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in this Issue

The man ... the myth ... story after story of footprints and impressions. To begin with, our cover story: **Walt Vandiver ('01)** UNA's alumni artist-in-action designed a new concept for the future and it is time for



Carol Lyles ('70) with Leo and Una

introductions. Meet Leo and Una, the new caricature of UNA's mascots. You will see them publicly at the games in the fall. And you will be able to purchase the new family of mascot memorabilia soon.

The larger-than-life story about the

Bowden father-to-son football tradition is a great read. We hope that you enjoy it and will quickly purchase your football season tickets. (Schedule on inside back cover.) The Bowden dynasty began on News Year's Day 2009 in Florence. Head Coach Terry Bowden is busy embracing the community and spreading goodwill statewide to develop a spirit of champions in all of us.

You also will enjoy reading about the man, Coach Hal Self, and the woman behind the man, **Shirley Williams Self ('60)**, and the field house dedication and renaming.

In another story, meet Dr. Chunsheng Zhang, the distinguished Vice Provost for International Affairs, who arrived in time for the first international alumni reception. The event in Rogers Hall/Alumni House greeted an assemblage of MBA students from China who had never been on campus before but received their degree online.

We are on the go! The advancement officers at the University spent a week in February meeting with alumni and friends in the state of Florida. They were a pleasure to get to know. We will return, developing alumni chapters and relationships from the Gulf through the Panhandle and into south Florida. We will be visiting five states this summer with our *Catch us in your Area* canvass to baseball games, both major and minor league. Required registration is available online for your convenience.

Our OnLion Community should go live very soon. In order to participate, we must have your current e-mail address in our alumni files.

We continue to boast that 2009 at the University of North Alabama gives us *Something to ROAR About!*

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message from the Alumni President



UNA NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD
with Terry Bowden

What a wonderful time to be part of UNA history! The excitement Coach Terry Bowden brings to campus is phenomenal. He is such a motivational speaker and has been gracious enough to travel with the NAA around the state on the "Bowden Xpress" to speak with Alumni Chapters in our efforts to raise endowed scholarships. After the Spring Scrimmage, we are anticipating football season. Please join us on Spirit Hill before all the home games.

We continue to raise funds for existing UNA scholarships. Our April 2009 Fine Arts Festival raised more than \$10,000 for the Books-A-Million/T.S. Stribling Endowed Scholarship, with a benefit luncheon with speakers Tom Hendrix and English Department Writers' Series honoree Joy Harjo.

During 2009, alumni can participate in events ranging from the musical "Wicked" to baseball games across the country. In July, **Will Stutts ('70)** will bring back a month of Summer Theatre. These performances include "Amadeus," an evening with John Amos, and the Smothers Brothers. Continue to watch your mail for a postcard letting you know when an event will be happening in your area. Plus, we will be hosting tent parties at targeted away games for our alumni.

I would once again like to encourage each of you to consider joining UNA's President's Cabinet. Although many UNA alumni contribute throughout the year, this donation to the University is unrestricted money. It allows the UNA Foundation to continue increasing alumni and friends' activities and scholarship aid. Dr. Alan Medders, Vice President for University Advancement, would be glad to answer any questions you might have. He can be reached at 256-765-4670.

Come home to UNA and get involved! You will be so glad you did.

Sincerely,

Jan Ingle ('85), President
National Alumni Association

ON THE COVER

Introducing Leo and Una - Mascots with an Attitude

Leo is muscular, tanned, chiseled, and buff. Una, the sidekick, is lean, leggy and shaped to kill. UNA alumni artist **Walt Vandiver ('01)** modeled the two after a football player and a Miss UNA. We are looking forward to turning heads with these two felines this fall and for many years to come.

JOIN the MASCOTS from the PAST

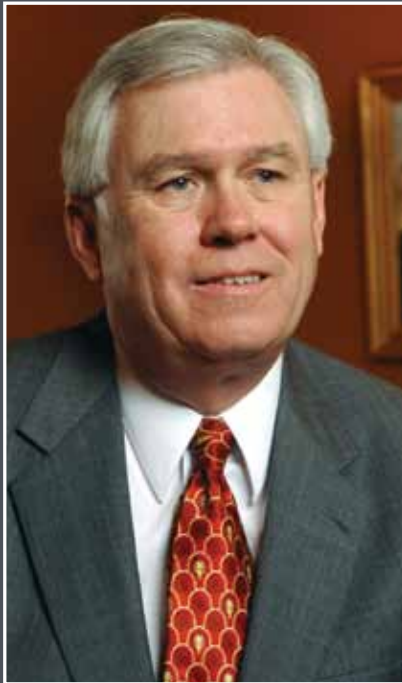
If you played the role of Leo or Leona while you were a student at the University of North Alabama, Florence State College (or at Florence State Teacher's College) please inform us so that we may tag your files and encourage you to attend a reunion event planned for you during 2009 Homecoming on October 3. It will be an opportunity to meet the faces behind the mascots — past and present.

Below, find a list of past mascots (according to our records) from 1962 until now. If you too played the role, please let us know.

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William G. Cale, Jr.

president's message

William G. Cale, Jr.

One of the most exciting aspects of university life is that it is always changing. We must be aware of the world around us and constantly evaluate what we are doing and how we are doing it, so that our graduates leave UNA as well prepared as possible. A lot of the excitement that is happening on campus is reflected in the pages of this magazine, but there is much more. We are and will remain a university in transition. Let me share a few points of pride with you.

We graduated our first Honors Program students this May. These pioneering students chose to enter a brand new program in the fall of 2005, and watched us complete a four-year curriculum for them as they continued their studies. Today the Honors Program, under the Direction of Dr. Vince Brewton, is a tremendous success, enrolling well over 100 students, all on scholarship.

Two of our departments, Computer Information Systems and Counselor Education, are recent candidates for accreditation by their respective national agencies. Each department was a first-time candidate, and each received positive endorsements from their respective campus visitation teams. We have already learned that CIS is

accredited by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology. We anticipate that the Counselor Education Department will be accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Education Programs at their July meetings. It is very rare for first-time applicants to receive full accreditation. We are mightily proud of both groups of faculty for the exemplary programs being offered to our students.

In this rapidly paced world in which we live, many students enroll for all or part of their course of study using the Internet, something we call distance learning regardless of whether the student is right here on campus or completing an MBA in Taiwan. In the past year, there were more than 8,600 enrollments in a distance learning course at UNA. This method of instruction has evolved into a highly credible and effective means of learning that is being implemented by many of our faculty.

Something which should receive a good deal more attention than it does is the scholarship and creative accomplishments of our faculty, and the way in which they engage our students in the process of discovery. We just completed our second annual research day, highlighting the work of our students. Much of this work will ultimately be published, or presented at professional meetings, it is of such high quality. More and more faculty members at UNA are being successful in securing external grants to support their scholarship. Such competitively awarded funding is a testament to the value of their research. And the value for us is that the professional development of our faculty results in a richer and deeper learning experience for our students.

Our new approach to presenting UNA to the public, using the theme

"History in the Making," has met with very positive reactions. As you will see in this issue, we also are introducing a new look for our mascots, Leo and Una. In fact, we are having new costumes made so that we will soon have Leo and Una entertaining at a variety of events. And I should let you know that the "real" Leo and Una continue to do very well and continue to be visited by dozens of people every day. You can see them yourselves on the web at <http://lioncam.una.edu>.

As you might guess, there is much more to share. Suffice it to say for now that we all enter the 2009/2010 year with optimism for continued progress. Part of that progress, by the way, is directly linked to you, our alumni and friends. Growth in your support to UNA opens new doors for more students, and establishes an ever-wider margin of excellence for this community. I thank you for all you are doing to help build a strong future for UNA.

from the Board of Trustees

Libby Watts, Newest member of the UNA Board of Trustees

Libby Watts is the Director of Sales and Marketing for the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail where she has been employed since before the opening of the first course at The Shoals. Prior to this she was Senior Project Manager for Tomlinson-Sims Advertising. With a degree in Geology from the University of South Alabama in Mobile, Watts worked as a Petroleum Geologist for CITCO in Oklahoma City before moving back to Florence in the early 90s to raise her family.

Watts is heavily involved in local issues serving as chairman of various boards and organizations, including school boards and numerous non-profit organizations. She served as chairman of the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library Board when the new \$7 million building was planned and constructed.

She currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Shoals Habitat for Humanity and the Shoals Chamber of Commerce.

Watts' family has been supportive of the University of North Alabama for many years. Coby Hall, on the campus of UNA was purchased and donated to the University in memory of her sister, Coby, who died of cancer at a young age. Watts has a son, Stephen, who graduated from Auburn and now lives and works in Big Sur, Calif., and a daughter, Coby, who graduated from Auburn, received her JD from Cumberland School of Law, and lives and works in Greenwich, Conn.

Recently Alabama Gov. Bob Riley appointed Libby Watts to our Board of Trustees and we are very fortunate to have her. Libby brings enthusiasm and love for the University that will make her a great Trustee... and you will be hearing terrific things about her in the upcoming months.

Today, I want to say a little about the Trustee Libby is replacing, **Marc McCreary ('69)**. When I was appointed to the Board several years ago Marc was

President Pro Tem. He was an exceptional leader for the Trustees and had a remarkable insight for how other people were affected by our decisions.

More recently Marc's job has taken him away from our area and he felt it in the best interest of our University to step down from the board. Marc's business sense and compassion for others will truly be missed. It has been a pleasure to serve with him.

I've always been told when you become involved in something, you should never leave it unless you can leave it in a better condition than you found it. Marc certainly did that as a UNA Trustee. UNA is a better place because of Marc McCreary.

Steve Pierce ('75), *President Pro Tempore UNA Board of Trustees*



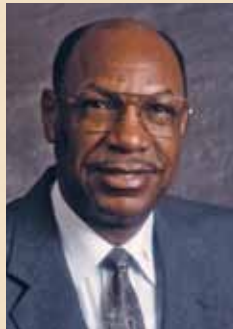
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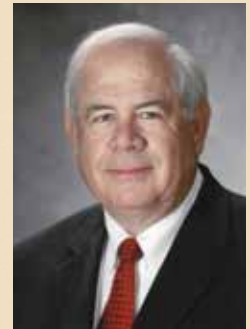
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With the BOWDENS, *Football is a Family Tradition*

By Cheryl N. Schmidt, contributing writer

UNA Head Football Coach Terry Bowden is a member of the **"First Family"** of college football coaching.

Bobby Bowden and his sons Terry, Tommy and Jeff have a combined 126 years of collegiate coaching experience between them entering the 2009 season.

As collegiate head coaches, Bobby, Terry and Tommy have a combined 583-225-6 record that rounds off to an astounding 72 percent winning percentage.

Bobby's record is 382-123-4,

Terry's is 111-53-2 and

Tommy's is 90-49-0.

In their combined 70 years as collegiate head coaches, the Bowdens have suffered only six losing seasons.



Terry, Bobby, Tommy, and Jeff Bowden

As a young boy, Terry Bowden sometimes rode along with his father Bobby's Howard College football team to away games.

He and his brothers would stretch out in the overhead luggage carrier to sleep, and as he drifted off, "I can remember listening to the players talking about the game," Terry Bowden said.

Football was a way of life for the Bowdens and became a family tradition like no other. After starting out at the age of 7 or 8 as peewees, the boys played football for their dad's college teams and eventually three out of four of Bobby Bowden's sons ended up coaching football at the college level.

Bobby Bowden credits "genetics and environment" with steering his sons into coaching, "I did not urge them one bit to coach," he said, "They chose to on their own."

Currently, Bobby is head coach at Florida State University in Tallahassee, Fla., where he has rewritten the record books since 1976; and Terry is head football coach at the University of North Alabama. Terry previously coached at Auburn University where he was 1993 Division I coach of the Year. His younger brother, Jeff, former offensive coordinator at FSU, is now assistant head coach

and wide receiver's coach at UNA.

After Terry accepted the UNA position in December he decided to recruit his brother. The two had coached together at NAIA Salem College in West Virginia and Samford University in Birmingham (which is the same school their dad coached when it was called Howard College.)

"We're excited to be together again. Jeff is one of the best coaches I've had around me," Terry Bowden said during an April interview in his office at Self Field House on the UNA campus.

The two brothers had just bought a house together on Shoals Creek that has an upstairs garage apartment and planned to make it the "Bowden family compound" for the near future. Terry and his 11-year-old son, T.J., will live in Florence with Jeff, his wife, Cindy, their 12-year-old daughter, Julia, and 22-year-old son, Hunter. Hunter Bowden is a student at UNA and will volunteer with the football program.

Terry Bowden said he is also excited about a young graduate assistant coach named John Pont who will be coming to Florence in the fall from FSU. "How could I not be excited? He's engaged to my oldest daughter, Tera, and



Terry Bowden Coaching at UNA

she will be coming to Florence to live as well.”

Bowden, who had a motivational speaking and broadcasting career during his 10 years away from coaching, said he will spend a lot of time traveling and speaking to UNA alumni groups. “I need a head coach who knows how I like things done to sit in for me when I’m gone and Jeff is that person,” Bowden said.

When the two have spare time, they hope to spend it fishing in the Shoals. “Jeff and I are passionate fishermen. It’s something we get from our mother’s father. T.J. loves it too, he doesn’t care what kind of fish; he just loves to catch them. So we all love Florence,” Terry Bowden said.

T.J. is also excited about being part of UNA Football, he “wants to be on the sidelines and at football practice with daddy.”

It seems like destiny drew the Bowdens to UNA, especially since Alabama has a key role in their family’s history. Bobby and his wife, Ann, are both Alabama natives and were high school sweethearts in Birmingham before eloping in 1949. Even though the family spent years in West Virginia and Florida for Bobby’s coaching positions, Ann and Bobby still call Birmingham home.

Last year, after broadcasting the Division II National Championship Game in Florence, Terry got a telephone call from Mark Linder, UNA athletic director. Bowden had been talking about getting back into coaching a couple of years and Linder heard about it. “He called and planted in my head a vision of Terry Bowden at North Alabama,” Bowden said, “and in the next two and a half weeks I knew that’s where I wanted to be.”

Terry Bowden, 53, said his journey back into coaching really started around his 50th birthday when, “I looked in

the mirror and said is this (broadcasting) what I want to do the rest of my life?”

The answer was “No,” he wanted to coach. He said he realized, “I’m 50 and if I don’t go coach football now I never will.”

“I never thought about North Alabama, but when (Linder) called me it began the thought process. When I was coaching at Samford and Auburn I had recruited and coached several boys from this area. I’d been to the area many times and I knew how beautiful it was and how great an area it was for someone who loved football and fishing.”

When he decided to get back into coaching he had no idea where he might end up but expected he might have to



Terry Bowden Coaching at Samford with Bobby



Bobby, Tommy, and Terry Bowden with Bobby's Sears Trophy 1993

move west or north. "When UNA came calling, that was in my neck of the woods, so to speak.

"My Dad won't admit it, but he's getting older. We're 6½ hours from Tallahassee and that's a doable trip." In fact, for Ann and Bobby's 60th wedding anniversary on April 1, the whole family was able to surprise them and show up in Tallahassee. "It was 41 total people, including six children, 20 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren," Terry said.

He talks to his father about twice a week and values his advice; the two discussed the different coaching opportunities Terry was considering

when he picked UNA. Bobby said he always expected Terry to get back into coaching and, "I love Alabama and am glad to see Jeff and Terry there. I am now a big UNA fan!"

Both Bobby and Terry said Terry coaches a lot like his father, but according to Bobby, "he is more detailed. He covers every little thing and wants perfection."



Jeff and Terry at Samford

During the interview in April in his office, Terry Bowden had four bath towels lying on the floor and was studying them. He was trying to choose one for his players to use in the locker room.

A college coach "has to make the decision on towels long before he gets to call the right plays," Bowden said.

He had just finished a telephone conversation with the father of a player concerned that the player was upset because of a fight with his girlfriend. The coach promised he would talk to the young man.

"Those are the dynamics that make this job a little more rewarding – real – instead of getting in front of a camera and talking to thousands of people you never knew," Terry Bowden said. "You can't enjoy coaching if you don't enjoy helping and working with young people."

At that time Bowden's office had a collection of borrowed furniture, including a floral couch he'd slept on many busy nights. A small poster with pictures of sample furniture and color swatches was on one shelf, but the coach said he hadn't had time to think about decorating.

He did have an engraved nameplate on his desk and on the back he had something inscribed so he can see it every day. It says: "Is what I'm doing right now helping UNA win a national championship?"

"Putting furniture in my office isn't even No. 20 on what I need to do to win a championship," Terry Bowden said, so it would have to wait.



Terry and T.J. running into Braly Stadium



Jeff and Hunter with Terry and T.J.



Bobby and Terry Bowden 1989

The UNA football program has been in the hunt for a Division II national championship for the past four years, but hasn't won one since 1995. And despite an undefeated season at Auburn in 1993, Terry Bowden hasn't won a national championship himself.

His father, on the other hand, has won two. Terry Bowden says he knows he'll never be the winningest coach in the family, but he's planning on making winning national championships another Bowden family tradition.



Bobby and Terry at College Football Hall of Fame 2007



Terry, T.J. Bowden and Leo

"A DAY WITH THE BOWDENS"

No other family in the history of college football has achieved the level of success that the family of Bowden coaches has. Of the four coaches, Terry, Bobby, Tommy and Jeff, three have been head coaches in Division IA College Football. They have a combined 583 career wins and an astonishing 72 percent winning record. As elusive as the "Perfect Season" is, all three Bowden head coaches have had a perfect season, and all in the same decade. It had never happened before, and it would be safe to say that it will never happen again.

Join the Bowdens on July 14 for another first – the first time all

four Bowden coaches will come together to speak at the same event and share their lifetime of stories. Hear from the "First Family of College Football" about what it takes to be a champion – on the field, in the boardroom, and in life. All proceeds from this "Day with the Bowdens" will go to support the UNA Football Program and UNA Athletics.

Please save the date as more details will become available very soon. For information, questions, or to reserve your seats at the events, please visit: www.CoachTerryBowden.com or call Kimberly Shiff at 877-BOWDEN-0.

July 14 EVENT SCHEDULE

7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Prayer Breakfast with the Bowden Coaches

Marriott Shoals Conference Center
Limit 250 people
\$125.00

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. One-on-One Reception with the Bowden Coaches

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Dr. Chunsheng Zhang and wife Dr. Guihua Li

GLOBAL EDUCATION

Focus of New Vice Provost for International Affairs

By Cheryl N. Schmidt, contributing writer

After studying and teaching English for years in China, Chunsheng Zhang came to the United States in 1986 to pursue his master's degree in Education Administration at Bowling Green State University in Ohio.

One reason he wanted to study here was to see if the English he'd been speaking was correct. Immediately, people he met were impressed with his grasp of the language and kept asking him how long he'd been in the country, and even if he'd been born in the U.S. He would tell them, "No, I've only been here a week."

Then they would say: "You're pulling my leg."

He was pleased his English was good, but he had to ask them, "What is this pulling my leg?"

It is those kinds of colloquialisms and local dialects that a person only learns when they live in a country, Zhang said, and that is why studying abroad is an important component for universities that want a successful international program.

"I personally believe when we move the body, we change the mind," said Zhang, who came to the University of North Alabama in March as the new Vice Provost for International Affairs.

"You create opportunities for students to leave Alabama, leave the U.S." and when they come back, he said, "they will look at the world with international lenses."

He likes to quote Mark Twain, who wrote: "Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness." And he believes preparing UNA students to be part of an international work force is essential in these times.

The learning experienced when UNA students travel to other countries – and when

students from other countries come to UNA – "cannot be duplicated in our classrooms," Zhang said. A good international program "has to take the student to the real world."

UNA President Dr. William G. Cale, Jr. said he considers Zhang the ideal person to take UNA's international program to the next level.

"He came to the United States himself as an international student, and has that deep personal understanding that only experience can provide. As his career has progressed, he has worked in outstanding universities and built a reputation for program development with a focus on student well-being, and he comes to us with relationships from all over the globe," Cale said.

After completing his master's degree at Bowling Green State, Zhang went on to earn a Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration. His first full-time job in the U.S. was as director of study abroad at the University of Missouri-Columbia where he later took on additional duties as coordinator of international recruitment and associate director of the international center. He has also served as associate vice president for academic affairs and international studies at St. Cloud State University in St. Cloud, Minn. Zhang came





to UNA from the University of Oregon, where he held the positions of special assistant to the president and provost for international affairs as well as vice provost for international affairs and outreach.

His wife of 27 years, Guihua Li, has also found a position at UNA. She is working in the College of Business as coordinator of program quality assurance/assessment of learning for international programs. The two met when they were 13 years old and attending a boarding school in China where they were taught English six days a week. Her career path has mirrored his, and she also won a scholarship to Bowling Green, where she taught English Composition. With a Ph.D. degree also in Higher Education Administration, Li has been working in the field of institutional research for the past 15 years at the same universities where Zhang held administrative positions.

The couple has enjoyed getting settled in Florence, Zhang said, "People are really

open and nice and friendly. It's a beautiful area." They're getting used to "y'all" and other Southern phrases, he said, "My wife and I are very excited to learn the Southern hospitality and the Southern culture.

"I've been in the field for many years and worked at different sized universities," Zhang said, "The important thing for me is to find myself needed at a university where there is tremendous room for potential growth."

He sees great potential at UNA. With a student population of about 7,000 and currently 820 international students from 45 countries, UNA has the highest percentage of international students among Alabama colleges and universities.

"Even though we've been doing a good job attracting international students to UNA there is much to be done, especially in the study abroad area. Right now the number of UNA students who study abroad is, comparatively speaking, very low," Zhang said. Both Dr. Cale and Dr. Zhang say international studies are

essential in a world that has gone global. "The ultimate goal is to make sure that global learning is integrated into the UNA college experience," Zhang said.

A number of international program goals have been set for the near future.

"Foremost is to bring to UNA a group of undergraduate and graduate students who are fully committed to completing a degree with us, or participating in a cooperative program that UNA might have with another university," said Cale. "Next we need to build on our existing foundation to expand key program elements like creating international opportunities for our domestic students, building integrative programming for all students on campus, and infusing into our curriculum important global issues."

Zhang said one of the challenges in the program right now is that some of the international students who come to UNA stay one semester and then want to transfer. Apparently some of the student recruitment agents





“I am really looking forward to the day when we can make international learning an integral part of UNA.”

– Chunsheng Zhang

in foreign countries are not providing accurate information about what kind of degrees are offered at UNA, he said. When they get here “they think we have degrees we don’t have.”

Zhang said he’s working to get more accurate information out to prospective students and also exploring “What are the things we can do that not only attract quality students to UNA but also retain them?”

One such thing would be to develop long-term partnerships with “feeder schools” throughout the world. “With strategic partners abroad, we will look to develop some joint degree programs, where a student spends two or three years in their home country and then transfers to UNA and completes their bachelor’s or master’s degree.” Zhang said.

He is in the process of reviewing the information on some potential partners and,

“hopefully we’ll establish a couple of such partnerships very soon. Right now I’m looking at a university in China, a couple in South Korea and others in South America,” Zhang said.

Starting this fall, Zhang and his staff will systematically introduce the studying abroad concept to incoming freshmen at UNA. “The main question they ask is will studying abroad delay their graduation? And the answer is “no.” If you plan well, it will not delay their graduation.”

Parents and students usually feel more comfortable with studying abroad if a faculty member leads the student groups. “We have many faculty members who not only have the expertise, but also want to lead study abroad,” Zhang said, so he expects faculty-led trips to increase.

When incoming freshmen take the ACT Test they are asked if they are interested in studying abroad. Zhang said he’s talked to the UNA Admissions Office about using that survey “to identify the students who have said yes. And then we’ll provide more proactive and aggressive advising to these students.”

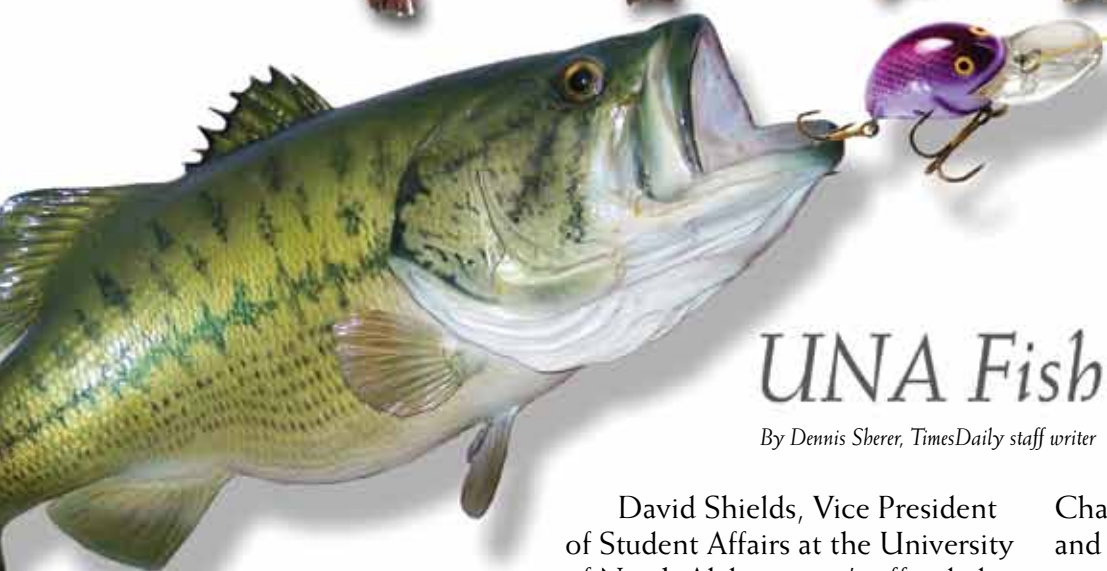
There is a lot of work to do, but Zhang feels confident he and his staff will be able to “figure out the obstacles at a personal and institutional level and remove the obstacles.”

“I am really looking forward to the day when we can make international learning an integral part of UNA,” said Zhang, “I hope that in the future students and faculty will say having international learning opportunities was one of the reasons they came to UNA.”





Vict



UNA Fishing Team Basks

By Dennis Sherer, TimesDaily staff writer

David Shields, Vice President of Student Affairs at the University of North Alabama, isn't offended when people say there is something fishy about the school's latest championship victory.

The UNA Bass Fishing Club beat teams from 18 colleges and universities throughout the South to win the Southern Collegiate Bass Fishing Series championship on Wilson Lake on April 17-18.

"We are so proud of those guys. Not only did they win the series championship, they won it only seven months after the team was formed," Shields said.

The UNA anglers finished with a total weight of 68.69 pounds, followed by Auburn with 63.82 pounds and UAB with 59.75 pounds. University of Tennessee-

Chattanooga, with 58.51 pounds, and Virginia Tech, with 58.50 pounds, rounded out the top five. Each team was allowed to enter up to four boats in the tournament, with two anglers fishing from each boat. The score was based on the total weights of the top two boats from each school each day.

UNA angler Andrew Bacon said a late surge sealed the victory.

UNA, paced by Bacon and fishing partner Robb Young, led the first day of competition, but the final round got off to a slow start.

"For a long time we didn't have much at all. It looked like we were pretty much done," he said. "Then, in the last three hours we managed to catch some nice fish." Bacon said the local knowledge helped clinch the title.

Early Celebration



in Glory of Tourney Title

Jade Keeton said he and his UNA teammates did not use a particular fishing style or bait to catch their bass. "We used a little bit of everything - swimbaits, crankbaits, jigs, Flukes," he said. "We had to run around a lot to get them. The fish were not concentrated in any area."

Nick Cupps, president of the UNA bass club, said while he and his teammates expected to have a strong showing on their home lake, they did not take the tournament for granted. "Everybody was expecting us to do well, which created a lot of added pressure," he said. "In addition, the competition was tough. We had to work hard to win. It did not come easy."

With the local win, the UNA team advanced to the Association of Collegiate Anglers National Championship in Texas' Lake Lewisville. They placed seventh in a field of 140 teams and more than 70 schools. Cody Braden, vice president of the club, said the team is seeking donations to help pay for associated trips and to support the UNA Bass Fishing Team. A tax-deductible donation can be sent through the UNA Foundation, specifying the fishing team as the recipient. Send donation to: UNA. Box 5113, Florence, AL 35632.

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UNA Bass Fishing Club

Cody Braden
Nick Cupps
Andrew Bacon
Rob Young
Sam Hickman
Jade Keeton
Bradley Hubbard
Issac Broussard
Jacob Feltman
Hunter Morris
John Nixon
Ryan Salzman
Ben Robbins
Brandon Norwood



Emily E. Beavers '09, *student intern*

*"Through this dust
these hills once spoke."*

So reads the epitaph on Pulitzer Prize-winning author T. S. Stribling's grave. Stribling was a Shoals native and an alumnus of Florence State Normal School, which is now the University of North Alabama.

The hills spoke again at the 2009 UNA Fine Arts Festival luncheon, this time through Shoals legend, author and storyteller Tom Hendrix. This year, proceeds from the luncheon benefited the Books-A-Million/T. S. Stribling Endowed Scholarship.

Hendrix's book, *If the Legends Fade*, is the story of his great-great-grandmother, Te-lah-nay, a Native American of the Euchee tribe. She was taken in 1839 as part of what is believed to be a "mop-up" operation one year after the Trail of Tears. The book chronicles her journey to the Indian Nations in Oklahoma as part of that operation, and then her escape and journey back to her home beside the "Singing River"—the Tennessee.



TALKING STONES



Photos by Laura Bell

"From what we've seen, she's the only one to have made it back," said Hendrix.

Hendrix has spent the last 27 years building what is simply known to Shoals residents as "the wall," an unmortared stone wall, said to be the largest in the United States. Hendrix built it in honor of Te-lah-nay; part of the winding wall represents her journey to Oklahoma, and part represents her five-year journey back home to the Shoals.

"I've worn out three old trucks, 27 wheelbarrows, 1,700 pairs of work gloves, three dogs and one old man," said Hendrix. All who visit his creation understand. He has laid more than 7.25 million pounds of stone to craft the impressive monument.

"When she came back, it was not an ordinary journey. I wasn't going to build her an ordinary memorial."

The wall is not only the largest unmortared wall in the United States, but the largest memorial to a Native American

woman in America, and quite possibly the largest memorial to any woman in America. It was named one of the top twelve spiritual places in Alabama, and more recently, named one of the Top 10 environmental arts in the south.

"My wife has been kidding me about people calling it art," said Hendrix of the woman he calls his "Irish lass." "She put dinner on the table the other night and said 'Your dinner is served, Mr. Rembrandt.'"

Hendrix was given the name Te-ka-he-wada, which means "Stone Talker," by his great-great-grandmother's people. To be given a Native American name by the Euchee tribe was a great honor, for they had "never accepted anybody born behind the moon," which means they had never accepted any white person. The name was chosen because of Te-lah-nay's wall and the stories that were passed down to Hendrix from his grandmother.



Tom Hendrix and Granddaughter Taylor

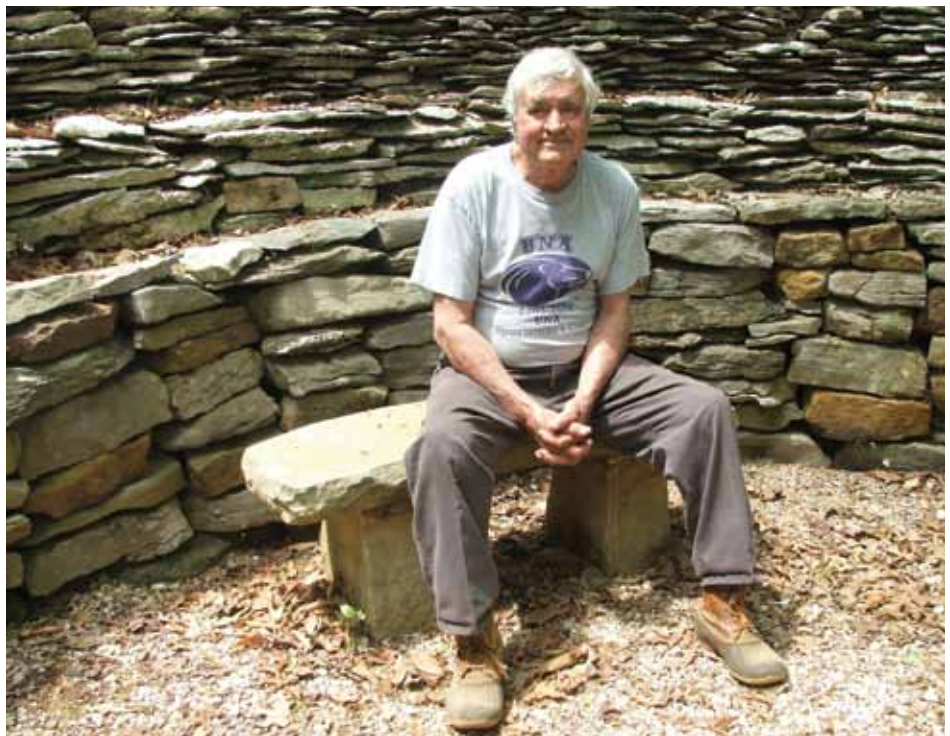
"When I was just 4 or 5 years old, my grandmother would wrap me in a blanket and place a heated brick at my feet to keep me warm while she told me stories of her grandmother, Te-lah-nay, and of how sister hummingbird came to be, why brother turtle smiles and how brother rabbit lost his tail. She captured this little boy's imagination, and I became a storyteller. I try to capture people's minds as my grandmother captured mine in 1938."

As the featured speaker of the Fine Arts Festival luncheon, Hendrix told fascinating stories of his great-great grandmother's journey, her knowledge as a medicine woman, and his motivation for building the wall in her honor.

While visiting his great-great-grandmother's people in Oklahoma 27 years ago, Hendrix spoke to a Euchee elder of his desire to make a memorial for Te-lah-nay. Her response: "We shall all pass this earth, Brother Hendrix. Only the stones will remain. We honor our ancestors with stones."

This exchange inspired Hendrix to begin building the wall. "On her journey, my grandmother took one step at a time," said Hendrix. "So, I decided to lay one stone at a time."

"Through this dust these hills once spoke," reads the inscription on Stribling's grave. For Hendrix and all who hear his stories, it is not dust, but the stones that talk, speaking of a young Native American woman and her amazing journey home to the Singing River.



Tom Hendrix in prayer circle





UNA ALUMNI NEWS



Joy Harjo

2008-09 school

year. I was overjoyed upon learning that I had received the \$1,500 scholarship as it helped to pay for my tuition. I am extremely grateful for the scholarship fund and was pleased to learn that Books-A-Million recently contributed an additional \$10,000 to the fund for future recipients. It is because of donors like Books-A-Million that students like me are able to be less stressed while attending college. Donors not only contribute to the financial needs of college students but also enrich their lives by helping bring in special guests such as Joy Harjo during UNA's Spring Writers' Series. I was absolutely thrilled to be able to introduce



Joy Harjo

FINE ARTS FESTIVAL

By Jillian Tomberlin, student

Harjo and thoroughly enjoyed her recent visit to UNA. She captivated the audience with her Native American poetry and music. Harjo stated she wanted us to be uplifted and encouraged through her music; she did exactly that.

Dr. Clancy Ratliff '97, a former UNA student and now a professor of English at University of Louisiana at Lafayette, was able to attend the Spring Writers' Series. Here is what she had to say: "Joy Harjo's performance was wonderful. I read her poetry for the first time as a student in Lynne Butler's class at UNA and was immediately besotted. I'm so glad that before I came to Florence for a week's vacation, I checked UNA's events calendar and happened to see Harjo's name. I will definitely keep checking the UNA events calendar before I come to Florence. The week I was there, I not only saw Harjo's reading but also attended the birthday party for Leo and Una, the Sakura festival, and a performance of the Alabama Symphony Orchestra. UNA was great when I was a student there, but now it is even better!"



Dr. Clancy Ratliff '97 and
Jillian Tomberlin

HIGHER EDUCATION DAY

On the evening prior to Higher Education Day, the 2009 Alumni Leaders' Advocacy Banquet was hosted at the Capital City Club in Montgomery, Ala., with the largest participation by leaders ever. On March 4, 160 university alumni leaders convened from across Alabama, representing our 13 public, four-year universities, to address legislative issues important to our state universities. The focus of this event was to make Alabama alumni leaders aware of how they can help provide meaningful support to higher education. Presenters included Dr. Bill Meehan, President of Jacksonville

State University; a legislative panel including Sen. Jabo Waggoner, Sen. Jim Pruitt, and Dave Stewart, Chief of Staff, Governor's office; Marcus Paramore, Chair of the Council of university governmental affairs representatives for our 13 public, four-year universities; and Gordon Stone, Executive Director of the Higher Education Partnership. The program concluded by honoring Sen. Waggoner with the Higher Education Partnership Leadership Award for his "commitment as a friend of Higher Education, in taking the message of our state universities to the Senate floor".

The Higher Ed Day Rally was held March 5 on the steps of the State House in Montgomery. Hosted by the Higher Education Partnership, Alabama universities were well represented, with a record-setting 3,000 university students, faculty, staff and alumni in attendance. The message was loud and clear, calling for elected officials to support state higher education funding. Gov. Bob Riley and Lt. Gov. Jim Folsom Jr. were among the day's featured speakers. This annual event continues to bring statewide attention to the value of education in Alabama.



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UNA ALUMNI

1. Martha Robbins Cooper ('62)
2. Gene Meier ('59), Jack ('58) and Gale ('60) Kent, and Juanita Burt ('46)
3. Lawrence ('80) and Rebecca Davis
4. Christy and Chris Erwin Doonan ('98)
5. Walt Vandiver ('01), Jeff Foster ('07), and Katie Smith ('08)
6. Beverly Wear Wisner ('65) and Kellee Reed Shea ('98)
7. Mark ('81), Eve ('81), and David Yeates



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UNA ALUMNI

1. Don Basenberg ('65)
2. Terry Bagwell ('83), Weston Smith ('81), and Tommy Bagwell
3. Alan Medders and Rochelle Dial ('07)
4. Tom ('50) and Helen York
5. Mike Lecroix ('86), Josh McFall ('07), and Jim Langcuster ('82)
6. Coach Terry Bowden at Bristol
7. Paul Presley, Bruce Jones ('87), Heath Grimes ('99), Coach Bowden, Ben Alexander, Terry Reynolds ('75), and Bill Godsey ('58)
8. Jim Page ('01), Coach Terry Bowden, Heath Grimes ('99), and Beth Tutwiler ('91)



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SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

30 years and GROWING

Stacy Childers '01, LGSW

In 1974, the Department of Social Work at the University of North Alabama was formed and nationally accredited through the hard work and determination of Dr. Jack Sellers and other committed faculty. Today, the Department of Social Work has begun its newest adventure, for which we need the support of alumni and community members.

The department is in the process of developing the Social Work Alumni and Faculty Emeriti Association. On August 18, a meeting will be held at the Florence Golf and Country Club from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. to introduce the association officers and to discuss goals and projects for the future. If you are interested in being a part of this groundbreaking work, please feel free to contact the Department of Social Work or Carol Lyles, Director of Alumni Relations. We would appreciate all your support and encourage you as alumni to update your information at the alumni Web site <http://www.una.edu/alumni/>.

The department has maintained its continuous accreditation status since 1974, when Dr. Sellers became the Chair of the Department and remained in that position until his retirement in July 2007. The current department faculty is composed of Dr. Joy Borah, Chair, Jacqueline Winston, Katherine Crisler, and Freda Coleman-Reed. Since its initial accreditation, the Department of Social Work has more than 600 graduates. These graduates have gone forth and made changes, not only in their local communities, but also on the state, federal and global levels. Graduates have become leaders for change, striving to advance social justice and human rights. Their impact has been felt through the development of programs and social service organizations that address community needs and lead the way for social change.

Over the years, the Department has developed and maintained the Social Work Organization

(SWO) and a chapter of Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society. These organizations offer leadership opportunities for students and encourage project development to serve the local community. Some of the projects completed involve networking with the local school system and supporting agencies such as Habitat for Humanity, Department of Human Resources, Safeplace and others. Both organizations assist in networking between the University and community members, thereby enhancing town-gown relations. Through various classes, students are involved in community service learning, conducting needs assessment surveys and grant writing for local service agencies.

The department has also established an "Annual Social Work Conference" every March to commemorate national Social Work Month. All social workers and those working in the service community are invited to attend this day of learning and fellowship. This past March, Dr. Marquita Davis, Commissioner of the State Department of Children's Affairs, was the keynote speaker for the conference. Alumni are encouraged to participate in the conference as presenters.

We invite you to become active partners in the Social Work Alumni organization and welcome the opportunity to work together to make it a vibrant, active organization that makes a difference in our communities.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

But What About My Teams?

The feature article about the history of Lion Football in the Spring 2009 UNA Alumni Magazine was outstanding! But it left me wondering: What about the football teams of the late '60s and '70s? The seasonal records for those years did not put us in conference or divisional playoffs. I believe the reason for those results lies beyond players and coaches and is of greater significance than what we see in the record books.

If you recall, those were turbulent times for our nation due to the Vietnam War. As history has shown, the young men of our region are often the first ones called upon or the first ones to volunteer to serve and protect our nation and the world. Many of those young men who were on foreign soil fighting for freedom, many of whom did not return, would have been on our football teams providing additional leadership for current and future teams. UNA didn't lack individual talent; we lacked depth.

So, I want to thank the outstanding players who played football for UNA during those years. The record books do not accurately reflect how important those few hours on Saturdays were to the students, alumni, and community at large. Thank you for giving us a nice safe environment to escape the reality seen on the nightly news and for giving us an excuse to vent our frustrations. After all, isn't that what collegiate sports should really be about?

The UNA Lion teams of the '60s and '70s are as much a part of Lion Pride as those who have been fortunate to play on championship teams. I hope to get the chance to personally thank you soon. Please join us under the Alumni tent on Spirit Hill this fall as we begin an exciting era of UNA football with Coach Bowden!

ROAR LIONS!
Reeda Lee '74

NOTE: I must confess I am probably biased when it comes to UNA Athletics. I was a student worker in the Athletic Department my senior year, earning enough to pay tuition and complete my degree. Thank you, Coach Pike and Lana, for your support and encouragement! And thanks to the guys who edited this letter. You know who you are!



AROUND *the* CAMPUS

2009 Spring Commencement at UNA showcased a timeless speaker. An economic consultant to numerous



Jeff Thredgold

clients in a variety of industries, Jeff Thredgold has been helping people understand the tangled maze of the economy and financial markets for more than three decades. With a unique ability to "cut through the fluff," he leads his audience on a slightly irreverent, up-to-the-minute tour of the economy, financial markets, education, government and a sneak preview of the future.

Economic Futurist Jeff Thredgold Speaks at UNA Graduation

His latest book, "econAmerica: Why the American Economy is Alive and Well ... And What That Means to Your Wallet," was published by Wiley and Sons in July 2007. In "econAmerica," Thredgold explains in detail the four key factors, or "silver bullets," that will drive the American economy for years to come.

Thredgold's career includes 23 years with \$95 billion banking giant KeyCorp, where he served as senior vice president and chief economist. He now serves as economic consultant to \$50 billion Zions Bancorporation, which has banks in 10 states, as well as other clients.

Thredgold has appeared dozens of times on CNBC-TV, the nation's business network; he has made numerous appearances on CNN; and is quoted regularly in the nation's financial press. He is a

monthly contributor to the national publication Blue Chip Financial Forecasts and quarterly USA Today economic forecast surveys.

Thredgold has been writing a weekly economic and financial newsletter, now titled the Tea Leaf, for 32 years. In addition to "econAmerica," he is the author of "Economy by Thredgold, A Parent's Letter to My Children in School" and "On The One Hand ... The Economist's Joke Book."

He served as an adjunct professor of finance at the University of Utah for 16 years and served as president of the National Association for Business Economics Utah Chapter. He is a former member of the Economic Advisory Committee of the American Bankers Association and the Economic Policy Committee of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

NACADA National ACADEMIC ADVISING Association

Joan Johnson Williams, Counselor, Project OPEN, a division of the College of Nursing & Allied Health at the University of North Alabama, has been selected as an Outstanding Advising Certificate of Merit recipient in the Academic Advising—Primary Role category from the National Academic Advising Association as part of the 2009 Annual Awards Program for Academic Advising.

This award is presented to individuals who have demonstrated qualities associated with outstanding academic advising of students or outstanding academic advising administration. The Academic Advising—Primary Role category includes those individuals whose primary role at the institution is the direct delivery of advising services to students. Williams is one of twelve academic advisors honored with this award in this category in the nationwide competition this year.



Joan Johnson Williams

Since 1983, NACADA has honored individuals and institutions making significant contributions to the improvement of academic advising. The goal of NACADA is to promote quality academic advising and professional development of its membership to enhance the educational development of students. NACADA's membership consists of more than 10,000 faculty, professional advisors, administrators, counselors, and others in academic and student affairs concerned with the intellectual, personal, and vocational needs of students. In addition, NACADA is the representative and advocate of academic advising and those providing that service to higher education.

Williams will be honored and presented with this award in San Antonio, Texas, during the NACADA Annual Conference this fall.

COACHES vs. CANCER

Basket Ball

By Cheryl N. Schmidt, contributing writer



A fundraising concept that started in 1993 with a college basketball coach who survived cancer has made its way to the University of North Alabama. Called "Coaches vs. Cancer" the inaugural event will feature a black-tie gala – a "Basket Ball" - hosted by UNA Basketball Coach Bobby Champagne and his wife, Anna.

"The August 22 Basket Ball is the first of its kind in the MidSouth Division of the American Cancer Society, which includes Alabama, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Kentucky", said Pat Slusher, fellow-chair of the event with Jean McIntyre.

"The Coaches vs. Cancer Basket Ball is a sports oriented black-tie fundraising event at which top supporters, corporate donors, fellow coaches and other colleagues in the sports industry enjoy an elegant event to benefit the American Cancer Society," Slusher said. A golf outing also will be held that morning where players can team up with college coaches from around the state at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail in Muscle Shoals. Money raised at both will go to the American Cancer Society.

Galas have been held for the past eight years in the Shoals to raise money

for the fight against cancer. "The 2009 Coaches vs. Cancer Basket Ball is significant to our local cancer society as it's a historical year in association with the CvC program and the University of North Alabama," Slusher said.

The event will celebrate the lives of cancer survivors in the Shoals and will remember those who have been lost to the disease. Hal Self, longtime UNA head football coach who died of leukemia in June 2008, is the Ball's Memorial Honoree.

Honorary Chair for the Basket Ball is Juli Greene Boenheim, a graduate of Bradshaw High School in Florence who is married to Jim Boenheim, head basketball coach at Syracuse University. "The Boenheim's devised the first "Basket Ball" 10 years ago and have raised over \$4.5 million through the years with the Basket Ball. Juli and Jim are excited about coming to the Shoals for Alabama's inaugural Basket Ball," Slusher said.

State Senator Roger Bedford of Russellville has been named 2009 Event Honoree. Bedford is an executive member of the American Cancer Society and beat the disease in 1990 after a bone marrow transplant.

Honored as the ball's 2009 Philanthropist of the Year is the University of North Alabama. According to Slusher, "UNA, along with Coach Champagne and Anna, have afforded our local Cancer Society the opportunity to have the Basket Ball. The ball is only possible through their involvement and support."

Since 1996, Coaches vs. Cancer has raised more than \$40 million for cancer research and advocacy programs. Norm Stewart, former head men's basketball coach at the University of Missouri, started the program when he challenged fans to pledge a dollar amount for every three points made by his team during the season.

Subsequently, the American Cancer Society joined with the National Association of Basketball Coaches to increase cancer awareness and promote healthy living. Today, more than 500 Division I, II and III college coaches are involved in the program to provide help and hope to all people facing cancer.

Last year, the American Cancer Society gala held in the Shoals raised more than \$100,000, enabling the organization to continue to offer programs in the community, such as Look Good ... Feel Better, College Scholarships, Transportation Grants, Man to Man Prostate Cancer Support Group and others.

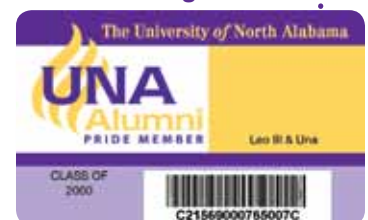
Tickets to the "Coaches vs. Cancer Basket Ball" are \$100 per person. Corporate tables seating 8 are \$1,000. For ticket, event or sponsorship information call the American Cancer Society at 256-767-0825.



Make your Alumni Gift to UNA and become a card-carrying Alumni Pride Member – receive the following benefits:

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- 10 percent discount on University performances at Norton Auditorium (Purchased at the box office)
- 10 percent discount on Student Recreation Center fees
- A brick in the Alumni Victory Garden (with a gift of \$100 or more)
- On-site use of Collier Library • Charitable Tax Deduction
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To receive your Alumni Giving membership card make a \$50 minimum gift/reply envelope in the center of this magazine





AWARD WINNING PHI BETA LAMBDA

Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) is the largest business organization in the world when combined with Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) at the high school level. PBL strives to prepare students for the transition from college to the business world. At state and national conferences, students compete in various business events that test their knowledge, presentation abilities, and leadership skills. PBL is a local, state, and nationally affiliated organization with corporate ties to numerous companies.

UNA's chapter of PBL has competed for the past 20 consecutive years at the state and national level with more than 300 state winners and 66 national awards. This year's state winners will be competing in Anaheim, Calif., in June at the National Phi Beta Lambda Conference. All 50 states will be represented in competitions, pitting UNA against each state's first and second-place winners. Numerous Fortune 500 companies sponsor events at the national conference with monetary awards. PBL has become a major networking tool for our students and many that have competed in prior years have become successful in their professions. Many of our alumni were involved in PBL when they attended UNA. This organization is recognized by students, alumni, faculty, staff, and administration as an organization that "brings out the best" in its members.

Having worked with PBL for the past 32 years, I have learned to appreciate the level of intelligence and ability that our students possess as they compete with other colleges in the nation and come out on top. Dr. Joan Parris is the co-advisor of Phi Beta Lambda. Joan has been a dedicated, dependable leader in PBL for the past seven years at UNA. Much of the chapter's success is due to Joan's hard work, skills, and motivation that she so tirelessly provides to PBL.

Donna N. Yancey,
Associate Professor Marketing and Management

UNA BUSINESS STUDENTS PLACE FIRST IN TVA INVESTMENT CHALLENGE

Students from the University of North Alabama placed first out of 24 universities in the TVA Investment Challenge for 2008. UNA's student-run stock portfolio beat the overall stock market by 12.89 percent, with a return of -24.11, versus the S&P 500 Index return of -37 percent.

"The students did an incredible job selecting stocks during a difficult investment climate," said Dr. Kristy Van Rensselaer, UNA professor of finance and faculty advisor for the student investment team. "I am proud of how much effort they put into their stock research."

Under Van Rensselaer's guidance, the students managed a stock portfolio worth about \$225,000. The investment team was responsible for stock analyses and investment decisions for the portfolio. Their winning performance in the TVA Investment Challenge entitles them to a \$5,038 cash award.

"The College of Business is especially proud of the students who participated in the TVA Investment Challenge and of their advisor, Dr. Van Rensselaer," said Dr. Kerry Gatlin, dean of the UNA College of Business. "This is just one of a number of opportunities we provide students to gain real-world experience."

TVA created the Investment Challenge in 1998 to provide students real financial management experience. The student managers are given the same basic rules as TVAs professional money managers.

UNA students participating in the Investment Challenge were Brittany Brady, Justin Carmack, Cheryl Fisher, Jonathon Hanson, Laura Jones, Ashley Lovett, Pasupat Srichumpoung, Mikiko Sugaya, Masahiro Sugita and Matthew Vandenheuvell.

UNA AND THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Dr. Tom Coates, Professor and Chair of the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation (HPER), and Dr. Mike Hall, Professor of HPER were recently awarded a major grant from the National Park Service. Much of the five-year grant will go toward scholarship money for UNA students who participate.

The HPER Department will develop and implement partnerships with units of the National Park Service in the Southeastern and Intermountain Regions based on the Rocky Mountain Experience Service-Learning Model. UNA students will go through a selection process to become a member of the University of North Alabama Conservation Corps. These students will participate in a combination of academic courses and service-learning experiences.

For additional information contact the UNA Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation (HPER).

REEL ART



George LINDSEY



Rance HOWARD



Lee MAJORS

UNA host to Actors for Film Festival

The George Lindsey UNA Film Festival welcomed actor Rance Howard during the event. The veteran actor, whose credits include more than 200 film and television roles, discussed his extensive career with guests in UNA's GUC Performance Center. Local filmmaker **Tonya Holly** ('87) was the emcee.

Howard, an Oklahoma native and father of Oscar-winning director/producer Ron Howard, began his acting career on the stage at a very young age. His first role on the screen was in the 1956 film "Frontier Woman," which was soon followed by the first of many guest appearances on television.

Howard's extensive resume includes roles in the films "Cool Hand Luke," "Ed Wood," "Independence Day" and "Grand Theft Auto," which he co-wrote with son Ron. With television roles ranging from cowboy to space traveler, Howard has appeared in many notable programs, including "The Virginian," "Bonanza," "Battlestar Galactica" and "Babylon 5." He appeared with son Clint in the 1960s family favorite "Gentle Ben" and worked with son Ron in many episodes of "The Andy Griffith Show" and "Happy Days."

Howard continues to stay busy in front of the camera, with work on five films slated for release in 2009. He will also have a major role as Henry Barrow in Tonya Holly's upcoming film, "The Story of Bonnie and Clyde".

Veteran actor Lee Majors appeared with Rance Howard at two venues of the George Lindsey UNA Film Festival. Majors has

performed on a variety of television programs, including "The Big Valley," "Men From Shiloh," "Owen Marshall Counselor at Law," "The Fall Guy" and "Raven." It was his starring role as Steve Austin on "The Six Million Dollar Man" that made him a television icon. Majors has performed in more than 30 motion pictures, the most recent being "Conflict of Interest" with Michael Madson. He will be starring in Holly's upcoming film project, "The Story of Bonnie and Clyde." Majors also has two television pilots for series in development.

The George Lindsey UNA Film Festival is one of the few film festivals hosted by a university. The event was founded in 1998 by UNA alumnus and celebrated actor and entertainer George Lindsey. Lindsey's own film career has included several important roles, including the character Goober Pyle on "The Andy Griffith Show."

The 2010 George Lindsey UNA Film Festival is scheduled for March 4-7, with screenings, workshops, panel discussions, parties and other events taking place on the University of North Alabama campus and at locations throughout the surrounding Shoals area.

For more information, telephone 256-765-4592, or email filmfest@una.edu.

GEORGE
LINDSEY
UNA
FILM
FESTIVAL



2009 YEAR OF ASTRONOMY

By Dr. Mel Blake,
Assistant Professor
Physics and Astronomy,
Planetarium Director

FUSION OF ART AND SCIENCE

HISTORICALLY the sciences and the arts have been mutually compatible, with the sciences of light, color and structure being used to create masterpieces in art. These masterpieces inspire future generations of both scientists and artists to pursue learning and advance and enrich our society. The year 2009 has been designated by the United Nations as the International Year of Astronomy. The University of North Alabama Planetarium and Observatory is having various events targeted at public audiences that will both educate and inspire the public to learn more about science and the arts. The UNA Art Gallery has a mandate to educate future generations of artists, but also to allow the public to view art ranging from painting, sculpture and photography. Working together, we sought to combine the science of space with the human impact of our new understanding of the Universe.

There is a revolution in our understanding of the Universe taking place, scarcely a week goes by without a new revelation. Astronomy, more than perhaps any other science, addresses some of the most fundamental ideas that people have always

wondered about: Are we alone in the Universe? Where did life come from? How did the Universe form and what will be its fate, carrying along with it the Earth and all its inhabitants? It is also the science that has the greatest possibility to inspire us to look beyond our petty differences and see that no matter what we do, the Universe is there and it is still beautiful. It is little wonder that the starlit sky has forever inspired the arts and humanities. The Bayeux Tapestry showing Halley's Comet, the paintings of the "Starry Night" by Vincent Van Gogh and the Star of Bethlehem in "Adoration of the Magi" by Giotto di Bondone, are merely a few of the works inspired by the sky.

It is a sad case in modern society that the proponents of arts and sciences often lack mutual understanding and support. In addition, those likely to go to an art exhibit may not be likely to go to a science program and vice versa. Yet science and art are mutually linked in the human experience, one telling us how the Universe works, the other providing a description of the impact it has on us on a deeply emotional level. Neither can be denied as part of the human condition. We decided to

bring the two together in a unique fusion of art and science by asking student artists to reproduce the beautiful images from the Hubble Space Telescope and other space missions. Student sculptures, writings and visual art would be presented alongside the images and science that inspired them.



Leah Wilbanks



Masaaki Sasaki



While giving people an appreciation of the challenges of producing the images from space, we believed the exhibit would also contribute to the cultural life of the community. And it would bring two apparently unrelated departments of UNA together to promote understanding of the arts and sciences. This is a healthy exchange and will hopefully encourage future projects among our university community.

THE EXHIBIT

The project sprang out of our conversations in April 2008 about bringing a NASA space art exhibit to the UNA Art Gallery. As this was explored, it was realized that the technical and bureaucratic challenges were prohibitive. Discussions then focused on creating an in-house project that would accomplish the original goals. Work began on the project in August 2008, with students and faculty in the Department of Art creating art pieces focused on the theme of the exhibit. While the artwork was created, the UNA Planetarium obtained models of the Space Shuttle, mission patches from the shuttle missions that serviced the Hubble Space Telescope, and obtained a meteorite collection for the exhibit. The project was supported by a technology grant to obtain HD TVs for displaying the NASA images and the digital media work created by students and faculty. Professor Fred Hensley led the project in this regard, testing and selecting the best models, with the help of Kris Robertson from media services. With help from student intern Adam Blacklidge, NASA archives were scoured for the best images from three broad categories, the solar system, the stars and nebulae and galaxies; these occupied their own image display in the exhibit.



Fredrick Cale

The artwork for inclusion in the exhibit was selected in December 2008. The construction of the exhibit began in January, and the show opened Feb. 2, with a well-attended reception on Feb. 19. The exhibit ran until March 20 with many first time visitors to the gallery. Response was excellent and the show was one of the best attended for the gallery. The show was a success and shows how departments within UNA can work together on unique and interesting projects. We hope to continue this sort of collaboration in the future.

UNA PLANETARIUM AND ART GALLERY

The UNA Planetarium is in a state of transition, and is always in need of help. We hope to upgrade the planetarium equipment with a digital system, and replace the chairs for more comfort for those attending the shows. We are also hoping to improve our displays and meteorite collection, as well. Shows at the planetarium take place each Tuesday the University is in session and for special events. The UNA Art Gallery has showings of artwork from student and faculty artists. It is open from about 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday when school is in session.

Note: This project was conducted with the collaboration and enthusiasm of the Department of Art and with Professor Chiong-Yiao Chen leading the effort, with great technical help from Fred Hensley. Support in the form of a technology grant from UNA made the project possible.



Olivia Sherif



Sandra Vettters

PROFILES in EXCELLENCE



DR. ALEX TAKEUCHI

OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC AWARD

Outstanding Scholarship/Research



Dr. Alex Takeuchi, also known as "Dr. T" by his colleagues and students at UNA, spent much of his youthful years in the eastern part of Washington near Spokane. He received his bachelor's of science in Psychology and bachelor of arts in Sociology, as well as master's and doctorate in Sociology (with specialization in Social Psychology and Crime/Deviance) from Washington State University, where he received The James Short, Jr. Award for Research Excellence in 1999 for developing a new theory of physical attraction.

Since joining the faculty at UNA 10 years ago, as one of then very few Asian minorities, Takeuchi served seven years on the Multi-Cultural Advisory Committee, and is now serving on the International Programs/Offerings Committee and the Faculty Senate. He has also been the advisor to Japanese Global Network (RSO) since its founding.

As a behavioral scientist with diverse interests, Takeuchi has presented papers and published articles on small group interaction, ethnic identity transformation, mate choice behavior, parent-child relationship and classical social theory, some of which he co-authored with his colleague and wife, Dr. May Takeuchi, assistant professor of sociology. His "*Probabilistic Matching Theory*" of mate choice,

which was originally published in 2006, has gained interest from colleagues not only in America but also in Europe, Canada and Japan. As a specialist in the area of intra-family dyadic interactions, he has served as a peer reviewer for five refereed journals and four textbooks in both sociology and psychology. He has also been a member of the Editorial Board of *Marriage and Family Review* since 2006.

Also known as a scholar of the feudal era criminal justice system of Japan and Japanese art history pertaining to *samurai* swords, he published an article on *samurai* swords presented to Admiral Samuel Francis DuPont by the first Japanese Ambassadorial Delegation to the U.S. in 1860, and wrote a chapter on the evolution of Japanese *samurai* swords in the book "*History of Steel in Eastern Asia*" published by Macao Museum of Art. His scholarly work in these areas has also been acknowledged in books written by colleagues at other universities, as well as in *Wikipedia*.

Scholarship at the University of North Alabama assumes many forms, as reflected by the varied academic achievements of our faculty and students. PROFILES IN EXCELLENCE highlights a number of these scholarly pursuits. The University seeks, supports, and applauds excellence in all dimensions whether it emerges from artistic endeavors, original research,

scholarly presentations, funded grants, or academic service.

UNA's most important resource is its people. The faculty offer the vision, knowledge, and dedication to provide a quality education for our students. University staff and administrators help to facilitate the learning experience. Our graduates, in turn, become the leaders of tomorrow.

On this page and the next two you will find the stories of three faculty members who will be recognized in 2009 in the University publication PROFILES IN EXCELLENCE. This publication reflects many of the academic and cultural activities found on campus, as well as various pursuits the University community supports within our service region.

PROFILES *in* EXCELLENCE



DR. WENDY DARBY

OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC AWARD

Outstanding Service



Dr. Wendy Darby ('84) is an Associate Professor in the College of Nursing and Allied Health. She holds a bachelor's of science in Nursing degree from the University of North Alabama, a master of science in Nursing degree from the University of Alabama in Huntsville, and a doctorate in the Philosophy of Health Care Administration from Capella University in Minneapolis, Minn. She is a Certified Family Nurse Practitioner (CFNP) and a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE).

Darby's clinical experiences include home health care and community nursing, quality assurance, and pediatric nursing. Her areas of interest include pediatric asthma and diabetes and sexual abuse evaluation and prevention strategies. Her first love is providing care for infants and children in the community setting. She has maintained her clinical practice at Infants' and Children's Clinic where she has worked since 1996. Darby was influential in developing the area's first nurse practitioner managed sexual abuse medical evaluation program at the Cramer Children's Advocacy Center in Florence. She worked in collaboration with Dr. David Colvard of the Infants' and Children's Clinic to establish the program and is also a facilitator with the Darkness to Light Sexual Abuse Prevention Program.

Darby is committed to community service and educational opportunities. She collaborated with the Office of Continuing Education and Outreach to develop UNAs annual pediatric seminars. The first seminar was offered in August 2006 and has become a popular program for health care providers in our area. She also developed community health screening programs for private schools in the Shoals area which have helped identify children with visual and hearing problems, scoliosis, and hypertension. She developed Teddy Bear Clinics for young children to learn about health topics in a developmentally appropriate forum. Teddy Bear Clinics are held every spring at local

preschools. In August 2008, Darby began volunteering with the Give-A-Kid-A-Chance back to school outreach project hosted by area businesses and churches. The yearly event is held on the first Saturday in August and helps hundreds of children in the Shoals area receive school supplies, clothing, brief health exams, haircuts, and vision and hearing exams.

In April, Darby was one of the keynote speakers at the annual child abuse conference at Beville State Community College in Hamilton, Ala. Darby was the 2008-2009 recipient of the Julie Haddon Matthews Diabetes Professorship. The goal of this professorship is to promote diabetes education in the community setting. Darby worked with student nurses to provide four diabetes education opportunities at the Northwest Alabama Community Health Clinic, which serves the working poor in the Shoals community. She also hosted a group discussion with parents at Handy Head Start that explored parent perceptions of diet, exercise, and diabetes in their preschool children.

Darby's dissertation addressed the care of the diabetic child in the school environment. Her research explored the challenges school nurses face in providing care for these children. The dissertation research results are published in the *Journal of School Nursing* (2006). She also serves as a contributor for various nursing textbooks and sexual abuse reference materials.

PROFILES *in* EXCELLENCE



PATRICIA L. WILSON

OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC AWARD

Outstanding Teaching



Patricia L. Wilson's philosophy of education is based on a genuine foundational love of nursing and the nursing profession. She has enjoyed teaching education students to become nurses for more than 30 years at UNA. While called to nursing; she was not initially called to education. She worked hard to prepare lectures, teaching strategies, and develop tests to assist students to achieve an understanding of nursing knowledge and skills; while maintaining her own nursing skills. She feels that nursing students have benefited from her clinical expertise and dedication to provide a supportive learning environment. Students have stated that she demands their very best and was firm and always fair. Wilson has always instructed students to know that professional nursing demanded that education be a lifelong process.

A certification of CRNP (Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner) has enabled Wilson to teach by example and mentoring. She supervises first and fourth-level students at the Northwest Alabama Community Clinic and believes that her clinical practice at the clinic positively influences her classroom instruction to remain current and relevant. She has always worked very hard to be an effective classroom-clinical educator.

During the past two years, Wilson's significant teaching accomplishments have developed from a renewed spirit to enjoy work more. This year, changing courses and moving to the senior level, she spent much of the summer learning the E-college basics to move the Preceptorship and Review course to online instruction. This senior-level course was designed to assist students to pass the NCLEX

(National Council Licensure Examination) and to prepare students clinically to work in critical care areas. Currently, UNA enjoys a 100 percent passage rate for NCLEX. Wilson shares in this accomplishment; the nursing faculty has worked very hard to achieve these results; and it's her job to help maintain that passage rate.

Additional accomplishments during the past two years include a continued service as a nurse practitioner at the Northwest Alabama Community Clinic. The clinic serves the working poor population of North Alabama. Students from the first and fourth levels are actively involved in patient assessments and treatments. Students put into practice theoretical concepts and skills learned on campus. Wilson is able to mentor to students an understanding of the principles and practice of professional nursing. Many students have been inspired to seek advanced practice beyond their bachelor's in nursing after observing the nurse practitioners at the clinic.



In April, the University hosted the second annual Endowed Scholarship & University Awards Gala. This event honored more than 200 endowed scholarship donors and the more than 600 students who received these and other University scholarships for the academic year 2009-2010. The evening was designed to allow the student scholarship recipients to meet the individuals or families who had made their scholarships possible and celebrate their academic success together. **Linda Kirby Vaughan ('70)** who established a scholarship in honor of her parents, Harley T. & Ruth Kirby as part of the UNA Huntsville/Madison Co. Alumni Association CIS Fund, expressed appreciation to all the donors for their commitment in making UNA a better place because of their support. **Winn Brewer ('09)**, a graduating senior from Collinwood, Tenn., speaking on behalf of all the scholarship recipients, thanked all the donors for helping him personally - and so many other students - through their scholarships. This event is quickly becoming one of the highlights of the year for both students and donors.

Throughout the years, individuals, businesses and corporations have established 43 endowed scholarships through the University and an additional 176 endowed scholarships through the UNA Foundation. The total value of all these endowed scholarship funds is more than \$14 million. All the University and Foundation endowed scholarships will generate more than \$600,000 for student scholarships for 2009-2010. These scholarships are established for many different reasons; to name a few they:

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- (1) reward academic success,
- (2) are designated for majors or programs,
- (3) help students from a specific geographical region,
- (4) aid graduate students,
- (5) help corporate employees and their families attend college,
- (6) benefit student athletes and
- (7) support students with financial need.



Dr. Alan G. Medders,
Vice President for
University Advancement

Why are endowed scholarships important? Endowed scholarships provide a constant stream of scholarship support that not only help a student or students for one year, but are perpetuated for generations to come. They have a permanent impact. In addition, these scholarships help the University recruit and retain some of the best and brightest

students in our region who want to make UNA their college of choice. By establishing an endowed scholarship through the new Lion Match Program, the University will match dollar-for-dollar the amount the fund provides for scholarships.

I also, want to say "thank you" to all those who have established an endowed scholarship over the years. The impact of the funds will truly have a lasting effect on our students and the University. There are numerous ways to create and fund an endowed scholarship to help students at UNA, as you can see by the examples below and the story on **Shirley Self ('60 & '70)**. We would appreciate the opportunity to share with you the other options to

establish a scholarship fund. You can contact me at agmedders@una.edu or 256-765-4670; or Missy Pettus, Coordinator for Endowed Scholarships at rmpettus@una.edu or 256-765-4757 for more information. Also, you can visit www.una.edu/advancement and click on Endowed Scholarships.

One of the greatest misconceptions about financially supporting your alma mater or other charitable interests is there is only one way to give – an outright cash donation. While this is still the primary way that many individuals make their annual charitable contributions, it is only one of many unique ways which you can give to benefit UNA as well as yourself. On p. 36 & 37, you will read a wonderful story about how Shirley Self, the widow of former UNA Football Coach Hal Self, was able to make a contribution far beyond anything she could have imagined and in doing so fund a scholarship that will aid graduate students for generations to come and truly become a part of "History in the Making."

Below are three examples of how a Charitable Gift Annuity could help you, like Shirley Self, achieve your wishes of establishing an endowed scholarship and generating a life income at the same time. These examples use \$50,000 as a gift.

EXAMPLE: Charitable Gift Annuity rates vary by age and whether it is for one or two lives. For more information on Charitable Gift Annuities, current age rates, or to run your own gift calculations visit: www.una.edu/advancement and click on the Planned Giving link. You may also contact Dr. Barry Morris for questions concerning Charitable Gift Annuities.

EXAMPLE 1 \$50,000 gift

Age80
Rate7.1%
*Annual Annuity Payment... \$ 3,550
• Tax Free Portion \$ 2,694
• Ordinary Income \$ 855

Charitable Deduction \$24,656

EXAMPLE 2 \$50,000 gift

Ages77, 71
(Husband & Wife)
Rate5.4%
*Annual Annuity Payment... \$ 2,700
• Tax Free Portion \$ 1,900
• Ordinary Income \$ 799

Charitable Deduction \$16,529

EXAMPLE 3 \$50,000 gift

Age50
(Defers Payment Until Age 65)
Rate9.8%
*Annual Annuity Payment .. \$ 4,900
• Tax Free Portion \$ 1,822
• Ordinary Income \$ 3,077

Charitable Deduction \$13,748

REMAINDER FUNDS SCHOLARSHIP at UNA

*Annuity payments can be received annually, quarterly or monthly for life of donor(s).

Double Your Money & Make Your Gift Go Even Further

by Chris Horn, UNA Director of Corporate & Foundation Relations



Did you know that over 17,000 companies and almost 50 percent of the Fortune 500 companies across America support private philanthropy by matching employee gifts to nonprofits, including colleges and universities? On average one in 10 alumni donors' gifts are *matching gift eligible* and they don't realize it. At UNA, that means over 3,800 alumni gifts could be potentially matched and provide double/triple the philanthropic benefit to the University of North Alabama.

By increasing corporate giving to UNA, these potential gifts form a more solid base to propel the University's level of excellence in teaching, research and service. Greater dollars mean greater financial support and finer educational opportunities for our students, newer state-of-the-art facilities, and research and development are forged to greater heights. U.S. companies make matching gifts for the purposes of external public relations, employee morale, philanthropic inclination, and because they also benefit from securing interns, recruiting future employees, and educational opportunities. Think of the extra revenue that you can help generate for your alma mater with a gift and quick inquiry!

Will **YOUR** employer match your gift to UNA this year? Run to your computer, type in www.una.edu/give and access our *new* **eMatch donor link™** to nonprofit Web sites. It will allow you to instantly verify if your gift can be matched, and provide real-time access to company-specific matching gift policies

and matching gift forms. Aside from matching employee gifts, some companies will even match gifts made by retirees and spouses of employees, or members of their Board of Directors. Matching ratios and donation minimums vary.

In the June annual giving solicitation to alumni, we also included the most current list of companies who have active matching gift programs across the U.S. Our hope is that despite the recent turn in our economy, you will find a way to make a gift within your personal means, and have it matched - to double or even triple the impact of your dollars on UNA!

If you are a company owner, CEO/President or sit on a corporate board and your company does not have a matching gift program, please contact UNA. The University would be happy to assist you in creating a program within your organization.

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A Self-Less Gift

By Dr. Barry K. Morris, Director of of Planned Giving



Hal and Shirley Self



Meet the newest member of the University of North Alabama Courtview Society, Shirley Self (Mrs. Hal Self). She was born in Decatur, Ala., where she graduated from Riverside High School in 1945. She graduated from Gulf Park Junior College for Women in 1947.

In the summer of 1948, Shirley Williams and Bert Timberlake, one of her good friends, were driving up Second Avenue in Decatur when fate stepped in. Hal Self and his good friend, Clyde Smith, were standing on the corner of Second and Moulton Street and saw them drive by. Hal Self told Smith, "I am going to marry that girl." That day he called her on the phone and made a date. They dated the rest of the summer.

The following Christmas holiday, when she returned home from her senior year at Ole Miss, Hal Self asked her to marry him. Later, he loved to tell friends that she said, "Will tomorrow be too soon?" They married December 22 and were married almost 60 years before Hal Self's death on June 6, 2008.

In the spring of 1949, Dr. E. B. Norton, president of Florence State Teachers College (now UNA), decided to re-establish the football program. Dr. Norton offered Hal Self the head coaching job and he eagerly accepted the challenge. Self hired George Weeks to be his assistant and for the next 17 years Self and Weeks were the coaching staff.

In 1959, while raising two young children, Shirley Self decided to complete her teaching certification. She enrolled at Florence State Teachers College, changed her major from Physical Education to Elementary Education, received a scholarship, and because of her grades in the field of education, was invited to join the Alpha Delta Pi sorority. Shirley Self graduated in 1960.

After seven years in the classroom and the birth of her second son, she enrolled at Florence State University and received her master's degree in special reading. In 1967, she assumed the responsibility for the Title I reading program at Weeden Elementary School. After almost 30 years in the classroom, she retired in 1989.

Shirley Self has fond memories of her years at what is now UNA: the thrilling games of football, the wonderful atmosphere of campus life, and her close friendships with Eddie and Minnie Flowers, Homer and Mary Floyd, George and Annie Ruth Weeks, and many others.

Since her arrival in Florence in 1949, she has been very involved in her church and in the community. She was a member of Highland Baptist Church for 57 years and for 45 of those years taught Sunday school. She took a mission trip to Europe in 1990, and sang in the choir for 30 years. She is presently a member of Trinity Episcopal Church where she is active in the choir, Cursillo, and the EWC. She is a sustaining member of the Muscle



Shoals District Service League, now known as the Junior League of the Shoals. She is a charter member of the Philanthropic Education Organization, an organization that maintains four educational scholarships for local, national, and international women, and has served as chaplain, guard, and president. She is now serving as Vice Regent of the Alamance Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and is a member of Alpha Delta Kappa, an International Honorary Organization for Women Educators.

Since surviving polio as a child and making a full recovery, Self has been involved in many physical activities, such as swimming, dancing, horseback riding and tennis. She has won many local and state tennis tournaments and continues to play tennis weekly. She also enjoys playing bridge, traveling, and spending time with her children and grandchildren.

Self said that she was thrilled when UNA President Dr. William G. Cale, Jr. called to tell her that the Board of Trustees had unanimously voted to rename the Flowers Annex the Henry Harold (Hal) Self Field House. The dedication took place April 4, 2009, and she said it was one of the most memorable moments of her life. Part of the ceremonies planned for that day was the Spring Game under new head coach, Terry Bowden. Shirley was invited to perform the opening coin toss. She said she had never flipped a coin to start a game so she spent time that morning practicing for the event, even losing a quarter under the stove in the process.

When asked what motivated her to make such a generous gift to UNA, Self gave several reasons. She said she was sitting at the Sportsman's Club mourning the fact to Dr. Luckey Crocker that the interest rate on CDs were at an all time low when Dr. Alan Medders, Vice President for Advancement, happened to stop by their table. Crocker said, "Here's the man to talk to."

They met that afternoon and Dr. Medders told her about the Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA). He explained how a CGA could guarantee her a generous rate of return for the rest of her life as well as a generous tax deduction. Furthermore, she could designate how she wanted the remainder of the CGA to be spent. The CGA could fund scholarships or a program of special interest to her. She thought about the annuity over the weekend and called Dr. Medders to tell him she thought that it was a very good idea.

The proceeds of Self's CGA will ultimately fund the Hal and Shirley Self Endowed Scholarship which will provide financial assistance to graduate students. She



Shirley Self

hopes many students will benefit from her gift. She and her husband always stressed the importance of a good education to their children. She is proud that her daughter, Sue Raines, a retired teacher from Lauderdale County, taught for 30 years; that her eldest son, Hank Self, also retired, was a successful lawyer; and that her youngest son, Gil Self, also a lawyer, was recently appointed judge of the Lauderdale County Circuit Court.

Shirley Self likes the quote, "If one cannot do big things, do little things in a big way." She hopes that many students will be able to achieve their dreams through her Charitable Gift Annuity.



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LION TALK

UNA GOLFERS WIN FIRST GSC TITLE!

The University of North Alabama men's golf team made history in April, winning its first-ever Gulf South Conference Men's Golf Championship. UNA was the lone school in the 13-team field to score below par in this year's event, which was held at Hot Springs Country Club in Hot Springs, Ark.

The golf title was the first for UNA in its 38 years in the Gulf South

Conference. UNA had previously finished second in the GSC six times, including last season. The GSC has produced five Division II National Championship golf teams and is among the toughest conferences in the nation.

Members of UNA's 2009 championship squad are, from left, Ty Chandler, Jake Greer, Brett Munson, Wes Smith, David Gies and Head Coach Billy Gamble.



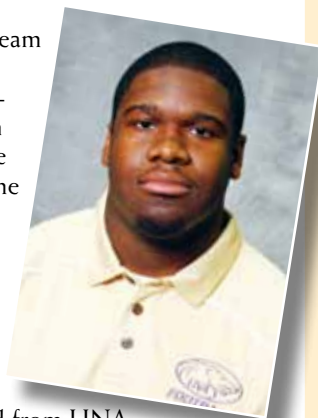
CHATMAN RECEIVES SENIOR ACADEMIC AWARD

University of North Alabama football standout Derrick Chatman received the school's Student-Athlete Senior Academic Award for 2008-09. The Senior Academic Award recognizes the top graduating senior, based on cumulative grade point average, who lettered in their final season of competition.

Chatman had a cumulative 3.77 GPA in Criminal Justice and was an anchor on the UNA football team's defensive line. A Florence native and four-year letterman on the UNA football team, Chatman was named a permanent team captain and was

chosen first-team All-GSC and first-team All-Super Region 2 in 2008. He was a two-time Academic All-GSC and *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-District IV selection.

He graduated from UNA in December with a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice.



KENNY JOHNSON IS UNA STUDENT ATHLETE VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

University of North Alabama's men's basketball senior Kenny Johnson was named the school's Student-Athlete Volunteer of the Year. The award was created to recognize the student-athlete who has shown dedication to serving the campus community and the Shoals area. The selection was made by the members of the UNA Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

Johnson, from Plaquemine, La., was involved with the Reading Lions program at five different elementary schools, the American Red Cross Blood Drive, the Boy's & Girl's Club Fun Day, the Master's Games, the Florence City Father/Son Initiative, Wheelchair Basketball, the American Cancer Society, the Kids Zone on Spirit Hill, the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, and UNA Kid's Fun Night.

Johnson was a three-year letterman for the Lions and was named the 2009 GSC East Division Player of the Year. He was also first-team All-GSC, first-team All-South Region and honorable mention All-American. He also played in the NABC Division II All-Star Game. Johnson scored 1,135 career points to rank as the 16th leading scorer in UNA's 76-year basketball history. He also had 410 career assists and 283 rebounds. He graduated with a bachelor of business administration degree in Computer Information Systems.

JOHNNY LONG JOINS ALABAMA ATHLETIC TRAINERS HALL OF FAME

Longtime University of North Alabama athletic trainer **Johnny Long** ('72 & '74) was inducted as part of the 13th class of the Alabama Athletic Trainer's Hall of Fame on May 16. The ALATA Hall of Fame honors athletic trainers who have distinguished themselves throughout the years in the service of athletic training in Alabama. The athletic trainer is an allied health care provider who specializes in athletics healthcare.

Long, a native of Moulton, Ala., served as UNA's athletic trainer from 1971 to 1988. He served as head athletic trainer at UNA with five different head football coaches and four different head basketball coaches, while also serving on the staff of the Blue-Gray Classic in Montgomery for more than a decade. Long was elevated to the position of assistant to the athletic director at UNA from 1988-89 and continues to serve on the HPER faculty.

Upon Long's induction into the UNA Athletic Hall of Fame in 1999, the late Bill Jones, former Lion athletic director, said of Long, "He doesn't have a won-loss record at UNA but he has been at all the peaks and valleys of the program, and he

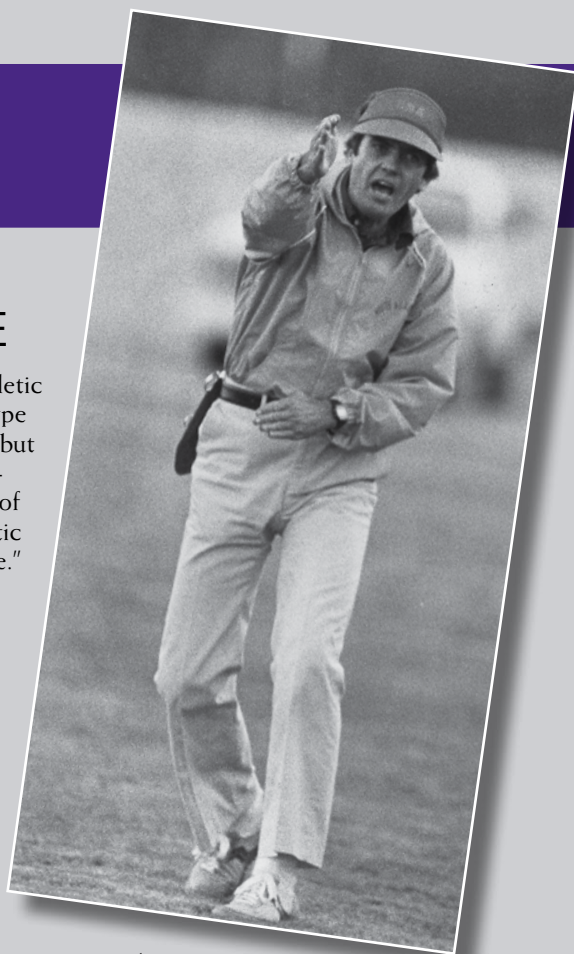
has been a driving force for the athletic program here. He performed the type of duties that often go overlooked, but he is the man that kept our student-athletes ready to play. He was part of the glue that helped hold our athletic department together for a long time."

Long is joining a select group of legends in the athletic training profession in Alabama, including Jim Goosetree of the University of Alabama and Kenny Howard of Auburn University. He will be joined in this year's class by former Jacksonville State University athletic trainer Jim Skidmore.

In cooperation with physicians and other allied health personnel, the athletic trainer functions as an integral member of the athletic health care team in secondary schools, colleges and universities, sports medicine clinics, professional sports programs, and other athletic health care settings.

As specialists in the prevention, recognition, management and rehabilitation of injuries incurred by athletes, athletic trainers evaluate, administer immediate emergency care, minimize the athlete's reaction to injury,

and maximize their physical status for return to competition. Using knowledge of each athlete's injuries and the factors influencing them, the athletic trainer - with the attending family or team physician - develops a treatment program based on medical, exercise and sports sciences.



JESSICA HANSEN RECEIVES LION PRIDE AWARD

University of North Alabama senior volleyball standout Jessica Hansen of Council Bluffs, Iowa, received the Lion Pride Award for 2008-09. The award was created by the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee to recognize a student-athlete who exemplifies the individual who goes the extra mile and gives more than expected.

Hansen has been involved with the UNA Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, participated in the Lunch with the Lions program, coordinated events such as Chains of Love and Too Much Junk in the Trunk, raised money for Breast Cancer Awareness and the Make-a-Wish Foundation, participated in Lions Birthday Party, Reading Lions Program, the Kids Zone on Spirit Hill, Kid's Fun Night, and a Volleyball Clinic at Hibbett School. She was also president of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee for 2008-09.

A four-year letterman at defensive specialist and libero for the UNA volleyball team, Hansen owns six school season and

career records. She holds records for digs in a season (726), digs per game in a season (5.63) and digs per game in a career (4.33). She is UNA's all-time leader in digs with 2,265 and added 201 career service aces.

She was a two-time first-team All-CSC selection and was all-region and honorable mention All-American as a senior. She earned seven CSC East Division Player of the Week awards. She is graduating from UNA with a bachelor of business administration degree in Marketing.



RUTHERFORD & SMITH RECEIVE UNA ATHLETE OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Men's golf All-American Wes Smith and women's basketball standout Amber Rutherford received the University of North Alabama Student-Athlete of the Year awards for 2008-09.

Smith, a senior from Florence, holds a 3.56 cumulative grade point average in Marketing, is a three-time All-Gulf South Conference performer and two-time Academic All-GSC selection. A two-time All-American, he was also UNA's Male Student-Athlete of the Year as a sophomore.



This season he helped lead the UNA golf team to its first Gulf South Conference golf title in the school's 38 years in the league. UNA also won the NCAA Division II South/Southeast Super Regional to advance to the Division II National Championships for the ninth time overall and fourth straight season.

Smith has also been involved on campus, and in the community. He volunteers his time and efforts to support the Healing Place Charity, reads at Riverhill School, and is involved with Toys for Tots, the YMCA and the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Smith graduated from UNA on May 9 with a bachelor of business administration degree in Marketing.

Rutherford, from Hatton, Ala., was a co-recipient of the UNA Female Athlete of the Year award in 2007-08. A four-year starter for the Lions,



Rutherford closed her career with the highest free throw percentage in the history of NCAA women's basketball. In four seasons she made an astounding 526 of 570 free throw attempts for a 92.38 percentage. That figure shattered the UNA (82.8) and Gulf South Conference records (86.5), as well as the previous bests in Division I, II and III. By hitting 54 consecutive free throws this season, Rutherford also set UNA, GSC and Division II records in that category as well. She finished her career as the second leading scorer (1,588) and rebounder (740) in school history.

A four-time All-GSC selection, Rutherford is also involved in community service. She spends time working with the Boys and Girls Club, the Reading Lions Program, the Student Athlete Advisory Council projects and has contributed her time to the Pink Zone (breast cancer awareness initiative).

The UNA Athlete of the Year awards were created in 1991 and the winner is chosen annually by athletic department personnel.

2009 UNA WOMEN'S SOCCER SCHEDULE

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Aug. 28	Fri	MONTEVALLO	HOME	7:00 p.m.
Aug. 33	Sun	LIMESTONE	HOME	12:30 a.m.
Sept. 1	Tues	Georgia Southwestern	Americus, Ga.	2:00 p.m.
Sept. 4	Fri	CBU vs. Eckerd	HOME	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 4	Fri	LYNN	HOME	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 6	Sun	CBU vs. Lynn	HOME	1:00 a.m.
Sept. 6	Sun	ECKERD	HOME	3:30 p.m.
Sept. 11	Fri	Newberry College	Newberry, SC	2:00 p.m.
Sept. 13	Sun	Clayton State	Morrow, Ga.	4:00 p.m.
Sept. 16	Wed	Southern Indiana	Evansville, Ind.	4:00 p.m.
Sept. 20	Sun	*OUACHITA BAPTIST	HOME	2:00 p.m.
Sept. 22	Tues	NORTH GEORGIA	HOME	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 29	Tues	TREVECCA NAZARENE	HOME	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 2	Fri	*ALABAMA HUNTSVILLE	HOME	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 6	Tue	*Christian Brothers	Memphis, Tenn.	6:00 p.m.
Oct. 9	Fri	vs Florida Tech	Columbus, Ga.	4:00 p.m.
Oct. 11	Sun	*West Georgia	Carrollton, Ga.	3:00 p.m.
Oct. 16	Fri	*Harding	Searcy, Ark.	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 23	Fri	*West Florida	Pensacola, Fla.	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 25	Sun	LAMBUTH	HOME	2:00 p.m.
Oct. 28	Wed	*DELTA STATE	HOME	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 30	Fri	Kentucky Wesleyan	Owensboro, Kent.	12:00 p.m.

All Times Central * - Gulf South Conference match
Games dates and times may change.



2009 WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Aug. 28-29		Nebraska, Omaha	Omaha, Nebr.	TBA
Sept. 4-5		UNA Classic	HOME	TBA
Teams: UNK, UCP, Indianapolis, CBU, Truman State				
Sept. 11-12		West Florida	Pensacola, Fla.	TBA
Sept. 15	Tues	Emory	Atlanta, Ga.	6:00 p.m. EST
Sept. 19	Sat	HENDERSON STATE	HOME	1:00 p.m.
Sept. 22	Tues	West Georgia	Carrollton, Ga.	7:00 p.m. EST
Sept. 25	Fri	ALABAMA HUNTSVILLE	HOME	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 29	Tues	SHORTER COLLEGE	HOME	6:00 p.m.
Oct. 2	Fri	VALDOSTA STATE	HOME	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 3	Sat	WEST FLORIDA	HOME	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 6	Tues	West Alabama	Livingston, Ala.	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 9	Fri	UNIV. OF PUERTO RICO, RIO PIEDRAS	HOME	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 10	Sat	ARMSTRONG ATLANTIC STATE UNIV.	HOME	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 12	Mon	EMORY	HOME	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 16-17		University of Tampa	Tampa, Fla.	TBA
Oct. 16	Fri	Florida Southern College	Tampa, Fla.	5:15 p.m. EST
Oct. 17	Sat	Eckerd College	Tampa, Fla.	1:15 p.m. EST
Oct. 17	Sat	University of Tampa	Tampa, Fla.	8:00 p.m. EST
Oct. 23	Fri	Valdosta State	Valdosta, Ga.	6:00 p.m. EST
Oct. 24	Sat	West Florida	Pensacola, Fla.	4:00 p.m.
Oct. 27	Tues	Alabama Huntsville	Huntsville, Ala.	7:00pm
Oct. 30	Fri	WEST ALABAMA	HOME	7:00 pm
Oct. 31	Sat	WEST GEORGIA	HOME	1:00pm
Nov. 3	Tues	Christian Brothers	Memphis, Tenn.	7:00 pm
Nov. 13-14		GSC Tournament	West Division Champion	
Nov. 19-21		NCAA South Regional		TBA
		NCAA Elite Eight/NCAA Division II National Championships		TBA

Games dates and times may change.

UNA FOOTBALL 2009 SEASON TICKET INFORMATION

The University of North Alabama 2009 Football season will be one with great anticipation and excitement. First-year head coach Terry Bowden has brought a level of excitement to Lion Football that has all Lion fans ready for the upcoming season. Bowden becomes the eighth head coach in UNA's modern football history. He inherits a UNA program that has enjoyed four straight seasons with 10-plus wins, and has made four straight NCAA Division II playoff appearances. The Lions were 12-2 in 2008 and reached the semifinals of the Division II playoffs. A perennial Gulf South Conference and Division II power, North Alabama has made 14 playoff appearances since 1980 and the Lions' 26 post-season wins are the most by any current Division II institution.

The 2009 season will be as exciting as ever. The Lions will play a six-game home schedule at Braly Stadium. The Lions home opener will be September 5 when the Eagles of Carson-Newman come to Florence. UNA will also host West Georgia on Sept. 19, Arkansas Tech on Oct. 3 for homecoming, and two Thursday night dates on Oct. 8 against North Greenville and Oct. 15 against Delta State. The Lions close out the 2009 season at home on Nov. 7 as they face the Tigers of West Alabama.

If you would like to purchase 2009 UNA season tickets please complete the order form and return it to the UNA Ticket Office. If you were a season ticket holder in 2008 and would like to guarantee your same seats for the 2009 season, your order must be received prior to June 30, 2009.

UNA Sportsman's Club members will be given priority to any seating requests or changes.

UNA Season ticket holders will have priority to purchase early-round NCAA Playoff tickets. Please watch local media outlets or go to www.roarlions.com for playoff ticket information.

If you would like to guarantee your regular season seat for the NCAA Division II National Championship game you must purchase your ticket prior to June 30, 2009.

Thank you for your support of UNA Athletics and please contact the Ticket Office with any questions.

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SELF FIELD HOUSE DEDICATED AT UNA

The University of North Alabama officially dedicated the former Flowers Hall Annex as the Henry Harold Self Field House on April 4, 2009.

The UNA Board of Trustees previously voted unanimously to rename the Flowers Hall Annex the Henry Harold Self Field House in honor of the late Lion football coach and athletic director.

Built in 1984, the building houses the athletic department administrative offices, coaches offices for the UNA football, volleyball, cross country, tennis, soccer and golf teams, as well as the athletic training facilities, weight room and football locker room.

Self, who passed away on June 6, 2008, at the age of 86, was hired at UNA - then Florence State College - in 1949 to restore the school's football program that had been dormant for 20 years. He coached the Lions for the next 21 years, and then served as the school's athletic director until 1973 and as a member of the Health, Physical Education and Recreation faculty until his retirement in 1984.

During his time as coach of the Lions, he posted a 109-81-8 record that included 13 winning seasons. He had a combined 31-0-2 record against state rivals Jacksonville State, Troy State and West Alabama from 1952-63 and had an all-time 48-15-5 record against state schools. While at UNA, he coached eight All-Americans, including National Football League great Harlon Hill and George "Goober" Lindsey of "The Andy Griffith Show" fame.

A Decatur, Ala., native, Self prepped at Decatur High School under legendary coach Shorty Ogle. He then attended the University of Alabama where he enjoyed a remarkable career.

As quarterback at the University of Alabama under Hall of Fame coach Frank Thomas, Self played in the 1941 Cotton Bowl, the 1942 Orange Bowl, the 1944 Sugar Bowl and the Jan. 1, 1946 Rose Bowl (the four major bowls). That Rose Bowl team finished the 1945 season undefeated (10-0) winning the Southeastern Conference Championship and beating the University of Southern California 34-14. Coach Self scored the first and last touchdown in that Rose Bowl and likewise is the last Crimson Tide player to have scored in that game. In 1946, he was awarded the "Jacobs

Award," given annually to the best blocker in the SEC and is only one of three quarterbacks to ever receive this award. In addition to football, he also lettered in track and baseball for the Crimson Tide.

Though drafted by the NFL's Brooklyn Giants, he instead elected to begin his coaching career in 1947 at Athens High School where he had two 9-1 records during his three-year stint.

At one time during Self's time at UNA, there were 142 of his former players active in the coaching ranks. During his 20 years as head coach of the Lions, he never had a player who stayed with the team four years who did not receive his college degree (a 100 percent graduation rate). And during his 33 total years at the University of North Alabama, he never missed a day of work.

In 1970, Self was one of a three-man committee that founded and then wrote the Gulf South Conference Constitution and By-Laws.

Self was elected to the State of Alabama Sports Hall of Fame, the inaugural class of the UNA Athletic Hall of Fame and the Morgan County Sports Hall of Fame.

Self served the City of Florence as a councilman, as President of the Florence Industrial Expansion Committee, as a Charter member of the Y.M.C.A. Board of Directors, as chairman of the Florence Water and Sewer Board, as a member of the Florence Chamber of Commerce, as a member of the American Water Works and Charter member of the Research Division, as a member of the Alabama Education Association and past President of the University of North Alabama Unit, and as a member of the National Education Association.





CLASS NOTES

1940s

Juanita Graham Burt ('45) is a retired teacher. She moved to Central Florida in the 1950s and taught school while her husband started a radio station - WLAK. They have two sons. She lives in Lakeland, Fla.

Travis Carter ('49) was in the insurance business for more than 56 years and is retiring this year from the Carter Odum Insurance Agency in Winfield, Ala. He enjoys gardening and yard work, and will turn 85 on July 17.

1950s

Mary Magdalene Jones Marchant (Maggie) ('53) is retired from teaching music at Leon County Schools and is currently involved in several community volunteer activities. She lives in Tallahassee, Fla.

Franklin Gray ('55) has operated a business for 28 years and taught electronics in Limestone County in Alabama for 13 years.

Billy Jack Kent ('58) and his wife, **Gayle ('60)** a retired chair of the math department at Florida Southern College, now live in Lakeland, Fla. Jack and Gayle retired after many years of teaching biology and math at UNA and moved to central Florida. Jack is now in real estate. They have homes in Colorado, Florida and in Killen on Brush Creek. He received his doctorate after they moved to Florida. Their son **Kris Kent ('80)** is a plastic surgeon in Naples, Fla., and their daughter lives in the Tampa Bay area. They have five grandchildren.

Gene Meier ('59) is retired from the chemical engineering field working in the phosphate industry. He has lived in central Florida for 47 years and has several children and eight grandchildren.

1960s

Martha Robbins Cooper ('62) is retired from Orange County Public Schools after 30 years. She now works for her son's company, Musical Destinations, Inc., which plans band and choir trips for schools. She lives in Winter Garden, Fla. Martha is the widow of **Harold Cooper**, a member of the Nasty Nine at FSTC.

David Thomas ('64) was inducted into the Huntsville-Madison County Athletic Hall of Fame. He and wife **Jo Ann Smith Thomas ('69)** live in Florence.

Judith Kunkle King Skelton ('65) is a retired special education consultant. She lives with her husband, Robert, in LaJolla, Calif.

Rosemary Hill ('67) is a job developer for Southeastern Cooperative Educational Programs (SECEP). She lives in Florence, Ala.

John Irvin Landers ('67, '69, & '75) is an adjunct faculty member at UNA and Northwest-Shoals Community College. He teaches mathematics at Northwest-Shoals and supervises student teacher interns at UNA. He lives in Lighton, Ala.

Scott Lankford ('68) is retired from Alabama Power Company where he worked as a team leader in Vector and Aquatic Plant Management. He and wife Joyce live in Scottsboro, Ala.

1970s

Bobby Clemmons ('70) was a management professor in the '70s at UNA. He worked as operations manager for the Anderson Company in Knoxville, Tenn., serving the Wal-Mart and Sam's stores in Nashville.

Judy Freeze ('72) retired last year after 36 years as a math teacher in Lauderdale County and administrator in Muscle Shoals City Schools.

Mary Snyder ('72) and her husband are retired. They are excited about attending the International Lions Clubs convention in Minneapolis, Minn., this summer.

Richard Brooks ('74) is the new pastor at Oakmont Presbyterian Church. He is also the author of a self-published book *"Inherit the Wealth."* He and his wife, Susan, live in Vestavia Hills, Ala.

Carroll "Ray" Null ('76) is a consultant for Northrup Grumman and lives in Atchison, Kan.

Charlotte Camper ('77) is director of programs for at-risk youth at Clemson University in Columbia, S.C.

Buckie Mize ('77) is retired from the education field and lives with husband Jeff in Jasper, Ala.

Rhonda Irons Anderton ('78 & '80) was selected as the Florence City Schools Elementary Teacher of the Year for 2009. She teaches third grade at Weeden Elementary School.

Donald Borden ('78) was hired as assistant superintendent for Franklin County Schools. Borden, who has coached and taught at

Tishomingo (Miss.) County High School for the past two years, has been an educator for more than 31 years.

Teresa Brewer ('78) is a sales consultant at Sprint in Franklin, Tenn. She resides in Lawrenceburg, Tenn.

Sandra Sockwell ('79) has joined the staff at D&D Case Management in Muscle Shoals, Ala.

1980s

Lawrence Davis ('80) is a senior information technology services manager with Lockheed Martin's Enterprise Business Services organization. He and his wife, Rebecca, live in Orlando, Fla.

Mark and Eve M. Yeates ('81) attended a central Florida UNA Alumni meeting and are interested in joining with others in the area to start an alumni chapter. Mark works with AT&T and Eve teaches part time at Webster University and at Strayer University. She stays at home with their 4-year-old son, Gregory. They live in the Orlando area.

Sammy L. Broughton ('82) is a claim representative with State Farm Fire and Casualty Insurance Co. He and wife Tabema live in Iuka, Miss.

Kembrel Jones ('82) is the deputy vice dean for student affairs at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

Becky Smith Morris ('82) works at Sprint as a PMP certified program manager. She has worked there for over 12 years and resides in Orlando, Fla. with her husband, Calvin. She worked at Disney for 11 years

prior to working with Sprint in management of customer wireline and wireless projects. Their son, Eric, recently graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy.

Susan Hill ('82) is an accountant with Science & Engineering Services. She lives in Huntsville, Ala.

John O. Gladness ('83) is a building official/utilities inspector for the city of Sylacauga, Ala. He and his wife live in Sylacauga.

M. Tim Gruber ('83) is head of security and computers at Disney World in Orlando. He is married and has four children.

Larry Hancock ('83) is principal at Hatton High School. He lives in Town Creek, Ala.

Vanessa Keel ('84) is a chemical safety manager at Kennesaw State University and lives in Roswell, Ga.

Steve Trash ('84) is an eco-entertainer, illusionist and comedian. He has been featured on ESPN's "Outdoors," CBS' "This Morning," and in *The New York Times*. He is also marketing an eco-friendly magic set, *The Official Steve Trash Green Magic Set*, made by Imagiplay.

Susie Ray ('85) is an accounts receivable/payable specialist at Brentwood Retirement Community. Her husband **Tim ('80 & '89)** is the administrator and owner of Brentwood Retirement Community. They live in Muscle Shoals, Ala. and have three children, Timmy, Ben and Ashton.

Lori Davis Curtis ('86) is the program coordinator with Tennessee Valley Museum of Art. She lives in Florence, Ala.

Paula Jones ('86) is a nurse anesthetist with Coffee Health Group. She lives in Florence, Ala.

Cynthia Bailey-Woodruff ('87) is a technical illustrator at Dynetics, Inc. She lives in Madison, Ala.

Dorothy Gargis Foote ('87) won a Distinguished Teaching Award at the University of Alabama in Huntsville's University Undergraduate Academic Honors Convocation and Foundation Awards ceremonies. A member of the faculty of the College of Nursing for more than 15 years, Foote is described as the "pillar" of the Family Nurse Practitioner Track I in the Master of Science in

Nursing Program. An engaged, imaginative teacher, she points out that while "not all student minds are created equal," each must be "treated with respect." It is this belief that comes clear to her students. Moreover, she never forgets that nursing is a caring craft and that knowledge and bedside manner cannot be separated. As one student points out, she "magically works on instilling that quiet confidence" so critical to the craft of nursing. Notably, Foote has taken the Nursing Program "global" with the development of an international study course that culminates in visits to a series of hospitals in London.

Darryl Worley ('87) is currently touring with his band, *The Krew*, to promote his new album. He lives in Savannah, Tenn.

1990s

Melissa Ricketts Tillery ('90) is the new executive director of Asheville Arts Center in Asheville, N. C.

Mark Stovall Brown ('91) is the director of workforce recruitment for the Chamber of Commerce of Huntsville/Madison County. Brown came to campus to educate faculty and staff with ways to help students find resources in the north Alabama area. Smartplace.com is a new initiative with the Huntsville chamber to aid in workforce development in North Alabama. He and wife Deanna live in Madison, Ala.

Terese Frazier ('91) is a probation/parole officer for the state of Tennessee and is a third-year law student at the Nashville School of Law. She and husband James live in Lawrenceburg, Tenn.

Lisa Pezent ('91) is the director of nursing homes for the state of Alabama. She lives with her husband and two children in Prattville, Ala.

Robynn Bragwell ('92) is assistant principal at Belgreen High School. She lives in Russellville, Ala.

Brian Fielder ('92) is the new director of the Talledega Public Library.

Kim Hass ('92) is the band director at both Moody High School and Moody Junior High School, as well as the high

school choir director. She lives in Trussville, Ala.

Tamara Herrin Taylor ('92) is a records communications supervisor for the Jasper Police Department. She lives with her husband, Wayne, in Jasper, Ala.

Christopher P. Butler ('93) has been named partner in the law firm of Ford & Harrison LLP in Atlanta, Ga.

Angela Dawson Terry ('94) was appointed by Alabama Governor Bob Riley as the new district judge in Lawrence County. She is a partner of Malcolm and Terry in Moulton and has been Hillsboro Municipal Court judge since 2004.

William Price ('95) was named the 2008 Music Teachers National Association (MTNA)-Shepherd Distinguished Composer of the Year for his work, "Hardboiled (Red Harvest)."

Julie D. Lewentowicz ('97) and her husband and family just moved to Knoxville, Tenn.

Amy Harbin Moss ('97) is a physical education teacher and girls basketball coach at Phil Campbell High School. She lives with her husband, Bart, and two children in Phil Campbell, Ala.

David Waters ('97 & '04) is the assistant band director and percussion teacher at Muscle Shoals High School in Muscle Shoals, Ala. The school's 17-member ensemble recently won first place in the scholastic concert open class at the Winter Guard International in Dayton, Ohio. "The competition attracts color guard and percussion bands from around the U.S. and 13 countries," said Waters, "I have been a performer and teacher of many competition groups, but I have never been a part of a national championship group. This group of kids is special, and we work very well together. They represented our school and community in an outstanding manner."

Christina Clarissa Bevis ('98) is the office manager at Muscle Shoals Marine Services, Inc. She and husband Jacob live in Florence, Ala.

Jason Evans ('98) is the President and Owner of Evans Integrated Consultants, Inc. He and wife Elizabeth live in Meridian, Idaho.

Kellee Reed Shea ('98) completed her emergency room rotation in New York City. She is now an emergency room physician in Orlando and CEO of a group of ER physicians in the central Florida area. She is married to Jim Shea, a gold medalist in the Salt Lake City Olympic Games. They are the parents of a daughter, Taylor Grace.

Andrea D. Baldwin ('99) is a child/adolescent case manager with Pine Belt Mental Healthcare Resources. She lives in Petal, Miss.

Steve Kosa ('99) is a neurology resident at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.

Heather Green ('99) was named the retail director of CB&S Bank in Russellville, Ala.

David Joseph Maupin ('99 & '02) is a finance manager at Smurfit-Stone Container in Chicago, Ill. He resides in Tinley Park, Ill.

LeNae Peavey-Onstad ('99) is the director of pastoral care at Jordan Valley Medical Center in West Jordan, Utah. She lives with her family in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Emily A. Smith ('99) is an attorney and lives in Topeka, Kan.

2000s

Amy Gist Jones ('00) is currently working toward a degree in Instructional Leadership at UNA. She and her husband, **Lloyd Jones ('92, '96 & '98)**, have 4-year-old twins, Edward and Katherine. He is the UNA Pride of Dixie Band Director.

Susan Waldrep King ('00) is a fourth-grade teacher at Iuka Elementary School. She and husband Lawrence live in Leighton, Ala.

Ryan Moore ('00) is the vice president/branch manager for SunTrust Bank in Florence, Ala. **Melissa Moore ('05)** is a stay at home mom. They live in Florence, Ala.

Sandra Poole ('00) is the assistant to the vice president of Business and Financial Affairs at UNA. Sandra and her daughter, Jennifer Youngblood, have just completed their third novel, "The Secret Song of the Ditch Lilies," and are well on their way to finishing novels four and five. They are excited to



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1. Coach Terry Bowden and Rod Sheppard ('98)
2. T.J., Gracie, Bailey, Coach Terry Bowden
3. Melody Stewart ('06), Mac Buttram ('69), and Melissa Ellenburg
4. Coach Terry Bowden and Sara Beth Vandiver ('04)
5. Holly Widick ('09) and Winn Brewer ('09)
6. Russell Rowe and Coach Bobby Champagne
7. Jim Fisher ('70)
8. Ron Wright ('70)
9. Tammy Laughlin ('90), Coach Terry Bowden, Karen Stewart ('90), and Tammy Johnson
10. Mark Brown ('90)
11. Coach Terry Bowden and Vincent Saylor ('05)
12. Donna Goodlett, Bob Martin ('63), Coach Terry Bowden, and Michael Goodlett ('71)



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be working with their new agent. Sandra and husband John reside in Florence, Ala.

Linda Terry ('00 & '04) is business education teacher at Childersburg High School. She lives in Childersburg, Ala.

Stacy Childers ('01) is a public health social worker and social work manager with the Alabama Department of Public Health. She resides in Florence, Ala.

Jonathan C. McKinney ('02) is a sales manager at the Marriott Shoals Hotel & Spa. His wife **Kristy Lemmond McKinney ('02)** is an aerobics coordinator at the YMCA of the Shoals. They live with their two children in Florence, Ala.

Kelly Simmons ('02 & '07) is a claims authorizer for the Social Security Administration. Kelly lives in Birmingham, Ala.

Brandi Werther ('02) works in business development at SummitRidge Hospital. Husband **Eckart ('01)** is a doctoral student at the University of Georgia. They reside in Athens, Ga.

Bryan S. Cabler ('03) is the drummer of the indie-rock band Western Civ, other members are fellow graduate **W. R. Henderson, III ('97)** and current student Jason Hall.

Daryl Crittenden ('03) is an actor, writer, and executive producer who lives in Toluca Lake, Calif. He recently had a national commercial for Domino's and was

in a print ad for Microsoft. He also was recently on the shows, *Wizards of Waverly Place* and *Nip/Tuck*. His production company recently launched a web series on www.mydamnchannel.com/ pirateninja with **Chris Bedwell ('03)**, **Mark Hampton ('01)**, **Drew Hampton ('06)**, and **Michael Colvin ('99)**.

Nancy Lynn Nagy ('03) is a senior data analyst with AIM Healthcare and oversees the northeast region. She lives in Summertown, Tenn.

Virginia Quigley ('03) is a relationship manager with Enrollment Advisors, Inc., and lives in Homewood, Ala.

Lila Sears ('03) lives with her husband, David, in Jasper, Ala.

Marissa K. (Anderson) Tidwell ('03) is an elementary teacher at Centerville Elementary School. She and husband Will recently had a baby boy. They reside in Hohenwald, Tenn.

Robert Y. Griffin III ('04) is a dentist in Florence, Ala. Wife **Daisy (Gingrich) Griffin ('04)** works as a pharmacist at ECM Hospital. They live in Florence, Ala.

Tonya Hayes ('04) was recently married. She and her husband, David, live in Trussville, Ala.

Daniel C. Darracott ('05) is a vocational rehabilitation counselor with Veteran Affairs Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment. He recently completed the

educational specialist degree at UNA with an emphasis in rehabilitation counseling. He is currently enrolled in the doctorate program with an emphasis in counselor education and supervision at Argosy University in Nashville, Tenn. He and his wife, Pamela, live in Rogersville, Ala.

Dusty Farris ('05) is a FACS teacher at Beauregard High School in Opelika, Ala.

Lindsay Choat Ronilo ('06) and **Edward G. Ronilo ('06)** were married in March of this year. They live in Montgomery, Ala. Lindsay is in law school at Jones School of Law and Eddie works at Lowe's Home Improvement in Montgomery.

Elizabeth Anne Dawson Loudermilk ('07) is an application analyst for Jack Henry and Associates. **Adam Loudermilk ('07)** is a claims adjuster for Alfa Insurance. They live in Vestavia Hills, Ala.

Tiffany Peterman Smith ('07) is a QMRP with CDD, NCA, Inc. Her husband, **Joseph Clay Smith V ('06)**, is a chemist with Qualitest Pharmaceuticals. They live in New Market, Ala., and are expecting their first child this year.

Leah Wallace Swinney ('07) is the store manager for Francesca's Collections at Bridge Street in Huntsville, Ala. **Robert Swinney ('07 & '08)** is the owner of C.H.A.M.P. Training and Nutrition. They live in Harvest, Ala.

Benjamin Valiente ('07) is an accountant for the Watkins Johnsey Professional Group. He lives in Florence, Ala.

Jessica Walton ('07) is a legal assistant and lives with her son in Florence, Ala.

Matt Axley ('08) just graduated from Officer Candidate School and is currently training to be a Naval aviator. He lives in Pensacola, Fla.

Emily Hart ('08) works with the Social Security Administration. She and husband John recently had a baby girl. They reside in Madisonville, Ky.

Katie R. Stidham ('08) is a second-grade teacher at Church Street Elementary School in Tupelo, Miss. She and husband Kyle live in Belden, Miss.

Grant Walden ('08) is putting his education to work for the new Bluegrass music stage. He lives in Trinity, Ala. His experience also includes an internship at Wishbone Muscle Shoals as well as with the W. C. Handy Music Festival in Florence, Ala.

Clair Harrison Willis ('08) works with social services at The Meadows and lives with her husband, Greg, in Pontotoc, Miss.

Chase Wright ('08) is an engineering representative with Alabama Gas Corporation. His wife **Lauren ('06)** is associate manager of Z Gallerie. They live in Hoover, Ala.

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UNA ALUMNI *review*

Dalen Keys ('80) had the great fortune of devoting most of his life to the creative and innovative process as a scientist — or to managing other scientists. Keys is the global technology manager for the Packaging Graphics business in the DuPont company.

Now he has added "children's book author" to his list of accomplishments with the publication of his first book "Just a Quilt?"

In these excerpts from his Web site www.dalenkeys.com, Keys talks about creativity and writing his book:



"I am thrilled by the creations that can come from a science lab. I am energized when inventions can be turned into real products. Okay, I admit it; I guess I am kind of a nerd. But, I'll accept "nerdship" since I guess I feel that I have been allowed to keep my creativity and curiosity that often slip away as we become adults.

"As we become adults we become occupied with "adult" matters; such as, finding a mate, getting a car, getting a job, money,

buying the coolest clothes, great abs, baldness, getting a house, getting a bigger house — you get the point. With these wonderful things comes the burden of "paying for" and "maintaining" them (I gave up on my abs a long time ago). Paying for them and maintaining them absolutely saps the brain, all available energy and any possible joy in life — if you let it.

"I think that it is easy for us to lose our curiosity — even about the simple things — because of life and our adult preoccupations. Maybe, we need to set aside some of those adult distractions occasionally and just take time to think and ask questions — yikes! Maybe, think about how life could be easier and more fun. After all, someone invented that cool built-in handle on top of the cardboard packaging to allow you to carry your 12 pack of sodas. Or, what about Crocs™, how cool are those? They're rubbery shoes — why didn't I think of that? Maybe we need skateboards made from recycled materials.

"I believe that we will see a surge in creativity and innovation. I have observed, on a much smaller scale in the workplace, that when things are tough (money tight, business concerns, product issues), new inventions abound. So, on a



global scale, I see tough economic times. I see concerns about the environment. I see an aging workforce. So, I expect an explosion of creative new ideas, products and business over the next five years. I can't wait.

"So, I encourage us all to create. I think creativity is made too mysterious and difficult sometimes. There is always something in life that you would like to see simplified. Give it some thought and see if you can find a way to solve that problem. Creativity is not just for

kids or for weird scientists lurking in their labs.

But rather, creativity is for everyone. Always have the curiosity of a child — ask questions — why, how and when are good places to start. Try some creative thinking exercises:

- What if all houses were underground?
- What would extreme golf be like?

"Recently, I wrote a little story in which I combined a quilt, a little boy and the boy's boundless creativity. It's hard to imagine what will result from this combination. After living over 33 years with a quilter it occurred to me that her fabric creations could be the absolute source of creative thought. Even I could vaguely remember those times as a boy when I turned the common place into a fun place. The storage space under the stairs from the kitchen to the backyard was not for storing tools and yard supplies. It was a dark cave that my friends and I could explore. I was not constrained by the adult conventions. So, I realized that a quilt could take on so much more significance than just being a homemade blanket.

"In 'Just a Quilt?' I take the opportunity to explore the creativity of a child using a quilt his mother had made for him. This quilt was unleashed to be a race track, an airport, a cape, a shield, a tent, just to give a few examples. But, this story is special not only for the creativity but also for the linkage to home and the security of the quilt. Sometimes even the most creative people need comforting.

"Just a Quilt?" is a creative adventure for this science nerd too. Never did I expect to be writing a children's picture book. Never did I expect to be writing anything that would include quilting. But, I found myself rushing down this pathway and I couldn't stop. The story blossomed and the ideas cascaded like a waterfall. Maybe *Just a Quilt?* is allowing me to tap into my own creativity in a way I never expected. I can't wait to see what happens next."

Coming on September 15! Dalen Keys will be in Florence for a book signing at Kilby School.

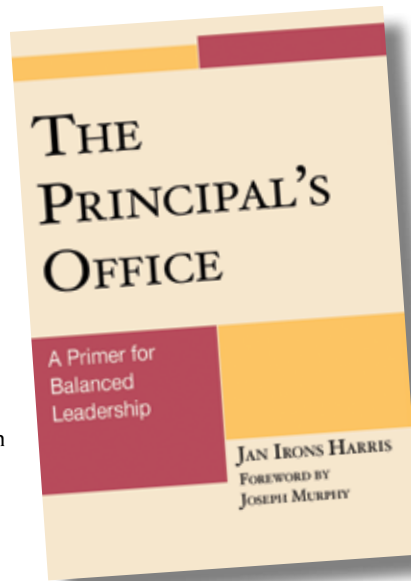
The Principal's Office: A Primer for Balanced Leadership

The Principal's Office is a practical book. It is simple, easy-to-read, and packed with straightforward, personal advice gleaned from years of real experience. The current or future principal will receive words of wisdom from an author who knows what it is like to serve in the principal's office.



This primer addresses the concept of effective leadership in the principal's office with a holistic approach.

It is designed to help readers understand the four areas of our being: spiritual, physical, intellectual, and emotional. From personal values and inspiration to clothing choices and exercise, this book touches on all the topics essential to a healthy and successful turn as a principal. When we understand these different areas along with the fundamental need to maintain



balance in the four areas, we are better equipped for success in the principal's office.

Jan Irons Harris ('82), a former principal at Huntsville High School, is now the Superintendent of Education for Cullman City Schools in Alabama. After graduating from the University of North Alabama, Harris earned a master's in education in 1984 from the University of South Carolina and a doctorate from Peabody College of Education at Vanderbilt University in 1992. She received the Alumni of the Year award at UNA in 2001.

"This is a wonderful book for many reasons. Most importantly, I think, because it provides a touchstone to navigate life as a school leader...This is a book to help us stay grounded: to hold onto the good things, to travel the high road, to do the right things. As such, it is a book full of wisdom."—from the foreword by Joseph Murphy, associate dean for special projects, Peabody College of Education, Vanderbilt University

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IN MEMORY

1940s

Charles W. Barr ('41) was a founding member of the UNA President's Cabinet and a former President of the UNA National Alumni Association. He was also an active member of the UNA Sportsmen's Club. He had a stellar military career attaining the rank of Lt. Colonel. He founded Barr Store and Restaurant Supply.

Bryce U. Graham was a retired attorney from Tusculumbia, Ala. and former Colbert County Circuit Solicitor and member of the Alabama House of Representatives.

1950s

COL. Jones Raymond Graham ('52) passed away in March. Graham retired from the United States Army and from the Lauderdale County EMA. After serving his country in numerous locations worldwide, he retired in Florence with his wife, Ethel "Nicki" Smith Graham.

Hoyt Turbyfill ('54) was a member of the Church of Christ. He retired after 37 years of service in Operations from Vulcan Materials Company. He lived in Knoxville, Tenn.

1980s

Carol Price Howard ('81) was an accountant and retired from McGriff, Dowdy & Associates in Huntsville, Ala. She was a nationally known designer of smocking plate designs and was locally known for her jewelry. She lived in Fairhope, Ala. with her family.

Timothy Walker Milner ('82) was the city planner for the city of Eufaula, Ala., and developed a long-range plan for the community, called Eufaula 2020. He was named Barbour County's Outstanding Employee of the Year in 2004, awarded by the Alabama Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities.

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