

**President's Report
Board of Trustees Meeting
October 17, 2005**

Capital Projects

Ayers Hall Renovation

The building is fully operational. The academic departments began moving in during August and a full compliment of Computer Science, Math, Psychology and Technology classes are being offered in the building this fall. Punch list items remain and are being addressed and corrected by the contractor.

Transportation Building

Bids were opened on September 20, 2005, to install the building's electrical, mechanical and plumbing systems. Bids received were higher than expected. The architects and university are in the process of evaluating potential cost reduction items prior to awarding a contract. The project is expected to take four to six months to complete.

McClellan Building 3181

The contractor continues to respond to warranty issues concerning the facility. The architect and university are finalizing the bid package for the Forensic Science Lab. This work is scheduled to be bid during late October or early November. The project is expected to take six months to complete.

Demolition of Steam Plant, Abercrombie and Luttrell Halls

Taylor Corporation of Oxford, Alabama, our demolition contractor has completed the demolition of the Central Steam Plant and Abercrombie Hall. The last phase of the demolition contract, Luttrell Hall, began on October 3, 2005. The contractor is in the debris removal stage and expects to be finished during November.

Roof Replacement 2002

The architect and university have been unsuccessful in getting Standard Roofing to address the deficiencies in the work done on the Stephenson Hall roof. The University's attorney is drafting legal documents to pursue resolution through the legal system. Roofs addressed under this program included the Child Development Center, Sparkman Hall, Stone Center and Pete Mathews Coliseum.

Roof Replacement 2003

Deficiencies with roof drains at Bibb Graves Hall have been effectively resolved through the joint efforts of the contractor, architect and university. Roofs addressed under the program included Bibb Graves, Daugette Hall, and the flat roof portions of Crow, Dixon, Curtiss, and Fitzpatrick Halls.

Little River Canyon Field School

The architect is in the project design and preliminary drawing stages. It is expected that these items will be provided to the State Building Commission in November for review. The proposed construction site has been surveyed to determine building elevations and facility layout.

Chimney Peak Observatory

The site survey has been completed and sent to the architect. The project design is in final stages of review and should be ready to bid before year-end. The project is expected to take four to six months to complete.

Art Department Annex Building

The site of the demolished Central Steam Plant has been restored by the contractor and a site survey has been completed. The architect is in the final stages of project design which should be bid before the end of the year. It is anticipated that this project will be presented to the Board of Trustees for consideration at the January 2006 meeting.

University Activities

Fall 05 Enrollment

The Admissions Office is pleased to announce that undergraduate applications and acceptances are at a record high for the Fall Semester 2005. Our number of enrolled freshman 1,151 is the highest since new admission requirements were implemented in the early 1990's. Our transfer enrollment of 726, the seventh highest in the last 21 years, added to our new freshman gave our university 1,877 new students for Fall '05. These new undergraduate students combined with our returning students and new graduate students reached an all time high enrollment for JSU of 9,110.

A chart titled "Office of Admissions, Final Fall Figures" which contains the applied, accepted, and enrolled numbers has been provided in your packet of information. Campus tours are also at a record high with 484 tours being given from September 2004 through August 2005.

Housing Report

The residence hall report indicates a 93% occupancy rate with the exception of Sparkman Hall which has an occupancy rate of 82%. All halls are 94% or greater filled for the fall semester. Our oldest Hall, Daugette was 100% occupied at the end of September. The University owned apartments have an occupancy rate of 98% and all university houses are 100% occupied.

Governmental Affairs

The Education Trust fund has exceeded its minimum growth expectations and JSU will receive its "Contingent Appropriation" of \$451,014. These one time funds increased Jacksonville State University's 05-06 funding to \$34,813,323 an increase of \$4,370,118 or approximately 14%. This is the best higher education budget that we have seen in many years and we are grateful to Governor Riley for proposing an increase and to the Legislature for funding an even bigger one.

Academic Affairs

I am pleased to present Dr. Rebecca Turner, Vice president for Academic and Student Affairs. Dr. Turner's report is in your binder under Tab 6 which you may read at your leisure. But Dr. Turner has a special guest to introduce with some exciting news.

The College of Education and Professional Studies (Education Unit) is preparing for the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) re-accreditation visit scheduled for November 5-9, 2005. Board of Examiners from NCATE and Alabama State Department of Education (SDE) team members will be on campus to review all teacher education programs.

Representatives from ALFA visited campus on September 20, 2005 as a part of the Capital Campaign. The College of Education and Professional Studies provided the group a tour of Ramona Wood Hall. During the visit, distinguished ALFA representatives including Mr. Jerry Newby, ALFA President and CEO, visited classrooms and interacted with various faculty and staff. Their generous contribution (\$250,000) to the College of Education and Professional Studies will provide financial support for the new Education Annex that is a part of the Capital Campaign.

The Alabama Department of Education awarded Jacksonville State University a \$383,100 planning grant to fund JSU as an Alabama Math, Science, and Technology (AMSTI) site during fiscal year 2007.

The funds will be released to JSU in October 2005, followed by an additional \$1,250,000 to be awarded in October 2006, according to Dr. William D. Carr, dean of Graduate Studies and Continuing Education, the project's principal investigator. AMSTI provides three basic services to math and science teachers: professional development, equipment

and materials, and on-site support to teachers from university faculty and AMSTI-trained professional educators.

The project will serve the 15 school systems in the JSU In-Service Education Center service area. Dr. Carr said the grant money appropriated this fiscal year will permit time to select and train staff, provide orientation to business partners and site council, renovate a building to house the project, and prepare for implementation by visiting other AMSTI sites.

JSU departments collaborating on the project include the College of Graduate Studies and Continuing Education, College of Education and Professional Studies, College of Arts and Sciences, the In-Service Education Center, Alabama Science In Motion, Alabama Technology In Motion, and the Little River Canyon Field School.

Partnering with JSU and the Alabama Department of Education in this endeavor are the Anniston Museum of Natural History, Honda Manufacturing, Anniston Army Depot, Acker Electric, and Westinghouse Anniston.

"Business partners will provide the link between the classroom and using math, science, and technology in the workplace," Dr. Carr said.

Dr. Veronica Carr served as lead writer for the grant proposal. Serving on the writing committee were Dr. Jan Case, Dr. Carol Uline, Mrs. Vicky Brown, Dr. William Carr, Dr. Gena Riley, Dr. Jan Wilson, Dr. Patsy Lowry, Mrs. Phyllis Taylor, Ms. Lisa Williams, Dr. Allen Smith and Dr. Eric Mackey, superintendent of Jacksonville City Schools. Additional JSU faculty who will participate in the implementation of AMSTI JSU are Dr. David Dempsey, Ms. Marilyn Johnson, Dr. Alfred Nichols, and Dr. Nouredine Zettili.

An Alabama Department of Education press release said, "Studies show AMSTI makes a significant difference in increasing student achievement as measured by standardized tests in math and science. Although AMSTI focuses on math and science, test data indicate its beneficial effects spill over into reading and language. AMSTI also increases dramatically both student and teacher interest and excitement for math and science. AMSTI has a proven track record for helping students develop the math and science skills and knowledge necessary for success in the workforce and postsecondary studies."

Institutional Advancement

Mr. Joe Serviss, vice president for institutional advancement will provide a brief update of our capital campaign.

Athletics

I ask Mr. Jim Fuller athletic director to provide any news from our athletic teams.

Mr. Chairman that concludes my report.