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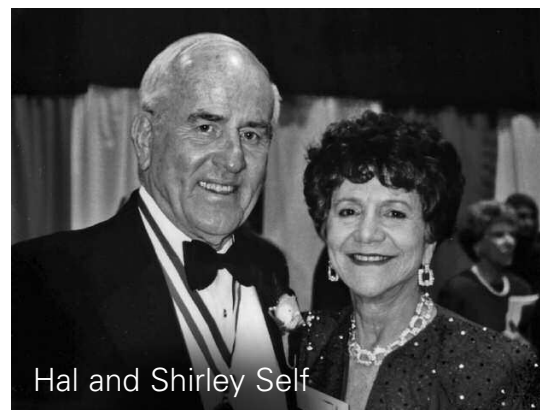
Endowed Scholarship to Help Students Achieve Their Dreams

“A bit of fragrance always clings to the hand that gives roses.”
 —Chinese proverb

M eet the newest member of the University of North Alabama Courtview Society, Shirley Self. After a lifetime of helping students as an educator, she has chosen to give back to UNA through a charitable gift annuity, which will provide her with fixed payments for life and fund an endowed scholarship for graduate students after her lifetime.

Born in Decatur, Ala., Shirley graduated from Riverside High School in 1945 and from Gulf Park Junior College for Women in 1947. In the summer of 1948, Shirley and her good friend Bert were driving up 2nd Avenue in Decatur when fate stepped in. Hal Self and his friend Clyde were standing on the corner of 2nd and Moulton Street when Hal saw Shirley drive by. He told Clyde, “I am going to marry that girl.” That day he called her and made a date. They dated the rest of the summer.

The following Christmas, when Shirley returned home from her senior year at Ole Miss, Hal asked her to marry him. He loved to tell friends that she said, “Will tomorrow be too soon?” They married Dec. 22 and were married almost 60 years before Hal



Hal and Shirley Self

passed away on June 6, 2008. During those 60 years, the couple had a range of vocations and experiences.

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

In 1959, while raising two young children, Shirley decided to complete her teaching certification. She enrolled at Florence State Teachers College and changed her major from

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physical education to elementary education. She also received a scholarship and, because of her grades in the field of education, was invited to join the Alpha Delta Pi sorority. She graduated in 1960.

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

*"If one cannot do big things, do little things in a big way."
—Shirley Self*

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

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

known as the Junior League of the Shoals. She was a charter member of the Philanthropic Education Organization, which maintains four educational scholarships for local, national and international women, and has served as chaplain, guard and president. She is now serving as vice regent of the Alamance Chapter of



Shirley Self

the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and is a member of Alpha Delta Kappa, an international honorary organization for women educators.

Since surviving polio as a child and making a full recovery, Shirley has been involved in many physical activities, such as swimming, dancing, horseback riding and tennis. She has won many local and state tennis tournaments and continues to play weekly. Shirley also enjoys playing

bridge, traveling, and spending time with her children and grandchildren.

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

Shirley knew she wanted to give back to UNA, but the way she decided to give back was sort of a fluke. She says she was sitting at the Sportsman's Club talking with Dr. Luckey Crocker about how the interest rate on CDs were at an all-time low when Dr. Alan Medders, vice president for advancement, happened to stop by their table. Luckey said, "Here's the man to talk to."

Shirley and Alan met that afternoon and he told her about charitable gift annuities (CGAs). He explained how a CGA could provide her with a generous rate of return for the rest of her life, as well as a substantial tax deduction. Furthermore, she could designate how she wanted the remainder of the CGA to be spent (e.g., to fund scholarships or a program of special

interest to her). She thought about the annuity over the weekend and called Alan to tell him she thought that it was a very good idea.

The proceeds of Shirley's CGA will ultimately fund the Hal and Shirley Self Endowed Scholarship, which will provide financial assistance to graduate students. She hopes many students will benefit from her gift. She

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

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The members of The Courtview Society gather annually on campus for an appreciation dinner and periodically throughout the year in conjunction with alumni events across the country. The members of The Courtview Society enjoy opportunities to visit with others who have made a thoughtful commitment to the future of the University of North Alabama.

We would be honored and appreciative to include you as a member of The Courtview Society. For more information on how you can join this prestigious group, please contact the Advancement Office.

The Pink Side of Planning

Why Every Woman Needs a Current Will

You're used to caring for others. Yet when it comes to the ultimate expression of care—your final will and testament—many women fail to put adequate effort into their estate plans. But it's imperative that you have an up-to-date will.

If You Are Married...

When you die without a will, the state determines how to divide your property. A will spares your spouse from unnecessary legal hassles and offers peace of mind during a time of grief.

If you and your spouse die at the same time, a will can create a trust and name a guardian for your young children.

If You Are Single...

A will gives you the opportunity to provide for the people who matter

most to you. It is also the perfect opportunity to assist organizations you have supported throughout your lifetime.

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Director of Planned Giving

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