

Passport to Success



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Dr. Cynthia Harper, Dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies

Welcome to the College of Education and Professional Studies' 2006 Passport to Success. The Passport provides an opportunity for readers to recognize the many worthy accomplishments achieved by faculty, staff, and students.

One of the most important professional activities in the College of Education and Professional Studies is seeking national accreditation for educational programs. The various units housed within the College have been most successful in their pursuit of national recognition by accrediting agencies. Our emphasis on continuous improvement, assessment, data collection, and documentation of student and faculty performance has impacted our success toward national accreditation. Last year the Education Unit experienced one of its most successful reaccreditation visits by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). This marks over 50 years of successful accreditation for Teacher Education programs at Jacksonville State University. This past spring the Department of Technology and Engineering was reviewed by a team of professionals from the National Association of Industrial Technology (NAIT). Official notification was received in November 2006 that the programs were reaccredited through 2012.

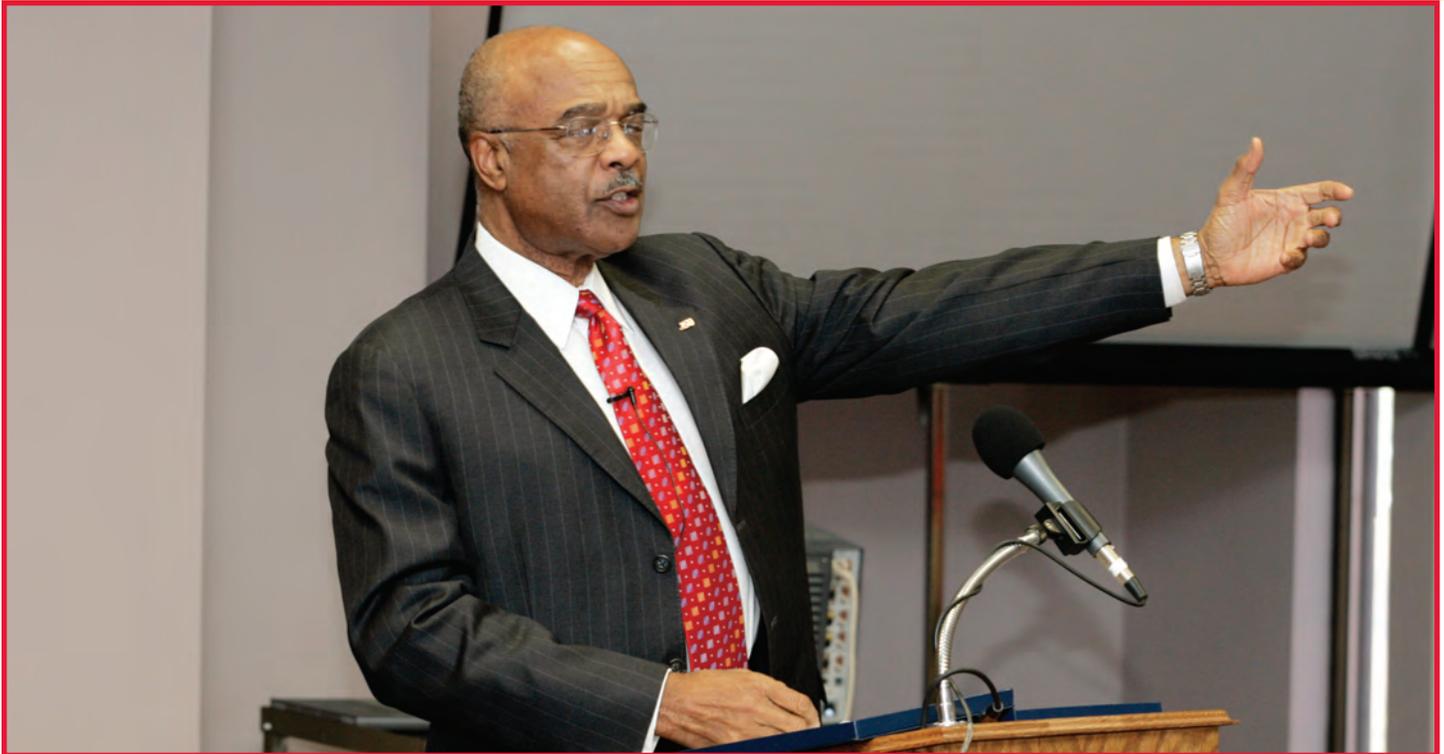
The Communication Department is awaiting notification from the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications (ACEJMC) for its initial accreditation review scheduled for either fall 2007 or spring 2008. Departmental faculty are currently preparing the self-study and putting final touches on their assessment plans. Additional academic units seeking national accreditation and preparing for future reviews include Counselor Education by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) and the Child Development Center at McClellan by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). The Dietetics program in Family and Consumer Sciences was recently awarded continued accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation of Dietetics Education (CADE).

The College continues its efforts to assist students in their acquisition of the tools necessary to achieve maximum potential in selected fields of study. Themes woven throughout the various program offerings include diversity, intellectual vitality, professional community, and technology. Departments in the College include: JSU's Child Development Center at McClellan; Communication; Curriculum and Instruction; Educational Resources; Family and Consumer Sciences; Health, Physical Education and Recreation; Instructional Services; Secondary Education; Teacher Service Center; Technology and Engineering; and Television Services.

Plans are underway through the JSU Capital Campaign to expand the current facilities available for the Education Unit which includes a 7.5 million dollar building fund to support the renovation of Ramona Wood Hall and construction of a new education wing. This planned annex will provide needed resources as the College increases the number of students served. In addition to the contributions made to the Capital Campaign, we continue to receive substantial scholarship contributions making it possible for JSU to provide postsecondary educational opportunities for candidates enrolled in one of the education programs.

We sincerely hope that you enjoy reading the 2006 Passport to Success. While reading you will find that faculty interests are quite varied, but that their common goal is to make a difference in their fields of educational specialization. For additional information, visit our campus or tour our website at <http://ceps.jsu.edu>.





National Education Leader speaks at JSU

Rod Paige, Ed.D., former secretary of the United States Department of Education, spoke at Jacksonville State University on January 26, 2006. During his tenure at the United States Department of Education from 2001 to 2005, Dr. Paige was a champion of education reform who led the way in setting new standards of achievement for all students in the nation's public schools. Dr. Paige spearheaded the implementation of the historic No Child Left Behind Act, with its goal of reinvigorating America's education system. Dr. Paige has devoted his life to transforming the state of education by improving the way that children learn on all levels.

Dr. Paige was appointed by President George W. Bush as the seventh U.S. Secretary of Education, and the first school superintendent to serve in this position. This appointment was a honor for Dr. Paige, the son of a principal and a librarian in the public school system. Dr. Paige was born in 1933 in segregated Monticello, Mississippi, and earned a Bachelor's degree from Jackson State University in Jackson, Mississippi. He then earned both a master's and a doctoral degree from Indiana University. Dr. Paige began his career as a teacher and coach. He served for a decade as Dean of the College of Education at Texas Southern University. He also established the University's Center for Excellence in Urban Education, a research facility that concentrates on issues related to instruction and management in urban school systems.

Dr. Paige spoke to a crowd of over one hundred. His story is inspirational. His parents fostered in him the desire to be an educational leader, and his life's experiences provided the opportunity to create new standards in the American education system. Faculty, staff, and students heard his reflections on his years in education and his goal to inspire others. Most of his stories revolved around his years as a coach. He made three points:

- It does not have to be a level playing field.
- Hard work makes a big difference.
- In every assignment, do the best you can do.

He also spoke about his experiences in Washington, D.C., and the work that was involved in the creation of the No Child Left Behind legislation. His skills as a diplomat were evident as he responded to questions from the audience.

"Know what you feel, believe in what you experienced," said Dr. Paige. "This world—my world—the future world—comes back to educators, who work with students to help the child find a successful way in life."

Dr. Paige has been honored as an outstanding educator by the Council of the Great City Schools (2000) and the National Association of Black School Educators (2001). He was also named the National Superintendent of the Year by the American Association of School Administrators in 2001.





Alabama Educational Leader Works at JSU

Dr. Michael E. “Mike” Malone, a former university president who served as Executive Director of the Alabama Commission on Higher Education (ACHE) for the past four years, joined Jacksonville State University’s College of Education and Professional Studies on July 1.

Dr. Malone, Executive Director of ACHE from July 2002 through July 2006, serves as Visiting Professor and Administrator in Residence. He is teaching and providing consultation for the Department of Educational Resources in the area of Educational Administration and Leadership.

Under his leadership at ACHE, the state’s unified budget recommendation was passed with the support of a unified and united higher education community. His leadership gained national attention for the state through his appointment to the American College Board of Directors. As Head of ACHE, Dr. Malone represented higher education as Chair of the Alabama Humanities Foundation Board, a trustee on the Prepaid Affordable College Tuition Board, and as a member of the State Articulation and General Studies Committee.

Dr. Malone earned a Ph.D. from the University of Alabama in 1976 in the behavioral studies area (student personnel services in higher education). He also holds two master’s degrees: the M.A.Ed. in guidance/counseling, which he earned in 1972 at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, and the M.A. in humanities from Old Dominion University in 1991. He earned the B.A. cum laude in history at the University of Montevallo in 1969. He also attended the Birmingham School of Law from 1970-71.

He was President of Troy State University at Dothan and Vice Chancellor of the Troy State University System, as well as Professor of Educational Leadership in Dothan from 1996-2002. From 1989-1996, Dr. Malone was the Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Assistant Professor of History and Assistant Professor of Educational Leadership at Western Carolina University. He was Director of Admissions and Assistant Professor of Educational Leadership at Old Dominion University from 1981-1989. He served as the Assistant Dean of Admission Services, Adjunct Professor of Behavioral Studies, and lecturer in the College of Commerce and Business Administration at the University of Alabama from 1974-1981. Dr. Malone was the Assistant Director of Student Services at Jefferson State Junior College from 1972-1974, and he served as a youthful offender counselor in Birmingham from 1971-1972. From 1969-1971, Dr. Malone was an English and social studies teacher/coach at Ragland High School.

Dr. Malone has been involved in many prominent professional activities. He served as the Chair of the Academic Assembly of the Southern Regional College Board in 2001. He served as consultant for The College Board’s enrollment planning service from 1986-1990 and consultant for the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education in 1990. Dr. Malone served as the president of the Southern Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers in 1989, president of the Virginia Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers in 1987, and President of the Alabama Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers in 1980.

Other professional and academic endeavors that Dr. Malone has been a part of include serving as the cochair of the Alabama Task Force to improve Teacher/School Leadership Preparation from 2003-04. He served on the Governor’s Congress on School Leadership in 2004 and the Governor’s Commission on Teacher Quality in 2005. He was a part of the Alabama Higher Education Partnership Board of Directors from 1999-2001.





T. Jeff Chandler Named Department Head of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation

T Jeff Chandler, Ed.D., CSCS*D, NSCA-CPT*D, FACSM is the new Head of the Department of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation in the College of Education and Professional Studies. Dr. Chandler replaces Dr. John Hammett, who was named Associate Dean of the CE&PS in 2004.

Dr. Chandler received the first doctorate awarded from Auburn University in the field of Exercise Physiology in 1986. He spent 12 years at the Lexington Clinic Sports Medicine Center in Lexington, Kentucky, as the Director of Sports Medicine Research and Education. Dr. Chandler comes to JSU after spending six and one half years at Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia. He served as Chair of the Division of Exercise Science, Sport and

Recreation for the past three and a half years.

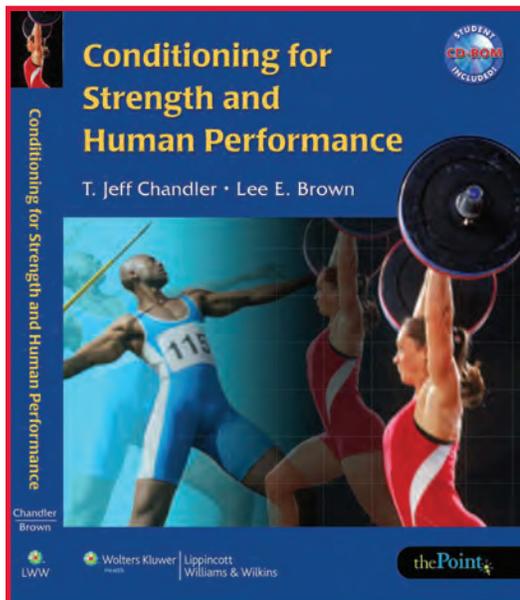
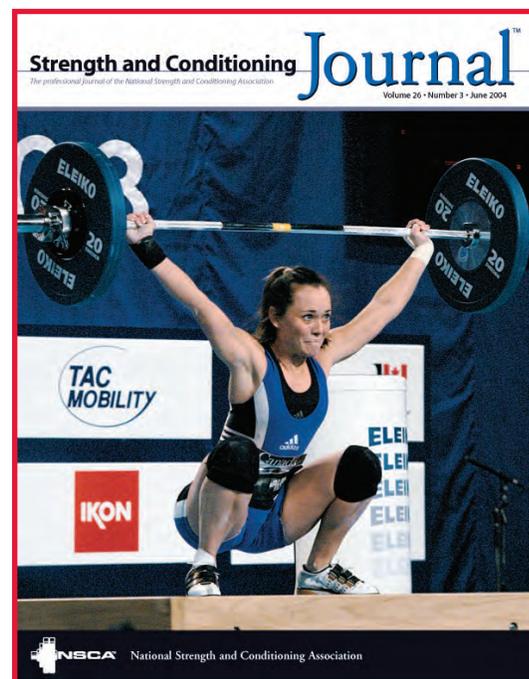
Dr. Chandler is certified with distinction as a Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist (CSCS*D) and certified with distinction as a Certified Personal Trainer (NSCA-CPT*D). He is also a Fellow in the American College of Sports Medicine.

For the past 9 years, Dr. Chandler has served as Editor-in-Chief of Strength and Conditioning Journal, the professional journal of the National Strength and Conditioning Association. The journal is published bimonthly and distributed internationally with a circulation of over 28,000 per issue.

Dr. Chandler is currently editing a textbook in the field of strength and conditioning with Dr. Lee Brown, University of California, Fullerton, titled Conditioning for Strength and Human Performance, which will be published by Lippincott, Williams, and Wilkins in 2007. The textbook is designed to be

used in Junior/Senior level coursework to prepare students for certification as strength and conditioning coaches and personal trainers.

Although Dr. Chandler and his family have spent the last 20 years in Kentucky and West Virginia, the move to Jacksonville is a move back home. Dr. Chandler was born and raised in Bremen, Georgia, graduating from Bremen High School in 1971. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Recreation Administration from Auburn University in 1977 and his master's degree from Georgia State University in 1981. While working on his master's and doctoral degrees, Dr. Chandler spent 10 years teaching Health/Physical Education and coaching in the Bremen City School System. Dr. Chandler resides in Jacksonville with his wife, Pam. They have two children, Britt Chandler of Lexington, Kentucky, and Kate Chandler of Mobile, Alabama.





Debra Goodwin Named Department Head of Family and Consumer and Sciences

Dr. Debra Goodwin, Assistant Professor of Nutrition in Jacksonville State University's Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, has been named Department Head. Dr. Goodwin received her B.S. in Administrative Dietetics from JSU and her M.A. in Allied Health Education and Ph. D. in Health Education and Health Promotion from the University of Alabama. Dr. Goodwin is the Director of the Didactic Program in Dietetics, an accredited program of the American Dietetic Association. Dr. Goodwin is a member of several professional organizations, including the American Dietetic Association, the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences and the National Association for the Study of Obesity. Dr. Goodwin's teaching areas include clinical nutrition, life cycle nutrition, advanced nutrition and food preparation. Research interests of Dr. Goodwin include women's health, adolescent nutrition, and the development of healthy recipes.



Growing up on a farm in Albertville, Dr. Goodwin became enamored by the idea of one day attending JSU. She said reading her rural town's local paper, *The Sand Mountain Reporter*, which always printed articles and photos about JSU students, sparked her interest in the university. After completing two years at Snead State Junior College, she transferred to JSU. Although she was leaning toward the field of home economics as a major, Dr. Goodwin became hooked on dietetics after hearing Dr. Elizabeth Sowell, a former JSU nutrition professor, speak passionately about the subject. Dr. Sowell also helped her new student get a part-time job at Regional Medical Center in Anniston while she completed the program at JSU.

Dr. Goodwin credits much of her learning and love of teaching to Dr. Virginia Yocum, whose shoes she now fills as Department Head, "I came back to teach at JSU because of my love for the university, my love of its people, and my love of my subject area. My life is intertwined with JSU. I dreamed about coming to JSU as a small girl and then was fortunate to be able to attend and graduate from JSU, and now I am in a leadership role at my Alma mater. Dreams really do come true."

Patty Hobbs Named Director of the Child Development Center at McClellan

Patty Hobbs has been named Director of the Child Development Center at McClellan. Ms. Hobbs received a B.S. in Education in 1976 and M.S. in Education in 1978, both from JSU. She taught fifth grade at Weaver Elementary School before moving to Washington, D.C. in 1980. Her first job there was as staff assistant to then Congressman Dick Cheney. Ms. Hobbs moved on to work in campaigns during the election cycle of 1982 and joined the White House staff during the first term of President Ronald Reagan. She joined Education Secretary William J. Bennett at the U.S. Department of Education in 1985 where she held a number of positions for the next 21 years, culminating in the position of Director of Internal Communications. Ms. Hobbs is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hobbs of Jacksonville.





Dr. Roland Thornburg Receives the Earlon and Betty McWhorter Outstanding Teacher Award

Dr. Roland Thornburg of the Department of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation recently received the 2006 Earlon & Betty McWhorter Outstanding Teacher Award at Jacksonville State University.

“It is the greatest award I have ever received since I have been in education. It was a special honor to be chosen as teacher of the year at my alma mater and by my peers. I love the students and faculty I work with. There is no other place I would rather be. As a matter of fact, after I earned my doctorate in the early 80’s, my goal was to come back to JSU where my mother and father taught for over 30 years. I grew up on the campus of JSU and spent so much time in Ramona Wood Hall. It was almost inevitable that I made a career of education.”

The Earlon & Betty McWhorter Outstanding Teacher Award recognizes the accomplishments of the outstanding teacher of the year at Jacksonville State University.

Dr. Thornburg is currently a Professor in the College of Education and Professional Studies at JSU in the Department of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation, “I am proud to be a part of the terrific College of Education and Professional Studies faculty at JSU. We have accomplished so many things in the area of education in recent years, and I believe we have the best teacher education program in the Southeast. I truly have a passion for working with our students who are eager to make a difference in public education and I enjoy working collaboratively with other faculty members across campus to better our programs.”

Dr. Thornburg is married to Lori, who also teaches in the HPER department, and they have two children; Brett, who is 9 years old and attends Kitty Stone Elementary, and Brooke, age 3, who attends JSU’s Child Development Center on campus.



Barbara Curry, Successful FCS Student and a Diversity First at JSU



Mrs. Barbara Curry of Anniston said she enrolled as Jacksonville State College’s first black American student when she (then Barbara Minkeson) registered for classes as an education major in home economics in the fall of 1965. As a graduate, she was an asset to JSU’s Family and Consumer Science Department.

Mrs. Linda Chandler, retired FCS instructor, recalls her as being a great asset to the Department. “I recall her always welcoming an opportunity to go to JSU and speak to classes. Mrs. Curry was always approachable, and her presentations were enjoyable. Students thought of her as one of their own. She did not keep to herself, but always found ways to give back to the Department. I personally never thought of her as JSU’s first black student. I saw her as a very nice person.”

Mrs. Curry graduated from JSU in 1969, earning a Bachelor of Science in Education with a concentration in vocational home economics. On the Monday morning following graduation, Mrs. Curry went to work for Alabama Power as a home economist. Mrs. Curry usually presented at JSU as a representative of Alabama Power Company. She spoke on topics such as wiring codes, proper lighting, and heating and cooling issues. Mrs. Curry retired from Alabama Power after 32 years and five months of service.





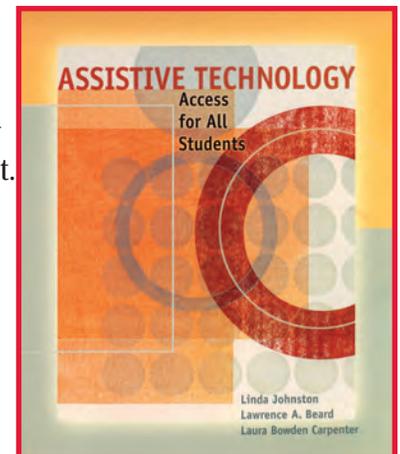
Dr. Larry Beard Coauthors *Assistive Technology: Access for All*

Dr. Lawrence A. Beard, Associate Professor in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, recently coauthored with Linda Johnston, University of Tennessee-Chattanooga, and Laura Bowden Carpenter, Auburn University, Montgomery, a textbook entitled *Assistive Technology: Access for All*.

Assistive technology is any piece of equipment or service that can help a student with exceptionalities interact with their educational environment as well as their working and living environments.

Assistive Technology: Access for All was developed because of a lack of information available on this important subject in the life of some students. This book is organized around the theme of universal design and discusses how assistive technology can help educators meet the needs of individuals with disabilities. Chapter titles indicate that the book covers these areas in assistive technology: the young child, high incidence disabilities, positioning and mobility, communication, sensory impairments, and transition into the adult world. Ethical standards of practice and multiculturalism are considered throughout. The book addresses student interactions in a variety of settings and discusses how assistive technology can be used not only in the school, but also in the home, community, workplace and independent living environment. The book is available through Prentice Hall Publishing Company and such book outlets as Barnes and Noble.

Dr. Beard is a 1973 graduate of Athens High School and has a rich background working with students with exceptionalities, including work experience at the Lurleen B. Wallace Developmental Center in Decatur and the Shrine School for Exceptional Children in Jasper, Alabama. His administrative experience includes work with the Florida State Department of Education, and being the program chair for the Program in Mental Retardation Education at Tuskegee University. Dr. Beard has also had higher education experience at Georgia Southern University.



Dr. Aquilla Mims Implements a “Medical, Legal, and Ethical Seminar”

Dr. Aquilla A. Mims developed and implemented a “Medical, Legal, and Ethical Seminar” at Jacksonville State University Library. The presenters at the seminar included Dr. John H. Grant, surgeon at the University of Alabama School Of Medicine and Children’s Hospital; Colleen Carr, Attorney at Law, Birmingham, Alabama; and Dr. Mims.

In addition, Dr. Mims presented with two of her students, Leigh Merrill and Jessica Lee, at the Council for Exceptional Children and Youth Convention in Birmingham. Leigh Merrill made two poster presentations that coordinated with the large session presentation. The poster sessions covered the main points of knowing certain side effects of medications for epilepsy, diabetes, ADD/ADHD, and other disorders. They also touched on the importance of health and safety in the classroom to avoid spreading germs, using and properly disposing of both sterile and non-sterile latex gloves, and other medical issues in the classroom.



Dr. John H. Grant and Dr. Aquilla Mims





Dr. Willie Hey, Author

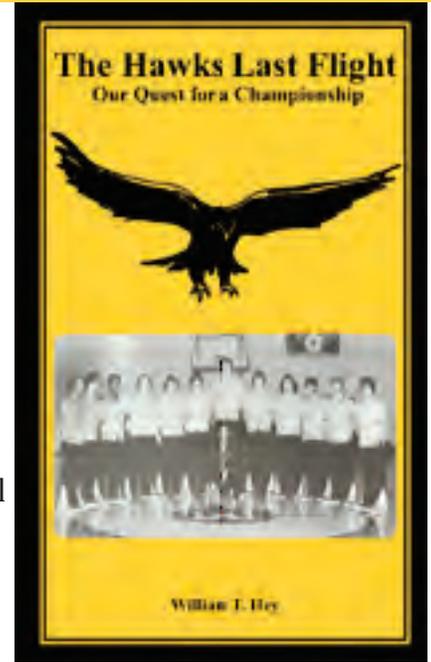
Dr. Willie Hey, a Professor in the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation at JSU, has written a book titled *The Hawks Last Flight: Our Quest for a Championship*. The book is a true story that chronicles the last basketball team that made the state playoffs from Marthaville High School in Marthaville, Louisiana, the high school from which Dr. Hey graduated in 1978.

Dr. Hey, who was raised in Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, was a four-year letterman, three time all-district, three time all-Natchitoches Parish, and one time all-state basketball player at Marthaville High School. Dr. Hey and his classmates began playing basketball together in the fifth grade and continued until their senior year of high school in 1978, during which they accomplished their goal of participating in the state playoffs.

Dr. Hey said, "I believe *The Hawks Last Flight* can best be described as part autobiographical and part human interest story with an inspirational story line and a dash of humor added for good measure. The events mentioned reflect my teenage trials and tribulations, my personal internal struggles and challenges as a young adolescent, and my experiences and development as a high school basketball player. Part of my intent was to show how a few basketball players made a difference not just in themselves and a small country school but made a difference also in an entire community. The book is a journey about self-discovery, self-realization, winning and losing, the highs and lows of life and athletics, but most importantly about how dreams can come true for all those who dedicate themselves and work hard to achieve their goals in athletics and in life.

All the players on the 1978 team had that kind of attitude because we refused to accept losing, we refused to quit, and we epitomized the definition of a team. The book also contains a small portion of Louisiana basketball history and I believe *The Hawks Last Flight* may be viewed by some as a coming of age story."

Dr. Hey believes the book will also be of interest to past, current, and future small school basketball players and coaches in Louisiana and elsewhere who are looking for inspiration for themselves and their team by identifying with the behind-the-scenes struggles of one player and one determined team as they strive to reach their goals. In any event, Dr. Hey's hope is whoever reads *The Hawks Last Flight: Our Quest for a Championship* enjoys the true story of the "The Team." Dr. Hey's book can be purchased online at www.airleaf.com and selected book stores.



Dr. Willie Hey is pictured with AAHE Past President Dr. Randy Cottrell from the University of Cincinnati.

Dr. Willie Hey, the AAHE 2006 Health Education Professional of the Year

Dr. Willie Hey was recently recognized as the 2006 Health Education Professional of the Year for Colleges/Universities by the American Association of Health Education (AAHE). Dr. Hey received the award at the AAHE Award Luncheon during the AAHPERD National Conference in Salt Lake City.

This national award is presented annually to recognize an individual who has made substantial contributions as a practitioner to the professional practice of Health Education at the College/University level.

Dr. Hey also received the 2005 Alabama State AHPERD Honor Award, which is the highest recognition awarded to members and recognizes outstanding contributions made to ASAHPERD and the fields of HPERD.





Tenure and Promotions

Dr. Cynthia Harper, Dean, would like to recognize faculty who received tenure and/or promotion in 2006. The faculty who received tenure are Dr. Jay Ketterer, Dr. Charles Notar, and Dr. Nouredine Bekhouche. Faculty promoted to Associate Professor are Dr. Jay Ketterer, Dr. Charles Notar, Dr. Nouredine Bekhouche, and Dr. William Griffin. Faculty promoted to Full Professor are Dr. Judy McCrary, Dr. Carol Uline and Dr. Roland Thornburg.

New Computer Laboratory Meets Faculty Request

The College of Education and Professional Studies opened a new computer laboratory in room 309 of Ramona Wood Hall. The need for the second on-site laboratory had been evident for some time. Faculty using LiveText and Blackboard needed a room that was available to conduct classes based on these web applications. Faculty also requested a room with access to the Internet to conduct Internet searches in a classroom setting. This laboratory meets those needs with thirty computer workstations. Each workstation has the Intel Duo chipset and operates at three GHz. Microsoft Office is loaded on each station.



The nicest visual feature of the room is what is not visible. Cables necessary to connect components, connect to other servers, and connect to printers are hidden. The clutter of most computer rooms is lessened so that the student can move about with ease. The keyboards and mice are on a tray that can be hidden and not obstruct movement. The most visible feature of the laboratory is the twelve-foot screen, which insures visibility, even in the back of the room.

The laboratory meets a need to enhance instruction that was requested by the faculty. The funding was provided through the University's Technology Replacement project. Furnishings were provided by the Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs. Battery back-up was provided by the Instructional Services Unit.

Communication's Summer Journalism Institute

Area high school students who are considering careers in print journalism came to Jacksonville State University in June 2006 for the third annual Summer Journalism Institute offered by the Communication Department. The students took part in an intensive four-day program that featured classes in broadcasting and public relations as well as newspaper writing and design. Several of the students are writers and editors for their respective high school newspapers, and they were given specific material on issues affecting scholastic journalism.

The classes were taught by the Communication Department's faculty and staff and took advantage of the various computer laboratories and studios in Self Hall. The students also visited The Anniston Star for a tour of the newspaper's editorial offices and printing press. The Communication Department is now planning to hold a similar program for its Summer Journalism Institute in the summer of 2007.





Armani and FCS

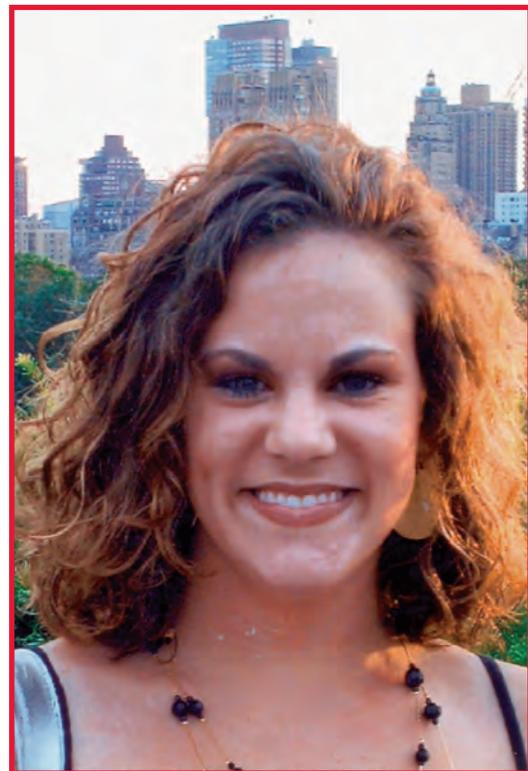
Ms. Elizabeth Varner, a Merchandising student in the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, completed a summer-long internship in New York City. Ms. Varner interned at Armani Exchange’s corporate office in the Women’s Merchandising Department.

Ms. Varner was not required to go out of state to complete her Senior Field Experience course requirements, but after traveling with Ms. Robbie Boggs, her Merchandising advisor, on many trips to fashion shows at the Apparel Mart in Atlanta, Georgia, and to conferences hosted by the Fashion Group International, Ms. Varner was inspired to think ‘outside of the box’ for her Senior Experience course. She was determined to get a summer internship in the fashion capital of the United States, New York City. Ms. Varner researched and applied to several companies that offered Internship Programs. Many people told Ms. Varner that this goal that she had set for herself was an unattainable challenge. It was towards the end of March before she heard back from anyone. She received a call from Armani Exchange and was asked to come in for an interview for the position. Ms. Varner knew that the positions were limited, but did not let that stop her. She flew to New York City for the interview, and was offered the internship position that same afternoon.

Ms. Varner explained, “This was a very challenging goal that I set for myself. Going from Alabama to New York City was a huge change! I had to adjust to the New York lifestyle very quickly. It was basically sink or swim time for me, and proudly I swam. I went from ‘Sweet Home Alabama’ to being a regular New Yorker in a matter of days. I would not change my experience for anything.”

Armani Exchange’s internship program was very structured. Ms. Varner’s internship started at the beginning of June and lasted eleven weeks, bringing her back down South during the middle of August. She worked closely on a daily basis with an Internship Coordinator from Human Resources and a Merchandising mentor from the Women’s Merchandising Department. Ms. Varner was able to work on various A/X projects throughout the summer including: doing color vignettes for different seasons, designing boards displaying the specific styles and fabric content, attending monthly company-wide sales meetings, helping prepare International buyer’s presentations, observing model fittings, editing merchandiser’s purchase orders, checking-in samples from manufacturers, and many more.

“I thoroughly enjoyed my whole internship experience. I loved working in the Women’s Merchandising Division because it was one of the departments within the company that allowed for creativity as well as seeing the business side of the operation. All of the departments within Armani Exchange worked together well, making the atmosphere very pleasant. I got the chance to live in ‘the city that never sleeps’ for a summer and learn firsthand how the fashion industry works,” stated Ms. Varner.



Ms. Varner met many interesting people and made many new friends that completed her whole experience. She now has many contacts that she will network with as graduation time approaches at the end of this semester. Ms. Varner aspires to move back to New York City to start her career in the fashion industry. She hopes that her positive experience will encourage other students to step outside of their comfort zones and strive for opportunities like this.





ePortfolios in Secondary Classrooms

When the College of Education and Professional Studies at Jacksonville State University adopted LiveText in the Fall of 2004, many plans were made for using the software to evaluate the progress of JSU students in demonstrating the eight Learning Outcomes of the Conceptual Framework. Over a two year period, LiveText was implemented across the College of Education and Professional Studies in both undergraduate and graduate degree programs. While the administrative staff and professors took advantage of the potential of the LiveText tool for teaching and learning at the college level, very little thought was given to the possibilities of expanding the use of LiveText to students in the public school environment.



Ms. Beth Morgan, Mr. Roger Hibbs, and Dr. Donna Herring

During Fall Semester, 2006, a cadre of teachers at Chattooga High School (CHS) in Summerville, Georgia, implemented performance-based projects and provided students the opportunity to create educational ePortfolios using LiveText. The projects were designed to assist students in meeting appropriate Georgia Performance Standards while showcasing their academic learning. Student projects in the areas of psychology, chemistry, history, biology, and genetics were completed with projects in additional areas scheduled in the near future.

The project was a cooperative effort of JSU professors, CHS administrative staff, CHS teachers, and CHS students. Dr. Donna Herring, JSU Assistant Professor of Instructional Technology and Improvement Specialist for CHS, along with Ms. Beth Morgan, CHS Academic Coach and JSU graduate, conceived the idea. They designed the implementation strategies and provided training for CHS staff in the area of project-based/portfolio-based learning. Teachers began by designing a performance-based project correlated to the Georgia Performance Standards they were teaching. Then they worked with Ms. Morgan and Dr. Herring to design a template for the ePortfolio. The template included a list of standards, sections for student research, an area for digital pictures of student projects, a scoring rubric, and ended with a reflection of the project.

The project design supported the vision of Mr. Roger Hibbs, principal of CHS and graduate of JSU, that teachers implement research-based best practices into the teaching and learning process and that students be assessed through alternative assessment means. Through the leadership of Mr. Hibbs, Chattooga High School is an America's Choice School and is presently involved in comprehensive school reform. The CHS design team, led by Mr. Hibbs, has been vital to the efforts that encourage the use of best practices in CHS classrooms.

JSU professors Dr. Charles Notar and Dr. Denise Richardson visited CHS classrooms and collaborated with teachers and students in the ePortfolio process. The student ePortfolios will grow as students continue to add projects during their high school career. This project offers a new dimension for JSU graduates who are exiting their educational program with the software and skills necessary to implement similar projects in their classrooms. To view CHS student ePortfolios, go to <http://teacherweb.com/GA/CHS/SchoolHomePage> and click ePortfolios.

Mr. Hibbs, Ms. Morgan, and Dr. Herring were selected to present the project, along with CHS student ePortfolios, at the 2007, America's Choice National Conference in February 2007 and the Society for Information Technology & Teacher Education International Conference to be held in San Antonio, Texas, in March, 2007.



Dr. Charlie Notar, Mr. Roger Hibbs, and Ms. Beth Morgan





Dr. Glenn Roswal Named 2007 Erasmus Mundus Scholar

Dr. Glenn Roswal has been selected as the 2007 Erasmus Mundus scholar. The Erasmus Mundus program, a project of the European Union, offers comprehensive training and state-of-the-art knowledge through Master's degree study in adapted physical education.

The program is a consortium of the Catholic University of Leuven (Belgium), the University of Limerick (Ireland), Palacký University (Czech Republic), and the Norwegian University of Sport, Physical Education and Sport Sciences. Students complete coursework in at least two of the four universities during the one-year program.

Dr. Roswal will serve as a Visiting Professor at Palacký University in Olomouc, Czech Republic, during May 2007. He will consult with students through coursework, practicums, and research projects in sport for individuals with intellectual disabilities and current trends and facilities in recreation for disabled individuals. He will work with students at the other universities through teleconference courses.

Communication's Alumni Reunion

For the second year in a row, the Communication Department hosted an Alumni Reunion during Homecoming Weekend at JSU. The gathering attracted former Communication students who are now working in broadcasting, print journalism, and public relations. They had a chance to catch up with their fellow alumni and to meet with current Communication majors who are hoping to begin their careers in those fields within the next few years. The reunion provided a forum for professional networking as well as informal socializing. Also, featured at the reunion were video clips produced by current students and examples of newspaper clippings and other articles written by students. Alumni who had worked on *The Chanticleer* during their time at JSU also had an opportunity to revisit the newspaper office and meet with the current staff. The Communication Department plans to continue holding this Alumni Reunion every year as part of the Homecoming Weekend celebration.



Ms. Sonya Jones' Successful Venture in Competitive Body Building



Sonya Jones, a JSU dietetics student, continues to develop herself both physically and intellectually. Ms. Jones, who started in higher education after raising children, is developing her mind at JSU and her physical being at Kramer's Gym. Her studies in dietetics have led her to say that physical development is all about diet. She became interested in competitive body building as a part of holistic approach to living. Ms. Jones started training with Kim and Kramer, and seven months later, she competed in her first competition. Ms. Jones' venture in competitive body building had positive results. Ms. Jones placed first at the Tuscaloosa-Capstone Show on August 19, 2006, and finished third in the Alabama State Competition in Birmingham on August 26, 2006. Ms. Jones' goal is to work with Olympic athletes in nutrition.





Television Services Produces Video for the ELI

Philip Perkins, Director of the English Language Institute (ELI), approached TV Services around the first of the year with a request to produce a full-length video about his Department. He had seen the Learning Services video that TV Services produced last summer and wanted something similar to it.

The ELI is a non-credit institute set up to assist non-native English speakers who want to learn English for academic and professional purposes. The classes are designed for people who have an interest in studying at universities and colleges in the United States. However, people who would like to come for a short-term

American study experience to improve their English are also encouraged to attend the Institute.

Mr. Perkins said, "I am very happy with the result. Keith Thomas and his crew have created for us a highly professional video that is informative, entertaining, and beautiful. It is a marketing tool that our Institute will be proud to use for the next several years."

The ELI video is being used at international seminars and for recruiting purposes. The premiere showing was at a seminar in Buenos Aires, Argentina. One thousand copies of the program have been made so far. The video can be seen on the ELI Website at jsu.edu/depart/eli.



Dietetics Program Celebrates 40th Anniversary

The Department of Family and Consumer Sciences hosted a 40th anniversary celebration in honor of the Dietetics Program on October 21, 2006. Guests included two of the first graduates of the program, Ms. Dana Giles and Ms. Julia Wooster, and the first director of the program, Dr. Betty Sowell. The event was attended by alumni, students, faculty, staff, and university administrators. Refreshments were provided by the Student Dietetic and Foodservice Association. Brian Jones provided a PowerPoint presentation of old snapshots and period music. The Dietetics Program has a long history of preparing students to become registered dietitians, and many of the dietitians in the surrounding area are graduates of this program.



From left to right Dr. Virginia Yocum Family and Consumer Sciences Department Head 1983-1996, Mrs. Linda Chandler, FCS Associate Professor 1970-2000, and Dr. Elizabeth Sowell, Dietetics Program Chair 1967-1997.





TV Services Purchases New Equipment to Help Meet The Needs of a Growing University

Television Services has made several purchases this year in an effort to maintain the professional quality that has made this department successful. One such purchase is a Broadcast 15 prompter that is used during field productions. The prompter will allow talent to read copy on location without having to memorize a script, thus saving time.

Another needed purchase is the Lowel Rifa small triple light kit. This kit gives us the ability to light interviews, products, etc. with a soft key, along with soft fill and soft back light for a quick setup, compact storage, and beautiful output.

Other purchases include a Textron EZGO 1200 Workhorse, an Apple Final Cut Pro 5.1 Studio System, and a Flex Writer SA2 CD-DVD Publishing Unit. The Textron EZGO 1200 Workhorse is a golf cart style vehicle which we use to transport personnel and equipment to various locations on campus. Both the Communication Department and Television Services edit with the Apple Final Cut Pro 5.1 Studio Systems. By using similar systems, sharing instruction and files becomes more practical. This system should raise production values by speeding up editing in real-time, allowing for precision audio editing and sound design with Soundtrack Pro, enhancing our motion graphics with Motion, adding dazzling visual effects with Shake, and create sophisticated DVD titles with DVD Studio Pro. The Flex Writer SA2 CD-DVD Publishing Unit is an automated unit that allows for the duplication and labeling of CD-DVD's, all in one pass. TV Services assisted Distance Education in duplicating 1,000 CDs of the Marching Southerners' performances. These CDs were prepared for the 50th Anniversary Reunion of the Southerners.

Each of these purchases is money wisely spent. This new equipment is essential as far as making this Department the mission-critical problem solving resource that Jacksonville State University needs, given the rapidly changing world of media technology.



Department of Technology Acquires 3D Printer

During the summer of 2006, the Department of Technology and Engineering purchased a three-dimensional printer, also known as a rapid prototyping machine. The acquisition of this piece of equipment enables students and faculty to produce three-dimensional prototypes of designs created in solid modeling computer programs.

Three-dimensional printers provide the opportunity for individuals to create a solid model early in the conceptual phase of a design. The three-dimensional printer purchased by the Department is a Z-Corporation Spectrum Z510 model. The machine can produce 24-bit color prototypes up to a maximum size of 10" x 14" x 8".

Several companies in the Calhoun County area are considering the purchase of similar equipment or have a one-time need for rapid prototyping services. The Department of Technology and Engineering anticipates forging new connections and strengthening current industry relationships thanks to the acquisition of this innovative equipment.

Students majoring in Computer Integrated Manufacturing Systems are now able to experience rapid prototyping while at JSU. Already, the machine has been used to create a prototype for one senior student's capstone project.





Dr. Jeffrey B. Hedrick Joins Communication Faculty

Dr. Jeffrey Hedrick, Assistant Professor in the Department of Communication, is originally from Southern California. Dr. Hedrick worked in the electronics industry for over a decade. To pursue a second career, he returned to school. He earned a Master of Journalism degree from Temple University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, then moved on to Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio for his Ph.D. His first full-time teaching position was at Baker University in Baldwin City, Kansas. He is well traveled since 2000, having visited over 30 states, Canada, and Russia. He has lived in California, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Kansas, and Alabama. He teaches courses in mass mediated communication and media technologies, including web design and graphic design courses. His main research interests involve new media technologies, media law, and public relations. He is an avid fan of classic rock music and enjoys art, poetry, and hiking.

Alberto Ibargüen Delivers Ayers Lecture

Alberto Ibargüen delivered the 17th annual Harry M. and Edel Y. Ayers Lecture at Jacksonville State University. A newspaper should “give its hometown a sense of itself,” Ibargüen told a crowd of students, faculty, and journalists, many of them in town for a conference. The conference, called “The Emerging Mind of Community Journalism,” was hosted by The Anniston Star, the University of Alabama, and the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation.

Mr. Ibargüen is John S. and James L. Knight Foundation’s chief executive officer and a former publisher of the Miami Herald and El Nuevo Herald. The Knight Foundation exists to further the philanthropic aims of the Ohio-based newspaper family by funding projects to strengthen communities and promote high standards in journalism.

“Journalists are working in a time when their mission is challenged by the role of technology in media and by profit-driven corporate ownership of newspapers. The core mission of informing our community is still there and still needs doing,” Ibargüen said.

The crowd assembled for the Ayers lecture included JSU students, JSU and UA, faculty and area residents. Chad Wells, a JSU senior majoring in broadcast communication, said he believes Ibargüen’s call for journalists to reflect their communities applies to all media.

“You’ve got to know your community to give them what they need,” said Wells.





MSERA 2006 and the JSU Connection

Jacksonville State University's College of Education and Professional Studies ranked in the top two universities for presentations made at the annual Mid-South Educational Research Association (MSERA) conference held November 8-10, 2006. The regional conference is held annually and rotates among six southeastern states: Alabama, Mississippi, Kentucky, Tennessee, Louisiana, and Arkansas. The 2006 Conference was hosted by Alabama and held at the Wynfrey Hotel in Birmingham, Alabama.

Dr. Donna Herring, Assistant Professor and Program Chair for Instructional Technology at JSU, served as Program Chair for the 2006 Conference. Dr. Charles Notar, JSU Associate Professor and Secondary Education Graduate Program Chair, served as co-chair. The program consisted of 260 presentations conducted by professors from 84 universities around the United States and South Korea. Both Jacksonville State University and the University of Alabama at Birmingham led the conference in numbers of presentations with 25 each. The University of Alabama and Mississippi State University each contributed 23 presentations. The process for being selected to present at MSERA is a refereed procedure with at least three evaluators critiquing and selecting the program presentations.

Several new program additions were conceived and implemented under the direction of Dr. Herring. A Bring Your Own Laptop (BYOL) Hands-On Training strand was added for interested attendees and provided fifteen, 1-2 hour sessions where professors learned new educational innovations. For professors who needed to stay connected, Herring added a Wireless Internet Café with technical staff on site to assist with wireless needs. Breakout Room Posters were added outside each room to assist attendees with program schedules. The favorite addition of the conference was the "Conference at a Glance" program grid that summarized the activities for the entire conference. The "Conference at a Glance" was newly developed for this conference and provided to all attendees. The grid was provided compliments of the Jacksonville State University College of Education and Professional Studies by Dr. Cynthia Harper, Dean, and Dr. John Hammett, Associate Dean.



Dr. Donna Herring with plaque given to her for service to MSERA as Program Chair.



Dr. Cynthia Harper, Dr. Charles Notar, and Dr. Donna Herring were recognized at the conference business session on for their contributions to the 2006 Conference. Dr. Herring was selected for a two year term as MSERA secretary. The 2007 MSERA Conference will be held in Hot Springs, Arkansas, next November.

JSU professors presenting at the conference were Jordan M. Barkley, Lawrence A. Beard, Rita C. Boydston, Dale Campbell, Charlotte Eady, Isreal L. Eady, Elizabeth Engley, Nancy Fox, Kathleen Friery, Teresa J. Gardner, Debra K. Goodwin, John Hammett, Cynthia Harper, Donna Herring, Celia Hilber, Franklin King, Nina M. King, Patricia K. Lowry, Judy H. McCrary, Paula K. Napoli, Gordon Nelson, Karen Nemeth, Charles E. Notar, Lynetta Owens, Tommy M. Phillips, Sherri Restauri, Denise Richardson, Gena Riley, Kelly Ryan, Roland Thornburg, Carol S. Uline, Sheila A. Webb, and Jan Wilson.

Dr. Charles Notar holds a copy of the Conference at a Glance that was provided to MSERA conference attendees by the CE&PS.





Technology Instructor Comes “Full Circle”



Teje (pronounced Tee-ah) Sult joined the faculty in the Department of Technology and Engineering last fall. Her credentials are unique in that she is a JSU alumna and possesses all four undergraduate degrees offered by the department: Occupational Safety and Health, Electronics Technology, Computer Integrated Manufacturing Technology, and Industrial Technology Management. After graduating in 2000/2001, Ms. Sult enrolled at Murray State University in Murray, Kentucky, to study Occupational Safety and Health with a concentration in environmental safety.

While working in manufacturing for CP Kelco and Lear, she was obtaining experience with industrial training and found that she enjoyed it. She learned about an opportunity within the Department of Technology and Engineering while visiting JSU to attend a football game and talking to Department Head Terry Marbut.

Because of her versatile background, Ms. Sult is able to teach a variety of classes within the department, such as Machining and Manufacturing Processes, Programmable Logic Controllers, and Computer-Aided Manufacturing. She has experience in machining and maintenance and is using it to help the department prepare its new machining lab in Ayers Hall.

Ms. Sult says that the most fulfilling aspect of her new position is being able to fully use her education and industrial background in the classroom. “With teaching, there’s something new every day, and I enjoy that.”

Teacher Hall of Fame

Jacksonville State University honors excellence in teaching in Alabama with the JSU Teacher Hall of Fame. The JSU Teacher Hall of Fame has recognized outstanding educators statewide for sixty-one years. For the 2005-2006 academic year, the Teacher Hall of Fame recognizes and honors the following: in the Elementary Division, Mrs. Celeste Weaver of the Good Hope Elementary School in the Cullman County School System; in the Middle School Division, Ms. June S. Glenn of the Robert F. Bumpus Middle School in the Hoover City School System; and in the High School Division, Mr. Stoney M. Beavers of Cleveland High School in the Blount County School System. The finalists were selected from a field of 66 nominees from 36 school systems in the state.



**Celeste Weaver, inductee
elementary school division**



**June S. Glenn, inductee, middle
school division**



**Stoney M. Beavers, inductee
secondary school division**





Student Workers Invaluable to TV Services

Television Services depends heavily on student workers to help fulfill the mission here at JSU. Their most recent student workers, Bobby Mikel and Jonathan Sikes, have been instrumental in allowing TV Services to meet all the requests of a major university.

Television Services Director Mike Hathcock says, “Students like Bobby and Jonathan don’t come along very often. They both are eager to learn and have done everything we have asked them to do and done it well.”

Mr. Mikel started as a volunteer in December 2004. “The experience that I gained enabled me to be hired as a student worker in February 2005. Since then, I have worked with WJXS TV-24 and Crosscreek Television Productions out of Alabaster.” Crosscreek operates six production trucks and literally goes all over America doing remote TV Productions. “Working with JSU’s TV Services has taught me how to operate a camera, edit with Media 100 and Final Cut Pro, and run audio for remote productions. I plan to use my knowledge of audio in an internship at a Christian recording studio. After I graduate, I would like to work with an academic support unit similar to JSU’s TV Services.”

Mr. Sikes started in September 2005. “Working here has allowed me to gain valuable experience in the television broadcasting field. I like being able to apply what I’ve learned from studying communication here at JSU and build upon that working with Television Services. Since I started working in TV, I have been able to work on remote productions with Television Services, WJXS TV-24, and Crosscreek Television Productions. I have worked graduations, high school football, and many JSU sports events, including home football games that aired on Comcast Sports Southeast (CSS). I have worked in both audio and video positions. As for my future career, I would like to work as a producer or director, and have considered working in Atlanta, which has a high concentration of television broadcasters.”

Production Coordinator Keith Thomas has served as supervisor for both Bobby and Jonathan and said, “I have seen Bobby and Jonathan excel in their Communication course work as well as in what we are doing here in Television Services. They have both been invaluable workers as they have matured to a point where we include them in everything we are doing.”



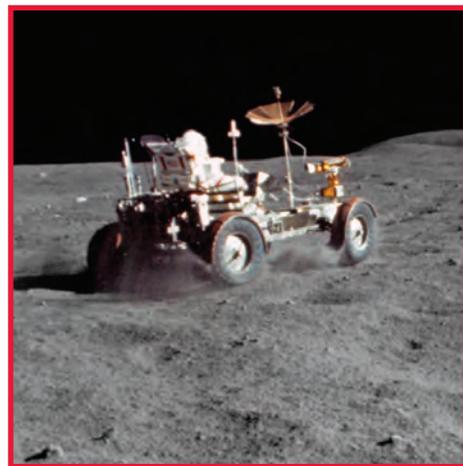
Left, Mr. Bobby Mikel
Right, Mr. Jonathan Sikes



NASA Historian Lectures at CE&PS

Mr. Robert Jaques, an aviation historian working with NASA, was invited to a secondary science methods class by Dr. Denise Richardson. Dr. Larry Beard’s special education class and Dr. Gena Riley’s elementary mathematics class, combined classes and joined Dr. Richardson for this exciting presentation. Mr. Jaques spoke about the history of flight and gave an inspiring presentation about both the Wright Brothers and the history of the Apollo space flight program. His presentation was filled with little known facts about the space program and included many humorous anecdotes to round out an outstanding presentation.

Additionally, Mr. Jaques showed some of the memorabilia from his collection, including autographs of many of the Apollo astronauts. He has met many astronauts and NASA experts while working as a historian. If you would like to have Mr. Jaques come to your school, please contact him at RJAPILOT@charter.net.





NCATE Reaffirmation

On February 15, 2006, Dr. William A. Meehan, JSU President, received notification from the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) that all education programs at Jacksonville State University were reaffirmed. This action marked 50 consecutive years of NCATE accreditation for JSU.

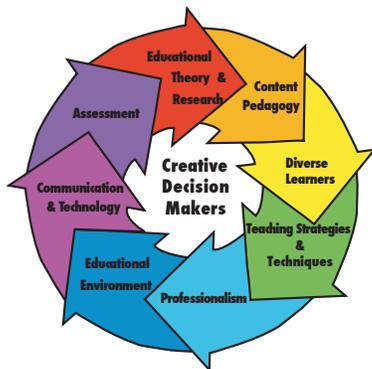
President Meehan said, "JSU and all NCATE-accredited universities meet rigorous standards set by the profession and members of the public. The accreditation process makes JSU's teacher education program much stronger and ensures the public that JSU graduates are well-qualified teachers, administrators, counselors, and librarians."

Dr. Cynthia Harper, Dean of the College of Education & Professional Studies, said, "We're pleased to have achieved 50 years of continuous national accreditation. By meeting NCATE accreditation standards, JSU is demonstrating that its graduates have met the most rigorous standards mandated by state and national policies. Teacher education candidates graduating from an accredited program are an important asset."

The fact that NCATE implemented new outcome based standards in 2000, and this was JSU's first initial review under the new standards, made the 2005 reaffirmation particularly special. Different from previous standards, which required evidence indicating the standards were being taught, the new outcome based standards meant data must be presented that clearly demonstrated teacher education candidates were developing the knowledge, skills, and dispositions necessary to help all students learn.



Dr. John Hammett, Associate Dean coordinated the NCATE teams.



According to Dr. John Hammett, Associate Dean and NCATE Coordinator, "the reaffirmation was made possible by extensive collaboration between and among administrators, faculty, staff, and students from the College of Education & Professional Studies, the College of Arts & Sciences, and area public schools." He also stated that "the new standards dictate this difficult and sometimes demanding collaboration, which is why one out of three education programs across the country are failing one or more of the NCATE standards." Dr. Hammett is extremely proud of the efforts of all these professionals in the pursuit of excellence in teacher education at JSU.

Child Development Center at JSU Participates in "Classrooms Care" Reading Program

The children at the Child Development Center on campus participated in a reading program sponsored by Scholastic Book Clubs entitled "Classrooms Care." The children read 100 books. These books were read aloud, read at home, or read at school. Once the children met the goal of 100 books Scholastic donated 100 books to kids in need through their literacy partners (First Book, Hello Friend, Reach Out and Read, and Save the Children). The books were donated in honor of the preschoolers at the Child Development Center on campus.





Additions and Renovations to Ramona Wood Hall

Jacksonville State University

Dr. William A. Meehan, President

Be part of the future: contribute to the growth of the College of Education and Professional Studies. The addition and renovation planned will provide needed technologically equipped classrooms, expansion of the Learning Resource Center, a large meeting room, and increased office space. The Ramona Wood Hall has served the College for many years. This improvement will insure the needs of future graduates of Jacksonville State University are adequately met. Your participation is appreciated.

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to lead and counsel
those whose journey lies here.

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to gather and salvage the tools
necessary to embark on their goals
that they are continuously climbing toward.

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of souls on similar paths.

Memories of cram sessions and tears fallen
to achieve the highest of marks.

Good times and bad times forged together
to form what is known as "the college years."
Goals accomplished, paths changed, obstacles abolished-
All in the sake of a dream.

Katrina Campbell, October 30, 2006

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