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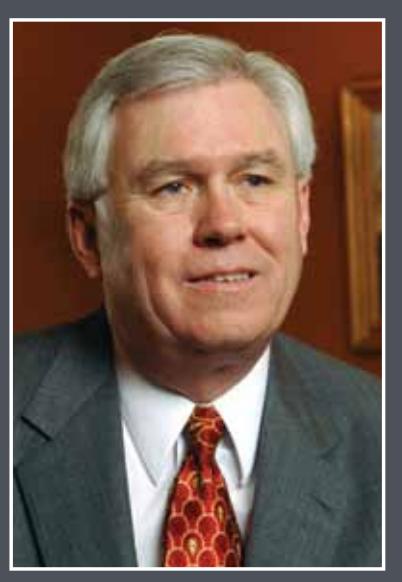
### William G. Cale, Jr.

Spring semester always ends with a flurry of activity that includes various celebrations, ceremonies, and a rush to finish projects.

Renovation of Keller Hall is nearing completion as other projects begin. Funded through a federal grant with matching funds from State bonds, construction of a new, \$4 million maintenance and bus storage facility on East Campus has begun. Once complete the Physical Plant

facility on Pine Street will be closed. Our new Campus Master Plan (check it out using the link on the UNA homepage) advises us that the Pine Street site should become home to our proposed science and technology building. We are using a new federal grant to initiate architectural and site preparation work. The State has awarded UNA a \$6 million grant to assist with funding that building, taking us a step closer to making this much needed project a reality.

Work progresses well on our self-study for reaffirmation of accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.



William G. Cale, Jr.

One key element of the reaffirmation process is development of a Quality Enhancement Plan which must be a new initiative. We have chosen *Academic Research Literacy in the Disciplines: A Bridge to a Four-Year Sequence* and our implementation plan is being developed.

UNA has reached agreement with the University of Alabama for them to offer their doctoral program in Educational Administration on our campus. A new master's degree program in Geospatial

Sciences is pending before the State Commission, as are new baccalaureate programs in Mass Communications and Entertainment Industry. These continue to be exciting days for our University.

Sincerely yours,  
William G. Cale, Jr., President

The University of North Alabama stepped \$6 million closer to breaking ground on a new science and technology building when state Sen. Roger Bedford visited campus May 12 to announce a state grant to be awarded for the project.

"The commitment of Sen. Bedford to the success of UNA is in clear evidence through his efforts to secure funding for this critical need," said Dr. William G. Cale Jr., UNA president. "The university is deeply grateful for the Senator's dedication to our success and for keeping us on a path that will lead to success."

Cale also applauded state Sen. Bobby Denton and state Reps. **Mike Curtis ('77), Tammy Irons ('86)**, Johnny Mack Morrow and Marcel Black for their dedication and continued efforts.

Bedford said the new funding comes at a critical time for the economy of the north Alabama region.

"UNA plays an important role in the economic vitality of our region, and this new science building will add to the university's research and development capability," he said. "This kind of research and funding is important to me, and I will continue to work to find the investments we need to expand our universities and grow jobs in Alabama."

The new UNA science building is projected to be a \$30-35 million project. According to the university's proposed new campus master plan, the facility will be situated on the west side of campus, on Pine Street near Flowers Hall and Kilby Laboratory School.

Cale said that, with the new facility, the Shoals area and surrounding region can expect "opportunities for new collaborations with business and industry to assist in product development, testing, environmental safety and other technical areas."

University departments and programs to be housed in the building include chemistry and

industrial hygiene, biology, and physics and earth science. Most of the programs are currently housed in UNA's Floyd Science Building. Constructed about 40 years ago, Floyd is now limited in its ability to fully serve the advanced needs of UNA's continually growing science programs.

"Science and technology are critical knowledge areas that are shaping the future," Cale said. "The University of North Alabama is committed to providing to every student an understanding of the basics of scientific discovery and the opportunity for those who so choose to pursue successfully a career in a scientific or technical field."



## Topics Run the Gamut at Research Day 2010

Social analysis of The Farm peace and love community. Conservation of an endangered fish species. Spatial patterns of identity theft. Those were just a handful of the dozens of student and faculty research projects displayed on campus for the third annual Research Day April 20.

While they all sounded interesting enough to Andy Miller, a senior geography major, he wanted to share a project a little closer to his heart. His research, displayed in a series of maps, geographically tracked the western migration of a national subculture that Miller happens to be a part of.

"I hypothesized that California is pretty dominant for skaters," he said. "So I started gathering data to figure out if there was some kind of pattern of migration, and I found out that, yes, there is a pattern."

The skating world has begun shifting quickly to southern California, Miller found, because of the area's year-round warm weather and cityscapes that seem created for skateboarding.

"I just wanted to show how a small subculture, like skateboarders, can have an impact on human migration," Miller said.

**Dr. Lisa Keys-Matthews ('85),** associate professor of geography and coordinator of Research Day, said research like Miller's is significant because

"nobody is born being a researcher, but the skills learned while doing research are career-critical."

A perfect case in point, social work instructor Freda Coleman-Reed said, was a project undertaken by a group of social work students this past spring. The students, as part of their Groups, Organizations and Communities class, got to choose a community and analyze the community's economic makeup, housing patterns, community life, geography, social services and similar factors.

"Then they had to engage in problem analysis," Coleman-Reed said. "They had to identify the strengths of the community as well as the needs."

What the students found, she said, was that The Farm community in Summertown, Tenn. – famous for its various charitable outreaches as well as its Hippie Museum – has greatly evolved over the years and proven resilient.

"They started out as a commune but evolved into a cooperative in order to keep the community growing to support their mission of global charitable outreach," she said. "But to continue in that vein to become an even stronger, more successful community, they need to add some resources, the students found," which they recommended in a presentation to the community leaders.

For students like Coleman-Reed's to

expose the entire campus and community to research like this, Keys-Matthews said, "demonstrates that research is not something that happens inside a black box or an ivory tower. It can happen in common everyday society and environments. We want to use Research Day to introduce other students to research and to show them that research experiences are fascinating and provide support for their future careers."

Just days before Research Day, Keys-Matthews had seen the projects of several of her students and colleagues presented on a national stage. She and five other geography faculty members and 13 students, including Miller, were each research presenters at the Association of American Geographers annual conference in Washington, D.C.

UNA's annual Research Day is now in its third year. This year, the event promoted research from students and faculty in all four of UNA's academic colleges and 25 departments, doubling the number of departments involved from the event's first year.



**SKATERS & HIPPIES**

# IT'S NO UTOPIA

## STUDENTS DEAL WITH GLOBAL CHALLENGES

Global challenges such as border security, terrorism and energy dependence were more than news headlines for a class of 35 students in April. They were real issues the students had to work together to resolve. And they did just that, after two days as officials in a simulated national government at the university's 2010 Geopolitics Symposium.

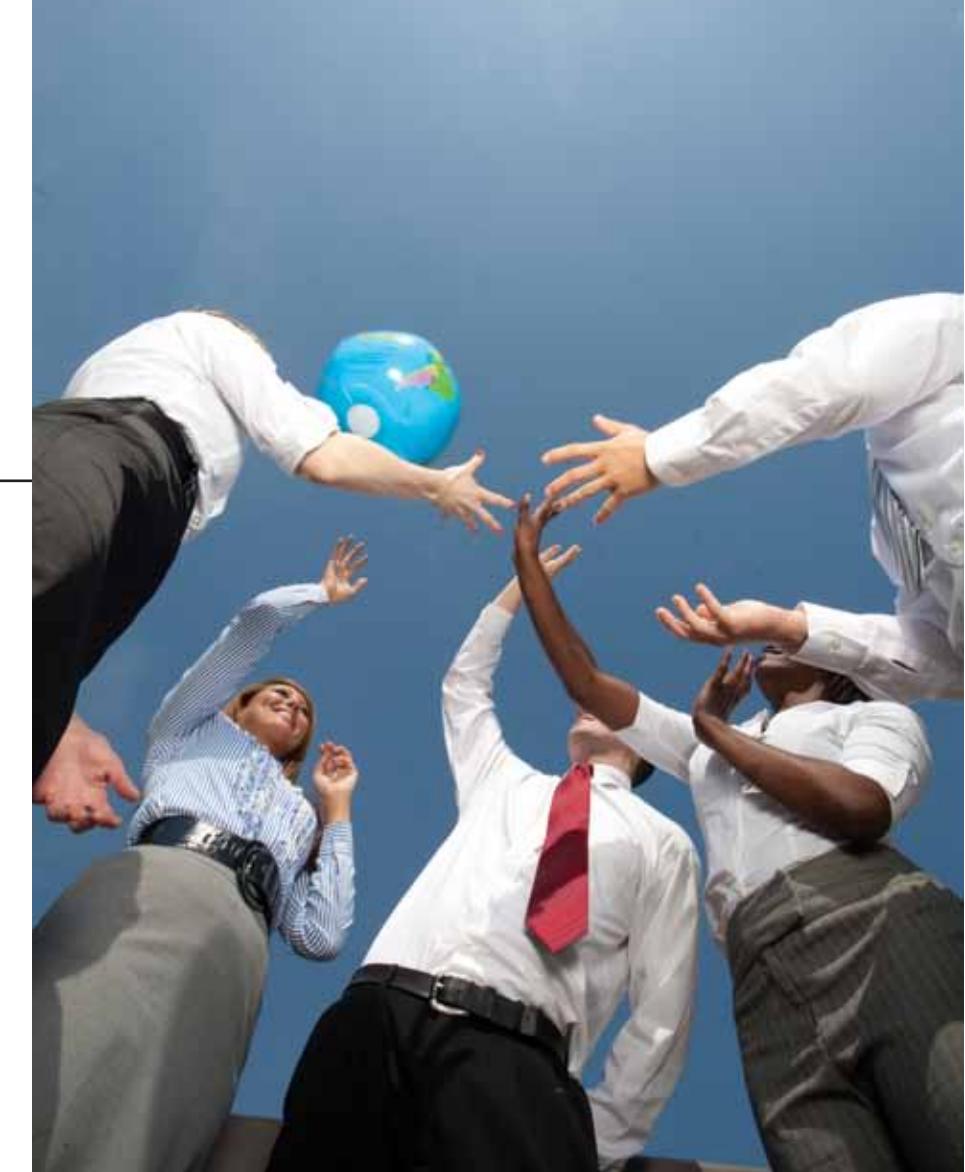
"The symposium has the purpose of educating the students about these global issues and challenges, but also to train them in communication skills and professional presentation at a different level than they're getting in class," said Dr. Michael Pretes, associate professor of geography.

In its second year, the symposium is the capstone project for a special-topics class, Geopolitics of Global Challenges, team-taught by Pretes and Lt. Col. Wayne Bergeron, chair of the Department of Military Science. The class is cross-listed between the UNA departments of geography and political science.

For the simulation activities, students spent two days divided into five ministries – defense, justice, intelligence, foreign affairs and information – in a fictitious country known as Utopia. Over the course of two days, they worked through a variety of challenges and threats to Utopia while keeping the Utopian president, played by UNA president Dr. William G. Cale, Jr., briefed on the situations and progress.

Jacob Cude, a senior geography major serving on the Utopian Ministry of Justice, found simple communication and coordination between ministries to be the most important key to successfully working through most of the challenges.

"There were instances right off the bat where our plan would conflict with another department's plan," he said. "So we really had to coordinate between



groups. It's really about working with others and sharing ideas and then coming up with a plan that meets the needs of the groups as a whole more than just your group."

It was also about thinking on your feet, he said, when curve balls are thrown your way.

"We had an instance where one of our headquarters buildings was bombed, so we had to change our tactics and adapt to what was going on," Cude said. "We had to show instantly that we did have control of the situation."

The real challenge was maintaining that control and making those key decisions while the details were still unfolding.

"We purposely designed the scenarios that way," Bergeron said. "The students weren't given all the necessary details right up front. There were certain things they just didn't know, like in life. And that's where the senior facilitators and mentors came in. They helped frame

the students' discussions and helped them see it from an executive level."

Each of the five ministries was paired with a professional mentor with a successful leadership background in intelligence, military, foreign service, law enforcement, education or public relations.

Pretes said that, while he expects students coming through the symposium to excel in similar leadership roles, the real purpose of the exercise transcends career plans.

"The idea of the course," he said, "is simply to help the students understand these challenges that the United States and other countries face – what those challenges are, what causes them and what the link or nexus is between them, because they're all interconnected."

And they're all relevant not only internationally but also right here at home. Regardless of where you work, you're going to deal with these issues either personally or professionally."

# The Right Balance



Dan Herley could find only one problem with the University of North Alabama when he enrolled in the university's MBA program a couple of years ago: UNA didn't have a club for unicyclers like himself. But he has since resolved that issue—as of last September, UNA boasts an officially registered unicycle club of 26 members.

As Dan began promoting the club around campus, he was surprised by some of the riders who came out of the woodwork.



years ago as a member of a juggling club at the University of Central Florida. It was when his car broke down that he began perfecting his riding skill.

"That forced me to learn," he said. "I began riding my unicycle to the bus stop to catch the bus."

At UNA, he rides it to class each morning from his house a few blocks from campus.

Dan and his fellow UNA unicyclers have made several professional appearances in recent months, performing at events around the Shoals community. It's the type of work Dan used to do full-time.

"By the time I finished college," he said, "I was making so much money performing that I chose not to get a job in my field and continued doing it after I graduated," he said.

Now, Dan is ready to take the performances to a whole new level, beyond simple juggling and riding. "Yesterday was our first attempt at unicycle polo," he said.

"Actually, a lot of the Japanese students learned to ride unicycles when they were small kids, so a lot of them were riders already. And our club vice president, Julian Tyree, had been involved with a unicycle club for pretty much all of his childhood. He had done a lot of parades and different kinds of events, so meeting him was a real good opportunity and totally by chance," Dan said.

Dan, founder and treasurer of the UNA Unicycle Club, began riding about 10

"Basically, it's all the same rules as regular polo, except instead of riding a horse, you ride a unicycle."

He hopes the game becomes an act for halftime shows and similar events.

But even if you took the shows and performances out of the equation, Dan said, unicycling is still totally worth it.

"It's just fun," he said. "Between the exercise, which generates happiness, and the smiles and interest from other people, it's a real pleasant thing to ride a unicycle."



## By Water, by Foot, by Bike

Swim the length of Wilson Dam – one mile. Jump out and run along Cox Creek Parkway until you cross Wood Avenue – six miles. Hop on a bicycle and pedal until you cross the Tennessee state line, and then ride another six miles – 25 miles.

Sound impossible?

That's the reaction David Hater, a senior geography major, hears from people when he tells them about UNA's new triathlon club.

"It is difficult, but it can be done," Hater said with a sly grin. "Hard, but definitely not impossible."



The UNA triathlon club was formed in late fall and became an official USA Triathlon club in January. USA Triathlon is the national governing body for the sport.

UNA's student-run triathlon club competed in the USA Triathlon Collegiate National Championship in Lubbock, Texas, in April.

A triathlon consists of running, cycling and swimming. The collegiate championship is an Olympic-length event that includes 1,500 meters of swimming, 24.85 miles of cycling and 6.2 miles of running.

Hater started the UNA club after watching a triathlon in New York.

"I was in Lake Placid, N.Y., working the Ironman Triathlon for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and I just caught the bug," he said.

The UNA triathlon club trains about 15-16 hours a week, spending many hours on each of the three events.

"There is just something majestic about triathlon," Hater said. "There

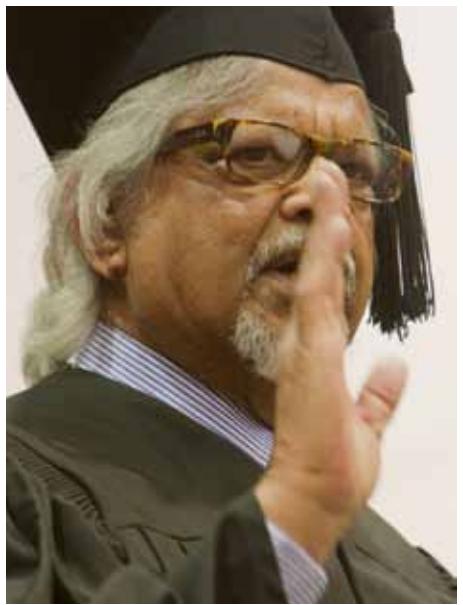
are people who excel at one sport, but there's just something about competing in three separate sports with no breaks and still having to be successful."

The UNA triathlon club is open to all levels and is geared toward promoting a healthy lifestyle.

"It's cool to see the different levels of interest and ability," Hater said. "Some come in with a goal of just finishing a race, and others want to place. We welcome both."

The club will compete in the Club Nationals in Myrtle Beach, S.C., in October.

# Arun Gandhi on Education



## and Success



Arun Gandhi, grandson of the legendary peacemaker and spiritual leader Mahatma Gandhi, spoke to a Flowers Hall packed with new graduates May 15. Looking out over the sea of caps and gowns, he reminded his audience that, at graduation, their education has only begun.

"From now on," he said, "your education will take a different turn. It will be from your life experiences. . . . If we keep an open mind and learn from everything that happens every day, every moment, of our lives, then we will enhance ourselves and become better human beings."

Sprinkled with stories of his formative years spent living with Mahatma Gandhi, Arun Gandhi's speech emphasized the value of continuous personal improvement and of embracing failure as a vehicle for success.

In his grandfather's first 25 years of life, he said, he was a failure in many respects but refused to succumb to that failure. "He learned from that failure," Arun Gandhi said, "and eventually

became a great person in this world. So failure is not something that we should be despondent about or fear. Failure is a way of learning, and we should learn from all of those failures in life."

Similarly, he said that anger, which fuels most of the world's violence, is a powerful tool for good – but only when channeled in positive ways.

He spoke of the anger journal his grandfather once made him keep as a

place to record the issues or actions that angered him. But he had to record those issues and actions "with the intention of finding a solution to the problem."

"Anger is very important," Arun Gandhi said, comparing it to electricity. "Anger is just as powerful and just as useful [as electricity], but only if we use it intelligently . . . for the good of humanity rather than causing death and destruction."



## A GREEN CELEBRATION

### WIZARD WORKS HIS MAGIC

Fun and banter are always a part of his shows, although his underlying messages are sometimes more serious. Such was the case on Earth Day, when Dr. Mike Moeller, professor of chemistry, donned his lab coat and goggles to become The Wizard of TUNA, a character he has played for about 30 years.

At this particular performance, the Wizard addressed some of the world's most serious challenges, at one point ripping through a soda can "because I was so enraged about someone not recycling," Moeller said.

"I hope that, through performances like this, people seeing it will become more responsible citizens and raise the awareness of environmental concerns," he said.



The Wizard of TUNA was just one of the highlights of the university's April 22 Earth Day celebration, which featured a full afternoon of music. The event, dubbed Chemists Rock Earth Day, brought out a variety of organizations and individuals to promote recycling, alternative energy sources and general environmental awareness.

For students and faculty from the UNA interior design program, it was an opportunity to promote materials and techniques in green design.

"Students were there to show people how to build solar panels and to explain the benefits of using green energy," said Dhrumil Patel, an interior design instructor whose Lighting Design class recently built several solar panels. "But our focus was not only on solar energy. We were also promoting more green design or sustainable design, such as high-efficiency plumbing and green flooring materials."



"Our objective," she said, "was really to bring awareness to the students and the UNA community as a whole to be more conscious of what they're throwing out. The Florence Recycling Center says that UNA brings them quite a lot of recyclables, but we can do more."

Hofacker and her students hope, in the coming year, to lead "a whole campus effort to get one faculty member or one staff member in each building to be a recycling advocate for their building," Hofacker said. "That's going to be our big goal."



The UNA Earth Day celebration was funded in part by a grant from the American Chemical Society.

# The Apocalypse

STUDENT PRODUCTION  
PUTS NEW SPIN ON "HAMLET"

Earth has been shaken by an apocalyptic disaster. Generations later, the unstable and still-recovering human race unearths, and later performs, a surviving copy of Shakespeare's "Hamlet."

Such was the setting for a student production of "Hamlet" in March. Assistant theatre professor Charlton James, who directed the play, said it provided an ideal canvas for the social picture painted by the Bard.

"In this post-apocalyptic world, the human race exists as a feuding society struggling to re-establish order and governance," he said. "It's the same way in 'Hamlet,' with the new king coming and trying to put a world back together that's been destroyed."

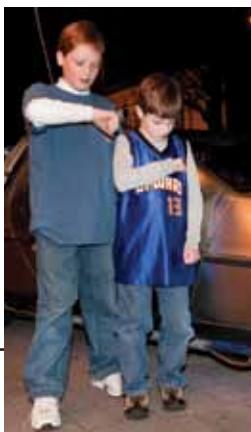
The "Hamlet" production was a collaboration between students of theatre and film and digital media, as the play included live acting as well as multimedia features.

"For example," James said, "the fight at the end of the play was filmed on a green screen, and they made it to where the actors went inside of a matrix or a video game and had their final duel instead of doing it live on stage."



## GOING BACK IN TIME

FILM FESTIVAL SPOTLIGHTS  
A BLOCKBUSTER'S ANNIVERSARY



Filmmakers and movie buffs went back in time March 4-7 as the George Lindsey UNA Film Festival celebrated the 25th anniversary of the blockbuster hit movie "Back to the Future."

The celebration included several appearances by an exact replica of one of the film's central characters, the DeLorean time machine.

The replica, built by husband-and-wife team Oliver and Terry Holler, of Myrtle Beach, S.C., has been featured in national publications and music videos, won numerous awards and has appeared with many of the creators and stars of "Back to the Future." It was carefully built to match the original time machine seen in the "Back to the Future" trilogy, featuring the famous flux capacitor and functional circuit displays.

The film festival's "Back to the Future" celebration also included writer/producer Bob Gale and actors James Tolk and Claudia Wells. Tolk played the role of Principal Strickland in "Back to the Future," while Wells played Jennifer Parker, Marty McFly's girlfriend.

Michael Scheffe, construction supervisor for the DeLorean time machine used in the film trilogy, was also a part of the celebration. Scheffe also designed the "Knight Rider"



talking car K.I.T.T. and the flying taxi seen in "Back to the Future II."

The George Lindsey UNA Film Festival is one of the few film festivals hosted by a university. The event was founded in 1998 in part by UNA alumnus and celebrated actor and entertainer **George Lindsey** ('52). Lindsey's own film career has included several important roles, including the character Goober Pyle on "The Andy Griffith Show."



## Staying Connected

A UNA football game isn't the only place you can find more than 10,000 UNA fans together in one place. For the past year-and-a-half, alumni, students and prospective students have flocked by the thousands to UNA's Facebook, Twitter and YouTube pages.

"It's like a magnet," said Jeremy Britten, UNA's Web communications manager. "People love getting daily updates from us on what's happening on campus, what events are coming up, photos or videos from students."



As Britten updates the social media pages daily, he said his goal isn't only to keep UNA fans informed but also to provide a social network.

"These are called 'social' media for a reason," he said. "It's not a one-way street. We love it when discussions arise and real interaction occurs between people, almost like it would at a real campus event."

"Once they follow the university, whether on Twitter or Facebook," she said, "it's an instant way for them to see what's going on at UNA and to learn more about the university."

It's also a quicker way for her and other admissions staff to connect individually with each prospective student, she said.

To follow UNA on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube or by RSS feed, visit [www.una.edu/socialmedia](http://www.una.edu/socialmedia).



## UNA Alumni BAND REUNION



Dust off that old tuba. Start practicing that kick line. Former members of the Pride of Dixie are reuniting Sept. 4, our first home football game of the season, for a halftime alumni performance with the current band. Reserve your place now at [www.una.edu/universitybands](http://www.una.edu/universitybands).

## UNA Alumni BAND REUNION



## Fun on the FIELD



"As an undergraduate, this is something that I wanted to do, but I didn't put it into play until I became part of the professional staff," said Jami Schepman ('04 & '07), Assistant Director of Residence Life and organizer of



the program. "It's just a good way to bridge the gap between UNA and the community."

Every year, the Senior Resident Assistants plan the event and are responsible for much of the success. This year Maggie Hogan, Scotty Rainwater, and Corey Medlen organized the entire event. Canned food from this year's program was donated to the Help Center. To date, the event has collected over 19,000 cans of food to be donated to the Shoals area.



"Too Much Junk in the Trunk' is an amazing program with a fantastic cause," said Scotty Rainwater, Senior RA. "It's just a really good time for everyone involved."

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Hundreds of Shoals area schoolchildren packed Harrison Plaza the morning of April 9 for a piece of cake and a rousing rendition of Happy Birthday. The birthday kids: Leo III and Una.

The party marked the seventh birthday for the brother-and-sister African lions. Local schoolchildren, university students, and faculty and staff throw the mascots a party each year.





Whether on the field or on the launch pad, the game isn't all that different

By Josh Woods



**Tim Garner ('88)** still wears his 1985 Gulf South Conference championship ring, and on his desk sits several photos of him and his UNA football buddies. Some might chalk this up as living in the past, in glory days gone by. But Tim just points to the sign above his office door: *"Play Like a Champion Today."*



You see, these are more than memories for Tim, a four-year starting quarterback for the Lions. They're part of who he was, who he is and are direct links to his current success. True, Tim hasn't thrown a pass or even put on a helmet in more than 20 years. But he's still a quarterback.

The team: NASA. The game: the shuttle program.

As far as Tim is concerned, preparations for this game with team NASA began as early as the first time he put on his UNA football jersey. At the time, Tim – and everyone else, for that matter – assumed he was destined to become a coach and teacher.

A reasonable assumption. After all, Tim was a star high school and college

athlete, an A student and would soon be equipped with a math and physics degree from UNA. What school, in those days, wouldn't have snatched up a football-coaching science and math teacher?

Besides, Tim hadn't exactly "grown up a big space guy or really dreamed of being in the space program. Honestly, that wasn't the case," he said. "I was mostly just concentrating on playing ball and having fun."

The temptation to finally become that "big space guy" didn't come until his senior year at UNA, when a friend's dad, who worked in the shuttle program, got him an interview. "So I drove over to Huntsville, interviewed and got the job. And 20 years later, here I am."



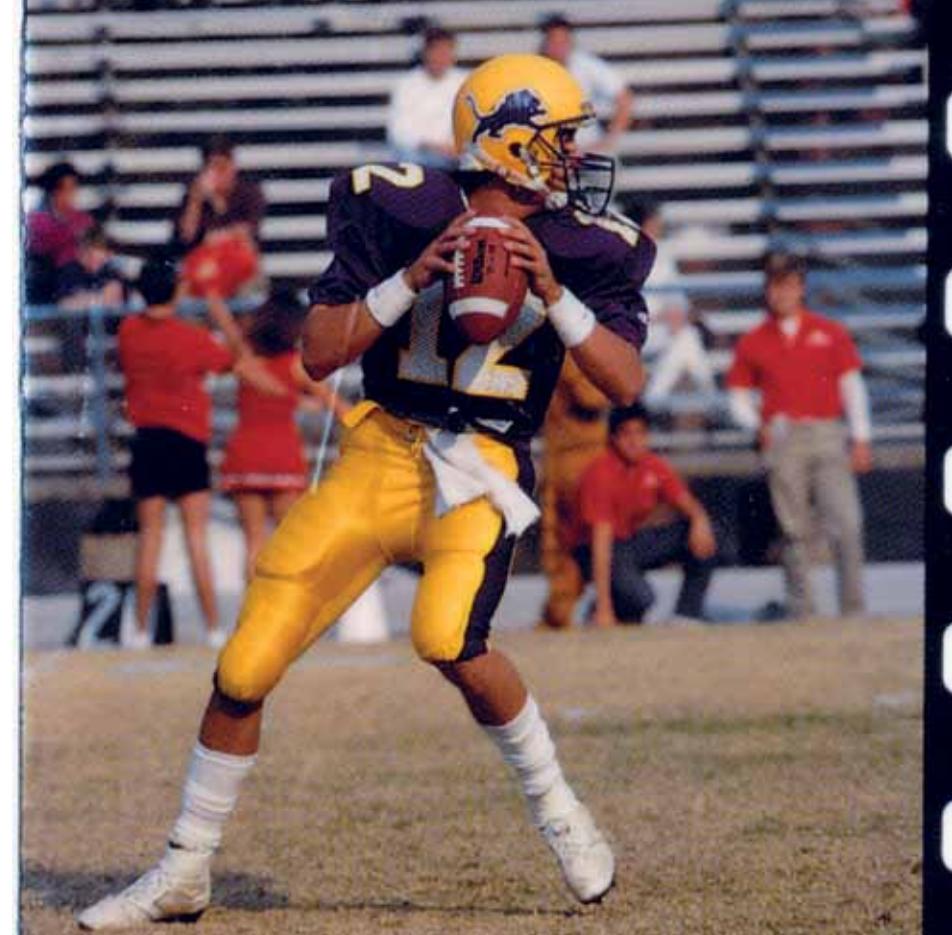
## THE TEAM

That job was with shuttle program contractor USBI (United Space Boosters, Inc.), where Tim started out as a statistician and reliability engineer.

"Basically, what that means is we did risk analysis of solid rocket booster components. We identified risks quantitatively, and we predicted failure rates," he said.

In other words, Tim could predict for how long or how many times a part could be used before wearing out. In addition, he could tell you, mathematically, what the chances were of a part failing.

"We would do analyses for upper management and come back and tell them the risk of failure was, say, one in 100,000, and then they would determine if they wanted to take that risk or not."



These were crucial tests and analyses because there was no room for failure in the shuttle program. Not unlike a football game, according to Tim.

"Football is the ultimate team sport," he said. "Everybody has to do their job to be successful on a play. It starts a long time before that season.

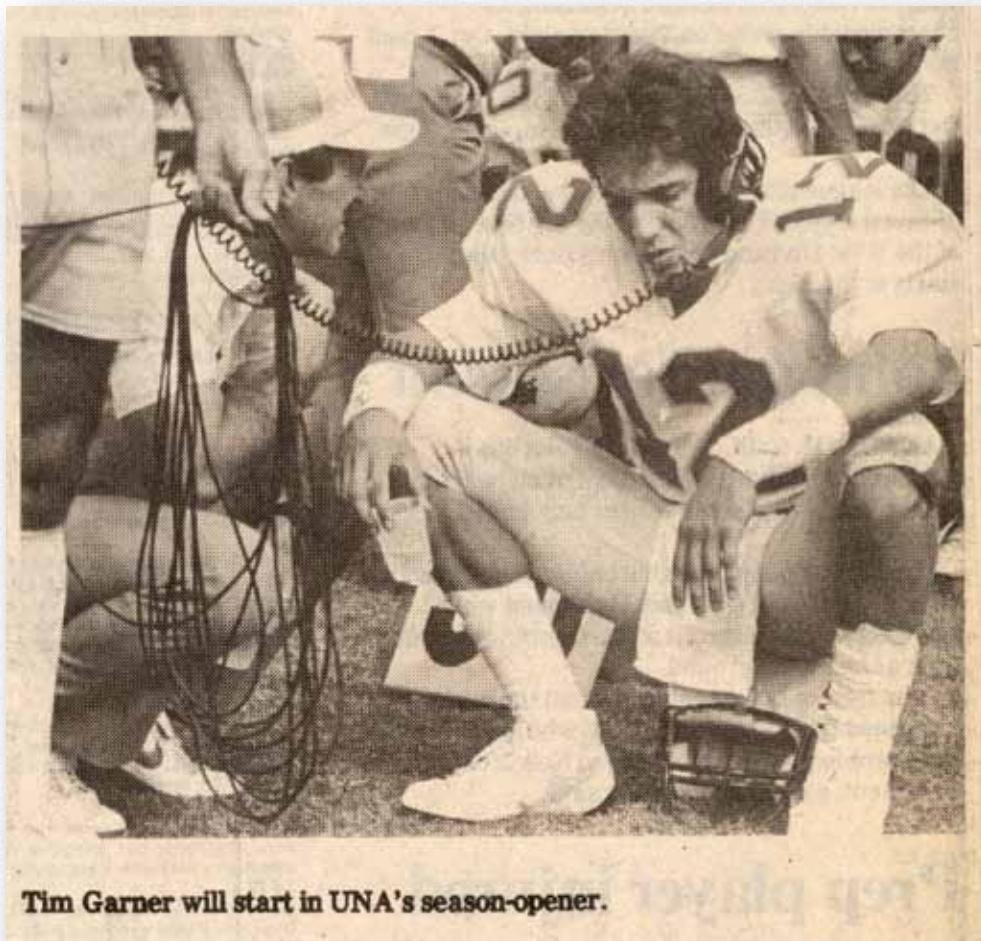
And it's very complex, with many different people and different groups to coordinate – the quarterbacks, the receivers, the running backs and so on. We have the same thing preparing for a shuttle launch.

"You have engineering, you have the payloads group, electronics, you name it. You have the external tank project, the booster project, the main engine project. All these different project offices have to work together, and then it all gets integrated. Then you put it out there for a successful launch."

But if just one of those projects breaks down, or if you're not careful about safety and reliability, or if you've not made sure all the parts are the correct parts, "you can have disaster," Tim said.



*"You just work as a team.  
You have to work as a team.  
There's no other way around it."*



Tim Garner will start in UNA's season-opener.



## CALLING THE PLAYS



Not long after joining USBI, Tim would begin taking night classes at The University of Alabama in Huntsville, where he eventually earned a master's degree in industrial and systems engineering. But a few years later, the quarterback in him was itching to get back into more of a leadership role. That's when he commuted to Tuscaloosa for his MBA and then started down the management path, taking on roles as

senior engineer, team leader and project manager.

Two years ago, that path would lead to his current role as vice president of operations for DP Associates, a small Huntsville-based contractor responsible for helping NASA, in what Tim calls the fourth quarter of its shuttle program, bring the shuttle program to a successful conclusion.

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Doctors clear Garner to return at UNA. 1B

Having spent most of his career to that point in a company of about 10,000 employees, Tim said he "was wanting to learn how small businesses work, and I wanted to have a little more impact on the direction of a company. So now, as vice president of operations for a small company, I'm doing a little bit of everything. I wear a lot of hats."

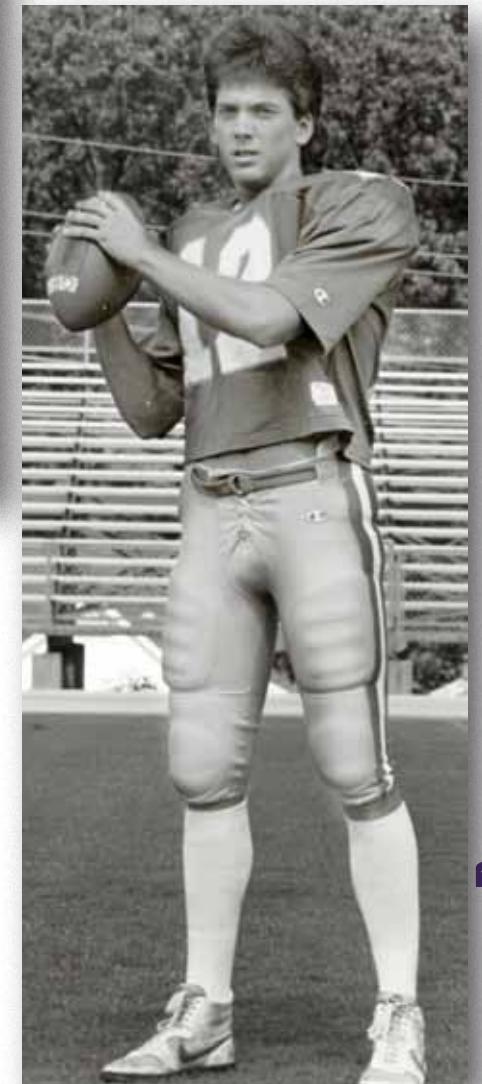
His favorite hat? "Managing the people and developing strategies."

Mike Allen, a NASA project manager Tim works with on a day-to-day basis, agreed those were Tim's greatest strengths.

"Tim's a real good quarterback," he said. "From a standpoint of leadership, Tim knows exactly what everybody's got to do to make everything successful. His taking it from the quarterback perspective of understanding the big picture of what you're trying to do and then going out and executing it – Tim's leadership skills are great in that."

The shuttle program is one big picture to keep in focus as DP Associates helps wind the program down. There are more than 1 million pieces of property to be moved, disposed of or transitioned to the new Ares program. "And I don't mean a million bolts and nuts," Mike said. "I'm talking about a million different kinds of property."

Tim's job, in a nutshell, is to ensure each of those properties fall into the right hands at the right time. And the right time doesn't necessarily mean by this fall, when the shuttle program wraps up its final mission.



"When that last shuttle lands, there's still going to be a lot of work to do on assets, testing hardware, parts inventory," Tim said. "We'll have to tear down shuttle-related buildings so we can have more land assets, determine what assets the Ares program will want to use, and determine what's the timeline when they can acquire and use those assets. We're working those milestones and schedules to ensure an optimal path to when those assets can be turned over."

Sure, it's a lot to keep up with. But isn't that what quarterbacking is all about?

Quarterbacking is all about planning. Strategizing. Knowing where everyone is – and where they'll be two seconds from now. Knowing the exact moment – the precise millisecond – to pass the ball, hand it off or make a run for it.

# TOUCHDOWN

"Tim knows that if he's going to fake a hand-off one way and then hand the ball off this other way, he's going to freeze the linebackers," Mike said. "Again, he sees the big picture. He understands about three or four moves ahead of where we are right now. He sees the strategy and understands that if we do this, then this over here is going to happen. And if we don't want that to happen, then we've got to do something over here. That ability to analyze and create strategy may have been something that made him as good of a quarterback as he was."

Of course, all the strategy and analytics are only part of the game for a quarterback. Ultimately, his success is measured in yardage and touchdowns. Tim has seen plenty of

both – for UNA and for the shuttle program.

For either team, he said, the satisfaction has been just the same.

"You have those plays where you've rehearsed and rehearsed, and then you get out there and get under the center, and you see the defense is in just what you had seen on film and what you had prepared for. Then everybody does his assignment, everything clicks and you get the ball in the end zone. It's a great feeling. I mean, there is nothing in the world like doing that."

Nothing except a shuttle launch, that is. Tim has attended about eight launches over his career. And, he said, each is still as spine-tingling and exhilarating as the first.



## LION QUARTERBACK

### UNA rookie coping with added pressure of 'the territory'

By Mike Goens  
Sports Editor

Tim Garner may only be a freshman but he has already logged one experience he would just as soon do without.

Two games into the season, Garner experienced defeat, a trait he has been fortunate enough to avoid throughout much of his career.

And he's the first to admit that losing creates an imbalance deep inside. More than any of his teammates, Garner takes defeat personally. Instead of pointing fingers elsewhere, he takes full responsibility.

"I took a lot of the rap, but I'll be the first to admit I did not play well against Mississippi College," Garner said following a Tuesday afternoon practice. "It would be easy to say I made those mistakes because I'm a freshman, but that's only an excuse."

"The bottom line is I did not play close to my ability, and that hurt the team and probably cost us a chance to win. I take the Mississippi College game personally. Whether I'm a freshman or a senior really doesn't have anything to do with it. I let myself and the team down."

On Sunday following the defeat, Garner was ejected and down on himself.

"I stayed in the room all day," he said. "I didn't want to get up. I finally called my mom and dad later in the day. I guess I needed a little pack-me-up."

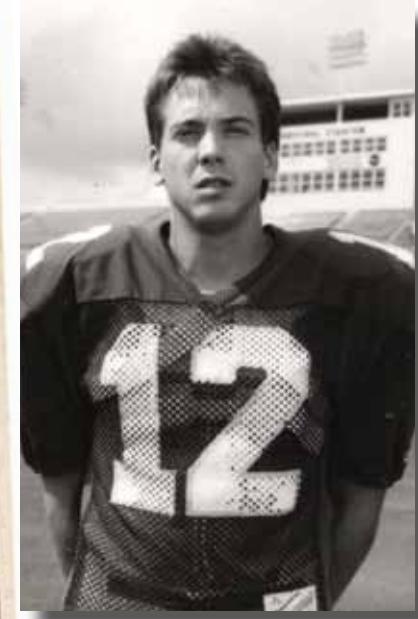


Tim Garner: "We didn't have to have anyone telling us we didn't play well."

UNA's offense did not perform well against the Choctaws and the result was a 17-13 defeat. The only points produced by the offense were field goals and those boots came after Mississippi College turnovers at the Choctaw 11 and 24.

"No one had to tell us we played badly," Garner said. "We were ready and we knew our assignments — we just didn't execute. I don't think anyone blamed us for the loss. We didn't think we did well."

"I'm a quarterback and the pressure comes with the territory," Garner said. "But I'm a lot



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## Two UNA athletes among academic picks

FLORENCE — Two University of North Alabama athletes have been honored by the Gulf South Conference for academic achievement during the fall semester.

Senior quarterback Tim Garner was named to the Academic All-GSC football squad with a 2.2 cumulative grade point average, while senior Jennifer Bevis was placed on the Academic All-GSC volleyball squad with a 2.56 GPA.

Athletes must have a minimum 2.0 GPA (3.0 scale) for selection to the squads and must have played a significant role on their team.

Garner, majoring in Math and Physics, was a part-time starter at quarterback for UNA this fall, completing 34 of 57 passes for 356 yards and two touchdowns. He was named to the Academic All-GSC squad for the third straight year. Bevis, majoring in Marine Biology, started for the Lady Lions volleyball squad that won its fifth straight GSC crown.



After all the months of labor, sweat, tweaking your project to perfection, and then coordinating with every other player and coach to integrate with every other shuttle project, "it's finally out there on the launch pad. And when they start the countdown, they light those solid rockets – it's just a great feeling.

"You're standing, say, a mile away, and it'll be about six seconds before the sound waves get to you with that roar. But the rumble of those three main engines and two solid rocket boosters is impressive. It really makes you feel proud.

"I can tell you, watching that shuttle launch live is a lot like scoring a touchdown or throwing a touchdown. It's just an incredible feeling of satisfaction."

But his real touchdown, Tim said, has been everything that's followed since his time at UNA.

"I wouldn't take back the experience I had at UNA for anything," he said. "I'm really proud of my days at UNA."

and what I was able to accomplish there. UNA gave me a good foundation – I mean, it really did – to do a lot of the things that I've accomplished. It was because of the time I spent at UNA.

"It's a great school."

# A Little River Music

## Student Record Label Is Putting Learning Into Action

By Cody Wix, student intern



The music legacy of the Shoals area began with recording studios like Fame, where legends such as Duane Allman and Aretha Franklin famously sought out the "Muscle Shoals Sound." Florence native Sam Phillips produced artists such as Elvis and Johnny Cash at his renowned Sun Records. Grammy Award-winning songwriter Gary Baker has a production studio in downtown Florence.

Once considered the Hit Recording Capital of the World, the Shoals' music legacy runs deep. And that legacy is still thriving on the campus of UNA. Singing River Records is a student-run record label located in the Guillot University Center. The label works in conjunction with the Department of Entertainment Industry and produces a new local up-and-coming artist each year.

"There are a lot of universities that have programs like our entertainment industry degree that have student-run record labels. The oldest and

most famous is Cane Records at the University of Miami," said Dr. Bob Garfrerick, chair of the entertainment industry department.

Incorporating a hands-on and student-run record production company with classroom instruction was always in the back of Dr. Garfrerick's mind.

"Starting a program such as this at UNA was a vision of mine since I got here, but we just weren't really set up yet, whether it was recruiting students or having a codified business structure," Garfrerick said. "Three years ago we just started and said we're going to do it."

Garfrerick wanted the learning experience the students would have to be as practical as possible.

"Lots of schools do compilations of different musicians, but I wanted the concept to be more on finding and producing a single artist," said Garfrerick. "I wanted it to be more realistic."

The first year, Singing River Records was a one-semester project.

"The first year was sort of like a beta test, and we learned from that," Garfrerick said.

Singing River Records currently operates as a two-semester project.

"In the fall semester, we find the artist, record the artist and develop the marketing plan," Garfrerick said. "In the spring, we actually articulate that marketing plan and do a showcase and actually sell the record."

The entertainment industry faculty – including Garfrerick, **Janna Malone ('87 & '00)** and James Hearn – advise the students working at the record label with a hands-off approach.

"We try to let the students do it themselves and basically just advise and give counsel. Our preference would be for the students to do it all and just ask us questions," Garfrerick said. "As odd as it sounds, we want them to make mistakes because you learn from mistakes. And they have certainly made mistakes along the way, but there's nothing like making those mistakes and

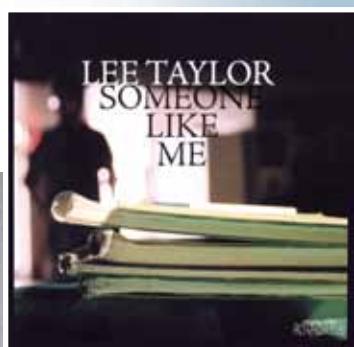
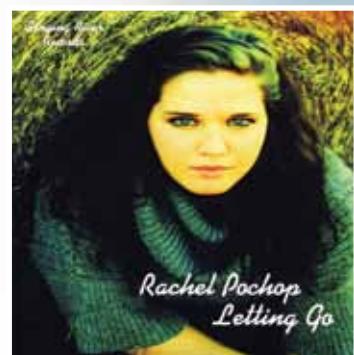
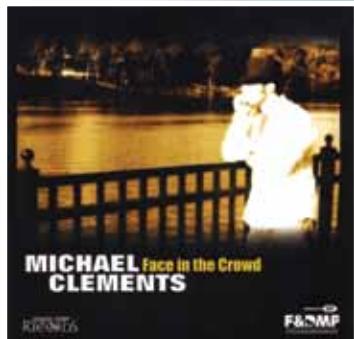
someone having that 'Ah-Ha! Moment' and really learning."

Singing River Records provides students an opportunity to work on a record at every stage in the process. Marketing students will work on the advertising and artwork of the record while entertainment industry students focus on the technical process of engineering and producing a record. All the students will then come together to execute a cohesive business plan to market and sell the final product.

UNA senior Thomas Smith, the assistant sound engineer on this year's project and the lead engineer on next year's record, has experienced the practical learning process the record label cultivates.

"The hands-on experience is more valuable than the book experience . . . especially in this industry," Smith said. "You can learn about this stuff all day long in a class room, but until you put the knowledge you have in your head to use, then you don't really understand it."

Both Smith and Garfrerick believe that learning to work on deadline is one



Janna L. Malone,  
Instructor, Commercial Music,  
Entertainment Industry and  
Dr. Bob Garfrerick,  
Chair of the Entertainment  
Industry Department

of those invaluable skills the students working on the label are forced to pick up.

"You learn a lot about problems and problem solving. Not everything works the way you plan it out in your initial meetings, and honestly, that's how it is in real life," Smith said. "People want things done at this deadline, and sometimes that deadline is not always possible, but trying to figure out how to reach it is where you learn."

Garfrerick said there is nothing like going through the panic of "we have a release date and we don't have a project yet" to convince a student of the importance of meeting deadlines.

"We get to experience the deadline stress here, but in the industry you've got to meet the deadlines or you're not going to keep your job," Smith said.

Garfrerick believes the record label puts learning into action and subsequently produces a more confident and more employable student.

Kris Cochran started out writing songs for the label's second artist, Rachel Pochop, and then became a producer at Singing River Records. The confidence in understanding how the industry works is not lost on Cochran.

"This is a good opportunity for people who want to work in the entertainment industry," Cochran said. "It gives you what you need so that you know what you're doing when you go into the real world."

The Singing River Records staff also learns to put away any biases towards certain musical styles while working on the projects.

"Part of becoming a pro is realizing you have those biases and getting past them," Garfrerick said. "The real question becomes, 'Is there a market?'"

Singing River Records produced contemporary Christian artist Lee Taylor the first year, pop artist and UNA student Rachel Pochop the second and bluegrass-inspired Michael Clement this year.

"I'm not a big bluegrass listener, but we had some ideas about Michael [Clement] and we started brainstorming and thought it would be cool to keep some of the bluegrass feel but add a little rock and pop to appeal to more people," Smith said.

Singing River Records will soon join the Intercollegiate Record Label Association (IRLA) that is based out of the University of Miami. IRLA has an agreement with the college sports oriented television channel ESPN U to provide the channel with student-produced music for use in programming.

"Something we're going to work on next year also is trying to get our projects sent off to ESPN U, and once we have all the clearances and contracts, ESPN U will be free to use any of the songs we produce in their programs," Smith said. "This will put our projects out there nationwide."

Garfrerick is also aiming at making Singing River Records a full-service record label for the artists.

"I want us to develop a 360 deal approach to our artists. That means getting into actually booking the artist and doing the whole thing instead of just throwing a CD out there," Garfrerick said.

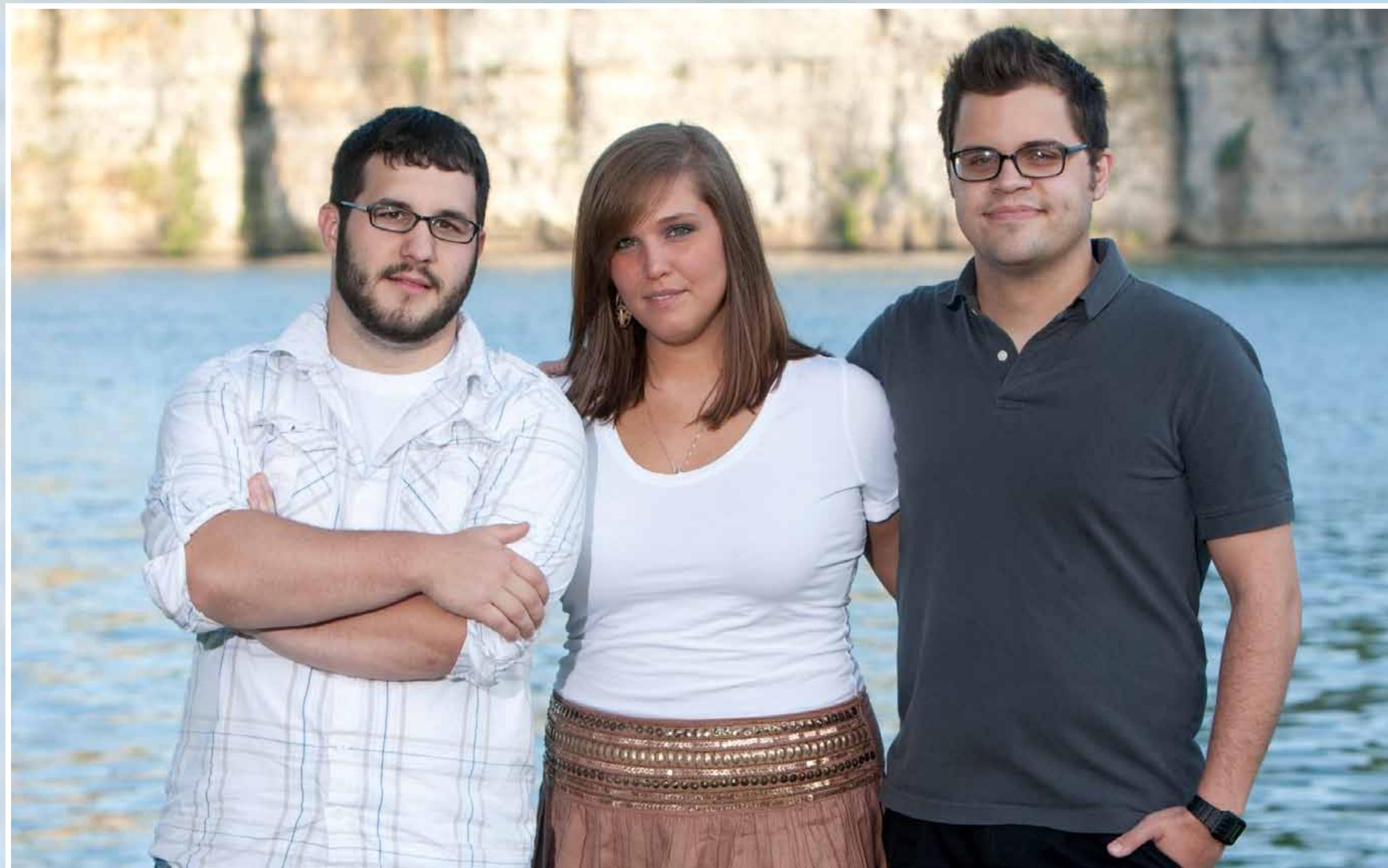
Singing River Records will begin looking for a new artist this summer.

Smith is already practicing his pitch to local musicians: "Hey, we're a record label, and we can produce an awesome sounding demo for free!"

**singing river**  
**RECORDS**

ARTISTS

Michael Clement, Rachel Pochop and Lee Taylor ('10)



The University of  
NORTH ALABAMA  
*has no shortage of experts*  
— and not just the academic types. Want to talk sports cars? We have a collector. Or maybe you're planning a trip to any one of our national parks. Dr. Coates has seen them all and can give you travel tips for each. At UNA, we have an expert on pretty much any topic you can name, academic or not. Recently, we asked a few of them for a favorites list. Here's what they shared ...

**Dr. Will Verrone**, assistant professor of English, is one of several UNA film scholars. When he recently ranked his top 10 musicals, he said he wasn't giving us a "best of" list, but "musicals worth your time."

## Dr. Will Verrone's Top 10 Musical Films (in Chronological Order)

10. "8 Women" (2002) – Some of the greatest French actresses singing while solving a murder.
9. "The Happiness of the Katakuris" (2001) – Wonderfully weird Japanese musical.
8. "Dancer in the Dark" (2000) – Intense, somewhat experimental music.
7. "Cannibal! The Musical" (1996) – Funny parody / homage with surprisingly catchy tunes.
6. "Stop Making Sense" (1984) – Considered the best concert film ever made.
5. "All that Jazz" (1979) – Slightly surreal bio-film of Bob Fosse.
4. "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" (1975) – Cult classic with great, memorable tunes.
3. "Singin' in the Rain" (1952) – Generally considered the best musical ever made.
2. "Top Hat" (1935) – One of the great Astaire/Rogers musicals.



1. "Gold Diggers of 1933" (1933) – Busby Berkeley choreographed extravaganza.

## Dr. Bob Armstrong's Top 10 Sports Cars of All Time

Dr. Bob Armstrong, professor of marketing, is UNA's resident sports car collector. Here are a few of his favorites:

10. Lotus Elise Series 2
9. MGB
8. Porsche Carrera GT
7. Aston Martin DB4
6. Chevrolet Corvette 1955
5. Triumph TR6



4. AC Cobra 427
3. Austin Healey BJ8
2. Ferrari 250 GTO
1. Jaguar E-type Series 1, 1965



## Melody Stewart's Top 10 Ways to Know You're a Parrothead

**Melody Stewart** ('06), director of annual giving, sets the bar quite high for Parrotheads and Parrothead wannabes. If you think you're a real Buffett fan, read on. But if you don't understand at least half of what you're reading, it's time to turn in your shark hat.

10. Your favorite junk food is a cheeseburger – but only if you can have it with a draft beer.

9. Your favorite day is Monday.



8. You know all the lyrics to at least a dozen Buffett songs ("Margaritaville" doesn't count).

7. You have a tin cup for your chalice.

6. You always order Junior Mints at the theater.

5. You know who Chainsaw McGregor was.

4. You sometimes forget that December 25 is also Christmas.

3. You randomly ask people, "Where is Joe Merchant?"

2. You have absolutely no memory of chugging margaritas and dancing in a grass skirt to "Margaritaville," but your friends have the pictures to prove it.

1. You put FNZ2R on your UNA license plate.



**Dr. Bob Garfrerick**, chair of the Department of Entertainment Industry, enjoys the Shoals entertainment scene. But, being the entertaining buff he is, he has a few dreams for how it could be even better.

## Dr. Bob Garfrerick's Top 10 Dreams and Ideas for Entertainment in the Shoals

10. To see one of my students win a Grammy.
9. A great Indian restaurant.
8. A Whole Foods Market.
7. A listening room for songwriters, on the order of Nashville's Bluebird Café, where patrons stay quiet and listen.



6. An entertainment district in Florence, on the order of Memphis's Beale Street or Austin's 6th Street.

5. To see our student label, Singing River Records, get an artist signed to a major or large indie label.

4. An after-work neighborhood pub, a gathering place and watering hole for musicians, artists, intellectuals and (like-minded, of-age) students.



3. A 300-500 seat venue for my students to run as a business for entertainment events.

2. An amphitheatre and / or a 7,000-10,000 seat small arena in Veterans Park for an entertainment venue.

1. A home (facility) for the Department of Entertainment Industry.





Bobby Champagne, head coach for men's basketball, is always encouraging Lion fans to buy their season tickets. Here are his top 10 reasons why:

#### Coach Champ's

### Top 10 Reasons to Purchase UNA Athletic Season Tickets

10. To impress family, friends and business associates.
9. Cheap entertainment.
8. To be a part of the next national championship.



7. For the free dessert and drink coupons.
6. To pretend you're still a crazy college student.
5. Chair-back seating – no more bleacher butt.

4. To learn the latest trends in head coach fashion. (Where else can you wear purple and gold, stilettos, white dinner jacket, a sweater vest or a pink tie?)



3. Bubbly athletic ticket office personnel.
2. Terry Bowden.
1. To become a true "athletic supporter."



9. When your phone rings after 11 p.m., you know it is not the Publisher's Clearing House telling you that you won a million dollars.



8. You find yourself walking down Pine Street in high heels for the Walk a Mile in Her Shoes Domestic Violence program.

7. Students, colleagues and your boss save up their money to throw baseballs at you in a dunking booth.

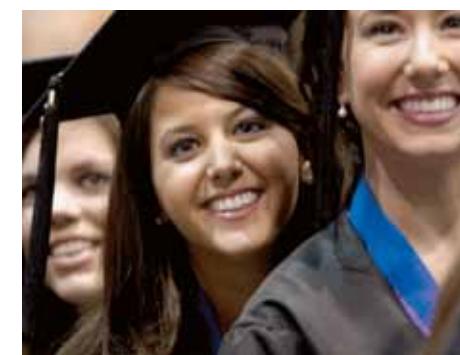


### David Shields's Top 10 Ways to Know You're a Vice President for Student Affairs

10. You are the Parking Czar for the university, yet you have no wisdom or power to make parking work for everyone.

6. Students make suggestions all year long as to what you should be for Halloween.

5. Your cell phone rings so much that, if you turn it on vibrate, it can be used as a muscle massager.
4. You create "Mr. Johns" meetings on your schedule so you can get a bathroom break.
3. You get to hear excuses like, "I just tasted the beer and never swallowed it."



2. You get to watch young students grow into accomplished and talented leaders as they graduate and start their careers.

1. You have the opportunity to work at a job that is more rewarding and fulfilling than you could ever imagine.

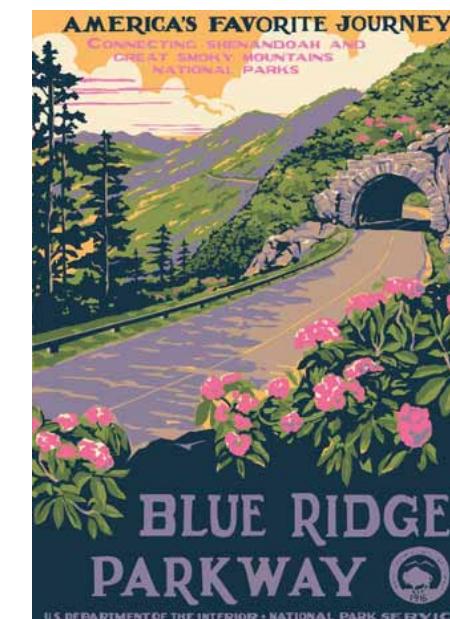


Dr. Tom Coates, chair of the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, has traveled the nation to work, camp, explore and just plain enjoy our great National Park areas. Here are a few of his favorites.

(NOTE: When Dr. Coates gave us his top 10 National Park Service Units, he included extensive travel tips as good as any travel guide. For a copy of his National Park travel tips, e-mail him at [tecoates@una.edu](mailto:tecoates@una.edu).)

### Dr. Tom Coates's Top 10 National Park Service Units

10. Blue Ridge Parkway



9. Rocky Mountain National Park
8. Little Bighorn Battlefield



7. Glacier National Park

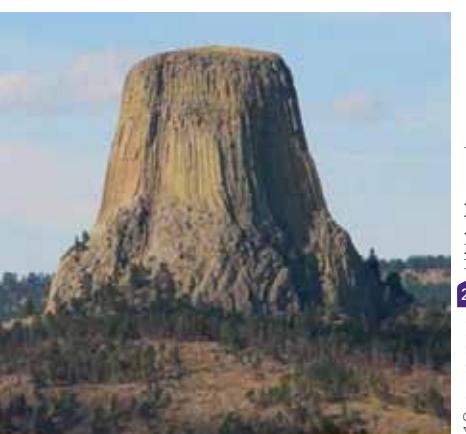
6. Badlands National Park

5. Great Smoky Mountains National Park

4. Wind Cave National Park

3. Grand Teton National Park

2. Devils Tower National Monument



1. Yellowstone National Park





## UNA SPORTSMAN'S CLUB

# CELEBRITY GOLF CLASSIC

MAY 3, 2010



# TEEING OFF WITH THE LEGENDS

More than 100 golfers teed off with Bobby Bowden, Wimp Sanderson, Ron McKinnon and about 30 other celebrities May 3 at the UNA Sportsman's Club Celebrity Golf Classic. The event, held at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail at The Shoals, was to benefit athletic scholarships through the UNA Sportsman's Club.



**DON'T MISS OUT NEXT YEAR**

# The 2011 UNA Sportsman's Club Celebrity Golf Classic is scheduled for May 2.

# BALCH ENJOYING SUCCESS IN A DIFFERENT ARENA

As the final seconds ticked off the clock on the Huntsville Havocs' 2010 victory over the Mississippi Surge to claim the Southern Professional Hockey League President's Cup, it was more than the climactic moment of a banner season for UNA alumni **Ashley Balch ('97)**. It was a moment six years in the making.

Balch, a graduate with a B.S. degree in Journalism and Public Relations, is the Vice President for Business Operations for the Havoc and is a pivotal part of a management team that has helped build the Huntsville franchise from the ground up.

Ashley joined the eventual Havoc franchise in 2004 before the team even had a name, and has worked tirelessly for the last six years with team owner Keith



UNA Alumni Ashley Balch with the Southern Professional Hockey League President's Cup. Ashley is Vice President for Business Operations for the Huntsville Havoc

Jeffries and team President Kevin Walker to achieve the championship moment the team experienced in April.

"The three of us have run this thing for six years," Ashley said. "We are really lucky to have a good owner who cares about us and the team. He is a hands-on owner who handles the hockey operations side of things, but he has put a lot of faith in Kevin and me to run the business side. As the final seconds ran down on the clock, my first feeling was relief in that we had accomplished what we had been working for so long. Then as I had the chance to sit back a little and soak it all in, I just felt a real excitement for our players and organization."

Being around championship teams and big events is nothing new for Ashley. A Hartselle, Ala., native, he came to UNA in 1993 where, in addition to his studies, he took a position as a student worker in the UNA Office of Sports Information. In that position he assisted on publications, game operations, kept statistics, wrote

news releases and worked in every capacity imaginable with UNA's 12 intercollegiate athletic teams – including the Lions' three consecutive NCAA Division II National Championship football teams. During his time at UNA he also had the opportunity to work at the Centennial Olympic Games in Atlanta as the Media Tribune Coordinator for volleyball at the Omni. In that position he coordinated press seating and operations for up to 3,000 media members on any given day. Following his graduation from UNA, Ashley worked two years as the sports information director at Alabama A&M University before taking a position as director of media relations for the Tennessee Valley Vipers of the Arena Football League. It was after four years with the Vipers that the offer to join the Havoc came his way.

"I have had the chance to be around championships at UNA and with the Vipers but I think this one with the Havoc has meant more to me personally because I have been actively a part of building it, and have invested so much in it over the last six years," said Ashley. "To be a part of this celebration is pretty special. To have the chance to get to know the guys the way you do, the great folks you work with every day, and the community that has come out and supported us, it's just been awesome."

With the Havoc, Ashley directs media relations, coordinates game promotions and team merchandise, and oversees the team's website and interns. His efforts have helped the Havoc lead the league several years in attendance where they have averaged over 4,000 fans per game over a 28-game home season.

Ashley said the experience he gained as student worker at UNA and the connections he made there helped prepare him for the media relations side of things. "Having a chance to have real responsibility in my job at UNA and working with a wide range of sports over several years helped me learn so much more than I ever could have just in the classroom. It also helped open a lot of doors since I had the chance to meet and work with a lot of other folks in athletic media relations."

Ashley said the promotions side of minor league professional sports was a new experience for him, however.

"In minor league sports you can't just put on a game," Ashley said. "You have to have promotions to help get the fans in the door, then you have to have promotions to keep them there throughout the game.

People want to be entertained and they want to be entertained the whole time they are there."



"This is a business and if you don't sell sponsorships, and sell ads, and sell game tickets, you don't have a team," he said. "You have to do a lot of creative things."

Ashley says one of the first hockey games he ever attended was the Havoc's franchise opener in 2004.

"Joining the Havoc was by far the best decision I've made," Ashley said. "It was working with a sport that I wasn't that familiar with but besides learning some new terminology and things like that, everything else is the same. I have the chance to work with good people and be a part of a great organization."

Ashley said one of the most satisfying moments came after the championship was won when the team helped a community-wide celebration event.

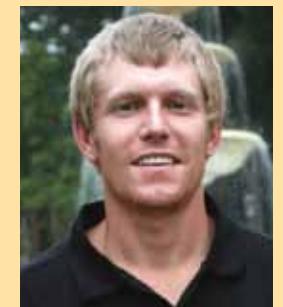
"At the team celebration, a lot of fans and players came up and thanked us for our work and to have them acknowledge us in the front office meant a lot," he said.

Ashley and his wife Amy have been married eleven years and have a son (Bryce) and daughter (Eliza Claire).

# UNA Golf Team MAKING HISTORY, Again

the 39-year history of the GSC Tournament.

First-year UNA golf coach **Stuart Clark ('99)** made history of his own when he was named Gulf South Conference Coach of the Year. Clark won the 1996 GSC individual title as a member of the UNA golf team and he becomes the only student-athlete in GSC golf history to win the individual crown as a player and then return to claim Coach of the Year honors.



**BRETT MUNSON**  
Senior  
Louisville, Kentucky

As a team, UNA's 855 total at this year's tournament was the second lowest 54-hole total in the history of the GSC Tournament, second only to Nicholls State's 850 in 1979.

UNA senior Brett Munson of Louisville, Ky., took medalist honors with a 12-under-par, 204 total after firing rounds of 69, 67 and 68. His 54-hole total was the lowest individual score in

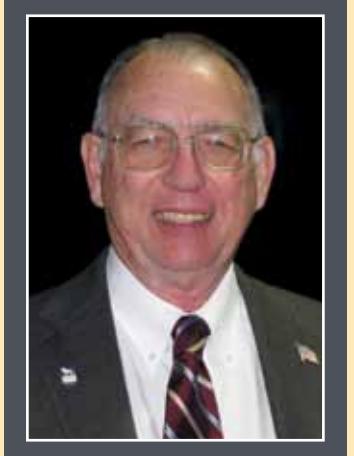
Front row: Jake Greer, Jace Windom, Nico Irrgang, Andrew Freeman, Alex Hirai, Tyler Ekenberg, and Stuart Clark

Back row: J.P. Taylor, Ricky Stimets, Ty Chandler, Brett Munson, Graham Byrom, Wes Coleman, Nick Sparks, and Spencer Pace



# message from the Alumni President

I am very much honored and look forward to serving as the president of UNA's Alumni Association for the year 2009-2010. It is a very exciting time for the university. We have a record student enrollment (over 7,000), our football team/coach gained national attention in the Division II playoffs, and our women's soccer team reached the finals. We, as alumni, take pride in the accomplishments of this wonderful university and its students.



John Battcher ('65)

The alumni office staff has been particularly busy this year, travelling many miles in contacting alumni, organizing new chapters, and participating in existing chapter activities. They have visited chapters in Texas, Mississippi, Georgia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Florida, the Carolinas, and Alabama. They are taking UNA "on the road" to keep distant alumni connected to the university family. Alumni have enjoyed outings at baseball games, cultural activities, TV game watch parties, and tailgating at in- and out-of-town football games. These chapter organizations have produced a partnership and direct line of communication with the alumni office on campus. We want to continue that important partnership. Dr. Alan Medders, Office of Advancement, and Carol Lyles, Office of Alumni Relations, are readily available to answer any questions you might have and offer assistance to alumni. Give them a call or stop by for a visit in beautiful, fully restored Rogers Hall, our home on campus.

The alumni office has worked hard at establishing chapters throughout the Southeast. We are now 28 chapters strong and growing. Many of the chapters (Huntsville, Montgomery, Athens, and Birmingham) are already raising funds for scholarships—a way of giving back by providing an opportunity for a talented high school student to attend our university.

Now is a great time for all of us to become more involved in supporting the university that has given us so much. It's our turn to give back. We can do this by becoming a card-carrying Alumni Pride Member, purchasing a UNA license plate (\$47.50 goes to scholarships); joining the UNA OnLion social community to keep abreast of what the university is doing; and joining a local alumni chapter—getting involved, and, most importantly, giving back financially! Your contributions in any amount are vital in supporting the association's scholarships to deserving students. Take pride in being alumni of the University of North Alabama and give back.

There are many changes coming in the months ahead, so read all the mailings from the alumni office, the *UNA Magazine*, and information posted on our website. Stay in touch with the university and give back!

**John Battcher ('65)**  
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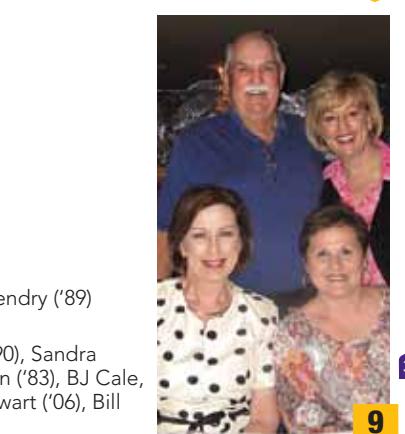
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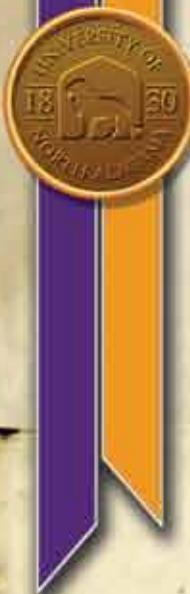
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# A VISION FOR THE FUTURE

## DOCTORS IN THE HOUSE



With the campus-wide vision of a new science, engineering, and allied health complex on the horizon we are sharing with you a snapshot of physicians who have graduated from the University of North Alabama departments of Chemistry, Biology and/or Pre Health Professional curricula. Through the decades UNA undergraduate health professionals have matriculated to top medical universities and become award-winning, internationally recognized professionals.

### Kellee Reed Shea, D.O. ('98)

Dr. Kellee Reed Shea is currently the assistant CIO and staff ED physician of Florida Emergency Physicians in Orlando, Florida. Kellee, a UNA Student Government Association President in 1997 and a member of Beta Beta Beta Biology Honor Society, received a Bachelor of Science in Professional Biology from UNA and a Doctorate of Osteopathic Medicine in 2002 at Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine in Kentucky. Her internship and residency were both completed in New York.

Kellee is married to Jimmy Shea, 2002 Olympic Gold Medalist, they have a daughter, Taylor.

*"One of the best parts of my job is to teach medical students and residents. The sparkle in their eyes when they begin to understand how the body controls blood pressure or even how to treat a snake bite is part of the satisfaction. The memories I have from my time at UNA—everything from Dr. Roush's Butcher Paper Test to Dr. Richardson's trip for Aquatic Ecology to Dauphine Island—I carry with me every day. I am excited that UNA has a new Science Building in its future, for it is so important to provide a place to educate the scientists of tomorrow that matches the quality of education being delivered. In the words of Galileo, 'You cannot teach a man anything, you can only help him find it within himself.' The new Science Building, with its state-of-the-art facilities, will do just that."*



### E. Lee Taylor, Jr., M.D. ('63)

Dr. Lee Taylor, a native of Florence, Ala., served four years in the Air Force, then entered Florence State College and graduated with a double major in biology and chemistry. He received his M.D. in 1967 from the University of Alabama College of Medicine. He was certified by the American Board of Family Medicine from 1973-2008.

Taylor practiced private family medicine in rural northeast Alabama and in Richmond, Va., for seven years, served as Chairman of the Pensacola Navy Hospital Family Medicine training program and later served as Director of Navy Medical Education training programs at the Naval Health Sciences Training Command in Bethesda, Md., and Washington, D.C.

Returning to civilian life as Professor and Chair of the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the University of Alabama School of Medicine, Birmingham (UAB)



from 1983 – 1990, Taylor served as regional Dean and Professor of Family Medicine at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in Amarillo, Texas. Dr. Taylor was the Chairman and Professor of Family Medicine at the University of South Alabama Medical School until 2005 when he retired from active practice and teaching. He remains active as a consultant for a local hospital and is adjunct professor at USA. He was recently appointed by the governor to the Alabama Family Practice Rural Health Board.

*Dr. Taylor credits the personal attention and caring by excellent faculty in all educational areas at UNA for the strong foundation which they provided. He said, "It was this foundation that made postgraduate education and professional careers of each of us possible. Several members of our class were accepted to medical and dental schools and all performed in an excellent manner. With adequate support from alumni and friends for more science classroom facilities and laboratories, UNA has unlimited potential to provide an outstanding science education for students desiring a career in medicine, dentistry and the many scientific areas so badly needed for our global competitive technical environment and for our great state and local communities."*

### Drs. Ry and Daisy Griffin ('04)

A lifelong resident of Florence, Ry Griffin attended UNA from 2000-2004 graduating magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in professional biology and a minor in chemistry. While at UNA he was involved in numerous honor societies and the Student Government Association where he served as a senator and was instrumental in the initiation of a town-gown effort between the university and the City of Florence. He attended the University of Alabama School of Dentistry, earning a D.M.D. in 2008. As a dentist, Ry is a member of the American Dental Association, Alabama Dental Association, and the Tri-County Dental Association, where he currently serves as President.

Originally from Vinemont, Ala., Daisy Gingrich attended UNA from 2000-2004 graduating magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in professional biology and a minor in chemistry. While there, she was a three-year member of the LaGrange Society in addition to several honor societies. Upon graduation she attended the McWhorter School of Pharmacy at Samford University earning a doctorate of pharmacy in 2008. She is currently employed as a clinical pharmacist at ECM Hospital.

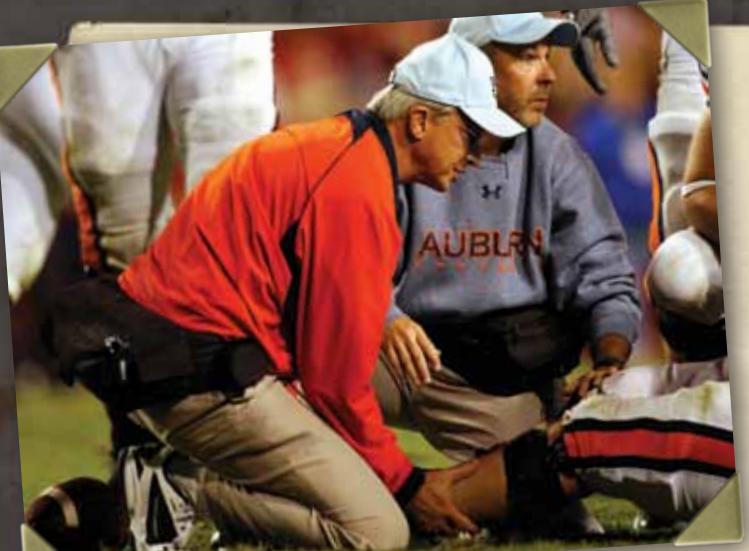
Ry and Daisy were married in March, 2008 and enjoy being back in Florence, serving the university and community that has given them so much.

The Griffins catch up with one of their favorite biology professors, Dr. Donald Roush.



*"Floyd Hall is special to us. We owe our life together, in great part, to this building and its wonderful professors. We met and became close friends during a physics class in the fall of our junior year. Though we shared in many more courses and activities during our time at UNA, science was the link that brought us together."*

*"We could not have received a stronger foundation for our professional training than we did at UNA. Our professors inspired us to learn beyond what was expected and set a standard of excellence that ensured our future successes. To continue this standard however, universities must remain current in curriculum and especially in technology. A new science facility would allow faculty and students to reap the benefits of the latest technology and equipment in their research and studies. In turn this would allow UNA to recruit more students to the pre-professional program. This area is in dire need of younger health care professionals. It is our hope that by having a state of the art facility in place the university can recruit more students who will return to this area just as Daisy and I did and serve the university and community that have given so much to its students."*



### Michael D. Goodlett, M.D., F.A.A.F.P. ('79)

Auburn Sports Medicine team physician Dr. Michael Goodlett was named the 2008 Southeastern Conference Team Physician of the Year by the league at the SEC Sports Medicine Meeting.

For the past 18 years Goodlett has served as the Head Team Physician for all Auburn student-athletes, overseeing all of their daily sports medicine/primary care needs. Goodlett also serves as an affiliate professor in the Department of Kinesiology. He also sits on the Institutional Review Board for the use of Human Subjects in Research. A native of Moulton, Ala., Goodlett graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry. He earned his medical degree from the University of South Alabama College of Medicine in Mobile.

He completed his family medicine residency training at the University of Alabama-Birmingham/Baptist Memorial Hospital. He is a certified Team Physician-American College of Sports Medicine and a charter member of the American Medical Society of Sports Medicine.

*"My educational experience at UNA taught me to be a critical thinker with superior problem solving skills. These traits have served me well during my medical career. The Chemistry and Biology Departments were both challenging and nurturing. Dr. Raymond Isbell was a wonderful mentor and inspiration."*

### Dr. Lee Morris ('95)

Dr. Lee Morris grew up in Florence, Ala., and attended Bradshaw High School. While at UNA, Dr. Morris received his Bachelor of Science in Biology and was a member of the 1993 and 1994 National Championship football teams. Morris attended the University of Alabama at Birmingham, where he received his Doctorate of Dental Medicine. After practicing general dentistry for four years, Morris decided to continue his education by pursuing a certificate in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. He completed a six-year residency in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the University of Missouri - Kansas City during which he received his Doctorate of Medicine. Morris moved back to serve the people of the Tennessee Valley in his practice of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.

During his training, Dr. Morris had the opportunity and privilege of treating advanced surgical cases, which have included facial trauma, craniofacial deformities, and maxillofacial pathology. He spent a considerable amount of time training in anesthesia, trauma surgery, surgical intensive care, cosmetic surgery, orthognathic surgery, TMJ treatment and surgery, dentoalveolar surgery, advanced bone grafting, and dental implants.

Dr. Morris is married to the former **Allison Sneed ('95)** of Florence. They have three children: Daniel, Landon, and McKinley, and are expecting a new baby in July.

*When asked about his undergraduate experience at UNA, Dr. Morris said that the strong academic foundation that he gained at UNA prepared him for success in his post-graduate studies. "The Biology and Chemistry Departments at UNA did an outstanding job of teaching their students and preparing us for our continued studies and career endeavors. Their dedication to teaching as well as their sincere interest in students prepared us to be competitive with our peers from larger universities. I am excited about the prospect of a new science facility and the opportunities it will provide for UNA students to receive the best instruction possible."*



### Kriston Kent, M.D., F.A.C.S. ('80)

Kriston Jack Kent, M.D., F.A.C.S., is currently the Medical Director and Owner of Naples Facial Plastic Surgery in Florida. He graduated in 1980 in Professional Biology from the University of North Alabama and earned his Doctorate in 1984 from the University of Alabama in Birmingham. Kent completed his residency and internship at Shands Hospital at the University of Florida in Gainesville, FL.

Kent is board certified in Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery and in Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery. He is Fellowship Trained in Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery and a clinical associate at the University of Florida College of Medicine.

He was appointed by Governor Jeb Bush in 2001 to the State of Florida Board of Medicine and is currently an officer and member of the Board of Directors of the American Board of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery.

Kriston is the son of former UNA Professors **Jack ('58)** and **Gayle Kent ('60)**. He is married to **Charlotte Kent ('81)** and is the father to Kristi, Allen and Aimee.

*"Growing up in a small town in rural Alabama, and attending a 'small state University' (UNA), I was concerned about being able to 'keep up' with my new classmates at the University of Alabama School of Medicine in Birmingham. After all, many of them had graduated from very prestigious institutions like Duke, Vanderbilt, Emory, and several Ivy League schools. However, after one semester in medical school, I quickly learned that the challenges I received in anatomy and physiology by Dr. Paul Yokley had given me excellent preparation for medical school. I was #1 in my class, well ahead of my classmates from the 'elite schools.'*

*"As med school continued, so did the confirmation of superb preparation by my undergraduate years at UNA. I finished the academic portion of med school #1 in my class and went on to serve as president of Alpha Omega Alpha, the honor society of medical students. Not bad for a country boy from North Alabama who attended a 'small state university' in Florence.*

*"With small classes, and immediate access to my professors, UNA provided me with the very best preparation for a career in medicine as a surgical specialist."*

### University of North Alabama Mission Statement

*... engaging in teaching, research and service to provide educational opportunities for students, an environment for discovery and creative accomplishment, and a variety of outreach activities meeting the needs of our region in the context of a global community*

*... From the UNA Strategic Plan 2007-2012*

As undergraduates in the pre-health curriculum, the University has made great strides in helping University of North Alabama students gain admission to medical schools

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## From the CLASS ROOM to the COURT ROOM



*Marcus Maples can credit his success as a lawyer to a start-up mock trial program at the University of North Alabama. While Marcus always knew he wanted to practice law, it was not until a mentor offered a straightforward approach of requirements and goals that he realized his dream of being a lawyer was a very attainable one.*

*Because Marcus' experience in the mock trial program was so instrumental in paving the way to law school and a successful legal career, he has established "Students Today, Lawyers Tomorrow," a mock trial program at Miles College to provide opportunities for African American students to engage in legal educations and careers.*

**Marcus Maples ('02)** knew he would be a lawyer at the age of four. How did he know? Because his granddad said so! "That boy is gonna make a lawyer," his grandfather often proclaimed. After only four years experience on Earth, Marcus was unclear as to what a lawyer does or even what one was! Nevertheless, "I'm going to be a lawyer" was always the answer to "What do you want to be when you grow up?" Apart from a brief period in the third grade when he aspired to author epic sagas that were loosely based on real events in his third grade reality, Marcus never swayed from his decision to become a lawyer.

When Marcus was an undergraduate at the University of North Alabama his dream of going to law school and becoming an attorney was finally made attainable when new professor Dr. Timothy Collins arrived on campus and began a mock trial program. The program brought with it a simple message:

**"This is what you need to do if you want to go to law school."** Through his involvement with the program, Marcus was given valuable networking opportunities including an internship with a local law firm. His experiences taught him how lawyers operate and every step of litigating cases. Having the mock trial program mantra as his guide, Marcus had a virtual checklist to ensure he completed each step of the program to the best of his ability.

Needless to say, UNA's mock trial program proved an invaluable resource to Marcus in his journey through college, law school and into his professional career. It comes as no surprise that Marcus now harbors a deep passion for the young students of Miles College in guiding them to pursue their dreams of becoming lawyers.

In comparison to the African American population in

the city of Birmingham and in all major cities, the number of African American attorneys is quite disproportionate. Marcus felt compelled to start the program at Miles College because it is an historically black school and his efforts and enthusiasm would surely impact the black community, specifically in such a setting. Thanks to enthusiastic faculty members, the road to implementation of "Students Today, Lawyers Tomorrow" at Miles College was a smooth one. During an initial lunch meeting with a Miles faculty member, it became very clear that Marcus' vision and Miles' mission statement were in perfect alignment. After a successful meeting with a small group of potential student charter members, Marcus received approval to launch "Students Today, Lawyers Tomorrow" and the rest is mock trial history!

At Sirote, Marcus' practice consists of general business and commercial litigation matters. Specifically, he represents life, health, disability and long term care insurance companies in bad faith and ERISA-related issues, in addition to representing a variety of lenders in mortgage banking related matters.

When Marcus is not at Sirote or preparing his team for a competition, he spends a lot of his free time with his brand new wife, Kwoya. Kwoya and Marcus were married in August of this year after meeting and falling in love when they were both students at the University of Alabama. Some may be surprised to know that Marcus is not afraid to don his ten gallon hat in his hometown of Lester, Ala., and take to the trails on horseback. He is an hour and a half from desk chair to saddle—if someone saddles his horse for him!

*Excerpt from Sirote and Permutt, PC  
The Counselor by Amy Capps*

## The MOCK TRIALS PROGRAM at UNA

In the years since Marcus Maples' time at UNA, the Mock Trials Program has continued to be an integral part of the UNA experience for pre-law students.

Just this past year, students brought home a case full of awards, including Best Attorney at the Mid-South Invitational Tournament, several Best Witness awards and Best Upcoming Program at the national invitational tournament in Iowa.

"We compete with the best students from the best colleges," said Dr. Tim Collins, UNA's pre-law advisor, Mock Trials program coordinator and faculty sponsor. "We have been competitive and finished in the top 10 in the nation in two of the last nine years."

The UNA Mock Trials team competes regularly with national programs from Ivy League schools like Columbia, Yale and Cornell to flagship universities like UCLA, George Washington University, Virginia, Duke, Furman, Rhodes and others. The American Mock Trial Association boasts more than 400 teams from every state.

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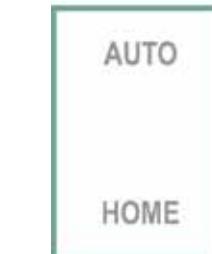
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UNA's Phi Upsilon Chapter of Phi Gamma Delta  
Celebrating 35 Years of the famous  
**PIG DINNER!**



Dale's Steakhouse knows they're coming. Old friends, sweethearts and "little sisters" know they're coming. The undergraduates know they're coming. Most importantly, though, the alumni of the UNA chapter of Phi Gamma Delta (Fiji) know that on the third Saturday in March they will be returning to 523 Oakview Circle to celebrate lifelong friendships, brotherhood, achievements, and look back at what all consider to be the most memorable times of their lives.

For the past 35 years the brothers and pledges of Phi Gamma Delta have been returning to Florence for what is widely considered one of the most well attended and lively celebrations in the entire international organization. While the majority of the attendees are graduates of UNA, there are a few guests from other chapters who attend as well. Along with the UNA students and alumni there are brothers from Sewanee, Alabama, Memphis, and Auburn who helped fill the conference room to capacity. Close to 175 young and not-so-young gentlemen regaled each other with stories of old times in Florence and at UNA at this year's event held March 19-21st. Tales of pranks, intramural victories, Step Sings, homecomings, and of course, Fiji Island parties, were the norm. Newly initiated brothers mingled with "fifty-somethings." Business cards were exchanged and reconnections were made by those who had not been back for several years.

Pig Dinner (known internationally as "The Frank Norris Pig Dinner") began on the campus of University of California Berkley in 1904. It is a long and storied tale, one that (as most would imagine) began with a prank. It is celebrated by every chapter across the nation (and Canada), but the date is determined by each chapter. It is considered a celebratory return by the alumni, and UNA's dinner is one that is well documented as being one

of the best! Invitations are sent, facebook messages are posted, and calls to old college buddies begin well before March. Several activities are usually planned each year during the three-day long event such as golf tournaments, grad versus undergrad softball, bowling, and paintball, but the primary activity involves gathering at the fraternity house and catching up.

Most non-Fijis ask, "Do you really have a pig for dinner?" While a steak dinner on Saturday night is prepared by Dale's, there is a ceremonious and lively procession known to Fijis as "Bringin' in the Pig." The fully cooked and very large pig chosen by the undergraduates is supplied and roasted by graduate brother **Tommy Sledge ('81)**, owner of Chief's BBQ in north Lauderdale County. It is the honor of the oldest in attendance (the oldest for several years running was the late Dr. Howard Johnson who was still attending dinners into his 80s) who gets to kiss the snout. Before the meal, the emcee or special guest proceeds with "An Exile's Toast" in celebration and memory of those who are not in attendance. This year's toast was given by former UNA

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faculty and Fiji alum Jimmy Jones. The toast is given in German and has only been done by two people at Phi Upsilon. Graduate brother **Stan Barnett ('80)** is the other. It is, to say the least, a very challenging task. There is even an event for the girlfriends, wives, and sweetheart court called the "Mary McCarty Dinner." The formal dinner is in honor of the wife of one of Phi Gamma Delta's founding fathers, John Templeton McCarty.

After the dinner, the attendees make their way back to the fraternity house for an evening of socializing and fun. The music played by the band is usually a

mixture of sounds from all generations. This year's entertainment was provided by graduate brothers **Jay Whealton ('97)**, Daniel Smith, and David Sapp whose band "Subharmonic" traveled from Lakeland, Fla., and wowed those in attendance with their smooth riffs and professional sound. They were even joined by fellow Fiji and major recording artist Jason Isbell (Jason Isbell and 400 Unit) for a set. After going well into the evening, the good times didn't stop there. Many gathered one last time on Sunday afternoon for the fairly unceremonious partaking of the pig. After a few sandwiches and with full bellies, those who were traveling home were sent away with well wishes, high fives, a few hugs, and the promise that we will "see you next year!" One of Phi Gamma Delta's slogans is stated "Not for college days alone!" We all feel honored as members of one of the greatest fraternities in America and you will recognize us by the rings we wear.

We have all graduated from the University of North Alabama or other universities and have become gentlemen who are successful members of society. Much to our delight, however, we will never graduate from Phi Gamma Delta! We will be linked in brotherhood forever!

Side note: If you have lost contact with your fraternity brothers, UNA, and the Phi Upsilon Chapter, go to the international website ([www.phigam.org](http://www.phigam.org)) and be sure your information has been updated, or contact the "The Brothers of Phi Upsilon Chapter of Phi Gamma Delta" on Facebook. UNA and fraternity event postings are published regularly. Fiji and UNA would love to hear from you! Next year's dinner is March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011!

By Stuart E. Ausborn ('98)  
Purple Legionnaire/UNA Alumni Board  
UNA and Phi Upsilon Chapter of  
Phi Gamma Delta

## LESSONS LEARNED FROM HEALTHSOUTH

THE CONSEQUENCES OF ETHICAL MALFEASANCE

Speaker: Weston Smith, former CFO of HealthSouth



Lorraine Glasscock, Weston Smith, and Gregory Carnes

"Weston made serious mistakes in his professional life which resulted in significant consequences to himself and to the employees and shareholders of HealthSouth. There is no doubt that others have made similar mistakes for which there have been no external consequences because the crimes remain hidden. Some may feel that those whose past has not caught up with them yet have 'won the game,' because they have benefitted from their crimes with no consequences. However, Weston communicated clearly and powerfully to our students and faculty that those folks are the losers, because they are still dealing with the internal consequences of living a lie. Weston impressed on our students that they should never commit ethical missteps as he did.

It's not always easy to do the right thing, but one UNA alumnus made a tough choice to correct an injustice. He paid a steep price, and now he's on a mission to help others stay on the ethical path.

UNA Accounting Scholars student group and Alpha Chi recently sponsored a presentation by **Weston Smith ('82)**, UNA accounting alum. Smith described his role in the rise and fall of HealthSouth, and more specifically, explained what was going through his mind as the whistle blower behind the company's \$2.7 billion accounting fraud. He also pointed out the red flags of ethical malfeasance, and advised attendees about what their reaction should be when faced with breakdowns in integrity.

Smith knows what he's talking about: for his part in the HealthSouth debacle, he paid deeply, losing everything and spending 14 months in Maxwell Federal Prison Camp.

Weston Smith spent five years on the audit staff of Ernst & Young before being recruited by HealthSouth Corporation in 1987. During his tenure at HealthSouth, the company grew from 13 locations to over 2,000, located in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, Canada, the UK, and Saudi Arabia. Smith eventually rose to the rank of Chief Financial Officer in 2001. While at Ernst & Young, he earned a Certified Public Accounting license.

Smith, who has been a featured guest on Fox Business with Neil Cavuto, once had everything, but lost it all because of bad decisions made in an environment of greed, pressure, and corruption. His story is relevant because, unfortunately, bad decisions are made by people from all walks of life.

Weston said "While I fully realize the sensitive nature of this issue, I hope that people will hear my story and perhaps either know what to look for in possible workplace financial deceit, or think twice about their own decision making processes with regards to such."

### QUOTES FROM STUDENTS

"Weston Smith's presentation allowed me to see firsthand the importance of business ethics, an aspect that I could not gain from my textbooks alone. The right decision is not always the easiest decision to make, especially when one's job is on the line. Weston Smith's choices have had a lasting impact on his life, his family, and ultimately his career. Consequently, Mr. Smith's presentation had a lasting impact on my life, and his testimony will remain with me throughout my career."

Katherine Posey, junior accounting major and member of Accounting Scholars

"I learned that being ethical tends to be the road less taken. Not being ethical causes you to question yourself consistently. No amount of fraudulent earned money makes you feel better about not being ethical."

Roswell Richardson, senior accounting major and member of Accounting Scholars

"Weston Smith is a very brave and encouraging man. He came and expressed his guilt to the students and faculty at UNA but not for pity . . . but to allow others to learn from his experiences and to make them have a better and brighter future. I thought that his presentation was remarkable."

Crystal Lash, accounting major and member of Accounting Scholars

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# CLASS NOTES

## 1950s

**Jim Hurst ('55)**, president of Gobble-Fite Lumber Company in Decatur, was named honorary member of the Delta Mu Delta international honor society in business administration at a ceremony on campus. Hurst grew up in Lawrence County. He served in the Military Police Corps in the U.S. Army from September 1955 to September 1957, and was honorably discharged with a rank of 1st Lieutenant. He then worked for the State of Alabama Banking Department as a bank examiner until 1960. Jim was hired by Gobble-Fite Lumber Company as head bookkeeper in 1960. Since then, he has also served as corporate secretary and treasurer and, since 2002, as president. Hurst was one of the 12 founding directors of First American Bank in Decatur. He served on the bank's board of directors and also as chairman of the bank's Audit Committee for more than 20 years.

## 1970s

**Charles Inman ('71)** is the new interim pastor for First Baptist Church in Monahans, Texas, where he served four years as pastor 30 years ago. He spends time both in Texas and in Florence. Charles is the vice president of the UNA Alumni Association. His wife Kathy is a member of the advancement staff at UNA.

**Jerry Kimbrough ('73)** has been with Warren, Averett, Kimbrough and Marina, LLC, since 1979 and is a long time member of the firm's Executive Committee. Jerry serves clients in the financial, real estate, distribution and manufacturing industries. He is engaged in general business consulting and tax and business planning. He is also a Certified Valuation Analyst and has performed valuations for estate and gift tax purposes and stock ownership plans, as well as serving as an expert witness for the valuation of businesses.

John taught grades K through 14, with two years at a junior college and 22 years in the public schools of Florida. During his "spare" time, he enjoyed volunteer work in the American Legion, where he was Commander of Post 24 in Florida, one of the largest Posts in America. He was also Commandant of Marine Corps

League Detachment 588, and has been a Mason for over 50 years. John was instrumental in raising approximately \$25,000 for the Viet Nam Memorial, and thousands of dollars for nurses' scholarships.

John is married and has three daughters. He and his wife Gail live in Smiths Station, Ala.

**Shirley Simchik ('64)** is living in Huntsville with Paul, her husband of 41 years. She is retired after working as a librarian in three different states serving in high school and middle school.

**Terry Reynolds ('75)** went to the University of Alabama Birmingham and received an Optometry degree. He has been in private practice in Decatur, Ala., for 30 years.

**James "Jim" Akin ('76)** retired in 2002 after making the decision to raise cattle full-time. He is now a Lexington cattle farmer and recently he was elected state regional vice president by the Alabama Cattleman's Association. He will be serving a three-year term.

**Sandy Barley ('76)** is living in New Port Richey, Fla., serving as the public awareness manager at the Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired. She will serve the counties of Pasco, Hernando, and Citrus.

**Larry R. Jeter ('76)** was recently named the new Chief Executive Officer at Chestatee Regional Hospital in Dahlonega, Ga. Larry and his wife, Nancy reside in Dahlonega, and are members of the Dahlonega Church of Christ.

**Rick Lester ('77)** recently joined LIM College in New York City, which is the nation's only college focused exclusively on the study of business and fashion. He will be serving as Dean of Academic Affairs. Prior to LIM College, he spent 25 years at UNA serving as a professor of management, as well as the coordinator of the College of Business honors program and the director of its Small Business Development Center.

**Doris Metcalf ('78)** retired in 1998 after teaching education for 34 years, with 31 of them being in Florence. She was recognized last year at Stillman College of Tuscaloosa, Ala., as the newest inductee into the school's Educator Hall of Fame. She was awarded a trophy and her portrait will hang in the gallery of the education building at Stillman.

During her career in the Florence City School System, she taught science and gifted education. At UNA she earned her Ed.S. degree as well as her gifted education certification. She later earned a master's degree from Ohio State University.

**Eleanor McClellan Bulathsinghalage ('79)**, music librarian for the University of North Alabama Department of Music and Theatre, performed at a "Saving Our Lives": Art Songs by African American Women Composers." Bulathsinghalage, a Florence native, graduated from UNA with a bachelor's degree in music education with an emphasis in choral/vocal music. She earned a master's degree in vocal performance from the University of Louisville and has completed doctoral coursework in vocal performance at the University of Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music. She has also studied at the Institute for Advanced Vocal Study in Paris, France, and the Accademia Internazionale delle Arti in Rome, Italy.

Bulathsinghalage has taught on the music faculties of Bellarmine University, Wilberforce University, Central State University, the University of Dayton, Mississippi University for Women, Mississippi State University and the Accademia Internazionale delle Arti.

As a performer, Bulathsinghalage has been presented in solo recitals, opera and musical theatre on three continents. She is

## 1960s

**John Doughty ('64)** served 30 years on active and reserve duty in both the USMC and the U.S. Army. He served six overseas tours to include Okinawa, the Middle East, Viet Nam (twice), and Germany (twice), retiring with the rank of Major.

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currently pursuing her own studies and research and is director of music at Edgemont United Methodist Church in Florence.

## 1980s

**Joel Kimbrough ('80)** was nominated for the pride he takes in helping grant the wishes of children through the Make-a-Wish Foundation. He is mission driven and leads by example. Kimbrough is known in his community of Cordova, Tenn., as a man with the "big heart" serving as a businessman and Chief Financial Officer for Accredo Health Group.

**David Palmer ('80)** has recently been named the editor of The Cullman Times. He has nearly 30 years of newspaper industry experience.

**Jonathan Edwards ('83)** is president and CEO of the Edwards Group of Companies in Lawrenceburg, Tenn., as well as a member of the First Farmers Advisory Board of Lawrence County. He was recently named the First Farmers & Merchants Bank Board of Directors.

**Denise Montgomery ('83)** is a math teacher at Long County High School in Lucdowici, Ga. She was chosen as teacher of the year for her school system and is grateful for her professors from UNA who taught her while earning her master's degree.

**Russell "Russ" Barbee ('86)** recently returned to continue serving as a police sergeant in North Carolina after serving nine months in Iraq. He and 13 other police officers served in the 30th Heavy Brigade Combat Team of the N.C. National Guard. He is now performing administrative duties for Chief Scott Cunningham, and he is one of 17 officers honored at the city's Public Safety Center for serving in the U.S. military.

**Nancy Duggar ('88)** is an internal medicine specialist at Walker Medical Diagnostics in Dora, Ala. She has almost 20 years experience and specializes in providing adult health care.

**Dave Smith ('88)** recently joined Bohan Advertising and Marketing agency as the associate creative director and copy chief. He has worked at agencies in the South such as BBDO in Atlanta, Ga., as

well as agencies in the Northeast and in the West. Before joining Bohan, he was associate creative director of McKee Wallwork Cleveland in Albuquerque, N.M. He wrote and produced a PBS documentary about the Alabama Veterans Memorial.

## 1990s

**Randall "Randy" Hamilton ('90)** has been named principal of the newly built Blue Springs Elementary school which is scheduled to open in June. He has been the assistant principal at Creekside Elementary since 2003. Randy and his wife **Martha "Regina" Hamilton ('89)** live in East Limestone near Athens with their two children ages 15 and 10.

**John "Dan" Reynolds ('91)** was promoted to Sales Manager of the Business Solutions Department at Bright House Networks in Birmingham, Ala. He is responsible for a team of sales professionals that assist businesses, governments, schools, and institutions with their telecommunication needs.

**Todd Arrowsmith ('93)** was named as the top sales associate for December 2009 at Paseo by Stock Development. He has been a Florida resident since his graduation from UNA with a degree in marketing and business administration. He has 14 years of sales experience, and prior to joining Paseo worked with Centex Homes, Jack Parker Homes, and Carlton Lakes Realty. Todd is a designated Certified New Home Sales Professional (CSP).

**Vance Pitman ('93)** was called from First Baptist Church in Woodstock, Ga., to Las Vegas, Nev. He started Hope Baptist Church in 2001 with a core group of only 18 people and within eight years it had grown to almost 2,000 people. Vance graduated from UNA with a history degree and continued his study at Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary.

**Alex DeJarnett ('94)** received his Master of Applied Social Science degree with a concentration in Public Administration on May 1 from Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University.

**Teresa Ann Burden ('97 & '98)** is a seventh-grade math teacher at

Muscle Shoals Middle School who was one of 16 across Alabama nominated for the "Sweet 16" of the most talented in the classroom. According to the State Superintendent, those nominated are not only role models for students, but also their peers.

## 2000s

**Lori Hall ('00)** recently passed the CPA exam and was promoted to Assistant Controller at Bank Independent in Sheffield, Ala.

**Jennifer Sharp Herrmann ('00 & '08)** is currently a special education teacher and director of the pre-K program with Muscle Shoals City Schools. In March 2010, she was the creator and presenter of the Muscle Shoals City Schools Parent Workshops for Parents of Young Children with Disabilities. She was a speaker/presenter at the State Preschool Conference in Birmingham, Ala., featuring the academic setting of a preschool/special education classroom. Jennifer is married to **Shane Herrmann ('99)**, Assistant Sports Information Director at UNA.

**Jarrod Randall ('08)** is now working in Nashville, Tenn., for Faulkner Mackie and Cochran, P.C. In December he passed the CPA exam. His wife is working on her master's in public history at MTSU.

**Tassia Augusto ('09)** recently signed a professional contract with Club Atlético de Madrid de fútbol sala in the Futsal indoor soccer league in Spain. She made history while at UNA scoring 64 goals and 20 assists. She is a native of São Paulo, Brazil. She is not only a nationally recognized soccer player, but she also excelled in academics, being selected as one of ESPN's The Magazine Academic All-America team.

**William J. Dean ('03)** is a 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Navy Petty Officer and was deployed for five months to Afghanistan to the Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 133. Their primary mission while deployed was to provide construction support to improve the living and working quarters for the 30,000 troops in Afghanistan.

**Luke Dunkin ('05)** is working as a sales territory manager for T-H Marine Supplies in Huntsville, Ala. When he is not doing his day job, he is a musician, singing country music.

**Candi Massey Weaver ('05)** is a fifth-grade teacher at Vina High School. She and her daughter, Meleeha, reside in Red Bay, Ala.

**Joseph David Chambers ('06)** is a teacher and varsity basketball coach at Oakman High School. His wife Mary Elizabeth McMeans-Chambers ('06) is a marketing

representative for Blue Cross and Blue Shield. She is currently pursuing her master's degree in business administration. Joseph earned his master's in secondary education from the University of West Alabama.

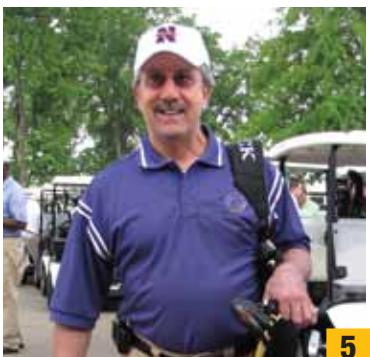
**Chris Anderson ('08)** was voted last December to be the first Listerhill Credit Union's Alabama Young and Free Representative and spokesperson for the 25 and under crowd. He began working with Listerhill at the beginning of 2010 as a paid employee advising college students about finances, saving for the future, and using money wisely for the current economic situations.

**Daniel Reynolds ('08)** is currently a special education teacher and director of the pre-K program with Muscle Shoals City Schools. In March 2010, she was the creator and presenter of the Muscle Shoals City Schools Parent Workshops for Parents of Young Children with Disabilities. She was a speaker/presenter at the State Preschool Conference in Birmingham, Ala., featuring the academic setting of a preschool/special education classroom. Jennifer is married to **Shane Herrmann ('99)**, Assistant Sports Information Director at UNA.

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**Erika O'Dell ('09)** joined the WAAY 31 news team as a producer in September 2009. She earned her bachelor's degree in Broadcast Journalism while at UNA.



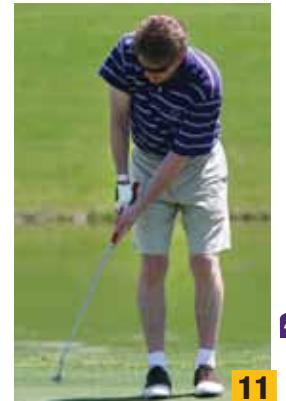
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9. Daniel Creel ('08)
10. Danny Simpson
11. Barry Morris
12. Tammy Irons ('86)
13. Clint Garrett, Mike McCrary ('90), Andy Davis, Derrick Mosley, and Bobby Bowden



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3. Wendall Hudson
4. William Smith ('86 & '89)
5. Mike Miller
6. Terry Bowden, Tom ('50) and Helen York
7. Nick Martin, Jimmy and Brandi Oliver
8. Scott Theisen
9. Rusty Trapp
10. Mike McCreary ('90)
11. Brad Nichols ('97)
12. Alan Medders, Terry Bagwell ('83), and Melvin Brown-Moore
13. Patrick Hape and Stephen Kirkemeir ('65)
14. Phillip Bridgmon ('96)
15. Kin Taylor ('94)





# IN MEMORY

## YEARS UNIDENTIFIED

**James M. "Bitsy" Allen**, a veteran of the Marine Corps, attended Florence State (now UNA). He worked for C.I.T. Corporation in Nashville, Tenn., and later bought Griffith Motors (Buick, Pontiac, GMA dealer). He formed the Southeastern Tile Distributors, was founder/director of Mountain Empire Bank, and was past owner of the Jonesborough Herald and Tribune newspaper.

**James E. Cross** retired in 1992 after serving 41 years at the Tennessee Valley Authority as a power system dispatcher. He served in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Ozbourne and the USS William M. Wood. He was a longtime member of Sheffield First United Methodist Church, where he enjoyed serving with the "Good Ol' Boys" on Wednesday mornings. He graduated from Loretto High School and then attended Florence State Teachers College.

**Marie E. Crawford** was a member and musician at First Baptist Church in Sheffield, Ala. She was attending Florence State University when she met her husband, **Coleman Crawford III** ('75).

**Albin J. Ory** was in the Florence State College ROTC program. He worked with Ory's Cleaners and Laundry, Reynolds Metals Co., and Weslam Restaurants. He owned a photography business, Capture the Moment. He is survived by his wife of 21 years, **Judy Faye Ory** ('79).

**Algie K. Taylor** had a career in education spanning 37 years. She taught at Dime School and Gravel Hill School before establishing Franklin County's first special education class at Phil Campbell High School. She served several years at Rockwood Junior High and finished her teaching career at Belgreen High School. Mrs. Taylor was an active member of the Franklin County Retired Teachers

Association. She served on the Franklin County Democratic Executive Committee.

**Thomas Joey Thornton** was a member of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity. He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church, and he was also a member and judge with KCBS "BARBECUE." Joey is survived by his wife, Susan.

## FACULTY/ STAFF

**Jack S. Brown, Sr.**, received his undergraduate degree in biology from Tulane University and began his teaching career at Jacksonville State University. During his early teaching career he was called to service in the U.S. Air Force where he was stationed at Gunter Air Force Base in Montgomery, Ala.

Dr. Brown was named chairman of the biology department of Emory & Henry College in Emory, Va., and in 1963 he served as dean and professor at Parsons College in Fairfield, Iowa. He returned to Alabama in 1968 to teach for 23 years at UNA. Dr. Brown served as the biology department chair, as director and founder of the Fresh Water Institute, and as a member of the Faculty Senate. He was a charter faculty member of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. After retirement from UNA Dr. Brown and his wife Myrtle established the library at Shoals Christian School; the library was dedicated to them on their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. He was a past president of the Florence Lions Club and was an active board member of the UNA Sportsman Club.

**James Doyle Walker** ('50) taught at several high schools in the northeastern part of Alabama and he served as the principal at Flint Elementary School. He retired in 1988 from Hartselle High School. He is survived by Faye (his wife of 53 years) and his son.

**Nadine P. Sullivan** ('51) met her husband Lewis Fletcher Sullivan while a student at Florence State. She began teaching after graduation, and spent most of her career at Brandon Elementary School, retiring after 32 years. She was a member of North Wood Methodist Church, Alabama Education Association, and the Retired Teachers Association.

**Elizabeth Haygood** ('41) became an accredited psychologist. She began her teaching career at Lexington High School and Central High School and then worked in all of the Lauderdale County schools until retirement.

**Eunice White Winders** ('46) lived in Tupelo, Miss., after marrying her husband Jolly Winders. She was a longtime member of Tupelo Free

Will Baptist Church. She worked as a dental assistant and retired from the Tupelo School System in 1972 after working as a dietitian and managing cafeterias.

**Milton Lee "Milt" Baughn** ('47) was an officer in the Army Air Corps during World War II serving in the South Pacific. Dr. Baughn was a history professor at UNA from 1962 to 1985, where he served as the chair of the history department. He was preceded in death by the love of his life, Francis June Campbell Baughn ('46) who taught and worked in the Florence and Lauderdale school systems.

## 1950s

**May Hinton** ('50) was a longtime member of St. James United Methodist Church. She taught three years at Whitehead in Lauderdale County and 33 years at Brandon Elementary in Florence.

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**Peggy Sue Filyaw** ('53) taught school for 13 years in Cullman County and for 18 years in Huntsville City Schools and worked as a middle school counselor. She was a member of Alpha Delta Kappa, Huntsville Education Association, Alabama Education Association and National Education Association. She moved to Hartselle in January

2009. She is survived by her husband, George Wallace Filyaw.

**James Donald Griffin** ('53) received his degree in both chemistry and biology. While attending college he met Betty Sims, his wife of 58 years. He served in the Army Corps of Engineers before moving to East Tennessee to work as a chemist at the K-25 plant in Oak Ridge. He later entered the Office of General Counsel as a patent agent. He later retired from Lockheed Martin in 1994 after serving as supervisory patent agent for ORNL. He and his wife relocated upon his retirement to the Smoky Mountains, a place they loved visiting.

**Ruby J. Campbell** ('54) served 43 years in the Lawrence County school systems teaching young children. She retired from teaching in 1995 and continued substitute teaching for the next 10 years. She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, the Lawrence County Education Association, and the Alabama Education Association. She was a member of Providence Baptist Church in Town Creek, Ala.

**Sarah Frances Sullivan Mann** ('54) lived in Florence since 1956 and was a member of Florence First Baptist Church. She taught third grade before she became a librarian. She dedicated 30 years to serving the Florence City Schools as supervisor of libraries. She had a special affection for working with children, especially her grandsons and great-grandchildren.

**Jimmy L. Langston** ('61) was retired from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA). He was a Korean War veteran and was awarded the Purple Heart and Silver Star for Gallantry in Action. He was a member of Leighton Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife Lurlene.

## 1940s

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**Martha White Cooke** ('62) was a teacher in the Tuscumbia school system. She was a former member of the Tennessee Valley Art Center, Friends of the Helen Keller Library, the Colbert County Historical Landmark Association and a member of First United Methodist Church of Tuscumbia.

broadcasting. She was a devoted mother and grandmother.

**Donna J. Sloan** ('80) was a member of the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority and a member of Edgemont United Methodist Church. She was employed as a social worker for Wiregrass Hospice.

**Barbara B. Wood** ('70) received her bachelor's degree in education from UNA. She was a mother and homemaker, as well as a volunteer in her church, school and community.

**Odell Willingham** ('62) retired

in 1933 from Reynolds Metal

Company, after serving in the U.S.

Navy. He was a lifelong resident of

Sheffield, Ala., and a member of

First Baptist Church of Sheffield.

**Nancy H. Halbrooks** ('65) was a member of the Presbyterian Church of Florence. Nancy and husband Hap owned the Magnolia Farm in Greenbrier in Limestone County, which was her birthplace.

**Morris W. Hatton** ('68) worked as a businessman in the Haleyville area during his manufacturing career. He was an adult educator for Bevill State Community College helping to train adults to join the work force. A member of the Church of Christ, he is survived by his wife of 49 years, Bobbie Ann.

**James L. Wesson III** ('69) began his career in sales with Johnstone Supply in Jacksonville, Fla. He then returned to Alabama where he held a management position with Johnstone, and later worked

**Karen O. Allen** ('80) began her career in 1980 at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville. She worked for 27 years, serving as the director of the UW-Platteville forensics team and directed and produced many productions in the fine arts. Karen retired in November 2008 after being named emeritus professor in the department of performing and visual arts. Karen was also awarded the Ace and Telly award for her contributions in television

## 1960s

**Gloria A. Simpson** ('90) worked as a counselor at Hazelwood and Moulton Elementary schools and also served as a music intern supervisor at UNA. She is survived by her husband of 45 years, Dr. James K. Simpson, former chair of

## 1970s

**Robert "Steve" Bolling** ('81) went to the Cumberland School of Law to earn a degree. He was a member of Town Creek First Baptist Church before he moved to St. Petersburg, Fla.

**Todd C. Gaston** ('88) was a long

time member of Hunter Street

Baptist Church in Hoover, Ala.

Todd worked for over 15 years in sales at Jenkins Brick Company and Averitt Express. He is survived by his wife Tiana and their two children.

## 1980s

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the UNA Department of Music. They have two daughters who attended UNA. She was a member of Christ Chapel.

## 2000s

**Misty R. Vickery** ('01) was a Colbert County native and a graduate of Cherokee High School. She is survived by her husband Garrick Vickery.

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5. Melinda ('02) and Rob Young
6. Agnes ('01) and Gerald Williams ('01)
7. Betty ('88) and Wilbert Salter, Betty Walter ('57) and Frenesi Wilson
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 June 17- Huntsville Stars, AL / Montgomery 7:00  
 June 24- Chattanooga Lookouts, TN / Birmingham 7:15  
 June 25- Tennessee Smokies, TN / Carolina 7:15  
 June 28- Atlanta Braves, GA / Washington 7:00  
 July 22- Memphis Redbirds, TN / Omaha 7:00  
 July 23- Mississippi Braves, MS/ Tennessee 7:05  
 July 29- Mobile Bay Bears, AL/ Montgomery 7:05  
 July 30- Birmingham Barons, AL / Chattanooga 7:05

## *A Lasting* **MEMORIAL**

Jennifer Sunseri had excellent special education teachers. Now Jennifer's family wants to train more like them.

"Jennifer passed away in November at age 29, and we wanted to do something in her memory," said her mom, Kay Sunseri. The Sunseri family decided to create the Jennifer Leigh Sunseri Memorial Endowed Scholarship. "We felt this would be a very worthy cause – to train special education teachers at UNA."

The scholarship's impact will grow quickly since its awards to students will be doubled through the university's Lion Match Program.

For students, this means greater opportunity. For the Sunseri family, it means a lasting memorial.

Through Jennifer's scholarship, Kay said, more special education teachers will touch students' lives like Jennifer's teachers touched hers. "Her memory will help people for years to come."

### **The Courtview Society**

The Courtview Society is a distinguished group recognizing people like the Sunseris, who are changing student lives through planned gifts. To learn how you can be a part, contact the Office of Planned Giving at 256-765-4861 or [bkmorris@una.edu](mailto:bkmorris@una.edu).



Jennifer's family: siblings, David ('98) and Beth, and parents, Ken and Kay ('81).



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# UNA SUMMER THEATRE

**Linda Lavin**  
July 9; 7:30 p.m.  
Norton Auditorium  
Tickets: \$25,  
\$10 for students

**"Greater Tuna"**  
June 24-27; 7:30 each evening,  
2 p.m. July 27  
GUC Performance Center  
Tickets: \$15, \$5 for students

**"Idiot's Delight"**  
July 15-18; 7:30 p.m.  
Norton Auditorium  
Tickets: \$18, \$8 for students

**Producer's Circle tickets — \$90**  
• Priority seating at each show • Recognition in show programs  
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