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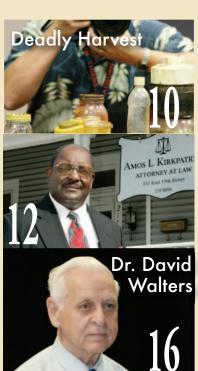
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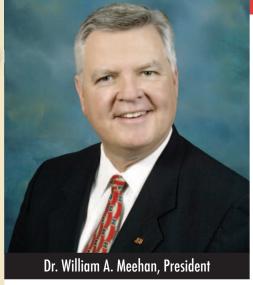
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Dear Alumni,

Profiles of talented and successful alumni fill yet another edition of the *Gem of the Hills* along with our annual Honor Roll of Contributors. The *Gem* reflects not only the excellent caliber of our graduates but also demonstrates the strong level of support and dedication the University continues to earn. And we appreciate the loyalty of our contributors. As Alabama weathers pervasive and chronic financial strain, alumni and other support is more important than ever.

Inside you'll find the inspiring story of artist Leliah Rampa, '03, who holds a rare position in journalism—editorial cartoonist. While there are very few editorial cartoonists in the country (only about 200 belong to the field's professional association), there are even fewer women who succeed in that world. Leliah landed a job at *The Anniston Star* after graduation, and editors say she's on the fast track to a great career. You can read more about Leliah—and see some of her work—on page fourteen.

In 1980 Boyce Callahan returned to JSU in a big hurry to take chemistry and other science courses. He was needing to satisfy prerequisites to qualify for chiropractic school. His JSU professors doubted it could be done on the short timetable he set for himself. Today, Dr. Boyce Callahan is a well-known chiropractor—and he takes a look back at how JSU helped him accomplish his dream. See page eight.

Amos Kirkpatrick has always wanted to be a lawyer. His career plans got sidetracked by the Vietnam war and then a full career in the military. Twenty-four years later, Mr. Kirkpatrick got to hang his shingle. See his remarkable story on page twelve.

Finally, we're proud to welcome two new members of the Board of Trustees:

Congressman Robert "Bud" Cramer of Huntsville and Mr. William Ronald "Ronnie" Smith of Oxford. Mr. Cramer has represented the Fifth District of Alabama since 1991 and has taken a special interest in Jacksonville State University. Mr. Smith, vice president of the Eastern Division of Alabama Power Company, replaced the last member of the University's original board, Mr. Charles T. "Pete" Mathews of Clay County. See our story on page five.

Please let us know of your own success stories so we can share them in the *Gem* for all of our alumni to enjoy.

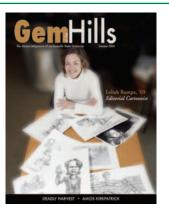
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Sincerely,

William A. Meehan, Ed.D. President

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Artist Leliah Rampa, '03, almost ignored art as a career choice while a student in her hometown of Chur, Switzerland.

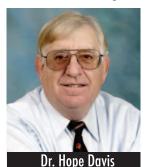
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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE OFFICERS: Pam Young, '77, president; Dennis Pantazis, '76, past president; Sarah Ballard, '69/'75/'82, vice president; Mark Jones, '82/'83, treasurer; Nancy Turner, recording secretary; Kaci Beaty, '95, executive director; Alan Renfroe, '88, assistant director.



# Gamecock Talk

# Not Ready for the Rocking Chair



Even after 30 years of teaching, Professor Hope Davis is not ready to leave JSU. He explained, "I went to a meeting not too long ago, and they were going

around the room asking how long everyone had been teaching at JSU. When they came to me, I told them I had been here as long as the dirt," quipped Dr. Davis, a political science professor and pre-law advisor since 1970.

"I am not considering full retirement yet. I want something to do, especially during winter, when it's too cold to get out and do much of anything else.

"If I wasn't teaching, I guess I might be practicing law, but I probably would have gotten sick of it by now. If I wasn't teaching, I guess I would have to get a real job.

"I don't consider teaching a real job because I enjoy it so much. I won't leave JSU until someone makes me mad, and probably not even then!"

A native of Athens, Ga., Dr. Davis taught at Appalachian State University in Indiana before joining JSU.

"When I got through with undergraduate school, I had to decide what I wanted to do. I could either work for the government or apply to law school, or I could go to graduate school. I applied to law school and graduate school but had to make up my mind. I just decided that teaching college was what I wanted to do. It was an agonizing choice at the time, but it was the right one," he said.

"I love the interaction with my students. I think it keeps me young. Instead of sitting around with a bunch of old people talking about how their arthritis is bothering them, I get to hear about who's going where, with who, and what happened at the keg party last weekend. And, oh, those frat houses! I just love to sit and talk to my students. I really enjoy being around young people."

Most of the classes Dr. Davis teaches are geared toward preparing students for law school, should they choose to attend.

"I try to teach my classes like the classes that will be taught in law school. In my Constitutional Law course, I assign a lot of case readings because many students who attend law school have never actually read a legal case before, and they are lost. They walk in cold and get assigned five or six

cases per class before the first day, and they have no idea how to do a brief of the case. I try to get them ready so they know how to use legal references and law libraries.

"I have gotten hundreds of letters and e-mails from students saying what a tremendous help it was to know how to do a brief when they got there. I also try to get students to take classes that will help them learn to read, speak, and analyze—that's what law school is all about."

### TAKE A BOW!



The University's web site (www.jsu.edu) received only about 5,000 "hits" for the entire year in 1994, but by 2003 that number had shot up to 150,000 per week or 9.3 million in traffic for the year.

The man who oversees JSU's Internet presence is Webmaster Chris Newsome, who was honored in December as JSU's Employee of the Year.

"The most challenging aspect of being a webmaster is the fact that my work is never really done," says Mr. Newsome. "The web is growing tremendously. Web pages are never complete;

they are ever changing, so it keeps me fairly busy. There are thousands of individual web pages on the JSU site, but thankfully I don't work on every page.

"I love my job and I love JSU. I love the people and the atmosphere. Everyone here is just very friendly. The other places I've worked were nice, but working at the school I attended, in the town where my family lives, just feels like being at home."

JSU came into Mr. Newsome's life back in the early nineties when he began working toward a degree in graphic arts. He began as a student worker first in the campus bookstore, then moved to the student mail center, and finally landed a slot in the computer lab. He merged his interest in art and computers. In 1998, he officially became JSU's webmaster, employed in Academic Computer Services, two years after completing his degree.

Employees of the Year are chosen based on letters of nomination and recommendations from supervisors, coworkers, students, and individuals outside the JSU community. All nominees are exceptional employees who have gone above and beyond their normal, expected duties.

"I have to admit that I was a little surprised when they selected me for Employee of the Month last February (2003), and I was really surprised when I was given the Employee of the Year. I was pleased but still very surprised. It felt good. It really is such an honor for me," he said.

As Employee of the Year, he received an engraved plaque, a designated parking space, and a \$500 cash award. The JSU Foundation provided the prizes.



# Ceremony Marks UPD Reaccreditation



University Police Department (UPD) Chief Terry Schneider, right, presents the CALEA accreditation plaque to JSU President Bill Meehan.

The University Police Department recently announced that it has gained national reaccreditation by the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA).

"It's been a long three years," said JSU Police Chief Terry Schneider. "It's a difficult goal to achieve and a harder one to maintain."

Police departments throughout the nation seek accreditation for liability purposes. CALEA inspects the departments' standard operating procedures to ensure they are sound according to local, state, and federal laws.

Chief Schneider, who received official word of reaccreditation from CALEA late last year, presented the recently-received plaque to University President Bill Meehan.

An extensive reaccreditation study takes place every third year. The announcement ceremony marked the department's second reaccreditation. The original recognition came in 1997 when UPD became one of the first university police departments in the state to gain approval by CALEA. The latest examination began in August 2003, when a team of CALEA officials visited the department. All aspects of the UPD's policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services came under scrutiny.

The department's latest annual crime statistics show an overall crime decrease of 30%.

# Field School Presented National Awards

Jacksonville State University's Little River Canyon Field School received top national honors for "partnership building" and environmental education programs.

Alabama Forest Supervisor Steve Rickerson presented awards to JSU and its partners, including the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Park Service, Alabama Geological Survey, Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, and the Anniston Museum of Natural History.

#### **Borstorff Receives Honors**



Dr. Patricia Borstorff, associate professor of management, will travel to Oxford, England, to take part in the 2004 Oxford Round Table. She also recently received the Augustus Dean

Edwards Professor of the Year Award given for exceptional service to JSU students.

Borstorff will participate in a summersession of the Oxford Round Table dealing with international trade issues facing the U.S., European Union, and the World Trade Organization. The session will be held from August 1 through August 6 and will include participants from around the world.

### JSU Exempt from Do Not Call List

Jacksonville State University and the JSU Foundation are among several types of organizations that the federal government has excluded from the national Do Not Call Registry.

On 1 October 2003 millions of people weary of annoying telemarketers registered to eliminate the majority of unwanted solicitation phone calls to homes. Most sales orientated companies and organizations are subject to the constraints of this list and to the wishes of the public.

Charities, non-profit organizations, and educational institutions such as JSU are all allowed to continue telephone solicitations.

The federal government realizes that private donations and donor support are essential for organizations to cover unmet annual expenses and other critical improvement costs. Because the government recognizes there is not always a guaranteed source for such costs and needs, JSU is able to turn to generous individuals and alumni to obtain crucial funds. When you receive a call during JSU's annual fund-raising Phoneathon,

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for example, do not be surprised—it is allowed under the federal guidelines.

JSU makes calls to thousands of alumni from September through November. The purpose of these calls is to update information, discuss events pertaining to JSU alumni, to obtain news items for publication in the alumni magazine, and to petition alumni for private, voluntary pledges to help support JSU.

Individuals who prefer not to receive telephone solicitations from JSU are encouraged to request that their name be added to an internal do not call list. JSU is required by law to comply with such requests and will be subject to fines of up to \$11,000 per unauthorized call. JSU will honor all requests and ensure that the athletics department, fine arts ticket agents, alumni membership vendors, and other third party service providers comply as well.

For more information, contact Melanie Delap, director of institutional development and executive director of the JSU Foundation at 256-782-5906 or at mdelap@jsu.edu.







#### International House Reunions Planned



A series of International House reunions are planned for this summer and fall to celebrate the organization's 40 years of service in the facility at the intersection of Highway 204 and Pelham Road North. The theme of the events will be The International House at 40. Students will get together to renew friendships and reacquaint themselves with JSU's campus and restored International House.

Students from the following years will participate:

The era of founder Dr. James H. Jones, director from 1946 to 1964; Dr. John R. Stewart, director from 1964 to 1985; Mr. Grindley Curren, director from 1985 to 2000; and Dr. John J. Ketterer, current director.

The Stewart Era reunion will kick off the celebration on the weekend of July 23 through 25. A full weekend of activities is planned. Members of this planning committee are: Steve Godbey, '80; Bill Norris, '78/'90; Greg Poole, '80/'84; Kim Greene, '85/'88; Cindy Beaudreaux, Mike Jolly, '75; Dr. Ketterer; and Ms. Kaci Beatty, '95, director of Alumni Affairs. For more information go to www.ih-alumni. net/index.html, contact the Alumni Office at alumni@jsu.edu, or call (256) 782-5404.

The Jones Era reunion is scheduled for the weekend of October 15 through 17. Students from 1988 to the present will be included. Activities will begin on Friday and will conclude with the annual

U.N. Day Tea Celebration presented by current International House residents in the early afternoon of the following Sunday. This committee is chaired by Mrs. Elene Sparks Chastain (IH 1946 through 1948). Interested parties may contact Mrs. Chastain at (205) 594-4337 or Mr. Bill Jones at mhwbjones@mac.com or at (303) 499-0788. Direct inquires may be made to the Alumni Office at the addresses above.

The International House grew out of an idea proposed by Dr. James H. Jones to President Houston Cole in 1946 to establish a "special French program." From small beginnings in two rooms in Bibb Graves Hall, the International House later found a home in an abandoned residence built by Northern General Joseph William Burke. The International House at its current location was dedicated on 11 October 1964.

The International House has enjoyed the active support of the Alabama Federation of Women's Clubs and the Anniston Rotary Club throughout its history. Alabama Rotary District 6680 has been extremely active in its support. The International House not only promotes values of intercultural friendship and diversity to the JSU community, but also represents that diversity to the many schools, Rotaries, and other clubs visited by IH students each year. Alumni are part of that tradition and are encouraged to join in the celebrations.

## **Campus Progress**

One little known destination at the Houston Cole Library is the Alabama Gallery, a room on the tenth floor that's kept locked to protect the old and rare books collection. Students go there to look up information about Alabama authors, local and state history, or facts related to local plants, bird, soils, companies, and surveys. Inquire at the front desk or on the tenth floor about obtaining access.

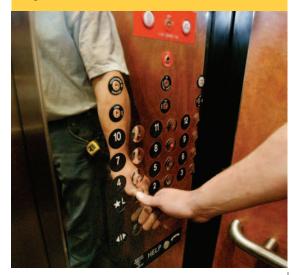
The Alabama Gallery is somewhat like a museum because it houses special artifacts such as a Woodland Indian bowl dated between 100 BC and AD 700. And there's a glass case full of proclamations honoring Jacksonville's most famous Civil War hero, Major John Pelham, who looks out at passersby from two large wall portraits.

On the way to the Alabama Gallery, you can ride a new elevator. It has a new cab, controls, motor, stainless steel doors, and surrounds, and its shaft has been renovated. The other two elevators will be completed later this year. The elevator is more efficient and allows patrons to reach floors faster.

The improvement to the elevator system, which was subcontracted by ThyseenKrupp, is the library's first since it was built in 1972.

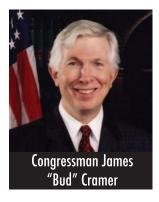
The entire library is under contract with Hudak and Dawon for other renovation including new carpet and fresh paint.

The library underwent a major change in 2001 when the exterior white marble panels were removed and replaced with red granite. The library opened in 1973.





### Two Join JSU's Board of Trustees





Two eminent public figures with several decades of leadership experience have joined the Jacksonville State University Board of Trustees. Congressman James "Bud" Cramer of Huntsville and Mr. Ronald "Ronnie" Smith of Oxford bring to the board considerable expertise in public administration and management.

#### **CONGRESSMAN CRAMER**

U.S. Representative James "Bud" Cramer has been appointed to a seat on the Board of Trustees as a representative of the Fifth U.S. Congressional District, replacing Mr. James D. Thornton of Huntsville, who served on the board for 38 years before his retirement.

Congressman Cramer has served as the representative for the Fifth District since 1991. His district includes seven counties in north Alabama.

Congressman Cramer said, "I am honored that Governor Riley appointed me to the Jacksonville State University Board of Trustees. I strongly believe in the importance of higher education, and for over 120 years Jacksonville State has been one of Alabama's finest institutions."

JSU President Bill Meehan said, "We are excited to have Congressman Cramer on the board representing the Fifth Congressional District. He brings a tremendous amount of expertise, and most of all he is personally very interested in joining the board. He has developed a fondness for this institution over the last several years and has been invaluable to us as we have pursued our programs at Little River Canyon and other issues."

Thornton for his hard work and 38 years of service to Jacksonville State.

Congressman Cramer was appointed in April to the House Intelligence Committee,

> which oversees defense and national security intelligence issues.

Congressman Cramer was born and raised in Huntsville and earned a law degree at the University of Alabama in 1972. A military veteran, he served as an army tank officer at Fort Knox, Kentucky. A widower, the congressman has a daughter,

Hollan; two grandsons, Dylan and Mason; and a new granddaughter, Patricia Lanier. The congressman is a lifelong member of the Methodist church, where he taught Sunday school classes to young people for many

#### MR. RONALD SMITH

Mr. William Ronald "Ronnie" Smith of Oxford, vice president of the Eastern Division of Alabama Power Company, replaces the last member of the University's original Board, Mr. Charles T. "Pete" Mathews of Clay County.

President Meehan said, "Mr. Smith has many close ties to Jacksonville State University. He serves on the JSU Foundation and on our College of Commerce and Business Administration's advisory board. We are pleased he will be joining us, and we look forward to working with him. He is very familiar with our University, as his wife Betsy has been an adjunct faculty member, and two of his children have earned JSU degrees and been student athletes."

Dr. Meehan applauded Mr. Mathews for his 38 years of service to the board. "Including his years here as a student, plus his years promoting JSU's growth as an alumnus and during his tenure in the Legislature, Mr. Mathews has actually given JSU about a half century of service."

Mr. Smith represents the the 13-county Third U.S. Congressional District on the board. The district extends from Cherokee to Montgomery Counties. He is originally from Abbeville, in Henry County, and has lived in various areas of Alabama since beginning his career with Alabama Power Company in 1973. He and his wife Betsy have three children and one grandchild.

#### Continuing Education Department Receives Honors



The Department of Continuing Education recently made news with achievements at the local and

state levels.

Jacksonville Medical Center chose the department when the hospital needed to improve customer service. Jodi Beauregard, the hospital's chief executive officer, said she felt JSU's Department of Continuing Education had the expertise to make JMC the first place area residents think of for health care.

The hospital and the continuing education department formed Partners in Service Excellence, a program in which JSU will eventually train JMC's 57 department managers in the areas

of time management, software skills improvement, and human resources skills.

In other news, Director Ann Wells was successful in revitalizing a partnership with continuing education departments at two other universities.

Wells was determined that the program, called UPACE, or University Partnership for Alabama Continuing Education, not lag in its good work. Her efforts paid off. Now, three universities are involved with the development and delivery of certificate programs for the Association of County Administrators, the Association of County Engineers, the Alabama Association of Police Chiefs, and the Certified Revenue Officers Association.

Wells' determination has been recognized, too. She achieved the 2004 Distinguished Program Award for Non-credit Programs, which was given by Region VII of the Association for Continuing Higher Education (ACHE). The program was chosen tops out of 14 nominated in eight states.

Dr. Meehan also thanked Mr. James D.

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### Alumnus Receives Bronze Star for Iraq Service



U. S. Army Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, left, poses with 1st Lt. George French, recipient of the Bronze Star for action in Iraq.

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Lieutenant George French sent
to family over the Internet from
Iraq made him seem too busy to
pause to receive a military honor. He slowed
down long enough, though, to accept the
Bronze Star for "heroic or meritorious
achievement or service." The medal was
earned for his actions in Baghdad during the
attack on the United Nations compound
on 19 August 2003 and for other accomplishments.

Lt. French, a 1997 graduate of Talladega High School, earned an associate degree from Marion Military Institute. He received a degree in criminal justice from JSU in 2001. Lt. French served in the National Guard throughout his college years and joined the army after graduation. He completed officers training at the military police training facility at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Lt. French's parents, Linda and Bill Noel of Talladega and Lynwood French and Gina Haynes of Ashland, learned by e-mail about the honor their son received. The ceremony had already taken place, and Lt. French asked if they wanted him to e-mail them the actual citation. They said they did. It is by e-mail that the Frenches learn about the day-to-day operations of their son's platoon.

Lt. French is leader of the 549th MP

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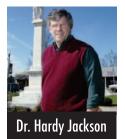
CO, which escorted President Bush when he traveled to Baghdad on Thanksgiving 2003. Lt. French said the platoon often receives such special assignments. They patrol nightly and search for insurgents. Lt. French said they once uncovered a counterfeiting operation. All too often they engage in firefights, ambushes, and raids. Lt. French emails stories about everything from the food he eats to stories about the Iraqi people. He said many Iraqis are kind to soldiers and that Iraqis are appreciative for the protection offered.

The U.S. Army is appreciative, too. In the citation Lt. French was commended for being among the first responders to the scene of the attack on the U.N. compound. The citation said Lt. French "calmly surveyed the devastating wreckage and began directing his soldiers into the building to rescue survivors."

Lt. French was also commended for establishing a casualty collection point and consolidating medical supplies. In addition, the citation said that Lt. French had distinguished himself by serving as the platoon leader in more than 300 combat patrols in Baghdad.

Lt. French is married to Katya Sokolovskya of the Ukraine, a nurse in the Fort Stewart area.

### Book Gives Personal History of Alabama



r. Hardy Jackson has a new book that gives a "personal history" of Alabama.

Inside Alabama: A Personal History of My State explores

Alabama's cultural, political, and economic development from prehistoric times to the dawning of the new millennium.

"Alabama is my home," says Dr. Jack-

son, professor and chair of the Department of History and Foreign Languages at JSU. "This is the history I tell to people. The book has stories that I've been told, and there are stories I remember from growing up in Alabama."

The book's cover describes it as "An affectionate, irreverent, and candid look at the 'Heart of Dixie.'" Included are stories of well known characters from the state's past – the mound builders, Hernando de Soto, William Bartram, Benjamin Hawkins, Red Sticks, Andrew Jackson, Bourbon Democrats, women reformers, New Dealers, Hugo Black, Julia Tutwiler, Martin Luther King, Jr., George Wallace, and Rosa Parks. *Inside Alabama* is written for general readers and students.

The book is sprinkled with humor and candor and recounts major events and conditions of the state.

Inside Alabama features on its cover a watercolor by the late Alabama artist John Kelly Fitzpatrick. The artwork itself tells a story of the Jackson family's ties to Alabama. One of Jackson's grandmothers attended high school with the artist, and later a family member purchased the painting, which now hangs in Jackson's home.

Jackson is the author of several books, including *Rivers of History: Life on the Coosa, Tallapoosa, Cahaba, and Alabama;* and *Putting "Loafing Streams" to Work: The Building of Lay, Mitchell, Martin and Jordan Dams, 1910-1929.* 

The Alabama Review's editor, Robert J. Jakeman of Auburn University, said the book is "Honest and entertaining . . . Jackson's idiosyncratic voice sets just the right tone for the general reader. . . . Here is one scholar who knows how to tell a good story, and readers will appreciate it."

Inside Alabama: A Personal History of My State by Harvey H. Jackson III, Paperback, The University of Alabama Press.

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### Training for 'Hot Jobs'

acksonville State University students who want to teach Spanish, who are working toward a degree in accounting, or who are interested in analyzing spatial relationships are among those likely to land particularly desirable jobs after graduation. That's because jobs in those fields are among the hottest for the geographic area of Alabama and the Southeast.

The demand for teachers is such that it is possible for some JSU graduates to pick up a \$5,000 check and a teaching contract if they agree to work in the Talladega County school system. Dr. Suzanne Lacey, coordinator of personnel services there, says the offer is for teachers in the fields of math, science, and foreign language.

"It has been an effective program for us," said Lacey. "It is an incentive to attract teachers to our system, which is a rural one. Most mathematics graduates follow careers into finance or engineering, and graduates in science go into engineering or the medical profession," Lacey said.

There are other hot jobs. It's possible for students studying spatial analysis to leave school with jobs paying more than their professors make. Spatial analysis students are sometimes hired away before they even get their master's degree. According to Dr. Howard Johnson, head of the Department of Physical and Earth Sciences, the future for jobs that use a software technology known as Geographic Information Systems (GIS) looks great.

"There are six billion people on a planet that's fixed in its size," said Dr. Johnson. "As that population grows throughout the next 40 years, the population could grow to about 10 billion people." Johnson said space must be used more wisely and that GIS is the most powerful tool available to reach that goal.

Kelly Ryan, director of JSU's Teacher Education Services, says he and JSU admission counselors tell students in high schools and community colleges where the most in-demand jobs are. "We don't try to talk students into majoring in something they don't want to do," he said. "After all, this is their career. We give them information and let them make up their minds."

The following list gives a brief look at

some of the other hot jobs awaiting JSU graduates.

#### College of Arts and Sciences

Jobs are available in the areas of forensic science, psychology, and social work. Jobs are available for federal marshals, for officers in witness protection, for the Drug Enforcement Agency, and for positions involving serving federal warrants.

Other areas in demand involve soft-ware development, software engineering, information technology, and networking. Computer science students are advised to obtain a bachelor's degree and then gain more specialized training through their job or by obtaining a master's degree. In the recent past, computer science students have been hired by such firms as Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Alabama, Russell Corp., Westinghouse, Auto Custom Carpets, and Mesa.

# College of Commerce and Business Administration

Accounting jobs are available in public accounting firms, businesses, and government agencies. Government job openings for accountants are brisk at the Department of Defense, the Food and Drug Administration, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

#### College of Education and Professional Studies

Teaching jobs are most in demand in secondary math, secondary science, secondary foreign languages, and special education on any level.

# College of Graduate Studies and Continuing Education

Jobs are available for graduate students in emergency management, wildlife management, wildlife research, and medical center emergency preparedness. Public administration graduates find jobs in all levels of government. Political science graduates find some demand for jobs in Congress.

#### College of Nursing and Health Sciences

All fields of nursing are in demand. Nurses do not usually specialize in a certain area while in college but, instead, do so once they have a job. Work is available in clinics, hospitals, home health



Traveling nurses are dispatched to areas where there are emergency shortages of nurses.

care agencies, long-term care facilities and private offices. One rather glamorous job available to nursing graduates who don't mind moving around is the "traveling nurse," who is dispatched to various areas where there are emergency shortages. Traveling nurses stay at a site about 13 weeks before returning to their base, where they can take off a few weeks before being sent out again.

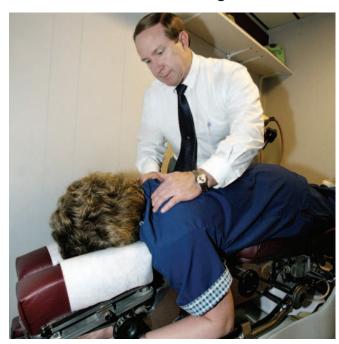
#### Waldrep Receives Award

Charlie Waldrep, '71, a shareholder with Emond Vines Gorham & Waldrep, received the United Negro College Fund Humanitarian Award for the Alabama/ Mississippi region. The award recognizes Mr. Waldrep's volunteerism and contributions to the UNCF over the past 20 years. The award is given to individuals for support of the fund's mission to provide students access to high-quality, affordable college education and for addressing the needs of the fund's 39 member colleges and universities.

Mr. Waldrep focuses his area of practice in civil litigation, appeals, and governmental relations. His primary focus is representing public agencies in civil litigation. He is a graduate of JSU and received his juris doctor degree from Cumberland School of Law, Samford University.

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### 8 Months of Cramming Worked for Callahan



Dr. Callahan works with a patient to relieve pain.

n 1980 Boyce Callahan, '73, returned to JSU in a big hurry to take chemistry and other science courses. Mr. Callahan was facing a life-changing decision. It was around 1980 when he de-

things would turn out. Mr. Callahan knew from childhood about handling fear. He became a star football player at Saks Elementary School and at Saks High School. As a child, Mr. Callahan was small but fast, and he often used his speed to elude larger players.

"I could do a lot of things when scared," he said.

Mr. Callahan also knew from his football days about good fortune. During all of his years of playing football, including his first two years at JSU, he was never injured. Then came the first game of his junior year when he twisted an ankle

so hard he was sidelined. The team doctor examined him. Mr. Callahan was told he probably needed surgery for torn ligaments. He went to Dr. Joe Lett, a chiropractor who had helped the team during his freshman

ever to have his jersey (number 33) retired.

After graduating, Mr. Callahan went into banking, then corporate sales. He married and had two children. He worked hard and achieved financial success, but something wasn't right. He kept thinking about the way Dr. Lett had helped him. Something about that intrigued him.

With his wife's encouragement, Mr. Callahan pursued the idea of returning to school. JSU offered the chemistry, biology, and physiology courses he needed to get into chiropractic school. But the clock was ticking. He had enough money saved to support his family for about four years. The prerequisite courses at JSU and the chiropractic courses would take longer than five years unless he could double up on his studies. Mr. Callahan talked over his problem with science professors at JSU. They told Mr. Callahan he could try to cram the required courses into a tight schedule, but they held out no guarantees of success. Mr. Callahan bought a remedial chemistry book, studied it, and within a few weeks started school. He finished in eight months—in plenty of time to allow him to enter Life Chiropractic School near Atlanta by January of 1981. Normally, the chiropractic school required students to take their courses and internships over a four and a half year span. A determined Mr. Callahan finished in three years and three months.

Mr. Callahan is now 52 years old — young enough to have lots of time to enjoy his career for many more years. He has a new business partner, Patrick Harrison, who will enable Mr. Callahan to cut back on his schedule in the future, if he wants to.

"I'm excited about getting up in the morning. People come to me in pain. Sometimes I'm their last ditch effort to get relief. It's a good feeling when you can help them."

Mr. Callahan gives back to the community. He serves on several civic boards, including the board of Faith Christian School.

He and his wife have been members of Faith Presbyterian Church for 30 years.

Mr. Callahan has a son, Boyce, Jr., and one grandchild, Boyce III. He also has two daughters, April, a senior at JSU, and Natalie, a senior in high school. "Life is a challenge," said Mr. Callahan. "It's not a piece of cake. The secret is in how you meet those challenges."

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cided to quit his job, return to school, and pursue a new career. He wanted to become a chiropractor.

Mr. Callahan feared giving up a good job in corporate sales at a time when he carried monumental responsibilities—providing for his wife and two small children. But he also had a deep desire to find a career that was emotionally and financially satisfying. Looking back, he said he has no regrets, but he well remembers wondering how

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year. Instead of recommending surgery, Dr. Lett (now deceased) manipulated Mr. Callahan's ankle and administered physical therapy. Within four weeks, Mr. Callahan went from being disabled to resuming his position as starting quarterback. He finished his football career in 1973 and graduated with a degree in business management. To this day, the former "small and scared" player holds JSU's all-time record as leading rusher, and he is one of only two players

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#### Runyan Defies Science; Replenishes Quail



David B. Runyan, '94, and his wife Kim release a young quail into the wild. Runyan found that his techniques give the birds a greater chance of surviving.

cientists said it couldn't be done, but JSU alumnus David B. Runyan, '94, defied long-standing belief and brought back the quail population in Tuskegee.

Mr. Runyan, a biology graduate, won the 2003 Progressive Farmer/Rural Sportsman Upland Game Management Farm of the Year award for his work managing Uphapee Plantation, a 2,450-acre private property in Tuskegee, where he repopulated the bobwhite quail (Colinus virginianus). Mr. Runyan was featured in Progressive Farmer Magazine.

Mr. Runyan was hired to manage the property in 1997 and found that the historic site had fallen into neglect, with locals often using it as a drag strip and dumping ground.

More than 60 years ago, the land was used by the U.S. Army to house and train young black men to become military pilots, flight engineers, gunners, and mechanics. Many of the men went on to become decorated World War II heroes or gave their lives fighting in the war.

When Mr. Runyan got down to work, he found that the only habitat consisted of weeds that grew up through the old asphalt runways. Still, he welcomed the prospect of transforming the land.

"I've worked on a lot of different pieces of property, and this by far has been the most interesting, purely because of the history," said Mr. Runyan, who previously had never heard of the Tuskegee Airmen, but has since studied them and met a few. "You're driving through the woods, and the next thing you know, there's a road, curb, and a sewer drain. It was actually like a city. I'm real proud that I have taken what was once an old city and turned it into a prime wildlife habitat."

Mr. Runyan created the habitat through methods such as food planting, prescribed burning, clearing land, and thinning timber. He then set quail loose on the property. His efforts to restore birds to the wild are unconventional.

Quail are usually released at about 12 weeks of age. Most birds are set free in the late summer or early fall. The ones that aren't killed by natural causes or predators are usually killed during the hunting season. Few survive their first winter.

"People think that a released bird doesn't have the ability to survive," Mr. Runyan said, "much less proliferate and reproduce."

Mr. Runyan did research and learned that 12-week-old birds often lose their sur-

vival instincts in captivity. He experimented by releasing younger and younger birds, ranging from ten-weeks-old to six-weeksold. Based on his findings, for the past two years he has been releasing six-weekold vaccinated, banded birds with amazing success.

Mr. Runyan gives the birds a good start by releasing them in heavy cover surrounded by food plots, water, and prime habitat. He also helps by trapping and hunting predators such as raccoons, possums, bobcats, foxes, and coyotes.

"The last two years, we have seen a boom in population," Mr. Runyan says. "We are seeing a recognizable increase of banded birds. It's very rewarding. I feel like I am making a difference. What I've been most excited about is sharing what I've learned and the formula I've come up with for the successful repopulation of quail. I hope people will pay attention and that other people will start practicing some of what I have done and achieve their own success."

Mr. Runyan's success has brought him offers including endorsement work, a book contract, and an opportunity to travel around the country speaking about his research.

### Wells Hopes to Compete in Summer Olympics



JSU alumnus Shawn Wells, '94, proudly wears medals that he won for his outstanding shooting ability.

Will there be a JSU alumnus competing in the 2004 Summer Olympics? Shawn Wells,'94, certainly hopes so. At press time, Mr. Wells was scheduled to compete in rifle in the Olympic Trials in Ft. Benning, Ga. If he is in the top two, he will seek to earn a "match qualifying score" during an upcoming World Cup event, then, hopefully, move on to Greece for the Summer Olympics.

Mr. Wells is a Deputy Sheriff for the Lake County (Fla.) Sheriff's Office, Road Patrol Division. He majored in law enforcement while at JSU and minored in forensic investigation. He was a member of JSU's shooting team and was a two-time All-American. Later, he was a full-time athlete on the U.S. Shooting Team from 1994 to 2000. In 1996, he was a resident athlete at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs and was the U.S. National Champion in Men's Air Rifle.

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Harvest By Sherry Kur

'Meth helps Guess who's drugs? It's

Photos by Steve Latham

Grave dangers lurk on property where methamphetamines have been produced, according to Lt. Antonio Gonzalez, a policeman from the Juvenile Investigations Division of the Dothan Police Department. Mr. Gonzalez led a continuing education program on campus to disclose the dangers to real estate professionals.

Mr. Gonzalez warned about 110 brokers and agents from the Calhoun County Board of Realtors that they faced death or injury from the growing number of people who "cook" methamphetamines, a word frequently shortened to "meth."

Mr. Gonzalez distributed a drawing of people wearing gas masks and body suits as they entered a home. "This is the way we would enter a home where we suspected meth had been made," he said. By Sherry Kughn

"You wouldn't do this." Instead, he said, an unsuspecting landlord or real estate agent could be showing off an oven used to make the drug when, "Boom." The explosion that might follow could kill or injure.

Another fright to land owners and real estate agents is the cost of cleaning up the property where the drug had been prepared. The cost could skyrocket beyond \$10,000. When by-products from a meth lab are dumped into a yard, the land must be dug up and restored. Rooms where labs once existed must be cleaned by professionals who can measure and destroy toxicity in carpets and flooring. People must be taught the dangers, said Mr. Gonzalez.

Another group of potential victims is children. Those making methamphetamines often filter the toxic fumes through cat litter.

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# 'Educating people to the signs of meth production is important.'

-Lt. Antonio Gonzalez, Dothan Police Department

They may place buckets of litter beside garbage cans for pickup. Should a child handle the litter, or even play in the grass where the by-products of a meth lab has been dumped, they could be poisoned. Children and adults can be poisoned slowly, over a period of time, where meth production took place.

"This is a community problem," said Mr. Gonzalez. "And guess who's using these drugs? It's people like you. Meth helps people lose weight. Guess who's making these drugs? It's teenagers, often the kids of the people using them."

Mr. Gonzalez said methamphetamine produces a high that helps people avoid fatigue and lose weight. The side effects, though, aren't worth the trade-off, considering how addictive and dangerous the drug is to the body. He said people can suffer from delusions, rotten teeth, liver and kidney damage, respiratory failure, and nerve damage. The dangers in the drug's production and by-products are destructive to the entire community.

He said citizens should call law enforcement officials if they suspect methamphetamines are being produced in their neighborhood. They should also let their representatives know they support stronger legislation that punishes those who use and produce the drug. Mr. Gonzalez said the state of Florida is currently seeking to have producers and users of methamphetamines tried under homeland security laws to increase the severity of punishment.

Mr. Gonzalez, who has a 15-year background in juvenile investigations, said

he and the Dothan Police Department are happy to share what they have learned with citizens throughout the state.

The seminar was sponsored jointly by the Board of real estate agents and the JSU Department of Continuing Education.

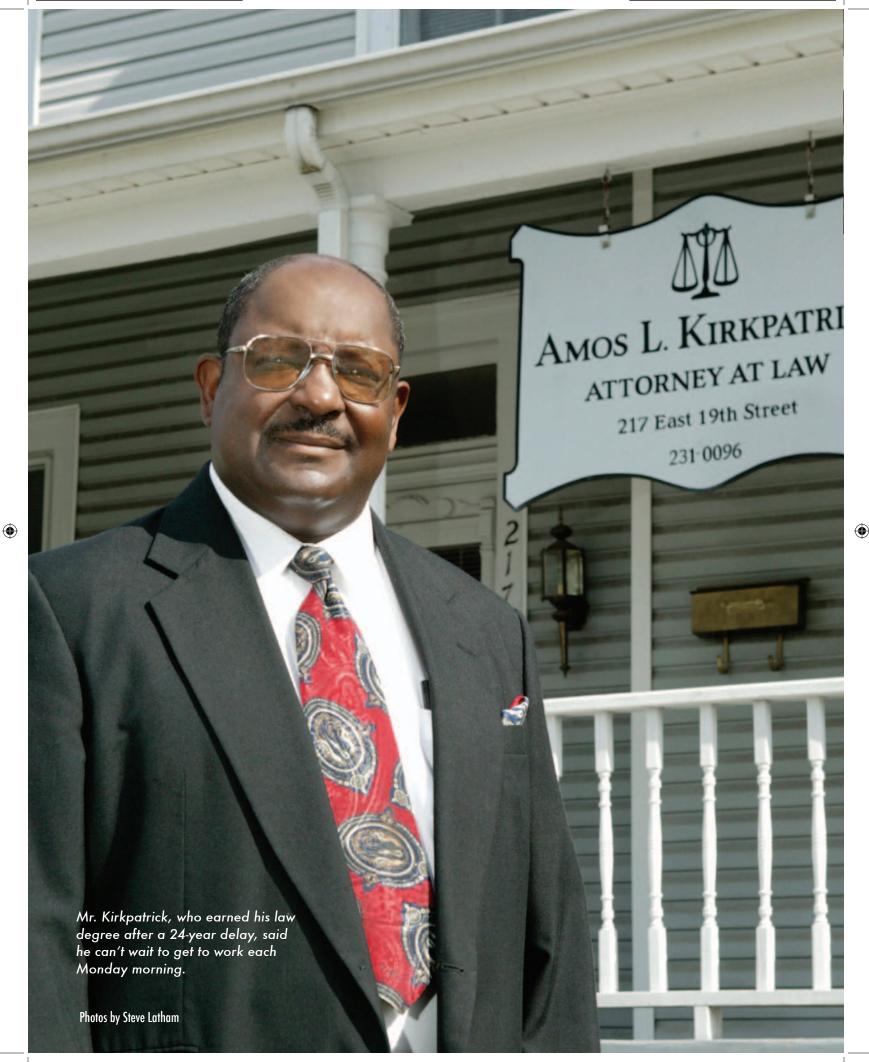
#### Signs of a "meth" house:

- Odors. Meth production often emits odors such as ammonia and nail polish remover.
- High traffic of people in and out of a home, especially at night.
- Houses where windows are covered and doors are reinforced.
- Dead foliage near a window, garage, or shed where heat and fumes may have affected plant life.
- Discarded propane bottles, especially with corrosion; match boxes with the striker plates missing; cartons of medicines containing ephedrine; matches; and lithium batteries.

Lt. Antonio Gonzalez of the Dothan Police Department warns a group of real estate agents about the growing dangers of "meth."

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o one appreciates living out a dream more than Amos Kirkpatrick, who thought he might not survive the Vietnam War to realize his childhood dream of becoming a lawyer.

Mr. Kirkpatrick, '75, grew up poor in Gantt, near Andalusia. His fascination with "Perry Mason" and similar shows about lawyers led him to Stillman College in Tuscaloosa after high school. Later, he won a scholarship to study law just as he graduated in 1968. The scholarship went unused when he was drafted in 1969.

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Mr. Kirkpatrick arrived in Vietnam in January of 1970 full of disappointment. Not only had he given up his dream, he also left behind a young wife, Jo Ann, and the first of his two sons. He focused, though, on his job of supplying oil and gasoline for military vehicles and a year later returned to Anniston. He had little money, no home, and no way to return to college, so he re-enlisted in the U.S. Army, hoping to pursue a master's degree at Jacksonville State University, since it was so close to McClellan. Then he planned to attend law school after getting the master's degree.

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The military had other plans, though, such as overseas duty. But in 1972, he took a furlough and earned his master's degree.

"It seemed I lived at that Cole library," said Mr. Kirkpatrick. "I remember being there mostly at night for a year and a half."

Financial responsibilities kept him in the military until he completed 20 years of service. Mr. Kirkpatrick sent off his request to retire from the army the same day he mailed an application to attend law school to the University of Alabama.

In an *Anniston Star* article written in 1992 just after he became a lawyer, Mr. Kirkpatrick said he wanted to use his law degree "... to help the South overcome racism... to help the underprivileged and to better society." Now, 12 years later, he is doing just that.

He has a general law practice on 19th Street in Anniston and another office in Gadsden. He serves as a lawyer for the board of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Anniston and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. This past year, he assisted Mr. David Zeigler, Jacksonville State University's director of multicultural services, with Zeigler's presidency in their fraternity, Phi Beta Sigma. Mr. Kirkpatrick has served as fraternity president, too, several times.

In addition, Mr. Kirkpatrick is an active member of the 17th Street Missionary Baptist Church. He has two sons—one who is a graphic arts designer in Birmingham and another who studies music at the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston. He has a daughter and two grandchildren.

Mr. Kirkpatrick's advice to potential lawyers: "If this is your ambition, law will be a rewarding career. If you have doubts, don't go into law. Law is for those willing to apply themselves."

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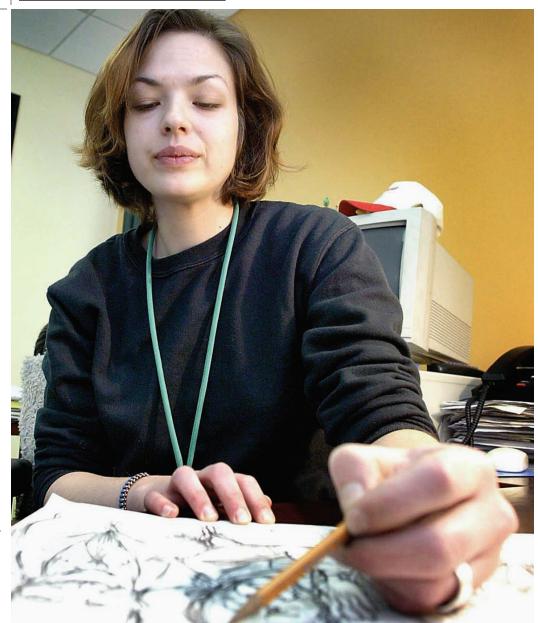


Photo by Steve Gross, The Anniston Star

# Alumna on Fast Track as Cartoonist

ometimes the best things are "right in front of you," says artist Leilah Rampa,'03, referring to her new but rare job as the editorial cartoonist for *The Anniston Star*. It's the first such position at the newspaper.

Miss Rampa is in a rare position at any newspaper, according to the editorial page editor at *The Star*.

"There are few young people in that

field," said Mr. Bob Davis, editor, "and there are few women."

There are only about 200 members of the Association of American Editorial Cartoonists in the United States, although there are about 3,300 newspapers.

Miss Rampa takes her unique position in stride and is amazed at her present opportunity and others that have opened up.

Miss Rampa, 23, is currently on leave and hopes to visit her home in Switzerland. She almost ignored art as a career choice as a student in her hometown of Chur, Switzerland. Teachers at her high school noticed that she had talent. Her parents paid for her to have private lessons in art when she was 14. It was then she learned that people can make a living as artists, but she said she didn't consider the career possibilities then. Instead, she focused on her studies and earned good grades that made her eligible to travel to the United States. She applied to become an exchange student and enrolled at Westbrooke Christian School in Rainbow City, Ala., at age 17.

Miss Rampa's art teacher there, Mario Gallardo, echoed what her Swiss teachers had said: that she had the right skills to become a professional artist.

"We did lots of projects, and I enjoyed every one of them," said Miss Rampa, "We did water colors, sculpture, and pencil and ink drawings."

When Miss Rampa was ready to graduate from high school, Gallardo made sure she knew there was a full-tuition scholarship available at JSU. She shopped around before making up her mind. She visited art institutes in Memphis and in Atlanta. They offered her larger scholarships, but when she weighed the costs of living and moving away, she felt JSU was the best opportunity—one that opened up "right in front of me."

Miss Rampa continued the same hard work on her JSU studies that she had put forth in both high schools. She made excellent grades in all subjects and took on some free-lance projects, such as creating a coloring book for children involved in the outreach program of JSU's College of Nursing and Health Sciences. Miss Rampa learned how to design web pages, and she tried every art medium available to her. Her diligence paid off. When she became a senior, she received the prestigious Annie Forney Daugette Award for achieving the highest grade point average in art. She also earned a spot in *Who's Who in American* 

By Sherry Kughn

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Universities and Colleges, and she graduated magna cum laude.

While still a JSU senior, Miss Rampa undertook projects that led to her next opportunity. The editorial page editor of *The Star* at that time, John Fleming, called her and asked if she would like to try doing a few illustrations and cartoons.

"I was so nervous," said Miss Rampa. She enjoyed completing the project, though. Miss Rampa thought about applying for a job in web design. But she gathered her courage, called Mr. Fleming, and asked about working at *The Star*. Mr. Flemming told her to come in on deadline and draw an illustration for the book review

"Drawing the illustration took two hours," said Miss Rampa. "Later I didn't think they liked it. But the next day he

Miss Rampa feels grateful to many people for the opportunities she's had in her brief but meaningful career. She's thankful to all her art teachers, especially Gallardo and the JSU professors.

Mr. Fleming called again, and Miss Rampa responded with another illustration that pleased the staff. She drew several more editorial assignments, and during one of her trips to *The Star* Mr. Fleming asked if she had a job after graduation. She said "no," and she wondered if *The Star* was planning to create a cartoonist position. Meanwhile, her graduation date was near.

called and wanted to talk more about the job. I started working there in May."

Miss Rampa said she has enjoyed the job much more than she thought possible, but "it's difficult." She said the artist must focus on the editor's concept for a cartoon. The idea must be developed and a decision made on how best to communicate the idea to readers.

Miss Rampa said one of the highlights of working at *The Star* was talking by phone with her role model, Doug Marlette. He's the Pulitzer Prize winning cartoonist who visited JSU in 1999 as part of the Ayers Lecture. Miss Rampa didn't meet him then, but she was thrilled that he took the time to encourage her in a phone conversation.

Miss Rampa said Mr. Marlette told her to always be alert for creative ideas that come. That is a skill, he said, that comes with years of practice. Miss Rampa learned to listen closely to the editors at *The Star* and to stay abreast of the news so she can develop ideas.

Miss Rampa feels that she is "not very good at it yet," but Mr. Davis is happy with her work and describes her style as European, meaning the drawings are often richer and fuller than the style of American artists.

"I think she has vast potential," said Mr. Davis. "She's the kind of person that we can look back on when she wins a Pulitzer and say we knew her when she was just out of school."

Miss Rampa hopes to return to her job at *The Star* this fall.

Some of Leilah's drawings





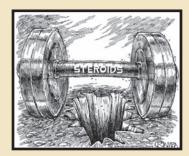
























Retired Southerners Director David L. Walters, left, reacts to the surprise announcement renaming the music department as the David L. Walters Department of Music. Dr. James E. Wade, dean, right, made the announcement.

came to JSU from New Bern, N.C., took both organizations forward and turned them into model programs.

During the ceremony Dr. Walters was thanked for his work training hundreds of band directors and music teachers. He promoted chorale music within the community and improved the musicianship of high schools throughout the Southeast.

Dr. Walters got his start playing trumpet in high school and joined the navy after graduation. He studied music in the U.S. Navy School of Music in Washington, D.C. and earned his bachelor's degree from Miami University in Ohio. He holds a master's degree from Florida State University in Tallahassee and performed advanced graduate work at Washington University in St. Louis, Mo. He received an honorary doctorate at JSU in 1971.

"All of you who are here can say, 'I was there on that day'," said Dr. Legare McIntosh, head of the music department. "Dr. Walters, we love you and appreciate everything you've done."

Dr. Walters' fatherly style of instruction and leadership inspired hundreds of students to become band directors and made JSU a leader in teaching the art of band directing.

Ceremony Announces

# The David L. Walters Department of Music

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Lsurprise announcement—Jackson-

Dr. Walters, the longtime band director

ville State University's music department

of the Southerners, expressed delight at the

announcement, which followed a student

concert. Dr. Walters, who retired in 1991,

had been renamed the David L. Walters

Department of Music.

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Dr. Walters, we love you and appreciate everything you've done.

- Dr. Legare McIntosh

served JSU and Calhoun County in many ways for 30 years. "I'm not sure I deserve all those accolades," Dr. Walters said in reaction to a

proclamation read by the dean of Arts and Sciences, Dr. James E. Wade. "I do appreciate this, though."

Dr. Walters came to ISU as band director in 1961 to lead the program founded in 1956 by Director John T. Finley. Dr. Finley established the now famous symphonic sound of the band and started the Marching Ballerinas. Dr. Walters, who

One retired band director in the audience, Melvin Morgan, said Dr. Walters stayed on the leading edge of trends in music composition and marching styles.

"He is intelligent," said Mr. Morgan. "He's a true scholar, always studying, always learning." Mr. Morgan said one way to measure Dr. Walters' effectiveness is in the strength of the band's alumni organization, The Gray Echelon, which numbers about 4,000.

JSU currently has 250 music majors with 25 faculty members. In addition to the nationally known band program, the department boasts an award-winning jazz program with three full jazz bands. The department also has a full choral program with four choral ensembles, a voice program, a piano program, an individual instrument instruction program, and a chamber music program.

By Sherry Kughn



# Sports



## JSU Announces Athletes of the Year



Mr. Palmer is a marketing major with a 3.3 grade point average.

"This is a great accomplishment," said Mr. Palmer. "It is the reward of hard work."

The Eagle Owl Award, which was established in 1995, is given to senior athletes who possess outstanding qualities.

To be nominated, the student-athlete must be a starter, or an important reserve, during his or her senior season and carry a 2.5 cumulative GPA or higher. The student-athlete must excel in his or her sport, be a positive role model for others, and exemplify the well-rounded student-athlete.

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-C. R. Palmer

acksonville State volleyball player

Jennifer Brenneman and baseball
player C.R. Palmer are recipients of
the 2004 Eagle Owl Awards, which
recognize the female and male
athletes of the year. They were presented at
the University's senior banquet in April. Ms.
Brenneman, a four-year starter from Minier,
Ill., is majoring in biology and chemistry
and held a perfect 4.0 grade point average.
She played in 115 volleyball matches during
her tenure at JSU and is the all-time career
digs leader with 1,096. She led the Gamecocks' defense in 2001 and 2003 in digs and
had career totals of 831 kills and 107 service

An Academic All-Conference selection, Ms. Brenneman is also a member of the JSU Scholar-Athlete Hall of Fame. Earlier this year, she became one of six student-athletes to be named Scholar-Athlete by the Ohio Valley Conference.

Mr. Palmer, a right-handed pitcher

from Douglasville, Ga., is a 2004 captain of the Gamecock baseball team. He leads JSU with 55 career appearances and has started 29 games. He has a career record of 13-11.

A former member of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, Mr. Palmer has 145 career strikeouts. He struckout a careerhigh 10 batters against Northwestern State earlier this year. He is a two-time league Player of the Week, an Academic All-Conference selection, and a member of the JSU Scholar-Athlete Hall of Fame.

The nominees are chosen by a selection committee, which is composed of administrators throughout Jacksonville State University.

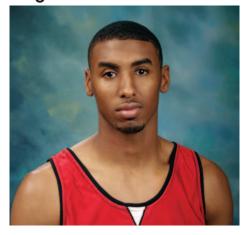
-Jennifer Brenneman

"This award is a great ending to an exciting four years," said Ms. Brenneman. "It gives me an exciting closure to my college career."

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#### **Eager Receives Honors**



Jacksonville State basketball player Trent Eager was named to the Ohio Valley Conference All-Conference third team.

Mr. Eager, a senior from Monroeville, led the Gamecocks in scoring (13.4 ppg) and rebounding (6.0) as JSU finished the season with a 14-14 record. He also shot 46.5 percent from the field and was first on the team from the free throw line, hitting 92-of-110 (83.6) from the charity stripe.

Mr. Eager became JSU's first player in more than six years to score 30 points in a game when he tossed in 30 against Shorter College in the second game of the year. He then became JSU's first player to score 30 or more points twice during the same season after scoring 30 against Tennessee Tech in February.

#### Way to go Gamecocks!



Dr. Jon Steinbrecher, Commissioner of the Ohio Valley Conference, presenting the team with the OVC Championship trophy.

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#### 2004 SOCCER SCHEDULE

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	Aug. 27	Alabama-Birmingham	7 p.m.
	Aug. 29	MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE	1 p.m.
	Sept. 3	Rice University	7 p.m.
	Sept. 5	Texas Christian	1 p.m.
	Sept. 10	# Western Carolina	TBA
	Sept. 12	# East Tennessee State	TBA
	Sept. 14	Mercer University	4 p.m.
ı	Sept. 17	MISSISSIPPI STATE	7 p.m.
	Sept. 19	Alabama	1 p.m.
l	Sept. 24	*SAMFORD	7 p.m.
	Sept. 26	SOUTH ALABAMA	1 p.m.
	Oct. 1	*Tennessee-Martin	4 p.m.
	Oct. 3	*Murray State	1 p.m.
	Oct. 8	*EASTERN ILLINOIS	7 p.m.
	Oct. 10	*SE MISSOURI STATE	1 p.m.
	Oct. 15	*Tennessee Tech	3 p.m.
	Oct. 17	*Austin Peay	1 p.m.
	Oct. 22	*MOREHEAD STATE	7 p.m.
	Oct. 31	BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN	1 p.m.
ı	Nov. 5-7	OVC Tournament	TBA
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#### **HOME GAMES IN RED**

#-Georgia State Tournament at Atlanta, Ga.
\*Ohio Valley Conference Game

#### 2004 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

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Sept. 4	Emporia State	6 p.m.			
Sept. 11	OPEN				
Sept. 18	at UT-Chattanooga	5 p.m.			
Sept. 25	*at Eastern Kentucky	TBA			
Oct. 2	*Murray State	2 p.m.			
Oct. 9	*at UT-Martin	2 p.m.			
Oct. 16	*Tennessee State	4 p.m.			
Oct. 23	*at Tennessee Tech	7 p.m.			
Oct. 30	OPEN				
Nov. 6	*Samford (Homecomi	ng) 4 p.m.			
Nov. 13	*at Eastern Illinois	1:30 p.m.			
Nov. 20	*Southeast Missouri St	tate 2 p.m.			
*Ohio Valley Conference Game					

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#### REUNIONS

#### 1955 BOWL TEAM REUNION

Friday, October 1 and Saturday October 2 Friday Golf Tournament, reception at Alumni House at 6:30 p.m. Saturday breakfast on 11th floor of Houston Cole Library

#### J CLUB REUNION

Saturday, October 2

# FORMER SOCCER PLAYERS REUNION WEEKEND

October 8-10
FRIDAY
Dinner at 5 p.m.
JSU vs. Eastern Illinois University
7 p.m.
Recognition of alumni during halftime

#### **SATURDAY**

Lunch at the field at noon Alumni Game at 2 p.m. Evening out together at 6 p.m.

#### SUNDAY

JSU vs. Southeast Missouri State
University 1 p.m.
Recognition of alumni at game

All former players, coaches, and support staff need to contact the Alumni Office to get on the mailing list for an invitation to the reunion.

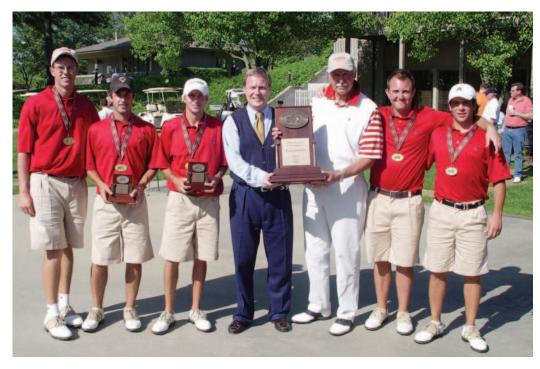
#### Two Win Awards

Jacksonville State softball player Rachel Countryman and football player Jonathan Dryer were named All-American Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA) Athletes of the Year. This award recognizes outstanding dedication to strength and conditioning.

The NSCA All-American Athlete of the Year Award program is in its twenty-first year and is made possible by a grant from Power Systems, Inc., a Knoxville, Tenn. fitness product leader.

For a complete list of All-American Strength and Conditioning Athletes, call the NSCA at 800-815-6826, or e-mail nsca@nsca-lift.org.

#### JSU Golfers Garner OVC Honors



JSU claimed the Ohio Valley Conference championship. Shown above are Bryan Rozier, Matias Anselmo, Nick Mackay, Dr. Jon Steinbrecker (OVC commissioner), Coach James Hobbs, Chase Deck, and Patricio Cozzoli

acksonville State men's golf coach James Hobbs was named the Ohio Valley Conference Coach-of-the-Year, while Nick Mackay and Matias Anselmo were both named OVC Co-Golfers-of-the-Year.

Mackay and Anselmo both shot a 7over-par 223 to tie for medalist honors, and the pair helped Jacksonville State win the OVC Golf Championship.

Mackay, the lone senior on the team, entered the final round five shots back and went on to shoot a 2-over-74 in the final round, which included a tournament low nine-hole round with a 33 on the last nine holes

The New South Wales, Australia, native finished with a university-record 71.66 stroke average and finished in the Top 5 in seven tournaments. He won medalist honors at the Lindsey Collegiate Classic and Auburn's Billy Hitchcock Invitational. He is currently ranked as the 40th best golfer in the nation.

Anselmo, who was named the A-Sun Player-of-the-Year last season, shot

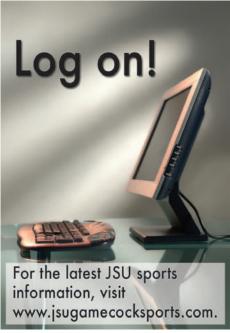
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rounds of 74-73-76 to tie for medalist honors. The Buenos Aires, Argentina, native, finished the season with a 71.75 stroke average and finished in the Top 5 in seven tournaments this season, including medallist honors at the Raising Cane Classic. He is currently ranked as the 44th best golfer in the nation.

James Hobbs earned his sixth conference Coach-of-the-Year Award after guiding the Gamecocks to a third straight conference championship and the sixth overall. His club finished the season with the second best record in NCAA Division I golf, with a total of 122-9-2, including four tournament titles this year, and set a school-record with a 288.89 stroke average. Jacksonville State also gained five second-place finishes, one third and one fourth this season.

On the women's side, sophomore Marilen Fernandez-Ruiz was named to the All-Conference squad after posting five Top 4 finishes this Spring. The Necochea, Argentina, native finished with a 78.00 stroke average and ranked in the Top 300 women golfers in the country.

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Sept. 3-4	Louisv <mark>ille Tourna</mark> ment			
SEPT. 7	TROY UNIVERSITY	7 P.M.		
Sept. 10-11	Butler Tournament			
Sept. 14	Georgia State University	6 p.m.		
Sept. 17-18				
Sept. 22	*Samford	7 p.m.		
Sept. 24	*Tennessee State	7 p.m.		
Oct. 1	*UT-Martin	7 p.m.		
Oct. 2	*Murray State	2 p.m.		
Oct. 8	*Eastern Kentucky	٠.		
Oct. 9	*Morehead State			
Oct. 15	*Southeast Missouri State			
Oct. 16	*Eastern Illinois			
Oct. 22	*Austin Peay	7 p.m.		
Oct. 23	*Tennessee Tech	2 p.m.		
Oct. 26	Troy University			
Oct. 29	*Morehead State	7 p.m.		
Oct. 30	*Eastern Kentucky	2 p.m.		
Nov. 5	*Tennessee Tech			
Nov. 6	*Austin Peay			
Nov. 10	*Samford			
Nov. 13	*Tennessee State			
Nov. 19-21	OVC Tournament	TBA		
Dec. 3-5	NCAA Tournament	TBA		
*Ohio Valley Conference Match Home Matches are in red and are located at				





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# With Alumni

#### JSU Alumni Association Current Benefits

- JSU National Alumni Association Membership Card
- Free use of the Houston Cole Library and its services
- \$10 off all JSU Continuing Education courses over \$20
- Discount tickets to all productions of the JSU Drama department. Members will receive the same discount as JSU employees.
- Use of the Alumni House for weddings, receptions, reunions, gatherings, etc. No rental fee for annual members up to 100 guests. Unlimited guests for lifetime members. (Based on availability, must pay a \$200 refundable damage deposit)
- GOLD'S GYM + JSU = #1! \$1.00 Enrollment Fee for Alumni Association members (regularly \$139.00) (Jacksonville location only)
- 30% OFF total purchase (excluding drinks) at the Oxford location of McAllister's Deli
- \$3.00 OFF all oil changes from Texaco Xpress Lube in Jacksonville
- 10% OFF any meal from Tweeners Restaurant in Jacksonville
- Free Tea with buffet from Village Inn (not valid with other discounts)
- Free Beverage with the purchase of a meal at Roma's on the square in Jacksonville
- 10% OFF any one item from Hidden Treasures in Jacksonville

- 10% OFF total purchase at The Wild Flower on the square in Jacksonville
- 10% OFF two or more items purchased at Merle Norman in Jacksonville
- 10% OFF regularly priced paint at Ace Hardware in Jacksonville
- Free subscription to the alumni magazine
- Special invitations to events at the Alumni House and discount pricing on chapter events in your area
- Opportunities to book vacations on JSU alumni group trips at a substantial discount
- Free use of the JSU Alumni Association's online community for networking, looking up old friends, etc.
- JSU alumni e-mail updates
- Discount on car rentals from Hertz, Avis, Budget, Alamo, and National
- Discounts at Choice Hotels nationwide (Mainstay Suites, Clarion, Quality Inn, Comfort Inn, Sleep Inn, Econo-Lodge, Rodeway Inn)
- Use of the Recreational Sports Facilities at Stephenson Hall for an annual fee of \$150, or \$200 for a couple. (Lifetime members only)
- Your dues allow the JSU Alumni Association to assist Jacksonville State University's advancement efforts by providing scholarships, alumni chapters, networking opportunities, etc.

# Upcoming Reunion Dates

# FABULOUS FORTIES ANNUAL REUNION

Saturday, 25 September 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Gamecock Center

# INTERNATIONAL HOUSE REUNIONS

The Stewart Years (July 23 to 25) The Jones Era and Modern Era (1986 to present) (Oct. 15 to 17)

#### **ROTC ANNUAL BANQUET**

Friday, 5 November, 2004 6 p.m. Gamecock Center

# CLASS OF 1954 50TH YEAR REUNION

Friday, 5 November and Saturday, 6 November Houston Cole Library 6:30 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. Saturday

#### SIXTIES GROUP REUNION

Annual Homecoming Weekend Friday, 5 November and Saturday, 6 November Contact Jim Coxwell at Longleaf Lodge, McClellan, for room reservations. 256-820-9494

#### IN SEARCH OF

The Alumni Office is searching for all former Gamecock Chicks/ Hostesses to plan a reunion in 2005. Please contact the Alumni Affairs office. 256-782-5404

# DID YOU GET MARRIED AT THE ALUMNI HOUSE?

Plans are being made for a reunion next May for our couples who had their rehearsal, wedding, and/or reception at the Alumni House, please contact the Alumni Affairs office to get on the list. 256-782-5404

# Take Me Out to the Ball Game!

JSU alumni are coming together all over the place to enjoy America's favorite pasttime....baseball! Many of JSU's Alumni chapters are hosting JSU alumni nights at their local minor league teams' ballparks.

- The Greater Rome Area Chapter hosted an alumni night at the Rome Braves Park on 22 May.
- Northwest Georgia Chapter is hosting JSU Alumni Night at the Chattanooga Lookouts Park on Friday, 9
  July.
- Greater Washington D.C. Chapter is hosting an Alumni Night at the Potomac Cannons Park on Saturday,
   7 August, followed by a fireworks display.
- Central Alabama Chapter is hosting a JSU Alumni Night on Saturday, 7 August in the inaugural season
  of the new Montgomery Biscuits minor league team.

Contact the Alumni Office to reserve your tickets for these events! (256) 782-5404

#### Other Upcoming Alumni Events

- Etowah County JSU Alumni Picnic at Noccalula Falls on Saturday, 19 June.
- Talladega County JSU Alumni Fun Day at DeSoto Caverns in Childersburg in July (watch your mail)
- Calhoun County Alumni Picnic at Germania Springs on Saturday, 14 August.
- Central Tennessee and Northwest Georgia chapters will host a pre-game tailgate party in Chattanooga, Tennessee prior to the JSU vs. UTC football game, Saturday, 18 September.
- Greater Washington D.C. Area Alumni Chapter will hold its annual dinner and silent auction on Friday, 22
  October
- Homecoming 2004! Saturday, 6 November vs. Samford.

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#### **Event Pictorial:**

Pictured are scenes from just a few of the many alumni events held in 2004. Look for upcoming events in your area, and come share in the fun!



Greater Rome Area Alumni and Prospective Student Reception at the Rome Visitor's Center, 13 January.



Calhoun County After-Hours at the Sports Nut, 2 March.





Jacksonville State University alumni traveled to the Big Apple in December 2003.



Women's Basketball Players' Reunion, 31 January.



Etowah County After-Hours at Antonelli's in Gadsden, 1 April.



Greater Washington D.C. Chapter Luncheon featuring guest speaker, Congressman Mike Rogers, 27 March.



Central Alabama Chapter Reception at Sinclair's East in Montgomery, Ala., 26 February.



Atlanta Area Alumni Reception at the Wyndham Vinings in Cobb County, 4 March.



Senior Send-off Celebration for JSU's future alumni held at the Alumni House pavilion, 8 April.

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### The package includes:

- Two nights in the Music Road Hotel (www.musicroadhotel.com) in Pigeon Forge, Tenn.
- Admission to Dollywood and the "Christmas in the Smokies Show"
- Nine other shows. Visit www.dollywood.com for details.
- Two nights at the Biltmore Estate
   Inn, including a Candlelight
   Christmas evening tour and passes
   for estate tours (visit
   www.biltmoreestate.com).
- Four buffet breakfasts and three dinners.

Cost is \$750.00 per person and includes transportation, hotel, admission to Dollywood, Louise Mandrell Theatre, Biltmore Estate tours, four breakfasts, and three dinners.

For full itinerary, contact the Alumni Office at (256) 782-5404. Deposit of \$200.00 per person due by Aug.1, 2004.

#### **Attended JSU** or Graduation Year Unknown:

**John Craton**, a former Southerner living in Indiana, recently completed his first fulllength opera. Mr. Craton's work, Inanna: An Opera of Ancient Sumer, portrays events from the Inanna poems that date back to 3000 BC. He has composed various other works since leaving JSU. Mr. Craton is a violin teacher and composer.

Jim Coxwell and his wife Sandra have acquired Longleaf Lodge, the first hotel on the old Ft. McClellan installation. The facility was the recent setting for JSU class reunions, gatherings for the JSU football team, for Anniston High School's Class of 1979 reunion, and for other activities. Guests can play golf, attend receptions, eat at Remington Hall (now a public restaurant), and stay at the lodge. Mr. Coxwell played football at JSU from 1962 to 1963 and is a life member of the Alumni Association.

#### 1920-29:

Alma Ingram Clinkscales, '28, a graduate of the State Normal School, is one of ISU's earliest graduates. She is 98 and remembers teaching in a one-room schoolhouse. Mrs. Clinkscales remains in contact with several of her former students who went on to attend ISU. One of those was a pupil in the first grade who is 75 years old. After earning her two-year teaching certificate, she went on to teach for 44 years in St. Clair County and Pell City. After retiring she served as a substitute teacher. She says she still misses teaching.

#### **NEW LIFE MEMBERS** JSU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (November, 2003 to April, 2004)

Mike W. Burrell, '69 Janet Johnson Cash, '75 John Anthony Cassell, '72 Joe Keith Ennis, '91 James G. Epik, '83/87 Terry L. French, '01 John R. Gentle, '74 Lana Garner Guthrie, '99 Terry A. Harris, '68 Mary Clark Jefferson, '77 Vanessa Coleman Peacock, '81 Clinton John Schmitt, '80/82 Colleen Maclin Schmitt, '81 Gordon T. Simpson, '63 Robert Darryl Smith, '88 Billy W. Tolleson, '63 Robert Hoyt Waldrep, '75 Sabrina Summers Williams, '78 Thomas L. Williams Barbara Tinker Wilson, '67 Jimmy Dale Wilson, '66

#### 1930-39:



Ruth Richardson Brock, '35/'52/'59, Centre, Ala., is 91 and a seasoned traveler. She has seen all 50 states plus Europe and Russia. She holds three degrees from Jacksonville State and says the institution had a different name on each diploma. She taught middle school science, math, and history in Cherokee County for 38 years. She is active in her church and Sunday school class, and she still loves to travel.

#### 1950-59:

Frances Treadaway Arrington, '53, Cleveland, Tenn., spent 48 years in the library profession and retired from Lee University in Cleveland as director of the Pentecostal Resource Center in 2001. She also worked at an Atlanta public library, at Southeastern Bible College in Lakeland, Fla., and at Meramec Community College in St. Louis, Mo. After retiring, she traveled to Russia and assisted at a library there for several weeks. She plans to go to Indonesia in the near future to work in a library for several months. She and her husband, French, plan to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in December 2004. She would love to hear from some of her classmates. Her address is 3845 Sycamore Dr. NW, Cleveland, TN 37312. She welcomes calls at (423) 472-7987 or e-mail at frenchharrington@juno.com.

Robert W. Dobbs, '53, Gadsden, Ala., was recently inducted into the Etowah County Patriots Association Hall of Honor. One of four inductees, Mr. Dobbs was chosen based on substance of service to the community, state, and nation over an extended period. Mr. Dobbs is retired from the U.S. Marine Corps. He served in Korea, then joined an active reserve unit after release from active duty. He later joined an inactive reserve unit and retired in 1991. Mr. Dobbs served for 38 years as teacher, coach, and principal. He also served on the administrative staff at Gadsden State Community College as admissions officer, registrar, and as dean of students. He moved to Memphis and served as dean of community education at what is now Southwest Tennessee Community College and

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then as vice president for academic affairs until retirement in 1995. He played football at JSU.

#### 1960-69:

Tom Whatley, '62, Muscle Shoals, Ala., is a writer, minister, former infantry officer, and has traveled extensively throughout the United States. His novels include Cuts No Slack and He Ain't Dead. Mr. Whatley's work also includes suspense writing. He has served as pastor of Woodward Avenue Baptist Church in Muscle Shoals since 1978. Mr. Whatley participates in volunteer missions at home and abroad. He was commissioned through the JSU ROTC program in 1962.

Glennelle McCollum Halpin, '64, Auburn, Ala., was recently named the Mildred Cheshire Fraley Distinguished Professor by the Auburn University College of Education. She is a professor in the Auburn University Department of Educational Foundations, Leadership and Technology. She has been a faculty member at Auburn for 29 years and is married to Wallace Gerald Halpin, '63, who was commis-

Glennis Maddox Martel, '65, Huntsville, Ala., has worked about 20 years in the medical field. She is a transcriptionist at SportsMed Orthopaedic Surgery and Spine Center. She said she would love to own her own business teaching in the transcription field.

sioned through the JSU ROTC program.

Dr. Bobby Welch, '65, Daytona Beach, Fla., was said to be a candidate to receive the nomination for the office of president of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC), according to reports. The SBC's June 2004 meeting will be in Indianapolis. A Fort Payne native, Dr. Welch has been pastor of First Baptist Church in Daytona Beach since 1974. He is past president of the Florida Baptist Convention and a former SBC vice president. He played football at JSU and was commissioned through the JSU ROTC

Donna Salls Rankin, '68, Atlanta, Ga., was awarded the first-ever Gold Phoenix Award by the Cobb Association of Realtors for 30 years' membership in the Million-Dollar Club. Rankin, a 31-year veteran, has been with Prudential Georgia Realty for the past 19 years. She has been the number one agent with Prudential in gross commission and was number one in the state of Georgia for more than ten years. She was also in the top ten overall in sales volume with Prudential for six years. Mrs. Rankin is a life member of the Alumni Association and the daughter of former JSU football coach Don

Milton M., '68, and Jean Floyd Simmons, '68, Houston, Tex., recently retired from Exxon Mobil Corporation following combined service of more than 49 years. Mr. Simmons was an analyst in the treasurer's department, and Mrs. Simmons was an administrative assistant in the legal department. They reside in Bertram,

A. L. Bonds, '69/'72, Pleasant Grove, Ala., is a retired principal of Douglas Middle

School and Asbury. He has been serving on the county school board for the past two years. He was a teacher, coach, and administrator during his 30-year career and worked in administration for 20 years. He is also a registered Angus cattle breeder and member of the board of directors of the Marshall County Cattlemen's Association. Mr. Bonds is married to Rachel Morrow Bonds, '74, who recently retired after 30 years in education. She was a teacher and guidance counselor at Douglas High School. Mr. Bonds' son, Scott, '95/'96/'03, is principal at DAR Middle School. Scott's wife, Janna Wright Bonds, '97/'99/'03, a former Marching Ballerina, is a guidance counselor at Douglas High School. Mr. Bonds' other son, Greg, '90/'91, is an assistant athletic director in charge of compliance at JSU. Greg Bonds' wife, Amanda Swader Bonds, '96, a former JSU fastbreaker, is a pharmaceutical company representative.



▲ Kay Griffin Hill, '69/'72/'92, Talladega, Ala., is athletic director at the Alabama School for the Deaf (ASD). She recently received the JSU Health, Physical Education and Recreation (HPER) Department's 2003-2004 Female Alumni Award. For the past 35 years, she has served individuals with special needs at ASD. Her coaching accomplishments include seven Mason Dixon Championships and six Deaf Prep National Championships. She was twice selected as the Deaf Prep National Coach of the Year, named the Anniston Star's Coach of the Year two times, and the Talladega Daily Home Coach of the Year in 1997. She was named the Talladega Park and Recreation Department's 1987 Volunteer of the Year for her role in the development of youth sports in Talladega.

#### 1970-79:

Ginger Rich Adkins, '70/'78, Albertville, Ala., is an instructor at Snead State Community College and was nominated by her peers in 2002 as an outstanding instructor. She has been an advisor for Snead State's Phi Beta Lambda Club (for business majors) for 16 years. She is a life member of the Alumni Association.

Sheila Bolden Akins, '70, Fort Payne, Ala., is yearbook sponsor and an English and mass communications instructor at Northeast Alabama Community College. She recently spoke at the 80th Annual Convention of the Columbia Scholastic Press Association (CSPA) at Columbia University in New York. The CSPA serves student journalists and is a program of the Graduate School of Journalism at Columbia. She has taught at NACC since 1983.

Gijsbert Karel Frankenhuis, '70, a Netherlands native, began his education at JSU as an International House student for two years. He received his degree at JSU after four years and was a member of the tennis team all four years. After graduation, Mr. Frankenhuis worked for 15 years in his family's wholesale plumbing and heating materials company. He left to start his own business importing top-design bathroom products from Italy. Mr. Frankenhuis also started a second company in which he makes his own designs.

Elmer Gerald "Kel" Kelley, '70, Douglasville, Ga., received the 2003 George M. Connor Award, the highest recognition the Georgia State Association can pay its members for outstanding service to the insurance industry. A heart transplant recipient, Mr. Kelley established an organization called TripleHeart, which has collected hundreds of used cell phones. The phones are passed on free of charge to people on organ transplant waiting lists and to transplant patients who may need emergency care. TripleHeart's web page is at www.tripleheart.org. Mr. Kelley is a former Southerners.

Sue Stinson Reynolds, '70, Centre, Ala., is a teacher at Centre Elementary School. She has taught for 31 years and is married to Freddy Reynolds, '72.

Larry R. Curvin, '71, Montgomery, Ala., recently became revenue manager for Montgomery County following his retirement from a 29-year career with the State of Alabama, where he served as chief auditor for two departments. He is past president of the Montgomery chapter of the Association of Government Accountants. Mr. Curvin also serves on the boards of the Government Finance Officers Association of Alabama and the Alabama State Employees Credit Union. He is a life member of the Alumni Association and has served on the Alumni Board of Governors.

Steve Glasscock, '71, Cullman, Ala., was recently selected as chairman of the Cullman Regional Medical Center board of trustees and as head of the Cullman County Health Care Authority. He previously worked in banking for 32 years, serving as president and chief executive officer of Merchants Bank for the past 15 years.

**Linda Gilley Highfield, '71/'85,** Piedmont, Ala., is a teacher at Centre Elementary School. She has been teaching for 23 years.

**Sgt. Ronnie Erwin, '72,** Birmingham, Ala., retired from the Homewood Police

Department in December 2003. He then joined the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. He was named the Homewood Police Officer of the Year on his last day at work. Though he was trained as an accountant, he followed his father into the law enforcement field, working his way up from dispatcher, patrol officer, sergeant, training officer, and detective.

Carol Davis Gossett, '72/'79, Centre, Ala., is a teacher at Centre Elementary School. She has 32 years of experience in teaching.

**Jackie Hill Holcomb, '72,** Gadsden, Ala., retired from the Etowah County Department of Human Resources in January 2004 with more than 31 years of service. She is a life member of the Alumni Association.

Kenneth A. Howell, '72, Anniston, Ala., was recently appointed to the board of directors of AmSouth Bank. He is president, chief financial officer, and majority stockholder of Auto Custom Carpet, and is a certified public accountant. Mr. Howell was commissioned through the JSU ROTC program and is a life member of the Alumni Association.

Wallace "Red" Wilder, '72, Jacksonville, Ala., and his son Mark became the first fatherson tandem players to be inducted into the Alabama Tennis Hall of Fame. The ceremony was held in April 2004. Though neither played at JSU, Mr. Wilder's two other children, Tracey Wilder Hill, '97, and Joel Wilder, did. Red Wilder is a retired Anniston Army Depot industrial engineering technician.

**Joe Funderburg,** '74, Pell City, Ala., is chief juvenile probation officer for St. Clair County. He has worked for the Juvenile Court System in the county for 28 years. He has been elected to the county school board three times.

Theresa Taylor Hudgins, '74, Albertville, Ala., is math department chairman and a teacher at Carlisle Park Middle School in Guntersville. She has been teaching for more than 29 years at Carlisle Park. She recently achieved national board certification.

**Dewandee King Neyman, '74/'76,** Fort Payne, Ala., is a teacher at Centre Elementary School and has been teaching for 30 years. Mrs. Dewandee and her husband have two sons who are also JSU graduates and teachers: **Seth, '98/'01, and Wes, '00.** 

Nancy Lillian Worley, '74, Montgomery, Ala., is Alabama's secretary of state. She taught at Decatur High School for 25 years and served as cheerleader sponsor and advisor for several clubs and activities. She also taught part time for Northeast State Junior College and John C. Calhoun Community College for 20 years. She was the first person to be elected twice as president of the Alabama Education Association. She has served on the governor's task forces on welfare reform and on education reform. Nancy was also a member of the lieutenant governor's legislative council.

**Travis Hulsey, '75,** Trussville, Ala., became revenue director for Jefferson County in January 2004. He has been with Jefferson County for 12 years, serving as budget of-

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ficer and assistant finance director. He was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity at JSU and was commissioned through the JSU ROTC program. His wife is Cathy Lynne Edwards Hulsey, '86.

Thomas Nelson Robertson, Jr., '75/'77, Gadsden, Ala., is a whittler. People who visit him in mid-July, will likely find him playing Christmas music as he carves his Old World-style Santas. By day, he works for the Alabama Department of Public Health in HIV/AIDS prevention and education, speaking to schoolchildren and civic groups and working with organizations that provide services to AIDS patients.

Deb Salter Watson, '75, Ashville, Ala., is in her twenty-second year as an educator. She has spent 20 years at Ashville Elementary School. She was a cheerleader at JSU.

Gordon Sumner, '75, Springfield, Va., received his Ph.D. from Madison University in December 2003, graduating summa cum laude. He was also promoted recently to managing director of SYColeman Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of L3 Communications. Mr. Sumner is a life member of the JSU Alumni Association and a former Marching Southerner. He recently accepted the position of president of the Greater Washington DC JSU Alumni Chapter, which encompasses DC, Va., and Md.

Fred Michael Hughes, '76/'77, Montgomery, Ala., was promoted to director of the Mobile Campus of Faulkner University in January 2004. He had served as director of the BBA department in the Harris College of Business and Executive Education at Faulkner's Montgomery Campus since November 1992. He is a former personality with WDNG radio in Anniston. Prior to working with Faulkner, he managed his own real estate and insurance agency in Leeds, Ala.

Dorothy Sullivan Robinson, '76, Gadsden, Ala., is a retired educator and administrator. She is vice chairman of the local tourism board and serves on various other local boards and committees. She is also chief cook and proprietor of Dorothy's Catering.

Emily Norton Morgan, '77/'81, Centre, Ala., has been teaching for 27 years and currently teaches at Centre Elementary School.

Marguerite Walker Early, '77, Gadsden, Ala., principal of Hokes Bluff Middle School, was awarded a doctorate in education from the University of Alabama in December 2003.

Vickie Gilreath Garrison, '77, Attalla, Ala., was chosen Teacher of the Month in January for Attalla City Schools. She has taught for 19 years at Curtiston Primary School and has been an educator for 27 years. She previously was named Teacher of the Month and Teacher of the Year for 1998.

Ray Hammett, '77/'80/'94, Jacksonville, Ala., was recently appointed to Place 1 on the Jacksonville City Board of Education, filling an unexpired term of a former member. He previously taught at Anniston High School, taught and coached at Jacksonville High School, Lin-

eville High School, and Saks High School. He returned to Jacksonville High in 1987 as head football coach, then became assistant principal, and in 2000 he was named principal. He retired from Alabama education and went to Cedartown, Ga., to serve as assistant principal for two years. Mr. Hammett played football at JSU.



Judy Baxley Harrison, '77/'00, Jacksonville, Ala., was named assistant director of human resources at JSU in December 2003. She has more than 17 years of experience in human resources. She joined JSU in 1991 as manager of salary and benefits. She holds lifetime certification as a senior professional in human resources from the Human Resources Certification Institute.

Theodore Mitchell, '77/'81, Gadsden, Ala., is serving in the U.S. Army at the U.S. Naval Base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, as a member of Joint Task Force-GTMO in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He is a military policeman who has served in the army for 12 years.

Jane Cobia Miller, '78, Cedar Bluff, Ala., is coordinator of career technical services for the Talladega County School System. She has revitalized career technical programs, developing a good relationship with the Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind (AIDB), Honda, and others. Her crowning achievement with the school system was the establishment of an equestrian program with AIDB.

Darline Gibbons Crowder Harris, '78/'85, Anniston, Ala., has retired with 25 years of teaching service within the Talladega County School System. She served at Pittard School of Technology as a business education

Robert A. Spencer, '78, a navy lieutenant, recently reported for duty aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Belleau Wood, home-ported in San Diego, California. He is a life member of the JSU Alumni Association.

Alice Chamlis, '79/'82, Ragland, Ala., was chosen Educator of the Month for January 2004 by the Delta Eta Chapter of the Delta

Kappa Gamma Society International. She began teaching in 1980 at Ragland High School. She has taught at Moody Elementary for the past 22 years. She was selected as Moody's Teacher of the Year in 1986 and appeared in Who's Who Among America's Teachers in 2000 and 2002.

#### 1980-89:

Linda Thomas Bloomer, '81, Trussville, Ala., is chief executive officer of Delinda Technical Services (DTS). She started out as the "quiet partner" in the Birmingham technology consulting company, the name of which is derived from her and her husband's first names. Tragedy struck when her husband Del died of a heart attack in December 2002. Mrs. Bloomer kept the business going, providing computer training and consulting in the Birmingham area.

Terry L. Hill, '81, Hiram, Ga., is an operations, maintenance, and camp manager at the Baghdad International Airport, Iraq. He is a civilian contractor with Contrack International, responsible for rebuilding areas surrounding the airport. Mr. Hill is a retired U.S. Army major and has a master's degree from Texas A & M. While at JSU, he was president of the Theta Eta Chapter of Omega Psi Phi fraternity and was commissioned through the ROTC program. He is married to former JSU student Regina Franklin. The Hills have two children. Mr. Hill can be reached by e-mail at champagne30141@yahoo. com.



▲ William Dexter Wood, '81/'92, Buford, Ga., is athletic director and head football coach at Buford High School. He recently received the JSU Health, Physical Education and Recreation Department's (HPER) 2003-2004 Male Alumni Award. He has been a coach for 30 years. His coaching accomplishments include 2002 defending Class AA State Champions, 2001 and 2003 Class A State Champions, 244 career wins, 16 regional championships, advancement to the state playoffs 21 times as a head coach, and selection as Georgia's Coach of the Year in 2002 and 2003. Fifty-eight of his players have received college football

scholarships. Mr. Wood also implemented the Big Brother Program, in which seniors mentor ninth graders. He was honored as Teacher of the Year in 1984 and 1991.

Ann Dobbins Higgins, '82, Odenville, Ala., was recently named the first full-time executive director of the Moody Area Chamber of Commerce. She previously worked for Blue Cross/Blue Shield and HealthSouth. Mrs. Higgins is married to Tracy Higgins, '84, personnel director for ADESA.

Shirley Brown Simmons-Sims, '82, Talladega, Ala., is a member of the Talladega City Board of Education, having been elected in 1999 and re-elected in 2003. Mrs. Simmons-Sims was a member of Zeta Phi Beta sorority at JSU.

Kay Bandini Arnold, '83/'00, Centre, Ala., is a teacher at Centre Elementary School. She has been teaching for four years.

Johnny Brewer, '83, Boaz, Ala., was named Educator of the Year for 2003 by the Boaz Chamber of Commerce. He is a speech instructor and former director of the theater program at Snead State Community College. In 1994, he was named Etowah County Schools' Teacher of the Year and was a finalist in the JSU Teacher Hall of Fame. Civic involvement in clubs include Whole Backstage Community Theatre. He is president-elect of the theater group's board of directors and is on the board's renovation committee. Mr. Brewer and his wife Katherine, son John Everett, and daughter Alicia live in Boaz. He is a former Southerners.

Rebecca Holder Chandler, '83/'86, Piedmont, Ala., is a teacher at Centre Elementary School. She has been a teacher for 20 years. She is married to Brent Chandler '84.

Henry Wheeler Looney, Jr., '83/'85, Sylacauga, Ala., has joined the staff of Faith HomeCare Hospice in Talladega. He is also pastor and pioneer of Reaching The World Bible Church in Sylacauga.

Ted Brian Watson, '83, Andalusia, Ala., was named to the Andalusia Area Chamber of Commerce board of directors. He is assistant principal at Andalusia Elementary School and former head football coach at Brantley High School. From 1998 to 2000, he was principal at East Three Notches Elementary School. Mr. Watson played football at JSU.

Patrick Kelly, '84, Meridianville, Ala., has served for five years as district early intervention coordinator of the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services. His office provides services for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families.

Jeffery O. Kirkland, '84, Decatur, Ala., was promoted to vice president of sales and business development manager of Regions Interstate Billing Service. Mr. Kirkland joined Regions in 1992 and has 17 years of experience in the accounts receivable field.

Linda M. Paradise, '84, Decatur, Ala., has joined Hospice of the Valley as clinical care coordinator. She is a licensed and board certified adult nurse practitioner with more than eight

years of experience in hospice care. She is a public speaker on the topics of pain/symptom management and end-of-life issues. She was a member of Phi Mu sorority at JSU.

David Akins, '85, Southside, Ala., was appointed chief financial officer of the Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind (AIDB) in Talladega. He is a certified public accountant formerly employed by the Etowah County Commission.

Candi Langston Childers, '85, Lincoln, Ala., was named Teacher of the Year at Munford High School.

Dana Tucker Early, '85/'94, Centre, Ala., is a teacher at Centre Elementary School. She

has been teaching for ten years. Johnny B. "Jay" Brown, '86/'88, Pell City, Ala., recently finished his second season as head football coach and athletic director at Pell City High School. His 2003 team finished with a 12-1 record—the most wins in school history. He was named St. Clair County Coach of the Year and selected as a coach for the Alabama High School Athletic Association All-Star Game, which will be held in Montgomery in July 2004. He was an assistant football coach at JSU under Hall of Fame Coach Bill Burgess for 11 years, which included the 1992 National Championship honor. He and his wife Debbie have two children. He is a life member of the Alumni Association.

Phillip Collie, '86, Guntersville, Ala., is vice-principal at Guntersville High School. He has been teaching for 19 years, nine of them at GHS. He is married with three children.

Dr. Lana Gaskin Bellew, '87, Rainbow City, Ala., has worked in the Blount County, Etowah County, and Gadsden City School Systems. She is currently a part-time coordinator with the St. Clair County system and works as a consultant with several other systems in the

Leslie Keener Millsaps, '87, Leesburg, Ala., is a teacher with Centre Elementary School and has 15 years of experience in education. She was a Marching Ballerina and a member of Alpha Xi Delta Sorority.

Maisie Hales, '88, Five Points, Ala., was named Teacher of the Year at J. P. Powell Middle School. She has taught at Powell for the past ten years. She also teaches at Five Points Elementary/Middle School, where she was named 1995 Teacher of the Year. She has 14 years of teaching experience and is president of the Alabama Association of Teachers of Family and Consumer Sciences. She is one of the organization's former district vice presidents.

R. Keith Swisher, '88, Guntersville, Ala... is a teacher at Guntersville High School. He has been a teacher for 25 years, including the last two at GHS.

Telina Hartline Wilson, '88, Boaz, Ala., was named Female Vocalist and Entertainer of the Year by the Alabama Country and Gospel Music Association in the category of new contemporary gospel. She has been singing country and gospel since age eight. She works for Alfa

Insurance in Boaz.

Tana Pearce Bonds, '89, Albertville, Ala., is in her fourteenth year of teaching. She spent three years at Grassy and is now at Douglas Elementary. She is also involved in photography.

Sharron Cagle Cornelius, '89, Guntersville, Ala., is in her seventh year teaching at Guntersville High School.

Kerry Lyle Montgomery, '89, Ashville, Ala., is in her first year as counselor at Ashville Middle School. She formerly taught math for five years. She is working on her master's degree at JSU.

Debora Jemison Nelson, '89/'92/'02, Oxford, Ala., is assistant principal at C. E. Hanna Elementary School. Before working as a teacher, she was employed in accounting. She is married to Stan Nelson, '77, a certified public

Angie Davis Tillery, '89, Leesburg, Ala., is a teacher at Centre Elementary School. She has been a teacher for seven years.

#### 1990-99:

Leta Mitchell Freeman, '90/'96, Leesburg, Ala., is a teacher at Centre Elementary School. She has been teaching for 14 years.

Anita Reaves Isbell, '90, Millbrook, Ala., recently received the VFW Citizenship Teacher of the Year Award for Alabama based on her dedication to teaching patriotic values and principles. She has three years of teaching experience at Wellborn Elementary School in Anniston and eight years at Robinson Springs School in Millbrook.

Tamara McIntosh Thibault, '90,

Ohatchee, Ala., completed her medical residency in Rome, Ga., then came home to Ohatchee to practice family medicine. She first practiced with Dr. Van Marter in Anniston, then bought the old post office in Ohatchee and opened her own practice in January 2002.

Teresa Trammell Arnold, '91/'98, Ashville, Ala., is in her sixth year as assistant principal at Odenville Middle School. She previously worked as a nurse at St. Clair Regional Hospital and at the St. Clair Correctional Facility. She returned to college and received her elementary education degree. Her first teaching job was at Ashville Elementary. She is married to Bart Arnold, '80/'89/'90.

Jennifer Mayfield Bishop '91/'00, Springville, Ala., is in her first year as a counselor at Springville Elementary School. She previously taught at Ider Elementary in DeKalb County and worked as a counselor at Collinsville Elementary School and at Springville

Middle School.

Jennifer Bomian, '91/'00, Centre, Ala., has been a teacher at Centre Elementary School three years. She and her husband own the Video Hut in Centre and Cedar Bluff.

Dr. Gregory Corbin, '91, Remlap, Ala., has become senior pastor at Cropwell Baptist Church. He and his wife, Rebecca Mayes Corbin, '92, have two sons. Dr. Corbin had been the pastor at Remlap Baptist for more than seven years.

William "Andy" Patterson, '91, Louisville, Ky., recently earned his Ph.D. in urban and public affairs from the University of Louisville. Dr. Patterson is director of programs for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Louisville,

Dijuana Davidson Warren, '91, Steele, Ala., is in her seventh year as a teacher at Steele Junior High School. She was a nurse before turning to teaching. Her first teaching job was in Georgia, then she moved to Gadsden, Ala., where she taught at Coosa Christian School before joining the faculty at Steele.

Karen Carroll Wright, '91, Leesburg, Ala., has taught for nine years and is a teacher at Centre Elementary School.

Tabitha Collins Wright, '91, is a teacher at Centre Elementary and has taught for six years. Her goals include earning her Ed.S. degree and preparing for the national teachers board exam.

Angela Bussey York, '91/'96, Talladega, Ala., is a teacher at R. L. Young School. She was recently selected Teacher of the Year, elementary division, at Talladega City Schools.

Gina Benefield Farrar, '92/'94, Centre, Ala., has taught school for 12 years. She teaches at Gaylesville School.

Sherry Greenwood Ford, '92, Birmingham, Ala., recently earned her Ph.D. in speech communication at Louisiana State University. She is an assistant professor at the University of Montevallo. Dr. Ford is married to Doug Ford, '89, a medical center specialist with Schering-Plough. Mrs. Ford was a founding member of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority at JSU. Mr. Ford was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

Keith Langner, '92, Guntersville, Ala., is the new pastor at Victory Baptist Church. Previously he had been senior pastor at West Side Baptist Church in Harrisonburg, Va.. He is married to Amanda Cochran Langner, '92, who was actively involved in the music and children's ministry at West Side.

Amy Horn Mitchell, '92/'99, Talladega, Ala., was named Teacher of the Year at Munford High School.

Dianne E. Gilliland, '93, Albertville, Ala., is a music teacher at Grassy School in Guntersville. She started her career in the Marshall County School System in 1998. She divides her time among Grassy, Union Grove, and Brindlee Mountain Junior High. For five years she was a music director for the theater department at Northeast Alabama Community College. She and her husband have two sons. Their son, Joey, '92, and his wife Tracey Jones Gilliland, '91, are alumni.

Gina Liggan Merritt, '93, Talladega, Ala., is in her first year of teaching at Odenville Middle School. She previously worked at the Talladega Post Office and as a substitute teacher at the Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind.

Robin Rosser McDaniel, '93/'96, Centre, Ala., is a teacher at Gaylesville School, where she has taught for 10 years.

Lori J. Owens, '93, Centre, Ala., an assistant professor of political science at ISU, has been appointed by Alabama Governor Bob Riley to the Alabama Women's Commission as a representative of the Third Congressional District. The Commission studies and evaluates issues impacting women in the State of Alabama and makes recommendations to the governor and legislature.

Anne Anderson, '94, Gaylesville, Ala., is a teacher at Gaylesville School. She has been teaching for eight years.



▲ Stacey Goss Blottiaux, '94, Biloxi, Miss., is on active duty as a captain in the U.S. Air Force. She was deployed to the Middle East in support of Operations Southern Watch and Enduring Freedom and was a teacher at the U.S. Embassy, Muscat, Oman. She is a neonatal intensive care nurse and critical care air transport nurse. She was chosen by the air force to attend the elite Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (Bethesda, Md.). Capt. Blottiaux has performed on stage and television in Mississippi since graduating from JSU. She was a finalist in the Mississippi Gulf Coast Search for a Superstar and made the top 10 out of 1,000 contestants.

V. Stephan Frank, Jr. '94/'99/'03, Munford, Ala., has been named federal programs coordinator and personnel director at the Randolph County Board of Education.

Dawn Mobbs Lawson, '94, Gaylesville, Ala., is a teacher at Gaylesville School. She has been a teacher for five years at Gaylesville.

Kevin Davis, '95, Birmingham, Ala., is lead system administrator at Accenture, a part of BellSouth Telecommunications in Birmingham.

Jennifer Smith Mackey, '95, Centre, Ala., has taught for seven years at Centre Elementary School.

Brandie Julian Wallace, '95/'96, Carrollton, Tex., is executive director of Carrollton-Farmers Branch Independent School District in Carrollton, Tex. A life member of the Alumni Association, she was a member of Delta Zeta sorority at JSU.

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Judy Magaw Mathews, '96/'99, Ohatchee, Ala., is social work director at Cherokee County Nursing Home, where she has worked for three years.

Kyoko Maeno Johns, '97, Gadsden, Ala., is in her seventh year of teaching and fifth year at Centre Elementary School. She recently achieved national board certification. She is only the second Cherokee County educator to receive the honor. She came to the U.S. from Japan in 1988.

Melissa Keenum, '97, Piedmont, Ala., was named 2003-2004 Teacher of the Year at Piedmont Middle School. She has taught for seven years in the Piedmont System.

Amanda Jane Lockmiller Divine, '98, Glencoe, Ala., earned her doctorate in pharmacy from Samford University in May 2003. She is a pharmacist with Alaco Pharmacy.

Amanda Maples Haney, '98, Attalla, Ala., was chosen as the September 2003 Teacher of the Month at Stowers Hill Intermediate School. She has been at Stowers Hill for five years.

Lana Highfield Jones, '98, Rome, Ga., has taught for six years at Centre Elementary School.

Sondra Leatherwood, '98/'03, Anniston, Ala., is in her second year as a counselor at Ashville High School. She has taught at Saks High School, Lincoln High School, and Munford High School.

Christy Carter Mouchka, '98, Jacksonville, Ala., is a social worker at Cherokee County Nursing Home, where she has been employed for the last year.

Amy Buckner, '99, Ragland, Ala., is in her fifth year as a counselor at Odenville Elementary School, where she formerly worked as speech/language pathologist and special education teacher.

Allison Ray Ragsdale, '99, Guntersville, Ala., has been teaching for five years. She taught at Grassy and then at Union Grove.

Natalie Sanders, '99, Ragland, Ala., is in her third year as the reading coach at Ragland School.

Melissa D. Sliger, '99, Gaylesville, Ala., has taught for four years at Centre Elementary School.

Amy Louise Stickrath, '99, Pell City, Ala., is in her fourth year at Ragland Elementary School. She comes from a family of teachers.

#### 2000-04:

Lacey Bacchus, '00, Pelham, Ala., has been promoted to marketing manager at South-Trust Bank of Birmingham. She was a member of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority at JSU. She is working on her master's at UAB.

Lisa Hampton Brannon, '00, Centre, Ala., has been a teacher for three years. She teaches at Centre Elementary School.

Jennifer Doss Charles, '00, Guntersville, Ala., was selected as the Mrs. Guntersville entrant for the 2004 Mrs. Alabama United States Pageant in May. The winner will represent the State of Alabama in the nationally televised Mrs. United States Pageant to be held this summer. She is a teacher at Douglas High School and is working on her master's degree.

Shannon Fagan, '00, Piedmont, Ala., has been hired as a sports writer at the Anniston Star. He formerly served as a correspondent for the Star, covering prep sports for the last five years. Mr. Fagan is a former employee of Federal Mogul in Jacksonville.

Leah Easterwood Johnson, '00, Woodstock, Ga., has been initiated into Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, an organization for women teachers. Mrs. Johnson teaches at Frey Elementary School in Cobb County, Ga. She is a former Marching Ballerina. She is married to Cary Johnson, '96/'99, band director at E. T. Booth Middle School in Cherokee County, Ga. He was a member of the South-

Brandi Kirk Neyman, '00/'03, Fort Payne, Ala., is in her first year teaching at Centre Elementary School. She is married to Seth Neyman, '98.

Deanna West Patterson, '00, Centre, Ala., is in her first year at Centre Elementary School. She has four years of teaching experi-

Christopher R. Crosby, '01, Lindenhurst, Ill., graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Tex.

James Chandler Davis, '01, Birmingham, Ala., is an assistant buyer for Parisian. He was named Assistant Buyer of the Month for November 2003 and January 2003. Mr. Davis and was selected as Assistant Buyer of the Year for 2003.

Tracy Heard, '01/'03, Anniston, Ala., is Cherokee County's newest probation officer. She began her duties in October 2003. She has 12 years of experience as a Calhoun County sheriff's deputy. During her last three years as a road deputy, she worked with juveniles as a school resource officer. She worked with at-risk children and parents who were having difficulty with their children. She is a former Marching

Angie Laray Hogeland, '01, Oneonta, Ala., was chosen October 2003 Teacher of the Month at Attalla City Schools. She is in her third year at Curtiston Primary School.

Steve Lee Keller, '01, Grant, Ala., is the driver's education teacher at DAR High School in Guntersville. He continues his studies at JSU. Mr. Keller also coaches cross country and track.

Nikole Gore Layton, '01, Birmingham, Ala., is the event coordinator at Birmingham AIDS Outreach, a non-profit agency for people and families living with AIDS and HIV. She is a former Marching Ballerina and member of Delta Zeta sorority.

Amanda Butler Harkins, '02, Centre, Ala., is in her first year teaching at Centre Elementary School

Derrick Forbes, '03, Lineville, Ala., was chosen 2003 Officer of the by the Cheaha Chapter of the Fraternal Order of Police. Mr. Forbes was recognized for valor in preventing a possible suicide, risking his own life in the process. He is an investigator for the Lineville Police Department.

Chassidy Plunkett Griggs, '03, Collinsville, Ala., is in her first year teaching at Centre Elementary School. She plans to return to school to earn her master's degree.

Gwen Gravitt Hill, '03, Fort Payne, Ala., has joined Compass Bank as a mortgage banking officer in the Fort Payne area.

Christopher P. Kuszniaj, '03, Jacksonville, Ala., has been commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army through JSU's ROTC program.

Jamie Watts, '03, Lineville, Ala., has joined the copy desk at The Anniston Star as an editor and page designer. She began her work at the Star as an intern last summer and was hired as a permanent employee. She was news editor of *The Chanticleer* during the 2002-03 academic

### Weddings

**CORRECTION:** Incorrect information as published about Rebecca Ann Farley's wedding announcement in the last edition of the Gem. We regret the error and apologize to her and her family. The following information is printed at

Rebecca Ann Farley, '02, to Philip William Root, 9 August 2003, at the JSU Alumni House. Mrs. Root was a member of Pi Sigma Alpha honor society. She is assistant office manager at Martin's/Wakefield's Family Clothing of Anniston. Mr. Root is a member of Sigma Nu Fraternity.

#### 1970-79:

Frances Jane Cobia, '78, and Luther Calvin Miller, Jr., 23 January 2004. She is employed as a coordinator with the Talladega County School System. They reside in Sylacauga.

#### 1980-89:

Donald Lee Pritchett, '80, and Suzanne Michelle Walker, 3 April 2004, in Huntsville. Mr. Pritchett is employed as a detective by the city of Huntsville.

#### 1990-99:

John Clinton Bradley, '93, and Carrie Annah Dooley, 20 March 2004, in Lindale, Ga. Mr. Bradley was a member of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity at JSU. He is a district manager for Liberty National Life Insurance Company. Mrs. Bradley is completing her degree at JSU. She is employed by WQSB radio as an on-air

Lori Roszell, '93, and David Diodate, 1 November 2003, in Anniston. Mrs. Diodate is employed by SAFECO Insurance Company as a claims unit manager. They reside in Decatur,

Marianne Goodbread Shrum, '93/'96, and Jeffrey Wayne Lee, 23 November 2003. She is an assistant principal for Duval County Schools in Jacksonville, Fla. She was recently promoted to assistant principal at Thomas Jefferson Elementary School in Jacksonville, Fla.

Jennifer Diane Bailey, '94, and Thomas Wayne Ridgeway, 13 December 2003, in Fyffe, Ala. She is employed by the Dekalb County Board of Education as a teacher in Henagar, Ala.

Brett William Vebber, '94, and Tracy Darlene Real, 17 May 2003, in Birmingham. Mr. Vebber was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity at JSU. He is pursuing his Master of Divinity degree and is employed as a chaplain with Children's Hospital.

C. Thomas Fite III, '96, and Ashley **Gayle Sims, '98/'01,** 7 February 2004, in Anniston. Mr. Fite was a member of the JSU baseball team. He is employed by UAB Hospitals. Mrs. Fite is employed by UAB and Baptist Hospitals.

Michael Groce, '96, and LaVonna L. Miles, '01, 20 June 2003, in Talladega, Ala. Mr. Groce is a microcomputer programmer and technician with Talladega College. Mrs. Groce is a guidance counselor at Talladega High School.

Gary Wayne Rivers, Jr. '96/'03, and Jaclyn Leigh Mitchell, 13 March 2004, in Sylacauga, Ala. He is employed by Sylacauga High School.

Daniel Mark Dean, '97, and Andrea Gaither, '02, 20 December 2003, in Jacksonville, Ala. Daniel is a state trooper, traffic homicide investigator, and traffic crash reconstructionist with the Alabama Department of Public Safety. Mrs. Dean is a former JSU cheerleader. They reside in Elmore County.

Jacy Hope Pettis, '97, and Shannon Farmer, 7 December 2003, in Las Vegas, Nev. Mrs. Farmer was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority at JSU and was a Gamecock hostess. She is regional quality manager for American Red Cross Biomedical Services in Nashville, Tenn. Mr. Farmer is a member of the recording group Ricochet.

Christopher Scott Carpenter, '98, and Veronica Leigh Brazier, 17 April 2004, in Lynchburg, Tenn. He is a software engineer with Lesco-Logistics and a former Marching Southerner.

Christopher Stuart Cook, '98 and Annee Elizabeth Bowman, 3 April 2004, in Jacksonville, Ala. Mr. Cook is employed by AEC Arris as a superintendent.

Michael Ross Peppers, '98, and Kathryn "Katie" Lynn McDonald, April 2004, in Acworth, Ga. Mr. Peppers is a survey coordinator for LandPro Design in Atlanta.

Amy N. Russell, '98, and Bradley Kastendick, date unknown. They now reside in Barling, Ariz.

Wendy Darlene Sherrell, '98, and Kevin Guy Humphrey, '99, 6 December 2003, in Gadsden, Ala. Mrs. Humphrey is employed as regional dietitian for USA Healthcare, in Cullman. Mr. Humphrey is a registered dietitian for Tennessee Valley Healthcare System in Nashville, Tenn.

Shannon Noell Coppock, '99, and Ryan Cade Horton, 1 November 2003, in Birmingham. Mrs. Horton was a member of Phi Mu sorority at JSU and a Marching Ballerina. She is employed by

Meredith Morris, '99, and Benjamin Ray Barreth, 8 November 2003, in Miami, Fla. Mrs. Morris was a Southerners. She is a music teacher and coordinator for Carrollton School of the Sacred Heart in Miami.

Julie Patterson, '99, and Erick Meeker, 24 January 2004, in Glencoe, Ala. She is employed by Wal-Mart.

Michael Anthony Ray, '99, and Shelby Leigh Elliott, 3 April 2004, in Oxford, Ala. Mr. Ray is employed by Regional Medical Center in Anniston.

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#### 2000-04:

Julie Rebecca Gilmer, '00/'03, and Johnny Wayne Whisenant II, 20 March 2004, in Lincoln, Ala. Mrs. Whisenant is employed by the Oxford City Board of Education.

Rebecca Elaine Hallman, '00, and Jim Sanford, 28 February 2004, in Cordova, Ala. Mrs. Sanford is employed with JBS Mental Health Authority in Birmingham.

Dewana Gail Motley, '00, and Joshua Matthew Smith, 3 April 2004, in LaGrange, Ga. Mrs. Smith is a broker at Hunter Bend Realty and an owner of Auto Truck Image in Carrollton,

April Michelle Warhurst, '00, and Jeffery Lynn White, 24 January 2004, in Cullman, Ala. Mrs. White was a member of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority at ISU.

Amanda Joy Chumley, '01/'03, and Edward "Ted" Gerard Buckenham III, 20 March 2004. Mrs. Buckenham is employed by Floyd County Schools in Rome, Ga.

Caleb Tobias Courtney, '01/'03, and Ashley Brooke Richards, '01/'03, 10 April 2004, in Huntsville, Ala. Mrs. Courtney is employed by the Morgan County Sheriff's Office. Mr. Courtney is employed by AKAL Security.

Nia Nicole Cox, '01/'03, and Jason Randall Stivers, 20 December 2003, in Bridgeport, Ala. She teaches at Sand Mountain.

Jennifer S. Craft, '01, and Bradford L. Taylor, 13 December 2003, in Eastaboga, Ala. Mrs. Taylor is in her third year of pharmacy school at Auburn University.

Melissa Margaret Fleming, '01, and Brian Lee Kilgore, 27 March 2004, in Oxford, Ala. Mrs. Kilgore is employed by Moody High School as a teacher and volleyball coach.

Warren Matthew Gazaway, '01, and Tracey Nicole Story, '01, 21 February 2004, in Heflin, Ala. Mrs. Gazaway is employed by Parnell Insurance Agency of Oxford. Mr. Gazaway is employed by Tyson Foods of Gadsden.

Katie Brooke Gresham, '01/'02, and Donnie Chad Holderfield, '02, 20 December 2003, in Gadsden, Ala. Mrs. Holderfield is employed by the Gadsden City School System. Mr. Holderfield is employed by the Etowah County School System.

Bradley Dale Pruett, '01/'03, and Misty Dawn Phillips, '03, 24 January 2004, at the JSU Alumni House. Mr. Pruett is employed by CED Mental Health Center.

Vicki Lynn Brimer, '02, and Christopher Daniel Gravitt, '03, 24 April 2004, in Oxford, Ala. Mrs. Gravitt is employed by the Calhoun County Board of Education at Weaver Elementary School. Mr. Gravitt is employed by Kirkland and Co. in Anniston.

Megan Leann Brandhorst, '02 and William Anthony Armstrong, Jr., 14 February 2004, in Glencoe, Ala. Mrs. Armstrong is a registered nurse at UAB Hospital in Birmingham.

Laura Ann Gilbert, '02, and Jason Mark Nicholson, 13 March 2004, in Attalla, Ala. Mrs. Nicholson is a former Marching Ballerina and employed by the Etowah County Board of Education as a teacher at Whitesboro Elementary School.

Chad Hancock, '02, and April Haynes, 14 February 2004, in Guntersville, Ala. Mr. Hancock is a software engineer with ADS Corporation in Huntsville.

Christopher James Hardin, '02, and Ashley Marie Johnson, '02, 20 March 2004, in Gatlinburg, Tenn. Mr. Hardin is employed by the Rome, Ga., City School System as a teacher. He coaches baseball at Rome High School. Mrs. Hardin is employed by the Anniston City Board of Education as a teacher.

Julie Brooke Ingram, '02/'03, and Joseph Wilson McCauley, 27 March 2004, in Glencoe, Ala. Mrs. McCauley is employed by Gadsden State Community College. Mr. McCauley attended JSU and was a Southerner. He is employed by the Calhoun County Sheriff's Department.

Amy Elizabeth Phillips, '02, and Matthew Richard Wiram, '02, 29 November 2003, in the Center Point area of Birmingham. Mrs. Wiram was a member of Delta Zeta sorority, ODK Leadership Society, Order of Omega, Rho Lambda, Phi Alpha and listed in Who's Who Among Colleges and Universities. She is employed with IBS Mental Health Authority in Birmingham. Mr. Wiram was a member of ODK and listed in Who's Who Among Colleges and Universities. He is employed by Norfolk Southern.

Heather Joy Plew, '02, and Richard Everett Brown, 28 November 2003, in Beech Grove, Ind. Mrs. Brown was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority and is employed by Beech Grove City Hall.

Matthew Thomas Remillard, '02, and Karla Danyelle Burleson, '03, 22 November 2003, on the beach at Fort Morgan. Mr. Remillard was a member of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity and is employed with Chapel Hill High School. Mrs.

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Remillard was a ISU cheerleader and member of Phi Mu sorority. She works at B. Moss in the Arbor Place Mall in Douglasville, Ga.

Melissa Karen Walker, '02, and Danny L. Duncan, 24 January 2004, in Hokes Bluff, Ala. Mrs. Duncan is employed by the Calhoun-Cleburne Mental Health Center, New Directions. Mr. Duncan attended ISU and is employed by Greater Vision Construction Co.

Genna Renae Williams, '02, and Jeremy Michael Bain, '03, 24 April 2004, in Douglas, Ala. Mrs. Bain is employed by CK Business Solutions, Mr. Bain is employed by Warren Ace Hardware.

Kurt Jacob Yancey, '02, and Deanna Marie Helms, 20 March 2004, in Birmingham. Mr. Yancey played football at JSU and is a teacher and coach at Homewood High School.

Marianna Majure Adams, '03, and Andrew Derek Laughlin, '03, 24 January 2004, in Gadsden, Ala. Mrs. Laughlin was a member of Phi Mu sorority, and Mr. Laughlin was a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity.

Alisa Lynn Ahlansberg, '03, and John Bradley James, 28 February 2004, in Anniston, Ala. Mrs. James was a member of Phi Mu sorority at JSU. She is employed in retail sales in Anniston.

Micah Wayne Bozeman, '03, and Leah Rebekah Snider, 13 March 2004. Mr. Bozeman played football at JSU and is employed by the City of Anniston.

Deidra Michelle Burton, '03, and Torry Marcelus Brown, 27 March 2004, in Anniston, Ala. Mrs. Brown is pursing her master's degree at JSU. She is employed by the Anniston City Board of Education as a teacher at Golden Springs Elementary School. Mr. Brown is pursuing his degree at JSU and is employed by Federal Mogul.

Kimberly Michelle Cosper, '03, and Rodney Jason Reaves, 6 December 2003. Mrs. Reaves is employed by East Central Family Options.

Jenny Clare Earley, '03, and David Matthew Nelson, 20 March 2004, in Hueytown, Ala. Mrs. Nelson was a member of Phi Mu sorority and was JSU's 2002 Homecoming Queen. She is employed at UAB.

Erin Nicole Green, '03, and Ryan Ellis Mulkey, 27 March 2004, in Centre, Ala. Mrs. Mulkey is employed by the Cherokee County Board of Education. Mr. Mulkey attends ISU and is employed by Briarmeade Golf Club.

Luke Andrew Griggs, '03, and Chassidy Nicole Plunkett, '03, 6 December 2003, in Gadsden, Ala. Mr. Griggs was a member of Delta Chi fraternity and is employed by Vulcraft. Mrs. Griggs is a teacher at Centre Elementary School.

Catrina Neely, '03, and Adam Graham, 10 January 2004, in Guntersville, Ala. Mrs. Graham is employed by Neely Real Estate and Appraisal.

Dustin Shane Oliver, '03, and Jessica Sara Langley, 20 March 2004, in Guntersville, Ala. Mr. Oliver is employed by JSU alumnus Randy Jones, '76, at Randy Jones Nationwide Insurance Agency

Jamie Louise Roe, '03 and Kelsy Delane Lowe, 10 January 2004, in Cropwell, Ala. Mrs. Lowe is a registered nurse in the cardiac unit at Medical Center East in Birmingham.

#### **Births**

#### 1980-89:

**Dr. Mark E. Pevey, '86,** and wife Nancy of Tucker, Ga., announce the birth of their daughter, Willa Grace, on 7 April 2003. She is their first child. Dr. Pevey is director of P-16 data management for the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia. He is a former Southerner.

Patti Hipp Blackstone, '89/'91, and husband Bill announce the birth of twins, William David, Jr., and Amelia Nicole, on 13 March 2003. Mrs. Blackstone has taken a leave of absence from her position as a counselor with Madison County Schools. They live in Huntsville.

#### 1990-99:

**Diane Voigt Watkins, '94,** and husband John announce the birth of their second daughter, Kendal Michele, on 10 September 2003. Kendal has a sister, Katie, who is four. Mrs. Watkins was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority. Mrs. Watkins is a former preschool teacher.

April Killingsworth Jackson, '95, and husband Patrick Shane Jackson, '96, announce the birth of their second child, Lynlee Brooke, on 9 September 2003. They also have a son, Will. Mrs. Jackson was a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority and is an admissions counselor at JSU. Mr. Jackson is a sales executive for J. B. Scott Publishing. They reside in Anniston.

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Alexia Daniels Claborn, '96, and Stephen

Claborn, '97, of Decatur, Ala., announce the birth
of their son, Hunter Wasson, on 14 October 2003.

They also have a three-year-old son, Stephen ("Beau"),
Jr. Mrs. Claborn was a member of Alpha Omicron Pi
Sorority. Mr. Claborn is sales manager for Cornerstone
Detention Products.

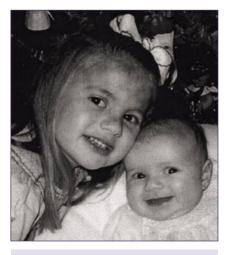
Matthew Crandon, '96 and wife Landie Michelle Rice Crandon, a former Marching Ballerina and member of Phi Mu Sorority, announce the birth of their son, Andrew Thomas, on 29 October 2003. Mr. Crandon was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity and served in the Student Government Association at JSU. He is a marketing and sales representative for Boeing. They reside in Wichita, Kans. Landie is a registered nurse at Wichita Clinic.

Bethany Renee Reeves Willingham, '97, and husband Mike, of Anniston, Ala., announce the birth of their son, Blake Pearce, on 12 August 2003. Mrs. Willingham recently completed a term as president of the Association of Alabama Cemeteries and now serves on the group's board of directors. She is employed by Anniston Memorial Gardens and Funeral Home in Anniston.

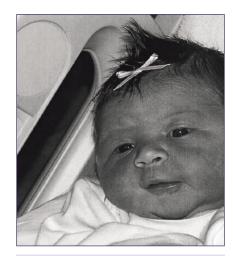
#### 2000-04:

Gena Inglis Nix, '00, and husband Jonathan Lee Nix, '00, of Gadsden, Ala., announce the birth of their daughter, Taylor Brooke, on 9 March 2004. Mrs. Nix is a former drum major with the Southerners. Taylor's grandfather, Gene Inglis, '73, also a former Southerner and a former band director in Rome, Ga., is band director at Saks High School in Anniston. He serves on the ISU Alumni Board of Governors.

Abigail "Abby" Symonds Knight, '02, and husband Aaron of Eufaula, Ala., announce the birth of a son, Evan Gabriel Knight, on 9 September 2003. They have another son, Bailey, and a daughter, Lillian.



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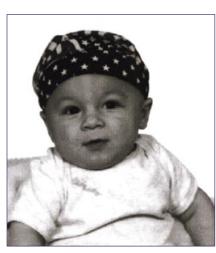
Jackson



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### **In Memoriam**

(Information derived from newspaper obituaries unless otherwise stated.)

**CORRECTION:** In the last edition, *The* Gem incorrectly stated that Deborah Elaine Austin, '74, was deceased. It is that Austin's mother, Myra Emmett Austin, '73/'76, who is deceased. She was a retired teacher with the City of Jacksonville. We apologize for the error.

#### **Attended JSU or Graduation Date Unknown:**

Martha Dubose Howell, 24 December 2003, Jacksonville, Ala. She taught at JSU for 15 years and at Athens College for six years. In 1957, she became the first woman to receive a doctorate in education from the University of Alabama, according to reports. She conducted post-doctoral studies in England. She was 87.

Curt Silman Ramsey, Sr., Anniston, Ala., 13 January 2004. He was a retired command sergeant major and a life member of the Alumni Association.

#### 1930-39:

LeRoy Brown, '35, 1 December 2003, Dallas, Tex. Mr. Brown began his teaching career in Cleburne County, Ala., and was twice elected superintendent of Cleburne County Schools before volunteering to serve in the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1942. From 1956 to 1964 he served as superintendent of Anniston City Schools. He served as a visiting professor at JSU, where he received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree. In 1965 Mr. Brown was chosen JSU's Alumnus of the Year. A street on campus was named in his honor.

Kathleen Franklin, '35, 16 November 2003, Birmingham. According to reports, she was one of the first female school bus drivers in Alabama. She taught at Oak Grove in Jefferson County, had been employed by the DuPont Corporation, the Welfare Department in Minnesota, and was retired from the Bessemer, Ala., School System. She was 92.

Grace Truman Hamric, '36/'38, 12 January 2004, Jacksonville, Ala.

Lois Inez McIntyre, '36, 26 November 2003, Heflin, Ala. She was 87. She was retired from the Cleburne County Board of Education, where she had taught for 43 years. The Alumni Office was notified of her death by her niece.

Chalmus Weathers, '36, December 2003, Boaz, Ala. He was 89. He retired in 2000 as executive director of the Boaz Chamber of Commerce, where he had served for 20 years. He took the position after retiring from retail business. Mr. Weathers was a leader in industrial development and instrumental in the rise of Boaz as a retail outlet center. Mr. Weathers played basketball at Jacksonville State.

Leon A. Shelnutt, '37, 1 January 2004, Arlington, Va. He was 92. Mr. Shelnutt was a retired senior foreign service officer who served in Germany, Hungary, and Sri Lanka. Upon retirement, he worked as an educator for the Arlington County School System until May

Ila M. Spradlin, '37/'52, 7 February 2004, Woodland, Ala. She was 92. She retired from the Randolph County School System as an elementary school teacher.

#### 1940-49:

Johnnilee Crawford Harper, '47/'60, 26 January 2004, Mobile, Ala. She was a retired JSU assistant professor of business administration and a member of Alpha Xi Delta Sorority.

Curtis H. Pearson, '48, 8 May 2003, Manassas, Va. A retired educator, Mr. Pearson had taught for the Madison County, Alabama, Board of Education and served as a minister in the Church of the Nazarene. The Alumni Office was notified of his death by his son.

Dr. Burl E. Gilliland, '49/'50, 1 January 2004, Fernandina Beach, Fla., from complications of lung cancer. He was 76. While at Jacksonville State, he met and married Martha Longshore, '50. He joined the Oak Ridge, Tennessee School System in 1960, serving as guidance counselor and later as chairman of the guidance department. He joined the faculty of the University of Memphis (UM) and retired in 1997 as Distinguished Professor Emeritus. At UM he was twice elected by students and faculty as Distinguished Professor of the Year. He was instrumental in developing the Ph.D. program in Counseling Psychology at UM and co-authored graduate level textbooks in his field. In 1978, he was awarded the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Human Rights Award in recognition of his devotion to the ideals of social justice and nonviolence. He was a retired captain in the U.S. Navy and a decorated veteran of World War II and the Korean War. Dr. Gilliland was a life member of the Alumni Association. (Information provided by Harlan Mathews, '49, of Nashville, Tenn.)

Mabel H. Pickens, '49, Fort Payne, Ala. The Alumni Office was notified by the U.S. Postal Service.

#### 1950-59:

Hubert Carl Brugge '50, (date unknown), Anniston, Ala. Mr. Brugge served in the U.S. Navy in the South Pacific during World War II. He played football while at Jacksonville State and coached football at Glencoe High School. He retired from Republic Steel after 36 years of service.

Nell Reeves Carpenter, '50/'61, 29 November 2003, DeArmanville, Ala. She was retired from the Calhoun County Board of Education where she taught for 32 years.

Doris Spence Patterson, '50, (date unknown), Fort Payne, Ala. The Alumni Office was notified by the U.S. Postal Service of her death.

Frances Parkman Howard, '51/'67, 19 November 2003, Anniston, Ala. She was retired from the Calhoun County Board of Education

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Vergie Ellen Clay Newell, '51, 17 February 2004, Mobile, Ala. She was 96. She retired as a schoolteacher with 35 years of service in the City of Mobile system. She played basketball for the Jacksonville State women's basketball team.

Billy H. Rains, '51, 23 February 2004, Boaz, Ala. Early in his career as an educator, Mr. Rains taught near Guntersville. He also served as principal of Sardis High School in Etowah County, then as assistant superintendent and superintendent of the Etowah County School System. He retired in 1975.

Pauline Burnette, '53, 17 November 2003, Sylacauga, Ala. The Alumni Office was notified of her death by a family member.

Alvin H. Byers, '53, 23 January 2004, Odenville, Ala. He played baseball for Jacksonville State. The Alumni Office was notified of his death by the U.S. Postal Service.

Elbert Lonnie Overton, '53, 12 January 2004, Carrollton, Ga. He was 96. Mr. Overton was retired from the Cleburne County (Ala.) Board of Education as a teacher.

Sarah Ardell Robinson, '54/'75, (date unknown), Gadsden, Ala. The Alumni Office was notified of her death by the U.S. Postal

Beatrice Brown Tuck, '55, 12 February 2000, Gadsden, Ala. The Alumni Office was notified of her death by her son during the JSU

Mary Ella Rains Beard, '56, 23 December 2003, Albertville, Ala. She taught school for more than 40 years, nearly all of it at Asbury Junior High. She was 84. She also played piano for 30 years at her church and loved to paint.

Mary Gray Campbell, '56, January 2003, Huntsville, Ala. The Alumni Office was notified of her death by her daughter.

Truman E. Glassco, '58, (date unknown), Horton, Ala. The Alumni Office was notified of his death by the U.S. Postal Service.

William Henley "Bill" Lett, '58, 23 February 2004, Opelika, Ala. He served in the U. S. Air Force during the Korean War. He was retired from Uniroyal after serving as personnel manager and director of safety and security. Mr. Lett was a director on the Opelika Board of Parks and Recreation, a position he held for 30

Mary Frances Robison, '58, (date unknown), Fort Payne, Ala. The Alumni Office was notified of her death by the U.S. Postal Service.

#### 1960-69:

Ralph Lamar Green, '60, 15 December 2003, Jacksonville, Ala. A World War II veteran and Bronze Star recipient, Mr. Green was a chemist retired from Union Foundry. He was an avid JSU sports fan.

Louise Goodwyn Parris, '61, 2 February 2004, Anniston, Ala. She taught at the St. Michael's and All Angels Church Day School and for 11 years worked in the Anniston City School System. She was executive director of

Children's Services for 27 years and was recipient of the Outstanding Distinguished Professional Award given by Women Committed To Excellence.

Sue Powers, '63/'71, 27 January 2004, Springville, Ala. She taught at Springville High School and was retired from the St. Clair County Board of Education. She continued to serve as a substitute teacher for the Clay County Board of Education.

Saraharte W. Byers, '64, 5 December 2003, Odenville, Ala. The Alumni Office was notified of her death by a family member.

Lois Dell King Graham, '65, 3 April 2004, Centre, Ala. She was 80. She was a retired educator.

Claire Emilie Bachofer, '66, 15 March 2004, Birmingham, of pancreatic cancer. She worked at Southern Company Services for 25 years, becoming a supervising systems analyst. A former ballroom dance teacher at Fred Astaire Studios, she and her husband were members of the Cosmics Dance Club.

Thaddeus Jones Davis III, '66, 23 October 2003, Marion, Ala. Commissioned in the JSU ROTC program, he served two tours in Vietnam and one in Honduras, receiving numerous medals and commendations including the Purple Heart. He retired with the rank of major in 1986. He was a cattle farmer.

Douglas Michael Buck, '67, 13 February 2004, Scottsboro, Ala. He was 67.

Sandra G. Wood White, '68, 19 January 2004, Honolulu, Hawaii. She was 59. In her position as morale, welfare and recreation (MWR) chief for the U.S. Army Installation Management Agency, Pacific Region, she provided care for soldiers and their families by ensuring that the department met all mission support requirements. She had served as MWR Chief for US IMA-Europe at Campbell Barracks, Heidelberg, Germany. She had a 20-year MWR career and received numerous awards for civilian service.

Jerry Randall Wycoff, '69, 4 March 2004, Concord, N.C. Mr. Wycoff was a university professor and chairman of the Faculty Association at Rowan Cabarrus Community College in Salisbury, N.C. He served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps.

#### 1970-79:

Stephanie Ruth Carter Patty, '70, 3 October 2003, Huntsville, Ala. She was a former teacher with the Huntsville City School System and Columbia College. She worked for Nichols Research Corporation from 1986 to 2000, serving as division vice president and operations director. In 2002, she returned to education as a professor with Defense Acquisition University, where she was employed until her death.

Jimmy Revis, '71, (date unknown), Cordova, Ala. The Alumni Office was notified by the U.S. Postal Service of his death.

Sarah Hill Anderson, '72, 14 November 2003, Gadsden, Ala. She had been a substitute

teacher and was an Avon representative for 29 years. She was also a Scout Leader for Troop 58 and a member of the Eastern Star.

James S. Rogers, '72, 30 November 2003, Birmingham. Mr. Rogers was a retired special agent with the U.S. Customs Office. At JSU he served as a member of the cheerleading squad and was a member of Alpha Tau Omega frater-

Jimmie Dan Beck Lowman, '75, 7 February 2004, Sand Rock, Ala. She was 53. She was retired as a teacher at Sand Rock Elementary School.

Patricia Cox Blair, '73/'76, 29 December 2003, Jacksonville, Ala. She taught in the Oxford and Jacksonville city school systems and had been a teacher at Kitty Stone Elementary at the time of her death.

Gladys M. Hand Bailey, '76, 26 October 2003, Glencoe, Ala. She was 80. She taught at Eleventh Street Elementary and Disque in Gadsden before moving to Birmingham and teaching for many years. She retired after 34 years in education. She loved art and oil paint-

Jackey Lee Boatwright, '77, 10 December 2003, Gadsden, Ala. He was 52. Mr. Boatwright taught in the St. Clair County School System for several years and served as a police officer and deputy sheriff in St. Clair County.

Louise Cowgill Robinson, '77, 26 March 2004, Birmingham, Ala. She was 87. She was a librarian for the City of Birmingham for many years and a life member of the Alumni Associa-

Cynthia Dianne Shaw, '78, 9 January 2004, Pace, Fla. She had been a JSU cheerleader and Kappa Sigma little sister. She worked in the telecommunications industry for 20 years, receiving many national awards and recognition for her outstanding achievements.

Louis C. Dickie, Jr., '79, 24 October 2003, Anniston, Ala. He was 53. Mr. Dickie was employed at Anniston Army Depot more than 30 years, including eight years with the federal government in Germany. He was a production management specialist at the Depot.

Antone "Tony" Peeples, '79, 20 November 2003, Hobson City, Ala. He was 57.

#### 1980-89:

Donna Ruth Kirby, '83, 8 November 2003, Birmingham. She was 42. She was a counselor for Goodwill Industries. Before joining Goodwill, she was a counselor at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. A former Marching Southerner, she loved to write poetry and enjoyed art.

Connie M. Dugan, '85, 21 June 2003, Hiram, Ga., of cancer. The Alumni Office was informed of her death by a family member.

Kelly Carol Williams '86, 29 March 2004, Albertville, Ala., of cancer. She had been a lab assistant and phlebotomist, taking care of cancer patients at Marshall South Hospital and the Cancer Care Center. She was the first

employee to receive the Above and Beyond Award for going the extra mile for her patients. She was named Lab Employee of the Month for November 2003. She studied Shakespeare in England at Stratford-Upon-Avon with the Royal Shakespeare Company. She loved all types of music and books and professional wrestling. She served for many years on JSU's Alumni Board of Governors.

Danon Lynn Bradford Noland, '89, 10 October 2003, Douglasville, Ga. She died after an extended illness resulting from a brain tumor. The Alumni Office was notified of her death by her husband.

#### 1990-99:

Susan Elizabeth Brock Cook, '90, 8 January 2004, Birmingham. She was 34. She had been a member of Alpha Xi Delta Sorority.

Rebecca Jones Nunnelly, '91/'00, 4 December 2003, Ohatchee, Ala.

Rocket Paul Furlow, '93, (date unknown), Huntsville, Ala. News of his death was provided during the recent JSU Phonathon.

Reginald "Reggie" B. Mencer, 5 April 2004, Jacksonville, Ala., of cancer. He was 40. Reggie was assistant principal at Duran Junior High in Pell City. An active JSU supporter and fan, he could always be seen with his children surrounding him. An education trust fund has been established at SouthTrust Bank for his children. The fund was created to aid his wife, Lori, a JSU employee, with educational expenses for their four children. The fund can be used only for educational expenses. Anyone who would like to make a contribution should visit any branch of SouthTrust Bank and make donation payable to the Mencer Childrens

Becky Karen Hodge Murray, '95, 14 March 2004, Ohatchee, Ala. She was employed by the Calhoun County Board of Education as a math teacher at White Plains High School. She also taught at Gadsden State Community College and taught homebound children throughout the county.

Yvonne Cathy Rice, '95, 18 June 2003, Cedartown, Ga. Notification of her death was provided by her sister during the 2003 JSU Phonathon.

#### 2000-04:

Charles Mead "Chip" Walberg, '01/'03, 20 December 2003, Oxford, Ala. Mr. Walberg served in the Marines from 1970 to 1973 and then entered the U.S. Army in 1974 and retired in 1992. He experienced numerous assignments in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and served during the Vietnam War. He was a former employee of ECG Environmental Control Group.

### Miriam Jackson Higginbotham remembered as 'gracious, talented'

Miriam C. Higginbotham, Jacksonville State University's first female dean, died at her home in Jacksonville after a long illness. She served as dean of women from 1965 until her retirement in 1989.

"She was very capable and conscientious," said former JSU President Theron Montgomery. "She had three girls of her own and was aware of the problems young people had."

Dr. Montgomery said Mrs. Higginbotham was popular with all students, male and female, as she encouraged them to finish their education. Her job as dean of women was to set rules for the behavior of female students in the dormitories and sororities. She also counseled the students when they had problems.

Services were held at Parker Memorial Baptist Church and graveside services were held at Hillcrest Cemetary in Boaz. Mrs. Higginbotham was active in her community and church throughout her life. She was born in Ashland

in 1927 and moved to Talladega as a child. She attended Howard College, now Samford University, in Birmingham, then pursued her master's degree in counseling at JSU.

She married a minister, J. B. Jackson, Jr., in 1949 and took an active church role as his wife. They served in churches in Kentucky, Colorado, and Alabama until he died in 1957.

Mrs. Higginbotham then worked as a classroom teacher in Boaz and was nominated for state Teacher of the Year. She was Boaz High School's first guidance counselor. In 1965, she accepted the position of dean of women at JSU.

She married Anniston businessman Ralph Higginbotham in 1974 and continued her work at JSU. She embraced a life of service to her church, Parker Memorial Baptist Church, where she taught Sunday School, sang with the choir and served on various committees. She and her husband co-authored a book of church history about Parker.

She also worked in many community activities, including the American Cancer Society, Hospice, the Salvation Army Shelter for Battered Women, Baptist Campus Ministries, the Exchange Club of Jacksonville, the Gamecock Club, and the JSU Alumni Association, where she was a lifetime member.

"Mrs. Higginbotham certainly was a gracious lady and talented, and one who made a difference," said Phillip A. Sanguinetti, publisher of The Jacksonville News and president of Consolidated Publishing Co. "She worked to promote the progress of Jacksonville and this entire area."

Memorials may be made to the building program at Parker Memorial Baptist Church, P.O. Box 2104, Anniston, AL 36202, or to the Miriam Higginbotham Scholarship Fund at Samford University or at JSU.

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