president’s message
William G. Cale, Jr.

Each year that I have had the pleasure to be your president I have found ample reason to be thankful for the people who create this campus community—faculty, staff, administration, students, alumni and friends. I feel the campus pride in what we do, feel the synergies that emerge when we come together in groups small or large to solve whatever the issues are. I feel the common trust we share in one another. We learned quite recently through a study conducted by the Chronicle of Higher Education that the elements that make UNA such a fine place to be also place us among the best universities in the country to work. So long as we continue to be a community that shares a common vision to serve our students well, we will continue to be the great institution that we are today.

The year now concluding has been busy and successful. Here are a few of our accomplishments that we can point to with Lion Pride:

- Completion of the Campus Master Plan
- Completion of Keller Hall Renovation
- Completion of new air handling systems in Bibb Graves, Stevens, L NOW South, Floyd Halls
- Completion of improvements to Braly Stadium including artificial turf, a new scoreboard, and a new sound system
- Received a $6M grant from the State for science and technology construction
- Secured $1.5M in federal support for science, nursing, and the green campus program
- Begun construction on new maintenance and bus storage facilities at East Campus
- Implemented Phase II of the staff salary plan, and I am pleased to announce that we will continue that progress by implementing Phase III this year
- Concluded agreements with Follett Higher Education Group and Sodexo to provide book store and food services, respectively, to UNA. These new agreements not only greatly expand services but also provide gifts and commissions to the University in the several millions of dollars over 10 years
- Added new degree programs and tracks, including a Master’s in Genopolitical Sciences, Master’s track in TESOL, baccalaureates in Mass Communication and Interdisciplinary Studies

As we look to the year ahead, there is much to anticipate:

- Continuing to prepare for revalidation of accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
- An ambitious building agenda
  - Complete architectural plans for a Science and Technology Building and a Student Commons and Academic Building
  - Western Hall and Annex renovation
  - Preliminary planning for new Student Housing
  - Preliminary planning for renovation of the Guillot University Center
- Plan for a future in Athletics that will not include the Arkansas schools as members of the Gulf South Conference
- Plan for new academic programs, including a Master’s in Geospatial Sciences; Master’s track in TESOL; and commissions to the University in the several millions of dollars over 10 years
- Added new degree programs and tracks
- Student Recreation Center

Sincerely yours,
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Sodexo Campus Services, UNA’s food-services provider, has announced a $1,950,000 gift to the university. The gift will go toward a new student commons and academic center as well as renovations to the Guillot University Center and the Student Recreation Center.

“We’re excited about this new partnership with Sodexo and their commitment to enhancing the student experience here and providing opportunities for the community, as well,” said Dr. Alan Medders, UNA vice president for advancement. “$1.5 million of the Sodexo gift will go toward the student commons and academic center, while $450,000 is put toward GLUC and SRC renovations. The student commons will include, among other features, several new dining venues, the campus bookstore as well as the new Center for Financial Literacy and The Hill, a student-operated branch of Listerhill Credit Union (see page 6). Construction for the new facility has not yet been scheduled.

The GLUC renovations will bring in a Rice Bozian restaurant and a Sub Connection, featuring fresh subs, wraps, salads and more. SRC renovations will feature a WOW Café and Wingery, offering wraps, salads, Angus burgers on Texas toast, southwestern fare and wings with a variety of sauces.

“Sodexo is very excited about our partnership with UNA and our commitment to ‘Making every day a better day’ for UNA students, faculty, staff and the Shoals community,” said Alan Kinkead, Sodexo general manager for UNA dining services.

Sodexo Makes A Gift
In an age when personal financial hardship and increasing debt burdens are all too commonplace, the University of North Alabama and Listerhill Credit Union are partnering to create a first-of-its-kind Center for Financial Literacy on the UNA campus.

The student-operated center will be designed to offer a casual commons area where students and community young people can receive sound financial advice in a comfortable peer-to-peer environment. Finance, economics and education students operating the center will receive professional financial training by Listerhill management.

The Center for Financial Literacy will also include a student-operated credit union – The Hill – offering a variety of financial products and services for students, faculty, staff, alumni and the community.

“The Hill and the Center for Financial Literacy will be anything but a traditional branch,” said Brad Green ’91, president and CEO of Listerhill. “It will be a fun and innovative branch destination that will employ and be operated primarily by students of the university. This is definitely a concept that is unique to this partnership between UNA and Listerhill.”

The Hill and the Center for Financial Literacy will both begin operation in the Guillot University Center this fall.

UNA, Listerhill Credit Union partner to create Center for Financial Literacy

Dr. William G. Cale, UNA president, said the university is seeing, now more than ever, the need to equip students with an in-depth knowledge of personal finance.

“In today’s economy,” he said, “students are graduating from college with more debt than ever, so they’re financially burdened even before their careers begin. They need to know how to wisely manage that debt, how to wisely invest their money before losing control financially.

“With resources like the ones we’re offering in partnership with Listerhill, I believe students at UNA will have a strong financial foothold by graduation.” According to the U.S. Department of Education, the average loan debt of graduating college seniors in 2008 was $23,200. The average loan debt for UNA graduating seniors in 2008 was $19,839.

Listerhill’s partnership with UNA includes a $625,000 gift toward the university’s new Academic Center and Student Commons, where the Center for Financial Literacy and The Hill will be housed upon the building’s completion. The gift is the single largest corporate gift in UNA history.

UNIVERSITY APPROVES NEW CAMPUS MASTER PLAN

The university board of trustees approved in June a new master plan projecting the campus’s growth over possibly the next two decades. The plan, developed by KPS Group Inc., in Birmingham, focuses on the provision of new open space, transitions to a residential campus and more pedestrian-friendly environment, the addition of new academic and activity centers, and the continuous enhancement of campus beauty.

“As this plan has been developed, we’ve looked far into the future and envisioned a campus that is certainly different from today’s, but not so different that it would not be immediately recognized as UNA,” said Dr. William G. Cale, Jr., UNA president. “There were many caveats in this process, not the least of which was to maintain or even improve the beauty, intimacy and campus feel that have been the hallmarks of the university for nearly two centuries.”

The development process for the new master plan included surveys and feedback from the campus community as well as the city of Florence. The university solicited public feedback on the plan before its approval by the board.

Cale added that the plan presents “ideas, not directives, which collectively will guide us to grow in harmony with our neighbors, with our own structures, and with the value of preservation of place that is felt by everyone who has come to this campus.”

The new campus master plan may be downloaded from the university home page at www.una.edu.
The College of Business, the Center for Academic Advising and Retention Services, and the Small Business Development Center moved back home to Keller Hall over the summer. They had spent nearly a year spread throughout campus as Keller underwent an extensive renovation as part of UNA’s Green Campus Initiative.

Keller and other Green Campus Initiative projects are designed to promote greater efficiencies of energy usage, reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and recycling of appropriate items. The Keller renovation included, among many other features, solar panels as well as new lighting, new windows, and a new heating and air system.

The renovation was funded through a $951,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Energy, presented last year by Rep. Robert B. Aderholt (R-Haleyville). Aderholt, with former Rep. Bud Cramer (D-Huntsville) and Rep. Parker Griffith (R-Huntsville), was also instrumental in securing $984,000 for the Green Campus Initiative through the Fiscal Year 2008 Energy and Water Appropriations Bill.

Nursing students have a new pediatric simulation lab this fall, thanks to a state grant presented by Alabama State Rep. Tammy Irons ’96 (D-Florence). Irons helped secure two grants for the university from Alabama’s Education Trust Fund and the Small Business College of Nursing and Allied Health to complete renovations for a lab to house its new pediatric simulator, a computerized manikin designed to mimic an actual infant patient. The college had obtained a similar adult simulator about two years ago.

The clinical components of the UNA nursing program are greatly enhanced through the use of human simulators," said Dr. Birdie Bailey, dean of the College of Nursing. "To add a pediatric simulation lab to the program is valuable. We are greatly appreciative to Rep. Irons for her efforts to make that happen."

The grant for the lab renovations totaled $5,500. The second grant, in the amount of $45,760, was distributed to various academic departments and colleges for general educational purposes. "Education is critical to good-paying jobs in the Shoals and in our state," Irons said. "I am always looking for opportunities to secure funds for our schools and universities and will continue to do so."
Faculty and staff of UNA learned over the summer that they’re employed at one of the 28 best four-year colleges in the nation to work for. The ranking is from The Chronicle of Higher Education, which surveyed 275 institutions nationwide for its third annual Great Colleges to Work For. The ranking also includes UNA on its Honor Roll as one of the top 10 nationally for schools with enrollments of 3,000-9,999.

“This ranking is a great honor for UNA and a testament to the quality of environment we offer on campus,” said Dr. William G. Cale Jr., UNA president. “It’s good news for our faculty and staff as well as students. What it means for students is that, when they choose UNA, they’re choosing a university that is able to attract some of the very best college educators in the nation.”

UNA is one of 97 institutions overall included in this year’s Great Colleges to Work For and one of only 28 four-year institutions included in the Honor Roll. The Honor Roll recognizes the schools standing out in the highest number of the survey’s 12 categories: Collaborative Governance; Compensation and Benefits; Confidence in Senior Leadership; Diversity; Facilities, Workspaces and Security; Job Satisfaction; Professional/Career-Development Programs; Respect and Appreciation; Supervisor or Department-Chair Relationship; Teaching Environment; and Work/Life Balance.

UNA Staff Senate president Christy A. Horn said that for UNA “to be recognized in so many categories is a great reflection on our university leadership and its strong commitment to continuous improvement campus-wide. UNA is a wonderful place to work. Our entire UNA family — students, employees, alumni and the Shoals community — can all be justifiably proud of this national recognition.”

The Chronicle of Higher Education’s annual Great Colleges to Work For ranking is the second largest work-recognition program in the country, just behind Fortune Magazine’s 100 Best Companies to Work For.

For more information, visit www.chronicle.com.

North Alabama educators will soon be able earn their University of Alabama Doctor of Education degree without the long commute to Tuscaloosa. The UA Ed.D. program in instructional leadership will be offered on the University of North Alabama campus beginning this fall.

“Bringing the University of Alabama Ed.D. to the University of North Alabama campus has been a vision of the UNA instructional leadership faculty,” said Dr. Donna Jacobs, dean of the UNA College of Education. “I want to commend the UNA leadership faculty for the hard work and dedication that has led to the exciting collaborative model with the University of Alabama.”

Dr. James E. McLean, dean of the College of Education at UA, said the new partnership will help fulfill the college’s statewide mission. “We are excited about working with the University of North Alabama faculty and administration to offer students in this region a quality doctoral option close to their home,” he said. “We view the UNA faculty as partners in this endeavor and appreciate the collegial collaboration that has led to this program.”

Offering 100 percent of its coursework at UNA, the Ed.D. program will be designed for professionals working in or toward executive management or instructional leadership positions in preK-12 schools or school systems. Delivered through a cohort model, the Ed.D. will be a three-year degree, including 72 credit hours beyond the prerequisite master’s degree. UNA and Alabama are hoping to admit the first cohort group to begin this fall, with a second cohort group starting in fall 2012.

Candidates not already holding an Education Specialist degree will be strongly encouraged to first complete the UNA Ed.S. program. While up to 18 Ed.S. credit hours from other schools may be accepted, a much higher percentage of the UNA Ed.S. credit hours will apply toward the 72 hours for the Ed.D.

“Our colleagues in Tuscaloosa have been true partners in the redesign of the UNA master’s and specialist programs in instructional leadership, and we are looking forward to welcoming the first Ed.D. cohort to our campus this fall,” Jacobs said.

For more information on the program, contact Dr. Peggy Campbell at 256-765-4578 or pccampbell@una.edu or Dr. Rosemary Newton at rnewton@bamaed.ua.edu.
New Carpet
Artificial turf installed at Braly

The Lion football team has a new playing surface this fall. Over the summer, Braly Municipal Stadium was outfitted with artificial turf from Pro-Grass, the same company that installed turf at the Lions’ practice field on campus a couple of years ago. This new type of surface minimizes player injuries and reduces maintenance costs. The turf will also enhance the stadium’s appearance for televised UNA games and the Division II National Championship Game.

Braly is the home stadium for the Lions as well as the Florence High School Falcons. UNA also plans to replace the Braly scoreboard with an LED-lighted one. The current scoreboard was purchased by the university 15 years ago.
As part of the Ride:Well Tour, Adam was cycling for Blood:Water Mission, a grassroots outreach group to combat the HIV/AIDS crisis in Africa while providing sustainable access to clean water.

“They really wanted to focus on the AIDS crisis,” Adam said, “but they noticed really quickly that there’s a big connection between the spread of AIDS and the lack of sanitary water.”

According to Blood:Water, 67 percent of the world’s AIDS victims are in sub-Sahara Africa, and 328 million Africans – more than the population of the United States – lack access to clean water. Blood:Water’s focus is to provide a sustainable solution by equipping individuals with the skills, education, technology and treatment programs that will make them a healthier community.

At the beginning of its journey, the Ride:Well Tour had already raised $17,000 for these efforts — $1,000 raised by each cyclist before even hopping on their bikes. Along the way, they raised over $50,000 more.

“At a lot of our stops, we’d speak to groups, and they’d take up money. We also set up a merchandise table at a lot of places to sell T-shirts and different gear,” Adam said.

Then there were the more unique contributions, like the one from the 84-year-old man who approached them at a gas station in Tennessee. They gave him a brochure about their cause, he went home, read about them on the Internet,
then tracked them down on the road to give them $20. Gifts like his weren’t uncommon, Adam said. There was also the convenience store owner in Arkansas with the six cases of water, cereal and energy bars, along with hundreds of others along the way who provided meals or a place to sleep.

“We never stayed in hotels,” Adam said, “because we were trying to save money so it can go to the cause. We had host homes a couple of times, which was great, but we usually stayed in churches or in gyms. We had to pitch tents a few times.”

On the Road

On a typical day, Adam and the RideWell team were up by 5 a.m. and on the road by 6, cranking out 13, 14 – or if they were really ambitious – 18 or 20 miles an hour. They’d stop every 20 or so miles to refill water bottles. Any other stops tended to be for flat tires and, a few times, injuries, with Adam being among the first for both.

In San Diego the first day of the tour, as the team was riding to the ocean, Adam had a flat, and the flat got caught in a crack in the pavement. “It threw me and the bicycle. I had blood all over me. I wasn’t encouraged by that at all.”

But he wasn’t discouraged, either. Within a few days, he was in the best physical shape of his life, pedalling eight to 10 hours a day, climbing 80 miles up steep mountain terrain, enduring 110-degree heat, pounding storms, ice-cold showers.

“Every day was a new adventure,” he said. “A ton of things happened every day.”

A few of these adventures, Adam admitted, may have been shared a little too freely on Twitter and Facebook.

“My mom worried about me sometimes, like one time she saw a video of me doing a back flip off a 30-foot bridge into a river. She called and said I was in trouble,” he said with a laugh.

In general, though, his Tweets were the outline of a once-in-a-lifetime adventure. Just a few:

June 6 – “Great day! Rode 80 miles to the Anza Borrego Desert. Ridiculous scenery but AMAZING scenery. Camping out tonight…”

June 10 – “… I’ve already had six flat tires – including two today. Sheesh.”

June 29 – “72 miles today – a few run-ins with headwinds, rough roads, etc., but a good day nonetheless. Spending the night in Grandbury…”

June 30 – “Rode into Dallas today – midpoint of the Tour! 70 miles of rolling hills and mild headwinds, as well as a bit of rain (i.e. fun!).”

July 5 – “Put a dollar bill inside my rear tire to cover a hole when it caused a flat today. Worked well enough to get me through the ride…”

July 7 – “A guy threw some fireworks out his truck window at a few of us while we were cycling to Little Rock today. Amazing.”

July 17 – “Yesterday may have been the most physically taxing ride of the tour – 84 miles, including a STEEP mountain. Feeling it this morning…”

July 22 – “Riding to Myrtle Beach in the morning! Lots of energy and anticipation among the team – like a bunch of siblings on Christmas Eve…”

In Myrtle Beach, he said, he – and the entire team – was a bit overwhelmed to ride that last mile and dip his front wheel into the ocean.

“We had done this great thing as a team,” he said. “It was really hard to process. That whole weekend we just had to process. Even now, I’m still trying to process it.”

With one coast-to-coast trip under his belt, Adam hasn’t decided yet what his next adventure will be. Another cycling tour? A mountain climb? A hike? Maybe so. It’s all been discussed.

“I’m always up for an adventure,” he said. “It’s just the feeling of pushing yourself and accomplishing something so big and that seems so impossible. But when you can do it and use it to benefit such a great cause, that triples the satisfaction.”
When UNA student Allison Ray looks back at her summer in the north African country of Tunisia, she sums up her experience with one word: Insha’Allah (pronounced “inshallah”). In Arabic, it means “God-willing.”

“I feel it’s fitting in that it’s become a theme of my life,” she said. “It’s a common phrase that every Arabic speaker knows, and it’s so fitting in every situation.”

“Some speakers use it to mean, ‘Maybe.’ But how I use it...it relates everything back to God, and is very God-focused. It’s so perfect, because everything I do is under the will of God.”

The 20-year-old Huntsville native, who plans to graduate “from a research standpoint, I’m interested in world religion and comparative religions—how they affect individuals and government. I like studying how religion affects someone’s individuality — how they function, and why.” Ray explained.

While in Tunisia, Ray lived with a host family in the Carthage Amilcar neighborhood — a 15-minute walk from Sidi Bou Said, where her classes took place. And though she spent at least 20 hours a week in the classroom, expanding her knowledge of Arabic, she quickly learned she’d need more diverse language skills to survive on the streets.

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“It’s very westernized, modern, liberal, progressive. Everything (in the capital city) is reminiscent of the French. French doors, French lights, coffee... before you get to the next café, there’s another café,” she laughed. “It’s like Starbucks in the U.S.; sometimes they’re 10 feet away from each other. She said most locals speak French and don’t know Arabic.”

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“People would come in here and wouldn’t have all the way to D.C.,” Hodges said. “I’ve always had a fascination with government and the way it functions. I thought, ‘If I don’t do it now, I’ll never get the opportunity to go back,’” he said. “I wanted to see how my career path would be if I were to choose to work in politics.”

“I haven’t ruled out working in the political realm. That was my first love, anyway. But I’m not sure whether I’d want to work from the campaign or communications standpoint.”

The story of his son tragically dying at 2-year-old would have been so unprepared. Those classes saved me,” Estes said. “When we got in there, a lot of the interns didn’t know how to use the recording system. Luckily, I did.”

Estes also got to participate in on-air discussions a few times. But mostly, she answered phones, operated a camera for the show’s online streaming video, wrote about each segment recorded and took care of in-studio fans’ needs.

And she’s particularly proud of one accomplishment: she set a record among the show’s interns for running the 40-yard dash, a tradition among Rick and Bubba Show staff and alumni. Estes ran the dash in 5.5 seconds.

“They said I looked like I was running from something in a horror movie,” she said, laughing. “But it was fun to watch myself on the video and see their faces. I think I impressed them.”

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“The first couple of days, they just let us wander and get acquainted with the buildings so we wouldn’t get lost while running errands,” he recalled. “But it was an experience like no other — such a fast-paced lifestyle and a lot of passionate people. Being around that is just contagious.”

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“D.C. is kind of like a fish bowl. It’s one of the most powerful places on Earth, and decisions are made there every day that affect our country and the world. If something happens there, it’s amplified that much more,” he said.

Hodges said his time at UNA helped prepare him for living in the big-city atmosphere.

“My professors taught me to look at things from different perspectives, and that’s one thing Washington has — more than one perspective. Probably too many in some cases. But my classes taught me that not everyone is the same, and I learned how to cope with that.”

Hodges spent most days doing research for the congressman’s office, answering phone calls from constituents, running errands for the office and doing legislative research.

“People would come in here and wouldn’t have all the way to D.C.,” Hodges said. “I’ve always had a fascination with government and the way it functions. I thought, ‘If I don’t do it now, I’ll never get the opportunity to go back,’” he said. “I wanted to see how my career path would be if I were to choose to work in politics.”

“I haven’t ruled out working in the political realm. That was my first love, anyway. But I’m not sure whether I’d want to work from the campaign or communications standpoint.”

The show’s hosts, Burgess and Bill “Bubba” Bussey, openly discuss their Christian faith on air, which was a major part of what attracted Estes to the show. As part of her internship duties, she answered phones and directed callers to the hosts. Not all of the callers were friendly, she said.

“When you rejoice the name of Jesus, you’ll get people who hate him. I’ve been cussed out by callers, but I just take it as it goes,” she said.

Like all interns on the show, Estes was assigned a nickname: LeESPN.

“My initials are L.E.E. and people called me, ‘Lee,’ my whole life,” she said. “And they added ESPN because my dream is to work there one day.”

Estes is a junior at UNA, majoring in broadcast journalism. She said her professors and classes in the Communications Department had a profound impact on her ability to excel in the internship.

Estes said she has been a fan of the show for two years, ever since she first heard Rick Burgess, one of the show’s headlining hosts, speak at a church event about his 2-year-old son’s drowning in early 2008.

“The story of his son tragically dying spoke to me and touched my heart,” Estes said. “When I started looking for internships, I started e-mailing Rick and talking about my interest in working with him. After several e-mail conversations, he set up an interview with me.”

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Pulled or chopped, wet or dry. Mustard based, tomato based. Pork, chicken, brisket. Barbecue comes in a variety of forms for a variety of tastes. But Tammy Jacques, an Alabama native and barbecue aficionado, would have taken it any way she could get it during her time in Michigan. While transplanted to the Great Lakes State for her early career as a student-life administrator, Tammy spent a lot of time talking about her favorite Southern cuisine. Her well-intentioned friends, wanting her to feel at home, would occasionally invite her over for a weekend barbecue.

“When I’d arrive, it’d be hamburgers and hotdogs on a grill,” Tammy said with her trademark laugh. “That’s a cookout to me, but they called it barbecue. I don’t think there’s many people who eat pulled pork in Michigan.”

Her soon-to-be husband, Kevin, was among those native Wolverines whose pork had always been limited to bacon and chops. But that would all change soon enough when he tied the knot and moved south to UNA, where he and Tammy are now directors in the Division of Student Affairs. The newlyweds would spend their leftover wedding money on a grill – the famous Big Green Egg – and Kevin, for the next few weeks, would experiment with everything he knew to grill, which was mostly chicken and fish.

“Tammy said one day that she wanted me to try to do some pulled pork on it,” he said. “I had to get her to explain what it was.” She did, and then Kevin found a recipe on ButtRub.com and copied it to a T.

“At that time, I hadn’t eaten red meat for 10 years,” Kevin said. So Tammy and her parents tried his barbecue while Kevin ate his chicken breast. “They were all raving about it, and it was just driving me nuts. And I was like – sigh – if it’s as good as they’re saying, it’s worth maybe getting sick for the night. So I tried it, and it’s all been downhill since then.”

At age 26, Kevin had tried barbecue for the first time.

**COMPETITIVE BARBECUE**

Fast-forward five years.

On a sticky, overcast Friday afternoon in June, Kevin was working frantically to beat the storm as he assembled his campsite/kitchen in a Lawrenceburg, Tenn., park, hoisting a big green tent over his twin extra-large Big Green Eggs. The outdoor cooking area adjourned his 6-foot, 12-foot green kitchen trailer, which doubled as a bedroom when the queen-size mattress was inflated.

“The rain is just for this afternoon,” he said. “The heat index is supposed to be 109 by 2 p.m. tomorrow. One hundred nine. That’s not pleasant. But it is the South in the summer.”

Tammy, who was back at campus wrapping up a student orientation session, would join him the next morning. Meanwhile, Kevin was getting everything set for their fifth appearance at the Prichard’s Sweet Lucy Tennessee State BBQ Championship. Over the past five years, Kevin and Tammy have strung together a series of professional wins against some of the top competitive barbecue teams in the world. Plus an invitation to the big daddy of all barbecue festivals, the Jack Daniel’s World Championship Invitational in Lynchburg, Tenn. (The Jack invites only 50 of the top U.S. teams and a few international teams each year.)

Their two-person professional cooking team, the EGGseQuetive Council, is named for their major sponsor, Big Green Egg, and their mutual career ambitions to one day serve on a university executive council. As members of the world’s largest and most competitive professional barbecue circuit, KCBS (the Kansas City Barbeque Society), the EGGseQuetive Council competes 10 weekends a year.

Before going into the kitchen trailer to prep the meats, Kevin decided to take a stroll around the park, which by then had grown into a small town of campers, RVs, and lemonade and hotdog stands. A few grills were started, but only with burgers for supper that night, while cooks stood around talking about their rib win last week, the tweaks they’d made to their pork this year, and the Big Green Egg that’s going to the third-place brisket winner tomorrow.

This was the competition’s biggest year ever, with 56 professional teams. Some of the team names billboarded along the sides of the camper/kitchens are legendary in the world of competitive barbecue – names like BubbaQ, Lottabull BBQ, Jiggypiggy, Smoky Mountain Smokers, Music City Pig Fals, Swiggin’ Pig. One team, Do-Rag-Q, was wearing its trademark do-rags. Another, The Long Dawgs, had its mascot pet dachshund in tow.

By Josh Woods

At some camp sites, a novice could’ve easily mistaken a cooking team for a drag-race team, with their long, engine-like machines of smokers, carefully engineered for fuel efficiency, extreme endurance and precise distribution of heat.

“The physics behind these things – this isn’t country-boy cooking anymore,” Kevin said. “Some people might come in with a 55-gallon drum they’ve cut themselves, and it didn’t cost them a penny. Then you’ll have others who have an $8,000, $10,000, even a $12,000 cooker.”
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While McKinnon became the ninth former LINA student-athlete or coach to receive the ultimate honor of induction into the state’s hall of fame, the school’s first connection to ASHOF goes back to its inception and continues today through UNA graduate Tom York ‘50.

York enjoyed a 32-year career as sports director and talk show host at WBRC-TV in Birmingham, and for more than three decades wrote and produced the induction pieces and served as master of ceremonies for the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame induction banquets. Although York gave up his role as master of ceremonies a few years back, he continues to write and produce the induction video pieces that are shown as each honoree’s official induction.

He also wrote a book in 2001 entitled “The Story of the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame - a Personal Perspective.”

UNA’s first inductee into the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame was football legend Harlon Hill ‘55 in 1976. Hill was Rookie of the Year and Most Valuable Player in the National Football League in the 1950s; and the Division II Football Player of the Year award has borne his name since its creation in 1986.

Hill was joined in 1983 by a former football teammate, George “Goober” Lindsey ‘52. Lindsey played football for the Lions from 1950-51 before going on to television stardom. His induction came in honor of his numerous years of work and fundraising on behalf of youth sports and Special Olympics in the state.

Former UNA basketball standout Winfrey “Wimp” Sanderson ‘59 was inducted into ASHOF in 1990 as he was in the middle of a remarkable coaching career that saw him take the University of Alabama’s men’s basketball team to 10 NCAA Tournaments in 12 seasons.

It was six more years before UNA would see its next inductee as former football coach and athletic director Hal Self joined the hall. Self was UNA’s first football coach when the program was revived in 1949 and served as head coach of the Lions through 1969.

North Alabama has added five more inductees in the 2000s, including former LINA assistant basketball coach Wendell Hudson in 2001. Hudson was an assistant at UNA from 1982-83 but also owns the distinction of being the first African-American to receive an athletic scholarship at the University of Alabama in any sport.

After a career in professional basketball and a lengthy coaching career, he is currently an assistant athletic director at Alabama.

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In recognition of his long dedication to the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame, York received the Distinguished Alabama Sportsman Award in 1996.

York and each of UNA’s nine inductees have their own plaque and display inside the Hall, in addition to numerous other acknowledgements to LINA’s athletic tradition.

As you enter the Hall, LINA’s presence is in plain sight. A replica of the Harlon Hill Trophy is on display, along with autographed footballs from the Lions’ national championship football teams. There is also a wall with team photos of each of the collegiate national championship teams from the state that includes UNA’s six national championship squads.

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University of Alabama, he became head coach for the Crimson Tide in 1981. In 12 seasons he directed Alabama to 10 NCAA Tournaments, making the Sweet Sixteen six times. He also won four SEC Tournament championships. He had a 267-119 record at Alabama and a 182-177 overall collegiate record that included five seasons at Arkansas-Little Rock. He was chosen SEC Coach of the Year in 1987, 1989 and 1990 and was voted the SEC Coach of the Decade for the 1980s.

HAL SELF
(ASHOF Class of 1996)
UNA Football Coach 1949-69, Athletic Director 1969-72

An Anderson, Ala., native, Self was an outstanding athlete at Decatur High School before going to the University of Alabama in 1941. He quarterbacked the Tide in 1941, 1942, 1944 and 1945 and played in four major bowls. Cotton, Orange, Sugar and Rose. He scored two touchdowns in Alabama’s 14-14 Rose Bowl win over Southern California. He won the Jacobs Award as the SEC’s best blocker in 1945. He coached two years at Athens High School before coming to UNA in 1949. His record there was 109-81-8 over 21 years. Over an 11-year period from 1953-63, the Lions had a combined 31-0-2 record against schools from the state of Alabama.

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UNA Assistant Coach 1962-83

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When Alison Woodman ’07 accepted a job as a production assistant at ESPN in 2007, she knew it would be a position that would give her opportunities to cover exciting major sporting events across the country, and maybe around the world.

Little did she know that just two years later she would get the chance of a lifetime. Hired by ESPN just three days after her degree, Woodman has already had the opportunity to cover college basketball for three seasons, the NBA Draft, the Summer X Games, the Confederations Cup, the Chelsea tour in the summer of 2009 and the Little League World Series. But for a former standout on the UNA women’s soccer team, those gigs paled in comparison to the chance to work at the 2010 FIFA World Cup in South Africa.

A four-year starter and three-year team captain for the Lions during her career from 2004-07, Woodman got the chance to work 19 games at the World Cup over a five- and a half week period. ‘‘Helping bring one of the world’s biggest sporting events to ESPN viewers around the globe was incredible,’’ Woodman said. ‘‘I had to pinch myself daily and remind myself how lucky I was to be here—and for getting paid! It was a lifelong dream to go to a World Cup, just as a soccer fan. So to then be living and breathing it daily in a country with such history was just amazing. To be watching the beautiful game at the highest level had me in awe at every game I attended. It was definitely an experience of a lifetime.’’

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Woodman said she let it be known early on that she was interested in getting a shot at the World Cup. ‘‘It was something that I had been working to get on since I was an intern,’’ she said. ‘‘I told them it when I got hired I would like to work on soccer, especially gear up for the World Cup. So as time went on and the more I pushed the more I got the idea that I was going to be on it. They officially gave us our assignments in October and from that time on I was counting down the days until I headed to South Africa.’’

Although she worked a lot of long days during ESPN’s coverage of the World Cup, Woodman said she also got a little time to see some of the sights of the country. ‘‘I was fortunate to see a lot of the country and most of the stadiums. Johannesburg was our main base but I also went to Cape Town, Port Elizabeth, Bloemfontein, Pretoria, Rustenburg, Nelspruit. Some were flights and others were drives. Cape Town is definitely a place I have fallen in love with and wouldn’t mind visiting again on a vacation. It combines the ocean with mountains and has a lot to see and do from Table Mountain all the way out to Robben Island.’’

Woodman said that one of the toughest aspects of working the World Cup was just getting to South Africa. ‘‘We had major issues getting there. I was flying with a co-worker from Hartford to Atlanta and then from Atlanta to Johannesburg. On the way to Atlanta there were weather issues so they actually closed the airport and we were forced to circle from above. Then we were told if we circled much longer we would run out of fuel so we were going to make an emergency landing somewhere in South Carolina to get fuel. By the time we got there, waited for the fuel, and made it back to Atlanta the airport had re-opened, but our Johannesburg flight had departed. So we had to stay the night in Atlanta then by the next afternoon to New York City and catch a red eye to London.''

Unfortunately there were delays leaving NYC and an emergency on the runway ahead of us before we took off, and we were three hours delayed leaving, making us miss another connection to Johannesburg. We had a nine-hour layover in London to catch another red eye from London to Johannesburg. We left on a Friday (June 4th) around 1 p.m. ET and were supposed to land in Johannesburg on Saturday June 5th around 5 p.m. local (11 a.m. ET) but due to a delay we wouldn’t land in Johannesburg on June 5th around 8 a.m. (2 a.m. ET). Over the next two days I was on a headset listening to what our guys were talking about, as well as on AOL Instant Messenger with some of our very talented researchers. They are available for us to ask them questions, or they offer information of what’s going on in the game. I take that info, write it down on a card and pass it to our commentators for them to use on the air.

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A native of Sarasota, Fla., Woodman earned both All-Gulf South Conference and Academic All-Gulf South Conference honors during her playing career at UNA. ‘‘My memories of UNA revolve around playing soccer, my teammates who have become some of my best friends and being a part of a great athletic department,’’ she said. ‘‘When I think about soccer it is what brought me to UNA but I walked away with a great education, some lifelong friendships, a supportive network, including many of the athletic staff and professors, and I was able to live in a beautiful area like the Shallows. After leaving I know why people always say the college years are the best of your life!’’

Woodman got her opportunity at ESPN as an intern in the summer of her senior year (2007) in the Event Production, working on the College World Series, the Home Run Derby and WNBA. ‘‘As my time finished up I made sure to talk to other journalists and looked to get the inside scoop on starters and formations. About an hour before the game we headed up to the commentating area in the stadium to get set in our positions. During the game I was on a headset listening to what our guys were talking about, as well as an AOLT Instant Messenger with some of our very talented researchers. They are available for us to ask them questions, or they offer information of what’s going on in the game. I take that info, write it down on a card and pass it to our commentators for them to use on the air.’’

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OUTSTANDING SCHOLARSHIP/RESEARCH AWARD

“Clearly, the Cold War could not have been called dead as long as Eastern Europe was not free.”
– President George H.W. Bush in interview with Dr. Christopher Maynard

CHRISTOPHER MAYNARD, Associate Professor of History and Chair of History and Political Science

Dr. Christopher Maynard is a native of Louisiana and joined UNA in 2005. At UNA, he served as coordinator for the B.A./B.S. social science program and later as Director of Graduate Studies for the M.A. history program before being appointed as department chair in 2008.

In the fall of 2008, Texas A&M University Press published Out of the Shadow: George H.W. Bush and the End of the Cold War. While writing the book, Dr. Maynard received two Peter and Edith O’Donnell research grants from the George Bush Presidential Library in College Station, Texas, he also received a grant to conduct research at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, California. In addition to the use of primary documents housed at these two presidential libraries, Dr. Maynard interviewed President George H.W. Bush, as well as numerous officials from the Reagan and Bush administrations such as Colin Powell, James Baker, and Brent Scowcroft, among others. Maynard walks the reader through the four-year paradigm-shifting period in which the Cold War came to an end, the world changed from bipolar to multipolar as the Soviet Union came apart, and new threats began to emerge. Out of the Shadow has received uniformly excellent reviews and was nominated for the Stuart L. Bernath Book Prize (Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations), which recognizes and encourages “distinguished research and writing by scholars of American foreign relations.”

Dr. Maynard has made numerous conference presentations, most recently presenting “George Bush and the Persian Gulf War (1990-91): An Internationalist Approach to Foreign Policy,” at the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Conference, the Ohio State University. He continues to write about modern political history and has three new articles that were published this spring.

OUTSTANDING TEACHING AWARD

“Another exciting day at the University of North Alabama.”

LAWRENCE J. NELSON, Professor of History

Larry Nelson liked college so much that he decided to stay for a lifetime. Unsure of his major, he stumbled into an undergraduate class with a dynamic professor and it changed his life. He says that early in his career he never developed a sophisticated teaching philosophy because from his first days as a nervous teaching assistant in 1968, students were kind and generous. Encouraged by that kindness he became a sort of “cook” without a recipe.

But the responsibility he senses towards the young men and women in his classes extends beyond the classroom as he and his wife have opened their hearts and their home for many years for what he calls “edifying gatherings” designed to build up and encourage. He urges students to become independent thinkers, to make up their own minds, and not be pushed around by the culture, the media, friends, or even university professors. History, he says, is not a bunch of facts and dates, but is actually a great liberator, allowing us to find out why things are the way they are. Nelson has also been a frequent emcee at various fundraising campus events, from Step-Sing to “Big Man on Campus,” “UNA’s Got Talent,” and Pan-Hellenic auctions.

A native of Illinois, Nelson grew up there and in New York. But as a Yankee he considers himself fortunate to live in the South, and to be at UNA for 25 years. Teaching is his “calling” and he has found UNA to be a beautiful place to fulfill that mission, and feels very privileged to work with such outstanding students and colleagues. He plans to retire only when he stops loving what he does and those he serves, an unlikely prospect any time soon.

A recipient of teaching and faculty awards at three different institutions, including UNA’s Alpha Lambda Delta’s “Outstanding Teacher of the Year,” Dr. Nelson has also received publishing and service awards, including the Baltimore Outstanding Academic Achievement Award for two published books. He says none of it would have happened the way it did without the support and encouragement of his wife, Verile. He sees his work at UNA as a joint effort with her.
OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

Knowing and understanding geography is life-enhancing and life-changing.

WILLIAM R. STRONG,
Professor and Chair,
Department of Geography

Dr. William (Bill) R. Strong has been a member of the Department of Geography at UNA since 1972. During that time he has seen the profession of geography grow to world-wide importance, the number of geography majors increase to almost 150, and the geography faculty at UNA increase from three faculty members to seven. As chair, he was responsible for initiating courses in geospatial technologies, gaining approval of the Geographic Research Center, and writing grants to fund early research in Shoals industrial development activities using Geographic Information Systems.

Dr. Strong was a founding member of the Society of Alabama Geographers and Educators and a founding co-coordinator of the Alabama Geographic Alliance, which has received more than $500,000 in grants since its inception. While on leave of absence for two years from UNA, he served as the Geographer-in-Residence at the National Geographic Society in Washington, D.C. For his work in geography education, he received the Distinguished Geography Educator award from the National Geographic Society and the Distinguished Teaching award from the National Council for Geographic Education.

Dr. Strong has been faculty sponsor of the Geography Club, the Honor Society of Omicron Delta Kappa, and the United Nations of the University of North Alabama. He is a past president of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. For almost ten years, he was an adjunct professor in HPER where he taught self-defense courses. On three occasions, he served as the geography consultant to the Social Studies Course of Study committee at the Alabama State Department of Education.

Dr. Strong conducted field research in India for both his master’s and his doctorate and has more recently completed research in Costa Rica and Peru. He co-directed a summer field course for UNA students in Costa Rica. The International Rotary district 6860 selected him as the team leader for the Rotary International Group Studies Exchange with District 3132, state of Maharashtra, India.

2010 RECIPIENT OF
ELEANOR P. GAUNDER PHI KAPPA PHI EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

KEITH WILLIAM LINDLEY,
Assistant Professor

Keith Lindley received the Ph.D. in Romance Languages and Literatures from the University of Florida. His areas of expertise include French and Spanish Sociolinguistics and Second Language Acquisition theory. His dissertation, “Language Practices in the Transnational Haiti,” focused on language choices and attitudes in the Haitian community of South Florida.

Since coming to UNA, Dr. Lindley taught the full range of courses in French language and literature as well as first-year Spanish. He organized and led numerous trips to Paris and other areas of France for students, UNA faculty and staff, and community members. He has led students to French-speaking Canada, and actively recruits and sends students for intensive French language study. In July with Dr. Claudia Vance he led a group of 16 students to San José, Costa Rica, for intensive Spanish-language coursework.

Dr. Lindley also volunteers his time as an interpreter with the Latino community of Northwest Alabama. Each month, he joins a group of doctors, nurses, pharmacists, and Spanish-English interpreters who donate basic medical services to the uninsured at the “Clínica Grátis de Muscle Shoals.”

In the past year, Lindley has worked to develop and implement online courses as part of the university’s ongoing effort to expand its distance learning offerings.

The time he spends in the classroom with UNA students, however, is Dr. Lindley’s great professional passion. He enjoys getting to know those he teaches, and believes that a successful educator conveys far more than just a set of knowledge or skills. In such an atmosphere, learning is facilitated, no matter what the subject matter might be. He believes one of the many strengths of our university is its size, which offers a relaxed atmosphere in which students and professors can interact through office visits, club activities, and extraspecial activities such as travel abroad.
I hope all of you had a safe and enjoyable summer and are now looking forward to full weather and UNA football. This is a great time to start thinking of getting involved in fall activities at UNA. We hope you will begin by joining us on Spirit Hill, Braly Stadium, prior to all home games. Don’t forget to wear your purple and gold! Also, the alumni office is planning an exciting homecoming weekend for 2010. It will be a fun-filled weekend and we look forward to seeing you. Check the UNA Alumni website for details of all activities and register early.

This summer the alumni/advancement staff was extremely busy traveling to 12 cities throughout the Southeast for alumni gatherings in conjunction with local baseball games. These gatherings were wonderful opportunities for alumni and families to renew old acquaintances and make new contacts with other area alumni. The events also provided local alumni a chance to interact and communicate directly with the UNA alumni staff. Thank you to all of you for your tremendous support and attendance at these activities.

Our campaign for all alumni to become card-carrying members of the Alumni Pride continues. You will be receiving brochures in the mail outlining the advantages of becoming an Alumni Pride member. Make sure all your alumni friends are aware of the program and become members in order to continue receiving three copies of the UNA Magazine each year (March, June and September). One of the more popular sections of the alumni magazine is Class Notes. It’s always exciting to find out what is happening to our classmates, so please continue providing input.

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As I write, I am at Bagram Airfield, in Afghanistan. Practicing law and fighting a war. I am the Deputy Staff Judge Advocate for the Expeditionary Wing.

My role in the war effort is as a lawyer (or "JAG" as we are referred to in the military). The most striking characteristic of Bagram is the focal point for the war on terror. It is the hub for activity occurring throughout the country. My role in the war effort is as a lawyer (or "JAG" as we are referred to in the military).

My practice is diverse; I am a general practitioner, a jack of all trades. As a lawyer, my practice is tailored to the needs of the military personnel at Airfield. I practice law "not in a carefully tailored suit, but with a helmet and flak vest – and with a weapon close at hand." That is certainly true of my current circumstances.

When I graduated from UNA less than a decade ago (Class of 2001), I would never have imagined that today I would be fighting in Afghanistan, nor would I have imagined the paths I would take to get here. Immediately after college, I attended law school at the University of Alabama. After practicing law in the civilian world for nearly three years, I decided I wanted more excitement and a more fulfilling law practice, so I joined the United States Air Force Judge Advocate General's Corps (JAG Corps). In January, 2007, I pinned on my first lieutenant's rank and traveled to Montgomery, Alabama, for officer training school.

In the spring, my training completed, my wife (Sonia Henao Montgomery, JAG Corps) and I loaded our car for the drive to Montgomery, Alabama, for officer training school. In July 2009, Uncle Sam relocated us to Bagram.

Base, Germany, where I will be stationed until at least July, 2012. There, I serve as an Assistant Staff Judge Advocate in the base legal office, primarily responsible for trying courts-martial, overseeing the courts-martial process, and providing assistance to my colleagues trying cases. When I return from my deployment, I will change offices and become the Area Defense Counsel for Spangdahlem, responsible for defending Airmen who are accused of wrongdoing.

Shortly after I arrived at Spangdahlem I was told that I would deploy. Having never deployed before, I was nervous and a bit apprehensive. My primary concern was the well-being of my family—making sure they would be taken care of in my absence, especially since we are stationed so far from home. Secondary to that was my own preparation for deploying—having the proper training, gear, and supplies to complete the mission. Finally, preparation complete and orders in hand, I left Spangdahlem not fully knowing what to expect. After a few stops along the way, I finally made it to Bagram.

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of life, representing every corner of the country. And each one of them shares a common bond—a love for their country and a sacrificial desire to give back. One in particular epitomizes these traits and will forever stand out in my mind. I’ll call him Dr. G.

Dr. G was born in Afghanistan. His father was killed when Dr. G was young, and he and his mother fled Afghanistan and moved to Pakistan in the mid-1970s. A few years later, they immigrated to the United States and became U.S. citizens. Dr. G valued his education, eventually obtaining a Ph.D. in linguistics. He is fluent in Pashto and Dari, the two most commonly spoken languages in Afghanistan, as well as English. He lives in New York with his wife and six children. When the war on terror began nearly a decade ago, Dr. G knew he could contribute. Today, he is at Bagram Airfield serving as a civilian linguist for the U.S. Army, ensuring that Soldiers are able to communicate well with the Afghan people to accomplish mission objectives. He loves his native and adopted countries and is making sacrifices to aid the cause for the benefit of both.

Shortly after I arrived at Bagram, I had the pleasure of helping Dr. G file his income taxes, a process that took several meetings. Now, he stops by every few weeks to say hello. And before he leaves, he frequently says, “God willing, I will see you again soon.” I’ll always remember Dr. G.

I also had the pleasure of shaking hands with the President of the United States. In late March, we learned that President Obama would be visiting Bagram. My legal office colleagues and I waited with anticipation for several hours for the opportunity to see President Obama and hear his speech. When he finally arrived, we stood about fifteen feet away from the podium and after his speech, he began to work the crowd, shaking hands, and thanking the veterans.

I was able to get close enough to shake the Commander in Chief’s hand. I will never forget this experience for the rest of my life. I’ll always remember Dr. G, the part of my deployment that stands out most is the way my deployment has served to foster and cultivate relationships with friends and family. My immediate and extended family has gone above and beyond with their support. My mother-in-law traveled to Germany for two months to stay with Sonia during my absence. Whether it be an uplifting email, Facebook post, or a care package full of goodies, they say and give just the right things at just the right times. And my friends (many of whom I see only occasionally due to being stationed so far from home) have showered me with support during my days here at Bagram.

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UPDATE

I departed Bagram and arrived back in Germany. Needless to say, I’m very excited to be home with my family again. As I reflect on my deployment, it was a rewarding time for me both personally and professionally. I am happy to have directly contributed to the war effort and will continue to contribute in any way I can. The United States and our coalition partners are making great strides in Afghanistan and I know our efforts will yield great results. Afghanistan will be a self-sustaining bastion of freedom for generations to come.


2 Camp Cunningham is named in honor of Senior Airman Louis D. Cunningham, USAF, a pararescueman who was killed in action near Marzek, Afghanistan, on March 4, 2002. On that day, during the Battle of Roberts Ridge, SrA Cunningham was mortally wounded by gunfire. Despite serious burns, his efforts led to the successful delivery of 10-pannel wounded Americans to life-saving medical treatment. For his heroism and heroism, SrA Cunningham was posthumously awarded the Air Force Cross.
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1960s
Kirk Minor ('61) recently released Journey Across the Tibur, a religious nonfiction book that compares and contrasts Roman Catholicism and Protestantism in an effort to make clear of one’s religious path in life.

Hulind Humphries ('62) was inducted into the Morgan County Sports Hall of Fame. He is currently working at a rock quarry.

Fran Vest Rowe ('69) recently opened Sweet Annie’s, an antique shop in Massey Town in Massey, Ala. She enjoys her two grandchildren and spending time at the antique shop now that she's retired.

1970s
Charlotte Burcham Taberareaux ('73 & '76) is the education director of the Mississippi State University Ryle Center for Education and the Performing Arts in Meridian, Miss.

Frank Bush ('75) is now a government contractor for Electronic Consulting Services (ECS). He works in Orlando, Fla., for the U.S. Army Executive Office of Simulation, Training and Instrumentation as a senior military subject matter expert for military operations in urban terrain.

Terry Fuell ('78) was recently inducted into the Morgan County Sports Hall of Fame. He is currently the athletics director for Liberty Middle School.

1980s
Mary Gist ('83) is the principal of Heritage Middle School in Franklin, Tenn.

Tina Whisfield ('84) was awarded Beeson Divinity School’s Most Distinguished Student for 2009-2010. She received the award in recognition of having outstanding and holistic achievements in scholarship, Christian spirituality, and ministry involvement.

Dana Thrasher ('86) was one of three Brooks and Smith attorneys honored by Alabama Super Lawyers. She was selected for Employees benefits/ERISA. She specializes in advising employers, trustees and service providers concerning qualified and non-qualified retirement plans, and other benefits.

Gregory A. Reeves ('88) recently opened a law office in Decatur, Ala. He majored in political science and ran for the Decatur City Council in 2008, and is now serving as President of the city council.

1990s
Tarina Mabry-Orr ('98) is a Registered Nurse working for UAB Hospital. She and husband Larry are proud parents of Jeremiah Tamonia.

Jennie Johnson Sugg ('10) is an administrative assistant/office manager of the National Office of the Beta Beta Beta Biology Honor Society on the UNA campus. She lives in Athens, Ala., with her husband John Cullen Sugg ('10) who works as a Medical Technician on the Behavioral Health Unit at Eliza Coffee Memorial Hospital.

Whitney Dean ('07) was cast as the drummer on One Tree Hill’s Season 7 episodes. He also started Glass Jar Photography that specializes in weddings and engagements.

Tammy Dumas ('09) joined FedEx Corporate Headquarters as a Government Affairs analyst in Memphis, Tenn.

2000s
Ryan Moore ('00), his wife Melissa Holland Moore ('00) and their three children have relocated to Murfreesboro, Tenn., where Ryan has been promoted to City President of SunTrust Bank of Rutherford County.

Christy Jordan ('02) has a food blog named Southern Plate that averages more than 7 million page views per month. The viewers of her site range as young as seven years to 87 years.

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2010s
Joseph Castleberry ('78-’79) is President of Northwest University, and delivered the opening prayer at the U.S. Senate Session.

Sandra Behel ’77
"Thanks to my parents’ work ethic and resourcefulness, I am able to support our ‘Family’ university by helping to establish a Huntsville/ Madison county UNA Alumni Chapter scholarship, so others can have the opportunity to learn and thrive from all that UNA has to offer. My parents taught me by example about giving back to one’s community and I believe they would be proud to be part of giving back through this scholarship endowment. I hope you will be inclined to add your support to the university, both as a student and as alum.

Linda Kirby Vaughan ’70
1. JACKSON • Carol Lyles ('70), Jeff ('74) and Kathy Fletcher ('74), Amanda ('74) and Sam Everett, Emma Turner Wakefield ('67) and John Wakefield
2. HUNTSVILLE • Brennan and Sallye Swafford ('97) and Fran Vest Rowe ('69)
3. CHATTANOOGA • Fred and Geda Watson ('77)
4. BIRMINGHAM • Alan Medders, Eve Rhea ('02) and Kayla Sanders ('02)
5. MONTGOMERY • Tresa ('56) and Matt Hadley
6. ATLANTA • Joshua and Alicia Sorrell ('03)
7. BIRMINGHAM • Teresa Thomas ('78), Sandra Behel ('77), Reba Thomas, Jeff Edwards ('64), Carol and John Myers ('64)
8. HUNTSVILLE • Mason ('99) and Allison Matthews with Stephanie ('97) and Brian Summers
9. HUNTSVILLE • with Elaine Holcombe ('58), Jerry and Bill Godsey ('58) and Bobby Champagne
10. HUNTSVILLE • with Byrom ('48) and Brenda May Goodwin ('71)
11. MOBILE • Marcone Emmett ('80), Jacob Grissom ('82), Lee Taylor ('63) and Randy Buell ('71)
12. HUNTSVILLE • Kevin and Karla Felker Henson ('98) with family
13. BIRMINGHAM • Rick “Leo” ('78) and Leigh Crocker Haley ('77)
14. CHATTANOOGA • Dan ('57) and Carolyn Henry
15. CHATTANOOGA • Edwin Holcombe and Judy Jackson ('91 & ’02)
16. JACKSON • Jimmy ('71) and Shirley ('70) Wilson, Diane Shipper ('78), Candice Steele ('02), Mickey Grove ('73), Janet ('77) and Albert Price ('75), Alan Pate ('70), Michael Wiggins ('79), Maury Shipper ('78), and Marcia Lancaster ('78)
17. ATLANTA • Troy and Lucy Trousdale ('89)
18. ATLANTA • Josh Willingham
Matthew Price Greene, Sr., was a 1969 graduate of Hartselle High School and attended Auburn University and the University of North Alabama. He was a photographer for various news media and covered many important news and sports events in his career. He was nominated for an Emmy Award for his camera work with WBHM-TV in Birmingham. He enjoyed flying airplanes and playing computer games with his two sons. He was a member of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Hartselle. He married Kimberly Watkins Greene of Florence.

Jon Henry Killen worked as a photojournalist for the New York Times at TimesDaily and Florida Daily Commercial and the Gainesville Florida Sun. He also was a photographer for a Japanese utility company and made a trip around the world.

James C. Isbell ('57) began his military career in the ROTC during college and served for an extended period of time in the U.S. Army in various locations. He retired from the Redstone Arsenal and began his second career at Jasco Manufacturing in Decatur, Ala. He established Solar Resources of North Alabama, Multi Tech Leasing, and then later Southeastern Downlinks where he retired in May 2004.

Harold “Hal” Sisson ('58) was a native of Haleyville and a three-year letterman in UNA football from 1954-56. He was the first Lion lineman to be selected All-American and was inducted into the UNA Sports Hall of Fame in 1999. He was retired from State Farm Insurance, and served as a football and baseball coach for Huntsville High School. He is survived by his wife, Peggy Nan Jessup Sisson ('56).

James Tidwell ('62) was a member of First Baptist Church of Killen. He served in the U.S. Army and was employed by Reynolds. He retired from the Alabama State Employment Service. After his retirement he enjoyed making dulcimers and playing them at the St. Joe Senior Center.

Elisabeth L. Ross ('80) served as moderator and clerk for the Florence Presbyterian and the Alabama Synod. She served as minister for Mt. Hope Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Mt. Hope, Ala. Rev. Ross was a musician for Little Star Cumberland Presbyterian Church AME.

Kevin Barr ('87) was a member of First Baptist Church of Lexington, Ala. He was an employee of American Ordinance in Milan, Tenn. He majored in communications with a minor in marketing while at UNA.

Angela L. Johns ('89) was a member for 35 years at Cansaan United Methodist Church. She loved playing the piano and organ for churches across the area. She earned her master’s degree from UNA working for C.S.R.S. Architectural Firm.

Revis A. Brannon III ('71) had a lifelong interest in automobiles and racing. He won over 200 trophies and during high school he worked as a photojournalist covering auto racing. He became the youngest regional editor for Auto Week at the age of 17. He was the former owner of Valley Photo in North Florence.

Nan Jessup Sisson ('56) is survived by her husband Bert Norton and four children.

Betty L. Callaway (’63) was a member of First United Methodist Church of Florence and a member of the Ferguson Sunday school class. She taught at Little Angel Kindergarten.

Suzanne Thorne Mace ('10) was a member of Macedonia Church of Christ. She earned a nursing degree while at UNA and an R.N. for Hospice of the Shoals. She is survived by her husband J. T. and two children.

Neal M. Hughes ('99) was a native of Lauderdale County and served six years in the U.S. Navy.

Amy Jo Campbell ('01) was a Battelle scientific contractor with the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense. She was named on two patent submissions and published six times for her discoveries in organic chemistry. She received the Spike Award at the 26th Army Science Conference in 2008.

Alumni Information Update

Name (Include maiden name if applicable)
Graduation Year(s) and Major(s)
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State
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Home telephone
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Position

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[] Local Chapter Development
[] Homecoming
[] NAA Committee Assignment
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[] Athletic Events
[] NAA Board Member
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