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DEAR ALUMNI,

As we approach the close of 2013, we are excited to share with you how JSU continues to provide our students with a path to get them where they are going! In this edition of the GEM, you will learn about our outstanding emergency management program and our collaboration with the community to prepare our students for future careers in this important vocation. You will also be introduced to Dr. Jeff Ryan, the head of the department as he shares some of his experiences that led him to this career.

On page five read about two new exciting additions to our scholarship program that now make it more affordable for our out-of-state students and community college transfers to attend JSU. We are enthusiastic about the positive impact these programs, along with our existing scholarship offerings, will provide for more students to attend JSU and reap the benefit of the exceptional educational experience we offer. I want to personally encourage each of you to share this information with prospective students in your community and assist us with getting the word out about our expanded financial aid offerings.

Sincerely,

William A. Meehan, Ed.D.
President

You will also be introduced to an outstanding group of 2014 Sports Hall of Fame inductees and the university’s collaboration with the Northeast Alabama Entertainment Initiative and the state’s largest green screen located adjacent to campus at Longleaf Studios.

With the holidays upon us, everyone here at Jacksonville State University wishes you and your loved ones a very safe and magical holiday season. We hope you enjoy this edition of the GEM. We look forward to seeing you in 2014!

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On August 20, Sara Beth Minton, with her family by her side, rang in the start of the 2013 freshman class year during Freshman Convocation.

Sara Beth is the youngest of three children for Jane and Ken Minton, of Piedmont, Ala. and the last to enroll at JSU. Jane graduated from JSU twenty-nine years ago and says she feels blessed to have all three of her children attending her alma mater. “I enjoyed my time at JSU and it proved to be an excellent education that helped me land a career that has provided a good living for me and my family.”

Wesley, the oldest, is a senior and plans to attend physical therapy school after graduation in the spring. He has been very involved at JSU, serving as a GO! Leader and president of his fraternity, Pi Kappa Phi. Wesley says “We all know that the future is wildly unpredictable, which to me is the fun part of life. I’m looking forward to seeing where my college experience and degree takes me.”

Addie began her sophomore year this fall and says her first year experience at JSU was more than she could have imagined. She quickly became involved at JSU through Freshman Forum and her sorority, Alpha Omicron Pi. She is majoring in communications and says “I love that JSU has so many different kinds of people and that everyone is accepted no matter the circumstances.”

Sara Beth is following in line with her older siblings when it comes to involvement. She also is a member of Freshman Forum and active in her sorority, Alpha Xi Delta. She is very excited to finally begin her college career and says “When someone talks about JSU to me, I think of home or a family. As soon as I stepped onto JSU’s campus, I felt like I was at home. The faculty and students are so kind and encouraging that I knew that this was where I belonged.” Sara Beth plans to major in nursing.

Thanks to two new scholarship initiatives designed to recruit and retain the very highest quality students, Jacksonville State University is making the road to becoming a Gamecock alumnus easier for some.

“We are excited about these new opportunities to grow the JSU family through more scholarships for the best and brightest,” said JSU President Dr. Bill Meehan.

“As we have increased our scholarships, we have seen our average incoming freshman ACT score climb nearly three points in recent years.”

For prospective students outside Alabama, automatic in-state tuition eligibility for out-of-state recipients will be an attractive option when considering which scholarship offer to accept. This change brings the scholarships in line with the in-state tuition that JSU has already extended to all active military personnel, their spouses, dependents and to certain veterans.

For high-achieving community college students in Alabama, an expansion of the Presidential Transfer Scholarship promises to make the transition from graduating community college student to JSU Gamecock easier as well, beginning in the 2014-15 academic year.

To be eligible for the Presidential Transfer Scholarship the student must graduate with an Alabama community college associate’s degree prior to fall semester, be unconditionally accepted to JSU, meet the March 1st scholarship application deadline, and have an overall 3.5 grade point average (on a 4 pt. GPA scale). He or she also must be a first-time full-time student at JSU.

This scholarship will pay up to $6,792 per academic year for in-state tuition, based upon 12 hours per semester for fall and spring. The scholarship is renewable for one additional year, as long as the student maintains the minimum GPA requirement.

In addition the JSU Board of Trustees endorsed President Meehan’s recommendation that there will be no tuition increase for the remainder of this year and the 2014-15 academic year. This will help new and returning students in their financial planning.

“If our alumni know students who would make great JSU scholarship candidates, please encourage them to apply,” said University Scholarship Coordinator Martin Weldon. “Although the application deadline is March 1, 2014, JSU’s new online scholarship application is open now.”

For more information about JSU scholarships, contact Weldon by email, mweldon@jsu.edu.

For a complete list of JSU scholarships or to apply, visit www.jsu.edu/finaid/scholarships/types.
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Dr. Shelton holds licenses and certifications as a Certified Nurse Educator from the National League for Nursing, a Registered Nurse from the Alabama Board of Nursing, and Department of Homeland Security Certified Instructor for the Center for Domestic Preparedness, Federal Emergency Management Agency. Her academic credentials include two degrees from Jacksonville State University, the BSN and the MSN, and a PhD from the University of Alabama in Birmingham where her focus was on occupational health. In addition to earning the PhD at UAB, Dr. Shelton also earned a Certificate of Teaching in Nursing. She has participated in leadership development conferences and institutes, which have contributed to her preparation for leading the College of Nursing.

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JSU MEDIA PRESENCE CONTINUES TO GROW

At Jacksonville State University, we thrive on community. When our students, faculty, staff and alumni aren’t hanging out in real JSU spaces, we can be found gathering online via social media.

Here are some social media platforms where JSU and JSU Athletics have an official presence. There are also quite a few departments and organizations that have their own social media pages. We look forward to seeing you online!

Facebook
JSU’s Facebook community (facebook.com/JacksonvilleStateUniversity) is more than 15,500 strong and growing! JSU’s official Facebook page not only serves as a news source, it’s a place where those with ties to the university can try their hand at regular JSU trivia quizzes, jog their memories through the regular “Friday Flashback” photos, and download images that they can share on their own profiles or post to their JSU love. Want to follow the Gamecocks? JSU Athletics has an official Facebook page (facebook.com/JSUGamecocks).

Twitter
Do you prefer your news in short form? Get the best of JSU in 140 characters or less—we’re on Twitter! Check us out @JSUNews for regular news, announcements, and emergency notifications. That’s an account for JSU Athletics on Twitter, too, @JSUGamecocks.

YouTube
If a picture paints a thousand words, a video can capture a campus! JSU does so through our YouTube presence (youtube.com/JacksonvilleStateU), where we share a variety of educational and fun clips. From updates of university accomplishments and overviews of our programs to JSU’s unique take on the latest video sensation, there will always be something fun to watch on JSU’s channel. Follow the Gamecocks on YouTube, too (youtube.com/JSUGamecocksSports).

LinkedIn
Learn more about the latest campus happenings and connect with fellow graduates more easily through LinkedIn. JSU is there! (linkedin.com/company/JacksonvilleState-university/)

Pinterest
Are you looking for just the right tailgate party recipe or the perfect outfit to wear to homecoming? We’ve pinned some great resources, along with beautiful campus photos, distinguished alumni profiles, and more! Check us out on Pinterest (pinterest.com/jaxstateu/).

Instagram
Now there’s a new way to enjoy photos from the “Friendliest Campus in the South.” JSU’s Steve Latham and Matt Reynolds of Photographic Services share beautiful slices of campus life through the university’s official Instagram page (instagram.com/jupix/).

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Applying for a License
In order to produce products bearing the marks of any LRG client, manufacturers must apply for a license. Our application packet provides you with a comprehensive overview of the licensing process, the application itself, and a list of all of the accounts we manage.

From there, one can download the license application. For more information, contact Mary Smith at ms-mk@jusu.edu.

Companies that wish to sell goods and services to JSU can do so through the Office of Purchasing. There are two ways JSU purchases goods and services—bid and non-bid.

Bids
The State of Alabama Competitive Bid Law requires that like items costing $15,000 or more in a fiscal year be bid. The State of Alabama Finance Department bids contracts that JSU can do in-house, and they are not bid. The State of Alabama Competitive Bid Law does not allow for electronic bid responses.

For more information, call the Office of Purchasing at 256-782-5152 or visit the Purchasing website at www.jsu.edu/purchasing/current-bids.

Non-Bids
For purchases that do not require a bid contract, campus departments may select the vendor of their choice. It is the responsibility of the vendor to keep the contact information on file up to date. Pamela Findley, Director of Purchasing, says that while the university is bound by bid law and must abide by all applicable rules and regulations, JSU is always open to doing business with alumni. “JSU is proud of the continued relationships we have with our alumni and we appreciate opportunities to be part of their business success,” she said.

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Four record-setting performers, including two in football and two in basketball, comprise the 2012-13 Class of the Jacksonville State University Athletic Hall of Fame.

Basketball’s Charles Burkett and Wayne Wigley and football’s Joe Kines and Rusty Fuller will be formally inducted on Friday, November 22, the night before the Gamecocks’ home football regular-season finale against Southeast Missouri State.

Burkett, who is one of the best players to ever wear a Gamecock basketball uniform, earned All-American honors in 1992. During his three-year career, he led the Gamecocks to an impressive 72-13 record, a pair of Gulf South Conference Championships and two berths in the NCAA Elite Eight. He became just the second player in Gamecock history to receive player-of-the-year honors as a senior and was named to the All-GSC squad. As a junior in 1992, he helped the Gamecocks post a 10-2 record and win a GSC Championship by catching thirty-eight passes for 427 yards and seven touchdowns to earn All-GSC honors.

In 1981 as a sophomore, Fuller had thirty-nine catches for 529 yards and eight touchdowns to help JSU to an 8-3 record and a GSC Championship. He finished with 259 yards and a pair of touchdowns during his freshman season. He had one of his best games in the 1981 NCAA playoffs, when he hauled in eight passes for 132 yards and a touchdown at Southwest Texas State.

Fuller ranks near the top in JSU’s receiving history and in the Top 10 in career receiving yardage (1,404 yards) and set the school record with seventeen career touchdown receptions in his career. Fuller earned All-Gulf South Conference honors in both 1982 and 1983. He had seventeen catches for 189 yards as a senior and was named to the All-GSC squad. As a junior in 1982, he helped the Gamecocks post a 10-2 record and win a GSC Championship by catching thirty-eight passes for 427 yards and seven touchdowns to earn All-GSC honors.

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Burkett was named the Gulf South Conference Player of the Year as a senior after averaging 18.4 points and 10.0 rebounds, helping the Gamecocks post a 28-2 record and advance to the Elite Eight in 1991-92. He earned All-GSC honors as a junior after finishing second in the league in scoring with 19.1 points per game and first in rebounding with 10.2.

Burkett averaged 9.2 points and seven rebounds in a sixth-man role during his first year at Jax State. He scored a career-high 37 points in JSU’s 102-80 win at Athens State during his junior season, while grabbing a career-best 21 rebounds in an 118-84 win over Campbellsville his senior year.

The Montgomery native ranks in the Top 15 in JSU basketball history in career scoring and in the Top 10 in career rebounding (769), field goal percentage (.571) and field goals made (515). Fuller was a four-year letterman for Jacksonville State who helped the team to a pair of Gulf South Conference Championships and two berths in the NCAA Elite Eight. He became just the fifteenth player in JSU history to score 1,000 points and finish his career with 1,317 points in just three seasons.

Wayne Wigley and football’s Joe Kines and Rusty Fuller will be formally inducted on Friday, November 22, the night before the Gamecocks’ home football regular-season finale against Southeast Missouri State. As a senior, he was selected captain and voted Most Valuable Player in the 1969-70 season, when he and teammate Danny Brian each set the school’s single-season scoring record with 509.

Wigley averaged 18.8 points and was named the Most Valuable Player on the All-Alabama Small College Team. He also scored a season-high twenty-nine points in a 109-96 win over Samford and helped the Gamecocks win their fifth-straight Alabama Collegiate Conference Championships in record-breaking fashion.

After playing two seasons at Snead State and earning Most Valuable Player honors in the Alabama Junior College Conference, Wigley signed with the Gamecocks and played his final two years for hall of fame coach Tom Roberson.

As a junior in 1968-69, he started all twenty-four games and averaged twelve points per game, despite sharing playingtime with all-conference guards Gary Angel and Bill Brantly. He finished the season with 288 points and 103 rebounds, while hitting 84 of his 97 attempts from the free throw line to help JSU post a 19-5 record.

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The Gamecocks have had a successful fall season by claiming the JSU-hosted Chris Banister Intercollegiate and the Austin Peay Intercollegiate. JSU also finished second in the Golfweek Program Challenge.

A lot of energy surrounding James Green’s program after a solid 17-11 2012-13 campaign and an 8-8 mark in OVC play. The Gamecocks’ 2013-14 schedule features fifteen games at Pete Mathews Coliseum. Green’s 2013-14 Gamecocks open the fifteen game home schedule on Nov. 16, hosting Alabama State.

The volleyball team has started conference play on a high note and has made Pete Mathews Coliseum a tough venue for conference foes with a 4-1 mark at The Pete.

The Rick Pietri era at Jacksonville State State begins in November as Pietri and his first Gamecock squad will play fourteen games at Pete Mathews Coliseum during the 2013-14 campaign.

Top Ranked Jacksonville State Rifle opened the 2013 season on October 12 with a win over UT Martin.

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DR. JEFF RYAN, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT HEAD, EXPLAINS WHEN DISCUSSING WHY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT IS A GOOD FIT FOR HIM, BOTH PROFESSIONALLY AND PERSONALLY. During his twenty-two year Army career, a 1992 Hurricane Andrew relief assignment gave Dr. Ryan the opportunity to work alongside local governments and FEMA to bring aid to the people of south Florida. He was tasked with leading preventive medicine efforts for the Department of Defense and was awarded the US Surgeon General’s Exemplary Service Medal as a result.

Those few months of service in south Florida stuck with Dr. Ryan as one of the most meaningful times of his career, which made transitioning his biodetection expertise into the field of emergency management an easy one, upon his retirement as a U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel in 2002.

Born in Syracuse, New York, Dr. Ryan received his BS in Entomology from Syracuse University in 1978. After joining the Army in 1980, he pursued and earned his MS in Biomedical Science from Hood College in 1984 and, in 1996 he received his PhD in Medical and Veterinary Entomology from North Carolina State University. Areas of expertise include preventive medicine, epidemiology, clinical trials, diagnostics development, team building and leadership.

Publishing credits include authoring the textbook Biosecurity and Bioterrorism: Containing and Presenting the Biological Threat, co-authoring and editing Pandemic Influenza: Emergency Planning and Community Preparedness and writing more than forty peer-reviewed journal articles.

Dr. Ryan resides in Ohatchee, Ala., with his wife, Pam Sewell Ryan, a 1989 JSU alumna, and two daughters, Clara and Kate. Dr. Ryan’s oldest daughter, Alexa, lives in Northern Virginia.

Before joining the JSU faculty in 2005, Dr. Ryan managed a bioterror government business program, developed courses for homeland security and served as a certified principal instructor and subject matter expert for biological threats and pandemic influenza at the Center for Domestic Preparedness (DHS/FEMA).

During his tenure, the EM department launched JSU’s first doctoral program, now in its third year. The department has also been an instrumental player in the collaborative efforts of the Regional Coalition for Emergency Management for Eastern Alabama, which includes JSU, state and federal partners and EM professionals from Calhoun, Cherokee, Clay, Cleburne, Dekalb, Etowah, Jefferson, Randolph, Shelby and Talladega counties.

Two key efforts for the coalition are to improve communications and to be knowledgeable of resources each organization can provide during emergency situations. Through fostering relationships with not only the regional community, but the emergency management community as a whole, the department offers many unique internship opportunities for eager students. For its doctoral candidates, research fellowships have been created within the Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP). A beta test is currently underway to allow JSU credit for certain courses completed by emergency management professionals at the CDP, as well.

Dr. Ryan attributes the EM department’s success and growth to the faculty and staff saying, “We’re a cohesive unit. It’s all about consensus – I value and want their input and feedback. The emergency management department is not a ‘me’ thing – it’s an ‘us’ thing.”

“Dr. Jeff Ryan’s Leadership Style: Collaboration is Key” by Ashley Siskey

Photo by Steve Latham

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BY ASHLEY SISKEY

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MOUT is a village – a literal village – that was transformed from a Middle Eastern city to the scene of the aftermath of a devastating tornado. In developing the concept, Dr. Jeff Ryan, department head for EM at JSU, and Ford Wiles of BIG Communications, the advertising agency managing the commercial, wanted to bring in local first responders to showcase the partnerships these agencies already have in place when faced with disaster situations. “We have everyone who would be a full complement in community disaster response. They will be here with all of their vehicles and bring realism to the set,” says Dr. Ryan.

Participating agencies included: Jacksonville Fire Department, Anniston Fire Department; Piedmont Fire and Rescue; Calhoun County Emergency Management Agency; Calhoun County Sheriff’s Department; Calhoun County Civil Defense and JSU ROTC. Family members of JSU faculty, as well as a few JSU film students, played several of the victim roles.

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By Emil Loeken

JSU Film Studio to Propel State Film Industry

Can you imagine box office celebrities in your neighborhood? Some may say it is crazy. But, Pete Conroy, director of JSU’s EPIC, Field Schools and Canyon Center, chairman of the new NE Alabama Entertainment Initiative, thinks Jacksonville could become a little Hollywood. Especially through partnerships with producers, directors and film centers like Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Conroy’s involvement started when he worked for Governor Don Siegelman, heading the Alabama Commission for Environmental Initiatives (ACEI). The ACEI was one of the largest commissions ever put together by a governor in the history of Alabama with sixty prominent members from across the state. “We were looking at what we could do in Alabama in order to develop clean industry. We were identifying the state’s environmental problems and how we could fix them,” Conroy said. “Never in a million years did I think that the big commission would agree to focus on the entertainment industry to bring their productions,” Conroy said. “We focused in on the development of a studio close to campus so the students would be able to use it as a teaching tool and learning resource. With the help of Mayor Johnny Smith, we found exactly what we needed.”

With 18,000 square feet and 23-foot tall ceilings, the NEAEI christened Longleaf Studios, built out four studio spaces, and built the largest green screen in the state of Alabama. “The green screen is where camera operators, producers, and directors make magic from the color of a wall,” Conroy said. “Essentially, what happens is that an actor or actress acts in front of a green screen. With digital technology, editors can transform the shot into any graphic imaginable whether it is outer space, a cow pasture, Manhattan, or the bottom of a deep blue sea. It is almost unbelievable how the people in the editing booth create beautiful sceneries and effects out of an act performed in front of a freaky looking lime green wall.”

In a short amount of time, the Longleaf Studios has seen a lot of activity. From June 17-21, the NEAEI hosted a teacher workshop as well as a student film week where the participants gained marketable hands on skills. The film campers got to enjoy the experience and expertise from JSU instructor Nichols and Chuck Bush (former actor in Fandango, producer, writer, and director of several family films and television projects). The students also got to see $2 million worth of equipment rolled in from Montgomery on an Entertainment Media Production and Crew Training (EMPACT) truck as part of Alabama Industrial Development Training’s mission as a mobile training provider.

According to the students, the camp will be beneficial to their future. Film week camper, Alex McFry, believes it has been an amazing introduction to the industry. “I still have not wrapped my mind around the fact that is going on so close to home (Jacksonville),” McFry said. “All my technical questions have been answered. Everything I have learned this week about lighting, acting, and how to compose yourself will allow me to walk onto a set with some valuable experience in my back pocket.” Indeed, McFry declined his acceptance letter to attend the New York Academy of Film in order to jump in at JSU.

Jana Tolliver thinks the camp was perfect. “Overall I am here to learn,” Tolliver said. “Knowledge is always your greatest asset in life no matter what you are doing. I feel like nothing is ever a waste if you can take your knowledge and get what you want done. The possibilities seem endless now when I have an idea of how things work. It has been a wonderful opportunity to get to work and put my hands on all the professional equipment. It officially has my fingerprints all over it!” In addition to the teacher workshop and student film camp, the Longleaf Studios has received significant interest from production companies.

“We have had over a dozen producers and directors ask about our space,” Conroy said. “Where we will go from here is yet to be determined, but from an outsider’s point of view, I’m told we are already ahead of the curve.” Conroy would like to invite anyone interested in a film or a film curriculum at JSU to meet with the NEAEI and talk about how they can use Longleaf Studios for educational purposes or for the production of a video project. To learn more about the NEAEI and the Longleaf Studios, visit the website at neaei.org. Photos courtesy of Emil Loeken and Graham Lewis.
This summer, a group of eight honors students and two instructors from Jacksonville State University had the opportunity to travel to Taizhou University (TU) in Linhai City, China (about five hours south of Shanghai) for an unforgettable study tour.

The honors students selected for the trip were: Noah Trudeau, Lyndsey Bonner, Trent Ford, Whitney Gaut, Gregory Felch, Lea Isbell, Kayla Falvo, and Zane Alexander.

For three of the students, this was their second experience in China, as they had been a part of the study tour that went in May 2012. Dr. Teresa Reed, professor of English, and Dr. Aaron Garrett, assistant professor of computer science, are both Honors Board members and were selected to lead the study tour.

Gregory Felch, a senior art major, found the KTV to be his favorite experience of this trip.

Lea Isbell, a junior at JSU, explains she is considering working towards certification to teach English as a second language and returning to TU to teach. In fact, a couple of the JSU students returned to America with an interest to possibly return to TU to teach English.

During their time at TU, the JSU students and instructors attended the graduation performance of the Senior Performing Arts students, which had been postponed just so that the JSU guests could be a part of it, despite the fact that this placed the performance in the middle of the Taizhou students’ final exam week. So, a school of about 17,000 students delayed the biggest day of their year for their ten JSU guests.

This cultural exchange does not stop with JSU’s trip to China, but is a two-way relationship with TU. JSU recently welcomed a group of two Taizhou teachers and fifteen students for their own study tour in America.

From the moment the Chinese students landed in America, their days were scheduled to give them an idea of what it would be like to be a JSU student. A special performance by K.B. Solomon, a trip to see the JSU Storybook Theater performance of “Snow White,” Zumba lessons, a tour of the new film studio in Jacksonville and shopping excursions were among the various activities planned for the visiting students.

As the JSU students were thoroughly impressed with the kindness of everyone from TU, so were the Chinese students impressed with the southern hospitality they met in Jacksonville.

One TU student, a business major who hopes to become a journalist, was greatly impressed with the JSU stadium, indoor basketball coliseum, and the apples she tried while on campus.

Not only was the trip an enhancing and enjoyable experience for the students from TU, but the TU instructors also greatly relished their time at JSU.

Wa Lan, an instructor from TU on his second trip to JSU, enjoyed their study tour as much as the students and felt that he will be leaving with many more friends this time. He feels that his students were able to greatly learn about America and what it is like living in the American culture.

For more about the JSU Honors Program please visit our website at www.jsu.edu/cas/honors.

“JSU is beyond lucky to be able to have such a friendship with Taizhou University…” - Noah J. Trudeau, JSU Business Major
The 1963 Golden Gamecocks gathered at the alumni house for their annual breakfast reunion. Criminal Justice honored the 2013 CJ Alum of the Year, Chief Elaine Snow ’74, of Rome, Ga. Alumni gathered after the homecoming game for a Jazz Mixer at the Hampton Inn. Class of 1963 “Golden Gamecocks” Darren Douthitt presented outgoing President David Hammett with a plaque at the annual alumni board meeting.
On Saturday, September 7, The JSU Football JClub honored Mrs. Miriam Haywood for her dedication to JSU for more than seventy years. From the time she enrolled at Jacksonville State in 1942, Mrs. Haywood has been a lifelong Gamecock fan. She earned her degree in 1945 and went to work for the university for thirty-five years before retiring in 1979.

During her time here, she sponsored the cheerleaders for ten years and she and her late husband, Mr. James Haywood, designed and purchased the first COCKY uniform for the university mascot.

Mrs. Haywood served as the first and only executive secretary of the football JClub.

Orientation Leaders Hold Reunion

Over eighty former Orientation Leaders converged on campus on Saturday, September 28 for a reunion. Alumni from the very first orientation team as well as current Orientation Leaders gathered at a pre-game tailgate on Dillon Field and wrapped up the day with a post-game reception at the Hampton Inn in Jacksonville. Since it’s inception, the Orientation Leader program has had three directors: Dr. Alice Cusimano, Mr. Eric McCulley and Mr. Terry Casey. All three directors were able to be at the reunion and enjoyed catching up with their former students.

FYI - From the Alumni Association

The Alumni Association will make an effort to conserve paper and money in 2014 and cut back on the number of mailed invitations for events. Contact the Alumni Relations office to update your email on file. Email and social media outlets will be the main source of communication in the upcoming years. Email us at alumni@jsu.edu with your current email address.

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If you are a member of the JSU National Alumni Association, we will continue to mail you invitations as well as follow up with email and social media. To become a member, go to www.jsu.edu/giving.

UPCOMING EVENTS & REUNIONS

FEBRUARY 22, 2014
JSU Preview Day for Prospective High School Students

FEBRUARY 26, 2014
Higher Education Partnership Alumni Taskforce Dinner Montgomery

MARCH 4, 2014
Marshall County Annual Mardi Gras Dinner Papa Dubi’s in Guntersville

APRIL 5, 2014
JSU Preview Day for Prospective High School Students

APRIL 17, 2014
Calhoun County Annual Shrimp Boil Alumni House Lawn
2000–2013

William Zachary Kimbrough ‘01 and Nancy Proctor Kimbrough ‘01, of Alexandria, Ala., were divorced from the JSU Board of Education.

Joseph E. “Jessie” Cornell ’22 and Mary Ivy Evans, June 14, 2013, Jacksl Island. Da., Mrs. Evans is employed as an anchor and reporter for WLOCTV. She was commissioned through the JSU ROTC program.

Brandon Scott Harris ’22/SO and Valerie Marie Singleton ’26/SO, April 11, 2013, Paducah, Ky. Mrs. Harvey is employed by JSU as an instructor of writing. She was commissioned through the JSU ROTC program.

Jennifer Ann Boll ’05 and Michael James Johnson, March 10, 2013, Watson, Ala. Mrs. Johnson is employed in the information technology field. She was commissioned through the JSU ROTC program.

Phil Nathaniel Majors ’05 and Emily Nicole Carden ’08, June 1, 2013, Gadsden, Tenn. Mr. Majors works as a professional athlete. She is a student at Pennington High School in Tallapoosa.

Ashley Brooke Huddleston ’06 and Jordan Chase Huddleston ’06, Alexander City, Ala. Mrs. Huddleston is a member of the JSU Student Government Association. She is employed by the University of Alabama as a research nurse.

Anna Elizabeth Cook ’11 and Jonathan Hall, May 11, 2013, at the JSU Alumni House. Mrs. Hall is a member of the Campus Cruze.

Jennifer Nicole Smith ’12 and Kevin Scott Waddell, August 10, 2013, Jacksonville, Ala. Mr. Waddell played football for JSU. He is employed at Trinity Mutual. She resides in Cedar Crest.

Kristin Nicole Short ’12 and Kevin John Jordan, April 1, 2013. He was a professor of clinical psychology from 1973 to 1999. After retirement, he chaired the historical narrative for the Department of Psychiatry. She is employed at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Dr. R. Douglas Peters, Jacksonville, June 22, 2013. He was a president of the University of Johannesburg. He was a member of the JSU Board of Trustees. He is a former university president. Mr. Peters is employed by the Georgia Institute of Technology.

Margaret Rebecca Talbot, Wellington, Ala., April 5, 2013. She was notified from JSU.

Mr. John Calvin Turner ’71, Jacksonville, Ala., was an Army veteran, having served his country for many years, including service in the Vietnam War II and Korea. Mr. Turner was head of the JSU Communications Department for many years until his retirement.

ATTENDED ONLY OR DATE OF GRADUATION UNKNOWN

Mary Bridges, Kensington, Conn., De- cember 19, 2009. Mr. Bridges played football for JSU between 1962 and 1964. The alumni office was notified by a family member during a recent phonofax that Mr. Bridges had passed away in 2009.

Kenneth Alvin Kinner, Jacksonville, Ala., July 34, 2013. Mr. Kinner served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam and also in the U.S. Navy. He had been a member of the Southerners from 1965 to 1969.

Joseph Charles Lott, Oxford, Ala., Au- gust 29, 2013, after a long illness. Mr. Lott served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War and had been a banker for thirty-five years, an ordained minister, and was a former member of the JSU Board of Education.

Mrs. Allin was employed by JSU.


Justin Kirby ’11 and Hannah Hutchison, May 4, 2013, Jacksonville, Ala. Mr. Kirby played football for JSU. He was a member of the Southerners in 1986. The alumni office was notified by a family member during a recent phonofax that Mrs. Messen had passed away.

Sarah Louise Silverman, Athens, Ga., November 28, 2013, after complications of Alzheimer’s disease. She worked in the political science Department at Emory University.

Mr. McRae was married to Virginia Brandon Massey ’72/SO.

Christopher L. Smith, Senior Island, Ga. The alumni office was notified by the postal service that Mr. Smith is deceased. He was a former member of the Southerners in 1982 and 1986. He was a former member of the Southerners from 1982 to 1986.

Jim Dobson, Cullman, Ga., February 16, 2013. He had been a member of the Southerners for many years.

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John Kelly Greene ’81, Southeast, Ga., November 3, 2013. Mr. Greene passed away several months ago. He was a former member of the Southerners and was a member of the JSU Alumni Association Board of Governors.

Barbara Jean Ivey ’49, Jacksonville, Ala., May 5, 2013. The alumni office was notified by a family member that Mrs. Ivey had passed away. She was a former member of the Southerners.

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Robert Lee ‘Bub’ MacNeece, Jacksonville, Ala., August 22, 2013. He was a retired JSU physics professor with many years of service. An avid scion, he conducted research for Oakridge Laboratories (Tenn.) for several years. A certified railroad engineer, he was an innovator, pioneering new legal and mechanical concepts with his work as an expert witness in main accident cases. He was also a pilot who owned his own planes. Mr. MacNeece was married to Virginia Brandon Massey ’72/SO.

Dr. R. Douglas Peters, Jacksonville, June 22, 2013. He was a professor of clinical psychology from 1973 to 1999. After retirement, he chaired the historical narrative for the Department of Psychiatry. She is employed at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Kris Proctor, Jacksonville, June 22, 2013. He was a retired professional athlete. He was a member of the JSU Basketball Men’s Minstrel Show. He was a former JSU student-athlete.

Francis Carr ‘42, Talladega, Ala., July 9, 2013. He was a former head coach of the JSU Basketball Men’s Minstrel Show. He was a former JSU student-athlete.

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Robert E. Payne ’57, Anniston, Ala., February 29, 2012, of lung cancer. He had more than thirty years of service. He had taught at Sylacauga, Henagar Junior High, and retired from Rainsville High School in Rainsville. She was married to Ello Buggs ’57/’71.

Mary Nell Wilson Mann ’64/’70, Roswell, Ala., March 12, 2013. She had worked as an elementary teacher and librarian at Ida Roberts Elementary School, Pell City, Ala.

Glen Horn Hunter ’65, Hoover, Ala., April 8, 2013. He was commissioned through the JSU ROTC program and served as a noncommissioned officer during the Vietnam War. He began his professional career in Commercial Investment as a mortgage broker and later in real estate and construction as a broker/owner of Hunter Realty & Construction Company.

Noe B. Hill ’65, Rainsville, Ala. The alumni office was notified by the portal service Ms. Hill is deceased.


Sun Tuck Owen ’67, Ashville, Ala., August 29, 2012. The alumni office was notified by her husband, Donald, that she had passed away.

Mrs. Owen had been a member of the Baptist Campus Ministry.

Jo’s Hallmark. Mr. Robertson was married to Theodore robertson, that he had passed away. 

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Jerry McCance ’68.

Loise Chester Morgan ’63, North Little Rock, Ark., April 2, 2012. The alumni office was notified by his daughter that Mr. Robertson had passed away.

Thomas Whittle ’58, Decatur, Ala., January 20, 2013. Mr. Whittle served in the U.S. Air Force and was a Korean War veteran. He had taught business law and history for more than forty years as assistant principal at Bessemer Junior High. He later returned to Wrenn Roofing and spent the following forty years as assistant principal at Bessemer Junior High and then at Buna Middle School for twenty years. He was also active in his community in Florida, especially the local YMCA.

Robert E. Payne ’57, Anniston, Ala., April 29, 2013, after complications from heart surgery. He had more than thirty years of service with the Coosa County Board of Education. The alumni office was notified by her husband, Gerald, of her death. They had been married for forty years.

Cynthia Medley Wo’64, Scottsboro, Ala., May 17, 2012. She was a retired teacher. Mrs. West had been a member of the Marching Band.

Kathryn C. Shamblin ’57, Decatur, Ala., May 7, 2013. Mrs. Whittle was commissioned through the JSU ROTC program.

Carroll W. Solley ’56, Melbourne, Fla., December, 2012. Mr. Solley was commissioned through the JSU ROTC department and had played football for JSU. He was retired from the NASA National Space Task Lab.

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Glen Connie Miller '69, Rainbow City, Ala., June 3, 2013. He was the owner of Delta Chi Nursery laundromat owner, farmer and avid flower and vegetable gardener for over twenty-five years. Mr. Brazeal had a daughter, Allison, who marched at the Berlin Crisis, serving on the USS McNeat. He continued serving in the Coast Guard Reserve until retirement. He was well known for supporting many area youth activities.

Mary Edna Wallace Naugher '74, Piedmont, Ala., September 11, 2013. She was the wife of Mr. Naugher that Mrs. Chaney is deceased. Her daughter of her death.

James Daniel Baram '73, Paducah, Ala., June 6, 2013. A U.S. Navy veter- ans, he was wounded in Vietnam in 1969 and received the Purple Heart. Catherine Barfield Cochis '73/'82, Prattville, Hokes Bluff, Spring Garden Car. She was a former teacher with the Boaz City Board of Education. Mrs. Clemons was a member of Phi Mu and the Colorguard with the Southerners in Attack. He was a member of the Southerners.

Jerry Julian Brazeal, Sr. '75, Wedowee, Ala., July 21, 2013. He was a long- time teacher and coach at Randolph County High School. Upon his retire- ment, he stayed busy as a small business homesteader owner, farmer and avid flower and vegetable gardener for the last twenty-five years. Mr. Brazel played baseball for JSU.

Janie Nunnelley Clemons '77/'82, Anniston, Ala., May 19, 2013. She was a former teacher with the Marshall County Board of Education. Mrs. Clemons had been employed with Gober Sales and Service and was a long-time member of the Alabama Olmendorf's Association. The alumni office was notified by alumna Pam Young that Mr. Wade had passed away.

Robert Alexander Neith '76, An- niston, Ala., March 16, 2013, from a hermaphroditic stroke. Mr. Neith started his career as a machinist with Pullman in New Jersey. In 1968, he moved to Anniston and set up the Neithem and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Col. Byrom had been commissioned through the JROTC program. He was married to Rosemary Boudinon Byrom '79.

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Lt. Col. (Ret.) Gerald Cramer Guettler '79, Villa Rica, Ga., July 9, 2013. He was a highly decorated U.S. Army Ranger aviator and a veteran of two combat tours in Vietnam. As a certified public accountant, he later opened his own accounting firm and taught accounting as a professor at JSU.

Wilford Paul Light '79, Greenwood, S. Car. The alumni office was notified by the postal service that Mr. Light is deceased.

Margaret Ashderman Taylor Walter '79, Norway, S. Car. July 24, 2011. The alumni office was notified by her husband that she had passed away.

Elma Lee Johnson '77, Gadsden, Ala., September 10, 2013. She had been a retired educator in the Anniston City School System.

Dorothy Anne Wilkinson '77, Anniston, Ala., August 30, 2013, after an extended illness. A teacher, she taught for many years at Golden Springs Elementary School.

Barbara Jean Ray Webster '70, 76, Cropwell, Ala., June 4, 2013. Mrs. Webster was a teacher with the Pell City Board of Education. The alumni office was notified by the postal service that she is deceased.

James Farris Bennett '71, Birmingham, Ala., June 3, 2013, of a massive heart attack. The alumni office was notified by his mother of his death. He had been a member of Delta Chi.

Dennis Randolph Fall '71, bloomberg, Ala., August 25, 2011, after an extended illness. He was retired from Bellsouth in Birmingham.

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Walton Beach, Fla. Mrs. Hannah was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha and the Southern, she is married to Robert Chad Hannah ’96.

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• Andrew C. Hines ’10, Jacksonville, Ala., is owner of Gaswes’ Computationally squares in the Jackson area, a business he started in 2010. He has been involved in and working with computers since he was about thirteen. The company produces a version of their own computer repair. He also does professional web site designs for individuals, businesses and various government entities. Mr. Hines is currently working on his master’s degree in business administration at JSU.

• Thomas George “T.J.” B주민 III ’12, Jacksonville, Ala., is teaching Algebra 1 at Kitty Stone Elementary School, Jacksonville, Ala. He is currently working on his master’s degree in education degree at JSU. Mr. Bezan previously coached football and basketball at Weaver High School. He is engaged to Haley Henderson ’12.

• Jessica Catherine Chambers ’12, Jacksonville, Ala., is teaching Pre-K at Kitty Stone Elementary School, Jacksonville, Ala. She was married to Ryan Chambers ’04/’05/’11.

Brandy Palous Willingham ’13, Jacksonville, Ala., is teaching kindergarten at Kitty Stone Elementary School, Jacksonville, Ala. She previously taught at Uchechee Elementary from 2003-10 and at Kitty Stone last year. Mrs. Willingham is currently working on her master’s in elementary education, digital instance training. She is married to Jason Ray Willingham, ’04.

Ashley Leanne Wheeler ’04, Birmingham, Ala., has been promoted to executive division director of the March of Dimes Birmingham District. She is the daughter of JSU alumna, Deborah V. Wheeler ’99, Santa Rosa Beach, Fla.

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