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William G. Cale, Jr.

president's message

William G. Cale, Jr.

We enter fall 2012 with considerable excitement. Part of our excitement is our expectation that we will have a considerably larger group of freshmen entering this fall than in recent years. Preregistration numbers for all students are running 5% ahead of a year ago and our summer SOAR sessions have been filled to overflowing. Residence hall reservations are the highest I have seen in eight years of observation.

Part of our excitement revolves around Coach Bobby Wallace's football team and our hopes for his success. It will be a whole new team, with just a few starters returning, and a considerable number of freshmen plugging holes in the lineup. Coach Wallace told us from the outset that he would build this program starting with this year's freshman class, creating a true team atmosphere and a strong foundation for the future. That is the right path and the entire region is behind Coach Wallace. We open Sunday, September 2, with Miles College at 6:00 on Legion Field in Birmingham.

Adding more excitement, our third major building project over the past three years, the 42,000-square foot Academic and Student Commons Building, will have a groundbreaking ceremony August 31 as we initiate construction. We anticipate about 14 months to completion. To offset the loss of parking spaces, we will add 50 spots in a new lot on Irvine Avenue, 25 spots adjoining the Appleby residence hall, and 25 temporary spaces north of Kilby School. The fourth construction project, our new

science and technology building, is nearing design completion and I hope we have a second groundbreaking ceremony for that project during the fall semester.

The new Master of Professional Studies will begin this fall and we await approval from the Alabama Commission on Higher Education for our master's program in Integrative Health. Work continues with our Chinese partner to add additional academic and residential space to allow the Integrative Health program to accommodate a large and internationally diverse study body. This effort will contribute to the overall economic impact of the university on this region. Our faculty in the Department of Economics and Finance just completed an updated study and concluded that the total direct and indirect economic impact of UNA on the region is a whopping \$280 million!

I hope your plans include some time at UNA in the coming weeks. Homecoming is the weekend of September 28, and there are many events from sports to concerts to lectures that add to the rich experience that defines UNA. I look forward to visiting with you.

All my best,
Bill Cale



STUDY SHOWS \$280M IMPACT BY UNA ON SHOALS ECONOMY

The University of North Alabama and its students, faculty, and staff impact the Shoals area by about \$279,935,300 each year in direct and indirect spending, according to a recent study. The study was conducted by faculty of the university's Department of Economics and Finance.

"The Shoals community is vital to UNA, and so it is important for the university, in turn, to show the growth and development we are able to bring to the Shoals," said Dr. William G. Cale, Jr., UNA president.

The economic research team included Dr. Doug Barrett, chair of the UNA Department of Economics and Finance; Dr. Jim Couch, professor of economics; and Dr. Keith Malone, associate professor of economics. The team collected all research data in 2011 and prepared the study in 2012.

The study was completed using UNA records as well as surveys conducted among university faculty, staff, and students.

The study analyzed UNA's local economic impact through university operations, contractor operations, student and employee spending, and spending through university events and guests.

The study also included community service hours by university employees.

The UNA economic impact study is available at www.una.edu/impactstudy.





Zhang Zhiting

A HOLISTIC APPROACH

UNA, SHENQI ETHNIC MEDICINE COLLEGE PARTNER TO BUILD CENTER FOR INTEGRATIVE HEALTH



Zhang Zhiting, Dr. William G. Cale, Jr., and Dr. Chunsheng Zhang

The University of North Alabama, this year, has taken the first major steps toward the creation of a Center for Integrative Health, a first-of-its-kind academic center to train graduate-level health professionals in holistic approaches to some of the most chronic health issues in today's society.

In January Dr. William G. Cale, Jr., UNA president, signed an international memorandum of agreement with Shenqi Ethnic Medicine College (SEMC) in Guiyang City, China, for partnership in building the center in Florence. In July, the university hosted Zhang Zhiting, founder and board chair of Guizhou Shenqi Group, which created SEMC, for the purpose of scouting potential land sites for the center, with hopes of a purchase by December. Zhang plans to underwrite the cost of the center's facilities and infrastructure.

"We are deeply appreciative to Mr. Zhang for his vision and generosity in this project," Cale said. "We cannot find another center like this one that specializes in integrative health training. This will be valuable not only for students but for society."

When complete, the Center for Integrative Health will enroll international as well as domestic students and graduates of SEMC in a program leading to a master's in health and human performance with a concentration in integrative health.

Practitioners in integrative health take a broader perspective of disease than conventional medical practitioners,

addressing the connection between disease and lifestyle. Through a holistic approach to health—including physical, mental and spiritual wellbeing—they treat the disease by treating the whole person.

"The establishment of the UNA Center for Integrative Health will effectively combine the 5,000 years of Chinese health culture and the University of North Alabama's close to 200 years of higher education experience," Zhang said. "It will play a significant role in educating integrative health professionals and training senior research integrative health management personnel. It benefits not only the United States and China but also the rest of the world."

UNA will be responsible for the development, implementation, and operation of the new Center for Integrative Health, while SEMC is responsible for land purchase, construction of instructional and residential facilities, and seed money for the hiring of faculty, staff, and research assistants. Upon reaching full enrollment, the center's employee salaries will then be funded through new incoming tuition.

The center's new facilities will include classrooms, labs, offices, and residential areas.

UNA plans to hire a director for the center by fall 2013, which is the earliest the program could enroll its first students. The center will receive its first cohort group from SEMC in fall 2014, enrolling a total of 50-100 students. The program will ultimately enroll more than 500.

UNA Summer Theatre premieres at George S. Lindsey Theatre

By Elise Cofield, *Student Intern*

Add a two-time Tony-Nominated director and two professional actors to the talented community and student acting crew at the University of North Alabama, and it is safe to say that the star-studded Summer Theatre 2012 displayed some extraordinary professional talent and Hollywood flare.

Housed and showcased in the newly constructed George S. Lindsey Theatre, UNA Summer Theatre has at its core a commitment to the highest standards of theatrical production, employing professional actors and technical personnel to work alongside UNA faculty and students. That is the driving force behind the Canon of American Theatre Classics, an ongoing effort to bring the great classics of American theatre to the Shoals area. This year, the summer was headlined by a production of Tennessee Williams' "A Streetcar Named Desire," often considered one of the greatest American plays of all time. The play was directed by two-time Tony-nominated Randal Myler and starred Myk Watford, Broadway actor and cast member of the 2007 blockbuster film "No Country for Old Men," as Stanley; Elaine Hendrix, known for her role as opportunistic fiancee' Meredith Blake in the 1998 Disney remake of "The Parent Trap," as Blanche; and UNA theatre faculty Charlton James as Mitch.



According to James, employing these actors is a treat for the audience, while, at the same time, "students are networking and making connections with professionals."

"One of the things that appealed to me the most was what we could do for the students and for the community," said Watford. "I know personally, when I was their age, if I had a chance to work on a production like this with

some of the people who they're getting a chance to work with, it would have changed my life completely."

Rounding out the summer season was a production of "Tuna Does Vegas" of the "Greater Tuna" series, and an original Devised Theatre Project by the UNA Summer Theatre's Young Company.



Diaries of an early Rogers Hall resident donated to UNA

By Jennifer Edwards, *TimesDaily Staff Writer*

IN MANY WAYS, Sallie Independence Foster is back home.

The stories, thoughts and memories of the teenager who came of age during the Civil War were captured in her 26 years' worth of diary entries.

The diaries are now archived in the University of North Alabama after the great-grandson and great-granddaughter of Foster donated the family heirlooms to the University for safekeeping.

She began writing at age 12 in 1861 and tells her stories of school, family, friends, courting and the war from her home at Rogers Hall, which was then known as Courtview.

The diaries were given by James Thomas McDonald, Jr., of Atlanta, and his sister, Flora Speed, of Marietta, Ga., along with a school composition book, business records dating from 1835, family correspondence and a few family photographs.

McDonald has dedicated a good amount of time since his retirement in March examining documents, which have been passed down through generations of his family. In an effort to ensure their preservation, McDonald sought to find a permanent home for what he describes as priceless glimpses into the history of Florence and the university.

"It is one thing to know these papers are out there," Louise Huddleston, UNA archivist said. "It is entirely different to have them back here as a source of information for our history."

Rogers Hall was built by Foster's



James McDonald, Jr., and sister Flora Speed present diary to President Cale

father, George Washington Foster, in 1855. Sallie Independence Foster lived in the house as a child and returned for a period of time after she married Sterling Paine McDonald, Jr. The university purchased the house in 1948.

George Foster also was an original trustee of Florence Wesleyan College.

After looking at the papers and writings "you see the impact of the time they lived in before and after the war," McDonald said. "The war

changed what had been a long-standing pattern of family staying together, and, after the war, you can see how the family scattered."

The university has possession of two of Sallie Independence Foster's diaries and one of her school composition books. The letters and business records will be delivered to the school in the coming weeks, McDonald said.

In those documents is a letter from one of Sallie Foster's brothers to

his mother from a prison camp at Fort Delaware.

Sallie Foster also wrote about the arrest of a well-known minister, the Rev. William Henry Mitchell, a former pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Florence. Mitchell, who was one of Sallie Foster's primary school teachers, was arrested for praying for Jefferson Davis and the Confederate armies.

"It was really upsetting for her to see him treated in that manner," Huddleston said. "We have known of that arrest, but now we have a look at what the reaction to it might have been."

She also wrote about Union and Confederate troops occupying the home. Huddleston said in one instance, the family was expecting a wagon load of goods to be delivered as payment for allowing the soldiers to stay.

"She wrote that the wagon never showed up and that it was obvious 'they were tricking us.'

Speed said Sallie Foster had a compassionate soul and held tight to her religion. She ended many diary entries with the statement "I read my Bible, prayed and went to bed."

"She wrote about how she felt about people and asked God to help them," Speed said.

"People she knew were not involved in church; she wrote that she prayed for them."

Along those same lines, Speed said the entire Foster family demonstrated great care for each other.

"The family took a lot of walks together," she said. "They took care of each other. When someone was sick, she wrote about her mother going to stay with aunts to care for them.

There was a great deal of love in the family."

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Do YOU have a treasure for the UNA Archives?

By Louise Huddleston,
Collier Library Archives & Special Collections

Collier Library is pleased to accept the recent donation of diaries written during the Civil War and into the 1880s by former Rogers Hall resident, Sallie Independence Foster. These diaries are a wonderful slice of history related to a building important not only to UNA, but to the entire Shoals area. You may not have a Civil War Diary, but if you were a student, faculty or staff member on this campus, you may have a treasure without even realizing it. Do you still have that poster from a campus concert? Tickets to a ball game? Programs from a theater production? Pictures of dorm life? Items such as these provide a snapshot of life on this campus throughout the years from the time the University was known as LaGrange College to today. They help us understand our past and dream for our future.

The University of North Alabama Archives & Special Collections is charged with preserving the history of this great institution. Toward this end, the Archives staff collects materials that document the wide range of student, faculty, and staff experiences on this campus. Donations of documents, scrapbooks, photographs, and memorabilia all can be considered for inclusion in the collections. Although all items are subject to review based on relevance and storage constraints, the item that you think may be insignificant actually may be one of the most important parts of the UNA story yet to be told.

If you have not visited the Archives, consider doing so the next time you are on campus. In addition to the University collections, other collections housed on the 2nd floor of Collier Library include:

McDonald Collection—more than 70 boxes of research materials and 1500 photographs from alumnus, Florence City



Historian, and author **William Lindsey McDonald '52**,

Celebrity Collection—over 2,000 items from the career of alumnus **George S. Lindsey '52**, including original television and motion picture scripts, as well as manuscripts and publicity materials from a variety of individuals in the entertainment industry, including the scripts of Ernest Borgnine;

Wesleyan Collection—documents, personal papers, and memorabilia primarily related to regional and State history, many of which were donated by the Tennessee Valley Historical Society and were part of a campus museum in the 1950s and 1960s;

Photograph Collection—photographs of University and local interest, including an extensive collection of TVA related photos.

Some items also are in digital format and may be viewed by going to the Special Collections link on the Collier Library webpage at <http://www.una.edu/library/about/collections/> or <http://contentdm.una.edu/>.

Archives & Special Collections is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., whenever campus is in session. For more information on viewing collections or making donations, please contact Louise Huddleston at (256)765-4226 or lhuddleston@una.edu.



Architectural detail from Rogers Building, Florence, Alabama
The George F. Landegger Collection of Alabama Photographs in Carol M. Highsmith's America, Library of Congress, Prints and Photographs Division.

UNA to Unveil New Graduate Concentration in Public History this Fall

By Elise Cofield, *Student Intern*

On June 8, the University of North Alabama received approval from the Alabama Commission on Higher Education (ACHE) to unveil yet another graduate offering this fall, the Master of Arts in History with a concentration in Public History.

The Public History concentration will equip graduates pursuing a Master of Arts degree in History with specialization in a wide range of areas. Public History is a growing field that encompasses tourism, economic development, and historical preservation and conservation. It is a field that will provide job opportunities to Public History graduates at museums, historic preservation organizations, historic sites, and historical agencies at various levels of government. UNA will be the second university in Alabama to offer a graduate-level Public History concentration, joining Auburn University.

Dr. Christopher Maynard, chair of UNA's Department of History and Political Science, is confident of the positive changes this program will bring to UNA and the surrounding community. The concentration in

Public History is part of a concerted effort to link UNA's history program with the Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area (MSNHA).

The MSNHA, which operates under UNA, was officially designated by Congress in 2009. The heritage area spans across six counties within the Tennessee River water basin of North Alabama and was developed to preserve the history of this region. The MSNHA is the only National Heritage Area in the state of Alabama and, since it is housed at UNA, offers a unique opportunity for UNA students in terms of internships, residencies, workshops and other types of experiential learning and networking. Dr. Carolyn Barske, Assistant Professor of Public History, has been hired by UNA to lead the Public History offerings as well as provide professional expertise for local history sites and organizations.

"Dr. Barske will be a tremendous resource, not only for the university, but also for the community. In turn, we will be able to attract a large number of students to the North Alabama region to study Public History," Maynard said.

MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

By Elise Cofield, *Student Intern*

The University of North Alabama this fall will introduce a new graduate program for professional-minded adults looking to continue their education in a customizable way. The Master of Professional Studies degree will be an interdisciplinary program offering specializations in community development, security and safety leadership, and information technology.

"Many graduate programs have prescribed academic paths for students to follow, and these programs are very much organized around a single department. Whereas, students in our program may be able to take graduate-level coursework across multiple departments," said Dr. Craig Robertson, director of the UNA Office of Professional and Interdisciplinary Studies. All MPS students will be required to complete a six-course core component before completing up to 15 credit hours in their area of specialization, for a total of 33 to 36 hours.

Admission into the program is unique in that it is not based on test scores, Robertson said. Based on a Personal Potential Index, students will use personal references as a determiner of their potential for success. The PPI will be supplemented by the student's GPA, which must meet the requirement of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale within the past 60 hours of coursework, or 2.75 overall.

The program requires a thesis or capstone project, which will address a problem-and-solution scenario that could be encountered in the student's line of professional work.



Alumni Become Friends to International Students

By Evelyn Roberson, *Friends of International Students Program Coordinator*

International students have been a part of campus life at UNA for 43 years, when Florence State University accepted the first international student. These students have chosen UNA to acquire English language skills and experience American culture first hand while achieving academic success.

To foster this cultural exchange, UNA offers the Friends of International Students (FIS) program through the Office of International Affairs. FIS matches international students with members of the community who are interested in multicultural friendship. A large percentage of community members volunteering with this program are UNA alumni.

Jonathan McKinney ('02) came to FIS Coffee Night in the University Center last November. McKinney said the international students showed a genuine interest in his son Hudson, whom he brought along, and involved him in their conversation. He and his wife **Kristy Lemmond McKinney ('02)** signed up to volunteer a few months later. McKinney wants his children "growing up knowing



that their world is bigger than the Shoals, Alabama, and even the U.S."

Dewei (we call him David) Hu, a graduate student from China in the Criminal Justice Program, met McKinney at the Coffee Night. Hu said he signed up with FIS hoping for "a good experience to enrich my life here." Hu's expectation was simple: he wanted to "know the content of their daily life, such as meals, plans for the kids, or the ways they talk to each other." Hu hopes that more international students and local families can get to know each other because it has been memorable. He said the McKinneys have helped him a lot with the culture and provide him "warmth as a family" by sharing their lives.

Volunteering is easy because participants meet at mutually convenient times and places. McKinney said, "With three little kids, work, school, and other community involvement, we weren't sure how this would work with our schedule. So we set a goal to have David over at least once a month." The McKinneys have taken Hu along to their son's soccer games, parties hosted by friends, church, and they included him in their Father's Day celebration. In addition, FIS hosts events for participants throughout each academic year.

Alumni are encouraged to call (256) 765-4626 or visit www.una.edu/international to learn more about opportunities to provide community, hospitality and friendship to international students. "By adopting David into our family, we've gained much more than we've ever given," said McKinney.

Kaycee Bullard, FUTURE PLAN OF ACTION

I have worked at a hospital back home since the summer after my junior year of high school. While working at the hospital, I heard someone mention the Mississippi Rural Physician Scholarship Program. It is a program created in 2007 to motivate medical students, and those interested in going into the field, to work in rural areas upon graduation. One applies for the scholarship during sophomore year of undergrad, and the following summer begins "Medical Encounters" at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. The program provides students with a \$30,000 scholarship for each year in medical school. I was lucky enough to win the scholarship, and I have also been granted Direct Admission status into the Class of 2014 University of Mississippi Medical School. In return for the scholarship, I have agreed to work in a rural Mississippi area for four years after the completion of my residency program.

I have wanted to be a Physician for as long as I can remember. I was always the child on the playground who carried a first aid kit around to help my fellow classmates who fell down during recess. I cared about people and knew that I wanted a career where I could help my fellow man on a daily basis. Medicine has always fascinated me, and I am so excited to start this journey.

Getting accepted into the program has made this semester a very nerve wracking one. I went through an application process including an interview with the director of the program, Mrs. Janie Guice; an interview with Dr. Edward Hill, a physician, and three separate interviews with Medical School Admissions Board members. It has been a semester full of anticipation and excitement throughout every step of the journey. I was nervous



especially because of having five separate interviews; one never knows what the interviewer is looking for. I am so excited and blessed to have received acceptance into the program.

Having worked on the Pediatric floor of the hospital for the past few years, I have seen that it takes a special person to work with sick children. It is not always the doctor who has the greatest knowledge that makes the most successful pediatrician, but the one who has the biggest heart. God has given me that heart for children. I know it will be difficult seeing little ones so sick, but like anyone, they need people who genuinely care for them to help guide them back to health.

The field of medicine is an ever-changing one. I have ten years until I will be able to open my own practice, and I have no doubt that the field

will have a completely different look than it does now. I hope that it is an improved look. Physicians often get caught up in the money aspect of their field and lose sight in what medicine is really about.

For me, becoming a physician is not about the status or paycheck that comes along with an M.D., but it is about truly caring for every patient that I come in contact with. I hope that as programs like the Rural Physician Program begin forming all over the United States that people really interested in the good of the patient become physicians. I hope that rural areas begin getting the care that they need and deserve. People often worry about the health of people in foreign countries, which is a good thing, but we as Americans have fellow neighbors who are dying because they cannot get the medical

care they deserve. I have faith in the good of man and the good of our nation, and programs like this will help improve health care dramatically.

My time at UNA has greatly helped prepare me for the road ahead. The professors that I have encountered have been so encouraging and helpful to me every step of the way. UNA provides the type of personal education that one cannot receive at a larger university. Being a part of the honors program has been one of my greatest college experiences. The moral support, from Dr. Brewton, the students, and honors course professors, has helped me make it through this past semester. I feel so blessed to be a part of such an amazing college family. I know that God has a plan for my life, and I have no doubt that UNA was a huge impact in helping me follow God's plan for my life.



"Kaycee Bullard is just an outstanding individual who is multi-talented and possesses a great personality. We were fortunate to have her at Tishomingo County High School for four years and know that her passion to help others will only be enhanced. Congratulations to Kaycee on her achievements to this point."

Dr. Eddie Britton '74 & '75,
Principal of Tishomingo County High School,
Tishomingo, Miss.



To honor Dr. Campbell for his service to UNA, a scholarship has been set up that will benefit future graduate accounting students. You may contribute at <https://alumni.una.edu/waltercampbell>.

Walter Campbell Recognized as Outstanding Accounting Educator

Dr. Walter M. Campbell, CPA, was named Outstanding Accounting Educator at the 93rd Annual Meeting of the Alabama Society of CPAs (ASCPA) on June 7. Greg Carnes, also a professor at UNA and ASCPA Education Committee chair, presented the award. He cited feedback from former students and Campbell's commitment to their success as factors in choosing the recipient. Campbell is retired from teaching full-time but maintains a strong relationship with the university. He took the podium

as the award was announced and was obviously moved by the honor.

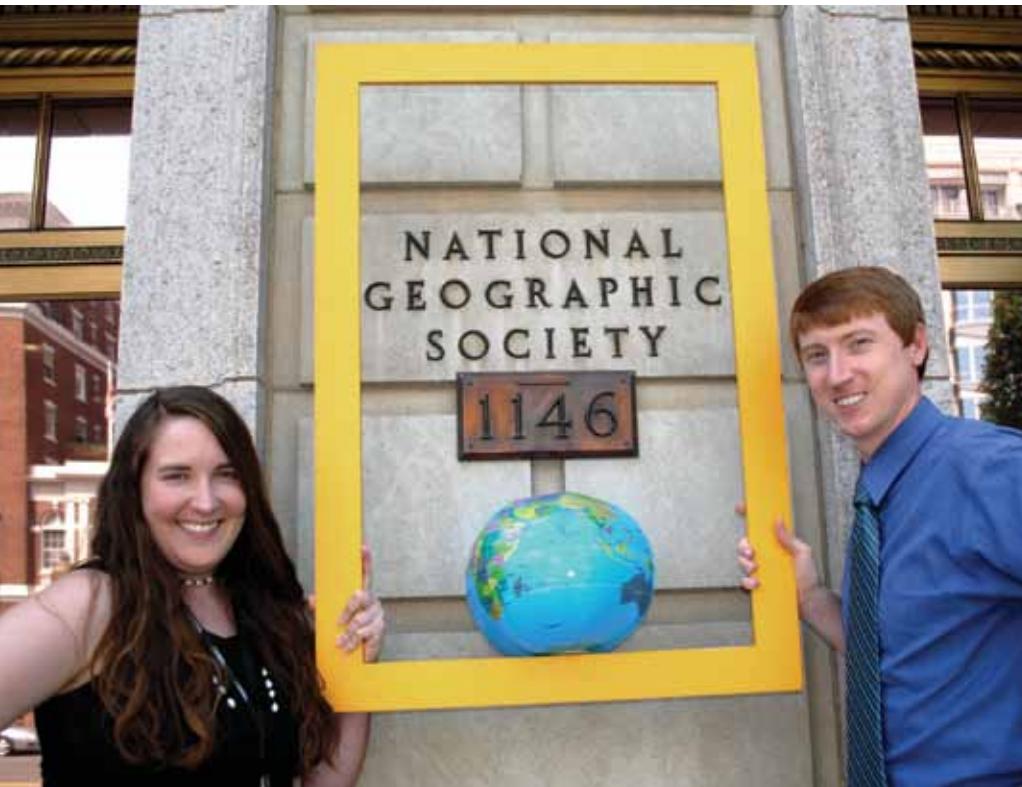
The Outstanding Accounting Educator Award is determined by a vote of all members of the Education Committee after a review of the submitted nominations.

UNA graduates present at the awards luncheon joined Carnes and Campbell for a photograph following the announcement. Also attending the ceremony were Campbell's wife, Dr. Sharon Campbell, head of the accounting department at UNA; son Neil, a CPA with Sellers Richardson Holman and West; and daughter-in-law Kelly Campbell of PANGEATWO.

The accounting department at UNA is seeking to fund an endowed chair in Campbell's name.



UNA Accounting alumni and faculty who attended the Annual Meeting of the Alabama Society of CPAs in Birmingham: Greg Carnes, Walter Campbell, Sharon Campbell, Chuck Adams '69, Rita Prince '83, John Berzett '97, Steve Emerson '94, Marty Abrams '81, Charles Watkins '72, Buddy Johnsey '87, Lisa Patterson '82, Ben Valiente '07, and Heath Johnston '06. (not in order)



Cayla Buttram and Winn Brewer '09

UNA Student Interns at NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

By Cayla Buttram, *student intern*

Every experience we have changes us, either a little or a lot. Working as an intern at National Geographic Society is one of the latter. This internship changes the way geography students think about their field, and it often acts as a springboard for other opportunities.

The Geography Intern program began in the 1980s as part of National Geographic's efforts to extend its reach into the world of education. Although hundreds of students intern at NGS throughout the year, the Geography Intern program is a special, paid program with many opportunities; furthermore, it is very close to the heart of Gil Grosvenor, who has worn many hats at NGS (including President and Chairman of the Board). Gil was instrumental in the creation of the Geography Intern program. Each semester, a handful of Geography students are selected from across

the country to intern at National Geographic. Assignments include placements with the magazine, maps, global missions, explorers program, and the Education division.

During her internship, Flavia was able to meet many of the National Geographic explorers. Hearing their fascinating stories from around the world sparked her self-confidence. She realized she could succeed to greatness, if she only dared to try, because these amazing explorers were normal people like each of us.

For me, interning at NGS was a dream come true. I share Flavia's sentiment, and I eagerly await any opportunities that arise from my time at NGS. I've also developed a deeper passion. To paraphrase author Alice Koller, my purposes are the geography that outline my travel toward the person I want to be. I want to inspire people to care about the planet, to care about what's in it. And geography is the perfect tool for that task.

I've realized, too, that I'm in good company: UNA has unique connections to National Geographic. Professors and students alike have either worked for or visited NGS over the

years. Also, I'm one in a line of interns that have represented UNA in the Geography Intern program. (And I've had big shoes to fill!)

One recent intern, **Winn Brewer '09**, had a decorated undergraduate career at UNA and went on to intern in the NGS Education division in Spring 2011. Since his internship, he has remained on contract with NGS, working on film-related projects.

Although Winn's experience led to a specific job opportunity, that is not the only possibility for interns. UNA alum and former NGS Education intern **Flavia Rey De Castro '06** found indirect connections between her time at NGS and her current opportunities.



By Dr. Lisa Keys-Mathews '85, Associate Professor
Co-Coordinator, Alabama Geographic Alliance
Director, Quality Enhancement Plan

GEOGRAPHY was first taught at UNA in 1929 as a part of the Department of Social Sciences but became a stand alone department in 1973 as the Department of Geography. Continuously housed in Wesleyan Hall, the original department was comprised of Mr. Frank Himmeler (hired in 1971), Mr. Gary Green (hired in 1967), and Dr. Bill Strong (hired in 1972). Mr. Himmeler was the first chair and remained so until 1983 when Dr. Strong became chair.

The original degree program was a BS/BA in Geography, but in 1983 the Professional Geography degree was incorporated into the program with the idea to provide an education for students interested in geography and technology. The Professional Geography degree provided a new program in Geography that focused on combining geography, computers, software, and statistics. **Lisa Keys-Mathews '85** was the first student to graduate with this degree and in 1992, after 20 years as a three-professor department, the University hired Dr. Keys-Mathews as faculty member number four.

The turn of 21st century included the retirement of the much-loved Mr. Green in 2000 and Mr. Himmeler in 2003. Graduates of the Department of Geography founded the first discipline-specific alumni group, the UNA Geography Alumni Association

(UNAGAA) in 2005; the group continues to hold an annual meeting that includes project presentations, vendors, and social activities.

The 21st century also ushered in changes, enhancement, and growth in the department. The Masters of Science in Geospatial Science was started in the fall 2010 and had its first graduate, **Zeb Wallace '06** in Fall 2012, and second graduate **Will Walker '09** in Summer 2012. New faculty positions have been added and faculty members hired with specialties and experience in specific facets of geography and the geospatial technology industry. These include (name, start date, specialty):

- Dr. Greg Gaston – 2002 – *GIS, geomorphology, physical geography*
- Dr. Francis Koti – 2004 – *urban geography, GIS, geography of Africa*
- Dr. Michael Pretes – 2006 – *human geography, tourism, microfinance, geography of Asia and the Pacific*
- Dr. Sunhui (Sunny) Sim – 2010 – *GIS, geospatial modeling, urban geography*
- Dr. David Brommer – 2012 – *meteorology, climatology, severe storms*
- **Mr. Jonathan Fleming '06** – 2012 – *biography, GIS, modeling*

What does the future hold? Bigger and better . . . the Department of Geography has acquired over \$1 million in applied research and projects over the last ten years and will continue to build on that. The

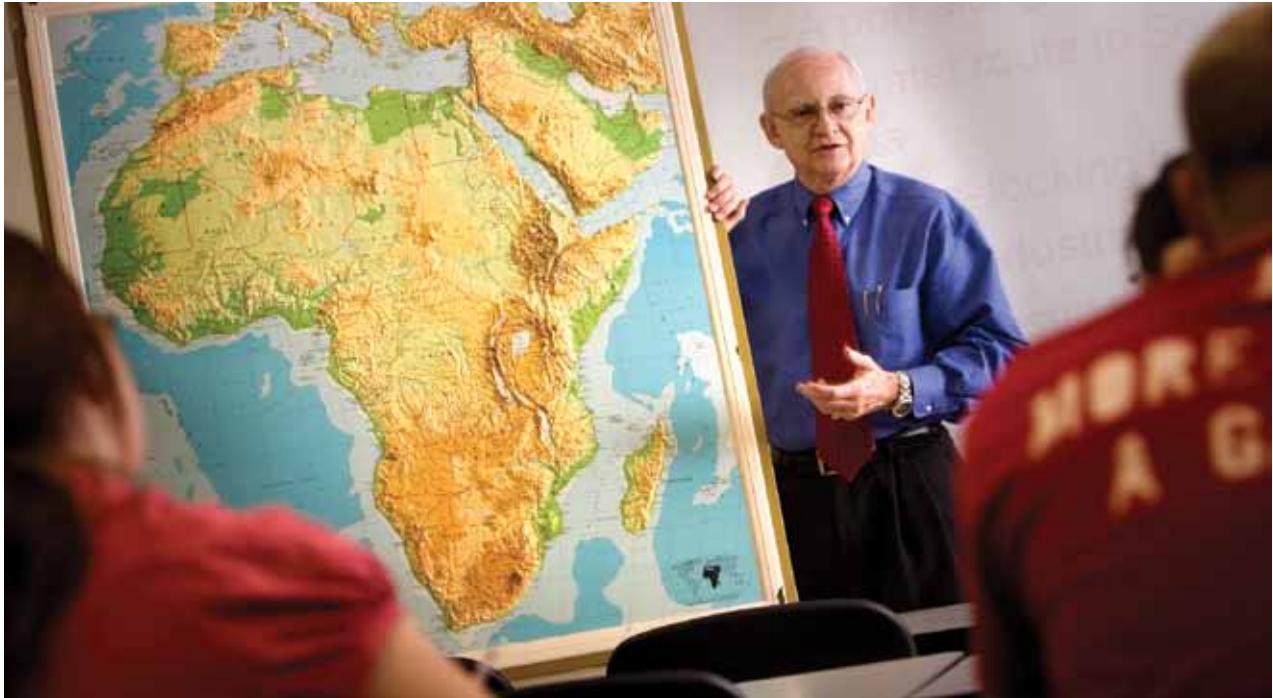
department has doubled in size in the last ten years and now has eight faculty members; growth in geography and geospatial technology is inevitable. Faculty members have led (and will continue to lead) study abroad programs to Costa Rica, Tanzania, and China, as well as domestic trips to the Desert Southwest, Rocky Mountains, and Pacific Northwest. Faculty members and students are continuing to work with professionals from government and industry; faculty members are always preparing students for future careers. Students continue to get jobs and provide leadership in the geography and geospatial technology industry; others go to graduate school and on to academic positions. There are over 150 majors this semester when less than ten years ago there were sixty.



*The future is bright . . .
Earth is our lab . . .
onward and upward . . .
the sky is the limit.*

THE ALABAMA GEOGRAPHIC ALLIANCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY

By Dr. Bill Strong, Professor, Chair, Department of Geography



CAN YOU REMEMBER taking a geography class during your school years? If you graduated from high school during the past two decades you probably took one semester of geography in the 7th grade and maybe looked at some maps in your history classes. You can thank a geographer that you were exposed to some geography instruction because in the early 1980s, this subject almost disappeared from the K-12 curriculum in Alabama. A few alert geographers at that time convinced the Department of Education to retain a modicum of geography instruction in social studies courses, and since then geography has played a greater role in the Alabama curriculum.

In the early 1980s a geographic alliance idea was conceived by the

President and Chair of the Board of Trustees of National Geographic Society (NGS) Gil Grosvenor, whose vision was a country-wide alliance network to promote and improve geography education in the USA. Alabama's geo-education efforts caught the attention of the NGS and in 1987 the Alabama Geographic Alliance became one of the first alliances in the country. Under the initial direction of Dr. Strong at UNA, Dr. Howard Johnson at JSU, and Dr. David Weaver at UA, the AGA has been hosted by the Department of Geography at UNA and coordinated by **Dr. Lisa Keys-Mathews '85** and Dr. Strong for the past decade.

With more than \$500,000 in grants from NGS plus significant matching funds from the State

Department of Education and other sources since 1987, the AGA has emerged as an all-volunteer organization and statewide partnership between professors, the business community, and K-12 teachers. Faculty members and students in the UNA Department of Geography as well as teacher consultants from schools within the state have provided support.

Dr. Keys-Mathews and Dr. Strong have coordinated AGA activities in Alabama and in other states for the past ten years. Through a grant from the Association of American Geographers and the U.S. Department of State, Dr. Keys-Mathews taught geographic technology to middle school teachers in the southern Philippines. Dr. Strong coordinated the work

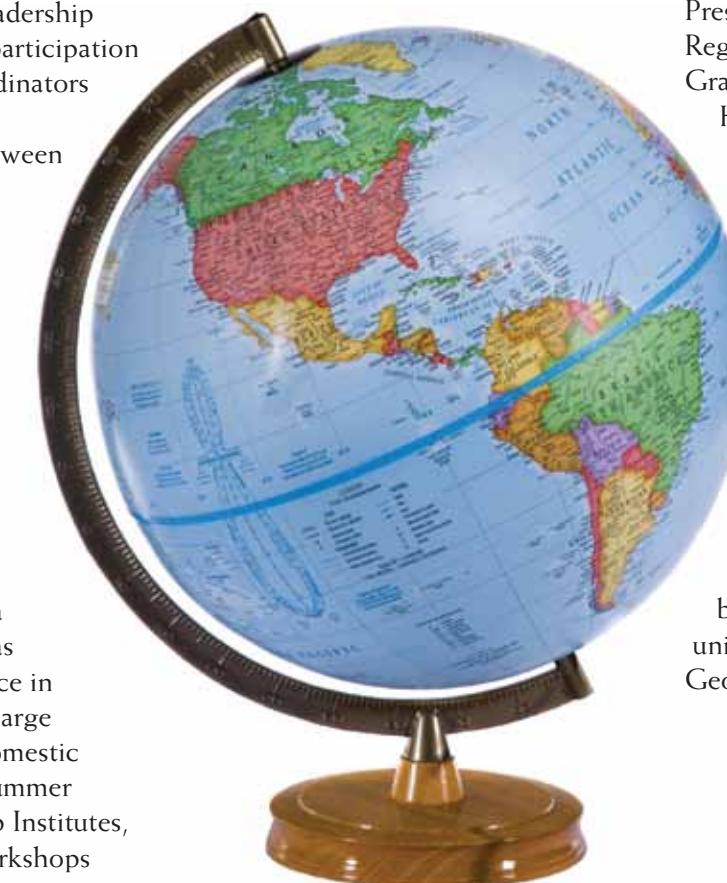
of selected Alabama teachers for the "My Country, Our Earth" international program between the countries of Ghana, Nicaragua, Bolivia, and the Philippines.

AGA sponsored events include summer institutes focused on geography technology and reading initiatives, and shorter workshops on mapping, environmental disasters, aerial photography, satellite imagery, Africa, and China. A popular event is the Giant Traveling Map which is almost the size of a small gym. Giant Traveling Maps of Africa, North and South America, and Asia have been presented at UNA plus schools across Alabama. The plan for the summer of 2013 is a Teacher Leadership Institute at UNA with participation from teachers and coordinators in four other states.

The connection between the UNA Department of Geography and the National Geographic Society extends beyond the focus on K-12 geography in Alabama. As a result of work with the AGA, the National Geographic Education Division invited Dr. Strong to work in Washington, D.C., on a two-year appointment as Geographer-in-Residence in the early 1990s. His charge involved foreign and domestic travel, director of the summer Instructional Leadership Institutes, teaching geography workshops

across the country, representing NGS on the Geography Education National Implementation Project, and promoting geography education through numerous speaking events.

Two years ago, Dr. Keys-Mathews was elected to the prestigious National Geographic Alliance Coordinators Council, a small group that represents every state in the union plus Puerto Rico. As the vice president, she is charged with developing the coordinators program at the annual meeting in Washington, D.C., at the NGS headquarters. In addition to being on the task force for GIS, she received a grant from Esri, which



was only offered to coordinators, to attend the Esri education users' conference in San Diego.

Because of her distinguished teaching record, **Peggy Clay '79**, a teacher consultant for the AGA who was also a UNA graduate and elementary teacher in Florence, was invited to be the Teacher-in-Residence at NGS. She held that position for almost five years.

The AGA, Department of Geography, and the UNA Geography Alumni Association have linkages to the NGS through its internship program and visiting dignitaries. The past President and Chair of NGS Gil Grosvenor, Vice President of NGS Maps Charlie Regan, NGS magazine Editor Bill Graves, and Alabama liaison Kim

Hulse, have spoken to our campus community. Juan Valdes, the Geographer and Director of Editorial and Research, is scheduled to be the keynote speaker at the 2012 annual conference of the Geography Alumni Association.

The Alabama Geographic Alliance, the Department of Geography, the faculty, students, and Alabama K-12 teachers have been enriched because of the unique connection to the National Geographic Society.





Ashley Peters '04

Montgomery, Alabama

I BEGAN MY CAREER with the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) almost 5 years ago. During my interview, my now boss said something that has stayed with me: "Coming through the geography program at UNA, I know you know what you are doing." I was hired due to the education (GIS certificate and Biology degree) I received from UNA. This speaks for the reputation the Geography Department has not only in Alabama, but throughout the Southeast.

The professionals I interact with on a daily basis have varying degrees of experience with geography and GIS, but all understand the importance of its use as a tool in making management decisions relating to habitat restoration, recreational opportunities (such as hiking trail or boat ramp placement), and wildlife protection. My job involves providing geographic information, such as species and managed lands data, to ADCNR staff, conservation partners, and the public through hard copy or interactive web maps.



Scarlett Coulter Mattingly '88

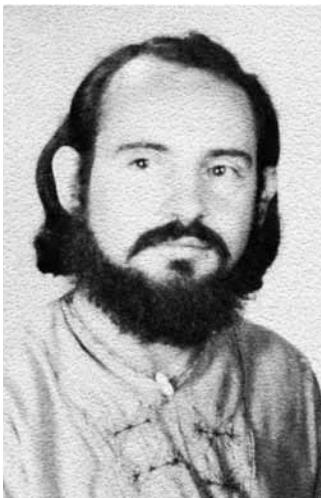
Louisville, Kentucky

I AM PRESIDENT of Coulter Mapping Solutions, Inc., which I founded in 1993. We design Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and outage management software for small utilities and have clients in several states in the Southeast. We also create custom maps for several large companies such as RISI Paper Co., Norton Healthcare, and Insight Communications. We produce various distribution maps for many local companies and complete data collection to assist in GIS projects including the Louisville Airport and Louisville Metropolitan Sewer District.

I have such wonderful memories of our little group in the Geography Department back in the '80s at UNA. I learned the love of geography from Dr. Bill Strong, the appreciation of my Southern roots from Gary "Tall Pine" Green, and I was able to complete

an independent study in GIS at the department when this technology was still in its infancy. It was then that I truly began to understand how computerized mapping was not just for making better maps, but to give scientists and businesses the tools to analyze marketing patterns, animal migration, or any event that can be tied to a location on the earth.

I love my job because I use GIS technology to help companies reach so many different kinds of goals: from tracking paper production through tree inventory, to understanding patterns in customers' decisions as consumers, to helping utilities identify their entire inventory in the field. I look at the Geography Department now and I am proud and amazed at how large and diverse it has become.

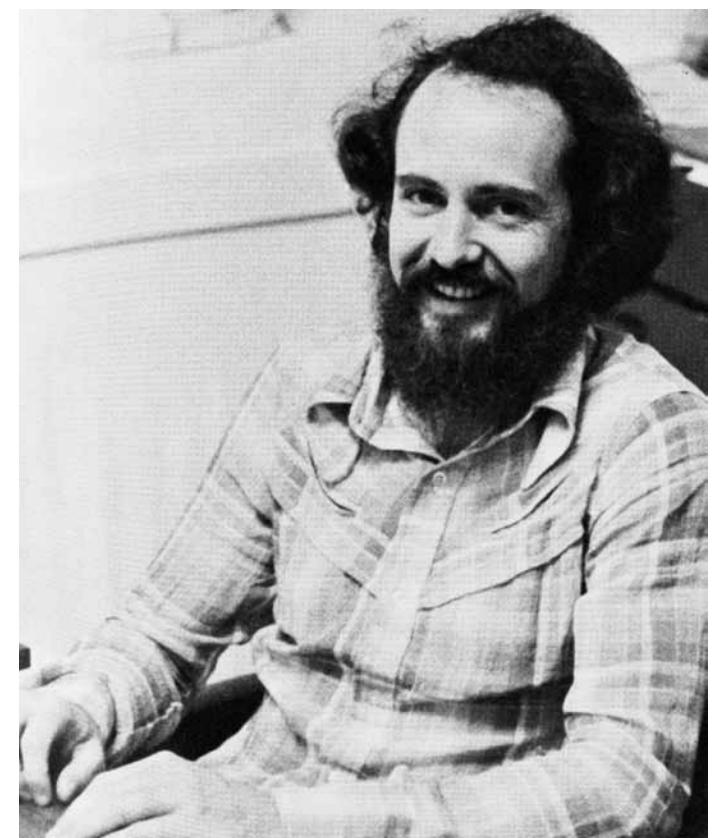


Dr. Bill Strong

Upon his planned retirement in December 2012, Dr. Bill Strong will become a Raymond Isbell Scholar. As such, he will volunteer to continue to teach his classes for an additional year after his retirement. To honor Dr. Strong's volunteer

service, UNA will establish an endowment for Geography Education with the money saved by not having to hire a professor to replace him for a year. The earnings from this endowment will support educational outreach efforts of

the Department of Geography and the Alabama Geographic Alliance which is hosted by the department. Donations are welcome to enhance the corpus of this endowment.



Dr. Bill Strong 1974



Dr. Lisa Keys-Mathews '85, Gil Grosvenor, and Dr. Bill Strong



UNA's Nick Nichols

by David Biedny

One chilly evening in 1976, a young Alabama native son and student photographer Michael "Nick" Nichols '78, stood mesmerized as the artist, Reba Peck '77, painted her canvas three floors above him in the Art building at UNA. Thirty-six years later, the two of them stand together as a married couple on the plains of Tanzania, mesmerized by the pride of lions Nick is photographing for National Geographic magazine.

Nick began shooting assignments for NGM in 1989 while a member of Magnum Photos, a prestigious photographic cooperative of great diversity and distinction, founded by Henri Cartier-Bresson and Robert Capa. He joined the staff of National Geographic in 1996, and was named Editor at Large for photography for the publication in 2008. Over the last fifteen years, he has photographed 27 feature stories for the publication in a variety of locations around the world. Nick has won first prize four times for nature and environment stories in the World Press Photo competition, and has been featured in Paris Match, Rolling Stone, Life, Aperture, and American Photographer, among many other popular magazines. He is considered by many of his peers to be one of the pre-eminent nature photographers in

Micro-copter:
A new innovation, the remote-controlled micro-copter is loaded with a high-quality camera, travels topside of the vehicle and is ever present for an elevated bird-eye view. Compact and driven by battery power, it is Earth friendly, and with little noise, doesn't frighten the wildlife.

Cover:

On the cover is a photo of a magnificent African Lion on the plains of the Serengeti taken by National Geographic photographer, Michael "Nick" Nichols. On assignment as well is the love of Nick's life, Reba Peck. The two met on the campus of UNA in 1976. They have two sons, Ian and Eli.

Looking for Leo:

Reba Peck '77 received her fine arts degree at UNA. An avid painter and naturalist, Reba works in the field as the driver, data recorder, and account recorder. Her duties also include identifying individual lions, a challenging and difficult task.



the field today, and has worked diligently to advance his artistic aesthetic as well as to give a voice to the endangered species he has put himself at risk to capture and document in a personal and professional manner unlike any other photographer in the field today.

Nick's intricate and intimate photography is a tribute to his dedication, integrity and ingenuity—he's gone to some extremes to document the decimation of gorillas, creatures he feels a close connection with and for whom he's become a public champion, as well as other naturalist conservation and activist photographic missions that have inspired him to push the use of technology in truly interesting and unique ways. Among his gorgeous redwoods photo series, a breathtaking, massive 1500-year-old living tree image was created by digitally blending together 84 photos, a masterful composite that truly reveals the majestic size and gravitas of this ancient life form, preserving a visual record which will delight and educate future generations of environmentalists and lovers of these awesome trees. Nichols represents the best facets of the intersection of journalism, technology, and art, a personal quest that had its early days in the darkrooms and labs at UNA.

Photos courtesy of Michael Nichols, NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC



The Vehicle:

Equipped with the latest technology, cameras, and laptops, the team does all the work from a custom-fabricated four-wheel drive vehicle. They sleep in big Safari tents.

In the field:

Michael "Nick" Nichols, photographer; Mohamed Hassam Nambole, park guard, whom Africans would call a mezee (wise man); and Reba Peck, driver, caption recorder, and keeper of records.

To see more of Nick's work visit michaelnicknichols.com



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"Set your standards relative to what you want to accomplish."



Charlton James in
Death of a Salesman

CHARLTON JAMES,

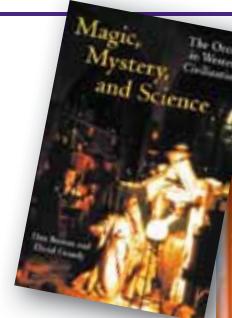
*Assistant Professor of Theatre,
B.F.A., 1998, University of Utah; M.F.A., 2000,
The University of Alabama.*

During and after his graduate training, Mr. James has worked as a professional actor in numerous theaters across the country. Some of these include The Shakespeare Company in Washington, D.C., Alabama Shakespeare Festival, Syracuse Stage, Capitol Repertory Theater, Pioneer Memorial Theater, Salt Lake Shakespeare and the Utah Greek Festival. He has played such roles as Petruchio in *The Taming of the Shrew*, Shannon in *The Night of the Iguana*, The Visitor (Elvis) in *Picasso at the Lapin Agile*, Sylvius in *As You Like It*, Paul in *A Lesson Before Dying*, King Ferdinand in *Loves Labours Lost*, Eddie in *Fool for Love* and Lee in *True West*.

Since arriving at UNA, Mr. James has played numerous roles in various UNA productions including Biff in UNA Summer Theatre's production of *Death of a Salesman* and Captain Nick Flannigan in *The Guys*, produced by the Music and Theatre Department in commemoration of 9/11. As a director at UNA he has directed productions of *Don't Drink the Water*, *The Diviners*, *Greater Tuna*, *Hamlet*, "Master Harold" . . . and the Boys, and *Becky's New Car*. "Master Harold" . . . and the Boys was one out of five plays in the southeast region invited for performance at the 2012 Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival at Daytona State College in Daytona, Fla. He is the current Artistic/Casting Director of UNA Summer Theatre program and leads the planning, execution, and artistic integrity of the program. He enjoys teaching/training young actors and encourages a commitment to discipline, character, excellence, education, creativity, and personal growth from his students. He teaches in the areas of stage and camera acting, voice for the stage, movement for actors, script analysis and theatre appreciation.

RECIPIENT: ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SCHOLARSHIP/RESEARCH

"I want to know God's thoughts. The rest are details." – Albert Einstein (1955)



DAN BURTON,
*Professor of History,
B.A. & M.A., Purdue University;
M.L.S, Indiana University; M.A. & Ph.D., Indiana University.*

When Dan Burton began a degree in physics at Purdue University, the medieval world was not even on his event horizon—until he read J.R.R. Tolkien. After taking a few courses in history, he finally switched majors in the middle of his junior year, with a lot of "useless" credits and a fifth year graduation. Born and raised in rural Indiana, Burton went on to earn a graduate degree in European History and Medieval Studies from Purdue as well. He then earned an MLS from Indiana University, working in reference and the cataloging of rare books and manuscripts there for several years. While at IU, he stumbled upon the History and Philosophy of Science Department (HPS), where he realized he could combine his two great loves: science and history. Completing an M.A. and Ph.D. in History and Philosophy of Science at Indiana, Burton taught at Auburn University for two years before coming to UNA, where he teaches courses such as *Heretics, Vikings, and Crusaders*, *History of Science and Technology*, *The Philosophical Borderlands of Science and Religion*, and *The History of Rome through Film*.

His most recent book is on the famed 14th century thinker, Nicole Oresme, who posited scientific theories on what we would now call inertia, the axial rotation of the earth, and 'Galilean' relative motion – two centuries before Galileo. Burton's critical edition and translation of Oresme's *On Seeing the Stars (De visione stellarum)*, the first separate treatise on atmospheric refraction and its problems for astronomy, reveals that Oresme proposed the qualitatively correct solution

to the problem of atmospheric refraction: that light travels along a curve through a medium of uniformly varying density. And Oresme arrived at this solution using infinitesimals – two centuries before the Scientific Revolution.

Burton co-authored a previous book with David Grandy on the history of the Occult,

Magic, Mystery and Science: the Occult in Western Civilization, which ranges over a wide array of topics such as witches and demons, spiritualism, ESP, Near Death Experiences and UFOs. This work earned a spot in the "Top Ten University Books" for that year from the publishing trade journal *Foreword*, garnering the number one position in the History Category.

Because of generous support from UNA, Burton has been able to travel to places such as Venice, Florence, and London to analyze Medieval Latin manuscripts for his current research on one of the foundational works in the history of veterinary medicine, the *De medicina equorum (On Horse Medicine)*, by the very practical Jordanus Ruffus (ca. 1250). Jordanus was Master of the Horse under



Holy Roman Emperor Frederick II, and his text was probably the most widely read veterinary manual in the Middle Ages. Jordanus' work was essential to the foundation of modern veterinary practice, in particular, because of his sensible, observational approach (well, most of the time).

To instill the joy of travel and history, Burton and his spouse, Donna, in company with Kim and Darwin Burney, have travelled with UNA students to places such as Greece, Rome, Scotland, and London. Dan and Donna also enjoy old movies, mysteries, and reading books aloud with one another, including Tolkien.

RECIPIENT: ELEANOR P. GAUNDER PHI KAPPA PHI EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

"My definition of teaching is 'arranging the conditions for learning.'" – Arthur Chickering



DAVID W. NICKELS,

*Professor of Computer Information Systems,
B.A., 1975, M.C.S., 1983, Mississippi State University;
Ph.D., 2005, University of Memphis.*

program. He has taught courses in information systems curricula at the University of Memphis, Mississippi University for Women, and Emporia State University in Kansas before accepting a faculty position in the Computer Information Systems program at UNA in 2007.

As a teacher, Dr. Nickels believes the overriding purpose of higher

education to be human development. To achieve this goal, he organizes his course plans to successfully provide a learning environment with both instrumental and developmental goals for students. In each course that he teaches, he sets both instrumental goals for students' applied skills and developmental goals to support the achievement of increased levels of students' cognitive complexity. The instrumental goals are geared toward enabling students to build a solid knowledge base of major course topics and hands-on abilities in supporting technologies. His developmental goals for students involve challenging them with classroom discussions, individual assignments, and team projects that encourage the development of additional

capabilities among the advanced components of Bloom's Taxonomy of Educational Objectives: analysis, synthesis, and evaluation.

Dr. Nickels also believes that teachers must adhere to the same tenet of the necessity of "lifelong learning" that they espouse to their students. He said, "I have not stopped learning about teaching since I began my teaching career over twenty-five years ago. As time passes, student populations exhibit different characteristics and preferences, and technology and the global business environment are constantly evolving. We, as teachers, must also continue to evolve in our knowledge of those changes, generational issues of our student populations, and the teaching strategies that we employ to be better teachers."

After teaching for over twenty-five years, he continues to find his teaching career personally fulfilling. Dr. Nickels said, "For me, there has been no greater professional joy than witnessing my students grow intellectually, acquire new skills, build higher degrees of self-efficacy, and develop an appreciation of the need for lifelong learning to sustain successful careers. My passion for teaching continues in this environment, where each semester presents contact with new students, the potential to work with new subject matter, and the opportunity to make a difference in students' lives."



RECIPIENT: ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE

"Tell me and I'll forget. Show me and I might remember. Involve me and I'll understand." – Unknown



MICHAEL D. HALL,

*Professor of Health, Physical Education and Recreation,
B.S., 1983, M.S., 1984, D.A. 1999, Health, Physical Education &
Recreation, Middle Tennessee State University.*

Dr. Mike Hall, a native of Clearwater, Fla., has been a member of the UNA faculty since 1987. During this time period he has been an active member of the academic as well as the local community. He has served on numerous university committees including serving as Marshal for the Commencement Ceremony for over 20 years.

In the Shoals Area, his service is highlighted by his substantial work in the area of aquatics where over the last 25 years he has taught literally thousands of youth and adults to swim. Dr. Hall has served as UNA Aquatic Director, Director of the University of North Alabama Swim School and Kilby Laboratory School Swim Program. He co-founded the North Alabama Rough Riders, a junior wheelchair sports team. This team qualified for several national championships bringing home gold medals in swimming each time. Through this effort he has created a very positive reputation for the aquatics program offered at UNA.

Dr. Hall has more recently become involved in voluntary service to the National Park Service through the Natchez Trace National Parkway. Beginning in 2010 he began working with a colleague in the department to promote a summer service-learning experience for UNA students at the NTNP Headquarters in Tupelo, Miss. During this service-learning experience students spend up to two weeks in the field involved in trail maintenance and repair along sections of the Natchez Trace National Historic Trail.

His commitment to service has led to an association with Easter Seals Camp ASCCA (Alabama's Special Camp for Children and Adults). Dr. Hall has served on its Board of Directors for two terms and regularly promotes special projects and fundraisers for the camp.



Annually he organizes a class for UNA students at Camp ASCCA which allows them to serve as counselors for one week during the summer. During this week at camp the UNA students provide much needed support for camp staff while receiving a total immersion experience in the camp life of special needs youth. The class has brought about life changing experiences for the UNA students as they are challenged through the relationships they develop with the young people they work with who have physical, sensory, and mental disabilities.



HPER STUDENTS VISIT SUMMER CAMP FOR DISABLED

By Elise Cofield, *student intern*

Students in the Recreation for Special Populations elective course instructed by Prof. Mike Hall at the University of North Alabama experienced the unique, interactive atmosphere of Alabama's Special Camp for Children and Adults as camp counselors on Alabama's Lake Martin May 21 through 24.

For 13 years, Hall has been taking his classes of 10 to 20 students to ASCCA to close out the May intersession course. ASCCA operates year-round, and, during the summer months, offers opportunities on its completely-accessible 230 acres for children and adults with any mental or physical disability to get active, especially in a way that encourages forming friendships while achieving individuality and independence. Hall has been involved with ASCCA for 20 years, and has served on the Board of Directors for several years.

According to Hall, each student interacts with 10 to 15 campers through





a variety of physical activities including horseback riding, zip-lining, swimming, fishing, canoeing, tubing, and arts and crafts, and through social events such as a dance and talent show. "I think it's important that our students get a chance at true experiential learning," he said. "We can talk all day in the classroom about situations, but when students actually work with a person with a disability, I think it stays with them."

The course is offered through the HPER department, but Hall said that a majority of his students are non-HPER majors. One such student is Shannon Jaynes, a UNA nursing major who took the course this summer. "This is more than a camp—more than a class," she said. "I would have taken this class whether I got hours for it or not."

The National Paralympic Training Facility at the Lakeshore Foundation in Birmingham was the last stop of the trip. There students sat in on a Paralympic rugby team's scrimmage and met UNA alum **Graham Sisson '87**, now Assistant Attorney General at Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services. Since age 18, Sisson has been living with a disability that paralyzed him from the waist down. He shared insightful ways to better

understand and relate to those with disabilities.

After a week brimming with activities, the students arrived back in Florence with plenty of new friends and a more educated perspective of people with disabilities.



Hall's former students continue to rave about their experience with Camp ASCCA. **Lyndsie McClure '10** took the class in 2009 as public relations major. "I met some of the most beautiful people and made great friends that are still special to me today," she said. She



spent a semester as a public relations intern at ASCCA the following summer, documenting, photographing, swimming, climbing, and experiencing outdoor recreation with campers of all ages. "Even now, post-college with a full time job, I go back to volunteer on weekends so I can have my dose of Camp ASCCA. No matter your major, your ability, your experience, take the time to learn about people who may be different than you in some way."



Graham Sisson '87 had just graduated high school. He was lining up plans for college and for the future, and his bags were packed for the United States Military Academy when

his life went in an unexpected direction.

On June 27, 1982, just three weeks after graduating high school, Graham Sisson was in a car wreck. The car that he and his friends were

in was struck head-on by a drunk driver fleeing the police at over 80 mph. Eight and a half weeks later, Sisson awoke from a coma surrounded by doctors and nurses. He was bewildered, confused, and unable to move his legs. The high school athlete gradually came to understand that the accident had done serious, permanent damage to his body. Doctors explained to him that the collision had broken his spinal cord in half and that he was paralyzed from the waist down.

Some might consider Graham's accident a tragedy, but that's not how he sees it at all. In his words, his accident gave him an incredible opportunity to do good in the world.

Though initially he was challenged by relearning simple tasks like showering and dressing, he claims that the most difficult adjustment was the way people interacted with him.

"The way people look at you changes when you have a disability," he said. He now spends his life tearing down what he says is the number-one barrier for people with disabilities, which is attitude. He currently serves as Assistant Attorney General at Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services, General Counsel for the State of Alabama, and Executive Director of the Governor's Office on Disability. He also hopes to hold a political office in the future.

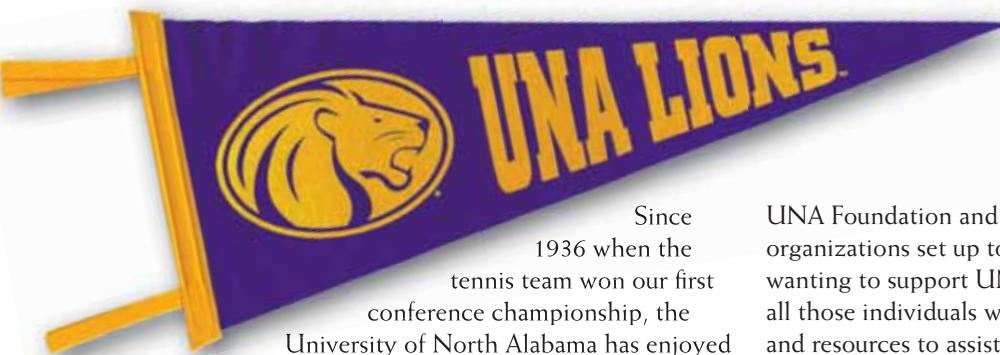
If you ask him, he will emphatically tell you that his wheelchair is a part of him, but it does not define him.

"I like to do things that are non-stereotypical because it creates awareness," he said from the driver's seat of his sleek Ford Challenger, which he drives with hand controls.

Sisson is a summa cum laude graduate of the University of North Alabama and recipient of the Keller Key award and the Turris Fidelis award. He also served as Student Government Association President.

He is currently working on a Ph.D. at Auburn University and living in Birmingham, Ala., with his wife.

TRADITION DOESN'T GRADUATE



Since 1936 when the tennis team won our first conference championship, the University of North Alabama has enjoyed a rich tradition in collegiate athletics. As we enter the 2012-13 academic year (77 years later), we have high expectations. We have the tremendous responsibility of representing our alumni, our fans, and our campus with honor and integrity. Our mission is still to "Graduate Champions."

OUR RICH TRADITION INCLUDES:

- 6 National Championships
- 60 Conference Championships
- 100 NCAA Post-Season Tournament Appearances
- 313 All-American selections

You see . . . our student-athletes graduate, but the Lion tradition doesn't. We want to thank those who have gone before us and laid such a solid foundation—because of you, we are now able to build each and every day to reach new heights. We work hard to make you proud of your university and your athletic department.

How does UNA Athletics experience so much success?

The simple answer . . . "Resources."

Our department receives tremendous support from the University, the UNA Foundation, the Sportsman's Club, and our Lion Alliance Corporate Partners. As many of you are aware, the

UNA Foundation and the Sportsman's Club are both 501c(3) organizations set up to receive donations from individuals wanting to support UNA Athletics. We certainly appreciate all those individuals who have committed their time, talent, and resources to assist UNA athletics in becoming a nationally respected program.

The Lion Alliance Corporate Partners is a flexible, comprehensive and integrated corporate partnership between national, regional, and local businesses and UNA Athletics. These partnerships allow the businesses to utilize UNA athletics to market to regional consumers and increase traffic flow to their business. In return, we use those dollars to give our coaches the resources needed to recruit the best and brightest student-athletes in the nation.

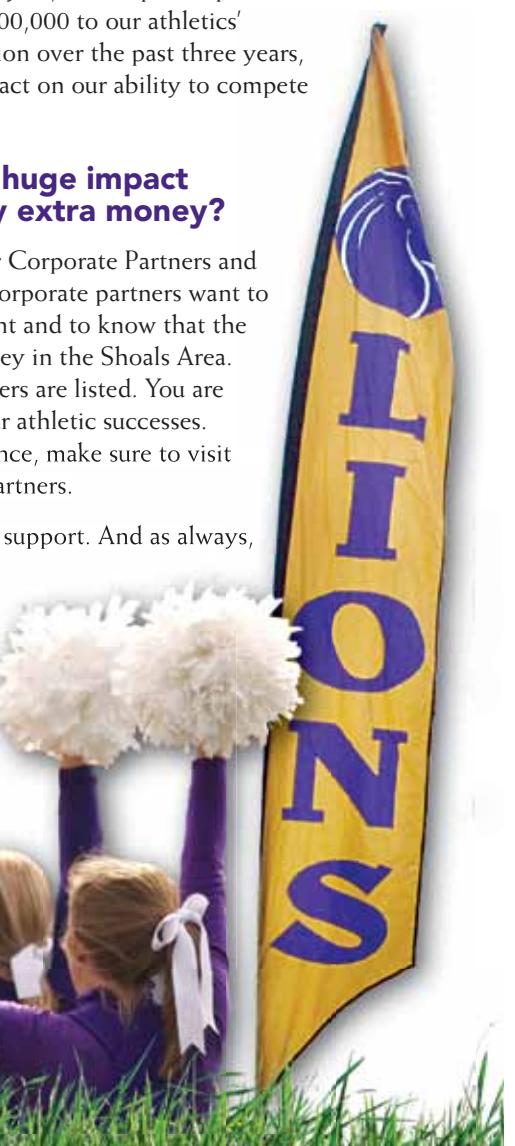
During the past academic year, our corporate partners contributed approximately \$600,000 to our athletics' program. In the face of proration over the past three years, this has had an incredible impact on our ability to compete for championships.

How can you make a huge impact without spending any extra money?

It's simple...patronize our Corporate Partners and shop locally! Obviously, our corporate partners want to see a return on their investment and to know that the Lion Nation spends their money in the Shoals Area. Our 2012-13 Corporate Partners are listed. You are so loyal to UNA and enjoy our athletic successes.

Whenever you have the chance, make sure to visit one of our fine corporate partners.

Thanks again for all your support. And as always,
"ROAR LIONS!"



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Suntrust
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JASON ANDERSON

NAMED HEAD SOFTBALL COACH AT UNA

Jason Anderson joined the University of North Alabama athletic staff in June as the Lions' new head softball coach. Anderson comes to UNA from Central Baptist College where he served as head softball coach for five seasons and helped develop the Mustangs into an NAIA national power.

During his tenure at CBC, Anderson compiled a 225-37 record while the Mustangs participated at two different levels of competition. His first squad posted a 29-9 record in 2008, then went 35-13 the following season.

In 2010 CBC went 52-1 en route to the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) national championship. The 2010 also marked the Mustangs' probationary season as the program transitioned into NAIA.

Central Baptist wasted little time becoming competitive at the NAIA level, going 57-7 during its first full season in 2011. The team also set a national record with 141 home runs, produced five All-Americans including the 2011 Player of the Year and finished the season ranked No. 5 in the final NAIA poll.

In 2012, the Mustangs added another conference championship and finished fifth in the NAIA national tournament held in Gulf Shores, Ala.

Overall, Anderson's stay at CBC included five NCCAA Region Championships, five consecutive national tournament appearances and one NCCAA national championship. He also had 24 All-America selections and coached 19 All-Region selections. Anderson is a five-time NCCAA Central Region Coach of the Year and was named the National Coach of the Year in 2010.

Originally from Houston, Texas, Anderson played baseball at Langham Creek High School. He began his college baseball career at Wayland Baptist University where he earned All-Sooner Athletic Conference honors during his sophomore and junior seasons. He completed his collegiate baseball career at Arkansas Tech University where he earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in 2001. He continued his education at ATU with a Master of Business Administration in 2005.

Anderson becomes the fifth head coach in UNA softball history.

He is married to the former Renee Byford and has two children, Addison and Kyler.



Joan Jones '58, Pamela Tyner, Rex Jones, and Kembrel Jones '82



BILL JONES PLAZA DEDICATED



In recognition of his contributions to the University of North Alabama as a student-athlete, coach, and athletic administrator, UNA dedicated the newly created Bill Jones Plaza with a ceremony on July 20.

The 800-square foot plaza is located on North Pine Street in Florence in front of Flowers Hall and includes a flower garden, tables, and a seating area for visitors, and a brick and limestone structure that supports a plaque detailing Jones' contributions to the University.

The event was attended by Jones' widow Joan, children Rex, Kem, and Pam; their six grandchildren; and numerous other family members, friends, and supporters.

Bill Jones Plaza is adjacent to the entrance of the recently named Bill Jones Athletic Complex at UNA that includes Flowers Hall, Self Field House, Mike Lane Field, and the UNA soccer and football practice field.

"This is a great day for the University," said UNA President Dr. William Cale. "The success that we have today is because of the hard work that Bill Jones and others like him put into this University. He laid a foundation of excellence, both as a coach and in his various administrative roles."

Bill Jones '58, who passed away in 2008 at the age of 72, was a Lion basketball player and a UNA graduate.



Harrison Jones, Walker Jones, Katherine Tyner, Cannon Tyner, Chase Tyner, Joan Jones, and Barrett Jones

He returned to Florence in 1974 as UNA's men's basketball coach and assistant athletic director and became UNA's first full-time athletic director in 1987.

In 14 years as UNA's basketball coach, Jones compiled a 259-141 record that included three Gulf South Conference championships, six NCAA Tournament appearances, five NCAA regional championships, four Final Fours and the 1979 Division II National Championship. He also won a remarkable 81 percent of his home games played at UNA's Flowers Hall.

In his 20-year role as an athletic administrator, Jones was instrumental in molding UNA into one of the premier Division II athletic programs in the nation. Under Jones, UNA won five Gulf South Conference Women's All-Sports trophies, two men's GSC All-Sports trophies, three Division II National Championships and 25 GSC championships in nine different sports.

"We are so proud of what has happened here on this campus," said Joan Jones. "Bill's dream came true when we had the chance to come back to Florence



Barry "Buck" Williams

and I want to thank everyone here who have been so wonderful to us. I'm very honored that they did this and I really feel like Bill deserves it."

Rex Jones echoed his mother's comments.

"We want to thank everyone who helped make this possible," he said. "Thank you for recognizing Dad. He loved UNA and touched a lot of lives here and this place is a wonderful light in this community."

"It's great to talk to his former players and hear what an impact he had on their lives," Rex Jones continued. "They talk about the things he taught them about life and they pass those things on to their kids, so Bill Jones lives on in the lives of every player he coached."

"Today was a great day to reflect on his life and look out over the people and see how many lives he touched. It's been a great day for the Jones family."





STEWART & LISA CINK ANNOUNCE \$183,000 GIFT TO UNA



PGA Tour golfer Stewart Cink and his wife, Lisa, have announced a \$183,000 gift to the University of North Alabama athletics program. The gift is establishing the Stewart and Lisa Cink Scholarship Endowment Fund for graduates of Florence High School, adding to the university's Chris Burns and Alex Sloan Endowment Fund and assisting in the construction of the Stewart and Lisa Cink UNA Golf Clubhouse and Teaching Center at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail at The Shoals.

"This gift is important to us because it's a gift not only to UNA but to our hometown," Stewart Cink said. "Through it, I am helping honor a very important mentor for me, Chris Burns, as well as recognizing Alex Sloan's contribution to golf in the Shoals. We are proud that we're able to do this for UNA and the Shoals community."

Stewart and Lisa Cink are 1991 graduates of Bradshaw High School, which later merged with Coffee High School to become Florence High School. Stewart Cink spent his early years as a

golfer under the mentorship of Burns, retired golf pro at the former Florence Golf and Country Club. He has golfed professionally since 1995, joined the PGA Tour in 1997 and won his first major, the 138th Open Championship, in 2009.

"It's an honor to UNA and to the entire Shoals community to have the Cinks make this level of commitment to the quality of education, academically and athletically, that is offered here," said Dr. William G. Cale, Jr., UNA president.

Mark Linder, UNA athletics director, said he is always proud to see people reach the Cinks' "outstanding level of success and then give back to their hometown community in ways like Stewart and Lisa are doing. They will never see the full impact of this gift, because it is going to touch the lives of students for generations to come."

Fifty thousand dollars of the Cinks' gift is funding the new Stewart and Lisa Cink Scholarship Endowment, which will provide annual scholarship awards to students graduating from Florence High School. University endowments



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are investments independent of the university budget, ensuring secure funds for scholarships and programming.

The Cinks are also providing \$90,000 toward the Chris Burns and Alex Sloan Endowment Fund to provide golf scholarships and assist with annual operations of the UNA golf team. Their gift will put the fund over \$100,000.

"We've been very humbled by this," Burns said. "Stewart and Lisa have been so generous to the young people and junior golfers of the Shoals area in so many

ways over the years, and we appreciate everything they've done."

Burns said the Cinks' previous charity work in the Shoals area has included the Healing Place Charity Championship Golf Tournament at Turtle Point as well as their donation of tickets for local junior golfers to attend The Masters at Augusta.

Sloan, retired head golf coach for UNA, said, "It's unbelievable what Stewart and Lisa have done, are doing, and continue to do for this area and the golf community. UNA has many excellent

programs, and how much better can you get than having someone of Stewart's success and prestige make such a notable gift to make those programs even greater?"

Sloan is also retired golf pro for Turtle Point and the Florence Golf and Country Club.

The Cinks are underwriting half the cost, or \$43,000, for construction of the new Stewart and Lisa Cink UNA Golf Clubhouse and Teaching Center at RTJ. The facility will be used as a teaching center for the UNA golf team and to host Junior Golf Clinics. The clubhouse will include a locker room, coach's office, video and conference room, and indoor and outdoor practice bays. A second phase of the facilities will include men's and women's locker rooms. Fundraising efforts are underway to secure support for the second phase of the facility.

"The Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail was created to offer everyone access to great golf," said Dr. David G. Bronner, CEO of the Retirement Systems of Alabama, owner of the RTJ courses. "The Cinks' generous donation encourages more Shoals residents to play golf and to improve their game. Stewart has been a great ambassador for golf, and we are very pleased to have the new teaching facility at our RTJ Shoals location."



2012 UNA FALL ATHLETIC SCHEDULES

FOOTBALL

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Sept. 2	Sun	at Miles College (@ Legion Field)	A	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 8	Sat	HARDING.....	H	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 15	Sat	KENTUCKY CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITYH	H	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 22	Sat	*at Delta State.....	A	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 29	Sat	*SHORTER (Homecoming).....H	H	6:00 p.m.
Oct. 6	Sat	at Texas A&M-Kingsville.....A	A	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 13	Sat	*VALDOSTA STATE.....H	H	6:00 p.m.
Oct. 18	Thu	*at West Georgia (GSC-TV)	A	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	Sat	Open		
Nov. 3	Sat	TARLETON STATE.....H	H	3:00 p.m.
Nov. 8	Thu	*at West Alabama (GSC-TV)	A	6:30 p.m.
Nov. 17	Sat	NCAA Playoff First Round		
Nov. 24	Sat	NCAA Playoff Second Round		
Dec. 1	Sat	NCAA Playoff Quarterfinal		
Dec. 8	Sat	NCAA Playoff Semifinal		
Dec. 15	Sat	NCAA Division II National Championship Game		

WOMEN'S SOCCER

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Aug. 31	Fri	TENNESSEE WESLEYAN.....H	H	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 2	Sun	Tenn. Wesleyan vs. CBU.....H	H	1:30 p.m.
Sept. 2	Sun	BARRY.....H	H	4:00 p.m.
Sept. 6	Thu	Union University	A	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 9	Sun	Alabama-Huntsville	A	2:00 p.m.
Sept. 14	Fri	WEST ALABAMA.....H	H	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 16	Sun	WEST FLORIDA.....H	H	2:00 p.m.
Sept. 21	Fri	Valdosta State.....A	A	4:00 p.m.
Sept. 23	Sun	West Georgia	A	Noon
Sept. 28	Fri	CHRISTIAN BROTHERS.....H	H	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 30	Sun	Delta State.....A	A	2:00 p.m.
Oct. 5	Fri	UNION UNIVERSITY.....H	H	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 8	Mon	Georgia College & State.....A	A	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 12	Fri	Columbus State.....A	A	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 13	Sun	Shorter College	A	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 17	Wed	Christian Brothers.....A	A	6:00 p.m.
Oct. 20	Sat	ALABAMA-HUNTSVILLE.....H	H	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 23	Tue	Carson-Newman	A	2:00 p.m.
Oct. 28	Sun	DELTA STATE	H	2:00 p.m.

CROSS COUNTRY

DATE	DAY	HOST/EVENT	LOCATION
Sept. 8	Sat	UAH Invitational	Huntsville, Ala.
Sept. 22	Sat	Montevallo Invitational	Montevallo, Ala.
Sept. 29	Sat	Rhodes College	Memphis, Tenn.
Oct. 5	Fri	Tennessee Tech.....	Cookeville, Tenn.
Oct. 13	Sat	Crimson Classic.....	Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Oct. 20	Sat	GSC Championship.....	Birmingham, Ala.
Nov. 3	Sat	Division II Regional	Huntsville, Ala.

All Times Are Central

* Gulf South Conference Games

• Game dates and times may change due to television broadcasts

VOLLEYBALL

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Aug. 31	Fri	Western State	A	11:00 a.m.
Aug. 31	Fri	West Texas A&M.....A	A	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 1	Sat	Adams State	A	11:00 a.m.
Sept. 1	Sat	East New Mexico.....A	A	3:30 p.m.
Sept. 5	Wed	Samford	A	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 14	Fri	Rollins	A	10:00 a.m.
Sept. 14	Fri	Florida Southern	A	1:30 p.m.
Sept. 16	Sun	West Alabama.....A	A	1:00 p.m.
Sept. 21	Fri	VALDOSTA STATE	H	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 23	Sun	WEST FLORIDA.....H	H	1:00 p.m.
Sept. 28	Fri	SHORTER	H	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 29	Sat	WEST GEORGIA.....H	H	2:00 p.m.
Oct. 2	Tue	Alabama-Huntsville	A	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 5	Fri	UNION	H	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 6	Sat	CHRISTIAN BROTHERS	H	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 14	Sun	WEST ALABAMA.....H	H	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 19	Fri	Barry	A	4:00 p.m.
Oct. 20	Sat	Lynn	A	9:00 a.m.
Oct. 20	Sat	Nova Southeastern	A	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 23	Tue	Union	A	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 26	Fri	Valdosta State	A	6:00 p.m.
Oct. 28	Sun	West Florida.....A	A	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 2	Fri	CBU vs. PBA.....H	H	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 2	Fri	ALABAMA-HUNTSVILLE	H	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 3	Sat	PALM BEACH ATLANTIC.....H	H	11:30 a.m.
Nov. 3	Sat	UAH vs. PBA.....H	H	3:30 p.m.
Nov. 6	Tue	Christian Brothers	A	6:00 p.m.
Nov. 9	Fri	Shorter	A	6:00 p.m.
Nov. 10	Sat	West Georgia.....A	A	12:00 p.m.
Nov. 15-17		GSC Tournament		
Nov. 29		NCAA Regional Tournament		
Dec. 6		NCAA Division II Elite Eight		

GOLF

DATE	HOST/EVENT
Sept. 9-11	Raines Development Group Intercollegiate Francis Marion University - Florence, S.C.
Sept. 16-18	Kiawah Island Invitational University of South Carolina Aiken - Kiawah Island, S.C.
Oct. 1-2	Aflac Invitational Columbus College - Columbus, Ga.
Oct. 8-9	Indian Bayou Classic Destin, Fla.
Oct. 15-16	TVA Credit Union Classic Turtle Point Yacht and Country Club - Florence, Ala.

message from the Alumni President



Hello UNA Alumni,

Wow! What a year it has been! And I can hardly believe my year as your president is coming to an end. Serving as the 2012 Alumni Association president has without a doubt been one of the biggest honors bestowed upon me. I have enjoyed immensely this year of service to my fellow alumni and to the University of North Alabama.

During my year as president I have come to realize that our alumni organization and the alumni that span the globe are stronger than ever in their love and dedication to the University of North Alabama. This gives me such hope in the future of this institution. I know that with caring, supportive alumni the University will continue to strive and help will be given to those future students who dream of receiving an education from UNA.

I am happy to report that we currently have more than thirty active clubs which are busy hosting events to continue to bring alumni and friends together. I want to encourage these clubs to continue to grow, raise money for scholarship, and develop relationships. The Alumni Association needs these local clubs to strive and succeed in growing our alumni base and simply promoting the University.

During my year I have also spoken to you about giving. I want to encourage you to continue to give back to the University in any capacity. There are so many areas in which to become involved and to support with your generosity. With the financial support of alumni and friends the University will continue to flourish and advance.

In the end, I am so proud to have served you as president and more proud than ever to be a UNA Lion! So wear your purple and gold proudly. Wherever life may take you, tell everyone you meet that you are a University of North Alabama graduate.

Roar Lions!

Sarah Beth Alexander '04
UNA Alumni Association President

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California Dreamin'

By Jordan Graben, student writer



Daryl Crittenden ('03)

The University of North Alabama has always been eager to recognize alumni who have gone on to distinguished and honorable careers. This year, we're excited to recognize three outstanding alumni whose accomplishments have made positive statements about UNA and who have demonstrated that this university lays a solid foundation for their students. They're all proud to call themselves Lions and UNA is proud to call each of them one of our own. These three former Lions were once stars on the stages at Norton Auditorium or writing legislation as SGA President, and now are living their dreams in California.

Daryl Crittenden ('03) who graduated from UNA with a B.S. in Theatre Arts, is now an accomplished performance artist and actor spending the majority of his time travelling between Los Angeles, Calif., and New York City, N.Y., from set to stage. A Muscle Shoals native and MSHS graduate, Crittenden has appeared and landed recurring roles on several hit television series including NBC's "Heroes," CBS's "Young and the Restless," TNT's "Franklin and Bash," NBC's "Days of Our Lives," and Disney's "The Wizards of Waverly Place," just to name a few. He has also been cast in countless award-winning theatrical productions across the country, and has visited the film scene as well,

making appearances in several movies. Crittenden sets himself apart from other actors by his inimitable list of special skills and training. Crittenden can breathe and eat fire, juggle, and ride a unicycle. He is also trained in martial arts, stunting, stage combat, sports, rock climbing, kayaking, and long distance running.

Crittenden said he wasn't a "normal" child growing up in Muscle Shoals. "I was a weird kid," Crittenden said. "I learned how to ride a unicycle in the seventh-grade." Crittenden was an only child and said he needed to learn things to entertain himself. "I learned to do things like juggle and practice karate." While reminiscing about his time at UNA, Crittenden was asked who influenced him the most. "Dr. Dave [Ruebhausen] has been someone I've looked to in confidence along the way." Daryl considers Dr. David Ruebhausen, an associate professor for the Music and Theatre Department, as being more than a professor, but also a mentor for his career as well as his life.

Crittenden reminisced on coming back to UNA to perform in the theatre department's production of "Psycho Beach Party." He said he "made friends for a lifetime" and the students he performed with will often go back to him for advice which he claimed is truly an honor. When asked about what piece of advice he would give to current UNA



Daryl Crittenden ('03)



Lawrence Greg Watkins ('93), also known by his pen name, Devon Gregory

students trying to achieve their dreams (not just theatre students), he said, "It's not all about academics. It's about being able to talk to any person on any level." He wanted to remind students that sometimes they will encounter people with power and prestige who have Ph.D.s and others who will have made it solely on "being really lucky and charming." Crittenden believes one of the most important aspects to learn as a student is to "be able to read the emotional temperature of the room and always be yourself; don't try to impress anyone."

University of North Alabama alumnus and Florence native **Lawrence Greg Watkins ('93)**, also known by his pen name, Devon Gregory, is a writer for NBC's television series "Harry's Law." Watkins graduated from UNA with a degree in Radio-Television-Film Production and a minor in History. He graduated Magna Cum Laude and served as SGA President. Along with serving in SGA, he was also an ambassador, member of multiple honor societies, a member of BSA (Black Student Alliance), and actively involved with many other organizations across campus. Watkins went on to graduate from Emory University in Atlanta with a law degree.

Coming from humble beginnings, Watkins has earned every bit of his success by hard work and

determination. He has seen failure but only bounced back from it with wisdom and greater motivation. Watkins credits his mother for being a powerful figure in his life. "After I originally ran away to earn my fortune in Hollywood, and failed miserably, she was the one who said, 'It will happen,'" Watkins said. "She encouraged me to enroll at UNA just for the semester and 'see', not to sulk in sorrow, but to get up and begin the slow, arduous process of attacking my dreams again—so I did."

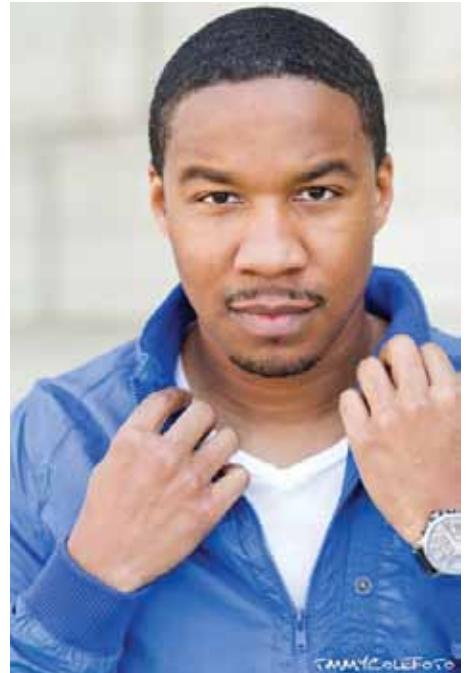
An influence for Watkins while he was studying at UNA was Dr. Janet McMullen, an Associate Professor in the Department of Communications.

Watkins believes that Dr. McMullen coming into his life at the time she did was a blessing from God, but at the time he didn't realize it was a blessing. "I was arrogant and slightly rebellious, but she was patient and saw the pre-ordained promise that a young boy from the 'hood of Florence, Alabama, had to offer," Watkins said.

"She taught me the business of show, and instilled in me a structure that would allow my creativity to eventually carve out a place for me in show business. But, more importantly, she helped fill the gaps of growth that would see me transform from being arrogant because I was gifted, to being humbled because I'm blessed."



Lawrence Greg Watkins ('93)



Corlandos Scott ('03)



Corlandos Scott ('03)

Corlandos Scott ('03) is an alumnus from UNA with a degree in Radio-Television-Film production. Scott served as president of SGA his senior year. Scott worked as a paralegal for The Irons Law Firm while residing in Florence and then went on to receive a law degree in 2011 from the University of Michigan.

Dr. Kimberly Greenway said, "Corlandos Scott was one of the most enjoyable and well-rounded students I've encountered in over 20 years at UNA. His aspirations were high from day one; he came to UNA as a freshman and immediately became involved in campus life. I recall the first time I saw him interview for a leadership position during his freshman year. The interview panel was so impressed by his responses that panel members were literally left speechless. In fact, he was one of only three freshmen in my career who was allowed to serve in leadership positions reserved for upperclassmen."

Along with acting, Scott has several other exceptional talents that allow him to advance his career in the radio, television, and film industry. He has had experience in voice-over work, improvisation, and is an avid saxophone player. Scott is now working at The Producers Guild of America in Beverly Hills, Calif.

the moment the situation calls for it. Corlandos has a high standard of ethics and personal integrity but truly enjoys the company of others who are different from him and is able to appreciate those differences without judgment."

Scott's primary focus in performance art is film and commercials and is most recently known for playing the role of Kyle in Chris Nickin's film, "Tetherball." Scott was cast as the coroner in Wes Craven's "Scream 4" and made an appearance in the New Line Cinema film "The Final Destination." He is recognizable from several nationally televised commercials for products like 5 Hour Energy, Ford, and restaurants such as Zaxby's. He's also identifiable as being the Heinz Ketchup Guy in their online ads as well as in online ads with the United States Postal Service.

As a project coordinator, Karen starts designing the color boards for the initial presentations. She works with contractors, carpenters, painters, and plumbers as well as architects. Enjoying the sense of accomplishment on the job site with workers is motivation to continue with multiple projects going at all times. Some projects are in the creative stage and others at completion.

Karen Presnell Duncan '77 never dreamed that her Health and Physical Education Degree at the University of North Alabama could take her into a world of sensational design and interior fashion.

The Phi Mu Miss UNA from Athens has established a design firm in Birmingham that she co-owns with a friend whom she has been doing business with for more than 20 years. *Interior Motives Two* is a partnership of both residential and commercial scale. Together they create exquisite dreamscapes for condos, homes, hotels and offices. Their work, from the emerald coast of Florida to major cities in Alabama, has been featured in *Home and Garden* and in show houses around the state.

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Of particular interest to her is the Hampton Inn at the Capstone on the University of Alabama campus. Karen is anxious for the fans to enjoy the new



A dream job...



ambience of the inn where she has used an indigenous mix of houndstooth, crimson and white, and sports memorabilia to bring new life to the hotel. Her family has deep connections to UA: her husband Jerry is an Alabama Sports Hall of Fame inductee for his performance on the football field during the '60s. Their son, Luke, is currently studying at Alabama.

Her particular taste runs from the eclectic to contemporary and traditional. Karen chooses to mix all types of design elements, including hanging a modern painting above a traditional mantel. She searches for just the right piece to complement a space. Prior to opening her design company, she was busy traveling to furniture markets and selling furnishings.

Memories from her time at UNA include pageants: Maid of Cotton, Miss Point Mallard, and Miss UNA. She was fortunate to pay for her education with the awards that she received competing in those pageants. She is a beauty and continues to walk the walk and share that flare in a visual and aesthetic way.

Karen remembers fondly both Professors Glidewell and Livingston and their motto: "When you major in Physical Education, you are equipped to do anything in life. This degree keeps you mentally fit."



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ALUMNI PRIDE



Sandra Vaughan McMillin '71 and
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Gloria Aday '70 and Macon Jones



Martha Aday Boogarts



John '73 and
Becky Gibson Alexander '70



Joe Pride '69, Carol Spalding Lyles '70
and Charlie Ritch '70



Laura Johnson '70 and
Greg Napps '69



Heather Dobson Wood '91, Leigh Graham Prince '03,
Vonda Moore Burroughs '96, Jessica Clayton '10 in Tupelo



Ashlie Orsborn '11 and
Chelsea Yarbrough '11 in Tupelo



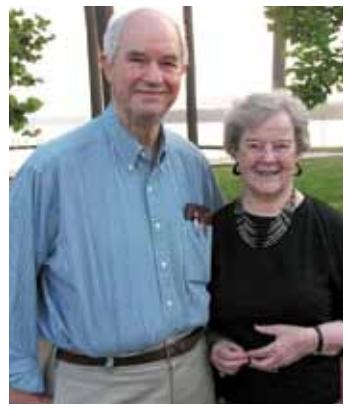
Josh McFall '07 and Coach Bobby
Wallace in Montgomery



John Doughty '64, Ron Wright '70 and
Billy Joe Camp '60 in Montgomery



Beth and Stan Mannon '85
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in Scottsboro



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Joyce Campbell Moore '56
in Montgomery



Kristin Peck Grider '08, Micah and
Clayton Grider '08 in Scottsboro



Keith Henley '89 in Tupelo



CELEBRATION

Good Times! Sue Rogers King and her granddaughter **Deborah Gussoni Mohr '98** from Portland, Maine, are celebrating Mrs. King's 100th birthday. Mrs. King established a scholarship for students in the Modern Foreign Language Department. Deborah studied Spanish at UNA.

Sue Rogers King raised her family in Irvine Place/Coby Hall and is a genuine example of refined Southern culture spanning the generations. "I will always have a big, special place in my heart for the University. My great, great grandfather George Washington Foster [in Portrait] played an important part in bringing the present UNA to Lauderdale County."

You, too, may choose to give back to the University and designate a department that is near and dear to your heart.



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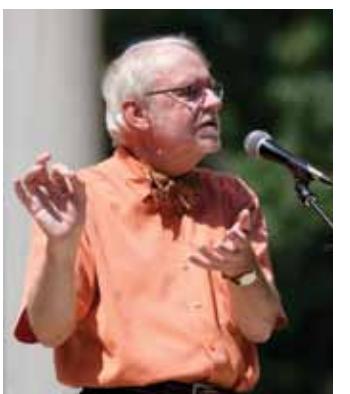
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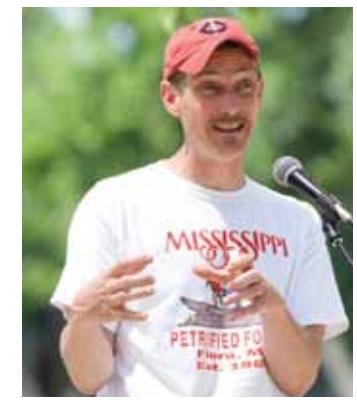


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FACULTY & STAFF

Robert Brown received two internationally-recognized design awards. The first is the Silver Award of Distinction at the 2012 Communicator Awards, helmed by the International Academy of Visual Arts. The second is the Gold Hermes Creative Award, helmed by the Association of Marketing and Communications Professionals. Both awards are in recognition of a design for the Spring 2012 Boy Scouts of America Wood Badge adult leadership course.

1960s

Douglas Sledge ('68) is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) (Texas and Alabama), a Certified Management Accountant (CMA), a Chartered Global Management Accountant (CGMA), and a Certified QuickBooks ProAdvisor. He has been employed professionally as a CFO, Treasurer, VP, Finance, Cost Analyst, President, Executive Director of Business, and CEO for a diverse mix of employers and clients ranging from local shops to a major school system to national corporations.

1970s

Dennis Balch ('71) volunteers with the Shoals Master Gardeners with his wife, **Betty Heupel Balch ('69)**, who also serves with the Kennedy-Douglas Volunteers. Dennis attended graduate school at the University of Arizona. He then worked as a technical writer and writing manager,

computer programmer, software quality assurance manager, Operating System development manager, and executive manager, working at Data General from 1977-1998. He worked for three years at Dell Computer in Austin, Texas, as the Director of Software Technology for the Personal Systems Group, 1998-2001. He did adjunct teaching work in the English Department and the College of Business while earning an MBA, and became a full time professor in the UNA College of Business in 2007.

Robbie Roepstorff ('73), president of Edison National Bank, has received the Uncommon Friends Foundation's Honorary Lifetime Member Award. Also among her accomplishments, she received the following awards: 2010 Florida Bankers Associations Banker of the Year (with husband, Geoff), Paulette Burton Lee County Citizen of the Year Award, Gulfshore Life's Women of the Year, Junior Achievement Business Leadership Hall of Fame Laureate Award, Sanibel-Captiva Chamber Citizen of the Year, National Philanthropy Award for Outstanding Small Business in Lee County, and the Athena Award.

Louis Conner ('74) Columbia State athletic director, received the President's medal award at the college's employee awards ceremony. He lives in Lewisburg, Tenn.

Bonita McCay ('78) is now a teacher of the Buddhist community in the Shoals. McCay majored in English and dramatic arts at the University of North Alabama

and has a master's degree in theater management from Columbia University of New York, where she remained for eight years, working for the Phoenix Theater. Returning to the Shoals in 1986, McCay was the deputy director of the Huntsville Art Museum for three years. She founded the drama department at the Ritz Theatre in Sheffield and continued work in the arts community for 20 years, with a focus on teaching performing arts to children. She is executive director of the Northwest Alabama Community Health & Dental Clinic. She also is currently an adjunct professor in the Communications department at the University of North Alabama.

1980s

Mary Gist ('83) has been selected to serve as the director of Middle Schools for the Clarksville-Montgomery County School System in Tennessee. Gist has been the principal of Heritage Middle School of Williamson County Schools since 2010. Gist was also the principal of Richview Middle School.

Stanley Blue ('85) graduated from Leadership Memphis, a prestigious program which has been shaping community leaders in the Memphis area since 1979.

Robert Cox ('86) is a lecturer at the University of Tennessee and his art will be on display at the Shorter College Arnold Gallery. Cox received his master's degree in Studio Art from the University of

Memphis. He also holds a degree in studio art from the University of North Alabama. In 1999, he was awarded a Fulbright Foreign Scholarship to study the art and culture of Turkey.

1990s

Paul McKinney ('95) is Mississippi State University's financial aid director and brings more than a decade of experience in the field to the position. He previously held the same position at Pellissippi State Community College in Knoxville, Tenn.

Christy Hubbard ('99) is tackling a new endeavor, serving as the festival chair of the inaugural Athens Grease Festival. She is involved with the Athena League, where she organized the Apple Annie Charity Golf Tournament. She also has volunteered with the Athens-Limestone Public Library Story Book Ball, Spirit of Athens Easter Egg Hunt, and Hospice Chili Challenge. She works for the Athens City School System.

2000s

Blaine Hathcock ('00) is the principal at Demopolis Middle School and will also serve as the system's director of transportation. Hathcock was at Haleyville Middle School where he has served as the assistant principal the past three years. Hathcock holds a bachelor's degree in Special Education from the University of Alabama and

a master's degree in School Administration from the University of North Alabama.

Matthew Syesta ('00) has been a second-grade teacher at Threadgill for the past eleven years and is currently filling the position of principal. He received his instructional leadership certification in 2011.

Douglas "Rob" Atkinson ('01) has been recently named the administrative director of surgical services at the TriStar Centennial Women's & Children's hospital. Atkinson received his bachelor's degree in Nursing from University of North Alabama. He recently served as the manager of orthopedic

surgery at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. In his new role, Atkinson is responsible for strategic planning and operations of TriStar Centennial Women's & Children's hospital surgical services.

Tammy Britton ('01) was selected as the Limestone County Teacher of the Year. Britton teaches fifth-graders at Owens Elementary School.

Chad Walker ('01) was a part of the Campus Outreach UNA Campus Staff in 2005 and has been the UNA Campus Director from 2006 to present.

Kayla Riggs ('07) has been announced as the Morgan County Economic Development Association marketing, communication, and membership coordinator.

Leigh Anne Willingham ('04 & '11) began her teaching career at Minor Hill School in Minor Hill, Tenn., in the fall of 2005. She teaches general music, music appreciation, guitar, violin, and chorus. The awards she has received are the Distinguished Educator years 2010-2011, 2011-2012, and Teacher of the Year (Grades 5-8). She received her Orff Level I certification in June of 2010 and is a member of the Pi Kappa Lambda music honor society.

Luke Hannah ('12) has accepted a Systems Specialist position with Intergraph. After nine weeks of training at the Madison, Ala., location, he will be transferring to the Norcross, Ga., location.

2010s

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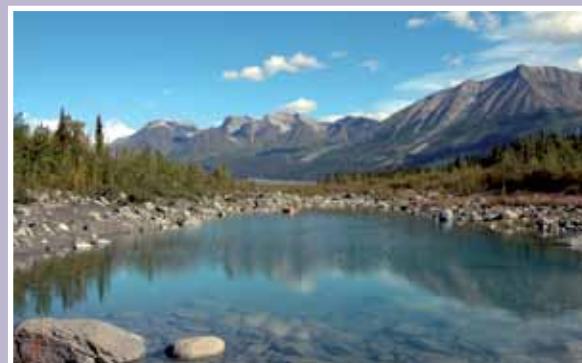
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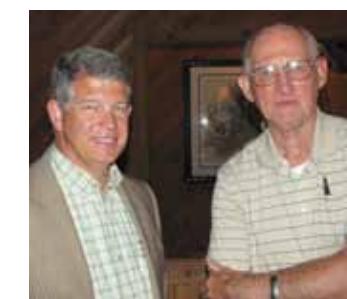
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John Bostick '57, Francis McKenzie '62 and Betty Artis Bostick '70 in Tuscaloosa

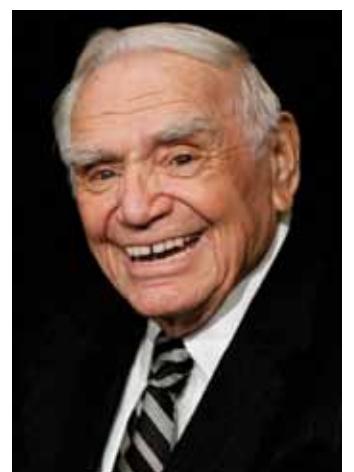


Sam Parks '82 and Bob McKenzie '62 in Tuscaloosa



Stuart McGregor '84 in Tuscaloosa

1917-2012 ERNEST BORGnine
The George Lindsey UNA Film Festival has lost two dear friends. Ernest Borgnine was a great friend to George and shared so much of himself with the festival and the University. We are fortunate to have spent one last festival with them in March of 2012.



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Harry Pennington was a veteran of the U.S. Army Coast Artillery Corps (anti-aircraft) and settled in Huntsville, where he established a private law practice. He was named Circuit Solicitor in 1951, and Circuit Judge in 1955. He was elected in 1962 to represent the interests of Madison County in the Alabama Legislature. In 1970, Governor George Wallace chose Pennington as his Executive Secretary during the governor's second term. In the position, Harry shouldered an extraordinary responsibility after an assassination attempt hospitalized Governor Wallace. Mr. Pennington served on the UNA Board of Trustees from 1968-76.

Patricia Pace studied secretarial science at Florence State Teachers College. Pat was a proud two-time survivor of breast cancer, having conquered the disease in 1992 and 1995. She savored every moment of every day life and worked relentlessly to promote breast-cancer awareness and support, encourage, and inspire other breast-cancer patients. She was actively involved in Bosom Buddies, Relay for Life, and other breast-cancer support programs and became highly respected and deeply adored as both a dynamic speaker and inspirational writer.

Jane Malone White was a dedicated church volunteer and faithful member of the United Methodist Women and Wesley Sunday School class. She was a Paul Harris Fellow of the Rotary Club and a sustaining member of the Junior League of Morgan County.

FACULTY/ STAFF

Brynda Musgrove attended Florence State and earned a BA and MA in English from the University of Alabama. She was a member of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and Sigma Tau Delta International English Honor Society. She spent her entire career as a Professor of English at the University of North Alabama. Her desire to learn and to know could not be quenched, and she remained a dedicated student and charitable teacher throughout her life.

1930s

Cortez (Corky) Anderson taught elementary school in Cold Springs, Ala. She was an active member of the First United Methodist Church in Ocala, Fla., where she served as a fifth grade Sunday School teacher for many years. She was a loyal member of the United Methodist Church Women's Circle and assisted her husband with the Kingdom of the Son Crusade in the early '70s.

Frances Bryant ('39) served as a leader of the New Century Club of West Point and the Daughters of the American Revolution. She taught adult Sunday school for many years, sang in the senior adult choir, led Woman's Missionary Union groups, and ministered to others through intercessory prayer.

1940s

Hilda Mitchell ('47) attended Maryville College, graduated from Florence State Teachers College, and was awarded a Carnegie Foundation scholarship toward a master's degree in Art Education at Vanderbilt-Peabody College. Mitchell taught at Florence State, later the University of North Alabama, from 1954

until 1975 in the Department of Art and was chairman of that department. She was a gifted artist in calligraphy, watercolor, and design. She also served as mentor to many students who later would teach throughout public school systems of Alabama. In 1941 she became a member of the Florence Study Club, was a founding member of the Tennessee Valley Art Association and joined the National Society of Colonial Dames. In civic activities she participated in the Girl Scouts as leader and camp counselor, and was an advisor to the Kennedy-Douglas Center for the Arts.

Virginia Rodgers ('47) taught for many years in the Huntsville and Madison County School systems. She was an enthusiastic supporter of community activities in the New Market, Ala., area.

1950s

James Frye ('51) was a member of Westwood Baptist Church where he sang in the choir for 32 years. He was a graduate of the University of North Alabama, a WWII Veteran, and a Boy Scout leader for 32 years.

Robert Spain ('51) served in the Navy in the South Pacific. He attended the University of North Alabama, Vanderbilt Divinity School, and Scarritt College, and he received an Honorary Doctorate from Lambuth College. He was the District Superintendent of the Nashville District. Spain was an active participant in his Annual Conference and the General Church. He was the Senior Minister of the 3,299-member Brentwood United Methodist Church, and he served the Louisville area from 1988 to 1992. He retired in August, 1992, and began teaching clergy and laity through the Focus on Ministry

Wendell Miller ('67) served in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Korea. He retired in 1985 from federal civil service at Redstone Arsenal. He developed several commercial and residential properties in Tanner. He was married to the former Jeanne Peacock of Florence.

seminar sponsored by the United Methodist Publishing House in Nashville. He was assigned to the South Carolina Conference. In retirement, Bishop Spain served as the chaplain at the United Methodist Publishing House.

James Lawrence Williams ('52) preached for Churches of Christ at Barton and Glendale before moving to Stony Point as an associate minister and elder. He dedicated himself to preaching the gospel, teaching the Bible and to mission work, especially in the Caribbean and Russia. Although he became quite prominent as a preacher and church leader, his most memorable accomplishments were achieved during the 40 years that he served as a teacher and administrator at Mars Hill Bible School in Florence

Sudie Frances Collum Lott ('53) was a housewife and a substitute teacher.

1960s

Harold Peck ('62) graduated from Florence State College and Cumberland School of Law in Birmingham, Ala. Mr. Peck practiced law in Florence for 46 years, and he also served as municipal judge in Florence. He was a member of numerous legal associations, many civic organizations, and was part of many community service projects.

Martha Baier ('69)
graduated earning a teaching degree, and taught at Cullman High School and Sacred Heart Elementary School for many years. She moved to Houston, Texas, in 1976, where she worked in the Chamber of Commerce. She moved to Northport, Ala., in 1983 where she became a homemaker. In 2005 she went to work at Partlow Developmental Center.

1970s

Danny Killen ('71) was an active member of St. James United Methodist. For many years he enjoyed being an active participant in the Alabama Emmaus Community. Much of his service endeavors revolved around football, including the Shoals National Championship Committee, Coffee High School Football Reunion Committee, UNA Bleacher Creatures and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He served as president of the UNA Alumni Association, and with the Red Cross, Florence City Board of Education, Boy Scouts of America, and Camp

Westmoreland. He worked at the North Alabama Council of Local Governments. He retired from TVA, and was employed by the state of Alabama as a career coach.

Kathy Kowalski ('73) earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from Florence State University and began her teaching career at Lexington School. She became a Special Education teacher and taught at Harlan Elementary, Powell Elementary, and Bradshaw High School.

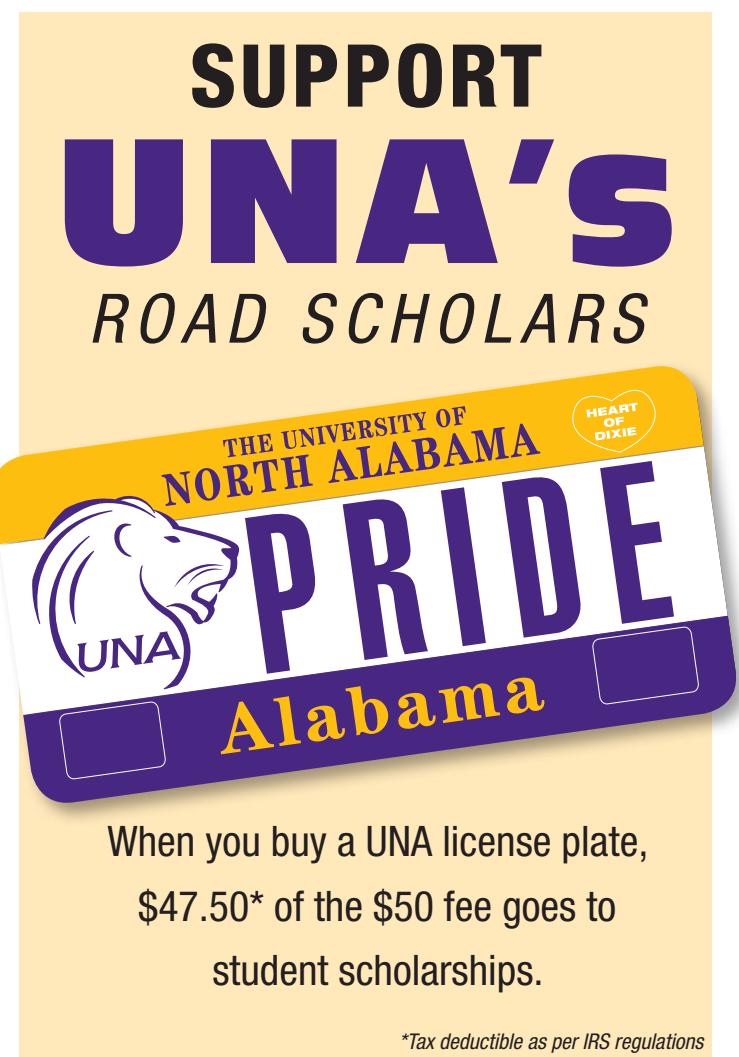
1980s

William Carroll ('81) graduated from the University of North Alabama with a degree in accounting. He had a passion for reading and working on computers.

1990s

Ann Marie Rico ('96) was employed by the Social Security Administration. She enjoyed traveling in Europe and was fluent in Spanish and Italian.

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