



Passport to Success 2008



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Dean's Message

Please allow me to welcome you to the 2008 publication of the College of Education & Professional Studies' *Passport to Success*. I am confident this issue of the *Passport* will provide an interesting insight into some of the noteworthy activities of the faculty, staff, and students of the college over the past year.

I am sure the first thing you have noticed about this issue is that you are being greeted by someone other than Dr. Cynthia Harper, Dean of the College. Dr. Harper made the decision to retire effective August 1, 2008 after 38 years in teaching. Her decision to retire was due to the birth of Mr. Tommy Houck, her new grandson. She has told me on numerous occasions she did not leave teaching; she merely went from the collegiate setting to the preschool setting. Lucky Tommy!

As the new dean of the CE&PS I am extremely proud of the accomplishments of our college over the past year. In particular, the faculty, staff, and students of the Department of Communications are to be commended for successfully achieving national accreditation through the Accrediting Council on Education for Journalism and Mass Communication (ACEJMC). This accomplishment establishes our Department of Communication as one of only three nationally accredited communications programs in the state of Alabama. What makes this initial attempt at national accreditation so commendable is the program review team identified no areas for improvement. A review such as this is extremely rare. Congratulations to professors Harbor (Department Head), Chandler, Ihator, Stedham, and Hedrick for exceptional work.

Speaking of rarity in the accreditation process, the college is two for two this year. In September 2008, the master's degree program in Educational Leadership, now titled Instructional Leadership, also underwent accreditation review. What made this process unique was the Alabama Department of Education required all MSE programs in Instructional Leadership (across the state of Alabama) to undergo a comprehensive program redesign. This meant the old Educational Leadership curriculum had to be replaced by a totally new course of study in Instructional Leadership. The new program of study is founded on outcome based standards developed by the Governor's Congress on School Leadership in conjunction with the Southern Regional Educational Board (SREB). What I am most proud of is that not only did the review team identify no significant areas for improvement; members of the review team placed our program in the exemplary category. In fact, Dr. Kathy O'Neil, one of the review committee members and the director of the SREB Leadership Initiative took our new program to the New Mexico State Department of Education, where she was serving as a consultant for their IL redesign initiative, as a sample of a model program. Wow! That speaks volumes in my mind. Congratulations to Drs. Kiser (Program Chair), Montgomery, C. Eady, and I. Eady for a job well done.

In this year's passport are articles chronicling these successes, as well as, the successes of students, staff, and alumni. You will also read of new faculty, who have been chosen to fill key positions in the college. I hope you enjoy this issue of the *Passport to Success*.

Sincerely,

John B. Hammett II, PhD., Dean, College of Education & Professional Studies



Is There Something in the Drinking Water at Pete Mathews Coliseum?

An interesting fact about Alabama deans of education... three of those deans have at least one degree from Jacksonville State University. What is even more interesting, all three of those deans earned degrees from the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation at JSU.

Donna Parker Jacobs, Ed.D. assumed the position of Dean of the College of Education and Coordinator of Graduate Programs at the University of North Alabama in October 2006. She has over twenty-five years of experience in education. Immediately preceding her tenure at UNA, Dr. Jacobs served five years as Dean of the College of Education at Troy University, and served an additional ten years as a department chair and faculty member. Dr. Jacobs earned her doctorate and bachelor's degrees from the University of Alabama and earned a master's degree from Jacksonville State University. Dr. Jacobs is a native of Decatur, Alabama and has a sixteen year old daughter, Allison.



Dr. Donna Parker Jacobs

Jennifer A. Brown, Ed.D. was named Dean of the School of Education at Auburn University Montgomery in October of 2006. Before being name dean at AUM, Dr. Brown served seven years as the associate dean of the college; and the five years prior to that she served as the AUM Department Head for Foundations,

Secondary and Physical Education. Dr. Brown earn a doctorate in Health, Physical Education, and Recreation from the University of Alabama in 1975. She earn the B.S. and M.S. degrees in health and physical education from Jacksonville State University in 1969 and 1971, respectively. Dr. Brown has over thirty-nine years experience as a high school and collegiate educator.



Dr. Jennifer A. Brown



Dr. John B. Hammett

John B. Hammett II, Ph.D. was named Dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies at Jacksonville State University in October 2008. Dr. Hammett also served as the Associate Dean of the college and Department Head for Health, Physical Education, and Recreation at JSU. Dr. Hammett earned a doctorate in Health, Physical Education, and Recreation from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1986. He earned B.S.E. and M.S.E degrees in Health and Physical Education from Jacksonville State University in 1978 and 1980, respectively. Dr. Hammett has over twenty-five years experience as an educator on the high school and college levels.

Ms. Sandra Fox Sudduth's Service Lauded

Ms. Sandra Fox Sudduth was named winner of the 2008 Cleo and Carla Thomas Community Education and Service Award, a University-sponsored, faculty-administered program established in the spring of 1999, designed to honor an outstanding faculty member for his/her achievements in the area of education or service to the civic community in the Jacksonville State University area.

Ms. Sudduth's work and involvement in this community is lifelong. She moved back to Jacksonville after college and taught in the Anniston City Schools. She was later placed in charge of developing the counseling program in the Anniston School System. During this time she taught adjunct at Jacksonville State University and was appointed to the Jacksonville City School Board. In 1990, Ms. Sudduth filled the Jacksonville City Council seat vacated by her father and has served as a member of the Jacksonville City Council for sixteen years. She also serves as Mayor Pro-Tem. In 1994, she became a full-time



Ms. Sandra Fox Sudduth

instructor at JSU.

Mrs. Sudduth is an instructor in elementary education in the College of Education and Professional Studies. She teaches language arts in the block on campus and in Gadsden. She also serves as one of the main undergraduate EED advisors. Ms. Sudduth's work for nonprofit groups is extensive. Currently she is involved with Jacksonville Youth Council as an advisor, Big Brothers & Big Sisters Organization, Calhoun County Democratic Club, the Calhoun County Foundation Visitor Board, Farmers and Merchant Bank's Advisory Board, House of Refuge Board of Directors, Jacksonville Library Board of Trustees, Jacksonville City Schools

Safe & Drug-Free Schools Advisory Committee, Jacksonville Day Care Center Board of Directors, and the Opportunity Center Foundation Board of Directors.

Ms. Sudduth is truly worthy of this award and is an asset to the community, college, and the university.



Dr. Larry Beard Honored

Dr. Larry Beard, associate professor of special education, in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction was recently honored by the World Head of Family Sokeship Council with a prestigious WHFSC Historical Figure Award. The "historical figure award" designation is in reference to all those instructors who have been in the arts a minimum of 40 years, who have been recognized as grandmasters in their respective arts and have made significant contributions to the martial arts. Black-tie ceremonies were held in San Antonio, Texas, where Dr. Beard was recognized by the World Sokeship Council for his contributions to the martial arts spanning over 40 years.



Dr. Larry Beard

The World Head of Family Sokeship Council (WHFSC) is an exclusive union of the top Grandmasters of 9th or 10th degree black belt ranking or the equivalent from around the world who wish to communicate and support one another. Membership includes some of the best martial artists in the world and at least 32 different countries are included among its membership.

Dr. Larry Beard, a faculty member in JSU's Department of Curriculum and Instruction, holds an eighth Dan (blackbelt) in judo/yudo, eighth Dan in jujitsu, and fourth Dan in karate, hapkido, and yusool. Dr. Beard has been teaching martial arts for nearly 40 years, including the last seven at JSU.

Jacksonville State University Wellness-Anniston

Jacksonville State University Wellness-Anniston is well on its way to support, complement, and assist with the fulfillment of the wellness mission of Jacksonville State University. Our focus is the promoting of wellness education and development of wellness activities that will encourage proper life style management. Some of our partners include churches, civic organizations, non-profits, social services, the Anniston community, and Calhoun County residents at large. Our areas of incorporation involve social, physical, mental, emotional, and nutritional wellness. Our hope is to be a valuable resource in serving, encouraging, and assisting in adopting positive behaviors that will lead to healthier lives.

The first initiative was the incorporation of the “JSU Wellness-Anniston Walkers Club.” This is an exciting program that involves area churches, civic organizations, businesses, non-profits, and other area agencies. The program helps with the development and establishment of walking groups throughout our city and county. Within three months, over 160 registered participants walked a total of 8,801.99



miles and posted a combined weight loss of 288 lbs. On September 6, 2008, JSU Wellness-Anniston hosted its first Community Wellness Walk. During this event, we were joined by our JSU family, the community, and the JSU Wellness-Walking club to walk in support of overall wellness and health. JSU Wellness-Anniston was also officially welcomed to the city by a proclamation delivered by Mayor Hoyt W. Howell, Jr.

JSU Wellness-Anniston has implemented several other exciting community initiatives. “Budget Friendly Meals” is a collaboration between JSU Wellness-Anniston and the Family and Consumer Science Department of Jacksonville State University. Information about nutrition and making informed decisions at the grocery store are the main emphasis of these hands on practical classes. Dr. Debra Goodwin, Dr. Tim Roberts, JSU senior dietetic student Christina Parker, and other FCS club members provide the educational aspect as well as prepare the tasty meals that are offered.

JSU Wellness-Anniston has also partnered with the Jacksonville State University College of Nursing to implement its “Wellness Wednesday program.” This program’s focus is to provide weekly health education, diabetes, hearing, vision, and blood pressure screening services to our community. In addition, an outreach component is implemented to provide education on a variety of wellness topics and blood pressure screenings to churches, businesses, community centers and civic organizations. Nursing instructor Ms. Honey Holman and students from the community health nursing class provide the education and screening services.



Mr. Fred J. Smith



Ms. Carmelita D. Parker

On November 15, 2008, the Jacksonville State University Wellness-Anniston program, in partnership with Friendship Baptist Church, National Association of Social Workers, and Calhoun County Health Department, hosted the "Calhoun County Community Health Fair." Mr. Fred J. Smith is the JSU Wellness-Anniston Director. He has a wealth of experience in both social services and community development with leadership roles in business, community development, and social services.

He has served as director, manager, counselor, therapist and outreach community coordinator in Anniston and surrounding areas. Mr. Smith is a graduate of Southern Union Community College where he graduated with an associate's in science. He is also an alumni of Jacksonville State University where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in marketing and a Master of Science degree in public administration with a concentration in education counseling and business administration. Ms. Carmelita Davis Palmer serves as the secretary for JSU Wellness-Anniston.

JSU Wellness-Anniston's initial conceptualization began with Dr. John Hammett, the Dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies, serving as chair with an active Wellness Committee supported by the Board of Trustees and Dr. William Meehan, our president. JSU Wellness-Anniston has formed many partnerships and collaborations recognizing the value of community while promoting the health and wellness mission of Jacksonville State University. For a full listing of JSU Wellness-Anniston programs, you can visit <http://ceps.jsu.edu/Well/>.

Jacksonville State University Campus Wellness Center



Ms. Gina Mabrey, JSU Campus Wellness Center director, has launched new Wellness Center activities which include a weight management clinic, body age comparisons, and a walking challenge available to both faculty and students. The weight management clinic is conducted by exercise science students from the Health, Physical Education and Recreation department in conjunction with dietetic students from the department of Family and Consumer Sciences. The program offers diet analysis and programming, along with exercise prescriptions. The body age comparisons educate individuals about their true body age by using only a few physical assessments. A walking challenge has also begun. Faculty and students can form their own teams, select a team captain, and log their weekly mileage to earn team rewards. The JSU Campus Wellness Center also offers the following programs to faculty and students: health-fitness evaluations, cholesterol testing and lipid-profile assessments, stress testing, body composition assessments, and muscular strength, endurance, and flexibility assessments.

The JSU Campus Wellness Center and Health, Physical Education and Recreation department completed its most successful Gamecock Gallop and Youth Run in

October. The Gamecock Gallop, a 5K walk or run, had a record number of 289 registered participants. Winning participants in both the male and female categories were JSU Cross-country team members. The Gamecock Youth Run, coordinated by Mrs. Lori Thornburg, posted its highest participant numbers as well with 270 children registered.



Ms. Gina Mabrey

Taking Advantage of Assets

In 2001, Jacksonville State University joined the Southern Regional Educational Board (SREB) and ten other universities to redesign their initial programs for educational leaders.

In the existing program, JSU offered an Educational Specialist Program requiring students and their school colleagues to develop solutions to a complex school-based problem using an eleven-step problem-solving model. The model was initially developed, over a decade ago for the program by Dr. Frances Klein, a visiting eminent scholar, and Drs. Dennis Zuelke and Norman Dasinger, who are now professors emeriti. The JSU leadership faculty chose to use this model in their own program redesign.

Following the model, the leadership faculty identified stakeholders. Representatives of all stakeholder groups formed a problem-solving group of forty participants known as the Advisory Council which began meeting in the fall of 2005. Dr. Joe Murphy of Vanderbilt University, a nationally recognized consultant and author in leadership and school improvement, was hired to make recommendations to the faculty.



The new program could begin only after passing a site review from the Alabama Department of Education in September 2008. The site review, conducted by the Director of SREB, found much to praise in Jacksonville State University's new program for educational leaders, specifically the rationale for and format of the curriculum, the integration of technology throughout the coursework, the quality of field experiences, and the commitment and involvement of school system partners. The university will be able to begin its new program in

January of 2009.

By using a well-proven program asset, the eleven-step problem-solving process, the Jacksonville State University leadership faculty has developed a state-approved initial program with meaningful classroom and field-experiences. The new program, which meets new Alabama Instructional Leadership Standards is a twelve-course program of 34 semester hours. Each course meets each of the five criteria. Five courses are completely new; the other seven are redesigned. The program graduates in summer of 2010 will be ready for educational leadership from day one.

The Advisory Council developed the following criteria for all courses and experiences in the new initial program:

- ⌘ **Each course must contain activities which are school problem based.**
- ⌘ **Activities within courses must reflect the best of current literature in the field of educational leadership.**
- ⌘ **Activities within courses must be developed and approved by Council members who are practicing administrators.**
- ⌘ **Activities must be evaluated by performance-based rubrics that confirm the development of the knowledge and skills of the Alabama Standards.**
- ⌘ **Technology must be used effectively in course delivery and in development of a professional portfolio by all candidates.**

Counselor Faculty Leadership

All counselor education faculty members are serving in leadership roles in the Alabama Counseling Association during 2008-2009.

Dr. Jerry Kiser serves as president of the Alabama Association for Spiritual, Ethical, and Religious Value Issues in Counseling (AASERVIC).

Dr. Nancy Fox serves as president of the Alabama School Counseling Association (ALSCA).

Dr. Kathleen Friery serves as Chapter V president of the Alabama Counseling Association (ALCA).

Dr. Tommy Turner serves as the chair for the Professional Standards Committee of the Alabama Counseling Association (ALCA).

Dr. Melanie Drake Wallace serves as the Chi Sigma Iota liaison for the Alabama Counseling Association (ALCA).

Dr. Jan Chandler serves as historian for the Alabama School Counseling Association (ALSCA).



Standing from the left: Dr. Tommy Turner, Dr. Jan Chandler, Dr. Melanie Drake Wallace and Dr. Jerry Kiser. Seated from the left; Dr. Kathleen Friery and Dr. Nancy Fox.



New Concentration in Family and Consumer Sciences Proposed for the Master's Degree

In May of 2008, the Family and Consumer Sciences Education Advisory Committee held their annual meeting at the Gamecock Center on campus. During discussion, several items of interest were presented among which was the proposal to investigate a new concentration in Family and Consumer Sciences to be added to the Master's Degree of Secondary Education. Several weeks after the advisory meeting, Dr. Jan Wilson, department head of secondary education, and Dr. Debra Goodwin, department head of family and consumer sciences, met to discuss the possibility of developing a new master's concentration and to develop



a plan of action. The first step began with investigating the interest level among state FACS teachers.

In June, Dr. Goodwin and Ms. Kim Mitchell, Talladega Family and Consumer Science Teacher, conducted a feasibility survey at the Alabama Career Technical Education Summer Conference in Birmingham to determine interest in this type of program. Sixty surveys were completed and returned. Forty-nine of the survey participants expressed interest in this new Master's Degree in Secondary Education with a Concentration in Family and Consumer Sciences. In the comment section of the survey, one participant added, "Each year we lose many quality teachers to other areas because they do not have access to a masters program in Family and Consumer Sciences. Please give careful consideration to this. It is needed. Don't let us lose any more teachers".

Although still in the planning phase, the proposal for the new program has received favorable comments from Dr. John Hammett, Dean of Education and Professional Studies and other interested constituencies.

Communication Department's National Accreditation



From left: Dr. Augustine Ihator, Dr. Jeffrey B. Hedrick, Dr. Kingsley O. Harbor, Ms. Tammy Mize, Mr. Mike Stedham and Mr. Jerry Chandler

The Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications has granted full accreditation to the Jacksonville State University Department of Communication. ACEJMC accreditation has been achieved by 112 communication programs nationwide, and three of those—Jacksonville State University, the University of Alabama and Auburn University—are in Alabama.

Accreditation is determined by performance on a program's mission as well as the nine major standards set by the Council. Those standards include, among others, the principles of communication law, ethics, critical thinking, theory, research, technology, and diversity. ACEJMC asserts that accreditation serves to assure employers, parents, students and the public that a program “meets rigorous standards of quality in professional education in journalism and mass communications.”

JSU's Department of Communication began the accreditation process several years ago, culminating in a comprehensive self-study that evaluated how well it was meeting its mission and the Council's nine standards. The

process included a visit to the department in spring 2008 by a team of evaluators from the ACEJMC. The team confirmed the findings of the self-study by observing classes, touring the facilities, and meeting and/or talking with the University's administration, faculty, staff, students, alumni, and employers of graduates.

Usually, the Council grants full accreditation to a program that either passes all the standards or falls short on only one of them. According to ACEJMC's record, of the 21 schools, nationally that went in for initial accreditation or re-accreditation during the 2007-2008 academic year, only five—Jacksonville State University, the University of New Mexico, Michigan State University, Kansas State University, and Indiana University, Bloomington—passed all the standards. We are delighted to be in that group.

We want to thank all our students, faculty, staff, alumni, Communication Advisory Board members, employers, and other friends for their unflinching support of our department during this process. The accrediting team that visited us in spring was complimentary of our students, and we want our students to know that we are proud of them and their performance. JSU's Department of Communication is on solid footing.

Inside Gamecock Athletics

Television Services produces a weekly television show called *Inside Gamecock Athletics*. This program features highlights from the most recent football game, comments from Head Football Coach Jack Crowe, and interviews with JSU football players.

Mr. Mike Parris, also known as the “Voice of the Gamecocks,” hosts the show. Mr. Parris called his first JSU contest in 1983, and is now entering his 26th year as the lead announcer of Jacksonville State sports. He handles all the play-by-play duties of Jacksonville State athletics radio broadcasts and is the assistant athletic director for marketing and broadcasting.



Technological Integrations in Mathematical Environments and Studies

JSU's Department of Secondary Education hosted the TIMES workshop (Technological Integrations in Mathematical Environments and Studies). The TIMES workshop's focus was on the integration of technology and hands-on group learning activities in the secondary mathematics classroom. The workshop was designed to support secondary education mathematics teachers as they strive to improve student achievement by increasing teachers' mathematical, technological, and pedagogical knowledge.

into real life applications as mandated by the No Child Left Behind Act.

The TIMES workshop staff included Dr. Jan Wilson, the grant's principal Investigator. Dr. Wilson is the Head of the Department of Secondary Education in the College of Education and Professional Studies. Dr. Jan Case, Professor of Mathematics in the Department of Mathematical Computing and Informational Sciences, was the instructor of mathematics. Ms. Deedee Adams, who teaches at Oxford High School, also was an instructor of mathematics. Dr.

The instructional objectives of the TIMES workshop included the following:

- ⌘ ***Understanding of mathematical concepts,***
- ⌘ ***Awareness of applications of mathematics,***
- ⌘ ***Ability to use the technology to enhance student learning, and***
- ⌘ ***Competence in using a variety of instructional strategies to be met through this educational experience.***

The TIMES workshop was awarded one hundred thousand dollars in funding from the Alabama Commission on Higher Education (ACHE). The project's goal is to train teachers in integrating the use of technology into the understanding and development of mathematical concepts. Individual workshop goals include classroom instruction, group inquiry using hands-on manipulatives and technologies, and computer lab learning sessions.

The TIMES workshop addresses the increasing number of mathematical concepts taught in the middle school and high school. The workshop also provides lesson plans that allow students to receive instruction that infuses technology

Gena Riley, Director of Clinical Experiences in the College of Education and Professional Studies, was the instructor of LiveText™ technology.

Eighteen middle and high school mathematics teachers participated for five days of instruction on campus. The TIMES workshop participants received close to three thousand dollars worth of technology hardware and software. The participants also received instructional supplies to take to their individual classrooms. The eighteen participants returned to the JSU campus in the fall to complete the workshop activities.



Child Development Center Renamed to Honor Dr. Cynthia H. Harper



From left: Dr. William A. Meehan, Dr. Cynthia Harper, Dr. Rebecca O. Turner, Dr. Debra Goodwin, and Dr. John Hammett.

On November 20, 2008, the JSU Child Development Center was renamed the Dr. Cynthia H. Harper Child Study Center, in honor of the former, and now retired, Dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies.

The Center is located in Mason Hall in the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences. It serves as a laboratory experience for students taking the Child Growth and Development class, FCS 352. Approximately 170 students attend the lab each year.

The Center services children aged 3 and 4. It is a half-day program operating from 7:15 AM until noon, and operates during scheduled classes in the fall, spring, and May terms. It services the children of students, faculty, staff and the community.

The Department of Family and Consumer Sciences takes great pride in naming the facility after Dr. Harper, and we wish to express our appreciation for her devotion and hard work during her long and distinguished career at JSU.

The Teaching/Learning Center Transformed



For twenty-six years, the Teaching/Learning Center has been located in room 105 Ramona Wood Hall.

This room has served as the site of the Clinical Level II practicum. Over 11,999 students have served their tutoring practicum using this room to tutor or to speak with the coordinator of the T/LC since the room also served as an office. In the Summer of 2008, this room was refurnished, and the center reorganized to serve as the best technology equipped room in Ramona Wood Hall.

The tables and chairs in 105 had been part of the furnishings of the original Ramona Wood Library. The walls painted in “Smurf” blue, “Castor Bean” yellow, and “Pepto Bismol” Pink needed to be recolored. The room was not usable as a classroom and was empty most of the day. Dr. Cynthia and Dr. Rebecca O. Turner had visited and agreed the area was in need of restoration.

The room was transformed by having furnishings that matched. The tables and chairs were chosen for their color compatibility with the flooring and for hospital finishes that retard the growth of germs. Round tables in the center of the room are bordered by rectangular tables against the wall. The rectangular

tables serve as computer workstations. The room now has an instructor station where a Smart Symposium™ interactive pen display is connected to an LCD projector, a DVD/VCR player, and a five speaker surround sound system. The room was repainted and now is uniformly brighter.

In the summer semester, the room will hold regularly scheduled classes as well as the tutoring practicum. Installation of a document camera will complete this upgrade. The T/LC is grateful to Dr. Cynthia Harper for funding this transformation.



Recognition of the Best of the Best Alabama Teachers

In 1969, under the direction of Dr. Houston Cole president, Jacksonville State University initiated a Teacher Hall of Fame. The JSU Teacher Hall of Fame honors and recognizes the classroom teachers of the public schools in the State of Alabama. The JSU Teacher Hall of Fame is the first and oldest such award in the state.

Each public school system in the state is asked to nominate one elementary teacher, one middle-level teacher, and one secondary teacher each year to be considered for this award. School systems are urged to participate. Each school system determines the composition of the local selection committee; but it is suggested that members of the community be represented. The three nominations from each local school system must be sent to the state chairman no later than the established deadline.

Dr. William A. Meehan appointed the state chairperson Dr. Kelly Ryan. Dr. Ryan appoints a five member Selection Committee, which reviews all nominations and selects the top five finalists in each category. These five finalists are interviewed by the Selection Committee. The final selection is made by secret ballot vote. All finalists attend a Teacher Hall of Fame banquet at Jacksonville State University, at which the winner is announced.



From the left: Jeff Denny, Beverly Rader, Shelia Remington

In 2008 the inductees were Beverly Rader in the Elementary Division, Jeff Denney in Middle School Division, and Sheila Remington in the Secondary Division. Each received a plaque, a check from JSU, an award from the Scottish Rite. In addition their names will be added to a plaque listing the names of previous winners located in the Houston Cole Library.



TV-Services Offers New Show with JSU Today

JSU Today is a promotional show featuring people, places, and events that focus on JSU. The show airs weekly on Tuesdays at 10:30 p.m., Wednesdays at 9:30 p.m., and Fridays at 7:30 p.m., on WJXS -TV24. Hosted by Television

Services Director Mr. Mike Hathcock, past programs have featured a person of the week, a sports segment hosted by Mr. Mike Parris, and in 2008 a special look back at the last 125 years of JSU history. Some special episodes of *JSU Today*



Mr. Mike Hathcock interviews a guest, Mr. Opal Lovett

have included a behind the scenes look at the television production of a JSU baseball game, summer graduation, and a look at the construction of the JSU Canyon Center. Dr. Cynthia Harper, former Dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies, appeared as our first guest on the show. The show's producer, Mr. Steve Kines, said, "Having produced over 30 shows so far has helped me, as a new employee to JSU, to get to know names and faces here at the university and to feel a sense of belonging to the JSU family. It truly is 'the friendliest campus in the South'."

Mrs. Fleetwood Pleads Water Aerobics

The Department of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation welcomes Mrs. Abby Fleetwood to the staff this year. Mrs. Fleetwood is the wife of JSU assistant golf coach, Brad Fleetwood. She has her bachelor's degree in Health and Human Performance from Northeastern State University, and a master's degree in College Teaching/Exercise Science from Northeastern State University.

Mrs. Fleetwood has demonstrated exceptional versatility by teaching classes in several program areas. She is teaching classes in health, exercise science, physical education, and is teaching water aerobics for the Senior Adult Wellness program. Mrs. Fleetwood teaches a number of activity classes, and we welcome the energy and excitement she brings to our programs.



Ms. Abby Fleetwood

Dr. Linda Mitchell an Education Reference

Dr. Linda Mitchell, Associate Professor in the Department of Secondary Education, has coauthored a chapter in the newly published education reference book, *21st Century Education: A Reference Handbook*. The handbook highlights the most important topics, issues, questions, and debates any student obtaining a degree in the field of education ought to have mastered for effectiveness in the 21st century. Dr. Mitchell, along with Dr. John Hoge from the University of Georgia and Dr. Charles Jenks from Augusta State University, coauthored the chapter on Social Studies education.

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Dr. Linda Mitchell



Left and right:
Spring of 2008
CE&PS faculty
and staff meeting
and luncheon.



Dr. Gordon Nelson Teaches in China

During the month of May, JSU Professor J. Gordon Nelson was invited by the International Center at Wuhan University, Hubei Province, China, to participate in the JSU-Wuhan Exchange Program. This unique program was initiated by Professor of Sociology, Dr. Adrian Aveni, who, along with his family, spent two years as a Fulbright Scholar at Wuhan University during 1991-93. Dr. Nelson's host Professor was Dr. Wang Biyun, Associate Professor in the School of Education and Deputy Director of Education Research Evaluation Center.

Dr. Nelson taught classes in educational technology and was asked to give a presentation to faculty and students on "Western Higher Education: Trends, Options, and Faculty Evaluation Procedures." Of special interest to the Wuhan faculty and students were (1) the Distance Learning Program developed by Dr. Franklin King and Dr. Sherri Restauri, (2) the use of LiveText™ Portfolios developed by Dr. Donna Herring, and (3) the use of an evaluation rubric for tenure and promotion developed by Dr. Kathleen Friery, all JSU faculty members.

"Jacksonville Night at Wuhan" was held on May 15 at a campus restaurant to honor Dr. and Mrs. Nelson. Almost all the Wuhan professors who have come to JSU

in the past were present at this occasion. Since the Wuhan professors had been invited several times to the Nelsons' home for dinner while at JSU, it was a happy reunion, especially with Marsha Nelson also present. Since some of the professors were from different departments and didn't know each other, it was a wonderful evening as old friendships were renewed and new friendships were made, all having shared the common experience of participating in the JSU-Wuhan Exchange Program, which has been enthusiastically supported by President Bill Meehan, Dr. Rebecca Turner, Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs, Dr. Joe Delap, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Cynthia Harper, Dean, College of Education and Professional Studies, and Dr. Jay Ketterer, Director of the International House Program.

Dr. Nelson and his wife were asked to bring greetings to friends in Jacksonville. Each professor present wanted to express gratitude for the warm welcome and helpful and caring support he or she received, both from JSU faculty and staff, as well as many others in the Jacksonville community. The Wuhan professors were united in their deep appreciation of the memorable time spent and the friendships made while in Jacksonville.



Front row: Zhang Chaoxi, Gordon & Marsha Nelson, Ren Qingmin, Wang Xiaoli,
Second row: Zhou Yingjing, Zhang Chaoxi's wife, Zheng Qianying, Zhang Jie, Li Fang, Guo Saijun, Cheng Weihua

Goethe Institut Transatlantic Outreach Program

Dr. Melinda Odom Staubs, assistant professor of Elementary Education, was recently selected to participate in the 2008 Transatlantic Outreach Program (TOP) of the Goethe Institut. TOP is a public/private partnership initiative of the Foreign Office of the Federal Republic of Germany, the Goethe-Institut, Deutsche Bank, and the Robert Bosch Stiftung. TOP selects highly qualified social studies educators in the United States to expose them to every aspect of modern Germany.

Dr. Staubs traveled for two weeks this summer throughout Germany by bus, plane, train, bicycle, and on foot with a group of sixteen social studies educators from various parts of the United States. Stops throughout Germany provided a variety of experiences and opportunities to learn about the business, history, government, and culture of Germany. The group took part in walking tours of both Berlin and Frankfurt and a bicycle tour throughout the countryside of Dresden. They were able to visit the home of Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, various museums, sail down the



Dr. Melinda Odom Staubs

Rhine River, and tour a family run restaurant/winery. Some of the activities they participated in were sessions with diplomats of the Federal Foreign Office and German public school curriculum developers, talks with German teachers and students, a guided tour of the Reichstag, a tour and information session at a solar panel manufacturer, a tour of the Mercedes Benz Museum, a tour through prisoners' barracks and the museum at Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp, and a tour and information session at the interactive experience center of Weleda Naturals. The group was able to hear firsthand accounts of the effects of the German Democratic Republic and the rise and fall of the Berlin Wall, take

part in discussions about life in Germany today, and hear about the complications that developed and remain under reunification.

Using information garnered from the visit to Germany, Dr. Staubs developed a lesson plan for publication with the Goethe Institut. Through participation in the TOPS program, Dr. Staubs is now a TOP Fellow with the Goethe Institut.

Best Submission

In July 2008, the World Leadership Forum presented JSU assistant professor of communication Jerry G. Chandler its Best Maintenance Submission award, this in conjunction with the Aerospace Journalist of the Year Awards held in London. This is the second time Chandler has won such recognition. He also won in 2000.

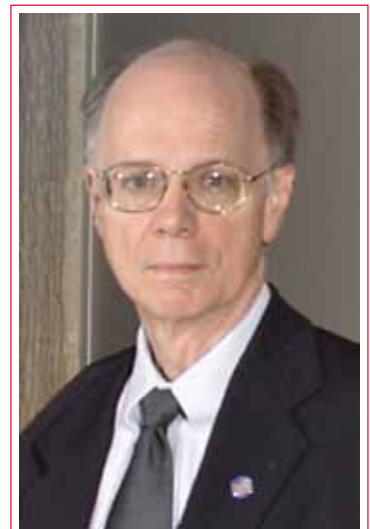
Mr. Chandler's winning entry dealt with the development of cutting-edge aviation maintenance techniques and technologies—initiatives designed to render commercial aviation safer.

Mr. Chandler wrote the story for *Overhaul & Maintenance* magazine, a member of the Aviation Week Group, and a publication of McGraw-Hill.

The JSU teacher is honored by the recognition, but believes the real benefit derived from his writing is being able to incorporate on-going lessons learned in the professional arena into the classroom.

Mr. Chandler is a 22 year veteran of JSU, and is the author of the best-selling book **Fire & Rain**, the chronicle of the crash of Delta Flight 191. The book was turned into a successful made-for-television docudrama.

Mr. Chandler has appeared on *NPR's Weekend Edition*, MSNBC, CNN, *Good Morning America*, PBS's *Nova*, CNN, and will soon be featured in two National Geographic Channel programs dealing with aviation safety.



Mr. Jerry Chandler

Ms. Martha Dingler & Ms. Lynn Steward Recognized



Ms. Martha Dingler

In 2008, the Human Resources Office recognized Ms. Martha Dingler, as *Employee of the Month* for the month of March, and Ms. Lynn Steward, as *Employee of the Month* for of June.

Ms. Martha Dingler works as a Secretary in the College of Education and Professional Studies. She came to JSU in

November of 2002 and has worked in the Dean's office since August of 2003.

Ms. Dingler has been married to Mr. Jeff Dingler for ten and a half years. The Dinglers enjoy all aspects of remodeling and decorating homes. The Dinglers have two boys, Sam and Jack. Sam is a first grader and Jack attends a church day-care. Ms. Dingler loves to shop, cook and spend time with her family. The Dinglers attend the First United Methodist Church in Anniston.

Ms. Lynn Steward is the secretary in the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences. Ms. Steward came to Jacksonville State University in May, 2003 and began working in the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences in June of 2006.

Ms. Steward graduated from Piedmont High School and New World College of Business. She is married to Mr. Mark Steward, who also works at JSU.

The Stewards live in the Piedmont area with their two boys Casey and Caleb who attend Spring Garden High School. Both boys are involved in sports, and these activities keep the Stewards active.



Ms. Lynn Steward



Dr. Glaucio Scremin Heads Sports Management Team

The Department of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation (HPER) welcomes Dr. Glaucio Scremin as an assistant professor of sport management. Dr. Scremin is a native of São Paulo, Brazil.

Like most Brazilians he is a soccer fanatic. His experience as a player with the three time world club champion São Paulo Futebol Clube led to a soccer scholarship with an NCAA Division II university in the United States.



Dr. Glaucio Scremin with two JSU students

He earned a bachelor's of science degree from Lock Haven University in health sciences. He received a master's degree from the United States Sports Academy in sports studies. In 2008, he completed his doctor's of education in sport management, also at the United States Sports Academy. Dr. Scremin is a certified strength and conditioning specialist and an American College of Sport Medicine certified health and fitness instructor.

Dr. Scremin joined Jacksonville State University in the fall of 2008. He teaches several undergraduate and graduate courses in the HPER curriculum, including Concepts of Wellness and Fitness, Methods and Principles of Coaching, and Sport Marketing. He is the coordinator of the master's program in Public Administration with a concentration in Athletic Administration (MPA-AA). The MPA-AA program seeks to prepare students for careers in athletic administration of public organizations such as city parks, recreation facilities, and sports commissions among others.

Dr. Scremin is in the process of developing a master's program in sport management that will prepare students for an exciting career in the sports industry. His research interests include sport consumer behavior and international sports law.

Communication Student Success Stories

Noteworthy achievements in the JSU's Department of Communication include those by several students who have acquired professional media positions during this past year. Two broadcasting students and one public relations graduate stood out in their successful placement in companies outside the northeast Alabama region.



Ms. Jessica Bloodworth

Ms. Jessica Bloodworth, who majored in public relations and graduated in summer 2008, was able to use her experience serving as a DJ for the campus radio station WLJS-92J to her advantage. She is now working in Chattanooga, Tennessee for Clear Channel Communications, after accepting a promotions director position there. Her duties include overseeing the public relations for three FM radio stations owned by Clear Channel: Rock 105, 98.1 The Legend, and 103.7 The River.

Mr. Brandon Hollingsworth graduated in summer 2008 after serving as the news director for the campus radio station

WLJS-92J for almost two years while also spending one semester as the news editor for campus newspaper The Chanticleer. His success story came after 20 months at WLJS anchoring NPR's *Morning Edition* show and effectively serving as the northeast Alabama bureau reporter for Alabama Public Radio. His dream has been to work for public radio, and he was immediately hired on at the place where he served his full-time communication internship – Alabama Public Radio in Tuscaloosa.



Mr. Brandon Hollingsworth

Ms. Jamie Langley took a leave of absence from the communication program in 2008 while serving as Miss Alabama. She has accepted a position as a news anchor for the CBS affiliate in Montgomery set to begin in January 2009 after she completes her internship. Look for her on air as the news anchor for the WAKA Channel 8 television 5:00 p.m. news broadcast. Jamie plans on returning in spring 2009 to JSU to finish her bachelor's degree in communication with an emphasis in broadcasting.



Ms. Jamie Langley

Students Publishing Papers

When Dr. Charles E. Notar, associate professor in secondary education, assigns his students a paper, the paper must meet the requirements for a reviewed journal in addition to those of the course. He also tells his students that he will attempt to get their papers published. In 2008, four student articles were published in refereed journals while two additional articles were accepted and are in press.

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Versatile Student Worker Excels with TV Services



Mr. Len Jackson

Television Services has been blessed in the past to have selected some excellent student workers. Our current student worker, Mr. Len Jackson, is no exception. Mr.

Jackson is a Senior Communication Major who started with TV Services in April of 2008. He chose a Communication Major because in his words, "I loved shooting short films with my high school friends."

Mr. Jackson's dream is to use the skills he is gaining through his degree and work with TV Services to direct

or produce films some day. Eventually he hopes to start his own production company. "His versatile background should allow him to work in television or film in many positions. He could produce, direct, edit, be a colorist, screenwriter, you name it, Len will be a success in whatever he chooses," commented his immediate supervisor Mr. Keith Thomas. Mr. Jackson has experience in Final Cut Pro 6.0, Adobe Photoshop CS2, Adobe Premiere, Apple Soundtrack Pro, Adobe Audition, as well as many other computer programs. He is also in the process of learning Apple Motion and Apple Color.

During his tenure with TV Services so far, Mr. Jackson has put together an impressive resume including editing a Students Against Destructive Decisions video about drunk driving as well as editing almost all the commercials produced since his arrival with our department. He also assists Mr. Steve Kines on football game days as they operate all the animated graphics, videos, commercials, JSU ads, and sound effects that play on the scoreboard at Paul Snow Stadium. In addition to all that, he works as an A2 (audio assistant) to Mr. Bobby Mikel for high school football games for TV24.

Mr. Jackson is scheduled to graduate in Spring of 2009. TV Services will have a difficult time finding another student with his dedication, interest and skills.



Ms. Sharla Hill's Success Continues

Ms. Sharla Hill is a successful Department of Health, Physical Education, Exercise Science, and Recreation alumni. Ms. Hill graduated last year from JSU with a bachelor's of science in exercise science and wellness. She is currently finishing her first year of studies in the Doctorate of Physical Therapy program at The University of Alabama, Birmingham. While at JSU, Ms. Hill held the position of the president of the Health, Physical Education, Exercise Science, and Recreation majors club, which helps students

from the HPER department to interact with other students and professionals in the field at events such as regional and national conferences. Ms. Hill attributes much of her success today to her teachers and mentors at JSU. She also states: "Exercise Science was a great choice that provided me with an excellent background for physical therapy school and I would recommend it to anyone who is considering physical therapy as a career choice." Ms. Hill's goal is to graduate with a doctorate in physical therapy in December 2010.

NASA Grant

This September began ten National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) sponsored workshops that will continue through April of 2009. The Saturday workshops will be conducted for surrounding area math and science teachers in grades 6-12. Twenty-five workshop



participants registered for the workshop series that feature NASA educational specialists as well as JSU faculty instructors. Dr. Jan Wilson, Professor and Department Head of the Department of Secondary Education, is serving as the principal investigator for the grant that was awarded by NASA in September of 2008.

Connecting Teachers



Ms. Patty Culver

Dr. Donna Herring, program chair for instructional technology in the Department of Educational Resources is involved with the use of technology in the classroom. This year she became a facilitator in the sharing of information that evolved into a model program. Ms. Patty Culver, a second grade language arts teacher

at Leroy Massey Elementary School in Summerville, Georgia, was creating a website for a project based learning activity. Across town, Ms. Angie Culbert, a biology teacher at Chattooga County High School, also located in Summerville was preparing her students to dissect Annelida, earthworms. Dr. Herring knew both of the teachers through their graduate work at JSU. When Dr. Herring learned of the studies concerning earthworms in both classrooms, she initiated a collaboration between the two classrooms that enabled the second grade class to participate in the high school earthworm dissection lab and the high school class to reinforce their learning by teaching.

Ms. Angie Culbert wanted to find a way to get her students excited about dissecting an earthworm. She looked for a way that would reinforce their learning. When Dr. Herring spoke to her about a collaboration with another class, Ms. Culbert knew that this potentially added other dimensions to the laboratory. Ms. Culbert knows that technology has an impact on high school students, and allowing students to use the technology themselves she knew could make this laboratory a really exciting and hands-on activity.

During the lab, Ms. Culbert's students used a document projector to show the dissection up close and to show the second grade students the procedures as they were performed. The second graders were then allowed time to ask questions. Ms. Culbert felt that her students had to pay



more attention to their dissections because the second graders were asking questions. The technology made the collaborative lab much more personal since

her high school students could see the second grade class on the SMART Board™ screen as they answered questions. The SMART Board™ allowed the students to notate and point out individual structures visible during the dissection. The high school students experienced teaching others, reinforced their own subject matter content knowledge, and enjoyed themselves.

Dr. Herring contacted Ms. Judy McEntyre, director of the Educational Technology Center (ETC) at Dalton State College and an adjunct professor in the Instructional Technology program at JSU, and Mr. Patrick Clifton, Technical Support Specialist for the ETC and a graduate of JSU to provide a video link between the two classrooms. Using the equipment from Dalton State College Educational Technology Center, they set up a live, two way video and audio feed of the lab. This allowed students at each site to see the other classroom in real time. Alan Gayton, Randy Ware, Paul Bellamy, and Helen Oliver, Instructional Technology Specialists at the ETC, filmed the event. A video of the collaborative lab can be viewed at: <http://www.dscettc.org/>

"The collaborative earthworm dissection lab was an awesome experience for my students," Ms. Culver said. "They loved seeing the high school students live on the SMART Board™ and enthusiastically asked questions during the dissection lab." "They enjoyed being the teacher and the expert of the content," Ms. Culbert stated. "The high school students were amazed that the second graders were studying similar content and were using the same words to discuss the anatomy and systems of the earthworm."

Dr. Donna Herring's ability to see the potential of using connectivity brought two teachers and the resources to put this collaboration together. Her involvement helped to create a learning environment for two innovative teachers to carry out this student-centered activity. Both Ms. Culver and Ms. Culbert are committed to preparing their students to face a changing world where the ability to use telecommunications technology is a critical skill that will enable them to express thoughts and ideas effectively. With teachers like Ms. Culbert and Ms. Culver, using these types of technology in the classroom is giving their students a distinct advantage.



Ms. Angie Culbert

Ms. Virginia Cole Joins Secondary Education

Ms. Virginia Scott Cole moved from Indianola, Mississippi, to attend Stillman College located in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. After completion of an undergraduate degree in biology, with a minor in chemistry, she began work as a half-time science research laboratory technician at The University of Alabama. Ms. Cole subsequently enrolled in The University of Alabama and received a master's of arts degree and, later, an educational specialist degree in secondary science education. After teaching a number of years of high school sciences, Ms. Cole entered the doctoral program in Secondary Curriculum and Instruction at The University of Alabama during her final years of teaching secondary school science. Her research interests have included using science fiction in the high school classroom and the effects of collaborative teaching in high school

biology. As an undergraduate, Ms. Cole earned two awards for summer research as a scholarship recipient and research participant through the Alabama Alliance for Minority Participation. Ms. Cole has participated in the Research Experiences for Teachers Program for three summers in the chemistry department at The University of Alabama. Ms. Cole will continue her research studies on how can schools improve the numbers of students entering professional fields of science and science education.



Ms. Virginia Cole

Ms. Sharon Padgett Becomes a Member of Secondary Education



Ms. Sharon Padgett

Ms. Sharon Padgett is the new mathematics specialist for the Department of Secondary Education. She is not new to the college having been a pro-rata instructor for Jacksonville State University since the fall of 2005.

Ms. Padgett holds an undergraduate degree in biology from Mississippi

University for Women and a major in mathematics from

Jacksonville State University. She earned a master's degree in secondary mathematics education from Jacksonville State University. Ms. Padgett is currently pursuing an educational specialist degree in mathematics education at JSU.

Ms. Padgett has taught in public schools in Alabama and Mississippi for 25 years. She has taught science and mathematics courses from seventh to the eleventh grades. In 1996, Ms. Padgett was selected as Alabama's recipient for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics Teaching. She has been selected as Calhoun County's nominee for the JSU Teacher Hall of Fame twice. Ms. Padgett has presented at national, regional, state, and local mathematics meetings for 20 years.



Ms. Andrea MacArgel Coordinates Tutoring Practicum

Ms. Andrea MacArgel is the new Coordinator of the Teaching/Learning Center. She is a native Floridian with her roots in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Ms. MacArgel graduated from the University of Florida in 2004 with a Bachelor of Science in environmental science. She moved to New York City, New York in 2005. She taught middle school math in Bed Stuy, Brooklyn. While she was teaching, Ms. MacArgel completed her master's in adolescent education from Pace University. She moved back to Jacksonville with her husband and taught at Pell

City, Alabama before coming to JSU. In all of her teaching assignments she has participated in after school tutoring. Ms. MacArgel has excellent skills using technology. She has made workable the use of BlackBoard for the student practicum.



Ms. Andrea MacArgel

Educational Researchers Meet in Knoxville



Drs. Donna Herring and Charles Notar

Jacksonville State University professors led the Southeast in educational research presentations at the Mid-South Educational Research Association (MSERA) annual meeting held November 5-7, 2008 in Knoxville, Tennessee.

MSERA is a nonprofit incorporated educational organization whose purposes are to encourage quality educational research in the Mid-South and to promote the application of the results of quality educational research in the schools. The organization represents Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee and is celebrating its 37th year.

Dr. Donna Herring was installed for a second term as MSERA Board Member and Secretary. Dr. Nancy Fox was elected Alabama Director and MSERA Board Member. Dr. Charles Notar was selected to continue his position as Chair of the Development Committee. Dr. Mary Montgomery, Dr. Charles Notar, Dr. Nancy Fox, and Dr. Sherri Restauri served as presidors for the conference. For more information about MSERA, visit the website at www.msera.org.

Twenty-five JSU professors conducted seventeen presentations at the recent conference; "Attitudes of Teachers Toward Science Reflected in Their Visual Representation of a Scientist," Patricia K. Lowry, M. Dale Campbell, & Judy H. McCrary; "The Acts of Kindness Project: A Study of Education Majors' Altruistic Behavior," Nina M. King, Celia B. Hilber, & Elizabeth Engley; "Course Delivery, Advisement, Web Pages, and Newsletters by Live Text," Nancy J. Fox, Donna F. Herring, & Kathleen Friery;

"TIMES: Technological Integrations in Mathematical Environments and Studies," Jan Wilson;
"Building Online Communities: Recruitment & Retention of Male Minorities in Distance Education," Sherri L. Restauri, Gordon Nelson, & Frank King;
"Tenure in Higher Education: Property Right or No Rights?," Sheila A. Webb;
"Using Program Data Portfolios for Accreditation Documentation," Nancy J. Fox, Kathleen Friery, & Donna F. Herring;
"How to Create a Faculty Website Using Live Text," J. Gordon Nelson, Kathleen Friery, Donna F. Herring, & Jimmy Barnes;
"Formative Assessment: Precursor of Good Test Results," Janell D. Wilson, Charles E. Notar, & Donna F. Herring;
"Taking Advantage of Assets: A Model of Program Improvement for Educational Leadership," Mary B. Montgomery, Charlotte Eady, Isreal Eady, & William Kiser;
"On the Cutting Edge: The Development and Implementation of an Online Child Development Program," Tommy M. Phillips, Paula K. Napoli & Debra K. Goodwin;
"Principal Support of Media Specialist and Teacher Collaboration: A Research Study," Betty J. Morris;
"Classroom Management: Positioning and Routines," Charles E. Notar, & Donna F. Herring;
"Using Hyperlinks to Assist Students Reading Complex Documents," Linda A. Mitchell;
"Organizing Instruction to Meet Instructional Goals," Charles E. Notar;
"The Effect of a 'Mock' Grocery Shopping Activity and Subsequent Nutrition Education on the Food Choices of Children in a Pre-School Setting," Debra K. Goodwin;
"AT and Social Science: Including ALL Students," Teresa J. Gardner.



From the left: Dr. Betty Morris, Dr. William Kiser, Dr. Gordon Nelson

Mr. Chris Waddle Named Ayers Chair



Mr. Chris Waddle

Mr. Chris Waddle is the new Ayers Chair of Communication in the Department of Communication. Mr. Wadell is a graduate of Birmingham-Southern College and holds a journalism master's degree from Columbia University. Mr. Wadell has a wide range of

experience in journalism. He has worked at six daily newspapers where he has been a reporter, copy editor,

Washington correspondent, lifestyles editor, city editor, managing editor, editorial page editor and executive editor. Mr. Wadell managed the newsroom of *The Kansas City Times* when it won two Pulitzer Prizes in 1982. He worked at *The Anniston Star*. As president of the Ayers Family Institute for Community Journalism, he worked to create the first-ever master's program inside a working newsroom in connection with The University of Alabama and the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation. He was awarded the James A. Clendinen Professorship in Editorial and Critical Writing at the University of South Florida School of Mass Communications in 2003 and was a Fulbright instructor in journalism at American University in Bulgaria during 2001. In the 2004-2005 academic year he was a Fellow at the Nieman Foundation for Journalism at Harvard University. Mr. Wadell has been a frequent news analyst on Alabama Public TV, contributes print and online commentaries to *The Anniston Star*, and writes a regular blog on journalism.

Dr. J. Patrick McGrail Educator with Alacrity



Dr. J. Patrick McGrail, is a new assistant professor in the Department of Communication, is a critic, scholar and practitioner of media, especially television, radio and film. He grew up in Massachusetts and began his career as an actor, and gradually his interests moved to production. Behind the scenes, he began as a sound designer, first for professional theatrical productions, and then for independent films. He has produced spots for the American Cancer Society, as well as various for-profit enterprises. His independent film, *Jockie O'Malley*, was a featured selection at the 2000 Boston Underground Film Festival.

The son, grandson, brother and nephew of college professors, he has pursued a second career as an educator with alacrity. He received his master's of science and doctorate from Syracuse University's Newhouse School of Communications. Although he has taught in the North, particularly Pennsylvania, he disliked being apart from his wife, Ewa, who teaches at Georgia State University. Jacksonville State's excellent radio and television facilities, as well as its proximity to Atlanta, led Dr. McGrail to seek a position here. He resides in Atlanta with his wife Ewa, who is also his co-author on several scholarly articles. For relaxation, he enjoys composing music and collecting rare books.



Dr. J. Patrick McGrail

Dr. Cynthia D. Harper Retires as Dean





Dr. John B. Hammett Named Dean

Dr. John B. Hammett II was named Dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies on October 1, 2008. Dr. Hammett holds a bachelors of science in education degree in health and physical education with certification in English and a master's degree in physical education from Jacksonville State University.

As an undergraduate at JSU, he was a member of the 1977 and 1978 Gamecock football teams that won Gulf South Conference championships. He was also a member of the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity at JSU.

After graduation, Dr. Hammett taught and coached on the high school level. Dr. Hammett taught English and coached football and track at Shelby County High School in Columbiana, Alabama and at John Shaw High School in Mobile, Alabama.

In 1986, Dr. Hammett earned a PhD in health, physical education and recreation with a concentration in exercise physiology from the University of Southern Mississippi. His initial collegiate appointment was at the University of South Carolina at Aiken where he taught health and physical education courses. At University of South Carolina, he was responsible for developing the USCA Wellness Program that continues today.

In 1989, Dr. Hammett accepted an assistant professor's position at Jacksonville State University.

He developed a comprehensive university-based wellness program for faculty, staff, students, and their dependents at JSU. In 2003, he accepted the position of department head for Health, Physical Education and Recreation.

Dr. Hammett was named Associate Dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies on November 18, 2004. Dr. Cynthia Harper, then Dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies, said that Dr. Hammett has a broad experiential and knowledge base in both education and professional studies programming that qualifies him for this appointment. He has the energy level and the leadership qualities necessary to promote excellence throughout all areas served by the College.

"As the dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies at JSU, I am looking forward to working with faculty, staff, students and our constituencies to carry on the proud tradition in teacher education JSU has enjoyed for 125 years," said Dr. Hammett. "I am also excited about the strong academic traditions the college has developed in the professional studies programs in the departments of Family and Consumer Sciences, Communication, Technology and Engineering, and Health, Physical Education, and Recreation."



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Additions and Renovations to Ramona Wood Hall
Jacksonville State University
Dr. William A. Meehan, President

Be part of the future: contribute to the growth of the College of Education and Professional Studies. The addition and renovation planned will provide needed technologically equipped classrooms, expansion of the Learning Resource Center, a large meeting room, and increased office space. The Ramona Wood Hall has served the College for many years. This improvement will ensure the needs of future graduates of Jacksonville State University are adequately met. Your participation is appreciated, thank you.

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