest Territories of Canada their home, and for ten months of the year, a marshy wilderness separates those brave souls from the rest of the world. But when winter descends, the lakes and tundra grow rock solid. JSU alum, Dwight Payne, was in for the ultimate adventure when he began his journey on Canada's ice roads - a journey that is only just beginning.

THE ROAD WINDS THROUGH CANADA'S VAST WILDERNESS, SLIDING OVER FROZEN LAKES AND SLICING THROUGH BOREAL FORESTS. THE PIERCING COLD THREATENS, AND DANGER LURKS AT EVERY TURN.

DWIGHT PAYNE, '76, WAS ON THAT ROAD, ON A MISSION.

He and David Hahn, a retired police helicopter pilot from Kentucky, were bundled up from head to toe, huddling in their vehicle with the heat blasting. It was February 2008, and the two were driving north on Canada's treacherous ice roads. Their goal for the trip, which was supported by the Canada Convention of Southern Baptists, was to continue establishing relationships with the First Nations villagers, with the hopes of



Ice roads

making arrangements for a summer Vacation Bible School and eventually starting churches.

Much of the Northwest Territories is accessible by road for only the two coldest months of the year. The ground melts into spongy marshes and swampland for the other ten — rendering it impossible to build permanent roads. The ice roads have gained fame from The History Channel's Ice Road Truckers, a documentary-style show that tells the stories of the truck drivers who make the treacherous journey north to Canada's diamond mines and oil reserves.

The venture was dangerous, Payne knew. As they inched over 480 miles of ice roads, which crossed frozen lakes, rivers and swamps, he was keenly aware of the implications of sliding off the road.

"You're in the middle of a vast wilderness on a sliver of a road," Payne said. "Where we were, we saw no trucks because our villages don't have diamond mines, and if you had vehicle problems, you knew you would be there 24 hours or longer. We went hours and hours without seeing a soul."

For much of the men's twelve-day trip, temperatures ranged from 45-50 degrees below zero.

"It was unbelievably cold," Payne said, shaking his head.

But the welcome they received from each of the villages they visited was warm. Hahn had taken this journey before and had contacts in each village who provided

hours at a time. He had never heard of the Canada Convention of Southern Baptists, and his knowledge of the ice roads and villages of First Nations people was limited.

"At the first of last year, I felt something inside. It was God talking to me," Payne said. "I had been a Christian — though, for many years, not a very good one. But despite that, God began to call me to become a missionary and start churches in Western Canada."

Payne and his wife took multiple trips to Canada throughout 2008, attending convention meetings and becoming familiar with the country. In January 2009, the two packed up their belongings and traveled to Canada again — but this time to stay. Payne began school at the Canada Southern Baptist Seminary, and the two are involved in church planting with the Canada National Baptist Convention.

Payne's road to becoming a missionary

It was at the northernmost point of their journey where they caught a glimpse of one of God's greatest wonders — the Northern Lights.

the men with shelter. In each village, they were given a place to lay their heads and often a hot meal of caribou and moose that the families smoked in the teepee outside their homes.


It was at the northernmost point of their journey where they caught a glimpse of one of God's greatest wonders — the Northern Lights. The whole sky lit up with flashes of greens and yellows and whites, and Payne watched in awe of the lights' beauty.

In his heart, Payne knew that this adventure was much more than a one-time thing. He knew God was calling him to step out of the familiarity of his life in Georgia and follow Him.

Just one year before he stood watching the Northern Lights, Payne had only crossed the Canadian border for a few

was a winding one, but he is glad to be on it.

"I know Canada is where I am supposed to be," Payne said. "I'm excited about what God has in store."

Students interested in spending a summer doing ministry in Canada are asked to visit www.currentcanada.com or contact Payne at dwrightp@mindspring.com for more information. 




HONORING DR.

HARPER Family, friends, and past colleagues of Dr. Cynthia Harper gathered at Mason Hall on November 20, 2008 to honor the former dean of the JSU College of Education and Professional Studies by permanently attaching her name to a facility dear to her heart.

"On behalf of the school," says President Meehan, "I had the pleasure of presenting Dr. Harper with a plaque officially changing the name of the campus child development center to the Dr. Cynthia H. Harper Child Study Center."

The trustees unanimously supported the recommendation to name the center in Dr. Harper's honor, and her successor, Dr. John Hammett, said the designation was "beyond fitting."

"My life's plan began right here at JSU at the age of 18," Dr. Harper told the crowd after the presentation. "You can't know how humbled I am that you'd put my name on this building because it is so significant."

Dr. Harper earned her Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in education from JSU and her doctoral degree from the University of Alabama. She came to teach at JSU in 1975 and retired in August 2008. She and her husband, Randy Harper, retired JSU vice president for information technology, have a daughter, Julie Houck, who attended the center as a toddler and was present for the ceremony, along with her husband Randy and the Harpers' first grandson, four-month-old Tommy. 

campus news



BEN CUNNINGHAM,

a 2003 graduate from the Department of Communication with a concentration in print journalism, now works as a metro editor for The Anniston Star.

HOW DID YOUR EDUCATION AT JSU PREPARE YOU FOR YOUR CAREER?

Specifically, in the communication department, learning theory in the classroom and applying it at The Chanticleer was exactly what I needed. Having a professional internship built into the curriculum was also key in exposing me to a real, working professional newsroom.

Beyond the department, the basic liberal arts education that is the core of JSU's bachelor's degree helped teach me loads about the society I'm living in and writing about. A broad perspective is so important to a journalist (really, to anyone), and there was something to learn in every classroom, from every professor and from every fellow student.

WHAT DID YOU LEARN FROM YOUR EXPERIENCES WITH JSU STUDENT MEDIA?


Nothing is more important to a young journalist than practical experience, and I got that through student media. Nothing teaches one how to report and write a news story like doing it, and The Chanticleer is the perfect laboratory in which to do that. Working there for three and a half years also prepared me for many other real-world newsroom experiences from dealing with angry readers and stubborn sources to leading a team.

WHICH FACULTY OR STAFF MEMBERS ESPECIALLY IMPACTED YOU DURING YOUR TIME HERE?

Jerry Chandler's and Lloyd Dobbins' experience and deep knowledge of the profession were incredible resources. Mike Stedham's experience also was helpful, as was the free rein he gave us at The Chanticleer as manager of student media to

run the paper as we saw fit. Dr. Ralph Carmode's insistence on attention to detail was invaluable to an aspiring journalist, and his media literacy class was especially helpful in learning to evaluate messages and the motives of messengers. The two department secretaries during my time in school—Cathy Rose and Tammy Mize—helped make sure I jumped through all the hoops necessary to graduate.

IF YOU COULD GIVE ONE PIECE OF ADVICE TO COMMUNICATION STUDENTS, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

Get all the practical experience you can, both at The Chanticleer and WLJS and through internships at professional media organizations. If possible, keep your summers free to work any professional internships you can get. Can I give two? Don't be afraid to challenge authority. 

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION EARNS ACCREDITATION

Approximately 1,000 United States institutions offer students training in the fields of journalism and mass communications, but only 112 nationwide are accredited by the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications (ACE-JMC). Just three accredited programs are found in the state of Alabama.

In June 2008, Jacksonville State University's Department of Communication joined the ranks of the professional programs accredited by the ACE-

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JMC, which, according to the agency's Web site, is responsible for the evaluation of professional journalism and mass communications programs in colleges and universities. For department head Dr. Kingsley O. Harbor, the road to accreditation has been one of long hours and hard work, but he is elated about the opportunities that accreditation will make available to his students.

"I am excited about the future of the Department of Communication," Dr. Harbor says.

When Dr. Harbor came to JSU in 2002, he knew immediately that he wanted to help the Department of Communication gain accreditation, and he quickly began work toward that goal. In 2003, he invited a consultant from the accrediting agency to visit JSU, survey the department's current state, and make recommendations. After reviewing the consultant's recommendations, a five-year strategic plan was drafted.

Five years later, and right on schedule, the Department of Communication became accredited.

According to Dr. Harbor, the benefits of being an accredited program are far-reaching. As students prepare to enter a weakened job market that requires them to compete more for fewer jobs, the fact that they are emerging from an accredited department carries weight. Beginning this spring, the Department of Communication will begin giving each graduate a letter of congratulations that

will explicitly state the student graduated from one of only three accredited communication programs in the state of Alabama.

"This certificate will become part of a student's resume and job-search portfolio," Dr. Harbor explains.

Members of ACEJMC's Accrediting Committee and Accrediting Council, who possess the power to approve or disapprove an institution's bid for accreditation, are professionals representing the disciplines of newspapers, magazines, radio, television, and public relations. These professionals and their peers understand the importance of accreditation and prefer hiring students who graduate from accredited programs.

Accreditation also benefits current and prospective communication students by making the department eligible to participate in more competitions and apply for more grants and scholarships. According to a final report from the accrediting team that visited the Department of Communication, the department's facilities and equipment are among the best in the nation — an accomplishment that Dr. Harbor says was paid for in part by funds the department received because of the accreditation process.

"Of course, the more external funds we can secure, the greater the resources we have available to our students for scholarships and other amenities," says Dr. Harbor.

The addition of 21 new, state-of-the-art Apple comput-



JSU communication students will now graduate from one of three accredited communication programs in the state of Alabama.


ers to the department's lab and the creation of the Self Hall Library, which makes communication-related materials available to students, are among the recent improvements in the Department of Communication.

The department is growing its faculty as well, with Dr. Patrick McGrail, assistant professor of communication, and Mr. Chris Waddle, the Ayers Chair of Communication, coming on board in the fall of 2008. Dr. McGrail's courses include Intro to Television Production, Video Production and Editing, and Electronic Broadcast News, and Mr. Waddle teaches Intro to News, Media Management, and a new course called Opinion Writing.

Next on the horizon is the Department of Communica-

tion's long-term goal of creating a graduate program. Each year, Dr. Harbor explains, his interviews with graduating seniors reveal that students desire a program that will allow them to continue their education in communication at JSU. The department is now researching the possibilities for such a program.

Dr. Harbor explains that the department "wants to study it in detail so that we can develop a program that's original — not a replication of our undergraduate program."

Though Dr. Harbor is proud of his department's growth and progress, he says accreditation is only the beginning. 



PRATER RETURNS TO ROOTS

With an eye to the door, he swept faster, faster, sweeping away the traces of sawdust. It was 1984, and the state-ly doors of the Victoria Inn of Anniston, Alabama were about to swing open and welcome the inn's first guests.

Jay Prater was the Victoria's resident jack of all trades in those days. He swept, cleaned, parked cars, and worked in the kitchen, staying busy by taking on any task that needed doing. At the time, Prater thought of the work as just another part-time job, just another way to make ends meet while earning his degree from nearby Jacksonville State University.

He never imagined that his four years at the Victoria were only the beginning of an illus-

trious career in the hospitality industry, and he never imagined that twenty years after his graduation from JSU, he would find himself connected to the Victoria yet again.

Today, Prater is the general manager for the Auburn Opelika Marriott Hotel and Conference Center. In 2007, Prater was named General Manager of the Year by the Marriott Corporation.

"I have been fortunate to receive a few awards, but this past one was the most overwhelming," Prater, who was also named Alabama Hotelier of the Year in 2004, says of the award.

Now, this highly regarded JSU grad is looking to give back to the university and the inn that started him off on his path

to success.

When Prater read a newspaper article that told of the McWhorters' bequeathing the Victoria Inn to JSU, he knew he wanted to help. He soon contacted JSU President William Meehan and offered to donate his services as a consultant to advise the university as they begin this new venture.

"When you reach a certain age, you start to think more about giving back," Prater explains.

"When I saw the article in the paper, I thought, 'Here's my chance.'"

Prater quickly put his expertise to work for his alma mater. By working with, and offering advice to, the inn's manager, he hopes to help generate more profit. He is also assisting with the selection of a management company, who will be hired to handle the day-to-day business of running the hotel.


"I wanted to help make sure that this becomes a successful venture and be sure that the Victoria is preserved," Prater

says. "I want to make sure it continues to function, and the only way that can happen is if it is successful."

Prater attributes his accomplishments largely to the firm foundation his education at JSU provided. He uses skills from his statistics course every single day. He says the salesmanship course he took has proved invaluable, and an oral communication class bolstered him with the courage to speak in front of people.

"I love Jacksonville, and I love this university," Prater says. "Any success I have had comes from the fact that I got a great education here."

Prater, his wife, Cindy, and their two children reside in Auburn. He loves his job at the Auburn Opelika Marriott Hotel and Conference Center and says he is enjoying life more than ever.

"After all, I do go to work every day to a place where most people go for vacation," Prater says. "I can't complain." 



telling the JSU story

COUNSELORS REACH OUT TO POTENTIAL STUDENTS

BY BETHANY HARBISON / PHOTOS BY STEVE LATHAM

"TO POTENTIAL STUDENTS, I AM JSU," SAYS ANDY GREEN, A SENIOR ADMISSIONS COUNSELOR FOR JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY.

Green and the university's five other admissions counselors spend much of their time at high schools, community colleges, and career fairs, sharing the JSU story with parents, students, and educators. Their days are long and their responsibilities weighty, but these six representatives of JSU consider it a privilege to represent the university they love.

"When I was a student, many faculty and staff members went out of their way to help me succeed," says Allison Ortiz, the university's newest admissions counselor. "It is my turn to do the same for others."

One of the main ways Ortiz and her fellow admissions counselors aim to help students is by serving as a source of accurate information for potential students. Each counselor's knowledge of JSU must stretch beyond the doors of the admissions office and down the halls of every building, every department, and every organization on campus. The counselors stay up-to-date on JSU's latest news, accomplishments, and honors, which helps them provide stu-

dents with the information most relevant to them.

"When I walk through the door, I am representing 9,481 students, 456 faculty members and hundreds of staff members," says admissions counselor Shelly Kaler. "It is my job to be polished and ready to answer any question that could be asked."

Matt Morgan, a recent graduate of JSU's Department of Communication and new addition to the Office of Admissions' team, relates to students by keeping conversation casual and communicating on their level.

"I let them know that I was once in their position and share my personal experiences while intertwining information about JSU," Morgan says. "They seem to relate better to that, and it helps them see that if JSU was a good fit for me, someone just like them, then it will be for them as well."

When a student expresses particular interest in attending JSU, the counselors make a point to continue communicating

with them throughout their high school or college career. Green keeps his Blackberry or laptop with him at all times and checks and responds to e-mails from parents and students often — whether it arrives during office hours or not.

"Students engage with their peers using immediate results communication: email, telephone, and text messaging," Green explains. "Therefore, students expect the same response time when communicating with me."

Maintaining good relationships with each high school counselor is important as well. As Karen Maxwell, who has worked as a JSU admissions counselor for five years, says, the fact that many of the local guidance counselors graduated from JSU makes them even more willing to accommodate the university's representatives.

"They speak very highly of JSU," Maxwell says.

Keeping guidance counselors updated with the newest information about JSU

"When I was a student, many faculty and staff members went out of their way to help me succeed. It is my turn to do the same for others."

— ALLISON ORTIZ

MATT MORGAN '07



Where I recruit: The state of Georgia, as well as Weaver, Alabama.

TRACY PHILLIPS '00



Where I recruit: I am the In-House Admissions Counselor, so I am usually on campus coordinating individual and group tours. I also recruit from two schools, Pleasant Valley and Spring Garden.

ALLISON ORTIZ '07



Where I recruit: Northwest and central Alabama. In Georgia, I recruit Gwinnett and Cobb Counties.

ANDY GREEN '05/'08



Where I recruit: Baldwin, Blount, Clarke, Conecuh, Cullman, DeKalb, Escambia, Jackson, Limestone, Madison, Marshall, Mobile, Monroe, Morgan, Washington, and Wilcox Counties, as well as Chattanooga, Tennessee.

KAREN MAXWELL '03/'06



Where I recruit: Cherokee, Cleburne, Randolph, Clay, Talladega, Walker, Fayette, Tuscaloosa, Pickens, Lamar, Calhoun, and Etowah Counties, as well as Nashville, Tennessee.

SHELLEY KALER '04



Where I recruit: Jefferson, Shelby, St.Clair, Barbour, Pike, Crenshaw, Covington, Coffee, Dale, Henry, Houston, Calhoun, Etowah, and Geneva Counties, as well as Jefferson State Community College, Lawson State Community College, and the Florida Panhandle.

MEET BEN TOOTLE, JSU'S OWN...

MAJOR LEAGUE PROSPECT

BY BETHANY HARBISON
PHOTOS BY STEVE LATHAM

He studies, he sleeps, and he eats. He practices. He meets with professional baseball scouts. He practices. He fields questions from curious reporters. He practices more.

For Ben Tootle, a junior biology major at Jacksonville State University, the 2008-2009 year has been a whirlwind time full of opportunity.

In this academic year alone, the JSU pitcher has already been named to virtually every preseason All-American squad and placed on the Brooks Wallace Award Watch list. Recently, he was added to the 2009 Preseason Golden Spikes Award Watch List, a list that features 50 of the nation's top collegiate talents. Tootle was named the preseason Ohio Valley Conference Pitcher of the Year and is also a first-team preseason selection. Baseball America named Tootle as the fourth best prospect from the summer Cape Cod League, while ESPN's Keith Law has named him the thirteenth best prospect in the country for the 2009 season.

The list of Tootle's accomplishments is long, but baseball coach Jim Case says the player remains humble and focused.

"[The success] doesn't change how he does things, but it has brought a lot of attention to him," Case explains.

One day this semester, seven scouting directors came to JSU to watch Tootle practice. Tootle felt the pressure but continued to practice. Case is proud of the way Tootle deals with the attention.

"For a young man to handle himself in front of all those people is a difficult thing," Case says. "The harder you practice and the harder you prepare yourself, the easier it is. Ben practices hard every single day—regardless of who is there to watch. Because he was prepared, that day was an exciting day for him, not a nervous one."

Tootle, who Case calls a "soft-spoken guy who is competitive in all areas," is excited and honored by the possibility of playing Major League Baseball. He has not missed a year of playing the sport since taking it up as a five-year-old boy. He dabbled in rec-







reational basketball and cross country, but baseball has always been his passion.

Tootle says it was Jacksonville State University's strong baseball program and talented coaches that drew him to the university after his graduation from Oxford High School in Oxford, Ala.

"I really like the fact that Coach Case developed a program that is not only based off of good players but good people," Tootle

If he stays healthy, I believe he will be playing in the major leagues. – JIM CASE


explains. "If someone new comes in, chances are I'll like them. I think the coaches and the way we are taught to play the game set us apart."

Experts nationwide are taking note of Tootle's talent. ESPN and Baseball America both named Tootle as one of the top prospects in the country, and he is projected as a first round draft pick in 2009. He is also the first player in OVC history to earn first-team preseason All-America honors by the National College Baseball Writers Association.

Tootle helped Jacksonville State to the 2008 Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) regular-season championship with a conference record 23-4 mark. He was named first-team All-OVC after leading the conference with an impressive 10-2 record with two shutouts in 2008. He finished the season with 79 strikeouts, which was the second most in the OVC, and had a 3.87 earned run average. He was named OVC Pitcher of the Week three times during the season after going a perfect 8-0 against conference members.

He spent the summer as a relief pitcher for Falmouth and was selected to the Cape Cod All-Star Team after posting a 1.97 earned run average in 22 appearances. He finished with a 3-3 overall record with five saves.

Tootle, who throws his fastball from 94 to 98 miles an hour, dominated Cape Cod hitters and was the most consistent pitcher in the league, according to several scouts and managers.

Case agrees with the predictions that are emerging nationwide and projects a bright future in baseball for the pitcher. "I don't think that Ben will be back in school next year," Case says. "If he stays healthy, I believe he will be playing in the major leagues." 

Would you like to assist the JSU Rugby Club?

A fund has been created in the JSU Foundation to accept donations for the club to help with expenses. For more information, contact the Foundation at idev@jsu.edu or 256.782.5306.

JSU Athletic Director Oval Jaynes

When Oval Jaynes joined the Jacksonville State University Athletic Department in 2008 as athletic director, he brought with him a wealth of wisdom from his forty-one years of experience in college athletics. Jaynes, a veteran college administrator, has served as athletic director for four Division I institutions: Colorado State, University of Pittsburgh, University of Idaho, and the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

Jaynes, who holds a Bachelor of Science from Appalachian State University and a Master of Education from the University of North Carolina, did consulting work for six years after retiring. It was when Jaynes teamed with Johnny Williams of Creative Marketing and Management to help JSU find a way to increase football season tickets that he became excited about the future of Jacksonville State University athletics. After former Athletic Director Jim Fuller retired, President William Meehan asked Jaynes to consider applying for the job. Following a nationwide search for the next athletic director, Jaynes was selected for the job.

"I wanted to become reengaged with a university, so I made the decision to come out of consulting work and get back into university athletics," says Jaynes. "This is an exciting time for JSU."

The university's upcoming stadium expansion and residence hall project will be the fourth major stadium renovation of which Jaynes has been a part.

Jaynes has been married to his college sweetheart for forty-seven years. The Jaynes have two sons and three grandchildren. Golf is his favorite pastime.

"If I have any down time it's on the golf course – but I've played very few times since beginning at JSU," Jaynes says.



Meet the new faces of JSU Athletics: Mr Oval Jaynes (above) & Mr. David Farrar (below)



David Farrar, Associ- ate Athletic Director for External Affairs

In the fall of 2008, David Farrar was named Jacksonville State University's associate athletic director for external affairs. Farrar devoted thirty-six years of his life to college athletics, and he is excited to now be putting his experience to work for JSU. Farrar's career includes stints as head basketball coach at four colleges, including Kansas' Hutchinson Community College and the University of Idaho. In 1988, the talented coach was named Kodak's National Coach of the Year after leading Hutchinson Community College to the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) National Championship.

After retiring from coaching, Farrar started a consulting firm, Farrar and Associates.

"I found I liked consulting," Farrar says. "I enjoyed facilitating projects for colleges and their student athletes and helping bring the visions of administrators to life."

Farrar enjoyed his interaction with college athletic departments so much that he decided to pursue a career in administration. When he heard of the opportunity at JSU, he knew it was the place for him.

"The role that athletics play at Jacksonville State appealed to me, and I was impressed by President Meehan's leadership," explains Farrar, who had also worked previously with Oval Jaynes at Auburn University.

Farrar earned his bachelor's degree in physical education from Anderson College in Anderson, Ind., and his master's degree, also in physical education, from Ball State University in Muncie, Ind.

He and his wife Lochia have two daughters, Nichole Golden and Libra Lukasick, and six grandchildren.

JSU Football Adopts Habitudes



✿ Habitudes is a value-based leadership program written by Dr. Tim Elmore of Growing Leaders, Inc. The program, which teaches life and leadership principles through the use of images, seeks to teach students to lead themselves and positively influence others.

JOHN THOMAS '87



FANS FILLING THE STANDS OF PAUL SNOW STADIUM HAVE SEEN HUNDREDS OF PLAYERS TAKE THE FIELD IN THE LAST HALF-CENTURY. THEY HAVE CHEERED ON THE GLORY OF GREAT WINS AND HUNG THEIR HEADS WITH THE AGONY OF HARD-FOUGHT LOSSES. BUT OF ALL THE PLAYERS ON THE TEAMS OF PAST AND PRESENT, MOST GO ON TO MAKE THEIR LIVING IN FIELDS OTHER THAN FOOTBALL.

John Thomas, a 1987 economics graduate of Jacksonville State University, lettered as a scholarship football player during his time at the university. He went on to earn his law degree from Vanderbilt University Law School, and he is now the Executive Vice President-Medical Facilities of Health Care Reit, Inc. in Toledo, Ohio. Football was not Thomas's final destination but, through it, he learned powerful life lessons.

"Playing football in high school and at Jacksonville State had a profound impact on my life," Thomas said. "It [taught] discipline, sacrifice, integrity, teamwork, leadership, and the value of hard work. I was fortunate enough to have coaches and others who influenced my faith as well."

Thomas, who is also a life member of the J-Club, decided he wanted to help ensure that today's Gamecocks receive the same set of core values he did, and he asked if a leadership program could be instituted for the football players. He learned that a new program, Habitudes, was already in the works but had not yet been funded.

"Habitudes is about life and what [the players] do after football," Thomas said. "Coach Crowe is leading the team through a great year, but only a few of these guys will get a chance to play professionally. Football success, fueled by Habitudes, will help these

Habitudes Program

guys be successful in life too.”

Habitudes is a value-based leadership program written by Dr. Tim Elmore of Growing Leaders, Inc. The program includes a four-year curriculum with thirteen weekly sessions per year. Financially supported by Thomas, the program is led by Player Development Director Jamie Strange, who also serves as the Fellowship of Christian Athletes director for a nine-county area.

Strange explained that, once a week, players and coaches gather for a Habitudes session. The Habitudes curriculum, he said, takes into account the image-based learning styles of the players’ generation,

“I think it is a great compliment to our coaching staff that they are willing to commit to this program,” Strange said. “They have had to sacrifice a lot of time to make this work, and I think it says a lot about them that they are willing to take time away from working on X’s and O’s to help build the leadership and character traits of these young men.”

Coach Jack Crowe said he and his coaching staff devote time to the Habitudes material because they believe it is important and is making a difference in the lives of the players.

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“In a competitive sense, it can give us a competitive edge in fulfilling our mission to develop the total person,” Crowe explained.

and each week’s material includes an image that ties into the lesson. One week, for example, the image was a pop quiz, and the players learned how leaders deal with unexpected tests and trials. Strange facilitates the 20-minute, large-group sessions, and coaches lead the small discussion groups.

“Players have come to me and shown their appreciation for me and their coaches devoting time to this program,” Strange said. “They spend most of their time working out, practicing, or working with tutors – but this is different. This helps them in life, and they appreciate that.”

Already, players and coaches have begun making references to Habitudes material throughout the week of practices and even in games, according to Strange. He cited the coaching staff’s dedication as one reason for the program’s immediate success.

to develop the total person,” Crowe explained.

Thomas remembers his own playing days fondly and says they helped mold him into the person he is today. Every day, he uses lessons he learned on the JSU practice field – whether he is engaging in business, raising his children, or maintaining discipline to his faith – and he is excited to be a part of JSU football making that kind of difference in the lives of today’s players.

“Playing football is hard. Going to college is hard. But life is much harder,” Thomas said. “If they’ll take advantage of, and commit to, Habitudes, not only will they be better prepared for success on the field and in the classroom, but they will be more successful in life.”

Schools and Organizations Using Habitudes Or Other Growing Leaders Materials

Stanford
Duke
Rutgers
University of South Carolina
Florida State
Baylor University
Liberty University
Asbury College
Regent University
University of Texas
University of North Carolina
Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech)
Future Farmers of America
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Home Depot
Gold Kist
Home and Garden Party
OTI Consulting
The Duncan Group
The Community Bankers Association
Network 21 International
First Horizons Loans

ocean adventure: biology students



A 240-FOOT BOAT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE OCEAN MAY NOT BE THE MOST TRADITIONAL OF CLASSROOMS, BUT DR. FRANK ROMANO, HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY, CALLS THIS LEARNING EXPERIENCE “THE OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME.”

The vessel travels within the northern Gulf of Mexico from the Texas/Mexico border to the tip of the Florida peninsula, and, as it travels, the research scientists and Jacksonville State University students on board participate in fish sampling. Giant trawls are pulled up from depths of 100 to 700 meters, bringing up rarely seen fish. Creatures such as squirrelfish, sea robins, skilletfish, batfish, toadfish, and starfish are brought to the surface and studied.

nts team with NOAA scientists



"I love seeing the excitement in their eyes when they pull up something they have never seen before," says Dr. Romano. "What's even more fun is when we pull up something I've never seen; that's when they get to see the excitement in my eyes."

The excursions allow Dr. Romano an opportunity to employ benthic sampling techniques to gather information for his research, which focuses on exploring the meiofauna – animals that live in the mud and sand at the bottom of the ocean.

A grant from the National Oceanic

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) pays for 35 days at sea each year for the scientists of the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) in Pascagoula, Miss. who invite Dr. Romano and his students to participate. Each day costs around \$15,000. Dr. Walter Ingram, who earned his bachelor of science from JSU in 1995, wrote the grant that makes the excursions possible.

"That's over a half million dollars made available to JSU each year," Dr. Romano says. "That's amazing."

"I love seeing the excitement in their eyes when they pull up something they have never seen before." – DR. ROMANO

The 35 days per year are broken into three excursions. Dr. Romano, three JSU students, several research scientists, along with one faculty member and one student from Troy University took a nine-day trip in November 2008. Lindsey Wilson, a senior majoring in marine biology, was on board for this particular trip and said the practical instruction she received was excellent preparation for her future.

"My NOAA experience is exactly what I hope to do as my future job so this trip provided me with experience I can apply in the future," explains Wilson, who hopes to work with coral reef ecology or top-down ecology involving the over-fishing of requiem sharks after graduation.

Although Wilson had to adjust to the boat's tossing and bobbing, she loved looking out to sea and seeing nothing but water in every direction. She enjoyed the work as well and says the trip reinforced her decision to pursue a career in marine biology. She was especially amazed when the trawls pulled up a six-foot-long skate, a fish related to the stingray.

"[The trip was] a great chance to work

with highly intelligent people, expand my knowledge, and begin networking with influential people in the science community," Wilson says. "Also, it was a great chance to experience life at sea and see some of the interesting creatures that it holds."

The small boat makes for close quarters, and Wilson says the environment provides opportunities for students to ply their professors and other researchers with questions about marine biology or other subjects. Everyone on board the ship is as-

signed to work twelve-hour shifts, with one group working from 11:30 p.m. to 11:30 a.m. and another from 11:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

"We really do get to know each other – if we're on the same shift," Dr. Romano says.

John Moser Jr., '93 and '02, is a research fisheries biologist for NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service at the Pascagoula Laboratory in Pascagoula, Mississippi. Moser, a two-time graduate of the JSU Department of Biology, calls Dr. Romano and his students "frequent fliers" with the NOAA program and says good things about his former professor and the students he brings.

"Dr. Romano brings students who are excited and eager to learn about what we do," Moser says. "Many of the students have already been prepared for the work, having completed classes which help them quickly adapt to the work at hand identifying fish and invertebrate species, exhibiting competence and confidence in themselves as scientists."



JSU THINKS BIG

ALUMNI RECONNECT TO GUIDE JSU'S NEW BRAND

BY BETHANY HARBISON
PHOTOS BY JASON WALLIS

When Ford Wiles stepped onto the campus of Jacksonville State University for the first time, he knew it was the place for him — the place where he would learn and live and grow ... and graduate. This place was home.

Now, fourteen years later, Wiles is back home, reconnecting with his beloved alma mater and helping rethink and reenergize the university's image. As chief creative officer for Big Communications, a Birmingham-based advertising firm that specializes in marketing, media, branding, and public relations campaigns, Wiles and his coworkers, including Karen Swann, a 1988 graduate of JSU's Department of Communication, are working to create a fresh look and feel for JSU.

On January 26, 2009, representatives of Big Communications presented a plan

of action to the university's Board of Trustees mapping the company's methods of modernizing JSU's brand, revamping the logo, developing a microsite, and recruiting high-caliber students.

"We want to hit the reset button in people's minds," Wiles says. "We want them to see our commercial or pick up our publication and stop to say, 'I can't believe that was Jacksonville State.'"

Wiles knows change can be startling, but his goal is to 'take the scary out of change,' and help the university he loves develop a stellar reputation that echoes the excellence of its existing programs.

"We aren't starting from scratch," Wiles says. "People already know about the accomplishments of our colleges and departments. The JSU story is already great — it just needs to be retold in new ways."

According to Dr. Alicia Simmons, director of the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment, JSU's need to establish a marketing plan is a priority in the university's strategic plan. Dr. Simmons is impressed by the work of Big Communications and is glad the effort is being spearheaded by alumni who already know and love JSU.

"Marketing is necessary to ensure that JSU shares the good news about who we are, where we're going and how great it is to be a graduate of Jacksonville State University," says Dr. Simmons, who earned a Bachelor of Science in sociology from JSU in 1985. "Big Communications knows JSU. They want JSU's marketing plan to succeed as much as we do."

Big Communications is working alongside the university's newly formed Office of





LEFT: The Big Communications Creative Team


Cunningham says. “It’s now fresh, new and innovative. Looking through the employee lens, I see a focused effort at promoting the university. We now have a central theme tying all the diversity of JSU together.”

Wiles explains that when crafting a logo, the Big Communications team strives to develop one possessing “wearability,” one that people would want to wear on a shirt or hat or affix to their back bumper.

The creative minds behind Big Communications believe in sweating the small stuff and laboring over detail. Shirts emblazoned with the university’s new logo and new slogan, “Where You’re Going” were distributed at the January board meeting. Attached to each shirt is a tag that reads, “Success comes in one size at JSU: XXL.”

The ultimate goal of the campaign’s big changes and small touches is to engage high-quality students and introduce – or reintroduce – them to JSU. Wiles calls on the university’s alumni to join the movement.

“We want our alumni to become ambassadors for the brand and help spread the word about their university – JSU,” Wiles says. As a JSU grad himself, he hopes to see alumni get excited about the campaign and become even prouder of their university.

“Every part of this initiative has been thought through, and it is in the best interest of the university,” Wiles says. “I have no ulterior motive other than my desire to make JSU as awesome as possible. My only objective is to help make my university a success.” 



JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY

Who Else Thinks BIG?

**GREATER BIRMINGHAM
CONVENTION AND VISITOR’S
BUREAU**

BOOKS-A-MILLION

**ATROX FACTORY HAUNTED
HOUSE**

BIRMINGHAM-SHUTTLESWORTH

INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

BIRMINGHAM MUSEUM OF ART

RED MOUNTAIN ENTERTAINMENT

**COOPER GREEN MERCY
HOSPITAL**

JOHNSTON BARTON

COX RADIO

**BIRMINGHAM-JEFFERSON
CONVENTION COMPLEX**

Marketing and Communications preparing the launch of numerous new materials, all designed to recast the public’s ideas about JSU. The most prominent and easily recognizable of the changes is the new academic logo. Helvetica, a classic, timeless type treatment, is used in the simple red and white design. The Gamecock’s tail is shown sweeping over the logo, signifying JSU as a university full of energetic, forward-thinking individuals who are packed with potential.

“The new academic logo was created as a smart nod toward the past while preparing JSU for the future,” says Wiles, who explains that the university’s athletics logo, which features the full Gamecock, will remain the same.

Dr. Brent Cunningham, an associate professor of marketing at JSU, believes that when combined with the integrated marketing campaign, the new logo can make an impact. As a 1987 marketing graduate of JSU and a member of the faculty, Dr. Cunningham possesses two perspectives on the efforts of the campaign.

“Looking through the alumni lens at the campaign, I am excited about JSU,”

programs and services is important as well. Ortiz explains that her first few months on the job have taught her just how much many students do depend upon their guidance counselor's advice when making a college choice.

"If they have a student looking for something specific from a university and JSU offers it, I want the counselor to be aware and plug JSU," Ortiz says.

Another key part of recruiting students involves campus tours. As the university's in-house admissions counselor, Tracy Philips works at the Visitor Center and organizes these tours. Her job places her in constant contact with potential students.

"There are lots of students who visit and, if we treat them kindly, they will remember that when choosing their school," Philips explains. "We focus on family-oriented visits that give them that one-on-one time with a student that they can feel com-

fortable with asking questions."

The headcount of JSU students continues to climb toward the goal of 10,000 and, according to Maxwell, the number of admissions applications increases each year as well. Kaler explains that since she began recruiting in Jefferson County, the number of Jefferson County students enrolled at JSU has risen steadily — evidence that the efforts of JSU admissions counselors do have an impact.


"I cannot reach 10,000 alone but as a team we can," Kaler says.

Though the admissions counselors do invest their time with the hopes of seeing numbers grow, they also really do believe that by bringing a student onto the JSU campus, they are giving them access to a world of opportunities. The counselor's reward comes when these students are successful at JSU.

"I have several letters and emails from

students and parents thanking me for helping their students through the college process and saying that I was the one that convinced them to give JSU a second look," Maxwell says.

Kaler says her most rewarding moments come when she has the opportunity to stand at a podium and present scholarships to hard-working high school seniors.

Green calls the privilege of sharing his JSU experiences with prospective students a blessing: "I will not see the end result, but knowing that the degree a student receives from JSU will open employment opportunities, knowing that an individual a student encounters at JSU could be the person they end up spending the rest of their life with, and knowing that someone's future will be altered by their experiences as a student is a daunting responsibility that I gladly welcome." 

17 Online PROGRAMS

MyJSUonline.com

MyJSUonline.com is designed to provide the information you need when researching an online program at JSU. We offer information on program requirements, course offerings, faculty, and admission requirements.



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- BS in Emergency Management
- BS in Family & Consumer Sciences with a Concentration in Child Development
- BS in Nursing (For RN's only through STEP program)
- Graduate Certificate in Emergency Management
- Graduate Certificate in Geographical Information Systems

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According to Transplant Living, a kidney is the most frequently donated organ among living donors. The design of the human body allows for one kidney to be able to do the work of two. Thompson was told her remaining right kidney will actually increase in size to accommodate the loss of her left one.

THE CARE After a successful surgery last month, Thompson wants people to know that the “idea of living transplants isn’t as scary as it sounds. And the good that comes from it can’t possibly be measured.”

Thompson will have to be checked by her doctor yearly and monitor her blood pressure, but she will have no restrictions after recovery. And at age 51 she was told by her doctor she should be the poster child for kidney donors because she was doing much better than a guy half her age who had recently donated his kidney.


Prior to the surgery, Thompson walked at the Jacksonville Community Center every morning with her friend and colleague, Judy Anderson, a secretary in the Mathematical, Computing, and Information Sciences department at JSU.

“Five weeks after the surgery I was

back walking every morning with Judy,” says Thompson. “My care coordinator told me that two months after my surgery I would feel as good as I did two days before the surgery and she was exactly right.”

There are currently more than 100,000 candidates waiting for an organ transplant in the United States, and this list, monitored by UNOS, grows daily. Thompson says she does not want any credit for doing what she knew had to be done. If there is any attention gained, Thompson hopes to act as an advocate for living transplants and bring awareness to this cause. She told Skinner they were a “match made in heaven.”

THE CREED Selflessly giving anything you can to help anyone you can — this is a simple theme resounding in the life of Connie Thompson. This idea is not a creed which is written down or hanging framed on a wall, but a deed Thompson lives out every day.

For more information about living organ donation, visit www.unos.org. 

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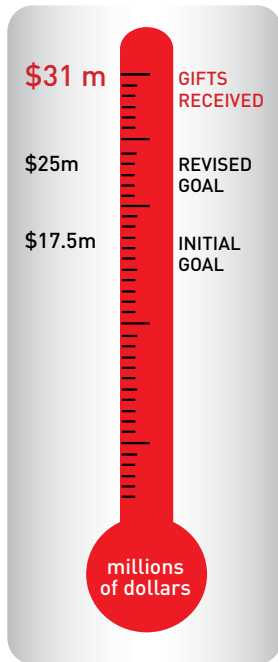
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THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN NEWS



In January 2004, we embarked on a journey that would change the history of Jacksonville State University. That is when the “The Power of 125... Join the Celebration!” capital campaign began. We quickly surpassed the initial goal of \$17.5 million in April 2006, and our Board of Trustees promptly raised our goal to \$25 million. When the campaign came to a close on December 31, 2008, it had accrued an unprecedented \$31,360,046 in cash, gifts in kind, planned giving, as well as federal, state, and local appropriations.

From the beginning, alumni and friends of Jacksonville State University have proved themselves more than willing to invest in a better and brighter future for JSU. Thanks to everyone who supported this campaign, for without you, the overwhelming success of this campaign would have been impossible. The funds raised throughout this five-year capital campaign will enhance JSU for the students of today and tomorrow. Because of your help, a new world of possibilities is on the horizon for the university we all cherish.

Throughout the five years of this campaign, more than 60,000 gifts were received. The campaign set a record for raising more funds than ever before in the history of the university.

This campaign will leave a lasting impact on JSU that has produced \$5.75 million in scholarships, surpassing its goal by over 397 percent. The International House Program surpassed its goal of \$250,000 raising over \$417,275.21. More than \$1.3 million was given in support of Professorships and Chairs and the Little River Canyon raised funds totaling an amazing \$6.3 million which was more than 25 times that of the campaign’s goal.

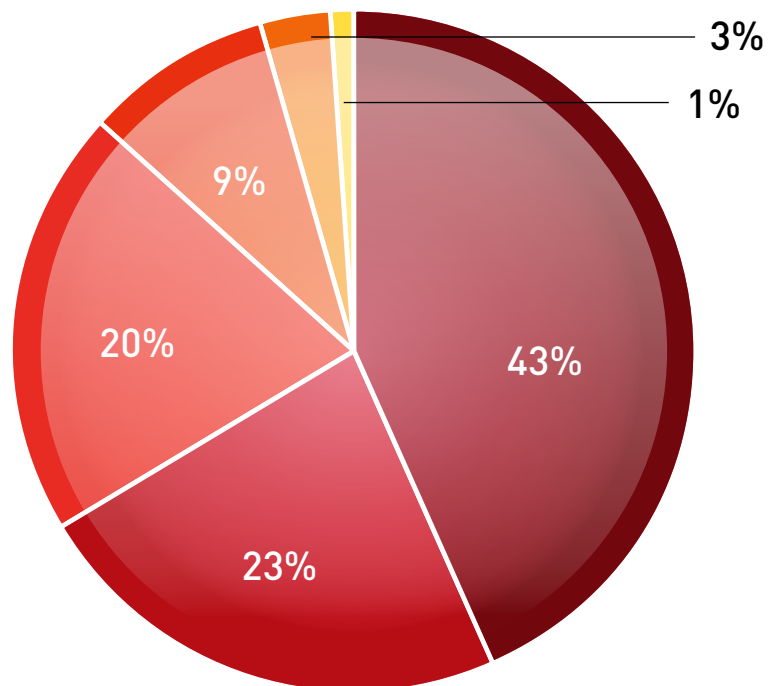
Thank you for giving. Each gift, whether large or small, contributed to the success of this campaign and, more importantly, will help propel JSU toward a bright future that is full of opportunities for our students. – Office of Institutional Development

JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN GIFT SUMMARY

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125... looking back



The success of JSU's Capital Campaign could not have been reached without the generous support of donors. Our greatest expression of gratitude will be the power of the product we can produce through your service to this university.



Ringer Brothers Honor Professor Leon McCluer

BY BETHANY HARBISON

Born and raised in Jacksonville, Alabama, Raymond and Robert Ringer have been connected to the institution now known as Jacksonville State University for as long as they can remember. Their father, Raymond J. Ringer, taught at the Jacksonville Normal School in the 1920s, and their mother, Mary Ruth, was a student there. The boys, along with their sister, Joyce, lived near campus close to the old Forney Hall, for a time. The family's close friends included the Daugettes, Stephensons, and McCluers — all of whom have a building at JSU as their namesake. Both brothers are 1949 JSU graduates.

"Jacksonville has always been part of my life, and that is why I wanted to give back," says Raymond, who lives in Valley Head, Alabama, and recently celebrated his 85th birthday.

When Robert contacted JSU about giving back to the school so well-loved by the Ringer family, he already had a plan for the gift in mind. His dream was to establish a professorship in the name of the brothers' favorite professor.

While earning their degrees from JSU, the Ringer brothers lived in the home of Leon McCluer, a teacher who had a lasting impact on both of their lives.

"He took a great interest in his students," says Robert. "And he was probably never recognized for it."

In Professor McCluer's honor, the brothers decided to combine their re-

sources and begin work toward raising the funds necessary for creating the professorship. They shared their vision with their fellow classmates and McCluer's family and friends. With the help of people like Anne Moore Giles, Kenneth Hancock, James and Doris Hughes, Jack and Joyce Kerby, Woody and Mert McCluer, and A.C. Shelton, Jr., the Ringer brothers have now gathered one half of the \$250,000 that is required for endowing a professorship. The Ringers are grateful for the generosity of these individuals and appreciate their support.

Both Ringer brothers went on to become teachers themselves, and they say it was Professor McCluer's good influence that taught them about the impact an instructor can have on students. At one point in Robert's career, he was offered a job that paid less than his laboratory position, but he chose to teach, hoping to help students the way he had been helped.

Robert later went on to obtain a master's degree from Mississippi College and a doctorate from the University of Mississippi. He then taught many years at Chipola College in Marianna, Fla. In 1967, his students voted him Teacher of the Year.

Raymond invested his life in education as well. He taught in Cleburne County and Ider and was principal at Moon Lake in Mentone, Alabama and Valley Head Elementary School. He has also served as vice-president and president of the Alabama Teacher's Association.



JSU remains close to their hearts, and the Ringer brothers are passionate about seeing their dream of endowing a professorship in honor of McCluer come to fruition in their lifetimes. If you would like to help, please call Sissy Spence in the Jacksonville State University Office of Institutional Development at (256) 782-8351.

Former Basketball Player Gives Back

BY BETHANY HARBISON



LEFT: Bill Brantley and President Meehan

Bill Brantley's basketball career began with him, just six years old then, shooting basket after basket in the makeshift goal crafted by his father. The old lampshade nailed to a pole in the family's yard captured his attention for hours.

"I guess I've always loved basketball," Brantley, '69, says.

His passion for the sport grew as he did, and when Jacksonville State University's basketball coach Tom Roberson began recruiting him, he jumped at the opportunity to play at the next level. He played four years on scholarship for JSU's men's basketball team, and he says those years changed his life.

Coach Roberson, a Baptist deacon, kept a firm thumb on the young men who played for him — requiring them to be well-groomed, not allowing them to wear blue jeans to class, and ensuring that they realized the importance of their reputations.

"I learned about life from Coach Roberson," Brantley says. "I learned about hard work, sacrifice, winning, and losing. These are lessons I've carried with me throughout my life."

It was at JSU that Brantley met and fell in love with a young lady named Mary Burkhalter, an education major who went on to work in education and administration with the Cobb County School System.

Thirty-nine years later, the two are still going strong. They have one son, Matt, a daughter-in-law, Rachel, and two grandchildren, Brooke and Brody.

It was at JSU that he was given the opportunity to continue playing the game he loved. In 1991, his hard work was rewarded when JSU honored Brantley's athletic achievements by inducting him into the Gamecock Athletic Hall of Fame.

It was also at JSU that Brantley earned a bachelor's degree in business administration in 1969, which paved the way for his successful career. He spent more than 30 years in banking with Nations Bank and Bank of America in Atlanta, and he is the current chief operating officer of Ed Voyles Automotive Dealerships in Marietta, Ga.

Compelled to give back to the institution that gave him an education, opportunities, and memories, Brantley recently pledged the largest-ever gift to the JSU men's basketball program. His generous contribution is also the fifth-largest gift in the history of JSU Athletics.

"That's what life's all about—giving a little back to the people and places who impacted you," Brantley says. "I got a lot more out of my time at Jacksonville State than I could ever give back."

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Young Alumni Program Established

Did you graduate from JSU within the past ten years with your undergraduate degree?

If so, we have something just for you! The JSU National Alumni Association is implementing a young alumni program to meet the needs of our recent graduates. The program kicked off during the summer of 2008 with an alumni cruise and was followed with an alumni survey to find out what kind of programming our young alumni want and need most.

The result: great enthusiasm from our recent graduates to continue their ties with Jacksonville State University.

Young alumni events were held in Birmingham and Huntsville this spring. President Meehan attended the "Chillin' with the Prez" events in these areas and spoke one-on-one with our young graduates about the significance of their continued involvement with JSU.

The Alumni Association is very excited about this new venture and looks forward to staying connected with our recent graduates.

If you graduated within the last decade, we encourage you to get involved. Join the alumni association Facebook group and provide the alumni office with your current address and email address. We can't keep you informed if we don't know where you are!

Upcoming Events

JULY 25

Birmingham Alumni Luncheon at
Lloyd's Restaurant

SEPTEMBER 5

JSU vs. Georgia Tech Pre-Game
Tailgate

SEPTEMBER 26

FAB 40's/Nifty 50's Reunion

OCTOBER 23 & 24

Homecoming 2009
Class of 1959 Reunion
60's Group Reunion
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Young Alumni Party

NOVEMBER 21

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Gary Shamblin, '81, and his wife, Peggy Snead Shamblin, '84, Hoover, Ala., announce the birth of their son, Connor Reece, October 17, 2007. Mr. Shamblin is employed at Regions Bank. Mrs. Shamblin recently retired from the Shelby County School System. Mr. Shamblin was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

Paul Lisborg, '84, and his wife, Jennifer Bray Lisborg, '00, Newnan, Ga., announce the birth of their daughter, Emma Katherine, May 29, 2008. Mr. Lisborg is the marketing coordinator for Newnan Utilities. Mrs. Lisborg was previously a music teacher at Smokey Road Middle School in Newnan. The both were members of the Southerners.

1990-1999

James Robert Newell, '91, Deatsville, Ala., announces the birth of his granddaughter, Rachel Elyse, October 6, 2008. Proud parents are Mr. Newell's son Jason and his wife, Sara, Jonesville, Tenn. Mr. James Newell is the president of the Central Alabama Chapter of the JSU National Alumni Association.

Dr. Christopher Wayne Reaves, '91/'96, and Cheryl Denise Fulmer Reaves, '94, Trussville, Ala., enjoyed the first birthday celebration of their son, Caidan Christopher, November 1, 2008. Caidan has an older sister, Chloe.



Andrew J. Freeman, '93, and his wife, Emily, Austell, Ga., welcomed the birth of their first son, Bryson Shaw, July 24, 2008. Mr. Freeman was a member of the Baptist Campus Ministry. He is president of Andrew J. Freeman & Associates in Austell.

Dr. P. Brent Nichols, '95/'99, and his wife, Tanya Wilkins Nichols, '98, Lakeland, Fla., welcomed the birth of their daughter, Chloe Danielle, January 13, 2008. Mrs. Nichols was a member of the Southerners.

Charles Douglas "Chuck" Isbell, '96, and Kim Hampton Isbell, '96, Rockmart, Ga., announce the birth of their daughter, Gracie Laine, July 13, 2007. Mr. Isbell was a member of the Southerners and Mrs. Isbell was a Marching Ballerina. They have another daughter, Rebecca Ann, who is 3 years old. Mr. Isbell was chosen Teacher of the Year for the 2006-07 school year at Cedartown Middle School, Cedartown, Ga. He is the band director and has been teaching for 11 years.

Kimberly Lane Ethridge Murray, '97/'99, and her husband, Matt, Canton, Ga., welcomed the birth of their son, Jackson Thomas, January 4, 2008. Mrs. Murray is a school psychologist for the Bartow County (Ga.) Board of Education.

Jeffrey Brannon Gravlee, '98, and Lisa Braden Gravlee, '99, Springville, Ala., are pleased to announce the birth of their second son, Owen Braden, May 8, 2008. They also have a 3-year-old son, David Ethan. Mr. Gravlee is employed by



Wachovia and was a member of Pi Kappa Phi. Mrs. Gravlee was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority and a cheerleader.

Laura Leigh Couch Self, '98, and Jason Grant Self, '00/'06, Armuchee, Ga., welcomed their son, Lovett Grant Edward, April 15, 2008. Mr. Self serves as a teacher and the athletic director at Rome Middle School, Rome, Ga. He was a member of the Student Government Association. Mrs. Self is a registered nurse with the Harbin Clinic in Rome.

William Nathan "Buster" Bolton, '99/'07, and Amanda Daily Bolton, '00/'05, Talladega, Ala., announce the birth of their daughter, Kyra Elizabeth, June 25, 2008. They both were members of the Southerners. Mr. Bolton was also a member of the Chamber Singers and Phi Mu Alpha. Mrs. Bolton was a member of Sigma Alpha Iota.

2000-2009

Heather Moreland Stuckey, '00, and her husband, Curt, Birmingham, Ala., welcomed the birth of their first child, Georgia Jayne, March 10, 2008. Mrs. Stuckey was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

James Hugh Bennett, '04, and Alexis Skelley Bennett, '04, Huntersville, N.C., celebrated the birth of their daughter, Avery Marie, April 10, 2008, who arrived 6 weeks earlier than expected. Mr. Bennett is an account manager for Altec. He was a member of Kappa Alpha. Mrs. Bennett was a member of Phi Mu.



Emma Katherine Lisborg, Rachel Elyse Newell, Bryson Shaw Freeman

NEW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION LIFE MEMBERS

(June 2008 – December 2008)

**Tara Ashley Rhodarmer
Applebaum '02**

Nathan Paul Applebaum '04

Miriam Brown Green '63/'68

Steve Dixon Green '62/'73

T. Kevin Lackey '91

Jeffrey N. Painter '88

Brittney E. Rashleigh '07

Ritchie Aaron Whorton '83

Kari Hinkle Yeager, '05, and her husband, Jonathon, Ragland, Ala., announce the birth of their son, Hudson Clark, July 30, 2008. Mrs. Yeager is employed by the State of Alabama Department of Examiners of Public Accounts. She was a member of the Southerners, A Capella Choir, and Sigma Alpha Iota.

WEDDINGS

1990 - 1999

Jacqueline Sue Bailey, '91/'98, and Matthew Edgar Growden, October 25, 2008, Madison, Ala. Mrs. Growden is

employed by Huntsville Hospital as a senior applications programmer.

Thomas F. Millington, '94/'98, and Laura Dawn Whent, fall 2008, Anniston, Ala. Mr. Millington is employed by Dormon & Reynolds Insurance, Inc.

Kimberly Joy Parton, '95, and John Mark Gattis, September 6, 2008, Gatlinburg, Tenn. Mrs. Gattis is employed by Christian Electric, Gadsden, Ala.

Sherry Smith Landers, '96, and William Farkas, May 2, 2008, Anniston, Ala. A reception was held in their honor at the JSU Alumni House on June 22. Mrs. Farkas was a member of the Baptist Campus Ministry at JSU.

Amanda Leigh Witherspoon, '98, and Jeff Whitmire, July 14, 2007. Mrs. Whitmire was a member of the Student Government Association and Zeta Tau Alpha sorority. She also served as a Peer Counselor. Mrs. Whitmire is a teacher in Cherokee County, Ga. They reside in Kennesaw, Ga.

Dennis "Denny" William Smith, '99, and Kelly Lynne Greer, October 11, 2008, Decatur, Ala. Mr. Smith is director of the ACT Center at Calhoun Community College. He is president of Training for Existing Business and Industry Network and a member of the Alabama Workforce Investment Board and the board for the Tennessee Valley Chapter of the Society for Human Resource Management.

Candice Mechelle Terry, '99/'00, and Carlton Boyd Hagler, October 25, 2008, Tuscaloosa, Ala. Dr. Hagler is employed as a private practice physician at Baptist Health Centers, Inc. in Jasper, Ala. She recently completed her residency at the

Tuscaloosa Family Medicine Residency Program. Dr. Hagler played volleyball for JSU.

2000-2008

Ginny Conner, '00, and Daniel Smith, October 18, 2008, Rainbow City, Ala. Mrs. Smith is employed by the Gadsden Museum of Art. She was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority.

Toni Marie Smith, '00, and Eric Michael Driskill, November, 2008, Gadsden, Ala. Mrs. Driskill is employed as a crime scene technician for the Gadsden Police Department.

Robin Janae Weeks, '00, and Tyson Duane Thomas, June 14, 2008, Gadsden, Ala. Mrs. Thomas is employed by the Etowah County Board of Education.

Allison Andrews, '02, and Thomas Freckman, June 21, 2008, at the Berman Museum in Anniston. Mrs. Freckman is employed by the Douglas County (Ga.) School System. Mr. Freckman is attending JSU and is employed at Battelle in Anniston, Ala.

Andrea Cox, '02, and Philip Tomlin, July 5, 2008, Birmingham, Ala. Mrs. Tomlin is an assistant manager with Wachovia Bank in Birmingham. She was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority at JSU.

Farrah Yvonne Craven, '02, and Matthew Thomas Waller, August 2, 2008, Woodstock, Ga. Mrs. Waller is employed by Emory Adventist Hospital in Atlanta.

Georgette DeAnn Dewey, '02, and Billy Hiram Lester, '03, June 7, 2008, Orange Beach, Ala. A magna cum laude JSU



Jackson Thomas Murray, Caidan Reaves, Hudson Clark Yeager

graduate, Mrs. Lester is employed by the Shelby County Board of Education. Mr. Lester is a summa cum laude JSU graduate and is employed by Regions Financial Corp. and is a member of the Project Management Institute.

Jessica Danielle Guyton, '02, and James Aaron Alston, Sr., August 23, 2008, Tuscaloosa, Ala. Mrs. Alston was commissioned through the JSU ROTC program and is employed by the U.S. Army assigned to the Army Recruiting Command Headquarters at Fort Knox, Ky.

Angela Paige Colasacco, '03, and Eric Lance Davis, December 20, 2008, Weaver, Ala. Mrs. Davis is employed by the Anniston City Board of Education.

Casey Dale Daffron, '03, and Christy Madonna Harrison, June 28, 2008, Anniston, Ala. Mr. Daffron is employed by Arris Incorporated. He was a member of Delta Chi fraternity.

Paul Ellison, '03, and Jennifer Fleming, October 18, 2008, Jacksonville, Ala. Mr. Ellison is employed by Aerospace Coatings International. He was a member of the Southerners.

Sarita Joy Gooden, '03, and Currion Linzey Morris, July 26, 2008, Birmingham, Ala. Mrs. Morris is pursuing her master's degree at JSU and is a member of Sigma Alpha Iota. She was a member of the Southerners.

Brandi Michelle Mangum, '03, and William Clint Parris, June 21. Mrs. Parris is employed by Sarrell Regional Dental Centers as the corporate marketing director.

Jessica Rena Alverson, '04, and Bradford Dale Tollison, November 22, 2008, Moody, Ala. Mrs. Tollison teaches at Moody Elementary School.

Jonathan Ray Barksdale, '04, and Melanie Renae Clayton, '05, September 6, 2008, Gadsden, Ala. Mrs. Barksdale is employed by the Alabama Power Co. Mr. Barksdale is employed at Battelle Memorial Institute.

Kimberly Donovan, '04, and Jeffrey Zulauf, August 2, 2008, Atlanta, Ga. Mrs. Zulauf is employed by Vinings Eye Care.

Randall Charles Toney, '04, and Jamie Lauren Bonds, June 7, 2008, Fort Walton Beach, Fla. Mr. Toney is employed by the Calhoun County Board of Education as a teacher/coach at Ohatchee High School. He played football at JSU. Mrs. Toney currently attends JSU.

Michael Bowen, '04, and Misti Johnson, October 4, 2008, Pisgah, Ala. Mr. Bowen is an assistant manager for Wal-Mart, Inc.

Jennifer Michelle Brown, '04, and Sean Michael Truelove, '05, August 7, 2008, on the island of Maui, Hawaii. Mrs. Truelove is employed by Greenwood and Crim, P.C. in Iowa City, Ia. They both were members of the Southerners.

Andy Bogdan Chudy, '04, and Katy Nichole White, '06, June 7, 2008, Decatur, Ala. Mr. Chudy is a financial services representative with Redstone Federal Credit Union. Mrs. Chudy is employed as a public relations coordinator for Decatur General Hospital. She was a member of Omicron Delta Epsilon and the American Marketing Association.

Alex Edward Ference, '04, and Alison

Nicole Brown, '05, October 25, 2008, at the JSU Alumni House. Mr. Ference is employed by the Office of the District Attorney 7th Judicial Circuit as an investigator. Mrs. Ference is employed by U.S. Investigations Services as an investigator.

Laura Marie Hawkins, '04, and Michael Zachary Miller, November 22, 2008, Gadsden, Ala. Mrs. Miller is employed by Maxus Construction Co., Inc., Pelham, Ala.

Jason Paul Jones, '04, and Tasha Michelle Pittman, October 4, 2008, Gadsden, Ala. Mr. Jones is employed as a district manager with Waffle House. He was a member of the Southerners.

Douglas Allen McGinnis, '04, and Alysson Leigh Graves, June 6, 2008, Orange Beach, Ala.

Paula M. Simpson, '04/'07, and Doneareum S. Winston, December 13, 2008, at the JSU Alumni House. Mrs. Winston is employed by Family Links, Inc.

Marcus Johnson Skinner, '04, and Misty Shai Kowatana, July 19, 2008, Anniston, Ala. Mr. Skinner is employed by GSA in Atlanta, Ga.

Shannon Elizabeth Stephens, '04, and William Quinn Young, '05, June 7, 2008, Birmingham, Ala. Mrs. Young teaches at Pinson Valley High School in Jefferson County. She was a member of the Marching Ballerinas and Zeta Tau Alpha sorority. Mr. Young serves in the Air National Guard stationed in Birmingham.

Nikki Marie Taylor, '04/'08, and Phillip Tal Morrison, '07, December 27, 2008,



Georgia Jayne Stuckey, Kyra Elizabeth Bolton, Avery Marie Bennett

Roanoke, Ala. Mrs. Morrison is employed as an accounts examiner by the Alabama Department of Examiners of Public Accounts. She was a member of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority. Mr. Morrison is a social science teacher and coach at Benjamin Russell High School in Alexander City.

John Andrew Bates, '05, and Kristen Faye Taylor, September 27, 2008, Destin, Fla. Mr. Bates is employed by Target, Trussville, Ala. Mrs. Bates is currently attending JSU and is employed by Specialty Fabrications, Oxford, Ala.

Allison Renae Crow, '05, and Ryan Aston Gordon, July 12, 2008, Gadsden, Ala. Mrs. Gordon is employed by the Calhoun County Board of Education. She was a peer counselor.

Catherine Ashley Downing, '05, and Joseph Bill Enochs, '05, January 19, 2008, Anniston, Ala. Mr. Enochs was a member of Phi Kappa Phi fraternity.

Pellum Jamar Dumas, '05, and Shelly Elizabeth Drop, November 22, 2008, Gulf Shores, Ala. Mr. Dumas is director of bands at Satsuma High School, Mobile, Ala. He was a member of the Southerners.

John Wesley Jordan, '05, and Kristen Hope Summerlin, July 19, 2008, Alexander City, Ala. Mr. Jordan is employed with Southern Pipe, Montgomery, Ala.

Jesse Ryan Payne, '05, and Jenna Danielle Duckett, June 2008, at Kapalua Bay on the island of Maui, Hawaii. Mr. Payne is employed by Gadsden Regional Medical Center, Gadsden, Ala.

Jill Michele Shropshire, '05, and Blake O'Neal Lackey, June 7, 2008, Talladega, Ala. Mrs. Lackey is employed by Boozier Laminated Beam Co., Anniston, Ala.

Amy Rebecca Smith, '05, and Christopher Scot Smith, May 31, 2008, Gadsden, Ala. Mrs. Smith is employed by the Rome (Ga.) City Board of Education as a teacher at West Central Elementary School. She was a member of the Baptist Campus Ministry.

Daniel Brian Smith, '05, and Miranda Jill Long, '06, September 13, 2008, Albertville, Ala. Mr. Smith is employed with the State of Alabama. He was a member of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity. Mrs. Smith is employed by Thompson Tractor Company. She was a member of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority.

Porter Brian Snead, '05, and Ashlie Ryan Holland, '07, June 21, 2008, Gadsden, Ala. Mr. Snead is part owner of Snead Tractor. Mrs. Snead is employed by the Etowah County Board of Education.

Danielle Nicole Taylor, '05, and Arthur Warren Steber, June 21, 2008, Hoover, Ala. Mrs. Steber is employed by the Department of Defense as a logistics management specialist. She was a member of Phi Mu sorority.

Brian Chad Usrey, '05, and Rebecca Anne Lambert, July 21, 2008, Anniston, Ala.

Mindi Marlena Wilkins, '05, and Justin David Amberson, June 14, 2008, McClellan, Ala. Mrs. Amberson is employed by the Calhoun Treatment Center, Oxford, Ala.

John Byron Wood, '05, and Candace Michelle NeSmith, June 21, 2008, Pensacola Beach, Fla. Mr. Wood is a special education teacher with the Blount County (Ala.) Board of Education.

Lindsay Michelle Black, '06, and Joshua Wayne Little, July 26, 2008, Fort Payne, Ala. Mrs. Little is employed by the Dekalb County Board of Education.

Jennifer Brittain, '06, and Justin Scott Hartley, '06, June 28, 2008, at the JSU Alumni House. They both were members of the Southerners.



Bethany Lyn Burleson, '06, and David William Tongate, June 7, 2008, Jacksonville, Ala. Mrs. Tongate is a magna cum laude JSU graduate and is employed by the Talladega County Board of Education. She was a member of the Southerners and the A Capella Choir.

Joanna Pirkle Bynum, '06, and Clifford "Skip" Clarence Ward III, July 19, 2008, Anniston, Ala. Mrs. Ward is employed by Raymond James Financial Services.

Brian Alexander Collis, '06, and Ashley Brooke Huddleston, '06, August 31, 2008, at Walt Disney World Resort, Fla. Mr. Collis is employed by Home Depot, McCaysville, Ga. He was a member of the Southerners. Mrs. Collis is employed by The Quality Shoppe, Jacksonville, Ala., and Kohl's, Oxford, Ala. She was a member of the Marching Ballerinas and the A Capella Choir.

Clayton Bryant Costner, '06, and Jordan Elizabeth Morgan, '08, June 7, 2008, Anniston, Ala. Mr. Costner is employed by Lenn Costner Auto Sales. He was a member of the JSU Golf Team. Mrs. Costner was a member of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority.

Julie Ann Harmon, '06, and Clayton Burk Campbell, June 28, 2008, Munford, Ala. Mrs. Campbell is employed by the Talladega County Board of Education.

Brooke Jay Head, '06, and Jonathan Taber Fielding, October 4, 2008, Gadsden, Ala. Mrs. Fielding is employed by Crown Column & Millwork, LLC as a marketing coordinator in Attalla, Ala.

Kyle Reaves McIntyre, '06, and Tracy Dawn Auld, August 9, 2008, in Georgia.



Gracie Laine Isbell, Owen Braden and David Ethan Grawlee

Mr. McIntyre is employed by McIntyre Lumber Co., Inc.

Mylie Bliss Belcher, '07, and Nathan Todd Johnson, July 26, 2008, Pell City, Ala. Mrs. Johnson is employed by Camp Fire USA, Birmingham, Ala. She was a member of the Marching Ballerinas and Delta Zeta sorority.

Justin Keith Cooper, '07, and Haylea Nichole Collins, June 7, 2008, Scottsboro, Ala. Mr. Cooper is employed by the Jackson County Board of Education at Stevenson Middle School as a teacher and coach. He is also a musician with a local band, Wrong 2 Wright.

Kevin Lane Dobbs, '07, and Ashley Erin Haynes, '07, October 25, 2008, Talladega, Ala. Mr. Dobbs is employed by Sherwin Williams in Pell City. Mrs. Dobbs is an RN at Regional Medical Center in Anniston.

Dexter James Edwards, '07, and Kasey Leanne Cheek, '08, June 28, 2008, Gadsden, Ala. Mr. Edwards is employed by Bisco Industries in Huntsville, Ala. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and was named Mr. JSU in 2005. Mrs. Edwards is employed as an RN at Huntsville Hospital. She was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority and was a JSU Ambassador.

Josh Forrest, '07, and Julie Ingram, August 9, 2008, Gadsden, Ala. Mr. Forrest is employed by the Anniston Fire Department as a firefighter. He played baseball for JSU.

Curtis Micheal Gay, '07, and Whitney Dyan Trawick, '08, August 23, 2008. Mr. Gay is employed by Grace Children's Home in Henderson, Neb.

Joshua Wayne Hill, '07, and Heather Anne Shannon, October 11, 2008, Gadsden, Ala.

William E. Johnson, '07, and Jaime L. Miller, '07, December 6, 2008, Anniston, Ala. Mr. Johnson is employed by URS, an EG&G division of the Washington Group. Mrs. Johnson is employed with Thermphos International B.V.

Laurissa Renee Jones, '07, and Brian Millican, '07, November 1, 2008, Anniston, Ala. Mr. Millican is employed by Calvary Temple Assembly of God.

Allison Denise Land, '07, and Amado Javier Ortiz, '07, August 9, 2008, McClellan, Ala. Mrs. Ortiz is employed by JSU as an admissions counselor. She was a member of the Marching Ballerinas and Alpha Omicron Pi sorority. Mr. Ortiz is employed by the Anniston Country Club.

Mary McAllister, '07, and Adam Dawson, October 11, 2008, South Pittsburg, Tenn. Mrs. Dawson is employed by Russell Cave National Monument.

Tyler Lance Mayfield, '07, and Julie Lynn Vantrease, November 29, 2008, Martin, Tenn. Mr. Mayfield is employed as a sales/customer service representative with Delta Materials Handling, Jackson, Tenn.

Rebekah McManus, '07, and Michael Andrew Daniel, June 7, 2008, Fairburn, Ga. Mrs. Daniel was a member of the A Capella Choir.

Molly Gail Minton, '07, and Steven Lee Nuss, August 2, 2008, Ashville, Ala. Mrs. Nuss was a magna cum laude JSU graduate and is currently pursuing her doctorate in physical therapy.

AudreyCiara Norton, '07, and Christopher Loyd Fleming, June 28, 2008, Gadsden, Ala. Mrs. Fleming is currently pursuing her master's degree. She was a member of the JSU cheerleading squad. Mr. Fleming is currently pursuing his degree at JSU.

Amanda Robinson, '07, and Jeffrey Caudill, June 21, 2008, Fairhope, Ala. Mrs. Caudill is employed by Seraaj Family Homes, Inc. She was a member of Phi Mu sorority. Mr. Caudill is pursuing his degree at JSU and is employed by Walgreens Pharmacy.

Jacob Andrew VanBuren, '07, and Hannah LeAnn Glenn, August 9, 2008, at the JSU Alumni House. Mr. VanBuren is a software engineer for 3-GIS, Decatur, Ala. Mrs. VanBuren is pursuing her nursing degree at JSU.

Anna Lee Boatwright, '08, and Patrick Wayne Millican, November 15, 2008, Gadsden, Ala. Mrs. Millican is employed by the Etowah County Board of Education and Susan's Daycare.

Maegan Marie Bowman, '08, and Vann Wesley Jolly, December 27, 2008, Pell City, Ala. Mrs. Jolly was a summa cum laude JSU graduate and is employed by Coosa Valley Elementary School.

Kristie Lauren Bray, '08, and Shane Michael Burt, July 19, 2008, Fort Payne, Ala. Mrs. Burt is employed by Floyd Medical Center in Rome, Ga.

Natalie Michelle Floyd, '08, and James Ray Whitley, October 11, 2008, Columbus, Ga. Mrs. Whitley is a teacher at the Asbury School, Albertville, Ala. She is currently pursuing her education specialist degree.

Lea Hadley, '08, and Matthew Huddleston, June 1, 2008, Wedowee, Ala.

Amy Beth Holcomb, '08, and David Michael Robbins, '08, July 4, 2008, Fort Morgan, Ala. Mrs. Robbins is employed at the Orthopedic Centers of Gadsden. Mr. Robbins received the Dugette Award for Academic Excellence while a student of chemistry at JSU.

Thomas Lee Jones, commissioned through the JSU ROTC program, and Laura Jane Huddleston, September 7, '08, Alexander City, Ala. They are now stationed at Fort Sill, Okla.

Courtney Michelle Jordan, '08, and Christopher Michael Howell, September 13, 2008, Cullman, Ala. Mrs. Howell is employed as an RN at Trinity Medical Center, Birmingham, Ala.

Cassie Blair Knight, '08, and Christopher John Steffens, July 5, 2008, at the JSU Alumni House. Mrs. Steffens was a cum laude JSU graduate and is employed at Munford Elementary School, Munford, Ala.

Astin Leigh Mobley, '08, and Clifton Clay Noles, June 7, 2008, Panama City Beach, Fla. A summa cum laude JSU graduate,

Mrs. Noles is pursuing her master's degree at Auburn University.

Jillian Parr, '08, and John Claiborne Neal, December 6, 2008, Gadsden, Ala. Mrs. Neal is employed by American Eagle.

Brittany Leigh Price, '08, and Joseph Paul Cobb, August 2, 2008, Anniston, Ala.

Samantha Setser, '08, and Jared Heath Lathem. June 14, 2008, Eastaboga, Ala.

Holly Lynn Sloan, '08, and Craig Sanders Marbut, September 27, 2008, Hokes Bluff, Ala. Mrs. Marbut is employed by Sloan Utility Contracting.

Melinda Trussell, '08, and Jason Thompson, October 4, 2008, Birmingham, Ala.

OBITUARIES

(information obtained through newspaper obituary notices unless otherwise noted)

JSU FACULTY/STAFF

Beverly Francis Campbell, Jacksonville, Ala., November 9, 2008. She was retired from JSU with 20 years of service.

Larry Raymond Chaney, Jacksonville, Ala., July 19, 2008. He was retired from JSU.

Virginia Dillard Sartain, Chattanooga, Tenn., July 11, 2008. She was retired from JSU.

ATTENDED ONLY OR DATE OF GRADUATION UNKNOWN

Morgan Keith Farris, Hiram, Ga., June, 2003. He was a member of the Southerners at JSU. The Alumni Office was notified by his wife, Amy Michelle Morris, '99/'07, also a former Southerner, of his death.

H. Jean Gayle, Gardendale, Ala. The postal service advised the Alumni Office of her death.

Evelyn H. Gilliland, Marietta, Ga., September 4, 2008.

Dorothy "Dot" Black Hendrix, Guntersville, Ala., September 14, 2008. She was a former high school guidance counselor at what is now Guntersville High School and then for 30 years at Gadsden High. After retirement, she and her husband opened and operated H & H Crafts and Things on Highway 431 for several years.

Rev. Daniel Baker Lott, Columbia, S.C., March 15, 2000. The Alumni Office was notified by his wife, Dorothy, of his death.

Calvin Jay "Chink" McCoy, Gadsden, Ala., August 26, 2008. Mr. McCoy played football at JSU in the early 1960s. He had been employed by Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. for 32 years.

Dorothy Smith Noel, Albuquerque, N.Mex. The postal service notified the Alumni Office of her death.

Arby Talley, Attalla, Ala., November 8, 2008. A U.S. Army veteran, he served during World War II in the D-Day campaign and on the European front. He served as a guidance counselor for the Attalla School System for many years.

James Day Thornton, Jr., Huntsville, Ala., December 4, 2008. He served on the JSU Board of Trustees for 37 years. Mr. Thornton was president of Wikle, Thornton, Holcombe Insurance Co. and was a founding member of the Bank of Huntsville (now Colonial Bank).

1930-1939

Beatrice Cox Fowler, '37/'53, Arab, Ala. The Alumni Office was notified by the postal service of her death.

Inez M. Mattox, '38, Ashland, Ala., November, 2008.

Josie Smith Raspberry, '39, Florala, Ala., August 6, 2008. An educator, Mrs. Raspberry taught in Five Points, Lockhart, and Paxton, Fla.

Malcolm B. Street, Sr., '37/'39, Anniston, Ala., November 29, 2008. A U.S. Navy veteran, he was best known for his work

at WHMA radio and then WHMA TV 40 where he started as Sports Director and rose through the ranks to General Manager. He covered thousands of athletic events and was known as the "Voice of the Anniston (H.S.) Bulldogs" and, of course, the "Voice of the Jacksonville State Gamecocks" for more than 40 years. He has been inducted into the inaugural class of the Calhoun County Sports Hall of Fame, the Alabama High School Athletic Directors and Coaches Association Hall of Fame and the JSU Gamecock Hall of Fame. His other awards include being selected Anniston's "Man of the Year" in 1961, serving as president of the Alabama Broadcasters Association and induction into its Hall of Fame in 1980, selected Alabama Sportscaster of the Year, Broadcaster of the Year, receiving the Boy Scouts of America Silver Beaver Award in 1966 and the James West Fellow in 1994. He also pioneered such sports shows as Coaches Corner, Pigskin Roundup, the Evening Sports Parade, and TV40's Jax State Football Review.

1940-1949

Elsie Robbins Caldwell, '42, Centre, Ala. The postal service advised the Alumni Office of her death.

Frances Bobo Williamson, '44, Anniston, Ala., 2008. She taught at Oxford High School, Tuscaloosa Junior High, Montgomery schools, and finally at Duluth (Ga.) High where she served as guidance counselor for 16 years until her retirement in 1982.

Gloria Ross Blackmon, '46, Anniston, Ala., October 5, 2008. She was a member of the Fabulous Forties alumni group. Ms. Blackmon owned Blackmon Typing Service for many years in Anniston.

Nettie Walker Gregg, '46, Lineville, Ala., December 13, 2008. She was an educator for over 37 years, teaching at Barfield Middle School for 30 of those years.

Charles Gilbert Ayers, '48, Phil Campbell, Ala., March 22, 2008. Mr. Ayers played football, basketball, and baseball for JSU. The Alumni Office was notified by his wife, Barbara, of his death.

Mary Frances Braswell Cobb, '48/'69, White Plains, Ala., November 7, 2008. An educator for over 44 years, she taught at White Plains from 1944 through 1967 and then served as the Jacksonville High School librarian until 1989.

James V. "Turk" Moncus, '48, Fayetteville, Ga., December 2, 2008. Mr. Moncus played football and basketball for JSU. He was a member of the football J-Club.

James L. Nolen, '48, Opp, Ala., December 19, 2008. Mr. Nolen was a decorated World War II and Korean Conflict veteran, earning the American Service Medal, European-African Middle Eastern Service Medal, Silver Star Good Conduct Medal, and the Meritorious Unit Award. He rose to the rank of Captain in the Army Reserves. Mr. Nolen enjoyed a 42-year career as a teacher, coach, principal, and superintendent of education for Opp City Schools. Retiring from education in 1988, he was then elected mayor of Opp. Mr. Nolen has been inducted into the Alabama High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame, the Opp Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame, and the JSU Athletic Hall of Fame.

John C. Spurlock, '48, Port Charlotte, Fla., June 10, 2008. Mr. Spurlock was a retired teacher. He was a member of the Student Government Association and Baptist Campus Ministry and played baseball and basketball for JSU.

Clyde Buckelew, '49, Arab, Ala. The Alumni Office was notified by the postal service of his death.

Eugene Winford Williamon, '49, Lincoln, Ala., December 21, 2008. An Army Air Corps veteran of World War II, he was a coach at White Plains High School, teacher and coach at Lincoln, teacher at Talladega Academy, and at Walter Wellborn until his retirement in 1981. Mr. Williamon played basketball for JSU.

1950-1959

William Harrison Bibby, '50, Folkston, Ga., December 24, 2007. He served as a principal for the Charlton County Board

of Education. Mr. Bibby played baseball at JSU.

William Forrest Bowers, '50, Russellville, Ala. The postal service advised the Alumni Office of his death.

Wilma Cofield Carter, '50, Birmingham, Ala., October 26, 2008. A retired educator, she taught at Oxford Elementary, E.B. Erwin Elementary, and Briarwood Christian School in Birmingham. Mrs. Carter was a member of the Baptist Campus Ministry.

Sara Elizabeth Crawford McDaniel, '50, Ormond Beach, Fla., November 7, 2008. She retired from teaching at Pine Trails Elementary in Ormond Beach in 1990.

Adies D. Holliday, '50, Rome, Ga., February 14, 2008. The Alumni Office was notified by his wife, Carolyn Herndon Holliday, '70, of his death. They both were members of the Southerners.

Elizabeth Salmon Gray, '51, Weaver, Ala. The postal service advised the Alumni Office of her death.

Ollie Garrett Jones, '51, Athens, Ala., August 6, 2008.

Charles Lewis Letherwood, Sr., '51, Montgomery, Ala., August 23, 2008. A Navy veteran, he worked for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He later worked as security manager for Winn-Dixie, Inc.

Mark Lionel Russell, '51, Huntsville, Ala., October 1, 2008. A World War II veteran, he retired from NASA in 1983 after serving as Marshall Space Flight Center's cooperative education director for many years.

Rufus Birl Bryson, '52, Blountsville, Ala., November 30, 2008. An Army veteran of World War II, he was a retired principal and teacher at J.B. Pennington High School. Mr. Bryson was commissioned through the JSU ROTC program.

Mary Ruth Graves Dobbs, '52, Collinsville, Ala., August 13, 2008. Mrs. Dobbs was a retired educator with the Dekalb County

Board of Education. The Alumni Office was notified by a family friend of her death.

William "Bill" Elton, '52, Los Angeles, Calif., November 28, 2008. The Alumni Office was notified by his sister of his death. After graduating from JSU, he went to New York City where he graduated from the Manhattan School of Music.

Eula Kathryn Greene, '52, Talladega, Ala. (date of death unknown).

John T. Hobbs, '53, Oak Level, Ala., August 11, 2008. An Air Force veteran, he took part in the Berlin Airlift in 1949, providing radar direction for allied planes bringing supplies to the citizens of Berlin. He retired after a 35-year career with the U.S. Postal Service.

Annie Price Sibert, '54, Bay Minette, Ala., November 30, 2008. A Navy veteran, she was retired from teaching at Faulkner State Community College.

Wanda Noles Wright, '54, Huntsville, Ala. (date of death unknown).

Frances M. Jobson Eastall, '55, Lilburn, Ga., November 18, 2008. She was a retired educator from the Dekalb County (Ga.) School System.

Jeanette Honea Remer, '55/'69, Anniston, Ala., December 8, 2008. She was retired from JSU with more than 40 years at the campus library.

Darrell Alvin Scarborough, '55, Alexander City, Ala., June 8, 2008. Mr. Scarborough owned and operated Scarborough's Shoes in Alexander City for 36 years and previously owned and operated Scarborough's Shoes and Clothing in Talladega, Ala. He was an Air Force veteran and served in World War II.

Donald Standridge, '55/'59, Blountsville, Ala., August 4, 2008. He was retired from the Blount County Board of Education. Mr. Standridge played football for JSU, and was a member of the famed 1955 team that played in the Refrigerator Bowl.

Carey Beth Taylor, '55, Roanoke, Ala. (date of death unknown). She served as the nurse at JSU for many years.

Dr. Thomas Jasper Freeman, '56, Anniston, Ala., September 7, 2008. An Army veteran, Dr. Freeman was a retired administrator and librarian at JSU for 35 years. He was also a former teacher at Walter Wellborn High School. Dr. Freeman served on the Board of Directors and volunteered for 18 years with Habitat for Humanity.

William Dewey Huddleston, '56, Fort Walton Beach, Fla., September 15, 2008. He was an Army veteran. After briefly teaching in Alabama, he became assistant principal at Oakland Heights (Fla.) Elementary and then principal at Destin (Fla.) Elementary and Shalimar (Fla.) Elementary. He was an educator with Florida's Okaloosa County School System for more than 30 years.

Carine W. Bowman, '57, Lafayette, Ga., (date of death unknown).

Jewel Crawford Elliott, '57, Fort Payne, Ala. (date of death unknown).

Abbie Hartline Laney, '57, Fyffe, Ala., May 3, 2008. The Alumni Office was notified by her son, Larry, of her death.

Dr. Edward Fishburne McCraw, '57, Greenville, Ala., August 9, 2008. The Alumni Office was notified by a family member of his death.

Donald Maurice Moon, '58, Vestavia Hills, Ala., October 14, 2008. Mr. Moon was a retired examiner for Disability Determination for Social Security at the Alabama Department of Education. He also served for 35 years in education in Alabama as a coach and teacher at McAdory High School and a career counselor at Gardendale Vocational School. He was a cheerleader during his years at JSU. Mr. Moon was very active in JSU alumni activities, having served several terms as the president of the Birmingham Area Alumni Chapter and a term as president of the National Alumni Association Board of Governors. He was

also an active member of the football J-Club and the Sixties Group at JSU.

Pelham G. Ables, '58/'79, Birmingham, Ala., March 22, 2008. Mr. Ables was a Navy veteran and served on the USS Oberon during the Korean Conflict. He taught school for 30 years, spending most of that time at Plainview High School, Rainsville, Ala. He also taught evenings at Gadsden State and Northeast State Community Colleges. An aviation lover, he was a member of the Civil Air Patrol at JSU and later became a pilot. One of his greatest joys was the building of his own plane. He was a member and past president of the local Experimental Aircraft Association. Mr. Ables was married to Jane Cole Ables, '62, Fort Payne, Ala.

Billy James Raley, '58, Rainbow City, Ala., (date of death unknown). The Alumni Office was notified by his niece of his death.

Gladys Snead, '58, Altoona, Ala. (date of death unknown).

Marilyn Elizabeth Wheeler, '58, Rabbittown, Ala., August 22, 2008. She was a retired teacher from Ranburne High School.

Billy Carl Wilson, '58, Gadsden, Ala., September 13, 2008. An Army veteran, Mr. Wilson was also an educator for 31 years, serving as a teacher and principal. He retired in 1992 after eight years as principal at Gaylesville High.

Thomas Joseph Gillespie, '59, Oneonta, Ala., October 27, 2008. Mr. Gillespie taught at Wake Forest University, Cave Springs (Ga.) Elementary, and Susan Moore Elementary. He played tennis for JSU and was a tennis instructor at JSU



and at Wake Forest.

Tevis Bell Parker, '59, Montgomery, Ala. (date of death unknown). She was a retired director from the Alabama Department of Education.

Evelyn Sue Hanson Hewett Ford Taylor, '59, Mableton, Ga., April 13, 2008. The Alumni Office was notified by her husband, Houston Taylor, of her death.

1960-1969

Robert Price Gaines, '60, Gadsden, Ala., December 26, 2008.

Anna Rogene Wright Jackson, '60/'64, Germantown, Tenn., October 11, 2008. She was a retired teacher from Susan Moore Elementary School.

Donald D. Cannon, '61, Hokes Bluff, Ala., September 17, 2008. The Alumni Office was notified by family members of his death.

Milton Hugh Hardy, '61, Fort Payne, Ala. (date of death unknown). The Alumni Office was notified by the postal service of his death.

Panna Cook Dempsey, '62, Piedmont, Ala., August 14, 2008. Mrs. Dempsey taught elementary school in the Piedmont City School System for more than 30 years.

Stanley K. Newton, '62, Calera, Ala. (date of death unknown). The Alumni Office was notified by the postal service of his death.

R. C. Simpson, '62/'75, Fyffe, Ala., November 29, 2008. He was a retired



Malcolm B. Street, Sr., Donald Moon

school administrator. Family members notified the Alumni Office of his death.

Ruth Usry Perry, '63, Gadsden, Ala., November 10, 2008. She retired from the Etowah County School System with 40 years of service. Mrs. Perry taught at Curtiston, John Jones, Highland, and Hokes Bluff.

Paul McWhorter Pruitt, Sr., '63/'70, Tuscaloosa, Ala., December 4, 2008. An Army veteran, he also taught in Lincoln, Ala., was in private business for several years, and was a civil servant until his retirement in 1981 as training director for the Anniston Army Depot. He was married to longtime JSU English instructor, Ruth Rogers Pruitt, '63, who is also deceased.

James Howard Dial, '64, Gadsden, Ala., December 20, 2008. A Navy veteran, Mr. Dial taught at Gadsden State Community College, St. Clair Correctional Facility, and Faulkner State. He retired from Republic Steel after 35 years of service. Following his retirement, he moved to Gulf Shores, Ala., and worked as a property manager for 6 years.

Johnny Edward Tipton, '65, Indian Springs, Ala., July 3, 2008, after a short fight against Lou Gehrig's disease. He was retired from Vestavia Hills High School. Mr. Tipton played football for JSU and was a member of the JSU Sixties Group. He was married to Kay Waggoner Tipton, '65.

Agnes McVey McNabb, '66/'72, Jacksonville, Ala., August, 2008. Mrs. McNabb taught school for 20 years. Following retirement, she volunteered for Meals on Wheels in Jacksonville and was a bell ringer for the Salvation Army at Christmas. She also was a member of the Inter Se Study Club for many years.

Sue Paschal Moore, '66, Anniston, Ala., September 5, 2008. She was an educator in the Anniston City School System for 33 years. Beginning her career teaching at Golden Springs Elementary School, she later served as senior guidance counselor and coordinator of guidance at Anniston High School. She was also a

registered psychometrist for the Alabama Department of Education.

Doris Humphries Wood, '67/'69, Attalla, Ala., May 27, 2008. She was a teacher with the Etowah County School System for 27 years, teaching at Walnut Grove and Southside. Mrs. Wood was also a delegate for the National Education Association (NEA) for many years.

Eugene Gramlin Wright, '67, Trussville, Ala., November 11, 2008. He was employed with the City of Chattanooga, Tenn., and retired as director of Wastewater Treatment where he was awarded the M.L. Brickey Award by the Tennessee Water and Wastewater Association. Mr. Wright served in the Alabama National Guard and was an Eagle Scout and longtime Scoutmaster of Troop 69 in Chattanooga.

Atilla Ellis Sewell, '68, Birmingham, Ala. (date of death unknown). The Alumni Office was notified by the postal service of his death.

Ray Sam Sibert, '68, Jacksonville, Ala. (date of death unknown). He was a retired Army lieutenant colonel.

1970-1979

Robert Earl Brooks, '70, Ohatchee, Ala., September 15, 2008. Mr. Brooks was retired from the Anniston Army Depot with more than 30 years of service.

Wiley Robert Conerly III, '70, Munford, Ala., September 28, 2008.

Phillip Grant Estes, '70/'71, Weaver, Ala., July 18, 2008. Mr. Estes was president and CEO of the management consulting company, Business Solutions, Inc. He was also a practicing attorney, a published author, and served on the adjunct faculty as a professor at Gadsden State Community College, the University of Alabama, Chadwick University and Jacksonville State University.

Tiny JoElla Chipley Johnson, '70, Jackson, Miss., October 13, 2008, after a battle with cancer. Mrs. Johnson taught in the Fayetteville (N.C.) and Miami (Fla.)

school systems and served as librarian for Bauder Fashion College in Miami.

John A. Prickett, '70, Anniston, Ala., September 6, 2008. A veteran of both World War II and the Korean Conflict, he served in the Army (active and reserve) for more than 32 years and retired as a colonel. His decorations include the Bronze Star, the Army Commendation Medal, and the Meritorious Service Medal. Mr. Prickett retired after 20 years as the director of training at the former Fort McClellan.

Gloria Ward Reagan, '70, Gadsden, Ala., August 10, 2008, after a long battle with cancer. Mrs. Reagan was the JSU Class of 1970 valedictorian. She went on to teach at Emma Sansom High School and Gadsden High for 25 years. She was married to Billy "Rip" Reagan, '51, a member of the Southerners.

Charles Randall Jones, '71, Crossville, Ala. (date of death unknown). The Alumni Office was notified by the postal service of his death.

Sandra Whiteside Nance, '71, Jacksonville, Ala., November 7, 2008. She taught elementary school for 27 years at Constantine, Norwood, Weaver, Cedar Springs, and Pleasant Valley.

Perry Milton Noojin, '71, Athens, Ala., October 15, 2008. Mr. Noojin was an educator and coach in North Alabama for 29 years. He was currently employed by Calhoun Community College in the Adult Education Program. He also taught GED classes at Limestone Correctional Facility.

Mary Jean Cason Osborn, '71, Hokes Bluff, Ala., December 10, 2008. Mrs. Osborn taught elementary school at Hokes Bluff and Westbrook Christian School for a combined 35 years of service.

Martha Louise Cobb Poss, '71, Talladega, Ala., August 5, 2008. After raising her family, she served for several years as a special education teacher at Saks Elementary School, Anniston, Ala.

John Smith Robison, '72, Prattville, Ala.,

November 22, 2008. Former Alabama Fire Marshal for 15 years, he served more than 30 years with the fire marshal's office. He played a key role in investigating suspicious fires that destroyed churches 13 years ago in Dallas, Greene, and Hale Counties. When Hurricane Katrina hit, he went to New Orleans to help. Mr. Robison was a fire and safety consultant in private practice since his retirement in 2003.

Jack Channey Cavender, Jr., '74, Heflin, Ala., December 24, 2008. He served in the Marine Corps after being drafted upon his graduation from JSU. He retired in 2007 as chief finance accounting officer with the Department of Defense in Rome, N.Y. Prior to that, he was at Anniston's former Fort McClellan for 18 years.

Gary Joseph Bone, '74, Southside, Ala., September 11, 2008. Mr. Bone owned and operated his own law firm since 1982. He was president of the Union of the U.S. Steelworkers of America AFL-CIO 2176 and president of the board of directors at Gadsden State Community College.

Lynne Swindall Smith, '74/'79, Jacksonville, Ala., November 20, 2008, after a fight with breast cancer. She began her teaching career at Anniston High School in 1978 where she served as both teacher and administrator until 2000. She was proud to have helped establish an internship program between the Anniston School System and the Anniston Army Depot. She then served as principal of the Calhoun County Technical Center and Director of Career Technical Education for Calhoun County from 2000 to 2003. After retirement, she worked as a consultant to the Haralson County (Ga.) Schools as well as the Calhoun County Foundation. She served as First Lady of Jacksonville during her husband's terms as mayor between 1998 and 2004. She was married to Dr. Jerry Lynn Smith, retired JSU professor.

Ralph Ellis Green, '75, Talladega, Ala. (date of death unknown).

Joe Clifford Hathorn, '75, Anniston, Ala. (date of death unknown). The Alumni Office was notified by the postal service of

his death.

Veronia Cheatwood Hill, '76/'81, Jacksonville, Ala., September 16, 2008. Mrs. Hill was an educator for more than 30 years and taught at Roy Webb School and Pleasant Valley High School. In 1990 and 2001, she was chosen Pleasant Valley's Secondary Teacher of the Year and was nominated in 1990, 2005, and 2007 for JSU's Secondary Teacher Hall of Fame. In 1992, she received the Columbus Quincentenary National Council for Geographic Education Teacher Award (only 14 were awarded nationwide). Mrs. Hill was chosen 1993 History Teacher of the Year by the Chinnabee Society of Daughters of the American Revolution and was a finalist for the Alabama History Teacher of the Year in 1996 and a finalist in 1996 and 1997 for the Outstanding Secondary Teacher of the Year by the Alabama Council for Economic Education.

Brenda Sue McLendon Johnson, '76, Piedmont, Ala., December 17, 2008. She served as a school nurse for the Calhoun County Board of Education.

Brenda Hale Tucker, '76, Leesburg, Ala. (date of death unknown). She had been a teacher with the Cherokee County Board of Education. The Alumni Office was advised by her mother, Betty Hale, that Mrs. Tucker had been hit and killed by a drunk driver.

Terry D. Kendrick, '77, Dothan, Ala., August 18, 2008, after an extended illness. Mr. Kendrick was a cheerleader at JSU and a member of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity, serving a term as its president. He coached at West Rome (Ga.) High School before moving to Dothan where he spent 30 years as a sales representative for NuTech Medical Supply. Mr. Kendrick coached Dixie youth baseball and girls' softball and he loved to play tennis with the Dothan Tennis Association.

Marian Elise McIntosh Gantt, '78, Huntsville, Ala., July 9, 2008. She was a retired JSU accounting instructor.

Doyce K. Haynes, '78, Huntsville, Ala.,

August, 2008. Mr. Haynes began his more than 40 years of civil service at Anniston Army Depot. He later began working for the U.S. Corps of Engineers as an electrical engineering manager traveling to such countries as Germany, Kuwait, Bosnia, Iraq, Japan, and Russia to help secure and keep safe many American bases and locations.

Harry Wahn, '79, Sunrise, Fla. (date of death unknown).

1980-1989

CORRECTION: In the Fall 2008 edition of Gem of the Hills, we omitted information and are rerunning the following entry. The Alumni Staff regrets and apologizes for this error. Julie Ann Andrews Scruggs, '80, Birmingham, Ala., April 14, 2008. She was a computer programmer for Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Alabama. Mrs. Scruggs graduated at the top of her class at JSU.

Morris A. Harwood, Jr., '80/'81, Birmingham, Ala., September 7, 2008. Mr. Harwood served as an athletic manager and assistant trainer during his years at JSU. He later served with the 20th Special Forces during Operation Desert Shield. Mr. Harwood was employed by the Alabama Department of Mental Health as an exercise physiologist.

Sue L. Mitchell, '80, Fort Payne, Ala. (date of death unknown). The Alumni Office was notified by the postal service of her death.

Carolyn Herring Whitley, '80/'88, Jacksonville, Ala., December 17, 2008. Mrs. Whitley was retired from the former Fort McClellan.

James Jeffrey Addison, '81, Rockmart, Ga. (date of death unknown). Mr. Addison was an accountant for Woodruff Arts Center. The Alumni Office was notified by the postal service of his death.

Betty Webb Majors, '82, Montgomery, Ala., November 26, 2008. The Alumni Office was notified by family members of her death.

James Travis “Jimmy” Horne, ’83, Birmingham, Ala., December, 2008. Mr. Horne worked for the Social Security Administration for more than 12 years.

Randall “Randy” Terry, ’85, Anniston, Ala., August 30, 2008. Mr. Terry was employed with the JSU Department of Information Technology. While at JSU, he was a member of the Baptist Campus Ministry.

Lanyce Lane Taylor, ’88, Huntsville, Ala. (date of death unknown). The Alumni Office was notified by the postal service of her death.

1990-1999

Jeff Carr, ’91, Guntersville, Ala., September 22, 2008. He was a member of the Delta Chi fraternity.

Alison Leigh Couey Williams, ’96, Gadsden, Ala., November 28, 2008. Mrs. Williams was employed by Dixie Welding in Attalla, Ala., as a bookkeeper.

2000-2009

Reba Knight Catledge, ’00, Decatur, Ga., (date of death unknown). The Alumni Office was notified by the postal service of her death.

Michael Louis Bell, ’01, Troy, Ala., August 17, 2008. Mr. Bell was employed by Kaplan University. He had been a member of the Southerners and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia music fraternity.

Jessica Autumn Reaves, ’01, Oxford, Ala., June 13, 2008. Ms. Reaves worked at Rainbow Omega.

Mikey Anthony Heflin, Jr., ’07, Birmingham, Ala., May 30, 2008. Mr. Heflin was employed as an RN at UAB Hospital where he worked in the Intensive Care Unit. While at JSU, he played on the rugby team. He also held a 2nd degree black belt.

ALUMNOTES

1960 - 1969

Phillip Norris Davis, ’67, Cave Spring, Ga., retired from banking several years ago and has been running a thriving business, Precious Images Videography, since that time. His wife, Margaret Sewell Davis, ’68, is his assistant and still teaches college math on a part-time basis.

Sheila Speaks Smith, ’67, Birmingham, Ala., has won the “CFO (Chief Financial Officer) of the Year Award” in the Nonprofit Division from the Birmingham Business Journal for her work with the Girl Scouts of North-Central Alabama. Last year, 4 councils in Alabama merged to form Girl Scouts of North-Central Alabama and she accomplished the financial portion of the merger, a process which took about two years. The merged organization now serves girls in 36 of Alabama’s 67 counties. Mrs. Smith has been serving the Girl Scouts for the past 29 years, starting as a part-time accountant.

1970-1979

Danny Hicks, ’75, Oneonta, Ala., Mayor of Oneonta, has friends everywhere and now even in high places! Mr. Hicks has been battling cancer. His friend, Dale Wilson, ’74, while visiting Washington, D.C. recently met Sen. Bob Dole. He asked Sen. Dole to send a special “get well” message to Mr. Hicks. It turns out, all three are members of Kappa Sigma fraternity and Sen. Dole was happy to do so and posed with a sign wishing Mr. Hicks a special get well.

Hardy Smith, ’75, Daytona Beach, Fla., has been selected to receive the Central Florida Chapter of the National Speakers Association’s (NSA) “Chapter Member of the Year for 2007/2008” award. The award was based on professional achievement and participation in chapter activities. Mr. Smith, Government Relations Administrator for the City of Daytona Beach, is a speaker and trainer in central Florida who helps nonprofit organizations connect with people and profit. He will serve as dean of the 2008/2009 NSA

Central Florida Speakers’ Academy. He has 30 years of experience in the world of NASCAR racing, and extensive involvement with nonprofit, community, and volunteer-based groups nationwide.

Beverly Williams Buchanan, ’77/’81, Oneonta, Ala., has been selected Outstanding Teacher of the Year and was one of several honorees at the Blount County Chamber of Commerce banquet. She taught for 30 years at Oneonta Elementary School and is a certified reading initiative teacher rated “highly qualified” by the Alabama Board of Education. She retired in 2008.

Paula Braswell Robichaud, ’78, Toronto, Canada, is proud to announce her “Globalization Two” exhibit is at the Robert Langen Art Gallery in the John Aird Centre in Toronto. The exhibit is based on globalization and its effects. After receiving grants in many forms in the U.S., she found her way to Canada (her husband is from Canada) and has now been awarded grants from the Canadian government. She was also chosen to represent Canada at an exhibition in Washington, D.C.

Terrence Alan Lynch, ’78, Quitman, Miss., writer and poet, has recently had his *The Spirit of Amour* published. It is available online at www.cafepress.com/bytelandart.297597955. It is a collection of work produced over a number of years and attempts to teach people how to love in many forms, expressions of love and enlightenment, but does not attempt to preach.

H. Allen Poole, ’78, Buchanan, Ga., is chairman of the Haralson County Board of Commissioners. He has been selected by Georgia Governor Sonny Perdue to serve on his 9-1-1 Advisory Committee. Mr. Poole previously served as a member of the security team for Home Depot, Inc., responsible for the daily protection of the Home Depot corporate offices, buildings, and employees. He also served as a Georgia State Patrol Officer for 18 years.

Dennis James Folds, ’79/’82, Carrollton, Ga., was recently named chief scientist

of the Georgia Tech Research Institute (GTRI). He will meet with current and prospective customers and oversee GTRI's independent research and development programs fostering exploration and accelerating entry into new research areas. He has more than 25 years of experience in research and development related to human factors engineering. He will also encourage collaboration with academic faculty at Georgia Tech. Mr. Folds will remain chief of GTRI's Human Systems Integration Division in the Electronic Systems Laboratory. They are involved in arthritis research. Mr. Folds was a member of the Baptist Campus Ministry.

Doyle Edward Miller, '79, Gadsden, Ala., has risen through the ranks of the Gadsden City School System over the last 17 years and now leads the system as its superintendent. When the new high school was built, he took on the task of its principal for its initial year. He has 29 years of educational experience as a teacher, coach, and administrator. He was employed by the Cherokee County School System for 18 years and Gadsden City Schools for the past 17 years.

1980-1989

Brenda Lindley Anderson, '81, Huntsville, Ala., has received a "Time Off Award" from NASA for outstanding work on investigating, analyzing, and developing requirements and scope of work for system hazard analysis to ensure the safety operations of the Integrated Vehicle Ground Test. She works at Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville. The test is designed to test the vibration loading strength design of the new NASA launch vehicle. She also received an "On-the-Spot" award from NASA for her efforts in the timely development of specific safety requirements concerning this new launch vehicle when it is placed into service in 2010. She was a member of the Baptist Campus Ministry.

Russell Bryan Mauldin, '82, Americus, Ga., is minister of education/administration at First Baptist Church, Americus, Ga. He and his wife, Michele, welcomed a foster child into their home in 2006. In April,

2008, Carissa became a member of the Mauldin family when her adoption became finalized. Mr. Mauldin was a member of the JSU basketball team.

Col. Deborah Broughton Grays, '84, Atlanta, Ga., is the Garrison Commander for Fort McPherson and Fort Gillem in the Atlanta area, responsible for managing the installations' functions and services dealing with everything from facilities and infrastructure to air space. The Garrison provides support to various Atlanta-based military activities. She was raised in an Army family and received her commission through the JSU ROTC program. Col. Grays has received the Defense Superior Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with 5 Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Army Achievement Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters.

Michael J. Roberts, '86, Montgomery, Ala., has joined the Greater Alabama Financial Group in its Montgomery office as a registered representative and investment advisor representative. He is also licensed to offer life and health products as well.

Donna Willett Scoggins, '87, Griffin, Ga., has been selected Teacher of the Year for Luella High School in Henry County, Ga. She has been teaching in Georgia for 20 years. Mrs. Scoggins was a member of the JSU Marching Ballerinas.

Jerry Leon "Jay" Prater, Jr., '88, Opelika, Ala., was recognized as one of the Marriott Corporation's best and brightest recently at an awards ceremony in Tampa, Fla. Several of the top awards went to Mr. Prater's Auburn Opelika Marriott Hotel & Conference Center. He received the distinguished General Manager of the

Year Award. Only two general managers from Marriott's 347 locations in the U.S. receive this award each year. His hotel also won awards for Market Most Improved and Most Improved Associate Engagement and Market Share Excellence. Mr. Prater previously received the 2007 Leadership Excellence Award. His executive chef was also named Alabama's Top Chef of the Year for 2007 by the Alabama Hospitality Association. His hotel works closely with the Christian Women's Job Corps, helping to equip economically disadvantaged women for life and employment. Mr. Prater was a member of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity.

Kim Wiley Williams, '88, Hokes Bluff, Ala., is teaching at Pleasant Valley High School, Jacksonville, Ala. She previously taught at the Calhoun County Career Technical Center.

Kamal A. Ali, '89/'92, is currently serving as senior vice president and manager of the Compass-BBVA Bank Commercial Lending Group in Albuquerque, N.Mex. He recently was approved for a \$70 Million Compass Deal with New Mexico Gas Company, a deal he has worked for over many months. It is now the largest deal in his portfolio.

Keith White, '89, Pell City, Ala., was selected by the Leeds Arts Council as its September artist and an exhibition was held in the gallery of the Leeds Theater and Arts Center. Mr. White has been teaching in the Pell City School System for 16 years. His preference is watercolors and portraits continue to be his favorite subject. He participates in local art shows, group shows, local galleries, and also paints by commission. Mr. White was a member of the Southerners.



Dennis Folds, Col. Deborah Grays

Dr. Kim M. Tumlin Hendon, '89, Eastaboga, Ala., became the new principal at Knight-Enloe in Randolph County. She had been the curriculum specialist at Talladega County Central High School. She became a National Board Certified teacher in 2001. Dr. Hendon has also taught at Talladega County Central High School, JSU's Continuing Education Office, and at Munford and Winterboro High Schools.

1990-1999

Nancy Mooneyham Turner, '90/'91, Oxford, Ala., participated in the annual Reading of the College Board's 2009 Advanced Placement Examination in English Literature, Louisville, Ky., June, 2008. Readers are selected based on teaching experience at a 60-40 ratio (60% university level/40% high school level). She has been an adjunct instructor at Gadsden State Community College since 1999 and works full time at Faith Christian School, Anniston, Ala., where she is also the yearbook sponsor.

Matthew Todd Brooks, '91, Duncan, Okla., recently took his first pastorate at Fifth Street Missionary Baptist Church, Marlow, Okla. Mr. Brooks was a member of the football team and is a member of the football J-Club.

Mary Robertson Givins, '91/'06, Cedar Bluff, Ala., was recently named a "Floyd Hero" for her service to Floyd Medical Center. She is the staff education coordinator for nurseries and pediatrics at Floyd. Mrs. Givins has been employed by the Medical Center for more than 27 years.

Cherie Walker Prickett, '91, Wellington, Ala., is teaching at Pleasant Valley Elementary, Jacksonville, Ala. Mrs. Prickett taught at Alexandria Elementary for 13 years and is a National Board Certified teacher.

Christy L. Allison Hamilton, '94/'97/'04, Jacksonville, Ala., is now teaching at Kitty Stone Elementary School. She taught for 7 years in the Calhoun County School System and was a reading coach trainer

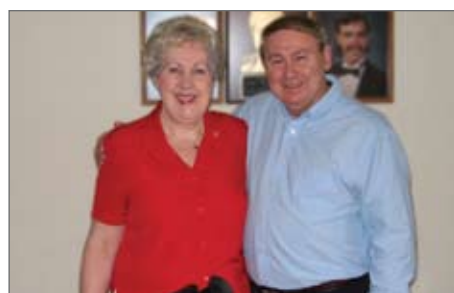
for Alabama Initiative. Mrs. Hamilton is married to Todd Hamilton, '88/'96, who is an instructor at Ayers State Technical College.

Jill McBrayer Oakley, '91, Albertville, Ala., is now a homemaker and volunteer after teaching on the adjunct faculty at Snead State Community College and as a substitute teacher in the Albertville School System.

Dr. Kevin Maddox, '92, Childersburg, Ala., has been named principal at Homewood High School, Birmingham, Ala. He previously served as principal at Winterboro High, Childersburg High, and Homewood Middle School. He is married to Janice Cardwell Maddox, '91/'93, a counselor at Childersburg Middle School.

John Daniels, '93, Trussville, Ala., graduated in May, 2008, from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, South Hamilton, Mass., with a Doctor of Ministry Degree.

Dr. Gregory E. Sumner, '94/'96, Rome, Ga., founder and president of Professional Screening & Information, Inc. and associate professor of Criminal Justice at Georgia Highlands College, was recently accepted into Leadership Georgia Class of 2009. Leadership Georgia is one of the nation's oldest and most successful and prestigious leadership-training programs for young business civic leaders with the desire and potential to work together for a better Georgia. Only 60 participants out of several hundred applicants are selected each year to visit communities in Georgia to learn more about issues affecting the state.



Christopher Todd Chandler, '95/'02, Anniston, Ala., is the new principal at White Plains High School. He has been a teacher and coach for 12 years, starting his career in St. Clair County and then moving to the Oxford City Schools. He previously served as assistant principal at White Plains.

Troy Scott Martin, '95, Tuscaloosa, Ala., is chief of social work service at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Tuscaloosa and has served in this capacity for the last ten years. Mr. Martin holds special certification as a cognitive-behavioral therapist, rational emotional behavioral therapist, expert in traumatic stress and acute traumatic stress management, critical incident stress management, Red Cross disaster mental health services provider, mediation process and skills of conflict resolution, and the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill. While at JSU, he was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, the Social Work Club, and Sociology Club.

Timothy Carter Phillips, '95/'03, Leeds, Ala., has just had his first book in a planned series published. It will be coming out in paperback and on audiobook, and will be available at Amazon.com. Visit his website at www.southerncrime.com for more information.

Al Sylvia Procter, '96/'99, Valley, Ala., has attained certification as a national certified counselor through the National Board for Certified Counselors, Inc. (NBCC). National Certification promotes professional accountability and ensures that consumers' rights are protected through the NBCC's Code of Ethics. She is also credentialed in



Margaret and Phillip Davis, Hardy Smith

both Alabama and Georgia as a licensed professional counselor providing in-home counseling services to people in Chambers and Randolph counties in Alabama and adjacent Alabama and Georgia counties. She is particularly honored to be of service to military heroes returning from the war in Iraq. Ms. Procter retired from the Army after serving more than 20 years as a military policewoman. Visit her website at www.home-basedcounseling.com.

LaVonda Bailey, '97, Birmingham, Ala., graduated with an MBA from the University of North Alabama, July, 2008. She is the director of operational services at Integrated Medical Systems in Birmingham where she has been employed since graduating from JSU. Ms. Bailey was a member of the Southerners and Sigma Alpha Iota.

Angela Woodard Walker, '97/'00, Anniston, Ala., is the new director of the Anniston Community Education Foundation (ACEF), an organization that helps nonprofit agencies provide educational services in west Anniston. Prior to coming to ACEF, Mrs. Walker worked in Alabama's two-year college system and helped low-income and first-generation high school students enter college. She has also worked with Upward Bound and Veterans Upward Bound. Mrs. Walker played volleyball for JSU. She is currently seeking her doctorate in higher education from the University of Alabama.

Aimee Cassell Thrasher, '98/'02, Pleasant Valley, Ala., teaches at Jacksonville Christian Academy. She previously taught at Pleasant Valley Elementary and Oxford Elementary. Mrs. Thrasher is married

to Aubrey Wayne "Rusty" Thrasher, Jr., '95/'08, who is employed by the Calhoun County Board of Education.

Andy Douglas Ward, '98/'03, Anniston, Ala., is the new principal at Saks Middle School. He has 11 years of experience in education and previously was assistant principal at Weaver High School.

Cory O'Neal, '99/'05, Pell City, Ala., is now principal at Duran South. A talented singer and musician, Mr. O'Neal also taught in the Talladega City School System before going to Pell City. He previously served as Duran North's assistant principal. Mr. O'Neal is currently pursuing his doctorate at the University of Alabama in Gadsden.

Paige Montgomery York, '99, Silver Creek, Ga., has worked at Floyd Medical Center in Rome, Ga., in its Revenue Management Department for eight years. She recently earned designation as a certified medical audit specialist.

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Dr. Jason F. Addison, '01, Florence, Ala., has joined James Russell's chiropractic practice in Moulton and is specializing in treating patients who have musculoskeletal conditions such as headaches, backaches, shoulder, and knee problems.

Jason Grant Harper, '01/'04, Dawson, Ala., has joined the staff of real estate professionals at Wells Bros. Real Estate, Inc., Albertville, Ala. He spent the last six years in public service in Washington, D.C., and Montgomery before returning to his home area.

Tosha Monique McClam, '01, Oxford, Ala., is the new in-school detention teacher at Pleasant Valley High in Jacksonville.

Steven Duane Miles, '01, Talladega, Ala., has joined the Greater Alabama Council as the new district executive for the Cheaha District. He previously was employed as operations manager for PPG Automotive Glass in Talladega. He also served for over three years as the emergency management planner for the Talladega County Emergency Management Agency and a year as the director of marketing for SEME Resources, Inc., Birmingham, Ala. Mr. Miles has been active for almost 17 years as a Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and assistant Scoutmaster.

Bradley Hood, '02, Pleasant Valley, Ala., is teaching at Pleasant Valley Elementary School. Mr. Hood taught previously at Kitty Stone Elementary in Jacksonville and has served as a boys' basketball coach.

Cassidy Lee Anderson, '03, Gulfport, Miss., graduated in May, 2007, from Mississippi College School of Law. He clerked for a year for Judge Vicki Barnes in Vicksburg, Miss., and is now serving as an associate attorney for George Healy IV and Associates in Gulfport. He was a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity and served as president of the Interfraternity Council. Mr. Anderson is married to Crystal Dawn Roden Anderson, '04, who was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority and served as a panhellenic recruitment counselor.

Omar Barlett, '03, Miami, Fla., has been signed by the Miami Heat professional basketball team. He played basketball at



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JSU from 2002 to 2004 and is second in JSU's Division I record book with 333 career field goals made, third in field goal percentage and fourth in rebounds with 401. He previously played basketball in Poland.

Terri Ellen Sherrill, '03, Oxford, Ala., is teaching at Pleasant Valley Elementary School, Jacksonville, Ala. She previously taught for nine years at Saks.

Mary Christan Harris Green, '04/'08, Anniston, Ala., is teaching at Pleasant Valley Elementary School, Jacksonville, Ala. She previously served as an admissions counselor at JSU from 2005 to 2008. Mrs. Green was a member of Phi Mu sorority.

Sherry Holyfield Laster, '04, Jacksonville, Ala., is now teaching at Jacksonville Christian Academy. She is married to Lyndon Laster, '00.

Yolanda Leigh Chandler, '06/'07, Fyffe, Ala., has been named a full-time nursing instructor at Northeast Alabama Community College where she has been teaching part time for the last several years. She also worked in the nursing field at Dekalb Regional Medical Center's Intensive Care Unit, America's Best Care Hospice as customer service concierge, and later, director of nursing, and at Crowne Health Care as a wound care nurse.

Mark "Adam" Narrell, '06, Arab, Ala., has joined Greater Alabama Financial Group, a part of MetLife, as a financial services representative in its Huntsville office. Mr. Narrell is a licensed financial services

representative with a life, accident, and health insurance license as well as a Series 6 investment license. He formerly worked for Development Solutions in Huntsville.

Nicholas Adam Goosby, '08, Hokes Bluff, Ala., is teaching at Pleasant Valley High School, Jacksonville, Ala.

Casey Alan Howell, '08, White Plains, Ala., is teaching at Pleasant Valley

Elementary School, Jacksonville, Ala. He has also served as boys' junior high basketball coach and varsity assistant coach for the boys' basketball team.

Abbey Vierling, '08, Fisherville, Ky., has recently been accepted into the University of South Alabama's Physician Assistant program. She played volleyball while at JSU.

GAMECOCK

FOOTBALL 2009

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
SEPT. 5	AT GEORGIA TECH	12 P.M.
SEPT. 12	AT FLORIDA STATE	5 P.M.
SEPT. 19	AT ALABAMA A&M	6 P.M.
SEPT. 26	AT NICHOLLS STATE	3 P.M.
OCT. 3	UT MARTIN (BAND DAY/FAMILY DAY)*	1 P.M.
OCT. 10	AT MURRAY STATE	3 P.M.
OCT. 17	OPEN	OPEN
OCT. 24	EASTERN ILLINOIS (HOMECOMING)*	1 P.M.
OCT. 31	AT AUSTIN PEAY	6 P.M.
NOV. 7	AT SOUTHEAST MISSOURI	1 P.M.
NOV. 14	TENNESSEE TECH (PREVIEW DAY)*	12 P.M.
NOV. 21	EASTERN KENTUCKY (HALL OF FAME DAY/ SOUTHERNERS & BALLERINA ALUMNI REUNION)*	12 P.M.

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1980-1984 FOOTBALL REUNION

.....everyone invited.....

Fran Blanchard looks back on his days as a Gamecock football player with a smile — and sometimes a laugh. He values the friendships he forged during his time at Jacksonville State University and fondly remembers his days in Paul Snow Stadium.

It was not until recently, however, when Blanchard realized eleven of the men he played with at JSU are now deceased, that he decided to seize the moment and reconnect with people from this era of his life. The idea of an early '80s JSU football reunion caught on quickly, leaving Blanchard amazed at his classmates' excitement and willingness to help with the event.

"Going up against our defensive backs at JSU during that time was 'challenging,' but [planning this reunion] is just fun," Blanchard says.

On October 2nd and 3rd of this year, players, supporters, coaches, and friends of the 1980-1984 Gamecock football teams are invited to come home to JSU to share a picnic lunch, watch the university play Tennessee Martin, and enjoy a reception afterward. Although those affiliated with JSU football during the early 1980s are the main focus of this reunion, Blanchard explains that any and all former Gamecocks are welcome to join the party.

"Even if you were just a guy who sat out on the deck at the Red Rooster Pub and Deli, drank beer, and watched us practice, you are invited to our get together," Blanchard says.

The families of deceased players such as David Brown, Tony Davis, Robert Harbin, Joe Hartsfield, George Langford, Andy Moore, Quenton Stevenson, Mickey Vickers, George Ballard, Mike English, and any others, are invited to join the group as well.

Blanchard is excited about reuniting with old friends like his college roommate, Darry Evans, whom he recently spoke with again for the first time in more than 25 years.

"I talked to Darry on Saturday, January 3, and from that day on, I have been working on this reunion," Blanchard explains. "That is how important getting back together with these guys is to me. I knew that I couldn't let this opportunity go by for another 25 years."

Details of the reunion are still in the works, and Blanchard welcomes ideas and suggestions from his fellow former Gamecocks. Anyone interested in learning more about, or helping with, the upcoming reunion may reach Blanchard by telephone at (256) 557-1905 or by e-mail at fran@triplecdevelopment.com.



INFORMATION FOR REUNION

WHERE TO STAY:

The entire Victoria Inn has been reserved for reunion attendees for the nights of October 2 and 3. Those wishing to stay at the Inn must book both nights. To inquire about room reservations at the Victoria Inn, please call (256) 236-0503 and explain that you are attending the JSU football reunion.

Another option for those attending the reunion is The Lodge at McClellan. To enjoy the lodge's special rates for JSU events, call Tracy at (256) 820-9494 and mention that you are coming for the reunion.

WHAT WE'LL DO:

Friday night will allow attendees time to check into their rooms and rest up for Saturday's events.

During the hours before the 1:00 p.m. kickoff of the JSU vs. Tennessee Martin game, campus tours will be held for those who have not seen the campus in years. A picnic-style lunch will also be provided for those attending the reunion.

A reception after the game will conclude the event. Up-to-date details may be obtained from Blanchard as they become available.

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Alabama Power Scholarship: Established by the Alabama Power Foundation for deserving students enrolled in the College of Commerce and Business Administration.

Alumni Association Annual Scholarship Fund: Established by the JSU Alumni Association to benefit deserving full-time undergraduate students.

Amerson (Minta) Scholarship: Established in memory of Minta Amerson for the benefit of a deserving full-time graduate student enrolled in the College of Education and who graduated from Berry High School in Berry, Alabama. The first scholarship was awarded in 2008.

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Areno (Tony) Scholarship: Established by Faye Pritchett in honor of Tony Areno for a deserving nursing student who is considering a career in the specialized field of neurology, offering services to brain injured patients.

Arnold Memorial Scholarship: Established in honor of Dr. Herman R. Arnold, a Baptist minister for more than 50 years, and his wife, Sallie C. Arnold, a well-known artist and art instructor.

Arrington Memorial Scholarship: Established in memory of Ms. Athena Arrington, a 1954 graduate of JSU, for the benefit of a deserving senior majoring in elementary education.

Art Achievement Scholarship: Established by Dr. Karen Henricks, Mr. Marvin Shaw, Ms. Diana Cadwallier, and Mr. Gary Gee of the Department of Art for the benefit of an undergraduate student majoring in art.

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Bannister (Chris) Memorial Scholarship: Established in memory of Chris Bannister for deserving students.

Belser (CPT Donnie R.) ROTC Scholarship: Established by the JSU ROTC Class of 2001 for a deserving student enrolled in Military Science courses in honor of CPT Donnie Belser, who was killed in action in Iraq. Recipient of the scholarship must be at least a sophomore and must be a contracted ROTC Cadet. Selection will be made by the Professor of Military Science.

Black Alumni Chapter Scholarship: Established by JSU Black Alumni Chapter for deserving students.

Blount County Alumni Association Scholarship: Established by this alumni chapter for the benefit of deserving students from Blount County.

Bolt Scholarship: Established by Birmingham attorney A.W. Bolt, this scholarship is for the benefit of deserving students.

Boozer Scholarship: Established by Mr. S. David Boozer, an Anniston architect, for a deserving student.

Boozer (James and Ethel) ROTC Scholarship: Established by James and Ethel Boozer for a deserving student enrolled in Military Science courses and of a class standing of junior or senior. Selection is made by the JSU Professor of Military Science.

Bragg (Margaret) Scholarship: Established in honor of Mrs. Margaret Bragg by her son Rick Bragg, a 1996 Pulitzer Prize winner, for a deserving student.

Browder (Glen, Becky, and Jenny) Scholarship: Established by the Glen Browder family for a deserving full-time undergraduate student majoring in political science.

Burger King/Ingram Scholarship: Established in honor of Mr. John Ingram, a former offensive lineman on JSU's football team. Mr. Ingram was named one of Burger King's scholar-athletes during 1995.

Bush Memorial Scholarship: Established in memory of Newbern Bush, a retired faculty member who taught mathematics. The scholarship is to be awarded to a full-time, native-born Alabama student who has attained junior status and is majoring in mathematics.

Judge H. Dean Buttram, Jr. Scholarship in Pre-Law: Established by Judge H. Dean Buttram, Jr. for the benefit of deserving students majoring in political science, history, psychology, sociology or criminal justice.

Calhoun (Charles and Doris): Established by the family of Mr. and Mrs. Calhoun for the benefit of a deserving full-time junior or senior student admitted to the College of Education and Professional Studies who has a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Calhoun County Alumni Association Scholarship: Established by this alumni chapter for the benefit of deserving students from Calhoun County.

Calhoun County Medical Alliance Society Scholarship: An annual scholarship established by the Calhoun County Medical Alliance Society to benefit a junior or senior student enrolled in the College of Nursing and Health Science who plans to practice nursing in Calhoun County upon completion of degree.

Calhoun/Cleburne County Bar Association (CCCB): Established by the Calhoun/Cleburne County Bar Association for the benefit of a deserving full-time, undergraduate student with a major in Criminal Justice. Preference will be given to a student from the Calhoun/Cleburne County area.

Carr (Dr. William D.) Scholarship: Established by Dr. William Carr for deserving students who previously served as an ambassador or peer counselor. Applicants must be currently enrolled in graduate school. \$1,000 per recipient will be awarded for five years to qualified candidates.

Chemistry Department Scholarship: Established by members of the JSU Department of Chemistry for the benefit of a deserving student majoring in chemistry.

Cherokee County Alumni Association Scholarship: Established by this alumni chapter for the benefit of deserving students from Cherokee County.

Clark (Louise Rhodes) Scholarship: Established by Dr. Louise Rhodes Clark, who retired in 1982 as the head of the home economics department. The scholarship will benefit deserving students in family and consumer sciences.

Cleo and Carla Thomas Scholarship: Established by Cleophus Thomas, Jr. and Carla

Thomas of Anniston, Alabama. Mr. Thomas is chairman and chief executive officer of A.G. Gaston Corporation, and Mrs. Thomas is an Anniston physician. This scholarship will benefit deserving students.

Cole (Leone) Memorial Scholarship: Established by the Jacksonville Book Club in memory of Ms. Leone Pruett Cole. Ms. Cole, former wife of JSU President Houston Cole, died in 1949.

Cole (Martha) Memorial Scholarship: Established by Ms. Kitty Stone, wife of former JSU President Ernest Stone, to honor the memory of another first lady of JSU. Martha Bellinger Graves of Gadsden, Alabama married Dr. Houston Cole in 1952. She served as a gracious hostess and contributed to the social life of Jacksonville and the JSU campus. Ms. Martha Cole was the first president's wife to reside in the President's Mansion, where she lived for 19 years until her husband retired in 1971. The scholarship will benefit deserving students.

Collins Memorial Scholarship: Established in memory of Mr. John H. Collins, a former JSU faculty member in the Department of Accounting.

Cox (Christopher) Memorial: Established by Mr. Richard Mayfield in memory of his roommate and Sigma Nu fraternity brother.

Criminal Justice Alumni Scholarship: Established by this alumni chapter for the benefit of deserving students majoring in criminal justice.

Curley Memorial Scholarship: Established in memory of Mr. Andrew Curley to provide support for an upper-level student in education.

Daugette Memorial Fund: Established in memory of Colonel Clarence W. Daugette, Jr., a former member and chairman of the Jacksonville State University Board of Trustees, for the benefit of deserving international students participating in the University's International House Program.

Dedrick (Thomas and Angelita) Scholarship: Established by Mr. Thomas Dedrick, a trustee of Jacksonville State University for the benefit of a deserving full-time undergraduate student from Greensboro High School.

Dempsey Memorial Scholarship: Established in memory of Ms. Sharon Dempsey who, at the time of her death, taught mathematics. Recipients of this scholarship will be restricted to mathematics or mathematics education majors who have attained at least junior status. Applicants must have completed at least 30 hours of their education at Jacksonville State University.

Duncan (Dr. John E.) Scholarship: Established by Dr. John E. Duncan of Gadsden, Alabama, for the benefit of a deserving full-time undergraduate student from Etowah County.

Dryden Memorial Scholarship: Established in memory of Mr. Robert C. Dryden for the benefit of deserving students.

Edwards Memorial Scholarship: Established in memory of A.D. (Gus) Edwards, former dean of men, for the benefit of a deserving member of the Kappa Alpha Order.

Elite Letterman's Club Leadership ROTC Scholarship: Established by the ELC Leadership for the benefit of a deserving contracted ROTC Cadet with an academic standing of sophomore, junior, or senior who has committed to serve an eight year military service obligation as an Army Officer. Selection will be made by the PMS.

Elliott Scholarship Trust: Established through a bequest of Ms. Marve P. Elliott of Piedmont, Alabama, to honor her husband, Mr. Joseph Walter Elliott.

Etowah County Alumni Association Scholarship: Established by this alumni chapter for the benefit of deserving students from Etowah County.

Exchange Club of Jacksonville: An annual scholarship established by the Exchange Club of Jacksonville for the benefit of a deserving entering freshman from the Jacksonville community.

Farmers and Merchants Bank Scholarship: Established by the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Piedmont for the benefit of a deserving student from Piedmont, Alabama.

Finley (Nile Borden): Established in memory of Nile Borden Finley, a Calhoun County, Alabama elementary school teacher, for the benefit of a junior or senior majoring in Elementary Education. First scholarship will be awarded in Fall of 2010.

Finley (Drs. Wayne and Sara) Scholarship: Established by Drs. Wayne and Sara Finley of Birmingham, Alabama, and founders of UAB's Laboratory of Medical Genetics, to benefit undergraduate students from the Alabama counties of Clay, Coosa, or Randolph. Preference will be given to students majoring in mathematics or science, either pre-professional or secondary education. Only students who have attained junior or senior status and have at least a B average will be eligible for the scholarship.

Fitzpatrick Memorial Scholarship: Established by the family of Ms. Martha B. Fitzpatrick in her memory. Ms. Fitzpatrick was a former member of the Jacksonville State University Board of Trustees.

Floyd (Marjorie) Scholarship: Established through a bequest of Ms. Marjorie Floyd to benefit descendants of her father, Mr. Bufford N. Floyd. If there are no applications from descendants, then the scholarship will be open to members of the First Baptist Church of Centre, Alabama, who plan to pursue a career in teaching, medicine, religion, law, engineering, or business.

Ford Scholarship: Established by Joe and Brenda Ford of Gadsden, Alabama, for the benefit of a deserving full-time undergraduate student from Etowah County.

Fort McClellan Credit Union ROTC Annual Scholarship: The credit union established this scholarship for deserving ROTC cadets. It is reserved for students enrolling in Military Science III or IV. Selection is made by the Professor of Military Science.

Freeman (Charles B. and Stephanie R.): Established by Charles and Stephanie Freeman for a deserving full-time undergraduate student majoring in Accounting.

Gadsden Music Company Scholarship: Established by the Gadsden Music Company, Inc., for the benefit of a child or grandchild of a former Southerner.

Gamble (Linda Gail Waldrop): Established by Charles Gamble in honor of his wife, Linda, to benefit a deserving full-time undergraduate enrolled in the College of Education.

Garner Scholarship: Established by Mr. Tim Garner of McClellan, Alabama, to benefit a deserving incoming freshman student from Cherokee County High School.

Georgia Scholarship Fund: Established by JSU alumni living in Georgia to provide

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needed assistance for deserving students in the state.

Gibbins Nursing Scholarship:

Established by the Calhoun County Medical Society to honor Dr. George W. Gibbins of Anniston, Alabama, for his enlightened and dedicated leadership and service to his community and its citizens.

Greater Birmingham Area Alumni

Scholarship Fund: Established by the alumni chapter for the benefit of deserving students in the Greater Birmingham area.

Greater Rome Area Scholarship:

Established by JSU alumni living in Georgia for the benefit of deserving students from the Greater Rome, Georgia area.

Greater Washington DC Area Alumni

Scholarship: Established by this alumni chapter for the benefit of deserving students from the Greater Washington DC area.

Greer and Rushing (Ester and Hester)

Scholarship: Established by Harold Greer and Franklin Greer in the name of their mother, Esther Greer and her sister, Hester Rushing for the benefit of a deserving student who is a resident of Alabama and plans a career in teaching.

Grimes (Charles and Mary) GHS

Scholarship: Established by Charles and Mary Grimes for the benefit of a deserving Gardendale High School graduate.

Grimes (Charles and Mary) MJHS

Scholarship: Established by Charles and Mary Grimes for the benefit of a deserving Mortimer Jordan High School graduate.

Hale (David F.) Scholarship:

Established by David F. Hale for the benefit of a deserving student who is a brother of the Delta Chi fraternity.

Hallman Scholarship:

Established in honor of Charlie and Edith Hallman for the benefit of deserving students who have graduated from Guntersville High School.

Hamric (Grace) Scholarship:

Established by Grace Hamric in memory of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hamric for the benefit of an incoming freshman who is a graduate of Jacksonville High School.

Harvey Memorial Scholarship:

Established in memory of Brian Harvey for the benefit of deserving College of Nursing students.

Higginbotham Scholarship:

Established by the family of Ms. Miriam Jackson Higginbotham, who was the dean of women at JSU for many years.

Hill (Ed) Memorial Scholarship:

Established in memory of William Edward (Ed) Hill, longtime photographer for Jacksonville State University. The scholarship will be awarded to a deserving student who either has an interest in photography or wants to pursue a career in photojournalism.

Holaway (Gary and Sandra) Scholarship:

Established by Ms. Sandra Holaway in memory of her husband Gary, former member of the Southerners and past president of the Gray Echelon. The recipient will be selected by the JSU marching band director and will go to a full-time undergraduate student who is a member of the Southerners, is enrolled in the College of Education and Professional Studies, and is majoring in early childhood or elementary education. Only students who demonstrate academic aptitude shall be eligible for this award. Recipients of the scholarship must march in the fall semester to receive the award.

Ingram Memorial Scholarship:

Established by the family of Mr. Stanton B. Ingram for the benefit of deserving students who are members of JSU's International House Program.

Jackson Company Scholarship:

An Annual Scholarship established by Mr. Larry Jackson for the benefit of a Saks High School (Anniston, Alabama) student who has demonstrated good citizenship. The scholarship will be selected by the Saks High School Scholarship Committee.

Jenkins Scholarship:

Established by Mr. Julian Jenkins, an Anniston architect, for the benefit of a JSU or transfer student who is a sophomore student or above with a designated major in Art, who has demonstrated, in the opinion of the art faculty, an exceptional creative ability and dedication to the arts.

Joey Crews Scholarship in Art:

Established by Joey Crews for a deserving full-time undergraduate majoring in Art.

Johnson (J.C.U) Scholarship:

Established by Ms. Elizabeth Lloyd Johnson in memory of her husband. The scholarship will benefit deserving junior, senior or graduate students from Calhoun County majoring in education.

Jones (James H. and Myra Hume)

Scholarship: Established in memory of Dr. James H. Jones and Myra Hume Jones by former members of the International House Program, friends, associates, and children of Dr. and Mrs. Jones. Award of the scholarship shall be made to a full-time undergraduate student who is a member, in good standing, of the International House Program.

Jones (Joseph C., Jr.) Memorial ROTC

Scholarship: Established by Reverend and Mrs. Joseph Jones in memory of their son, Joseph, Jr. The scholarship is reserved for ROTC cadets enrolling in Military Science III or IV. Selection is made by the Professor of Military Science.

JSU Alumni Association Scholarship:

An endowed scholarship established by JSU's National Alumni Association for the benefit of deserving students.

JSU Faculty Women's Club

Scholarship: Established by the Faculty Women's Club of Jacksonville State University for the benefit of a deserving young lady from Calhoun County.

Justice Scholarship:

Established to honor Karen A. Justice '93, upon her graduation from Jacksonville State University by family friends Bill and Liz Roberts of Birmingham, Alabama. This scholarship will benefit deserving students enrolled in the College of Nursing.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Kendrick

Scholarship: Established for deserving students who are pursuing management or accounting majors, and who are residents of the state of Alabama and who graduated from an Alabama high school. The first scholarship will be awarded in fall of 2009.

Kenamer Scholarship:

Established by Bob and Lou Kenamer of Anniston, Alabama, for the benefit of a junior or senior enrolled in the College of Commerce and Business Administration. Mr. Kenamer was a member of the Jacksonville State University Board of Trustees.

King Memorial Scholarship:

An annual scholarship established by the Greater Anniston Business and Professional Association through proceeds from the Sunny

King Charity Golf Classic. The scholarship, which is established in memory of Mr. E.D. "Sunny" King, Jr., will benefit a deserving student from Calhoun County.

King Toyota Entrepreneurial

Scholarship: Established in memory of Mr. E.D. "Sunny" King, Jr., a prominent Calhoun County automobile dealer, by Toyota Motor Sales U.S.A. Inc., and Southeast Toyota Distributors, Inc., for the benefit of a deserving student in the College of Commerce and Business Administration.

Knighton Memorial Scholarship:

Established in memory of Ms. Audrey Knighton to benefit Social Work majors during the field instruction phase of their instruction.

Kroc (Ray A.) McDonald's Scholarship:

Established by McDonald's of Jacksonville to benefit deserving employees attending Jacksonville State University.

Larry Miles Memorial Scholarship:

Established in memory of Dr. Lawrence R. Miles, a long-time dean of admissions, for the benefit of deserving students.

Lawler Memorial Scholarship:

Established in memory of Ms. Carol L. Lawler by her family and friends for the benefit of a student in the College of Nursing and Health Science.

Ledbetter Memorial Scholarship:

Established in memory of Ms. Doris Ledbetter, a career Calhoun County educator, by her sisters, for the benefit of a student majoring in either Education or Nursing.

Lee (Loy Scott) Memorial ROTC

Scholarship: Established by Major General (Ret.) and Mrs. Larry E. Lee of Ohatchee, Alabama, in memory of their son, Loy Scott. The scholarship is reserved for ROTC cadets in Military Science III or IV. Selection is made by the Professor of Military Science.

Lewis (Aaron H.) Memorial Scholarship:

Established by Mr. Lewis for students from Cherokee County.

Lewis (Gary O.) Scholarship:

Established by Mr. Gary Lewis for the benefit of a deserving full-time sophomore who is a graduate of Gadsden City High School (Etowah County, AL) with a minimum 2.5 overall GPA. The first scholarship will be awarded fall of 2009.

Lindsey Scholarship:

Established by Mr. Billy S. Lindsey of Anniston, Alabama, for the benefit of a deserving student.

Morris and Essie Longshore Scholarship:

Established in memory of Mr. Morris and Ms. Essie Longshore by their daughter, Betty Longshore Cameron. The scholarship will benefit full-time undergraduate students who demonstrate academic aptitude.

Lovett Scholarship:

Established by Mr. Opal R. and Ms. Opal A. Lovett for a deserving student majoring in history, English, or art who has achieved sophomore or higher status. Mr. Lovett was the University's photographer prior to his retirement. Ms. Lovett taught in the English department prior to her retirement. Ms. Lovett has been selected as an emerita faculty member.

Lowery Memorial Scholarship:

Established in memory of Ms. Mary L. Lowery for a deserving student in family and consumer sciences.

Madison County Alumni Association

Scholarship: Established by this alumni chapter for the benefit of deserving students from Madison County.

Manes Memorial Fund:

Established through a Trust Agreement from the Agnes McIntyre Manes Foundation to assist deserving

students with emergency loans.

Manners Scholarship:

Established by Mr. Lee and Ms. Jerita Manners for the benefit of deserving students majoring in art. Ms. Manners worked in the Office of Admissions and Records until her retirement. Mr. Manners was head of the Department of Art when he retired. Mr. Manners has been selected as an emeritus faculty member.

Matt Morris Cheerleading Scholarship:

Established in memory of Matt Morris, a JSU cheerleader who lost his life in an automobile accident. Scholarship will benefit a deserving JSU cheerleader.

McBride (Grady E., III) Memorial

ROTC Scholarship: Established by JSU ROTC commissionees of years '68 and '69 in memory of Grady McBride, '68, who was killed in action in Vietnam. The scholarship is reserved for ROTC cadets enrolling in Military Science III or IV. Selection is made by the Professor of Military Science.

McClendon (Eloise Y.) Memorial

Scholarship: Established in memory of Mrs. Eloise Y. McClendon, a former JSU Foundation board member for the benefit of deserving students.

McNabb (Jerry W.) Memorial ROTC

Scholarship: Established by classmates in memory of Jerry McNabb, '59, who was killed in action in Vietnam. The scholarship is reserved for ROTC cadets enrolling in Military Science III or IV. Selection is made by the Professor of Military Science.

McSpadden Scholarship:

Established by Mr. and Mrs. Clyde McSpadden in honor of Mr. McSpadden, JSU professor emeritus, for deserving science education majors.

McWhorter (Earlon and Betty)

Scholarship: Established by Earlon and Betty McWhorter of Anniston, Alabama, for the benefit of deserving upper-level or graduate students who have demonstrated academic aptitude and who have demonstrated involvement in campus functions and organizations.

Moersch Nursing Scholarship:

Named in honor of Dr. Barbara L. Moersch of Jacksonville, Alabama, by family and friends for the benefit of a deserving upper-level student majoring in nursing.

Moersch Scholarship:

Established in honor of Dr. Robert and Ms. Eloise Moersch by family and friends for the benefit of a deserving upper-level science or economics student.

Montgomery Scholarship:

Established in honor of Dr. Theron E. Montgomery, president emeritus of JSU, for the benefit of a deserving student. The Northeast Alabama Phi Beta Kappa chapter makes the selection.

Nabors (Wallace A.) Scholarship:

Established by Dr. Alice and Mr. Greg Cusimano for the benefit of a full-time undergraduate student who is a graduate of Glencoe High School, Etowah County, Alabama. Must be admitted to the College of Education and Professional Studies with an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Nixon (Alethea) Marshall County

Alumni Scholarship: Established in memory of Ms. Alethea Nixon who was a volunteer firefighter. The scholarship is for the benefit of a junior or senior who graduated from Marshall County High School or a transfer from Snead State and who is majoring in emergency management.

Northeast Alabama Military Officers

Association (MOAA) ROTC Annual Scholarship: The association established this

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scholarship for deserving ROTC cadets. It is reserved for students enrolling in Military Science III or IV. Selection is made by the Professor of Military Science.

Nursing Alumni Chapter Scholarship: Established by this alumni chapter for the benefit of deserving students majoring in nursing.

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Theta Eta Chapter Annual Scholarship: Established by the Theta Eta Chapter to promote the education of a deserving full-time, freshman or sophomore undergraduate student.

Manila Henegar Brooks Pachoud Scholarship: Established for the benefit of a deserving student enrolled in the College of Education and Professional Studies.

Parker Scholarship: Established by Mr. Jeffrey A. Parker for the benefit of a deserving senior-level student in the College of Commerce and Business Administration.

Pearce, Bevell, Leesburg & Moore Scholarship: Established by the Birmingham accounting firm for a deserving upper-level student majoring in accounting.

Peacock (Bill and Catherine) Scholarship: Established by Catherine Peacock for the benefit of a deserving full-time students enrolled in the College of Education and Professional Studies.

Pell Scholarship: Established in honor of Mr. Charley Pell, former JSU head football coach, by his former players and friends.

Phi Beta Kappa Association Scholarship: Established by the Northeast Alabama Phi Beta Kappa Association for the benefit of a deserving upper-level student.

Physical Plant Association Scholarship: Established by members of the University's physical plant for the benefit of its employees and families.

Piedmont Alumni Scholarship: Established for the benefit of deserving students from Piedmont.

Political Science Department Scholarship: Established by faculty of the JSU Department of Political Science for the benefit of a student majoring in political science.

Pope Scholarship: Established by Mr. Horace M. and Dr. Margaret J. Pope to benefit deserving students majoring in health and physical education.

Price-Montgomery (WJSU-TV) Scholarship: Established by Anniston Broadcasting Company, Inc., for the benefit of deserving students enrolled in the Department of Communication.

Reid (Marcus and Jean) Scholarship: Established by Mr. Marcus and Mrs. Jean Reid for the benefit of a deserving full-time undergraduate student who is a graduate of Jacksonville High School, Anniston High School, or Bob Jones High School.

Reaves Memorial Scholarship: Established in memory of Dr. James A. Reaves, former vice president for academic affairs, for the benefit of a deserving student.

Richey (Tom and Freda) Scholarship: Established in honor of Mr. Tom Richey for the benefit of a deserving student enrolled in the College of Education and Professional Studies.

Robinson (Ernest) Scholarship: Established by Ernest Robinson for the benefit of a deserving student majoring in nursing.

Rogan (Major James P.) ROTC Annual Scholarship: Established by Robert E. Rogan to benefit deserving students enrolling in military science courses and of a class standing of junior or senior.

ROTC Alumni Chapter Scholarship:

Two chapter scholarships are awarded annually to deserving ROTC cadets. The scholarships are reserved for ROTC cadets in Military Science III or IV. Selection is made by the Professor of Military Science.

Saks High School Good Citizenship Scholarship: An annual scholarship established by Mr. Larry Jackson for the benefit of a Saks High School (Anniston, Alabama) student who demonstrated good citizenship. The scholarship will be selected by the Saks High School Scholarship Committee.

Savage (Kay Webb & Perry L., M.D.) Family Scholarship: Established by Dr. Perry L. and Ms. Kay Webb Savage of Birmingham, Alabama, for the benefit of deserving students who are children of employees of Alabama Orthopedic & Spine Center. Students from Piedmont, Alabama and Calhoun County will have second preference in the award of this scholarship.

Savage (Jerry) Memorial ROTC Scholarship: Established by Mr. Tom Gilbreath of Boaz, Alabama, in memory of his classmate, Jerry Savage, '67, who died while on military active duty. The scholarship is reserved for ROTC cadets in Military Science III or IV. Selection is made by the Professor of Military Science.

Selig (Ernst S.) Corrections Officer Scholarship: Established to promote the education of a deserving full-time undergraduate enrolled in criminal justice.

Sentell (Mark A.) Scholarship: Established by Mark A. Sentell for the benefit of deserving students enrolled in College of Business and a member of the Human Resources Management Society that he founded in the early 80's.

Shamblin Family Scholarship: Established through a bequest of Mr. Harold C. Shamblin of Gadsden, Alabama, for the benefit of deserving students from Cherokee, Etowah, or Calhoun Counties who have been accepted into the College of Education and Professional Studies.

Sheppard (Mildred L.) Scholarship: Established by the board of directors of the Country Day School, Inc., Montgomery, Alabama, to honor Miss Mildred Louise Sheppard, the school's founder and only headmaster. Scholarships will benefit those students who will commit to major in education and teach K-12 for no less than two years.

SouthTrust Bank Scholarship: Established by SouthTrust Corporation of Birmingham, Alabama, for the benefit of deserving students enrolled in the College of Commerce and Business Administration.

Sowell Scholarship: Established in honor of Dr. Elizabeth Sledge Sowell, professor of family and consumer sciences, by Ross Laboratories for the benefit of senior students majoring in nutrition and foods.

Spain-Hickman Scholarship: Established by Rotary International District #6860 in honor of Mr. Frank E. Spain and Mr. Roy Hickman. Mr. Spain and Mr. Hickman are former presidents of Rotary International. The scholarship will benefit deserving International House students participating in JSU's International House Program.

Sparrowhawk Memorial Scholarship: Established in memory of Master Miles Timothy Sparrowhawk, infant son of Paul and Connie Sparrowhawk of Jacksonville, Alabama. The scholarship will benefit deserving undergraduate

members of the Southerners who are enrolled in summer courses.

Stamper (Colonel Archie) Memorial Scholarship: Established by the Retired Officers Association, Northeast Alabama Chapter, in memory of Colonel Archie Stamper.

Stanfield (Don V.) Memorial Scholarship: Established by Kathy Stanfield in memory of her husband, Don V. Stanfield to promote the education of a deserving full-time undergraduate student.

Stewart (John Morgan) Scholarship: Established in memory of John Morgan Stewart and his wife, Vera Stewart, of Piedmont, Alabama. The scholarship will be awarded to a senior class member graduating from Piedmont High School or Spring Garden High School.

Stewart Scholarship: Established in honor of Dr. John R. Stewart, former director of the JSU International House Program, by his former students and friends for the benefit of a deserving International House student.

Stone (Kitty) Memorial Scholarship: Established in memory of Kitty Stone, a leader in local public education. The scholarship is to be awarded to benefit graduate study in elementary education.

Tate (Dewey) ROTC Annual Scholarship: Established by Mr. Dewey Tate to benefit deserving students enrolling in military science courses and of a class standing of junior or senior.

Thompson (Robert Samuel "Sam") Memorial Scholarship: Established in memory of Mr. Sam Thompson, a beloved teacher, drama coach, and music director who touched the lives of so many students. The scholarship will benefit a deserving Alabama high school student, who is junior or senior majoring in music or drama. Student must have a minimum GPA of 3.0.

Trathen (Robert D.) Memorial Scholarship: Established in memory of Mr. Robert D. Trathen and in honor of Ms. Charlotte C. Trathen. Mr. Trathen was an instructor in the Accounting Department. This scholarship embodies the theme of Scholarship, Integrity, Service and is for the benefit of senior-level accounting students.

Vietnamese/International Scholarship: Established by Ms. Nguyen Le for the benefit of a deserving Vietnamese student currently studying in the English Language Institute.

Waldrep (Charlie D.) Scholarship Fund: Established by Charlie Waldrep for the benefit of a deserving full-time undergraduate student from the city of Birmingham. The first scholarship will be awarded in fall of 2009.

Walters Scholarship: Established in honor of Dr. David L. Walters, long-time director of the Southerners, by former members and friends.

Watters Scholarship: Established by Virginia Watters for the benefit of a deserving graduate of Fayetteville High School. The first scholarship will be awarded in fall of 2009.

Whitaker (Roger and Debra) Accounting Scholarship: Established by Roger and Debra Whitaker for the benefit of a deserving student majoring in accounting.

Whitestone Scholarship: Established in honor of Ms. Heather Whitestone, a former JSU student who was selected as Miss America for 1995. The scholarship is to be awarded to a deserving student who qualifies for support and services through JSU's Disability Support Services.

Whorton Scholarship: Established in honor of Mr. J.P. Whorton, a 1951 graduate of JSU, by friends for the benefit of a deserving

student from the Sand Mountain area.

Williams (Major Dwayne) Business Scholarship: Established for the benefit of a deserving full-time undergraduate student enrolled in the College of Commerce and Business Administration.

Williams (Major Dwayne) Memorial ROTC Scholarship: Established by Ms. Pearl Williams and friends in memory of her son, Major Dwayne Williams who was killed at the U. S. Pentagon on 9/11. Selection of the recipient will be made by the JSU Professor of Military Science to contracted ROTC Cadets.

Williams-Blair Scholarship: Established by Ms. Rebecca Williams Blair and Mr. Forrest Randall Blair for the benefit of a deserving student.

Williams (Ruth F. and Billy R.) Scholarship: Established in honor of Mrs. Ruth and Mr. Billy Williams for the benefit of a deserving full-time undergraduate student. First scholarship will be awarded in fall of 2011.

Willman (Dorothy and Leon) Music Scholarship: Established by Leon and Dorothy Willman for the benefit of a deserving full-time undergraduate student majoring in music.

Wilson (Barbara) Scholarship: Established by Ms. Barbara T. Wilson on her retirement from Jacksonville State University. The scholarship will benefit a full-time undergraduate student enrolled in elementary education or secondary health and physical education. Only students who have a 2.5 through 4.0 grade point average, have been an Alabama resident for a minimum of seven years prior to applying, and have completed at least 30 hours of their education at Jacksonville State University shall be eligible for this award.

Wilson (Clyde and Jerry) Scholarship: Established by Dr. and Mrs. Jerry B. Wilson for the benefit of deserving students majoring in education.

Wilson (P. O. and Margaret) Achievement Scholarship Fund: Established by Mr. P. O. and Mrs. Margaret Wilson to promote the education of academically superior, entering freshman, full-time students. Recipients will be known as "Wilson Scholars".

Womack (Jack and Kathy) Scholarship: Established by Jack and Kathy Womack for the benefit of a deserving full-time student graduating from Oneonta High School. Must have a 3.0 GPA from high school and maintain a 2.5 GPA during college.

Woodrow Scholarship: Established in honor of Ms. Ann Jackson Woodrow, a 1977 graduate of JSU's Lurleen B. Wallace College of Nursing. The scholarship will benefit deserving students admitted to the nursing program.

Yocum (Dr. Virginia) Scholarship: Established in honor of Dr. Virginia Yocum to promote the education of a junior level, full-time, undergraduate enrolled in the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences. Must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Young Scholarship: Established in tribute to Ms. Ruth L. and Mr. Millard V. Young, Sr., for the benefit of a deserving student from Piedmont, Alabama. The Millard V. Young, Sr. family and the Martha Young Norton family established the scholarship.

Zeta Tau Alpha Scholarship: Established by the Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority for the benefit of a deserving Zeta Tau Alpha member at JSU.

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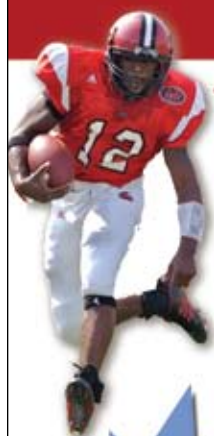


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