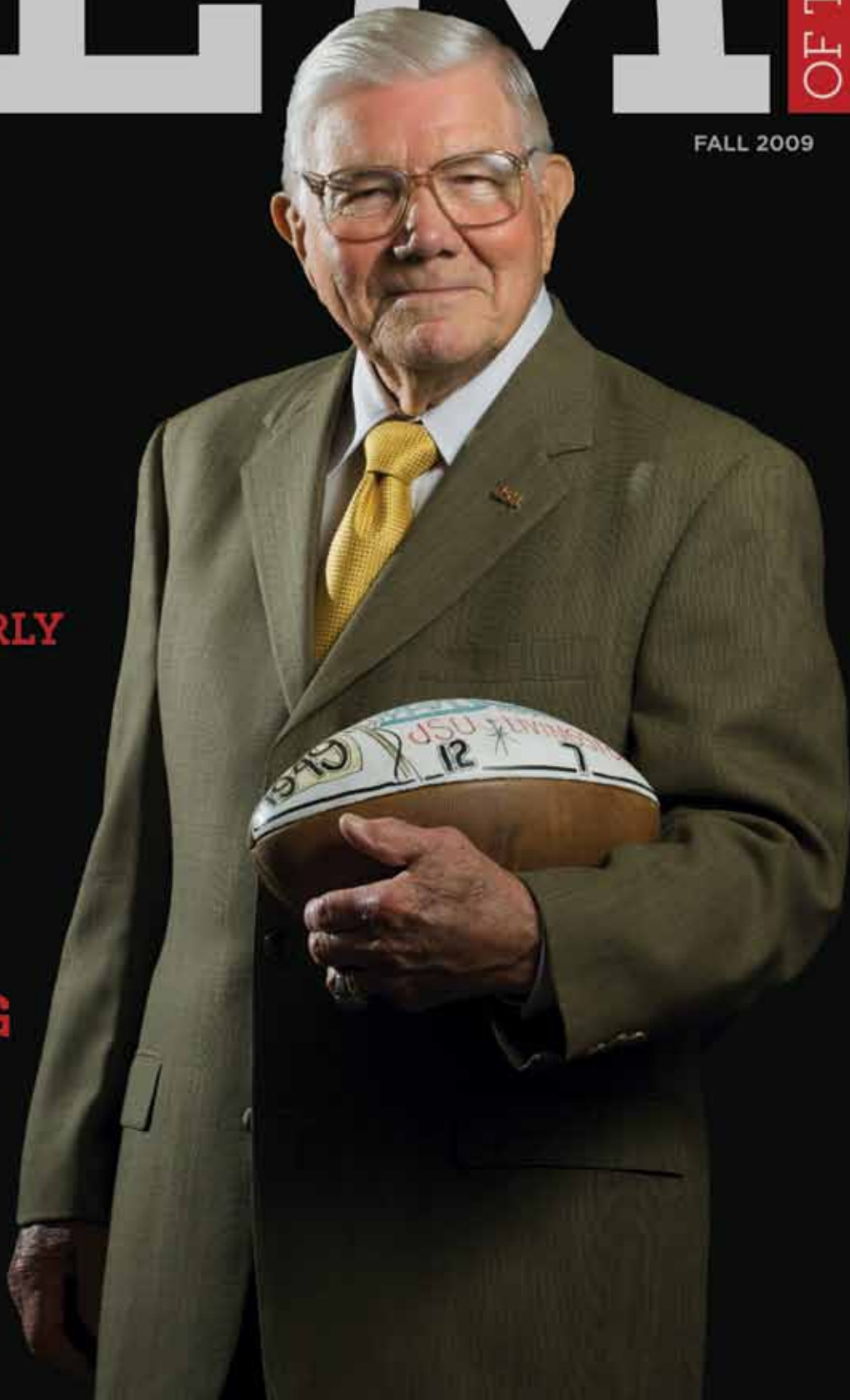


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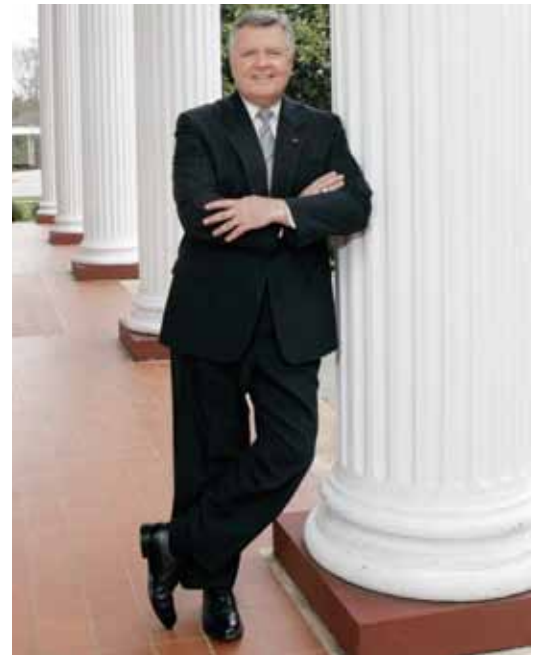
Fall is full of fresh starts at Jacksonville State University. It is the time of a new school year, a new football season, and a new transit system; even nature rustles with anticipation as leaves change to brilliant yellows and reds.

We look forward to seeing our alumni fill the seats of a stadium-in-progress this fall, but are especially excited about Homecoming on October 24. A full schedule for this day can be found on page 25.

It was the love of football that led Don Salls to Alabama, and later to a great coaching career at JSU. Coach Salls celebrated many wins on the field, and he was recently honored at a gathering off the field, commemorating his 90th birthday. Read about his life and work on page 32.

The life of another iconic member of the JSU staff can be read about on page 15. Joe Serviss, recently retired vice president of institutional advancement, began his time at JSU, and love for the university, in 1964 as a student. Passionate about advancing education and the surrounding community, Serviss taught and worked at JSU for more than twenty years.

On page 58, you can read about the renovations occurring at the Victoria Inn. While many of the updates are found in the hotel rooms, the others are taking place in the university classrooms. This article will share how JSU's partnership with the Victoria is



benefiting the university and its students.

Another new, visible addition to the campus and the community is the introduction of three bus lines known as the Gamecock Express. These routes, identified by color, serve students, faculty, staff, and the community at no charge. To read more about how to make your next trip around campus safer and greener, go to page 12.

I hope you enjoy this issue, and I look forward to seeing you back on campus this fall!

Sincerely,

William A. Meehan, Ed.D.
PRESIDENT

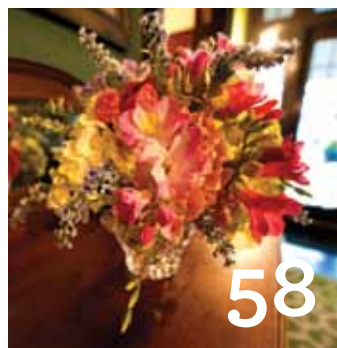
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local beginning
to a larger change

 JSU alumnus pedals a path to a cleaner city

STORY AND PHOTO
BY ERIN CHUPP

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AS A RECENT GRADUATE FROM JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY, SCOTT EDMISTON ('86) SAT WITH OTHER FRESH ALUMNI ON A WARM SUMMER DAY IN 1988 AT THE OLD RED ROOSTER PUB AND PACKAGE LOCATED OFF THE SQUARE. THE GROUP CONVERSED ABOUT LIFE AND BETTER LIVING OPPORTUNITIES IN JACKSONVILLE OVER A FEW DRINKS.

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SPOTLIGHTng
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“As the story goes,” says Edmiston, “By the first pitcher, we determined somebody needed to open up a bike shop in Jacksonville—and by the second pitcher we determined it needed to be me.”

Scott’s Bikes was open for business. Since then, he has sold and worked on bikes for many community members, professors of the university, alumni coming back to visit and even band members who come through town to play. Edmiston

remembers selling a bike to a member of Drivin’ N’ Cryin’ while the band was on a tour stop in Jacksonville during his first year of business.

Although Edmiston’s degrees are in computer science and economics, he says he uses the knowledge he gained at JSU to generate his business and create products good for people and good for the world in which they live.

“I’ve always been a problem solver,” says Edmiston. “Being a good programmer is not much different than being a good mechanic.”

Edmiston grew up working in a bike shop at the age of 16 in Indianapolis. Today, he is on a list of top mechanics in the Southeast. Working on bikes for most of his life and traveling to the world’s largest bike convention every year, he has a personal goal of being the best-educated bike mechanic.

Edmiston says his passion is to make Jacksonville a more bicycle-centric city. He truly believes in a local beginning to a larger change to improve the quality of life. He has seen and experienced two-wheel transportation as a solution to several problems for a long time.

Not alone in his thinking, in 1993, Professor John Whitelegg found that one single-occupant car requires 20 times the amount of urban space as a cyclist. And a 1996 *Journey Times* survey in London reported, for a journey within Central London, the average time by car was 33 minutes; whereas the average time by bike was 18 minutes.

Under the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, the U.S. set aside \$3 billion for bicycle and pedestrian projects between 1998 and 2003. In the current global economy, nations worldwide are investigating initiatives to fight fuel costs and petroleum pollution. According to Janet Larsen of the Earth Policy Institute in 2002, some of the world’s top countries are developing plans and issuing funds to gen-

erate use of two wheels over four.

Located on our very own square in Jacksonville, Scott’s Bikes has seen and served the need for two-wheel transportation in Jacksonville for nearly 20 years. Whether riding a \$3,000 road bike or a \$100 retro reinvention, Edmiston supports and promotes getting around town on two wheels.

This mechanic also works on bikes to give away to children every Christmas through the Jacksonville Christian Outreach Center (JCOC). This is one reason why he will accept most any bike that people’s kids outgrow and they find is collecting dust in the garage. To date, Edmiston has donated almost 200 bikes to the JCOC.

Edmiston works to create and repair every bike to fit the needs of its owner, and when he is not repairing, he is riding. On the Chief Ladiga Advisory Board, Edmiston was thrilled when the 17-year rails to trails project came to fruition. Now that we have a scenic trail running directly through campus and connecting with the Silver Comet in Georgia, cycling is more accessible and hopping on the trail is a good start.

But for Edmiston, two-wheel transportation is not just for leisure, it’s for life. If you ask him to provide one tip for life, he will simply say, “Ride your bike.” You have probably even seen him around town. Edmiston rides anywhere he needs to go and uses a motorcycle (another set of two wheels) for longer trips. If you need to make a trip to the grocery store, Edmiston says baskets and small coolers can easily be outfitted to your bike.

Almost exclusively on two wheels, Edmiston does not even own a licensed four-wheel vehicle. He doesn’t just talk the talk. He rides the ride. 🚲

TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH:

MY FILIPINO SUMMER

BY BETHANY HARBISON
PHOTOS BY
MARGARET BEAN



THE PLANE CIRCLED AND SWOOPED AND, FACE PRESSED AGAINST THE WINDOW, I STARED AT THE WORLD BELOW ME. THE ISLANDS SPARKLED LIKE EMERALDS. THE WATER REFLECTED A DEEP BLUE. BUT AS THE AIRCRAFT DIPPED LOWER, THE COLORS OF PARADISE GREW DIM, AND REALITY SET IN LIKE A ROCK IN MY STOMACH. EXPANSES OF SHANTY TOWNS STRETCHED BELOW ME, AND MANILA'S SMOG HUNG THICK IN THE AIR.

I WAS A LONG, LONG, LONG WAY FROM HOME.

Several months prior, from the comfort of my Jacksonville State University dorm room, I applied to be a summer missionary with Nehemiah Teams, an organization that mobilizes and sends college students on 52-day missions that involve them in pursuits such as planting churches, working in orphanages, tilling fields and building homes.

Six flights and one 13-hour ride in the belly of a ferry stood between my home in Holly Pond, Alabama, and my team's final destination – Dapitan City, a coastal town on western Mindanao, Philippines. Our motley crew was composed of three Filipinos, one Korean, three Mississippians, and me, a small-town Alabama girl. Our task was to make friends, teach Bible studies, and, Lord willing, plant a church.



I'll never forget my first day in Dapitan — my back ached from the weight of my pack, my head hurt from trying to converse with my international teammates, my belongings reeked from being soaked in a rainstorm during orientation, and I was tired down deep in my bones. We set up our tents under a pavilion and fell asleep to the sounds of grunting pigs and bad karaoke.

Screaming, squawking roosters declared morning at 5 a.m. My teammate, Margaret, and I gathered our plastic buckets and toiletries and set off in search of the “comfort room” or “CR”— a term used for Filipino bathrooms that, oddly enough, often are not comfortable at all. Ours was a tiny space containing a spigot and a low, lidless toilet bowl. We filled our buckets and bathed outside, fully clothed.



I formed lifelong friendships with people I may never see again but could never forget. I played Red Rover in the middle of the street with dozens of children. I worshipped God in Cebuano, their native tongue.

I saw the gospel of Jesus Christ fill

As the days and weeks of the summer melted away, God continued to surprise me. —BETHANY HARBISON

At the sound of muffled laughter, I looked up to see a beautiful little girl peering around the corner at us. By the time we scrubbed ourselves clean — well, cleaner — one, two, three, four, five, six children had appeared, all watching with shy smiles.

In voices sweet with innocence, they practiced their English on us, and we tried our newly acquired Cebuano words on them. That sunshiny morning, as we sat befriending those children, I began to feel at home. And later that same day, when I learned of a neighboring family's willingness to give up their home for the summer so that we would have a place to stay, I was in awe of God's provision.

As the days and weeks of the summer melted away, God continued to surprise me.

That summer, I taught the stories of the Samaritan woman, Nicodemus, Jesus' baptism, Philip and the eunuch, the feeding of the five thousand, and the Crucifixion over and over until my voice grew hoarse.

people's hearts with hope and change their lives. I watched from a beach littered with coconut shells as new believers were baptized in the ocean blue.

I knelt on a bamboo floor, holding the hand of a dying man and praying aloud for him. Days later, I found myself standing by his casket, looking out into the crowd who had gathered for his funeral, and sharing with them the good news about God's mercy and grace.

It was in that town, with those warm-hearted people who stole my heart, that God opened my eyes to the enormity of the world and the need throughout it. This was the summer I know I will look back on for the rest of my days and know it was then God wiped away my worldly ambition and began filling that clean slate with plans of His own.

These were the 52 days that changed my life. ☺

In just 52 days, Nehemiah led his people to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, restore a nation, and revive a people. It was a short-term project that had eternal results. In the same way, Nehemiah Teams, a missions organization in the Pacific Rim, is leading the next generation to reach every nation for Christ ... standing in the gap among the unreached and hard to reach. Nehemiah Teams offers short-term mission projects that have eternal results.

Nehemiah Teams was started by two JSU grads, whose names are withheld for security reasons, and is now in eight different countries, serving countless groups. Students can choose to help reach the lost by serving on evangelism and church-planting teams, help the poor by taking on tasks like building houses or planting trees, love the abandoned by working in an orphanage, or tell the missions story by serving on a media team. Visit www.nehemiahteam.com for more information.

JSU FACTS

FACT: JSU's College of Commerce and Business Administration was ranked number two in the nation by The Princeton Review in the category of "Greatest Opportunities for Women."

FACT: The number of students taking distance education courses more than doubled in the past five years, with 3,234 students taking distance education courses in fall 2008. Seventeen academic programs are currently offered completely online including an 18-month MBA.

FACT: During the past five years, Jacksonville State University's enrollment grew more than six percent, enrolling 9,481 students in the fall of 2008.

FACT: JSU has 38 accredited programs, more than any other regional university in the state. With the newest accreditation-the Communications Dept.- JSU is now one of three accredited programs in state along with Alabama and Auburn.

FACT: Gamecock student-athletes also excelled in the classroom as 112 student-athletes were named to the OVC Commissioner Honor Roll and 126 student-athletes posted a 3.0 grade point average or higher during the academic year.

FACT: More than 90% of freshmen and transfer students reported that they chose Jacksonville State University because of its academic reputation.



campus news

JSU ROTC SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT STORY BY CLIFF LANHAM'62 / EDITED BY ERIN CHUPP

In a bold and strategic move in January 2009, the JSU ROTC Alumni Chapter mapped out a long term scholarship program for the future of the ROTC Department at JSU.

The scholarship committee of the ROTC Alumni Chapter has found that more and more ROTC graduates are looking for ways to contribute to the ROTC department because of the wonderful experiences they had while at JSU. Fortunately, we have a number of dedicated individuals and organizations continuing in the short term annual program to provide scholarships. Coupled with the generous support of the university that has been matching these annual donations, the alumni chapter has been able to support 10 to 15 cadets with small scholarships for the next three years.


In January 2009, the chapter established the formation of the ROTC Scholarship Endowment in concert with the university. To ensure a viable scholarship program, the endowment must accumulate \$25,000 by 2012. As of now, the endowment has nearly \$7000 and some \$3000 pledged



If each graduate of the ROTC program donated just \$100.00 this endowment could have a generous balance of more than \$150,000 in short order!

The ROTC Alumni Chapter is seeking any and all graduates who would like to participate in the endowment and or the present annual matching scholarship program. As with other donations to the university, these donations are tax deductible. Donations should be sent to:

JSU Foundation, Inc.
700 Pelham Rd North
Jacksonville, AL 36265

Please make checks payable to JSU Foundation, Inc. A small note or information in the description line of the check should list the name of the scholarship fund to which your donation will be credited. For further information concerning the JSU ROTC Scholarship programs, please contact Therman Greene, Col. (ret) at trgreene@aol.com. 

toward the fund. Considering the nation's economic condition, the chapter is very pleased with the results so far! It is the goal of the chapter to start using this fund in the year 2015 for cadets who need assistance while attending JSU. In order to reach this goal and support these cadets, we need to raise a minimum of \$15,000 in the following two years.

But when is shooting for the minimum a part of a proposed plan of a JSU initiative? JSU has commissioned some 1500 cadets since 1950.

going up?

ELEVATOR INSTALLED IN BIBB GRAVES HALL

Work began in June on a new elevator in Bibb Graves Hall. The elevator is located near the north end of the building, adjacent to the stairwell.

JSU Hires & Retirees

JSU RECENT HIRES

JANUARY 1, 2009-JUNE 9, 2009

Anne E. Wedler, Art
Connie M. White, Emergency Mgmt.
Asha S. Gibson, Women's Cross Country Track
Lou Reinisch, Physical and Earth Sciences
Mica Mecham, English
Cristy Daffron, Nursing
Michael S. Walker, Library
Katerri Krebs, Disabled Student Services
Yingqi Tang, Library

JSU RECENT RETIREES

JANUARY 1, 2009-AUGUST 1, 2009

Brenda Barnwell, Cleaning Services
Barbara Clay, Cleaning Services
Eddie Minton, Physical Plant
Judy McCrary, Curriculum and Instruction
Rita Boydston, Curriculum and Instruction
Connie Thompson, JSU Gadsden
George Tyler, Music
Joseph Serviss, Institutional Advancement
James Rosser, Physical Plant



newly created office of marketing and communications

BY ERIN CHUPP

SHARP, ENGAGING AND ON THE MOVE, with a desire and a drive to reach, teach and keep students and alumni, Jacksonville State University has recently created the administrative Office of Marketing and Communications. After nearly a year of planning, an enhanced and exciting new JSU web site with an actively updated public relations link went live on May 18.

“Not only can our site visitors read articles about JSU now, they can comment on the articles, submit their blogs for inclusion on our site, and even subscribe to automatic updates that go straight to their computers and cell phones via RSS,” says Public Relations Specialist Angie Finley. “We’re very happy with this new direction and we encourage everyone with an interest in the university—especially our alumni—to take advantage of all the new features on the site.”

Finley notes, “There was a time when neighbors would meet at the fence to exchange information and hear the latest news.” She says the new role of the Office of Marketing and Communications is to serve as the university’s fence to bring the community together. Perhaps good fences can make good neighbors.

The tools and trades of building a modern fence go far beyond press releases by fax machines and FedEx. JSU now has an official Facebook fan page and Twitter feed (JSUNews), as well as a Flickr photostream. MySpace, iTunesU and YouTube Edu are also in development. This language is the new lingo at the fence, and JSU is now working to stay fluent and connected. Finley describes the move as one from the old “news

bureau” days to becoming a catalyst for building community.

With a growing campus community, our new office is working to promote effective dialogue by the fence posts. Because we have “tweeted” on Twitter, prospective students subscribing to our feed have asked about programs and a future at JSU. And media outlets have visited our fence asking for stories from something they saw in our ongoing collection of online postings and articles.

Director of Public Relations, Patty Hobbs, says she is also looking to focus on internal communication at JSU. “We are striving to get students, faculty and staff more involved in campus events and activities,” says Hobbs. “A JSU alumna myself, it is great to be back home to further develop and



share news about a community that has played such a large part in my life—to expand the fence and invite more people to it.”


“Today, our mission is more than reporting the good news about Jacksonville State externally,” says Hobbs. “On a campus that is growing rapidly in the midst of a global community, where information is exchanged at the high speed of the Internet, we are seeking to supplement external news distribution by providing the JSU community a place to connect and participate in the fast flow of information.”

Where news was once static it is now a slideshow. The new public relations web site (easily accessed at www.jsunews.com) is reader-friendly, and retrieving articles, whether current or from the

archives, is simpler than ever.

This facelift would not be unified or striking without the creative minds now sitting at the desks in the marketing office of Bibb Graves. Directed by Tim Garner, who owned a marketing company in the Atlanta area and oversaw several successful large-scale campaigns after graduating from JSU, the promotion and marketing of JSU has a new look and style.

Hopefully the new logo is becoming more visible and familiar to you. Also be on the lookout for marketing tools such as a 30-second TV spot, titled “Where You’re Going,” advancing the image of JSU to its many audiences.

So where are you going right now? We would love to meet you at the fence! 

a call to come together JSU's annual phonathon

BY ERIN CHUPP

NO GIFT IS TOO SMALL. These words will be a resounding theme during this year's annual Phonathon taking place from September to March. Our callers, current Jacksonville State University students and alumni, will be working to contact alumni, friends, and organizations in support of JSU.

Because state appropriations are extremely low this year, it is important for JSU family and friends to come together to keep the university's rankings up and our students on the front edge of education.

One example of your gifts reaching these goals is the recent addition of new Macintosh computers for a lab in Self Hall. Print journalism students are now using up-to-date software to learn layout and design, and are able to compete in the modern market by studying the art of crafting an active and efficient news Web site. The new equipment also played a minor role in

the Department of Communication receiving its accreditation in May of last year by the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications. It is now one of only three accredited communication programs in the state of Alabama.

It is our vision that if every one of our alumni pledged to provide a small gift of just twenty-five dollars, large improvements and additions can enter many departments and programs throughout our campus. With more than 45,000 alumni currently on file, this type of donation could provide the university with more than one million dollars to disperse!

"Private giving is more critical now than ever with the challenges facing our economy being greater than ever," says Director of Institutional Development Earl Warren. "Your support is extremely appreciated." 🙌



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More information coming soon!

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JSU's new transit system

BY BILL BOYKINS

The University of Alabama has one. So does Auburn University. Now, Jacksonville State University has one too. *What's that you ask?* It's the Gamecock Express, a transit system that will allow students to leave their cars in park.

For the first time in the history of JSU, students will be able to ride to class, travel to buy groceries and visit their favorite night spots without using a drop of gas. The transit system will transport students, faculty and residents to destinations throughout the university and the city of Jacksonville.

And it's all free!

"Students will be able to travel to class, the library and to venues in the city at no charge," said Joe Whitmore, director of Institutional Support Services at JSU. "The system will be available to residents of Jacksonville as well. Our goal is to help reduce traffic around the university and supply a service for our students and the community."

According to Whitmore, the transit system, funded in part by a Federal Transportation Administration community block grant and the university, will preliminarily consist of 10 transit buses, and will be running regular bus routes in the fall. The routes will begin at the Central Station across from Daugette Hall, travel along Trustee Circle and circle the campus and the city in five to seven minute intervals.

Whitmore says there will be three startup routes: a White Route (covering the west side of the campus); a Red Route (covering the east side of campus); and a Blue Route (covering the city venues). "Later, we will add a central campus route, a weekend route, and a security route," he said.

The buses will leave the Central Station around 7 a.m. and continue to run up to 2 a.m. for certain routes. The buses will stop at all campus locations, such as the Houston Cole Library, the Theron Mont-

gomery Building; the Merrill Building; the Stone Center; and all of the campus dorms and off-campus apartments. More details on bus stops will be announced later.

"Most of the bus stops will be based on student needs," Whitmore said. "But all campus buildings, dorms and off-campus apartments will be served."

WHITE ROUTE: This route will travel along Trustee Circle to Beck Circle. It will then travel along Pelham Road to Mountain Street. It will continue onto Forney Avenue to Park Avenue (near the Coliseum). It will then turn onto the Old Gadsden Highway, making stops near McArthur Street and Millican Street, then returning to Trustee Circle. There will be a total of 17 preliminary stops on this route.

RED ROUTE: This route will circle Trustee Circle to Street Avenue. It will then continue onto Forney Avenue to the Old Gadsden Highway. It will then travel briefly on Pelham Road to Church Avenue, then turn onto Bennett Boulevard. It will then make a series of stops near Houston Cole Library and the Merrill Building. It will then travel to Roebuck Waters Drive and return to the Central Station. There will be a total of 12 preliminary stops on this route.

BLUE ROUTE: This route will circle Trustee Circle before heading to downtown Jacksonville. It will make various stops near Hammett Avenue, and A,B,C and D streets. It will then travel along Alexandria Road to the Jacksonville Highway. The route will continue to James Hopkins Road and Weaver Road, making stops near the National Guard Armory, Jacksonville Hospital and Wal-Mart. It will make stops at various locations on Church Avenue and Gardner Street. The bus will then return to Church Avenue and make stops along Vann Street, Ladiga Street and College Street before returning to Central Station. There will be a total of 22 preliminary stops



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along this route.

Since all the routes will begin at Trustee Circle, parking will be limited to designated areas near Bibb Graves, the College of Professional Studies and Ramona Wood Hall. Parking near Daugette, Curtiss and Fitzpatrick halls will only be for students. Parking regulations around these areas will be strictly enforced. "There will be no parking along Trustee Circle," Whitmore said. "And parking around Daugette, Curtiss and Fitzpatrick halls will be limited for student parking only."

Temporary parking will be available to faculty and staff near the College of Professional Studies. Designated parking areas for faculty and staff will be assigned throughout campus. Enjoy the ride! 🚗

dining hall makeover

BY BILL BOYKINS

What do continuous service, food and Jacksonville State University have in common? New dining options that are sure to please the palate.

JSU, in partnership with food service company, Sodexo, will offer several new eateries and a renovated Hopper Dining Hall beginning this fall.

Students and faculty will be able to enjoy a latte or cappuccino at the Jazzman's Café and Coffee Shop at Houston Cole Library, and finger-lickin' good hot wings at the WOW Café and Wingery at the Hopper Dining Hall. Chick-fil-A and Starbucks will remain at the Montgomery Food Court with two new outlets, the Baja Fresh Mexican Grill and the Freshens Smoothie Bar and Energy Zone, to be added at a later date.

According to Joe Whitmore, director of Institutional Support Services, the department overseeing the project, the dining options were designed to create flexibility for students and faculty that include: varied hours of operations; a choice of dining locations; and a meal plan that is both affordable and convenient for everyone. And, dining officials say, it will allow students and faculty to "find the perfect place at the perfect time."

"The benefit for students is that we are moving away from a selective dining option to one that has continuous service," he



said. "For example, the Hopper Dining Hall café will be open until midnight, and the Jazzman's Café will parallel library hours." Most of the eateries on campus will be open on the weekends as well, Whitmore said. With that, the buzz over the new dining options has students and faculty excited about the new changes.

A blogger on the Marching Southerners Web site says: "The WOW Café is going to be awesome. I know (Jacksonville) already has an abundance of wing places, but this one is right here on campus, and is priced very nicely. Not to mention the (Jazzman's Café and Coffee shop) in the (Houston Cole) library will ROCK." As for affordability, the meal

plan will provide credits for prepaid meals at Hopper Dining Hall in any combination of the all-you-can-eat meals at breakfast, brunch, lunch or dinner. The plan also provides a declining balance account of flex dollars to be used at campus dining facilities, such as Hopper Dining Hall, the Montgomery Food Court, the new WOW Wingery and Café, and the Jazzman's Café and Coffee Shop. Students will also be able to use the credits at future eateries, such as the proposed Freshens Smoothie Bar & Energy Zone and the Baja Fresh Mexican Grill.

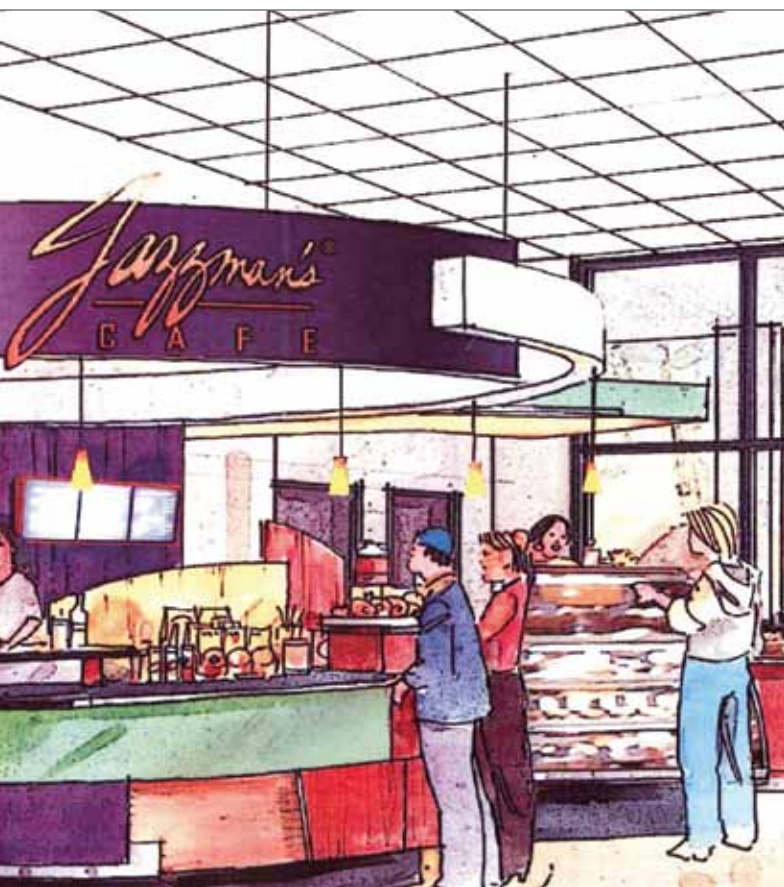
According to Whitmore, students who live on campus at JSU will be billed \$1,100 for the plan. Students can choose plans from the following options:

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day to register for the Fall 2009 semester. If housing applications have already been mailed and students want to choose a different plan, they can contact Sodexo at the Hopper Dining Hall, 700 Pelham Road North, Jacksonville, AL, 36265 or call (256) 782-7242. With added options, JSU's new offerings make for a grand dining experience. Bon appétit! 🍴

joe serviss retires

Serviss actually began his longtime career at Jacksonville State University as a student donning the traditional rat hat, symbolizing freshman status. On a Friday evening in 1964, he graduated from high school, and on the following Sunday he drove to JSU for summer school. He could not wait to get started.

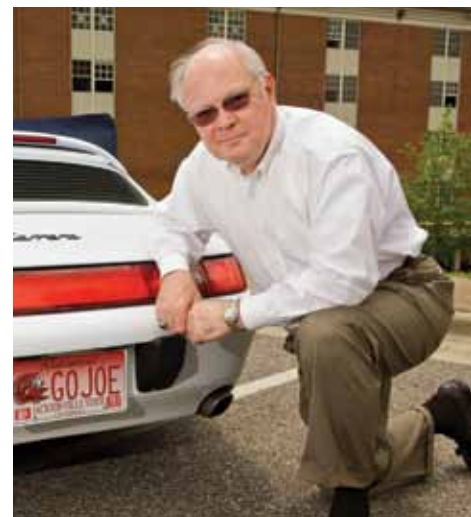
Active on campus all four years of his undergraduate degree, Serviss was a business major. During his freshman year while taking classes full time, Serviss also worked at the student center snack bar, then known as "The Grab," located in Hammond Hall. Soon after, Mr. Opal Lovett hired Serviss to work as a student photographer.

By his junior year, Serviss chose to take the advanced ROTC route and went under contract with the United States Army, and he took classes to be commissioned as 2nd Lt. upon graduation.

He also married Miss Carolyn Harris, '67 of Gadsden, a Marching Ballerina he met in the cafeteria his freshman year. JSU has educated several members of the Serviss family. Besides he and his wife, Serviss' brother, sister, son, sister-in-law, and niece are all JSU graduates.

Serviss retired from the Army in June 1989, at the rank of Lt. Col., after serving the country for a total of twenty years. He was hired as the director of institutional development at JSU two months later, destined for twenty more years of service to his alma mater. His move to vice presidency over the division of institutional advancement came in October of 2002.

Although Serviss is out of the office and no longer wears a suit and tie every day, he and his wife do not have plans to go too far. "Jacksonville is a great university and a super city," he says. "Carolyn and I have always considered it our home and we don't plan on moving."



UNLIMITED MEALS WITH \$50 FLEX DOLLARS

This plan provides unlimited access for the cardholder to Hopper Dining Hall. It includes \$50 in flexible spending over the semester at the retail outlets.

FOURTEEN MEALS PER WEEK WITH \$125 FLEX DOLLARS

This plan provides any 14 meals throughout the week at Hopper Dining Hall to be used by the cardholder. It also includes \$125 in flexible spending over the semester at the retail outlets.

EIGHT MEALS PER WEEK WITH \$350 FLEX DOLLARS

This plan provides the cardholder with any 8 meals throughout the week at Hopper Dining Hall. It also includes \$350 in

flexible spending over the semester at the retail outlets.

BLOCK 70 WITH \$600 FLEX DOLLARS

This plan provides any 70 meals throughout the semester at Hopper Dining Hall to be used by the cardholder, plus \$600 in flexible spending over the semester at the retail outlets.

Students will be able to purchase a plan when they send in their application for a campus dorm. The students will be asked to choose a plan. A resident dining fee of \$1,100 will be billed to their JSU account. If a plan is not selected, students will be placed on a default plan, which consists of eight meals per week with \$350 flex dollars. Students will be allowed to make changes to the plan until the last

JSU SENDS THREE TO THE

MAJOR LEAGUES

BY BETHANY HARBISON PHOTOS BY STEVE LATHAM

Jacksonville State University's Ben Tootle was selected by the Minnesota Twins as the 101st overall pick in the 2009 Major League Baseball first-year player draft. Tootle made history by becoming the fourth Gamecock player ever to be drafted in the third round or higher – and the first since Bill White was taken as the 99th overall pick by the Arizona Diamondbacks in 2000. Tootle also had the unique distinction of being the first player from an Alabama college taken in this year's draft. He has a career 19-9 record during his three-year career for the Gamecocks and a 4.83 earned run average. The Oxford, Ala., native made 43 career starts and recorded 225 2/3 innings on the mound with 204 career strikeouts.

The hard-throwing right-hander pitched for Falmouth in the prestigious Cape Cod Baseball League last summer, where he was selected to the All-Star team after posting a 1.97 earned run average in 22 appearances.


Jason Zylstra was selected in the 36th round of the draft and will also be joining the Minnesota Twins. This sophomore, who hails from Sylacauga Ala., was the 21st pick in the round and the 1092nd overall pick in the draft. Zylstra posted a 1-2 record with a 4.55 earned run average with 18 strikeouts. This occasion marks the second time over the last three years that the Gamecocks have had two players drafted in the same season, and the fourth time since 2000.

Minnesota won't be the only town







to welcome a Gamecock. JSU's Mitch Miller, a native of Hokes Bluff, Ala., has signed a free-agent contract to pitch for the Milwaukee Brewers. Miller was a four-year letterman for the Gamecocks and led the team with 62 career appearances on the mound. The senior threw 121 1/3 innings during his Gamecock career with 82 strikeouts and seven career saves, while posting a 3-5 career record. 



ABOVE LEFT: Zylstra pitches against Tennessee Tech in the championship game of the OVC tournament in Paducah, Kentucky, May 23, 2009.

ABOVE RIGHT: Jason Zylstra
BELOW LEFT: Miller pitches against the Murray State Racers in the OVC baseball tournament in Paducah, Ky. May 23, 2009.

BELOW RIGHT: Mitch Miller

CHARLEY PELL GOLF TOURNAMENT TO BE HELD IN OCTOBER

THE ANNUAL CHARLEY PELL GOLF TOURNAMENT WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2ND

- PLACE:** Anniston Country Club
- SHOTGUN START:** 1:00 pm
- LUNCH:** 12:00 noon (box lunch provided)
- CARTS:** Furnished (coaching shirt and balls given to each participant)
- COST:** \$150 per golfer (including dinner)
(\$100 for non-golfer to attend dinner)
- HOLE SPONSORSHIP:** \$150 each

Prime rib dinner following the tournament
 Beer provided during the tournament
 Auction following the dinner conducted by Jack White

Contact the JSU Football office for more information and registration at 256-782-8015 or jbrindle@jsu.edu



GAMECOCK FOOTBALL 2009

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

*HOME GAMES

ALL TIMES CST (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

IT'S GAME TIME!

SOFTBALL TOP 25




FRESH OFF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL SEASON IN PROGRAM HISTORY, THE JACKSONVILLE STATE SOFTBALL TEAM EARNED A SPOT IN BOTH FINAL TOP 25 POLLS THIS SEASON, FINISHING 21ST IN THE ESPN.COM/USA SOFTBALL POLL AND 24TH IN THE USA TODAY/NFCA POLL.

The Gamecocks (43-16, 19-2 Ohio Valley Conference) earned the program's first appearance in either poll and joined JSU's football program as the only two of the school's teams to be voted in the Top 25 since moving to Division I in

the 1994-95 academic year. It adds to what is already a long list of goals that head coach Jana McGinnis has accomplished in her 16 seasons with the program, a stretch that has now seen her teams win 556 games and five conference titles.

"It is such an honor to be voted as one of the top 25 teams in the country," McGinnis said. "It is something that has been a goal of ours for a long time. This season was special in so many ways, and I am very excited to see the hard work of our girls pay off down the stretch. This is a great reward for not only this year's team, but for the teams that paved the way for us to be where we are today."

JSU finished one spot ahead of North Carolina in the ESPN.com/USA Softball Poll and just ahead of 2008 College World Series participant Louisiana-Lafayette in the USA Today/NFCA Poll. Washington was the consensus No. 1 team in the country, while Florida, Alabama and Georgia occupied the rest of the top four spots in both polls.

In 2009, the Gamecocks capped their sixth 40-win season in the last seven years with the school's first Division I at-large berth in the NCAA Tournament and went on to win the Knoxville Regional before falling to No. 3 Alabama in the Tuscaloosa Super Regional. Along the way, McGinnis earned her third OVC Coach of the Year honor while guiding a roster that featured nine players that earned All-OVC accolades. Senior Karla Pittman was named the league's Pitcher of the Year and Nikki Prier the OVC Player of the Year to lead four First Team All-OVC selections. 

GAMECOCK SOCCER 2009

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
8-16	Middle Tennessee State	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	7:00 PM
8-21	Mercer University	Macon, Ga.	5:00 PM
8-23	NORTH GEORGIA	JACKSONVILLE	4:00 PM
8-29	MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE	JACKSONVILLE	7:00 PM
8-30	ALABAMA	JACKSONVILLE	7:00 PM
9-4	Southern University	Baton Rouge, La.	7:00 PM
9-6	Southern Louisiana	Hammond, La.	1:00 PM
9-9	ALABAMA A&M	JACKSONVILLE	6:00 PM
9-13	NICHOLLS STATE	JACKSONVILLE	1:00 PM
WESTERN CAROLINA TOURNAMENT			
9-18	Western Carolina	Cullohwee, N.C.	6:30 PM
9-20	Elon	Cullohwee, N.C.	11:00 AM
9-23	Alabama State	Montgomery, Ala.	7:00 PM
9-25	MURRAY STATE*	JACKSONVILLE	6:00 PM
9-27	UT MARTIN*	JACKSONVILLE	1:00 PM
10-2	Morehead State*	Morehead, Ky.	7:00 PM
10-4	Eastern Kentucky*	Richmond, Ky.	1:00 PM
10-9	AUSTIN PEAY*	JACKSONVILLE	7:00 PM
10-16	Southeast Missouri*	Cape Girardeau, Mo.	7:00 PM
10-18	Eastern Illinois*	Charleston, Ill.	1:00 PM
10-23	TENNESSEE TECH*	JACKSONVILLE	7:00 PM

* Denotes Conference Games

ONLY ONE GOAL COUNTS, WINNING!


 FOUR OUTSTANDING GAMECOCKS TO BE INDUCTED INTO

HALL OF FAME

Two All-Americans, one record-setting basketball player, and the most prolific softball pitcher in Gamecock history comprise the 2008-09 class of the Jacksonville State University Athletic Hall of Fame.

Gary Angel, who led the Gamecocks to four straight conference championships in basketball; Joe Billingsley, a two-time All-America offensive lineman; Ann Shelton, JSU's all-time strikeout leader in softball; and Robert Lee Sanders, JSU's all-time leading scorer in basketball will be formally inducted to JSU's Athletic Hall of Fame on November 20.

Angel became just the fourth player in Jacksonville State basketball history to score 1,000 points after finishing his four-year career with 1,193 points. As a senior, he helped the Gamecocks win four straight Alabama Collegiate Conference Championships while earning All-ACC and All-Alabama honors. He averaged 18.7 points per game to lead Jacksonville State to a 19-5 record and the school's first-ever berth in the NAIA playoffs.

The Jacksonville, Ala., native finished his junior season by scoring 441 points to earn All-ACC honors as the Gamecocks went 15-11. Angel scored 203 points as a sophomore as JSU posted an 18-7 record, and he scored 109 points during his freshman campaign to lead the team to a 16-13 mark.

Joe Billingsley is considered one of the finest offensive linemen to ever play for the Gamecocks. At six feet one inches tall and 290 pounds, Billingsley is a player from Columbus, Miss. He earned first-team All-America honors from the Associated Press and second-team honors from Football News as a sophomore in 1986, before garnering these awards again in 1988.

In his senior year, he anchored an offensive line that paved the way for the Gamecocks' Gulf South Conference leading 264 yards rushing per game including a school-record 661 yards of total offense in an NCAA Division II playoff win over West Chester.

The Gamecocks posted a 10-2 record, won their first Gulf South Conference Championship in six years, and

earned a berth into the NCAA Division II playoffs for the first time since 1982, where JSU advanced to the semifinals. Billingsley finished his career by being selected to the Gulf South Conference's "Team of the Decade" for the 1980s.

Robert Lee Sanders is the all-time leading scorer in Gamecock basketball history with 1,983 points during his brilliant four-year career. He was named the Gulf South Conference Player of the Year after scoring a school single-season record 658 points to lead the Gamecocks into the NCAA Elite Eight.

Sanders' name is also on top of the list in several other categories, including Most Field Goals Made with 697, Most Field Goals Attempted with 1,613, Most 3-pointers Attempted with 692, and Most 3-pointers Made with 269. He also set a school record of eighty-two 3-points in one season.


As a junior, he led the Gamecocks to the NCAA Final 4 with a 27-6 record and was named the Most Valuable Player of the District of Columbia Classic, the Tom Roberson Classic, the Gulf South Confer-

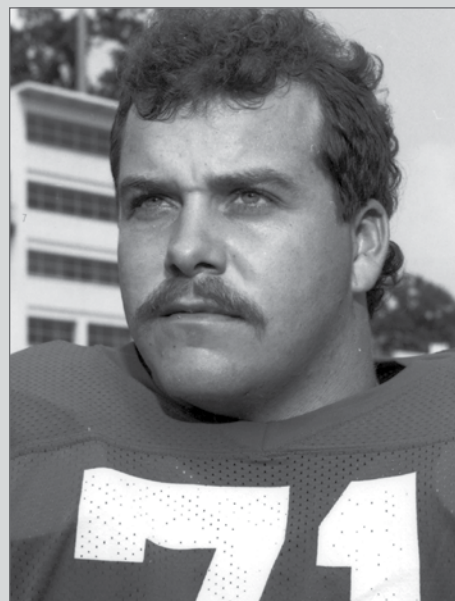
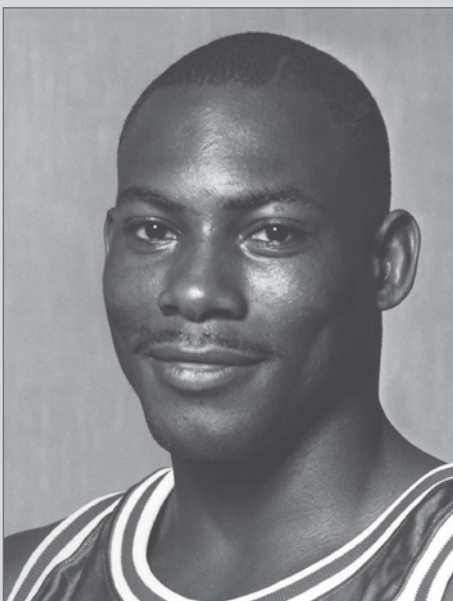
ence Tournament, and the NCAA South Region playoffs. The All-GSC selection scored thirty or more points three times and twenty or more points sixteen times as he finished the season with a school-record 637 points, which he broke the next year.

Ann Shelton is considered by far one of the most dominating pitchers in Jacksonville State's softball history. Despite playing only two years, she holds the school's career strikeout record with 635 in only 418 innings in the circle.

As a senior, she set the single-season wins record by winning twenty-eight games and also set the single-season record for strikeouts with 335 while posting a microscopic 0.71 earned run average, also a school record and the fourth highest total in the nation. Her 10.3 strikeouts per seven innings ranked second nationally.

Shelton pitched the Gamecocks to a 46-11 mark, including a 13-3 Atlantic Sun Record, as Jacksonville State earned a berth in the NCAA Regionals in the school's first year in Division I. She was named the Atlantic Sun Player of the Year, first-team All-A-Sun, and the Most Valuable Player as the Gamecocks won the A-Sun Conference Tournament.

She also earned NCAA Academic All-America honors and Academic All-District accolades. As a junior in 1995, Shelton set the JSU single-season strikeout record with 300, which included a school-record 19 strikeouts in seven innings versus Piedmont College. She posted a 0.73 ERA after pitching the team to a 32-16 record in JSU's final season in Division II. Proving it wasn't all about defense, her .400 batting average was third-best on the team that season. 



TOP LEFT: Gary Angel **TOP RIGHT:** Ann Shelton **BOTTOM LEFT:** Robert Sanders **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Joe Billingsly



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23RD – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25TH

HOMECOMING

JSU vs. EASTERN ILLINOIS

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY

5:30PM

6PM

SIXTIES GROUP ALUMNI DINNER AT MCCLELLAN
 ROTC ANNUAL ALUMNI BANQUET IN GAMECOCK CENTER
 CLASS OF 1959'S 50TH YEAR "GOLDEN GAMECOCK" REUNION
 DINNER ON 11TH FLOOR OF HOUSTON COLE LIBRARY
 CRIMINAL JUSTICE ALUMNI DINNER AT ALUMNI HOUSE

SATURDAY

9AM

10AM

11AM-NOON

11AM-12:30PM

1PM

HALFTIME

6PM

ALUMNI HOUSE OPENS

HOMECOMING PARADE

PRESIDENT'S OPEN HOUSE AND DEPARTMENTAL
 OPEN HOUSES (MCIS, OFFICE OF DISTANCE EDUCATION,
 COLLEGE OF BUSINESS, POLITICAL SCIENCE AND MORE)

FOOD AND ENTERTAINMENT AROUND STADIUM

KICKOFF

ALUMNI OF YEAR AWARDS AND HOMECOMING QUEEN
 AND COURT PRESENTATIONS

STEP SHOW (TICKET AND INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT
GREEKS.JSU.EDU OR CALL MS.REID AT 256.782.8492)

SUNDAY

2:00PM

INTERNATIONAL HOUSE PROGRAM'S UN DAY TEA AT
 INTERNATIONAL HOUSE



GRAY ECHELON REUNION

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

6PM PICNIC DINNER
7:30PM REHEARSAL IN STADIUM
FOLLOWING MEAL

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

8AM MORNING WALK THROUGH AT
STADIUM
NOON HALFTIME PERFORMANCE

NOVEMBER 20 & 21

MARK YOUR CALENDAR TODAY FOR
THE 2009 REUNION AND JOIN US
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NOVEMBER 20 & 21

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PLEASE WEAR RED TOP AND KHAKI BOTTOMS FOR HALFTIME PERFORMANCE

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_____ # AT \$20 RESERVED BENCH SEATING

_____ # AT \$40 RESERVED RED CHAIR BACK SEATING

_____ # CHILDREN 5 AND UNDER FREE

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*** ALL PERCUSSIONISTS – PLEASE TRY TO BRING YOUR OWN INSTRUMENTS! ***

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BY TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2009, TO: JSU ALUMNI OFFICE, 700 PELHAM RD. N., JACKSONVILLE, AL 36265 OR FAX TO US AT (256) 782-5502 (24 HOUR FAX LINE), OR YOU MAY EMAIL YOUR RESERVATIONS TO: ALUMNI@JSU.EDU USING THE ABOVE FORMAT TO PROVIDE YOUR INFORMATION.

JSU ANNOUNCES SPORTS MANAGEMENT MASTER'S DEGREE

BY KRYSTIN MITCHELL



Jacksonville State University has exciting news for those students interested in a career in athletic administration. Dr. Glaucio Scremin, assistant professor in the Department of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation (HPER), is pleased to announce that a Master of Science in Sports Management is now available. The Graduate Council gave their approval on June 23, 2009, and now JSU is one of only two universities in Alabama, and the only regional university, to offer this program.


Dr. Glaucio Scremin was brought in to help design the sports management master's degree and has been at JSU for about a year. He specializes in sports management and sports marketing and, so far, is the only professor scheduled to teach the courses for

the new major. In addition to teaching, Dr. Scremin will be working this summer to develop the website for the new program.

Two concentrations will eventually be available to students that pursue this degree. The first concentration, called interscholastic athletic administration, is for those students pursuing a career in high school sports departments. Class B teacher certification is a prerequisite for this course of study. Eventually, it may be a requirement that every athletic director in Alabama has the certification that this degree provides. The second concentration, called sports marketing and administration, is still in development and should be available by fall, 2010. According to Dr. Scremin, this course of study is designed

for anyone who wants to be involved in the "business side" of athletics. There is no teacher certification or specific bachelor's degree necessary for this concentration, as it is aimed more toward those seeking a career in marketing or public relations rather than coaching. Students pursuing either course of study will be able to complete most, if not all, of their classes online.

For approximately two years, JSU has had a Master of Public Administration degree with a concentration in athletic administration (MPAAA). This degree, like the new master's degree, is available entirely online. With this course of study, students must take certain required courses and then are allowed to fill their remaining classes with electives, half from Public Administration and half from HPER. Dr. Scremin says that the goal of the MPAAA is to provide preparation for a position in a public organization, such as a city or community center that receives public funding, rather than one with a private organization. Though this degree will still exist when the sports marketing concentration is offered, it may eventually be adjusted to cater more toward those students interested in the field of Recreation. The first student to complete this program anticipates graduation in summer or fall of 2009.

The field of sports management has seen a huge increase in popularity since Ohio University first developed a program about forty years ago. Dr. Scremin is anticipating the major to be a very popular one at JSU. This Master of Science in Sports Management is an exciting new development for the region and one more way Jacksonville State University is helping you get where you are going. 

GAMECOCK

VOLLEYBALL 2009

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
8-28	vs. Furman / Deacon Invitational	Winston-Salem, N.C.	3:30 PM
8-29	vs. Charlotte at Wake Forest / Deacon Invitational	Winston-Salem, N.C.	11:30 AM
9-1	at UAB / Deacon Invitational	Birmingham, Ala.	3:30 PM
9-4	vs. Southern Methodist / Bama Bash	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	7:00 PM
	vs. McNeese State / Bama Bash	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	12:00 PM
9-5	at Alabama / Bama Bash	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	4:00 PM
9-8	at Auburn	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	12:00 PM
9-11	at Arkansas / University of Arkansas Tournament	Auburn, Ala.	7:00 PM
9-12	vs. Kansas / University of Arkansas Tournament	Fayetteville, Ark.	7:00 PM
	vs. North Texas / University of Arkansas Tournament	Fayetteville, Ark.	1:00 PM
9-15	TROY	Fayetteville, Ark.	5:00 PM
9-18	EASTERN ILLINOIS*	JACKSONVILLE	6:00 PM
9-19	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI*	JACKSONVILLE	7:00 PM
9-22	at Tennessee Tech*	JACKSONVILLE	2:00 PM
9-25	MURRAY STATE*	Cookeville, Tenn.	7:00 PM
9-26	UT MARTIN*	JACKSONVILLE	7:00 PM
10-2	at Tennessee State*	JACKSONVILLE	2:00 PM
10-3	at Austin Peay*	Nashville, Tenn.	7:00 PM
10-9	at Southeast Missouri*	Clarksville, Tenn.	2:00 PM
10-10	at Eastern Illinois*	Cape Girardeau, Mo.	7:00 PM
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10-23	at UT Martin*	JACKSONVILLE	2:00 PM
10-24	at Murray State*	Martin, Tenn.	7:00 PM
10-30	TENNESSEE TECH*	Murray, Ky.	2:00 PM
11-6	AUSTIN PEAY*	JACKSONVILLE	7:00 PM
11-7	TENNESSEE STATE*	JACKSONVILLE	7:00 PM
11-13	at Eastern Kentucky*	JACKSONVILLE	2:00 PM
11-14	at Morehead State*	Richmond, Ky.	6:00 PM
11/19-21	OVC Tournament	Morehead, Ky.	1:00 PM
		TBA	TBA

* conference game



FRAN BLANCHARD, 1980–1984 JSU GAMECOCK

FOOTBALL REUNION

Don't miss your chance to reunite with your Jax State friends this fall. On October 3, players, cheerleaders, coaches, and friends of the 1980-1984 Gamecock football teams, as well as Delta Zetas from that era, are all invited to return to their alma mater to share a picnic on the quad before watching JSU face off against Tennessee Martin.

Fran Blanchard, organizer of the event, says the response from his classmates has been incredible.

"I've been hearing from people I haven't talked to in 30 years," Blanchard says. "It's been amazing."

One of Blanchard's favorite new con-

tacts is Bobby Lane, '89, a former kicker and then cheerleader for JSU. After graduating from JSU, Lane suffered a stroke – but according to Blanchard, he's refusing to let physical struggles prevent him from returning home to JSU. It's been 17 years since he has set foot on the university's campus.

Lane will take a Greyhound bus from his home in Santa Rosa, Fla. to Anniston, Ala., and he's excited about the opportunity to reunite with old friends.

"As long as I am alive, I will find a way to be there," Lane told Blanchard.

Questions? Contact Blanchard at fran@triplecdevelopment.com or (256)557-1905. 

REUNION INFORMATION

- WHEN:** October 3
- WHAT:** A reunion picnic on the JSU quad before the Tennessee Martin game, plus a cocktail hour at The Victoria in Anniston, Ala.
- WHY:** Mingle with old friends, and make some new ones.
- COST:** \$25 per family. Please send your deposit as soon as possible to Howie Johnston at 3735 Keswick Circle, Birmingham, AL 35242
- LODGING:** The Victoria Inn in Anniston (www.thevictoria.com or (256-236-0503) or the Hampton Inn in Jacksonville (256-782-0330) or the Longleaf Lodge at McClellan (256-820-9494).

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Chris Newsome
COMPUTER SCIENCE MAJOR



COACH DON SALLS

BY BETHANY HARBISON
PHOTOS BY STEVE LATHAM

Belongings thrown over his shoulder, he hoisted himself into the Alabama-bound bus. The University of Alabama had offered young Don Salls, a native of White Plains, New York, a full football scholarship. He peered out the bus's window as the miles melted away, dreaming of touchdowns and big wins.

Don Salls came to the state of Alabama in 1938 to play the sport he loved, but when he stepped off the bus into Tuscaloosa's steaming summer air, he knew he would not be staying long — or so he thought. Seventy three years later, 90 year-old Salls, a coach, professor, author, and entrepreneur, loves to look back on his vibrant Alabama life, 38 years of which he invested in Jacksonville State University.

Yet his start in the state was a rough one. The University of Alabama's foot-

ball practice field was knotted with onion grass, and the stench of a nearby paper mill turned his stomach.

"Every time I saw a Greyhound bus or a New York license plate or heard a train whistle, I wanted to turn around and go home," Coach Salls says.

He pleaded with his parents to let him transfer schools and play football at an institution closer to home, but when he discovered that doing so would require him to sit out a year, sacrificing key playing time, he decided to stay.

Salls was red-shirted his first year, but in his junior season, he intercepted a pass against the University of Kentucky and traveled 76 yards for the touchdown — a record-breaking run. In 1941, the 169-pound player made the university's first team at the fullback/linebacker position and helped

the team go on to win a national championship that year.

Soon after earning his bachelor's degree in physical education from the University of Alabama in 1942, Salls was whisked away to World War II. There, his bravery earned him the Bronze Star Medal (Oak Leaf Cluster), American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal (3 stars), WWII Victory Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, and an Honorable Service lapel button. After being shot in the hand during combat, Salls earned a Purple Heart as well. In 1945, he was promoted to Captain.

After the war, Salls returned to the University of Alabama and completed coursework for his master's degree in physical education, which he received in 1946.





Coach Salls with wife, Diane at their home in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Meanwhile, President Houston Cole, of Jacksonville State University, was on the hunt for a football coach. Salls' lack of coaching and teaching experience made him an unlikely candidate, but he came highly recommended. In 1946, a very surprised Salls was offered the position of head football coach and associate professor at JSU, on whose campus he had never set foot.

"All I had heard was that it was the friendliest campus in the South," Salls says.

When Salls began coaching, the school's football team played on the local high school's football field, which was full of gopher holes. Salls chuckles as he recalls a game against St. Bernard his first year, when the ball-carrying player of the opposing team tripped in one of the holes — 20 yards shy of the goal line.

"That's about all that field was good for," says Salls with a smile.

The young coach's first season was dismal, with the team winning just one game and tying another. Success was on its way for Salls, however. In 1947, Salls' second year as coach, he led his team through an

undefeated season. Salls stayed on as head coach from 1946-1964, and in that time his teams won seven conference championships and were selected for four bowl games under his leadership.

As devoted as Salls was to leading teams to victory on the field, he was equally passionate about directing his students toward success in the classroom. For eight summers, he packed up his family and drove to New York to attend school at New York University to work on his doctorate. In 1955, he triumphed, becoming a Doctor of Education and was thus promoted to professor at JSU.

For many years, Salls worked as the university's supervisor of student teachers, a position that allowed him to observe budding teachers in the classroom.

"You could immediately tell if a student was from the Jax State program," Salls said. "The education program was — and is — excellent."

Salls became an entrepreneur in 1962 when he spearheaded a national program of isometric exercises. The XSIM, which stood for Ten Static Exercises in One Minute, was a program built upon the principle that it only takes six seconds to develop a muscle to its fullest potential. He ran advertisements in *Life*, *Look*, and *The Reader's Digest* as well as in the Sunday newspaper supplements, each inviting readers to send in money to receive the exercises.

The Monday after the first set of advertisements ran, Salls drove to check his post office box. Moments later, he found himself rolling out box after box of mail to his car. The postal clerk looked at him and, with eyes wide, she asked what was going on.

"I'm sorry, ma'am," a straight-faced Salls told her. "We were away for the weekend."

From then on, Salls and his wife Margaret employed twelve secretaries, who worked in his basement, opening envelopes and pulling out the money. The business'

success allowed the family to build a home and send their four children to college.

“All I ever wanted to do was help people, and I believe these exercises accomplished that,” Salls says.

After the death of his first wife, Margaret, Salls married Diane in 1988. He credits Diane for many of the accolades that he has received in recent years because of her passion to see him honored for his life of good deeds, especially for his devotion to Jacksonville State University.

“I am so proud of my 38 years I spent there,” Salls says. “I worked with outstanding coaches, teachers, professors, students, and presidents. The Lord has truly blessed me.”

Coach Salls’ Halls of Fame and Honors:

- JSU Athletic Hall of Fame
- The Alabama Sports Hall of Fame
- The Westchester County, NY Hall of Fame
- The Jonny Vaught Lifetime Achievement Award by the All American Football Foundation
- Paul Bear Bryant Alumni Athlete Award
- The Winningest Coach in the History of JSU Football
- JSU’s Salls Hall was named for him in 1969
- Professor Emeritus of JSU
- Authored Live and Love to Be 100 in 1995

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ALUMNI

OF THE YEAR

**AWARD WINNERS WILL BE RECOGNIZED AT HALFTIME OF THE
HOMECOMING GAME ON SATURDAY OCTOBER 24.**

ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

SENATOR LARRY MEANS '70 Sen. Means earned a Bachelor of Science in business administration in 1970 from Jacksonville State University. He began his political career in 1976 when he was elected to serve on the Attalla City Council. Since 1998, he has represented the 10th District (Etowah and Cherokee Counties) in the Alabama Senate. Senator Means has worked to establish a prescription drug monitoring program and has been a strong supporter of funding for higher education. He and his wife Karen reside in Attalla, Ala. and have two children and three grandchildren.

ALUMNA OF THE YEAR

MS. PAMELA D. YOUNG '77 Ms. Young earned her Bachelor of Science in business administration in 1977 from Jacksonville State University. She is employed by her family owned and operated Young Oil, Inc., and Grub Mart Convenience Stores. Ms. Young was a ballerina and a member of the Alpha Xi Delta sorority at JSU and has been very involved in an advisory role since 1980. She has served as President of the National Alumni Association and The Gamecock Club, where she remains

very active today. Ms. Young resides in Piedmont, Ala.

YOUNG ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

MR. WILLIAM CHRISTOPHER COOK '05

Mr. Cook received his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Jacksonville State University in 2005. He currently works for U.S. Senator Johnny Isakson of Georgia as a legislative assistant managing issues that include Banking, Financial Markets and Tax issues. Mr. Cook also serves as a reading mentor for the Washington D.C., program, Everybody Wins!, which promotes children's literacy through shared reading experiences. He and his wife, Karen Boyette Cook '05, reside in Washington, D.C.

MILITARY ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

COL. DEBORAH BROUGHTON GRAYS '84

Col. Grays was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Military Police Corps. and received her Bachelor of Arts in political science from Jacksonville State University in 1984. She later received a Master of Science degree in national resource strategy from the U.S. Army War College. She currently serves as the Garrison Commander for Fort McPherson and

Fort Gillem in the Atlanta, Ga., metropolitan area. She is responsible for managing the installations' functions and services dealing with everything from facilities and infrastructure to air space. Col. Grays is married to Col. Chris Grays. They have one son, Airman Marcus Broughton, age 20, serving in the United States Air Force and currently deployed to Kuwait.

OUTSTANDING FACULTY OF THE YEAR

MRS. GLORIA HORTON Mrs. Horton has been an instructor of English at Jacksonville State University since 1989. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Education in 1964 and a Master of Arts in English in 1969 from the University of Alabama. At JSU, she has served as the Director of the Writing Project since 2004, proofreader for University publications, Faculty Chair for United Way, Faculty Senate Executive Committee member and has participated in many other activities. Mrs. Horton and her husband, T. J., live in Oxford, Ala., and have one son and one daughter.

ALUMNI CHAPTER OF THE YEAR CALHOUN COUNTY



Senator Larry Means 1970



Ms. Pamela D. Young 1977



Mr. William Christopher Cook 2005



Col. Deborah Broughton Grays 1984



Mrs. Gloria Horton

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ALUMNI OF THE YEAR
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found at:
www.jsu.edu/alumni
nomination deadline:
June 1, 2010

Criminal Justice Reunion Registration

- WHO:** All Criminal Justice Alumni
WHAT: Homecoming Reunion Dinner
WHERE: JSU Alumni House
WHEN: Friday, October 23rd
6:00pm-Registration
6:30pm-Dinner
COST: \$5 per person*

**(Donation to CJ Alumni Chapter Scholarship Fund)*

Once again this year, Calhoun County Sheriff Larry Amerson'75 and his staff are generous enough to sponsor this event! Come during the day on Friday to see the Sheriff's office displays, equipment and tactical drills-hands on experience at the JSU Alumni Office!

Visit the alumni website for a full schedule of homecoming activities (www.jsu.edu/alumni)

Tickets are available for Saturday's homecoming game (*kickoff 1pm*). Reserved Bench \$20, General Admission \$10.

To register for the CJ alumni reunion, complete the form below or online at www.jsu.edu/alumni and return to the alumni office by October 15th!



(Cut off portion of form below to be mailed back in)



Criminal Justice Homecoming Reunion 2009

Please Print

Name: _____ Grad Year: _____ Degree: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Spouse/Guest: _____

of reservations _____ x \$5 (*scholarship donation*)= \$ _____

Tickets for Saturday's game: _____ x \$20 \$ _____ and/or x \$10 = \$ _____

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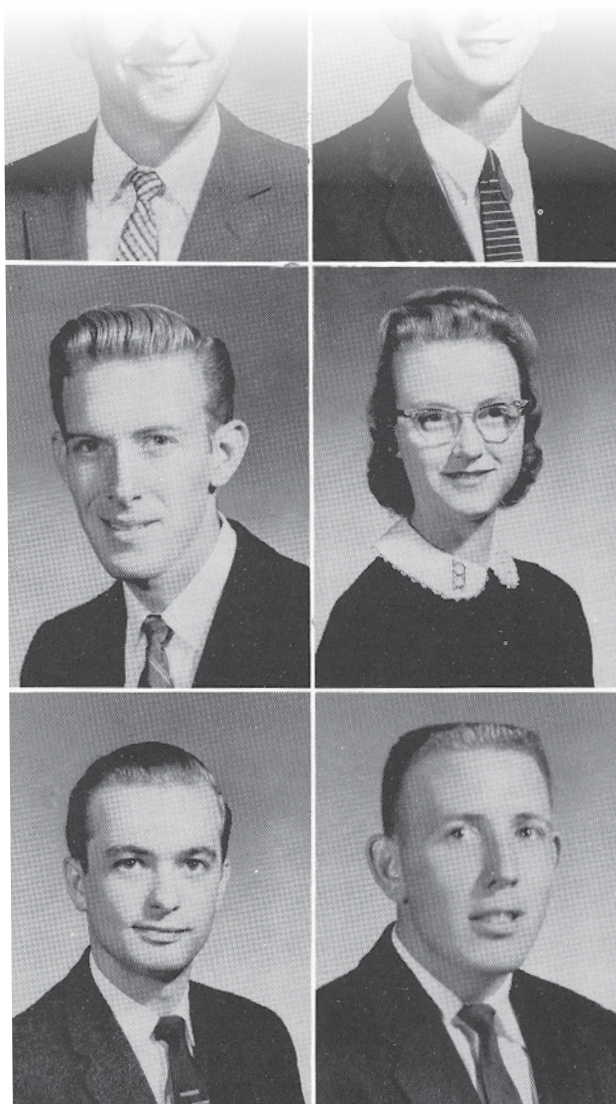
Class of 1959

The members of the Class of 1959 will be celebrating their 50th anniversary at Homecoming this year! These "Golden Gamecocks" will arrive on campus on Friday, October 23rd for their 50th reunion dinner!

If you know the whereabouts of any of the "lost" classmates listed below, please contact the alumni office at 256-782-5404 or 877-JSU-ALUM or via email at alumni@jsu.edu

Emma Pruitt Arieta
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James M Ellis
Myrtle Miller Ezzell
Martha Garrett
Horace Waters Harvey
Marjorie Durham Malloy
Eugene Scott
Marie Henegar Stone

If you are a member of the Class of 1959 and have not received any reunion information, please contact the alumni office at the numbers listed above.



Sixties Group Reunion Registration

WHO: All 60's Alumni
WHAT: 60's Group Reunion
WHEN: Friday, October 23, 2009
WHERE: Miller Sports Arena at McClellan
(located across from Long Leaf Lodge)

Directions: Turn into McClellan at Baltzell Gate (middle gate near Lenlock), go past Fire Station on right. Bear right after fire station and arena is first building on your right.

Registration: begins at 5pm, dinner served at 5:30pm. Meal catered by Goal Post BBQ with menu of BBQ ribs, baked beans, cole slaw and toasted bread

NO BAND this year by popular demand!
But great music provided this year on CDs.

Cost: \$15 per person.

Tickets: available for Saturday's homecoming game (kickoff 1pm). Reserved bench \$20, General Admission \$10.

* If you wish to stay at Long Leaf Lodge, make your reservations early!

(256) 820-9494 or toll free at 877-845-6343

(Cut off portion of form below to be mailed back in)



Mike Kimberly (left) with "Ears" Cummings (right) on the swing at the Alumni House

The Sixties Group is Missing a Heartbeat.....

Mr. Lonnie Wayne "Ears" Cummings of Trussville, Ala., passed away at the age of 70 on June 30, 2009. Mr. Cummings, affectionately known as "Ears," graduated from Jacksonville State University in 1969, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in business. He remained very close to JSU after graduation and even served as a former president of the local JSU Birmingham Alumni Chapter. Friends describe Ears as the "glue" and "the heart" that held the sixties group together. Those who knew him say he never met a stranger, and he loved JSU with all of his heart.

Mr. Cummings is survived by his wife, Margaret, and their two daughters, LeaAnn and Suzanne; one brother, Wendell; six grandchildren, and one great grandson.



Sixties Group Homecoming Reunion 2009

Please Print

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Spouse/Guest: _____

of dinner reservations _____ x \$15= \$ _____ (check made payable to W.E. Connell)

Tickets for Saturday's game: _____ x \$20 \$ _____ and/or x \$10 = \$ _____

Checks made payable to JSU Foundation

OR charge to Visa/Mastercard# _____

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Total amount enclosed/charged \$ _____

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ETOWAH COUNTY ALUMNI DINNER



BIRMINGHAM "STATE OF THE UNIVERSITY" DINNER



GREATER HUNTSVILLE AREA YOUNG ALUMNI AFTER-HOURS

Annual Spring Shrimp Boil

On April 16th, the Calhoun County Alumni Chapter hosted its 4th Annual Spring Shrimp Boil at the alumni house pavilion. This year's event was attended by more than 220 people! Local steel drum band JAXPAN provided the evening's entertainment, complete with a limbo contest. Since it began in 2005, the Spring Shrimp Boil has continued to grow each year and has become a staple in Calhoun County. Next year's event will be on Thursday, April 22, 2010.



Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER 8

Alumni Reception at Wintzells in Mobile

SEPTEMBER 10

Alumni Reception at Will Call Sports Grille in Pensacola, FL

SEPTEMBER 26

FAB '40s/Nifty '50s Reunion

OCTOBER 23 & 24

Homecoming 2009
Class of 1959 Reunion
'60s Group Reunion
Criminal Justice Alumni Reunion
ROTC Alumni Banquet
Young Alumni Gathering

NOVEMBER 21

Gray Echelon Reunion

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UPCOMING EVENTS

'60s Group

The JSU Alumni '60s Group held their annual Spring Fling in Panama City Beach, Florida. There was food, fun, and lots and lots of stories! The '60s Group will be holding their annual Homecoming gathering at McClellan on Friday, October 23. See page 41 for registration.



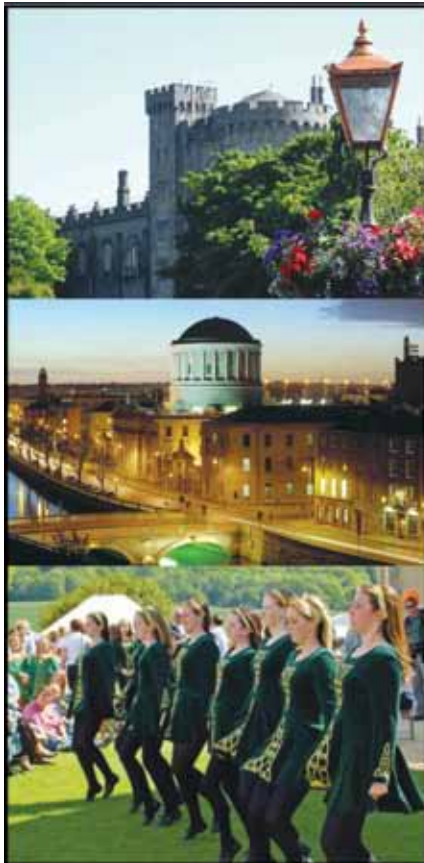
Florida Bound!

With the Jacksonville State University Gamecocks football team playing Florida State University in Tallahassee this September, the JSU Alumni Association will be providing several opportunities for alumni along the Gulf Coast to gather socially. Be sure to check the alumni web site at www.jsu.edu/alumni for upcoming events this fall in the Mobile area, Pensacola area, Destin/Fort Walton Beach area, and Tallahassee.

Chapter of the Year

The JSU National Alumni Association recognizes one outstanding alumni chapter each year. Last year's recipient was the Marshall County Alumni Chapter. Chapter president Katie Boggus (pictured here with JSU Alumni President Don Killingsworth) accepted the award on Homecoming Day. This year's recipient will be the Calhoun County Alumni Chapter. Congratulations and thank you for your outstanding work to help advance your alma mater.





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- BS in Nursing (For RN's only through STEP program)
- Graduate Certificate in Emergency Management
- Graduate Certificate in Geographical Information Systems



ALUMnotes

BIRTHS

1990 - 1999

Eric V. Muth, '91/'93, and Karen Teal Muth, '93/'96, Vincent, Ala., welcomed the birth of Erich Talon, May 21, 2009.

Phillip Brent Nichols, '95/'99, and Tanya Michele Wilkins Nichols, '98, Lakeland, Fla., announce the birth of their second daughter, Chloe Danielle, January 13, 2009. Mr. Nichols is employed by DNA Environmental Logistics. Mrs. Nichols was a member of the Southerners. They have an older daughter, Hannah Beth.

Emily Gong Clark, '99, and her husband Reid, Hoover, Ala., welcomed the birth of Hunter Reid, June 1, 2009. Mrs. Clark is employed by State Farm Insurance. She was a Peer Counselor as a student at JSU and currently serves on the Alumni Association Board of Governors as President of the Birmingham Area Alumni Chapter. The Clarks also have a 2-year-old son, Walker James.

2000-2009

Lee A. Hinkson, '00/'02, and Kelly Nye Hinkson, '03/'04/'05, Dallas, Ga., welcomed the birth of their first child, Kalee Hope, March 1, 2009. Mr. Hinkson was a pitcher for the JSU baseball team and Mrs. Hinkson was a shooting guard



for the women's basketball team. Both are employed by the Paulding County (Ga.) Board of Education.

Heidi Zentner Campos, '03, and her husband Roland, Huntsville, Ala., announce the birth of their son, Adam Roland, December 11, 2008. Mrs. Campos was a member of the Southerners, Sigma Alpha Iota, and the Health, Physical Education and Recreation (HPER) honor society at JSU. She is employed by Huntsville Hospital. They also have a 6-year-old son, Evan William, and a 2-year-old daughter, Alaina Grace.

Alison Wells Roberts, '03, and her husband Paul R. Roberts II, Gadsden, Ala., welcomed the birth of their first child, a son, Wilson Paul, on March 6, 2009. Mrs. Roberts is a fifth grade teacher in the Etowah County School system.

WEDDINGS

1990 - 1999

Jill Nelson, '95/'98, and Mark Quincy Durden, June 6, 2009, Talladega, Ala. Mrs. Durden is employed by the Talladega County Board of Education.

Kent Archer, '96, and Lindsey Beddingfield, '06, May 16, 2009, Gadsden, Ala. Mrs. Archer is enrolled at



the Birmingham School of Law. She is employed by Goldberg & Associates. Mr. Archer is employed by the Etowah County Board of Education.

Kelly Jo Dobbs, '97, and Adam Brian Hunter, March 21, 2009, Weaver, Ala. Mrs. Hunter was a member of Alpha Omicron Pi and served as a Peer Counselor at JSU. She is employed by the Gadsden City Board of Education.

Michael Jeremy Bruce, '99, and Stacy Lynn Willis, June 6, 2009, Pewee Valley, Ky. Mr. Bruce is employed by the Trussville (Ala.) Police Department.

2000-2009

Stephen Arcell Armstrong, '01, and Heather Marie Wilkerson, March 28, 2009, Warrenton, S.C. Mr. Armstrong was commissioned through the JSU ROTC program and is serving a tour of duty in the Middle East.

Ronald Jonathan Miller, '01, and Lauren Elizabeth Evans, '05, June 20, 2009, Anniston, Ala. Mrs. Miller is employed by Advance Dermatology and Skin Care Specialists as a physician assistant. Mr. Miller is employed by the Calhoun County Board of Education as a teacher and coach at Saks High School.



Erich Talon Muth, Chloe Danielle Nichols, Hunter Reid Clark

Carey Chadwick Paris, '02, and Melanie Anne Homan, June 6, 2009, Demopolis, Ala. Mr. Paris is employed by the Auburn City Board of Education.

Joseph Franklin White, '02, and Amanda Beth Bradford, February 28, 2009, Arab, Ala. Capt. White is serving in the U.S. Army, stationed at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, assigned to the 3rd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division. He was commissioned through the JSU ROTC program.

Casey Elliott Smith, '03, and Tara Marie Kettell, June 5, 2009, Huntsville, Ala. Mr. Smith was a member of Kappa Sigma and is employed by the Shelby County Board of Education at Valley Intermediate in Pelham. He is also head women's golf coach at Birmingham Southern College.

Sandy Lynn Smith, '03, and Gary Todd Dean, May 2, 2009, Alexander City, Ala. Mrs. Dean is employed by the Clay County Board of Education at Lineville Elementary School.

John Lucas Carlisle, '04, and Vanessa Cadena, March 7, 2009, Gadsden, Ala. Mr. Carlisle played football at JSU and is employed by Novartis Pharmaceuticals.

Jolyn Bree Davis, '04, and Ricky Dell McConnell, April 24, 2009, Athens, Ala. Mrs. McConnell is employed by Miltec, a Ducommun Company, as a recruiter.

Kevin Hamrick, '04, and Brittney Cunningham, '09, June 27, 2009,



Adam Roland Campos

Anniston, Ala. Mr. Hamrick is employed by SAIC Corporation at McClellan.

Kimberly Anne McKnight, '04, and Tony Lane Fleming, May 24, 2009, Panama City Beach, Fla. Mrs. Fleming is pursuing her master's degree at JSU.

Emily Suzanne Ray, '04, and Jonathan Wayne Everly, May 23, 2009, Piedmont, Ala. Mrs. Everly is employed by Gulf Shore Assemblies, LLC in Lincoln.

Blake Shawn Bearden, '05/'07, and Haley Melissa Lambert, June 27, 2009, Mentone, Ala. Mr. Bearden is employed by the Dekalb County Board of Education at Crossville High School.

Daniel Preston Buford, '05, and Lindsay Ann Dant, '08, May 30, 2009, Oxford, Ala. Mrs. Buford was a member of Phi Mu. She is employed by Intellimed Solutions. Mr. Buford is attending the University of Mississippi School of Law and is employed by the Army National Guard. He was commissioned through the JSU ROTC program.

Clint Weldon Carroll, '05, and Heather Ann Turner, May 2, 2009, Montgomery, Ala. Mr. Carroll played baseball at JSU. He is employed with Brasfield and Gorrie in Birmingham.

Andy Green, '05/'08, and Brandie Lee Pollard, '07/'08, June 6, 2009, Jacksonville, Ala. Mr. Green was a Peer Counselor and member of the Student Government Association and is a current employee of JSU. Mrs. Green is employed by the Pell City Board of Education.

Britton Eve Hicks, '05, and Henry James Holmes, May, 2009, Decatur, Ala. Mrs. Holmes is employed by Three Springs as a level three counselor at its Paint Rock Valley campus.

Kimberly Ann McCain, '05, and Charles Ray Hamby, June 13, 2009, Gadsden, Ala. Mrs. Hamby was a member of Alpha Omicron Pi and is employed by the Etowah County Board of Education.

Joshua Paul Smith, '05, and Kaci Brin Williams, June 29, 2009, Gulf Shores, Ala. Mr. Smith is employed by Helping Hands in Tuscaloosa as a licensed physical therapist assistant.

Jodi Marie Boozer, '06, and Brennan Joseph Batey, March 21, 2009, Jacksonville, Ala. Mrs. Batey is employed by UAB Hospital in Birmingham as a registered nurse.

Jeffrey Michael Carpenter, '06, and Lora Ashley Roberts, '08, May 30, 2009, Rainbow City, Ala. Mr. Carpenter was a member of the Southerners at JSU and is employed by the Tallapoosa County Board of Education as director of bands at Horseshoe Bend School in New Site.

Brandi Chapman, '06, and Billy Smith, May 16, 2009, Gadsden, Ala. Mrs. Smith is employed by the Gadsden City Board of Education.

Eric Lee Moses, '06, and Monica Leigh Ingram, March 14, 2009, Oxford, Ala. Mr. Moses is employed by Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Birmingham, Ala.

Lindsay Nicole Painter, '06, and Nathan Tyler Nobles, April 18, 2009. Mrs. Nobles is employed by St. Clair Hospital in Pell City as a registered nurse.

Bret Pettus, '06, and Jeana Lea Gilbert, '08, March 21, 2009, Attalla, Ala. Mr. Pettus played baseball for JSU and is employed by Compass Bank of Gadsden. A magna cum laude graduate, Mrs. Pettus was a member of the JSU Marching Ballerinas and is employed by Gadsden

City Board of Education at Gadsden High School.

Brian Scott Sexton, '06, and Mary Leann Weatherholt, March 28, 2009, Gadsden, Ala. Mr. Sexton is employed by Gaylesville High School.

Brian Vick, '06, and Haley Brannan, April 18, 2009, Guntersville, Ala. Mr. Vick is employed by Civilian Marksmanship Program, Anniston, Ala., as planner and safety officer.

Amanda LaRae Alverson, '07, and Brody Sloan Moses, '08, May 2, 2009, Jacksonville, Ala. Mrs. Moses was a member of Delta Zeta and is employed by Garrell Regional Dental Center. Mr. Moses is employed by the Anniston Police Department.

Laura Brooke Bradley, '07, and Barry Michael Johnson, June 13, 2009. Mrs. Johnson is employed by the Blount County Board of Education.

Steven Oliver Cruse, '07, and Leslie Nicole Stinson, April 11, 2009. Mr. Cruse is employed by the Oxford City Board of Education.

Michael Jagers, '07, and Jennilee McMurrey, June 20, 2009, Glencoe, Ala. Mrs. Jagers is pursuing her degree at JSU.

Anna Indira Maroney, '07, and Kenneth Lee Chambers, June 13, 2009, Perdido Beach. Mrs. Chambers is employed by the Gadsden City Board of Education.

Laura Ashley Reed, '07, and Philip David Cruce, Jr., '08, June 6, 2009, Huntsville, Ala. Mrs. Cruce was a member of Alpha Omicron Pi and is employed at Legacy Elementary School. Mr. Cruce was a member of Pi Kappa Phi and is employed at Verizon Wireless Call Center in Huntsville.

Lori Jennifer Sheffield, '07, and Phillip L. Johns, April 24, 2009. Mrs. Johns is a graphic designer.

Breanna Kaye Shipman, '07, and Justin Daniel Cox, May 30, 2009. Mrs. Cox is employed by the Pell City Board of Education.

Rebekah Lauren Snow, '07, and Mayden Andrew "Drew" Hogsed II, May 16, 2009, Attalla, Ala. Mrs. Hogsed is employed by the Gadsden City Board of Education.

Jacob William Strickland, '07, and Irenia Belinda-Rose Pruitt, '08, June 27, 2009, Rome, Ga. Mrs. Strickland was a member of the JSU Marching Ballerinas and Chamber Singers. She is currently employed as a registered nurse at Redmond Regional Medical Center, Rome, Ga. Mr. Strickland was a member of the Southerners and is pursuing his master's degree at JSU. He is employed as a systems analyst at Russell Brands, Alexander City, Ala.

Sara Michelle Talley, '07, and Ethan Barrett Tucker, June 27, 2009, Gadsden, Ala. Mrs. Tucker is employed by UAB Medical Center West, Birmingham, Ala., as a registered nurse.

Jennifer Barksdale, '08, and Jason Wehrwein, May 31, 2009, Gulf Shores, Ala. Mrs. Wehrwein is employed in Leeds, Ala.

Jason Matthew Barrett, '08, and Mary Allison Johnson, May 30, 2009, Hilton Head Island, S.C. Mr. Barrett is employed at Techtrix Metal Finishing in Gadsden, Ala.

Jamie Elizabeth Beaird, '08, and Phillip Aaron Lewis, June 6, 2009, Southside, Ala. A cum laude graduate, Mrs. Lewis is employed by Rainbow Academy Daycare.

NEW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION LIFE MEMBERS

(January 2009 – June 2009)

Steven E. Chesnut'01

Sumer Thomas Chesnut'01

Leslie Anne Leverett'86

Kassandra L. McKenzie'07

William N. Nash, Jr.'86

Brandy Danielle Hurlbut, '08, and Antonio Costa Almeida, April 25, 2009, McClellan, Ala. Mrs. Almeida is employed by Regions Bank.

Jessica Lowery, '08, and Patrick Rose, '09, May 30, 2009, Fort Walton Beach, Fla. Mrs. Rose is employed by Belk's in the Gadsden Mall. Mr. Rose is employed by Sarrell Dental Center, Enterprise, Ala.

Hannah Magouyrk, '08, and Jonathan Lehr, April 18, 2009, Anniston, Ala. Mrs. Lehr is employed by the Anniston Army Depot.

Heather Denise Parker, '08, and Matthew Paul Headley, '09, June 20, 2009, Jacksonville, Ala. Mrs. Headley was a member of the A Capella Choir at JSU. She is currently attending Ball State University of Indiana completing her master's degree. Mr. Headley is employed by Red Hill United Methodist Church.

Lauren Phillips, '08, and Justin Holland, May 23, 2009, Trussville, Ala.

Tiffany Renea Tolleson, '08, and Jason Lee Yerby, '08, June 6, 2009, Albertville, Ala.

Mrs. Yerby is employed by the Gadsden City Board of Education. Mr. Yerby is employed by Pilgrim's Pride.

Mike Whitten, Jr., '08, and Emily Nix, May 23, 2009, Anniston, Ala. Mr. Whitten is employed by Koch.

Megan Wright, '09, and Trey Perman, May 23, 2009, Gadsden, Ala. Mr. Perman is pursuing his degree at JSU.

OBITUARIES

(information obtained through newspaper obituary notices unless otherwise noted)

JSU FACULTY/STAFF

William R. Bowen, January 19, 2009, in Arkansas. Retired from the JSU biology department, his ashes have been scattered at the JSU Little River Canyon facility.

Mary Frances Ford Lockridge, Piedmont, Ala., January 19, 2009. Mrs. Lockridge was retired from JSU with more than 24 years of service.

ATTENDED ONLY OR DATE OF GRADUATION UNKNOWN

Ann Taylor Casey, Jacksonville, Ala., March 10, 2009. She was married to Fred Hugh Casey, '58, for 51 years.

Maribel H. Cassidy, Oxford, Ala., May 22, 2009. She worked for the Oxford City Board of Education for many years as employee and volunteer in various positions, including an aide for special needs children. Mrs. Cassidy was married to the late Bill B. Cassidy, '50, who played football for JSU.

Ludie Meade Elrod, Arab, Ala., March 23, 2009. Mrs. Elrod taught at Arab Elementary School for most of her 37 ½ years of teaching.

Kathryn Allen Lindsey, Valley, Ala., April 12, 2009. She was a teacher in Anniston, Shawmut and Montgomery.

Billy J. "Boom Boom" Mathis, Tidmore, Ala., February 28, 2009. Mr. Mathis played football for JSU. He was elected to the Etowah County Sports Hall of Fame in 1996. Mr. Mathis was retired from Goodyear as a shift foreman.

Col. Orval Q. Matteson, Jacksonville, Ala., June 16, 2009, at the age of 96. A retired Army veteran of World War II, he served his country in France, Korea, New York, New Jersey and Texas, and had several tours of duty at the Pentagon. He was the owner of Mid-South Distributors in Jacksonville, specializing in water treatment. Col. Matteson was active in politics, once attending the Presidential Convention as a Republican Party delegate. He was active in the local Exchange Club for more than 30 years. An athlete in his youth, he was an avid supporter of Gamecock athletics, holding active membership in the Gamecock Club and the J-Club.

Frank Wilbur Mottley III, Eufaula, Ala., May 20, 2009. Mr. Mottley taught vocational education in Eufaula and at Sparks Technical College (now Wallace State). He was also a contract instructor with General Motors, teaching GM classes throughout the United States, Canada and the Middle East. After retiring from GM, he was an automotive instructor for several other corporations and authored numerous technical instruction manuals for field-computer electronics. Mr. Mottley was a veteran of the U.S. Naval Air Reserve.

Ray Kendrick "Ken" Nevin, Jr., Birmingham, Ala. The Alumni Office was notified by a classmate of his death. Mr. Nevin played football at JSU in 1984.

Charles A. Schilleci, Birmingham, Ala., is deceased. Mr. Schilleci played football for JSU.

Mark Edwin Thomas, Peachtree City, Ga., January 19, 2009. The Alumni Office was notified by his daughter of his death. Mr. Thomas was a member of the Southerners at JSU.

Mary Hartline Tidmore, Horton, Ala. The Alumni Office was notified by the postal service of her death.

Charlotte E. Trathen, Reading, Penn., January 13, 2009. Ms. Trathen was a member of Alpha Xi Delta. The Alumni Office was notified by her daughter of her death.

Emory Watson, Warrior, Ala. The Alumni Office was notified by his wife, Avis, of his death.

1930-1939

Mildred Louise Sheppard, '35/'37, Gadsden, Ala. The Alumni Office was notified by the postal service of her death.

Evelyn Woods Street, '37, Piedmont, Ala., June 2009.

Roy Buford, '39, Section, Ala., passed away in 2006. The Alumni Office was notified by a family member of his death. Mr. Buford played basketball and football for JSU.

Chester B. Stricklin, '39, Birmingham, Ala., February 17, 2009. He was retired from Chicago Bridge & Iron and was owner of Chester Stricklin Photography. Mr. Stricklin was also a World War II veteran, having served in the Army Air Corps.

1940-1949

Paul C. Bailey, '42, Cullman, Ala., February 27, 2009. Dr. Bailey was a World War II veteran, having served in the U.S. Army Air and Medical Corps. He served as professor and biology department chairman at what is now the University of Montevallo from 1947 to 1963. For the next 22 years, Dr. Bailey served as chairman of the biology department, chairman of the division of math and science, acting president and finally as academic dean of Birmingham-Southern College until his retirement in 1985. Dr. Bailey was also a noted research geneticist, dedicating over 20 years of his career to cancer research. After his retirement in 1985, he became Mayor of the town of Baileyton for the next 18 years.

Norma Corley Collier, '47, Hoover, Ala., March 20, 2009. Mrs. Collier was active in her church's Wee Care Ministry, and was an avid gardener and bridge player. She was listed in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

Mildred Snow Myers, '48, Homewood, Ala., May 7, 2009. The Alumni Office was notified by her daughter of her death. Mrs. Myers was married to the late, Dorris E. Myers, '53.

Hollis Moore Pope, '49, Marietta, Ga., March 5, 2009. He was retired from Lockheed as an accountant. Mr. Pope was married to Sarah Cox Pope, '48, for 60 years.

Milton L. Stewart, '49, Vestavia Hills, Ala., March 15, 2009. Mr. Stewart served in the U.S. Army's 3rd Division in Europe during World War II. He was retired from U.S. Steel after 35 years of service and Hanna Steel with 10 years of service.

1950-1959

Joy Cunningham Albea, '50, Collinsville, Ala., May 5, 2009. She was a librarian in the Jacksonville and Anniston School Systems for 30 years. She also taught speech classes at Gadsden State Community College and worked as a mentor for student teachers. After retirement, she opened a quilt shop, The Quiltique, in Anniston. Mrs. Albea was a member of the Baptist Campus Ministry and the International House Program at JSU.

Billie Jean Allred, '51, Anniston, Ala., January 29, 2009. He was a retired manager of the Calhoun-Cleburne Office of the Alabama State Employment Service. Mr. Allred served as president of the JSU National Alumni Association in 1981. He received the Alabama Department of Industrial Relations Distinguished Service Award in 1986. He was an avid bowler and was inducted into the Anniston Bowling Hall of Fame in 1994. Mr. Allred was married to June Meeks Allred, '74/'75.

Ivy Lonette "Boots" Green, '51, Jacksonville, Ala., January, 2009. Mrs. Green taught school for 31 years in Calhoun, Etowah, and St. Clair counties.

Joe Bowden Mitchell, '51, Wilmington, Del., January 14, 2009. He began his teaching career at Key West (Fla.) High School, became a librarian at Illinois State University, and later served as the director of the library at Radford College and Ferrum College, where he retired.

Ivan R. Smith, '51, Mount Olive, Ala., May 5, 2009. Dr. Smith retired from the Alabama Army National Guard as Major General commander of the 167th COSCOM, Birmingham, Ala., with over 38 years of service. He practiced dentistry

in Childersburg, Ala., from 1957 until 1995. He was also a former Mayor of the town of Childersburg. Dr. Smith was commissioned through the JSU ROTC program and was a member of the International House Program.

Joe Westbrook Adkins, Sr., '52, Ashville, Ala., February 11, 2009. He was a World War II Navy veteran. He began his banking career at Ashville Savings Bank, where he became president in 1956. He held this position until the bank was sold to Colonial Bank in 1998. Under his presidency, the Ashville Bank grew from one office with two employees, to nine branch offices with over 100 employees in three counties. Mr. Adkins also served three terms as Mayor of Ashville, Ala. In July, 2002, the Alabama House of Representatives honored him with a commendation for Outstanding Corporate Citizen of St. Clair County, based on a lifetime of service and generosity to St. Clair County and its citizens.

Glenn M. Hawkins, '52, Anniston, Ala., May 12, 2009. Mr. Hawkins was a charter member of the Calhoun County Sports Hall of Fame (2005) and longtime supporter of JSU athletics. He was a World War II Navy veteran. Mr. Hawkins played football for JSU and began officiating basketball, football and baseball shortly after graduating. He was one of the founding members of the East Alabama Football Officials Association. In 1998, he was recognized by the National Federation of High Schools as a National Contributor (one of only six officials, at that time, to have ever received this award). He was an avid JSU supporter and fan for more than 60 years. Many JSU fans remember him operating the clock for Gamecock football and basketball for many years, and he could always be seen seated in the stands at away games. In

2007, he received the inaugural Jimmy Bryan Award for lifetime service and support to the JSU athletic department.

Betty Cole Dodson, '53, Roswell, Ga., February 24, 2009. Mrs. Dodson began her career as a preschool teacher. In 1974 she became secretary to the senior pastor at Roswell United Methodist Church. In 1984, Mrs. Dodson began working at Rhone-Poulenc as assistant to the general manager and human resources administrator, where she retired in 1996.

Betty Joyce Ashworth Fuhrman, '55, Gadsden, Ala., March 7, 2009. She had been an educator at Emma Sansom, Southside High, and Westminster and Rainbow Middle Schools.

Lonnie Jackson "Jack" Mitchell, '56, Grant, Ala., passed away in 1999. He was a coach at New Hope and started the football program there, winning championships in 1964, 1965 and 1966. He and his wife started the YMCA program in New Hope in 1962. After his coaching career ended, he served as administrator in the Madison County School System and was director of Northeast State Junior College. The New Hope football stadium was named in his honor in 1999, just before he passed away. He was installed in the Huntsville/Madison County Athletic Hall of Fame on April 13, 2009. His son, Greg, accepted the award for his father. Mr. Mitchell was married to Doris Jean Keel Mitchell, '54.

Peggy J. Morrison, '56, Pensacola, Fla., May 25, 2009. Ms. Morrison was employed by Pensacola Junior College. She was a member of the Baptist Campus Ministry while at JSU. Ms. Morrison served for several years on the JSU Alumni Association Board of Governors.

Huey Tarton Blackerby, '57, Piedmont, Ala., May 29, 2009. He served in the

U.S. Navy during the Korean War. Mr. Blackerby retired from teaching after 35 years with the Dekalb County Board of Education.

Bill Hampton, '57, Winter Haven, Fla., February 13, 2009. He taught at Winter Haven High School, later moving to teach vocational education and, in 1969, became assistant principal at Auburndale High School and later administrative assistant to the superintendent. In 1975, he was named director of Ridge Career Center, where he retired in 1992.

James Clyde "Harry" Harrington, '57, Charlotte, N.C., March 13, 2009. Mr. Harrington was a U.S. Navy veteran. He began his Federal Civil Service career in 1958, working for the Air Force, NASA, and the Army, retiring in 1987.

Laura Sue Naugher Oswald, '57, Columbus, Ga., May 4, 2009. Mrs. Oswald taught at Pacelli High School.

Jessie L. Walker, Jr., '58, Gadsden, Ala., January 27, 2009. Dr. Walker was a U.S. Air Force veteran. He was retired from Gadsden State Community College where he served as the academic director for the area of business between 1966 and 1993.

Ronald Clarence Harmon, '59, Anniston, Ala., March 28, 2009. Major Harmon served in the U.S. Army for 23 years, including three tours of Vietnam, and received numerous service medals during his career. He worked for the State of Alabama for 10 years. Major Harmon was commissioned through the JSU ROTC program.

James Bobby Roebuck, '59, Fort Payne, Ala., February 24, 2009. The Alumni Office was notified by his daughter of his death. Dr. Roebuck had been a dentist.

1960-1969

Hollice Royal Laney, '61, Cullman, Ala., April 4, 2009. Mr. Laney was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. After an injury and receiving the Purple Heart, he retired in 1952. He later taught in the Cullman County School System at Jones Chapel Junior High, Good Hope and West Point High Schools and at Wallace State College where he was the department head for history.

Ruth Agricola "Pie" Jordan Petri, '61/'69, Pascagoula, Miss., January 20, 2009. She taught at the Episcopal Day School, Eura Brown Elementary School; served as guidance counselor at Litchfield Junior High and principal of J.L. Wagner Elementary and W.E. Striplin Elementary Schools. One of her proudest accomplishments was to be a founding member of the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection where she served as both junior and senior warden. Mrs. Petri's love of golf, led her to play matches at the state level. Her two holes-in-one came when she was over 70 years old!

Kathryn Grigsby Standridge, '63, Cleveland, Ala., January 11, 2009. Mrs. Standridge had been a teacher in the Anniston City School System.

Judith Maddix Clayton, '64, Chelsea, Ala., April 10, 2009. She taught at Curtiston Elementary/ Primary School for 30 years and was named Teacher of the Year twice within the Attalla City School System.

Charles Eugene King, '64, Anniston, Ala., date of death unknown. He was associated with the CPA firm of Curvin and King, Jacksonville, Ala.

James Truitt, '64, Oxford, Ala., May 1, 2009. He was the owner of Data Focus.

Ethel Sue Allman, '65, Harvest, Ala., date of death unknown. The Alumni Office was notified by the postal service of her death.

Phyllis Maxwell Cook, '65, Tuscaloosa, Ala., January 6, 2009. Mrs. Cook was an educator for 41 years, both as a teacher and, most recently, a psychometrist with the Tuscaloosa County School System.

Armon Pugh, '65, Gadsden, Ala., February 23, 2009. A U.S. Army veteran, Mr. Pugh taught at Ashville High School, where he was selected Teacher of the Year, and at Emma Sansom. He later opened and owned the Gas Log and Heater Store.

John R. Falkner, '66, Conyers, Ga., February 19, 2009.

Betty Chapman Scott, '66, Helena, Ala., date of death unknown. The Alumni Office was notified by a family member of her death.

1970-1979

Martha Jo Monroe, '70/'78, Navarre Beach, Fla., February 12, 2009. She taught in Anniston and Montgomery, Ala., for 19 years.

Marian A. "Mally" Hall Moody, '71, Oxford, Ala., April 3, 2009. Dr. Moody taught for 30 years with the Oxford City Board of Education. She also served the school board for 7 years and the Oxford Parks and Recreation Board for over 20 years.

William "Billy" Sanders Lancaster, Jr., '71, Homewood, Ala., March 14, 2009.

Phyllis Webb Parker, '71, Arab, Ala. The Alumni Office was notified by the postal service of her death.

Wilma Jean Thomas Minnix, '74/'79, Centre, Ala.

Gary Beecher Stedham, '74, Anniston, Ala., January 20, 2009. Mr. Stedham was a member of Kappa Sigma and played football for JSU. He was a founding member of The Forever Band, which recently celebrated its 31st anniversary. He owned and operated the Oasis Restaurant in Gadsden for many years.

Lother Yarbrough, '74, Gadsden, Ala., May 4, 2009. He was retired from Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. with 42 years of service.

Danny Hicks, '75, Oneonta, Ala., May 17, 2009. Mr. Hicks was a member of Kappa Sigma at JSU. He was a former president of the JSU National Alumni Association. Mr. Hicks was the Chief Juvenile Probation Officer in Blount County for 33 years and had been previously honored as Alabama Probation Officer of the Year. After serving on the Oneonta City Council, he was elected and served four terms as Mayor. For his lifetime of service, the current Mayor and City Council recently dedicated the Danny B. Hicks Municipal Complex in his honor.

Ocie Judson "O.J." Bailey, '76, Oxford, Ala., January 2009. Mr. Bailey was a practicing CPA until his 80th birthday in 2004. He was an Army veteran, having served in the infantry in Europe during World War II where he was active in the Normandy Invasion. Mr. Bailey served the Anniston community for 55 years. He was a founding member and director of Peoples Bank that later merged into SouthTrust Bank.

Ken Lawrence Horn, '76, Anniston, Ala. The Alumni Office was notified by the postal service of his death.

Florence Bates Law, '76/'77, Piedmont, Ala., April 11, 2009.

Harry Coker, '77, Cedar Bluff, Ala.,

Joe Keith Fulton, '77, Pelham, Ala., May 5, 2009. Mr. Fulton was a founding member of Sigma Nu at JSU. He had been employed by Bodine Inc. for 32 years.

Robert Wayne Kilpatrick, '77, Priceville, Ala., May 12, 2009. Mr. Kilpatrick served in the U.S. Air Force and was a Vietnam veteran. He enjoyed a long career as an insurance claims adjuster.

Thomas J. Kolasinski, '77, Anniston, Ala., April 3, 2009.

Roger F. Weber, '77, Oviedo, Fla., date of death unknown. Mr. Weber was a member of Alpha Tau Omega and was commissioned through the JSU ROTC program.

Richard Dwight Mann, '78, Pinson, Ala., September 12, 2008. Mr. Mann was a member of Delta Chi at JSU. The Alumni Office was notified by his family of his death.

Jerry Franklin Rutledge, '78, Columbus, Ga., June 4, 2009. Mr. Rutledge began his journalism career as a sports writer and sports editor for JSU's campus newspaper, *The Chanticleer*. He was hired by the *Anniston Star* in the early 1980s, covering Auburn University, The University of Alabama, JSU, and the Birmingham Stallions. In the mid-1990s, he was hired by the *Ledger-Enquirer* in Columbus, holding positions as military publication editor, assistant sports editor, assistant metro editor and East Alabama reporter. His most notable story was about the Tuskegee Airmen, for which he interviewed survivors of the famed flight group. He only recently returned to sports writing for the paper.

Debra Ruth Garmon Terry, '78, Rome, Ga., date of death unknown. Mrs. Terry was a member of the Baptist Campus Ministry at JSU. She was employed at Redmond Park Hospital in Rome.

June White Harrison, '79, Fort Payne, Ala., June 15, 2007. The Alumni Office was informed by her son of her death.

Craig Eugene Humphrey, '79, Rainbow City, Ala. The Alumni Office was notified by the postal service of his death..

1980-1989

Robert J. Cox, '80, Gadsden, Ala., March 23, 2009. A veteran of the U.S. Air Force, he was retired from the Alabama Department of Public Safety as a state trooper with 25 years of service.

Gary Walker Pippin, '80, Gadsden, Ala., date of death unknown. The Alumni Office was notified by the postal service of his death.

Rebecca Barksdale Childress, '81, Albertville, Ala., date of death unknown. The Alumni Office was notified by the postal service of her death. She was a teacher with the Etowah County Board of Education.

Alice Faye Jones Reynolds, '81/'86, Anniston, Ala., February 3, 2009. Mrs. Reynolds was a summa cum laude JSU graduate. She was employed by the Calhoun County Board of Education and, in 1999, was selected the Calhoun County Elementary Teacher of the Year.

Gwendolyn Sue Dye Beck, '82, Guntersville, Ala., April 12, 2009. She was employed by the Marshall County Board of Education.

Harry Joseph "Joey" Haase, '82, Cullman,

Ala., March 11, 2009. He was a football scout for North Sand Mountain School.

Veronica Tinsley-Douglas, '84, Hayden, Ala., May 28, 2009. Mrs. Tinsley-Douglas was employed by UAB Hospital, Birmingham, Ala.

Marybeth Fraser, '85, Birmingham, Ala., date of death unknown. The Alumni Office was notified by the postal service of her death.

James Rudolph George, '86/'87, Jacksonville, Ala., January, 2009.

Mary Jane Riseling Amos, '87, Birmingham, Ala., May 24, 2009. Mrs. Amos was a member of the Alabama Bar Association and the Federal Bar Association and practiced law for over 19 years.

Virginia Bonner Jackson, '88, Rock Mills, Ala., April 21, 2009.

Daniel Calvin Wilson, '88, Anniston, Ala., February 8, 2009. Mr. Wilson was a member of the International House Program at JSU.

1990-1991

Jonnie Edward Evans, '91, Piedmont, Ala., January 24, 2009.

Diane Grace Hoagland Alford, '93, Hokes Bluff, Ala., May, 2009. She was the secretary at First Presbyterian Church and served on the board of directors for the YMCA of the Coosa Valley. A champion competitive swimmer, she swam as a member of the Coosa Valley YMCA as well as Therapy Plus of Boaz.

Terri Welch Nunn, '94, Gadsden, Ala., May 21, 2009. She was an honors nursing graduate.

Connie Lynn Holmes, '95, Anniston, Ala., May 13, 2009. She was a retired teacher from Oxford High School and an accomplished, award-winning ballroom dancer. Ms. Holmes was the daughter of the late Senator Donald G. Holmes.

Timothy Lee Townsend, '95, Hokes Bluff, Ala., February 28, 2009. Mr. Townsend was employed by the State of Alabama Department of Revenue as a tax valuation analyst.

Kristi Jutan Bothwell, '97/'01, Gadsden, Ala., April 12, 2009. Ms. Bothwell was a social worker for the State of Georgia.

2000-2009

Brian L. Jenkins, '03, Collinsville, Ala., April 5, 2009. He was a business owner.

Alana Dee Grant, '06, Anniston, Ala., May 28, 2009. An honors graduate, she was employed at the Anniston Army Depot.

ALUMNOTES

Attended Only or Did Not Graduate

John Craton, Bedford, Ind., a JSU student in the early 1970s, who has received international recognition as a composer, had his ballet "La boite a musique" ("The Music Box") premiered by a Bedford, Indiana, dance studio in a world premier on May 9, 2009. His works have been performed by numerous famed artists and ensembles.

1960 - 1969

Dr. Syble H. Brindley, '64, Oneonta, Ala., was honored on March 13, 2009, by the Girl Scouts of North-Central Alabama as one of their 11 outstanding women at its 16th Annual Women of Distinction Luncheon presented by Blue Cross Blue

Shield. The Women of Distinction program pays tribute to women who have made special contributions to their community through civic, academic or professional involvement. Dr. Brindley is a retired professor from the University of Montevallo.

1970-1979

Andrew “Drew” Grady Linn, Jr., ’70, Tuscaloosa, Ala., was named the 2008 Dealer of the Year by the International Truck and Engine Corporation at the 28th Annual Circle of Excellence ceremony in New York City. Mr. Linn is the Dealer Principal of Southland International Trucks, Inc. The award is given annually to only one of 260 International dealers worldwide. The Circle of Excellence recognizes International dealerships with exemplary commitment to its standards program. In 2008, Mr. Linn’s dealership delivered more trucks than any other International dealer in the global network.

Marion “Moe” Smith, ’71/’77, Glencoe, Ala., has retired as principal of Glencoe High School. His career spanned 38 years, beginning in Pell City, and coming to Glencoe in 1977. He served as principal at Glencoe High for 21 years. Mr. Smith currently serves as President of the Central Board of Control of the Alabama High School Athletic Association.

Danny McAfee, ’72, Cullman, Ala., was named the H.C. Arnold Humanitarian Award recipient for 2009 by the Cullman

Regional Medical Center Foundation. Mr. McAfee is vice president of Cullman Cabinet & Supply Company and has served as president of the Medical Center Foundation. He also co-chairs its emergency room expansion project. The award honors those who have played a significant role in contributing to service and advocacy of healthcare to the community.

Sandra Tyson Jessup, ’73/’76, Riverside, Ala., was named Kitty Stone Elementary School’s Teacher of the Year for the second time in her career. She has taught at Kitty Stone for more than 30 years. She was a member of the JSU Marching Ballerinas.

Michael Duke Butterly, ’73, Duluth, Ga., has joined the firm of Summit Financial Resources as vice president, business development. Mr. Butterly formerly served as vice president at Presidential Financial. He will be based in Atlanta, Ga.

Linda Morris Peveler, ’74, Birmingham, Ala., was named the State of Alabama Assistant Principal of the Year for 2008-09 by the Alabama Association of Secondary School Principals. She has 33 years in education and has served as an assistant principal at Oak Mountain Middle School, Shelby County, Ala., for the last 12 years. Mrs. Peveler started the High Flight Program at Oak Mountain which allows 8th graders to take a field trip to the 4H Center in Columbiana, Ala., to prepare them for the choices they will

have to make in high school and beyond. This program has led to a decrease in disciplinary problems at the school and other schools are adopting the program. During her career, Mrs. Peveler was selected Alabama Health Educator of the Year (1987) and was selected Alumna of the Year in the field of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance at JSU (1993-94). She is married to Clay Peveler, ’70.

Cynthia Austin Wingo, ’76, Birmingham, Ala., was named executive director of the Blount County Economic Development Alliance by the Blount County Industrial Development Board. Mrs. Wingo, a former economic director with Bellsouth, is responsible for bringing new jobs and larger retail and commercial opportunities to Blount County. While at JSU, Mrs. Wingo was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha. She also previously served on the JSU Foundation Board.

Ronald Curtis McDaniel, ’78, Tallassee, Ala., was honored on March 27, 2009, for 30 years of service to his community when the day was declared “Ron McDaniel Day” by the mayor of Tallassee. Mr. McDaniel was recognized for 30 years in education, including 16 years as principal at Southside Middle School. Mr. McDaniel was a member of Pi Kappa Phi at JSU.

Mary Agnes “Aggie” Harbour, ’79, Piedmont, Ala., worked with or taught children for over 40 years. She began teaching in Roanoke, but came back and ended her teaching career in Piedmont



Syble Brindley (2nd from left), Andrew “Drew” Grady Linn, Jr., Perry Lee Umphrey

after 31 years. A volunteer job at the local library after retirement turned into another career and she is now serving over the children's department at the Piedmont Library. Mrs. Harbour is married to Jerry Harbour, '79.

Cheryl Tolliver Hines, '79, Anniston, Ala., a registered nurse in the newborn nursery at Northeast Alabama Regional Medical Center (RMC), was honored by the Patient Services Division of the medical center as a true example of the nursing profession. She has worked at RMC for 32 years.

1980-1989

Perry Lee Umphrey, '80 Birmingham, Ala., was elected president of the Alabama chapter of American Society of Interior Designers, an international organization for professional designers. Perry is the owner of Umphrey Interiors and has received three awards for his work in 2009. He also received awards in 2006 and 2008. He has been published in two national books on design. The most recent *Showhouse I*, released in June of this year.

Sherry Rivers Calvert, '81, Cullman, Ala., is in her sixth year as principal at F.E. Bureson Elementary School. She is married to William Calvert, '81, who serves as principal at Cold Springs High School.

David Robert Bores, '82, Canton, Ga., who retired from the sheriff's department on December 31, 2008, was sworn in as



Brigadier General Robert Wayne Kenyon

the chief of police in Woodstock (Ga.) in January, 2009.

Randall Spann Cordle, '82, Summerville, Ga., who is employed by Verizon located in his local Wal-Mart, has been busy working with a marketing team from Rome, Ga., on new websites that will chronicle his adventures. Mr. Cordle, who is blind, goes to work each day with his service dog, Finn, who helps him do his job. The two websites are www.spansservicedog.com and www.spansservicedog.net. He and Finn are available for speaking engagements used to spread the word on service dog accessibility, ADA laws (pertaining to disabilities), and to help others realize the benefits of service animals. He was recently chosen to be featured in a service animal video sponsored by the Ralston Purina pet food company.

Sabara Blackwell Quinn, '82/'84, Gadsden, Ala., has been named director of elementary education in Spartanburg, S.C. She oversees elementary instructional programs and provides leadership in the district to meet the requirements of South Carolina's Accountability Act and No Child Left Behind law. She has more than 25 years of experience in education and served for 14 years as an elementary school teacher in Gadsden.

Angela Gayle Story, '83, Washington, D.C., recently completed a detail in the Executive Office of the President at the White House from September through December 2008. During this detail, she assisted the Office in maintaining salaries and expense accounting and budget operations during the transition of President Bush and President Obama. In addition to the detail, she assisted Mayor Adrian Fenty in the Washington, D.C. Office of Volunteerism in maintaining the city during the 56th Presidential Inauguration of Barack Obama on January 20, 2009.

Brigadier General Robert Wayne Kenyon, '85, Marrero, La., assumed command of the 11th Military Police Brigade on July 7, 2007. On September 14, 2008, the brigade assumed the role of the command and control headquarters for Task Force Military Police North near Baghdad, Iraq. Their mission is to establish the groundwork for the eventual hand over of all detention operations to the Government of Iraq. In his civilian career, Brig. Gen. Kenyon is the Chief of Logistics for the Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System, Department of Veterans Affairs.

Curtis James Perry, '85, Birmingham, Ala., is the senior executive vice president of First Commercial Bank. He previously had a 23 year career with SouthTrust and Wachovia Banks.

Gregory Joseph Spoon, '86/'89, Piedmont, Ala., was named the Cherokee County Schools secondary division nominee for the 2009-2010 JSU Teacher Hall of Fame and Alabama Teacher of the Year. He began his teaching career in Georgia soon after graduation and currently teaches at Centre Middle School, Centre, Ala.

Anita Sue Gibson, '88, Rainsville, Ala., was elected president of the Alabama Education Association. She has over 21 years in education and has been active in local, state and national education associations, serving in several offices. Mrs. Gibson currently is a teacher and program coordinator for the Indian Education program in Dekalb County. She has received numerous teaching awards and, in 2003, Mrs. Gibson was highlighted in the JSU Gem of the Hills alumni magazine spotlight. She is married to Garry Dee Gibson, '85.

1990-1999

Kathy Brooks Hutchens, '92/'99, was named the 2008-09 Intermediate School Counselor of the Year by the Alabama School Counselor Association in November, 2008. She has been a counselor at Boaz Intermediate School for 8 years and previously taught at Susan Moore Elementary School for 7 years.

Hellenna L. Terrell, '93, Princess Anne, Md., was recently sworn in as a Town Commissioner for Princess Anne. Dr. Terrell is currently the Director of the University Honors Program and Department Chair for General Studies at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. She was a member of Delta Sigma Theta at JSU.

Edwin Dennis Turner, '94, Anniston, Ala., is employed by the Alabama Board of Pardons and Paroles as a probation and parole officer. In 2005, he was promoted to Officer in Charge of the Anniston office, which covers Calhoun and Cleburne Counties. Mr. Turner has been selected Officer of the Year by the Board of Pardons and Paroles. Each year, during the JSU career fairs, Mr. Turner returns to campus to talk to students about the various opportunities in the criminal justice field. He is married to Wendy Williamson Turner, '89/'95, who is employed by the Calhoun County Board of Education at White Plains Elementary School.

Alana Gale Ellenburg, '95/'98/'07, Lindale, Ga., a teacher at Pepperell High School, was inducted into the Dixie Softball Hall of Fame. She played softball at JSU and was named an All-Conference player. She continues to play softball and also coaches.

Phillip Brent Nichols, '95/'99, Lakeland,

Fla., a DNA scientist, has inspired a fictional character in author Steve Alten's newest release, *Meg: Hell's Aquarium*. It is about *Carcharodon megalodon*, the prehistoric cousin of the modern-day great white shark, and was released in May, 2009. Dr. Nichols' namesake makes his first appearance in Chapter 4 as one of the world's foremost field scientists and shark trainers. Dr. Nichols is married to Tanya Wilkins Nichols, '98, who was a member of the Southerners at JSU.

James D. Eisenhart, '96, Nashville, Tenn., has been promoted to lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army. Lt.Col. Eisenhart has won numerous awards and decorations. He recently served as the Director of Civil - Military operations in Afghanistan, fighting the Taliban insurgency and promoting development and coordination of reconstruction in Paktina Province. He returned from Afghanistan in March 2008.

Brian Lee Bankston, '99, Gadsden, Ala., is the band director at Gadsden Middle School. He was recently selected Teacher of the Year for the middle and high schools division of Gadsden City Schools.

Virginia Carol Collins, '99, Evansville, Ind., has been named controller for the City of Evansville. She has more than 15 years of experience in finance and began her career with the controller's office as a finance officer in 2000. Mrs. Collins has also served as acting deputy controller.

Amanda C. Downs Gentle, '99, Harvest, Ala., is now the Program Director of Criminal Justice and Paralegal Studies at Virginia College, Huntsville, Ala.

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Joshua David Moses, '01, Jacksonville, Ala., recently earned professional

accreditation for the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System from the U.S. Green Building Council. LEED accredited professionals have demonstrated a thorough understanding of green building practices and principles. There are only 37 LEED accredited professional builders in Alabama and Mr. Moses is the only one registered in Calhoun, Cleburne, St. Clair and Talladega Counties. He is on the board of directors for the Home Builders Association of Greater Calhoun County and the St. Clair County Home Builders Association. At JSU, Mr. Moses played football and was a member of Alpha Tau Omega.

Jeremy Duane Sullivan, '03, Oxford, Ala., is the new football coach at Citronelle High School in Mobile County. Mr. Sullivan played football for JSU, winning the coveted Eagle Owl Award in 2001-02, which rewards a player for academics, on-field performance and for being a "positive role model for others and exemplifying the well-rounded student-athlete." He also spent two years as a graduate assistant on JSU's coaching staff under Coach Jack Crowe, followed by four seasons as full-time assistant. Last year, he coached offensive line at Demopolis High School.

Elizabeth Ann O'Bryant Knight, '05, Gadsden, Ala., a teacher at Striplin Elementary School, was recognized as the Gadsden City Schools' Elementary Teacher of the Year.



Dr. Jennifer L. Brenneman Neville

Emily Renee Williams Messer, '05/'07, Rome, Ga., is the director of student activities at Shorter College. She recently received the Roger B. Winston Outstanding New Professional Award. The award is based on the recipient's dedication to his/her career. Mrs. Messer was a peer counselor, member of the Student Government Association and Zeta Tau Alpha at JSU.

Jennifer L. Brenneman Neville, '05, Springfield, Ill., has graduated from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine. She has entered an internal medicine residency at the University

of Cincinnati College of Medicine and University Hospital in Cincinnati. Dr. Neville played volleyball at JSU.

Laura Alise Guyton Wilson, '06/'08, Southside, Ala., is the Jacksonville High School teacher of the year. She was a member of the A Cappella Choir and Phi Mu at JSU. Mrs. Wilson is married to Justin K. Wilson, '06.

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

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THE VICTORIA WELCOMES YOU

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Guests of the legendary Victoria of Anniston, Ala. have come to expect excellence — and rightly so. Steeped in history and laden with antiques, the bed and breakfast has been offering guests a taste of down-home, Southern hospitality and grace for more than twenty years.

In December of 2008, Earlon and Betty McWhorter generously placed the stately inn, which appraised for more than \$3 million, in the care of the Jacksonville State University Foundation. This newly forged partnership between JSU and The Victoria benefits both institutions; The Victoria's historical integrity is maintained, and the JSU Foundation can use the property's net income to provide scholarships for JSU students.

The JSU Foundation soon hired Jackson Hospitality Services, a hotel development and management company based in Birmingham, Ala., to manage The Victoria, and James Rice was named general manager. With the continued additional advisement of JSU alumnus and highly regarded hotelier Jay Prater, The Victoria is in good hands.

Since acquiring The Victoria, the JSU Foundation has been working to spruce up the property to create an ultimate retreat for guests. New televisions, upgraded bedding, and manicured grounds are a few changes returning visitors may notice.

“The Victoria remains a unique choice in lodging accommodations,” Prater says. “For guests who are tired of the



cookie-cutter approach of branded hotels, The Victoria offers a change of pace.”

The main house offers three unique rooms: The Kirby Suite, which features Victorian built-ins; The McKlelroy Suite, which includes a jetted claw-foot tub; and The Wilson Suite, which has a half-canopy bed and a glass-turreted sitting area. The McWhorter Guest House is a free-standing, one-bedroom cottage that features a sitting area, breakfast nook, separate bedroom and Jacuzzi bath. Even The Victoria’s fifty-six hotel rooms are special, with each featuring its own distinct furniture and décor.

Rice’s favorite moment from his time at The Victoria came recently, when a family rented the entire hotel for a wedding.

“The weather was great, and the food, which was set up with different selections in five locations, was wonderful,” Rice says.

“The lighting and table designs made for a beautiful Southern gathering.”


According to Prater, The Victoria’s business levels have continued to increase over the past few months – a fact he finds impressive, considering the current economic slowdown. He believes the inn will continue to be successful.

“[Jackson Hospitality Services] will be successful because they are going to place an emphasis on providing excellent accommodations at a fair price,” Prater says.

The Victoria’s success will translate into far more than just additional funds for JSU. In the near future, JSU students pursuing related careers will have the opportunity to work at The Victoria to earn school credit and learn real-world lessons. One program that will soon begin utilizing The Victoria’s potential as a learning lab is

JSU’s Department of Family and Consumer Science’s new Hospitality and Culinary Management program of study.

“Dr. Debra Goodwin and Dr. Tim Roberts of the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences have developed a strong curriculum for the HCM program,” says Dr. John Hammett, dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies. “Their efforts, coupled with the vast array of benefits offered through an authentic learning laboratory setting such as The Victoria, will no doubt produce outstanding graduates from this program.”

For more information about The Victoria’s history and rates, please visit www.thevictoria.com or call (256) 236-1138. To book your next stay, please call 1-800-260-8781. 







DR. MIKE KIMBERLY

BY BETHANY HARBISON

His name is trailed by a long line of letters, and his curriculum vitae is thick with accomplishments, yet Mike Kimberly, Dr, PhD, MPH, HCLD, says life is about more than accumulating degrees.

“Everything you accomplish is great,” says Kimberly. “But in the end, using that to help people is what matters.”

Since graduating from Jacksonville State University in 1964, with a double major in biology and chemistry, Kimberly has done just that. He has spent his life traveling the world offering his medical expertise to poor nations, shaping the minds of students at the University of North Carolina, commanding a MASH hospital during Desert Shield/Desert Storm, and working as the Director of Laboratory Services for Tennessee.

Kimberly has also been instrumental in organizing reunions for “The 60s Group,” a gathering of JSU alumni that meets yearly. The group has set sail on cruises and trekked to Nashville, Tenn., Calloway Gardens, Ga., Chattanooga,

Tenn., and Panama City, Fla.

“We meet up and tell the same stories and the same lies,” Kimberly says with a laugh.

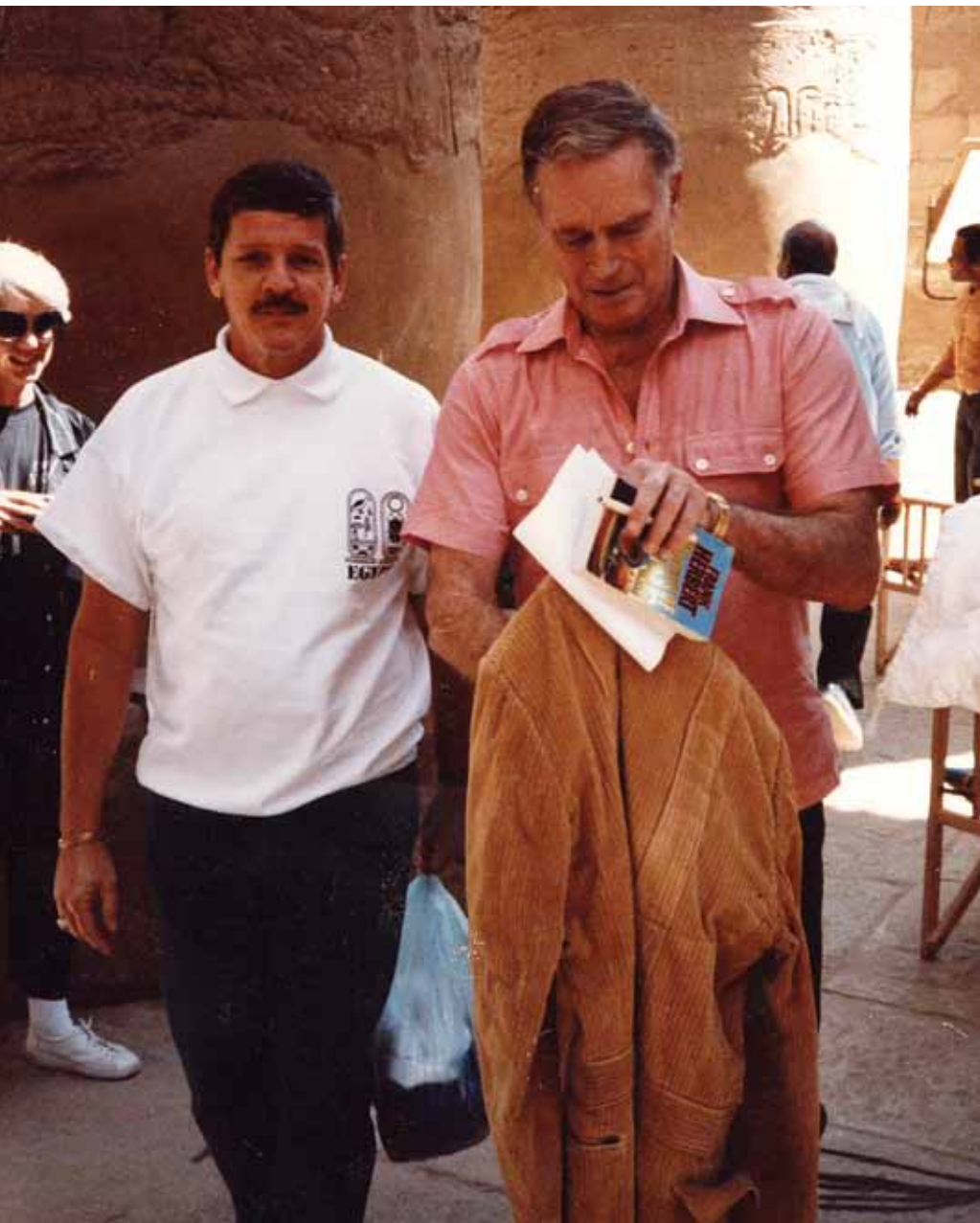
He is proud of the way the group of alumni and their spouses has united and become close-knit. Their purpose is more than just fun, though. They have also managed to raise \$10,000 to give to the university who brought them together.

Kimberly fondly remembers being a young alum, still fresh from his time at JSU, and applying for a grant from UNC at Chapel Hill. He was one of just four recipients of the grant that year, and he went on to earn a master’s degree – and then a doctorate – in infectious diseases. He went on to teach courses for Florida Atlantic University, Palm Beach Junior College, Austin Peay State University, and UNC at Chapel Hill.

His proudest moments came when he was given opportunities to use his knowledge of infectious diseases and public health issues to make a difference



ABOVE LEFT: Dr. Kimberly with M.A.S.H. Unit in Germany **BELOW LEFT:** Kimberly (left) with “Moses” (Charlton Hesten) in Egypt.



worldwide. He has been to Zimbabwe, Africa, where he established health clinics, performed consultations, and helped the new clinics apply for money from the World Health Organization (WHO). “In Africa, the need is great,” he says.

He has also assisted on projects for Cote d’Ivoire, Sierra Leone, Nigeria, Tanzania, and other countries in Africa.

In 2001, Kimberly’s travels took him to Chennai, India on a trip sponsored by the WHO and the Center for Disease Control. There, he worked in a prenatal ward for HIV-infected babies.

“Seeing babies that are nothing but skin and bones affects you down deep,” Kimberly says. “Their world isn’t like ours.”

His trip to India brought laughs too. When sitting in the India Minister of Health’s office in New Delhi, Kimberly was caught off guard by a monkey that lunged in through an open window and landed in his lap.

In December of 2008, Kimberly traveled to Vietnam, a country he describes as having big crowds full of friendly people buzzing about on motor scooters.

“Once you try to cross the street, you better not stop,” he says.

While in Vietnam on the WHO-sponsored trip, Kimberly’s goal was to devise a strategic plan for developing a nationwide health system.

Kimberly and Brenda, his wife of 44 years, live in Anniston. They have one adult son and a new grandchild – who they love to spoil. 🍷



ABOVE: Kimberly providing health-care to citizens in Medi-Guard program in Tennessee

LEFT: A gift for Dr. Kimberly from the 60's alumni group in recognition of his alumnus of the year award.





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