UNA graphic designer Chuck Craig ’79 created this striking illustration envisioning UNA’s new Science and Technology Building from its foundational stage (captured in an image by UNA Photographer Shannon Wells ’05) to the final erection of the $39.7 million facility. The building will house UNA’s academic programs in biology, chemistry and industrial hygiene, and physics and earth science, plus a proposed new program in engineering technology.
Going back twenty years or so, a major national agenda for institutions of higher learning was access, the creation of opportunities to allow greater numbers of students to attend college. Much of the discussion centered on the lack of economic opportunity for otherwise bright students, and much of that was connected to place and circumstance. In short, many African American, Hispanic and other members of minority groups were not accorded access to the American dream that white Americans had enjoyed for decades.

The laws to remedy this, and the proactive efforts of all of higher education, have been so successful that the pendulum has completed its arc, and the Supreme Court now describes what is possible in language so arcane it is not in anyone’s vocabulary. But my point here is not the law or the passage of time. It is rather that my good friend and UNA alumnus Weldon Cole ’60 

Weldon likes to ask me questions. The questions always seem simple, but they are invariably profound. So the question to me was: What does UNA mean when it says it values diversity? I answered. Then he said the obvious, which isn’t so obvious at all. In order to answer my question, you had to put people into categories before you could get to the real answer, which is being inclusive. Diversity creates categories, inclusion doesn’t care about categories, only about people. He went on to explain that his church has ceased to talk about being a diverse community, preferring instead to be an inclusive community where everyone is welcome, where everyone is encouraged to come, where everyone’s voice is heard. It is a powerful thought, one that twenty years have prepared higher education to expose, one that is right for us all.

As UNA continues to build international partnerships, sending and receiving students the world over, we take the steps we can to foster a world community. Young people will learn history, language so arcane it is not in anyone’s vocabulary. But their focus is the future, filled with hope and optimism. At home and abroad, we owe it to them to create a campus environment that is right for us all.

The University of North Alabama has been named one of America’s “Great Colleges to Work For in 2013” by The Chronicle of Higher Education, the nation’s premier publication for professionals in the academic world.

In its sixth annual survey of faculty and staff, the Washington, D.C.-based journal recognized UNA and 96 other colleges based on employee responses in 12 categories of evaluation.

“The guiding principle in one’s university is reflected in the quality of everyone’s work,” UNA President William G. Cale remarked. “Students are the great beneficiaries of attending a school such as UNA because when we all care about what we do, the learning environment, the service environment and the extracurricular environment are the best they can be. I am the greatest champion of this university because I so deeply believe in the talented people who excel every day in what they do.”

UNA earned high marks in five categories: Collaborative Governance, Confidence in Senior Leadership, Job Satisfaction, Professional/Career Development Programs and Work/Life Balance. Through The Chronicle’s volunteer survey, faculty and staff at each participating college agree or disagree with survey statements related to each specific category.

“Our faculty and staff enjoy their work at the university largely due to the freedom they feel to pursue their professional and career goals,” noted Catherine White, UNA director of human resources. “Our university has over 180 years of history, and our setting in northwest Alabama offers an unparalled quality of life. Our employees love the university, so there is a shared sense of commitment to it which makes for a great working environment.”

Colleges are grouped in the survey as either four-year or two-year institutions, and by enrollment size. UNA is included in the category of medium-sized colleges with an enrollment of 7,128 students. “Both our faculty and staff are supported in their professional and career endeavors through encouraged participation in professional conferences, research opportunities, and through our generous Tuition Remission program,” added Kari-Kay Cassady ’05, human resources coordinator for UNA. “Our faculty and staff are also provided with expert assistance in applying for and receiving grants for various professional research and activities.”

UNA previously participated in The Chronicle survey in 2010, when the school also ranked high in Shared Governance, Job Satisfaction and other key areas. “UNA has an extremely effective governance structure that fosters open communication and gives all employees the opportunity to be fully informed, to voice concerns and to seek change,” Cale believes. “When individuals know that their voice is heard and respected, a university is on its way to being a great place to work.”
UNA Partners With Athens State for New Master’s Program in K-6 Education

By Elise Cofield, Student Writer

Since its inception in 1872 as Florence Normal School, the University of North Alabama has been founded on the central mission of “giving aspiring educators the support, guidance and instruction to be the best teachers they can,” says Donna Lefort, dean of the UNA College of Education and Human Sciences.

That mission continues to broaden in scope this fall, as UNA teams up with the College of Education at Athens State University to offer a Master of Arts in Education (MAED) graduate program at ASU’s campus in Limestone County.

The program was developed in response to a request made by ASU that the two regionally connected schools collaborate. That request was made by Dr. Greg Carnes, Dean and Professor of Accounting, UNA College of Business.

To inquire about enrollment in the UNA/ASU MAED program, contact Russ Darracott, assistant director of UNA Graduate Admissions and Services, at 256-765-4447, or by email at graduate@una.edu, or contact Vicky Hulsey at 256-765-4251 or vwhulsey@una.edu.

UNA alumni gather on the Athens State campus to celebrate a new partnership between the two schools.
University of North Alabama student Lauren Schifano recently hit the road with the goal of putting an end to childhood obesity, and she did it on one wheel.

On Aug. 1, Schifano began a 400-mile tour across the state of Alabama on unicycle, along with a small support crew, educating those in her path about the prevalence of childhood obesity. The funding she raised will go to Louie’s Kids, a non-profit organization based out of Charleston, S.C., that works to combat childhood obesity and educate children about nutritional concepts.

Alabama has the sixth highest rate of overweight and obese children, according to a 2007 report conducted by the National Initiative for Children’s Healthcare Quality and the Child Policy Research Center.

Schifano was accompanied at all times by a “driver” transporting food and supplies, and by Wieland Claes, a longtime friend she met while studying abroad in Austria, who supported the cause by bicycling alongside her.

“The only thing I was a little concerned about it road safety,” she said. “Alabama is not exactly known for bicycle friendliness or sharing the road. I’m getting in touch with the League of American Bicyclists, and hopefully making that a mini-platform along the way.”

Schifano, 25, has earned two degrees from UNA – one in history and one in German – and is currently working towards her third, majoring in health, physical education and recreation, with a concentration in exercise science.

“My problem is, I get excited about too many things,” she said. “I really love unicycling, and I’m really passionate about keeping a clean environment, and also I’m in the health, physical education and recreation department, so I’m really conscientious about health and helping people to be able to keep themselves healthy.”

Louie Yuhasz, founder of Louie’s Kids, expressed his gratitude for Schifano and her initiative.

“The courage something like this ride takes is just as amazing as the courage it takes a lot of the kids who need us to even ask for help,” Yuhasz said. “Lauren’s effort is more than awareness, more than fundraising – it’s quite simply bravery, and it’s what more of our kids need to see on their behalf.”

Dane Trelles, a recent UNA geography graduate, volunteered to plan Schifano’s route using GPS technology. In preparation, Schifano practiced 20-25 miles per day to build up to her goal of covering 40 miles each day of her journey. She arrived at her destination in Gulf Shores on Aug. 17, finishing her final few miles in the rain as she wheeled into Gulf Coast State Park.

“Driving this route is one thing, I can’t imagine being on one wheel the whole time,” Trelles said. “I think it’s pretty impressive. I felt confident that she would succeed.”
Despite the University of North Alabama Summer Theatre’s 2013 production of Hank Williams: Lost Highway using professional actors and directors, the students involved aren’t expected to take a back seat.

Haley Prestridge and Summer Akers, both UNA seniors majoring in theatre, proved to be just as crucial as their professional counterparts.

Prestridge played the part of Hank Williams’ wife, Audrey. Akers portrayed the waitress who provides narration for the shows. Both were understudies in 2012, when the UNA Summer Theatre program did A Streetcar Named Desire. Now they have major roles.

“Last year we watched them, but we rehearsed on our own,” Akers said of her and Prestridge's experience as understudies. “This year we're getting to be a part of it, actually acting beside them."

Prestridge said most of the other Lost Highway actors have already done the play. “So we have to learn what they've already done, but it's great because they're all like big brothers,” Prestridge said. “And they're like, ‘No, it's OK, you can do it like this,’ and they want to help us out.”

Part of the professionalism Prestridge and Akers are experiencing is working with actors who are members of Actors' Equity Association.

“You have to take breaks at a certain time, there are a lot more rules,” Prestridge said. “When you're working with students and professors, you can get off track really easily. But if you have a stage manager keeping you on Equity rules time-wise, that's really cool because as a student that's something we haven't seen before.”

And it's also getting these students used to those rules, because Prestridge and Akers said they both hope to be working under those professional rules in the future.

“I'm glad that we're using students here because that's what it should be,” said Lost Highway director Randal Myler, who also co-wrote the show with Mark Harelik. “We're not just a company that comes in and does a show. There should be some of the kids involved when you can.”

By Bobby Bozeman, TimesDaily Staff Writer

Theatre Students Work With Professionals on Summer Show

Haley Prestridge

Peter Oyloe and Peter Cylor
It's no surprise that the number of UNA students who study abroad is higher than both the national and state average. At this university, going to another country to take required classes isn't seen as an extravagance. Instead, it's recognized as a vital part of the collegiate experience. Dr. Chunsheng Zhang, vice provost for International Affairs at UNA, called studying abroad an integral part of the university experience. He said were it not for UNA President William G. Cale allocating $60,000 in student scholarship funds, all Study Abroad programs, not only the programs in China, would see a drop in student participation.

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When students decide to study abroad, they may apply for an $800 scholarship to offset some of the traveling costs. For example, Zhang said the roundtrip airfare alone to China could easily total $1,500 or $2,000. With the scholarship fund currently at $60,000, 120 scholarships are available.

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The unveiling of the cachet at the Florence Post Office brought up images for the three previous festivals. Davis noted, “and I am also very proud of the effort that all of the UNA Honors Program. Their design was created as a class project. Students from that course have also submitted winning images and ideas for the formation of a group called the Music Preservation Society.”

According to Florence Postmaster Pamela Lasell, 2014 marks several milestones for Handy’s native city, including the 100th anniversary of the opening of the Florence Post Office and the 140th anniversary of Handy’s birth. By the time the building opened, Handy (who died in 1958) had moved the year before to Memphis, Tennessee, in order to further his musical career. It was during that same period (1913-1918) that he and Harry Pace moved from its original location on Beale Street and Cherokee Street, then reassembled at its present location. 620 W. College St., across from Eliza Coffee Memorial Hospital and Riverbend Center for Mental Health. A musical celebration marked the opening of the museum. A decade later, renowned jazz musician and Sheffield native Willie Ruff suggested to a group of local citizens that a celebration be developed in honor of Handy's musical heritage.

Then we decided, ‘Why not have a festival?’” recalled Peggy Steele Clay, one of the festival's founders. “From there, the idea was hatched for the formation of a group called the Music Preservation Society.”

Starting August 2013, UNA’s Office of Diversity and Institutional Equity (ODEIE) launched a Mentoring Program. The program -- a collaboration between ODEIE, Alumni Relations, and Career Planning and Development -- is designed to engage students and alumni in mentoring relationships to help students determine how their current academic paths coincide with career aspirations. One objective of the program is to foster an exchange of career-related ideas, friendship and expertise.

“The program will be composed of events that help to facilitate students’ understanding of the world beyond UNA,” says Joan Williams, ODEIE director at UNA. “The alumni volunteer initiative will match UNA freshmen with UNA upperclassmen with alumni professionals who provide career advice. The program will identify UNA alumni who would like to volunteer to mentor UNA students, primarily to help the students navigate their career decisions and make professional connections in their field of interest. Mentors and protégés will be matched on a range of criteria, including shared academic interests and experiences, career fields, even shared student activities or alumni groups.”

The mentors and their protégés will be encouraged to talk, email or meet on their own times. Mentors may choose to host activities or alumni groups.

“First-place winners move on to the national Mark of Excellence competition among category winners from all 12 SPJ regions, according to the SPJ website, www.spj.org,” said Lindley.

Lindley wrote a series of stories about the UNA police investigation of an alleged rape. He said the entire Flor-Ala staff should take pride in the award. "The award showcases the collaborative efforts of our great staff this year," Lindley said. "We worked really well together all year, so when something big happened, we were able to get the news out quickly in a responsible, informative way. I’m so proud of what we as a staff accomplished, and I see our awards as validation of The Flor-Ala as the best source for UNA news.”

Wilson’s story, “Officials shop for surveillance cameras,” examined the way university officials responded to crime occurring in the campus parking deck.

“The professional experience I gained from working for The Flor-Ala is invaluable,” Wilson said, “but to be recognized at the national level for covering a story honestly and earnestly is a bonus.”

Recent UNA graduate Josh Skaggs, who served as executive editor of the student newspaper during the 2012-13 school year, said his staff writers were not expecting to receive an award for their writing, they were simply doing their jobs to the best of their ability.

“Tik, as far as Matt and Alex’s work goes, it shows that they are very committed to safety on campus and covering the campus in a way that The Flor-Ala has never done before,” Skaggs said. "The mission of SPJ shows that our editors and writers are top-notch.”
When Dr. Joseph Thomas was interviewed for the position of chemistry instructor in 1961, plans for a new science building were on display.

“There was a model of Floyd (Science Building) in Bibb Graves,” Thomas said. “That’s where the science department was then. To come in when the university was building a new facility was great.”

Fifty-two years later, construction on Floyd Science Building’s 160,000-square-foot replacement is in full swing, thanks in part to Thomas and his wife, Elisabeth. The new Science and Technology Building will feature a specialty chemistry classroom named in Thomas’ honor, as the couple decided to donate to the project to give back to a place they love and to help the project advance. As it stands, approximately $2.5 million of the project’s total cost of $39.7 million has yet to be secured.

After 37-Year Education Career, Administrator Dr. Joseph Thomas Still ‘Paying it Forward’

By Hannah Mark, Student Writer

For the Thomases, donating to the Science and Technology Building simply made sense.

“I always enjoyed being in the classroom, and (donating to the building) was one of the best ways to pay it forward,” Thomas said. “I hope it will be enjoyed by the students. I know it will be enjoyed by the faculty.”

Elisabeth Thomas said she and her husband had been considering a way to give back to the university for some time.

“We also thought about setting up endowed scholarships, and we may do that yet,” she said. “We wanted to do something to give back to UNA, because it’s been awfully good to us.”

No longer an interviewee for an instructor’s position, Thomas retired in 1998 from the position of vice president of academic affairs and provost after 37 years at the university. The path he took from instructor to the University’s “second in command” was anything but winding — he held nearly every “in between” position along the way.

“I’m one of those rare cases who went through all of the phases,” he laughed. “I had something to do with everything.”

After two years of working as an instructor, Thomas was promoted to head of the science department when the position was vacated by Dr. Homer H. Floyd. The department title is no misnomer, as it was the singular home for all disciplines.

For 10 years, Thomas stayed on as head of the science department, and it was during that time that Florence State College became Florence State University in 1967. When the departments were broken down into smaller divisions in 1973, Thomas was named chairman of the division of natural sciences and mathematics for the 1973-74 school year. All the while, he continued teaching classes, but the classes he taught depended upon his title.

“I taught some general chemistry courses and organic chemistry courses, but not all at the same time,” he said. “I also taught the chemistry for the nursing students later on, then physical science classes when I was chairman of the (natural sciences) department.”

As the spring semester ended in 1974, Thomas said UNA President Robert Guillot decided it was time to separate the divisions further, so that the disciplines such as chemistry, biology and physical science would form individual departments. This meant some of the faculty Thomas had appointed as chairs would remain with their disciplines, but simply be given a new title. Thomas, however, had a division that was separated.

“We had people I had appointed and (Dr. Guillot) had approved as department heads,” Thomas said. “He said, ‘You pick a (department) you want to be head of,’ and I didn’t think that was fair. I said that was the way it was going to be. I’d always liked the classroom and I could go back to teaching, so I taught.”

The first year Thomas went back to being in the classroom full-time (1974), Florence State University became the University of North Alabama, which meant the university was divided into colleges. At the time, Thomas couldn’t have known how serendipitous that would prove to be. However, just five years later he was tapped to be the associate dean of the UNA College of Arts and Sciences.

In 1981, Thomas became dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, when Dr. Frank McArthur, the previous dean, took a job at Delta State University. In 1987, Thomas was named dean of faculty and instruction. The second title was changed to “vice president of academic affairs.” The title ‘provost’ was added when University President Robert Potts took office in 1990, though Thomas said he’d held all of the same duties beginning in 1987.

Elisabeth Thomas said the best way to describe her husband’s career would be to say he was “married to UNA.” In many ways, though, she said the university faculty became the Thomases’ family.

“We were always having picnics with watermelon cuttings and gatherings at different people’s houses,” she said. “There were a lot of people who didn’t have family nearby, so they knew that at Thanksgiving and Christmas, our house was always open.”

The fact that families were far away may have had something to do with the fact that Thomas was so good at his job.

As a case in point, Elisabeth Thomas pointed out that her husband was not only skilled at recruiting professors from highly regarded Northern universities, but he was also good at getting them to stay at UNA once they’d arrived. Thomas said he hopes his track record in recruiting is something that was remembered when he received promotions in administrative positions.

“I like to think the work I did in the classroom, and particularly what I did in terms of hiring some of the outstanding faculty members got attention,” he said. “They laughed and they said, ‘You’ll get them here, but they won’t stay.’”

Thomas received attention for all the right reasons, and his name will forever be remembered in the Science and Technology Building. But for the Thomases, the best part is not a name plaque on a door. It’s simply the fact that the Science and Technology Building is being constructed. Having spent 52 years in Florence, Elisabeth Thomas welcomes change.

“It’s really been delightful to see Florence change and to see UNA change, both the facilities and faculty,” she said. “Thomas, never one to take a winding path, gets to the point: ‘It’s expanding, and that’s great.’

Naming opportunities are still available for the Science and Technology Building. For more information, contact development officer Barbie Terry at 256-765-5082 or 256-483-3495, or e-mail bterry5@una.edu.
Dr. Jack Moore, who was part of the Southern Research Institute Team that developed drugs for treating cancer, joined UNA as an associate professor of biology in 1972, teaching mostly general biology classes, but later, microbiology and bacteriology. In 1979, he was named chair of the biology department, and in 1987, he became dean of the UNA College of Arts and Sciences. He held that position until he retired in 1998.

Moore said there are many aspects of his career that he's extremely proud of, and the work he did with the Southern Research Institute, his first job after receiving his master's degree, is certainly one of them.

"In the very beginning, we developed procedures for treating cancer in animals first," he said. "Gradually, we moved up to human treatments. We had quite a bit of success in treating leukemia in children, in particular. Some of the protocols that we used and developed there are still being used in Memphis."

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One of the aspects of his career Moeller said he's most proud of is the fact that he was chair of the UNA Department of Chemistry and Industrial Hygiene when it became accredited.

"I've done quite a lot and had a lot of great experiences," he said. "I've seen a program start from nothing and developed into a really superb program and a big part of the university."

Dr. Michael Moeller has been teaching chemistry at the university since 1975.

He was chairman of the UNA Department of Chemistry and Industrial Hygiene from 1996-2003 and from 2004-2009, when he decided to step down. From 2003-2004, Moeller served as the interim dean of the UNA College of Arts and Sciences.

One of the biggest changes Moeller has observed in his 38 years at UNA is an increased amount of research activity in the sciences.

"Having a genuine research experience at the undergraduate level is invaluable for learning a problem-solving skill-set not encountered in the classroom, nor in the standard academic laboratories," Moeller said. "Because of the degree of personal attention students receive, UNA is a particularly good place for learning how to conduct research."

Not one to shy away from practicing what he preaches, Moeller has directed research projects, he has also seen the opposite happen. He said in either case, "I was proud to be able to do that."  

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"I'm proud that they came to UNA and were successful and went on to medical school," he said. "Students that we produced went on to medical school or dental school. We as a chemistry department are proud of that."

Even in retirement, the people he worked with during his tenure with UNA's chemistry department are some of his closest friends.

"I think the chemistry department as a whole, those 30 or 35 years, really did a good job in educating the students that we had," he said. "We were a really close-knit group, and we still are. Many of us are retired, but we still feel that closeness. It's something that a lot of schools maybe don't have, but it was always helpful to us, and it made us want to push each other along as much as possible."

Like others who have spent time in Floyd Science Building, Richmond is looking forward to the completion of the new Science and Technology Building. He said he wasn't sure it would happen until he saw construction getting started.

"I'm really glad they're getting the new building and will have a good place to work," he said. "I know they'll be grateful for it."
Dr. Raymond Isbell ’53, who started the Isbell Scholars Program when he retired in 1997, began teaching chemistry at UNA in 1965 after receiving the assurance that the chemistry department would immediately begin pursuing certification from the American Chemical Society.

“We had talked about this maybe three or four years earlier, and then in 1965 Dr. [Joseph] Thomas came and spoke to me and said they had a change of mind, or maybe heart, and that was something that was very appealing to me,” Isbell said. “I would not have come on board if they had not been planning to seek certification.”

Isbell was coordinator for the department’s certification, which it achieved in 1973 — the same year Isbell became head of the chemistry department. He counts the certification as the greatest achievement of his career, making sure to note that he was willing to devote a lifetime to getting it — luckily it didn’t take that,” he said.

Isbell also said the university adding industrial hygiene as a major in the early 1980s was an aspect of his tenure that he considers a great success.

“Sometime along the end of the ’70s and beginning of the ’80s, chemistry was not nearly as popular as it was during the Sputnik Era,” he said. “We were having trouble having enough students to justify a good, strong chemistry major.”

Since industrial hygiene requires students to take all of the same courses that are required for a major in chemistry, adding the industrial hygiene major essentially saved the chemistry department.

“It relieved the chemistry department from being cut out or severely curtailed,” Isbell said. “I didn’t do all of this myself, but I feel had we not done this, chemistry would be in a really sad shape right now. It would have been a very hard thing to maintain the faculty.”

Dr. Jack Kent ’58 joined UNA in 1963 as a biology professor and continued teaching until he retired in 1983.

Kent said the students he taught made every day of his job worthwhile, whether he was teaching general biology and microbiology or standing in for someone to teach zoology.

He said he can recall two or three students who have gone on to become doctors, and one student in particular stands out in his mind. The student had played football but was quitting the team and was going to leave school. Kent said he talked to the student and asked him to reconsider. The student stayed, and has since gone on to medical school and is now a successful plastic surgeon.

“Every day of teaching that I ever did, I enjoyed the students,” he said. “I thought I’d miss it, but I’m so involved in so many other things.”

Kent and his wife, Dr. Gayle Kent ’60, who also taught at UNA for 22 years in the math department, have been traveling for the last 10 years since retiring to Florida. They have been to all 50 states, to every continent, to all provinces of Canada, and they visit Europe every summer.

Kent said in every place he visits, he finds himself talking to college-age students about what they’re majoring in and giving them advice about their future careers.

Even with the joys of travelling, Kent said the greatest joy and accomplishment in his life is the fact that his daughter, Kathy Kent Kelly ’81, and son, Kriston Kent ’80, both went to UNA and received their educations and now have successful careers. Kriston is a plastic surgeon in Naples, Florida, and Kelly is a software engineer in Tampa.

“That’s the highlight of our lives,” Kent said.

Dr. Paul Yokley taught biology at UNA from 1950 to 1993, when he retired as head of the biology department, a position he had held since 1987.

However, retiring didn’t mean he had stopped working.

In 1953, Yokley founded UNA’s chapter of Beta Beta Beta, an honor society for undergraduate biology students. In 1976, he was named national vice president of Tri Beta, a position he still holds today.

Yokley has remained active in environmental research since 1958. For example, he said, when a bridge needs to be replaced across a stream that endangered species might inhabit, he is called upon to search the water for various species to ensure that no endangered or threatened species are harmed. Though he specializes in mussels — and it was by balancing teaching full time with his weekend research on endangered mussel species and the host fish on which they depend — he earned his Ph.D. in 1968 — his research isn’t limited. For everything he researches, the methods vary.

“If it’s mussels (I’m researching), I look for the evidence of mussel in the stream by wading, or in the past, if the stream was too deep. I would look for them by diving,” he said. “For fish, I use fish nets to look for endangered species, and I look for habitats that I know they occupy. For bats, I look for nesting sites. For birds, I look with binoculars for their nests or other places where they might be.”

With insects, amphibians and reptiles, Yokley said he employs various methods of capture.

“There are different ways of determining whether they happen to be present at the sites where they might be altered or not,” he said.

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The Rices: Helping Their Hometown

Kathryn Rice said her husband — the late Dr. John Rice, a family practice physician in Florence — realized the value of education, and be even had a bit of a teaching background. While he was in school at Birmingham Southern College, he instructed biology. Dr. Rice was also extremely vested in the construction of UNA’s Science and Technology Building. He believed the U.S. was in danger of falling further behind other countries in science education, and one way to combat that deficiency is to provide students with adequate learning facilities.

Growing up as the son of a minister who moved around often, Mrs. Rice said her husband also wanted to contribute to a place that felt the most like home. For him, that was the Shoals.

It was for these reasons that, before his death in 2011, Dr. Rice decided to leave a contribution to the Science and Technology Building’s construction fund, which Mrs. Rice has donated in his name. When the building is completed, thanks in part to his generous donation, the lobby of the new facility — now under construction on the west side of Pine Street, between Kilby School and Flowers Hall — will be named in Dr. Rice’s honor.

Kathryn Rice said she, too, cares deeply for the development of UNA, as well as for education. Though she received her degree at a different college, Kathryn Rice has taken art classes at UNA, and she feels it’s important to help smaller, regional universities advance.

She added that Dr. Rice might have left funds for Tulane University School of Medicine, since he received his education there, but it didn’t make sense to him to do so because its school is endowed. Since the couple both grew up in the Shoals, she said they decided they were more interested in seeing both UNA and the area continue to grow.

“We saw the area when it didn’t have anything,” she said. “We’ve been Depression-era children, and we realized that something like that might happen again.”

Kathryn Rice and William G. Cale Jr.
Gaston Building Global Bridges Between UNA, Tanzania With Prestigious Fulbright Honor

By Terry Pace ’83 and ‘84, Communications and Marketing

Dr. Greg Gaston believes in building broader minds and developing deeper, richer experiences.

“The UNA geography professor leaves this fall for East Africa, where he will spend the 2013-14 school year representing UNA, the United States and the Fulbright Scholars program as a visiting professor at the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM) in Tanzania. Gaston received a 2013 Fulbright fellowship—one of the most prestigious and competitive academic honors in the world—that allows him to share his geography expertise with students and fellow professors in Tanzania.

“I think it came about, in part, because I asked,” says Gaston, who joined the UNA Department of Geography in 1992. “Like a lot of things in life, if you don’t ask and go and try, then you don’t make it. This career as a professor is a great career, and I love it—but I wanted to do something more.”

Gaston and fellow professor Dr. Francis Koti, who chairs the UNA geography department, made previous trips to Tanzania in 2011 and 2012. The philosophy of the Fulbright program—established by Arkansas Sen. William Fulbright in 1946, the year after the end of World War II—encourages positive, peaceful means of bringing international cultures together. Gaston believes the Fulbright committee considered his previous experience with both the country and the school.

“I know the folks there. I’ve given a guest lecture and my students have met their students,” Gaston noted. “So I had the background, plus I have a plan to continue this bridge-building between UDSM and UNA. I’d like our students to go and offer a GIS workshop for students there, and I would like—in a succeeding semester—to put international geography teams together made up of our students and their students. So I’m not coming in like a blank slate. I’m going there as part of a relationship.”

Gaston says the geography program at UDSM, once affiliated with the University of London, is still lecture-based and solely theoretical. When he and Koti first arrived in Tanzania, they were shocked to discover that the school’s geography lab was simply a room full of tables, with no computers, no Geographic Information Systems (GIS) software and no Global Positioning System (GPS) devices.

“One of the things that UNA does very well—in geography especially—is that we do problem-based learning,” Gaston explained. “We teach by making people do. I don’t feel that you learn it until you’ve done it. UDSM is still suffering under the British system, which is mostly a professor sitting in a chair reading notes. So, if you put problem-based learning in front of them, they’re going to eat it up. Then, if you put our kids with their kids, it’s going to be a cross-cultural experience. Put them in a room and they’ll start talking to each other. Then put them together as a team, working on a project. If you build it that way—and we can—it will be extraordinary.”

During his two semesters teaching in Tanzania as a Fulbright Scholar, Gaston hopes to establish the groundwork for that collaborative program. The plan calls for a team of UNA geography students to travel back to UDSM in 2014 or 2015 to conduct workshops for the Tanzanian students. The UNA team would also deliver laptops, GIS software and GPS devices that would remain in the GIS lab at UDSM. Students would then continue working together online, and through field visits back-and-forth between the two countries.

“What I hope to do is to start to inculcate in that department the idea that GIS is hands-on—that we do GIS,” Gaston stressed. “When we go back with our team of UNA students, we’ll have them actually teaching—because when you teach it, you know it so much better. They’re doing GIS in Tanzania, with Tanzanian problems, human factors, and students sit and listen, read and can reproduce that material.” Koti explained. “But really, unless they immerse themselves in the physical and cultural environment, they don’t quite get it. We look at ourselves as an applied discipline. So, by taking our students out, it gives them an opportunity to see what they learn in the classroom. So that is a huge focus for us.”

As a Fulbright Scholar, Gaston follows a distinguished tradition of scholars, scientists and artists, including 43 Nobel Prize winners and 78 Pulitzer Prize winners.

“I do hope to be an agent of change,” Gaston concluded, “to cause them to look at the world differently after this crazy ‘mzungu’ goes away. That’s the word I’m sure they’ll use—‘mzungu kichaa,’ a Swahili term that means ‘crazy white guy.’ I suspect some of them are going to say, ‘Oh, my goodness—he’s nuts! But some of them are going to buy into what I have to say, and they’re going to say, ‘We should do it this way.’ That’s what I hope.”

Dr. Greg Gaston in the field

In addition to the Tanzania project, Dr. Greg Gaston is also planning a trip to Cuba, where he will take UNA geography students to travel in the field—moving beyond traditional textbook exercises—remains the most effective and, as Gaston calls it, “life-changing” approach to geography education. In order to launch the exchange program with UDSM, they hope to raise $60,000 to purchase laptops and GPS devices and pay expenses for UNA students to travel to Tanzania. Donations can be made by calling Barbie Terry, development officer in UNA’s Office of University Advancement, at 256-765-5012, or e-mailing her at bterry@una.edu.

“We can teach about spatial variation, we can teach about cultural and geographic information systems, and we can teach about how to actually use GIS. It’s a fantastic thing to actualize.”

Dr. Greg Gaston and students
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When Celia Reynolds began her studies at Hendrix College in Conway, Arkansas, she had little idea what working with children (babysitter, children's choirst, camp counselor, Girl Scouts) drew into her teacher education. But a long-time fascination with libraries exerted a stronger lure, one that eventually guided her into the study of library and information science. Following initial post-baccalaureate studies at the University of Arkansas, Celia pursued graduate library degrees, first at LSU and later at the University of Alabama. What a continuing joy she has found in work where she can learn something new every day! As she grew up the third of four children in rural southeastern Arkansas, Celia's parents instilled a lifelong love of learning. Holding high expectations for their children, Guy and Faye Robinson fostered appreciation for the value of each individual and modeled a pattern of quiet service and encouragement. Celia's childhood memories include riding along as her physician father made house calls out in the country after completing appointments at his clinic and finishing hospital rounds. Her mother was her anchor, always providing a listening ear and wise counsel. Both parents set a strong example of service, filling their individual pursuits. It took a great team effort and much hard work to bring those experiences Celia assumed the role of SACSCOCSteering Committee for UNA's 1990-92 Self-Study in preparation for accreditation renewal by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Ten years later, Celia served in a similar capacity for the 2000-02 decennial study and co-directed the follow-up report. Building upon those experiences Celia assumed the role of SACSCOC Accreditation Liaison in 2008 and directed the university's multi-year preparation for reaffirmation in 2012. It was indeed a proud moment when UNA was successfully re-affirmed for Academic Affairs for SACSCOC Reaffirmation of Accreditation, Accreditation Liaison B.A., 1976, Hendrix College; M.L.S., 1979, Louisiana State University, Ed.S., 1989, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa.

RECIPIENT: ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE

“I don’t know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve.” – Albert Schweitzer

Growing up in cosmopolitan San Francisco, the descendant of recent Spanish and Slovak immigrants, Michael Pretes was exposed to global culture at an early age. Yet when he enrolled at the University of California at Berkeley, he chose political science as his major, not knowing that it was possible to major in geography. He then attended Northwestern University, completing an M.A., also in political science, as well as a graduate certificate in African Studies (which required the study of an African language—he chose Amharic, the principal language of Ethiopia).

Pretes’s career as a geographer was still somewhat exploratory. With M.A. in hand, he moved to Calgary, Alberta, in Canada, and taught political science at the University of Calgary, and also became a research associate of the Arctic Institute of North America. While in Canada he developed his interest in Polar Regions, focusing on economic development, natural resources and indigenous peoples’ issues.

After three years in Canada, he moved to the Scott Polar Research Institute at the University of Cambridge in England for six months before taking up a position as researcher at the Arctic Centre at the University of Lapland in Rovaniemi, Finland, located right on the Arctic Circle (he likes to point out that his job title, “senior researcher” as well as “special investigator”). During the five years he spent in Finland he witnessed at close hand the collapse of the Soviet Union, and was one of the first foreign scholars permitted to travel in the Soviet Union’s northern regions. During his time in Finland Pretes worked with many geographers and finally figured out that he was really one of them. From that point on it was geography all the way.

Returning to the United States, he sought sunshine and warmer weather working at Stanford University and the University of New Mexico before deciding to pursue a Ph.D. in geography. He chose the Australian National University, located in Canberra, Australia, where he spent four years, carrying out dissertation field work in Australia and six Pacific Island countries. After one year teaching stints at the University of Hawaii—Hilo and the University of Central Missouri, he arrived at UNA in 2006. At UNA he teaches a variety of courses, among them world regional geography, economic geography, business geography and history and philosophy of geography. In addition, he has developed a number of new courses, including geopolitics, war in Afghanistan, and mountain and desert environments. He has taught field courses in such exotic locales as Tuvalu, Nauru, Bolivia, Uganda, Iceland, Indonesia and Alaska informs his teaching (and allows for some impressive slide shows). Pretes loves the teaching environment at UNA and the opportunities it provides to help students learn more about the world around them. He especially enjoys taking students into the field, and is currently in the process of developing a Study Abroad program to Australia and the Pacific.
In recognition of the late Dr. Robert E. “Bob” Stephenson’s love and support of the UNA baseball program, the Stephenson family made a significant donation to the university that provided funds to renovate and upgrade the press box and reserved seating area at Mike D. Lane Field.

Dr. Stephenson, who passed away in March 2012, spent his life in education as a teacher, coach and principal. He served 20 years of his teaching career as a professor in the education department at UNA. In addition to his professional duties with the university, he was a great supporter of the athletic programs, serving two different terms as the Faculty Athletic Representative.

“We are humbled by the generous gift from the Stephenson family,” said UNA Head Baseball Coach Mike Keehn. “Bob was not just a great fan, but a true friend who supported the baseball team and coaching staff. This gift is greatly appreciated by the UNA baseball program.”

The Stephensons’ gift helped revitalize a portion of the baseball facility that had seen little change since it was built in 1984. The interior press box was renovated with new flooring and counter tops and new heating and air-conditioning units. There is new lighting along with expansion of both existing radio booths, and closets will be removed to open up additional space in the press box area. The interior walls and ceiling were also be repaired and painted.

On the outside of the press box there are new sliding windows and new siding along the front and sides. A new umpire’s dressing room was also created below the press box.

Jason Stephenson, Luke Harlon Stephenson, Jennifer Stephenson, Davis Anne Stephenson, Rosalie Stephenson and Mike Keehn

Rosalie Stephenson; son, Jason Stephenson; daughter-in-law, Jennifer Stephenson; grandchildren, Davis Anne Stephenson and Luke Harlon Stephenson
With 18 years of collegiate coaching experience, including 12 seasons as a collegiate head coach, Melissa ‘Missy’ Tiber has been tabbed as the new head women’s basketball coach at UNA. Tiber comes to UNA after serving as the head women’s basketball coach at NCAA Division I Southern Illinois University from 2009-13. She has also had 14 years of experience at the NCAA Division II level at West Liberty State College, Belmont Abbey College and Tusculum College. “We are excited to have Missy join our UNA athletics department,” said UNA Athletic Director Mark Linder. “She is a person of high character and has great passion for the game of basketball. She will be a great fit for UNA and the Shoals community. I know our student-athletes are excited to start working with her and preparing for the 2013-14 season.”

Tiber becomes the eighth head women’s basketball coach in the history of the UNA program. She follows Terry Fowler, who compiled a 191-45 record, including a 50-10 mark in four straight seasons. In four years, she was named head softball coach at UNA. Cozart comes to UNA after coaching at the NAIA level, Ashley McCool Cozart has been named head softball coach at UNA. Cozart comes to UNA from Lindsey Wilson College, where she guided the Blue Raiders to the NAIA national tournament four straight seasons. In four years, she compiled a 191-45 record, including a 30-10 mark during the 2013 campaign.

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It is such an exciting time here at the University of North Alabama. We are quickly moving into a new chapter in the history of UNA, and it is an honor to be a part of something so much bigger than ourselves. For more than 180 years, UNA has played an essential role in preparing our students for lives of personal and professional achievement. With the potential to build on our distinguished past, the years ahead of us offer opportunities greater than we have ever seen at UNA.

The realization of this statement inspires me to ask you to be a part of this monumental era. I hope that you will consider being our partner in helping us to preserve our cherished traditions while advancing in the world of technology.

With several levels of naming opportunities available, you can leave your legacy, honor a loved one, or even recognize a professor that saw your potential when you were a student.

By supporting our new state-of-the-art Science and Technology Building, you can leave an everlasting impression on the UNA campus.
message from the ALUMNI PRESIDENT

It has been my privilege to work on your behalf and to represent our widespread alumni family during my term as President of the UNA Alumni Association. Time passed more quickly than I imagined when I first wrote, “What a beginning to a very exciting year at the University of North Alabama.”

There is more excitement yet to come with a new science building under construction, the opening of the new academic center and student commons building, continued recognition of our students and faculty for their award-winning studies and research — so many things that make me proud of our university. Isn’t it great to be a UNA Lion?

Speaking of the Lions, make your plans to return to campus for Homecoming this year, but expect to enjoy an extended celebration which will include welcoming activities within each of our colleges: Arts and Sciences, Business, Education and Human Sciences and Nursing and Allied Health. Visit with classmates and professors while you see just how much has changed since you sat in that desk or worked in that lab! Homecoming this year promises to deliver a number of different opportunities to connect and renew friendships and to celebrate being a member of the UNA Alumni Family.

I’d like to thank the executive board and the board-at-large members for their support and continued excitement about promoting UNA locally, nationally and internationally. We could not have accomplished so much this year without the able guidance and tireless work from Carol Lyles ’79, Alumni Relations Director, and Rhonda Derrick, Senior Administrative Assistant in the Office of Alumni Relations. I encourage you to visit the alumni office whenever you are on campus or whenever you need to have your Lion spirit recharged!

Your UNA Alumni Association president moves through the ranks before taking the leadership position as president, and I made those moves. However, seeing the alumni association from the president’s viewpoint helped me understand more completely the importance of giving back to the university in whatever way possible. Giving back to UNA is one way we can ensure that our university will be more completely the importance of giving back to the university in whatever way possible. Giving back to UNA is one way we can ensure that our university will be seen as the academic center we have come to know and love.

In closing my letter and my term as President of the UNA Alumni Association, let me encourage you to give back to the university so others can have the opportunity to achieve their goals and to provide scholarships for future generations. In this way, you will become a part of our alumni family.

Pat Burney ’88, UNA Alumni Association President

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The Florence Main Street Program has teamed up with professional artist Tim Stevenson ’73 to create a stunning, eye-catching mural on the Tuscawilla Street side of Fred’s Super Dollar in downtown Florence.
Just as Dr. Robert Ferguson and his wife Sylvia were settling into retirement in 1999, after years of working in education, they discovered a way to not only benefit the economy in their area – Tishomingo County, Mississippi – but to also help students receive their education.

Using the proceeds from their non-profit business, the Fergusons created the Tri State Foundation, which provides the Tri State Scholarship. To date, more than $550,000 in scholarship funds have gone to UNA, which waives out-of-state tuition for students from Tishomingo County due to its close proximity. Currently, 46 students at the university attend using Tri State funding.

Every semester, she’s made sure to send the Fergusons a “thank you” card, but she also took the opportunity to express her appreciation in person, letting the Fergusons know that with their continued help, she has been accepted into medical school.

“In Tishomingo County, Tri State is one of those things you grow up knowing about, and you make the grades to prepare to apply for it,” she said. “The Fergusons make it very easy for any student to apply.”

Kristie McCabe, whose oldest daughter graduated from Tishomingo County High School and UNA, is now attending UNA herself. McCabe said she and her daughter are both Tri State recipients.

“I couldn’t afford to go without Tri State,” McCabe said. “It pays half of my tuition. It doesn’t matter your age – they still help.”

In Robert Ferguson’s opinion, the Tri State Foundation is a blessing in his life simply because he enjoys helping.

“At first, we had no interest in getting involved with anything that would tie us down, since it was just a year or two after retirement,” he said. “But the more we thought about it and the more we prayed about it, it seemed like right thing to do.”

He also pointed out that the Tri State Foundation does more than provide scholarships for college students. For example, the foundation has awarded grants to support students’ field trips, as well as educational community activities and training for firemen. Sylvia Ferguson noted that the cost of child care often can be a burden for young mothers who are students, and the foundation has awarded grants to offset that cost, as well as the cost of gas money.

“The money goes to any person or educational institution or any entity that truly needs it,” she said. “I think it’s just the most fun thing in the world to be able to give these kids enough money to make a difference.”

The Fergusons said some priority is given to the people of Tishomingo County.

Reneé Fowler, a 1981 UNA graduate who teaches at Tishomingo County High School, said everything the foundation gives to the high school is definitely noticed.

“When this school was established, it wasn’t long after Tri State started,” she said. “They’ve always helped us. They really give us a lot, and we really appreciate it.”

Robert Ferguson said there are no set limitations as to what the money can be used for — the foundation is governed by a five-member board, and together, they make decisions about the best ways to allocate funds.

“We’re always looking for ways we can help,” he said. “If I’ve missed a way, I’m still looking.”
While he certainly stays busy at the university, Hendricks also finds the time to write novels under the pen name Chloe Canterbury, a name he chose after he saw it listed on his family tree under the 16th and 17th centuries. He loved the ways ‘Chloe’ and ‘Canterbury’ looked and sounded together — one name sounding more French, the last sounding more Anglo-Saxon.

He said his first novel, Tober and the Amazing Bird Choir, is an environmental fantasy tale based on the true story of the California House Finch, which was illegally trapped, taken to the East Coast and sold for its song. When authorities stopped the sales and the birds were released, they began migrating back home.

Tober and the Amazing Bird Choir was published in 2000, and Hendricks said his second novel, The Last Days of My Father’s Kingdom, will be published in December. The novel is the story of a Sufi mystic, and it focuses on the last days of the Islamic empire in Andalusia, Spain, in 1491, before the Crusades pushed Islam out of Spain.

While his second novel is based in Spain, Hendricks studied in Switzerland at the University of Geneva for a graduate fellowship. He received his master’s and doctorate degrees from Duke University, and his undergraduate degree from DePauve University.

Before accepting the position at UNA, Hendricks served as vice chancellor for advancement at Purdue University Calumet, in Hammond, Indiana. He has also held similar positions at Western Illinois University, Louisiana State University, the University of Kentucky and Hanover College, a private liberal arts college in Indiana.

Having studied and worked at universities of various sizes, both public and private, means Hendricks comes equipped with the sense of the relative scales of the programs and knows that ‘essential focus is critical in smaller university programs, because you don’t have the resources to do everything you like.’

Under Hendricks’ leadership, philanthropy projects will be built to UNA’s scale.

**Barb Hendricks Puts Passions, Expertise to Work in New Home**

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**UNA New Vice-President of Advancement Hendricks Enjoys Being Embraced by New Extended Family at UNA**

By Hannah Mask, Student Writer

Dr. Dan Hendricks arrived on campus in October 2012. But the pride he has in UNA and the fondness with which he speaks of it are qualities of a person who has worked at the university for years.

“UNA has the best student experience in the state, without exception,” he said.

Hendricks said he likes to think of the university as a type of an extended family. The student experience doesn’t end at graduation, and it is instead enriched by distance as students turn into engaged alumni. Everyone from students, faculty and alumni to the surrounding community helps the university flourish, and Hendricks said his purpose all year was to meet his extended family — the people who truly make UNA a special place.

“Universities succeed because of people,” he said. “The University of North Alabama succeeds because we have great teachers, the university succeeds because we have wonderfully talented students, and the university succeeds because of alumni who form that extended family.”

UNA President William G. Cale praised Hendricks’ first months in office in his annual report to the Board of Trustees in June.

“Under the outstanding leadership of Dr. Dan Hendricks, the Division of University Advancement, in just eight months, has taken on itself and the University to a new level of excellence,” Cale said. “Dan has assembled a strong team of professionals and has taken on three challenges with equal verve: to put into place an action plan for the future, to inaugurate new initiatives and to resolve problems from the past. We can all look toward a dynamic future with an expectation of success exceeding expectations.”

So far, Hendricks has created a blueprint for marshaling resources for UNA, and the campaign will be launched in 2014.

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The third annual UNA Front Porch Storytelling Festival in May was a bittersweet triumph for the university family. Patrons from around the nation came to hear nationally known storytellers, but the occasion was marked by the absence of one of the founders of the festival, UNA Professor Emeritus of English Dr. Bill Foster. Dr. Foster, who had been part of the university family for more than 40 years, passed away in September 2012, at the age of 73.

Although Dr. Foster was not physically present, his spirit was very much in evidence, said his daughter, Melissa Foster ‘87. Melissa was the host for the 2013 festival, a role her father had filled the previous two years.

“I was filled with so much pride as I stepped into Dad’s shoes as the host of the storytelling festival,” Melissa said. “I was giddy with excitement to be asked to host the festival, and I hope it is a tradition that continues well into the future. Dr. Bill Foster would like that.”

The 2013 storytelling festival was truly a family affair. Melissa’s mother, Anne, worked with promoting the event, doing everything from hand-addressing brochures for mailing to distributing promotional materials at area businesses. “We had enjoyed the festival so much together as a family,” Melissa said.

“Dr. Foster would have been delighted to see his family continue working with the storytelling festival,” said Debbie Chaffin ‘80 & ‘92, festival director.

State Senator Tammy Irons ‘86 opened the festival, introduced by Terry Pace ‘85 & ‘04, director of the university’s communications and marketing office and a longtime friend and associate of Dr. Foster. Irons had sponsored a resolution in the Alabama Senate honoring Dr. Foster and presented a copy of the resolution to his family. The opening ceremonies also featured a video tribute put together by Brian Ford, the university’s digital-media specialist.

And there was one very poignant reminder of Dr. Foster on display throughout the festival—his well-worn and much beloved hat.

“Everyone who knew Bill Foster knew that if he were around, there would be a hat,” Melissa Foster said. “I decided to bring the hat to the festival to wear in his honor. I took it off and it hung on the back of one of the rocking chairs for the entire festival.”

This year’s festival—which took place Friday and Saturday, May 17-18—featured storytellers Donald Davis, Diane Ferlatte, Dolores Hydock, Bil Lepp and Barbara McBride-Smith, with a special appearance by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Rick Bragg. In addition to appearing onstage at the Performance Center, the tellers made appearances in the days before the festival at area schools and libraries. The festival also featured free workshops taught by Hydock and UNA professor Bill Huddleston.

Chaffin said she hopes the event will continue to grow each year. Next year’s UNA Front Porch Storytelling Festival is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, May 16-17, 2014.

The UNA Distinguished Events Series has a calendar of exceptionally fine performances for the 2013-14 season. Admission is free to all DES events except for the UNA Front Porch Storytelling Festival.

Earth to Sky Lecture and Book Tour
Michael ‘Nick’ Nichols, National Geographic Photographer
Friday, October 18, 2013 • 7:30 p.m. • Norton Auditorium

A Sweet Strangeness Thrills My Heart:
The World of Sallie Independence Foster, 1861-1887
Dolores Hydock’s show (with music by Bobby Horton) based on the diaries of Sallie Independence Foster, who lived in what is now Rogers Hall on the UNA campus.
Tuesday, April 8, 2014 • 7:00 p.m. • Norton Auditorium

Fourth Annual UNA Front Porch Storytelling Festival
Featuring Nationally and Internationally Known Storytellers, including the “Dean of Storytelling,” Donald Davis
Friday and Saturday, May 16 and 17, 2014 • 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. • Performance Center

“Eddie,” The Play
Featuring Marvin Starkman in a one-man show about Eddie Jacobson, whose friendship with President Harry Truman changed history
With Preshow lecture by Dr. Tom Osborne, professor emeritus of history:
“1947-48: The Domestic and International Political Moment Between Hot War and Cold War”
Sunday, September 22, 2013 • 2:00 p.m. • Performance Center (lecture begins, with play to follow)
According to Carol Lyles ’70, alumni director for the University of North Alabama, UNA graduates change e-mails, jobs and locations so often that it is hard to keep up with them. A new project is now underway that will help remedy this “information disconnect.”

The UNA Office of Alumni Relations is partnering with Harris Connect to produce University of North Alabama Alumni Today — a print directory scheduled for publication in the spring of 2014. The print directory is another useful tool offered by the university to keep alumni connected.

Now, the easiest and fastest way to track down an old school friend is through the Alumni Today publication with its up-to-date contact information, Lyles said. “You will be able to reconnect with classmates,” she said, “and the publication will feature an introduction with full color pictures, prominent UNA personalities and a preview of the state of the university.”

Over the next several months, UNA alumni will receive postcards, e-mails or phone calls from Harris asking for updated contact information. Lyles requests that everyone participate in this effort to collect the most current, up-to-date information.

“We would appreciate your cooperation in updating your contact information,” she said. “All updates are returned to the university so that our database remains current.”

Harris Connect will only collect information for the directory, and personal information will not be released to third parties.

Those who participate decide whether or not to have their personal information published in the directory. “Make your wishes clear to the representative with whom you speak,” Lyles said. “It is a great way to stay connected to the Lion community.”

For details about the directory, visit the UNA Office of Alumni Relations website, alumni.una.edu.

**UNA Partners With Harris Connect for Alumni Directory**

**Introducing UNA Gift Bay**

The University of North Alabama is launching a new series of donation pages on the website with the goal of making donations to the university an easier and more exciting process.

The new site, called UNA Gift Bay, will give donors a chance to help the University reach a level of national excellence through the web without having to buy a stamp or make a phone call.

While many are familiar with UNA’s current online annual-giving opportunities, UNA Gift Bay will allow a potential donor to concentrate his or her giving in a specialized area that focuses on individual College or Program needs.

Choices in UNA Gift Bay range from providing equipment (such as microscopes for a biology lab or computer software for a business course) to providing support for a student to participate in a Study Abroad experience or providing resources to purchase new print or online periodical subscriptions for Collier Library.

UNA Gift Bay will provide donors with an exciting new hands-on donation experience that allows them to designate an amount they wish to give toward a cause they are passionate about and wish to support.

We look forward to unveiling these new Gift Bay pages on our website, www.una.edu, in October 2013.
Alumni Pride

Marvin Taylor was inducted into the 2013 Morgan County Sports Hall of Fame. He was a leading rusher at Florence State Teachers College, now the University of North Alabama, before enlisting in the military. He was instrumental in the formation of youth football leagues in Decatur in the 1950s and 1960s. Taylor helped organize the Austin High Booster Club and served as its first president.

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Steve Latimer ('74) recently retired from his private practice of family dentistry. He practiced for 34 years in New Albany, Indiana. He lives in Corydon, Indiana, and is married to the former Marcia Moore ('74).

Larry D. Smith ('79) of Orlando, Florida, won the American Bar Association diversity award. After almost 30 years of practicing law, he received the peer recognition by the 400,000 lawyers of the ABA and the 96,000 fellow members of the Florida Bar of having changed the perception of the profession when it comes to diversity, inclusiveness and respecting all qualified individuals in their efforts to become or succeed as lawyers. Smith received an American flag flown in a combat mission on July 4th by a Marine for whose fighter group his law firm had collected and sent supplies to Afghanistan. When the tornadoes struck Alabama, his Orlando law firm was the Central Florida collection site and, in partnership with other community leaders, sent an entire truck load of food and supplies to Tuscaloosa and cash contributions to a small north Alabama high school band.

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Bill Erwin (’94) has been selected as Chief of Strategic Communication for U.S. Army Pacific Headquarters at Fort Shafter, Hawaii. Erwin worked for WHNT-TV and several Shoals area radio stations for more than three decades. In his new position, Erwin oversees communication synchronization for the U.S. Army’s Pacific Theater.

Lisa Biley Berry (’95) has been named the Hewitt-Trussville Middle School principal. She served as a teacher and assistant principal at Hewitt-Trussville Middle School before becoming assistant principal at Hewitt-Trussville High School. Berry was a science teacher for 12 years before becoming an administrator.

Garth Garris (’98) has been in education for 22 years and he is the principal at Elkmont High School. Garris taught social science and physical education and has coached boys basketball at Elkmont since 2010. Prior to teaching at Elkmont, he was principal at Madison County High School, assistant principal and athletic director at Hazel Green High School, assistant principal at Monrovia Elementary School and a teacher and boys basketball coach at East Limestone High School.

Robby Parker (’00), principal of Bob Jones High School, will lead sessions at his school on programs that were recently recognized for excellence by a statewide school administrators organization. The Council for Leaders in Alabama Schools (CLAS) award for Bob Jones High School recognized how the school maintains its rigorous honors and advanced-placement courses with the relevance of Alabama’s refined Career Tech Education clusters by making learning more meaningful and communicating co-dependence of core academic skills to real world situations. Parker has been the principal at Bob Jones since 2005. He also was principal at Discovery Middle School, assistant principal at BJHS and a teacher at BJHS.

William Smoak (’00) has been selected as Teacher of the Year at Rainbow Elementary School in Madison. He is a sixth-grade instructor who taught a reading class and two math classes, but will be teaching fifth-grade next year. He previously taught at Athens Elementary School before his work with Madison City Schools.

Keith Anderson (’01) was selected as Teacher of the Year at James Clemens in Madison. Anderson teaches marching and symphonic band students, percussion and advanced-placement music theory. He earned his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in music education at UNA. He has held National Board Certified Teacher status since November 2011. In May, Anderson started serving as chairman of music educators in Alabama District One. He and wife, Emily, are parents of three boys.

Tommy Davis (’01) has been promoted from assistant principal to principal at Cedar Ridge Middle School in Decatur, Ala. He came to Cedar Ridge as band director in 1999 and was promoted to assistant principal six years later. He is a member of Kwanis International and serves as minister of music at New Canaan Baptist Church. He and wife, Shannon, have two sons.

Marcus Maples (’02) has been named a shareholder at the law firm of Sirote & Permutt, P.C., where he represents clients in general business and commercial litigation matters. Maples works with life, health, disability and long-term care insurance companies in issues related to bad faith and ERISA, and he also represents shareholders, officers and directors in shareholder derivative claims. Maples serves on the executive committee of the Young Lawyers Section of the Alabama State Bar, is an active member of the Defense Research Institute (DRI) and serves on the board of trustees for Farrar Law Society. He and his wife, Kwoya, have twin daughters.

Nicholas McDaniel (’04) is on an annual list of the Wall Street Journal that honors the 1,000 best-performing real estate agents and teams in the U.S. McDaniel, of Century 21 in Decatur, ranked No. 56 in Top 250 Sales Professionals by Transactions Sides category for closing 260 sides. He ranked No. 84 last year after closing 252 transactions and bringing in $17.5 million for his company in 2011.

Wesley Hester (’05 & ’07) was named principal of Montevallo High School. Hester has served in education for 11 years. He was assistant principal at Columbiana Middle School for four years and principal at Thompson Sixth Grade Center for more than one year. Prior to that, he served six years as a teacher and coach at Bellgreen High School. He and his wife, Mandy, live in Chelsea with their two children.

Scott Sutton (’06) is the principal of Athens Elementary School. He began his teaching career 17 years ago at Harvest Elementary and his administrative career at Madison Cross Roads in 2007. Sutton and his wife, Stephanie, have two children.
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Jim ringnell attended unA and was retired from raymonds metals company. he was a member of the unA’s sportsmen’s club and north wood united methodist church. he loved watching unA, auburn and alabama football and the atlanta braves and also enjoyed listening to jazz music and attending the w.c. handy music festival.

NON-GRAD

Peggy holt was active in the garden club of Waynewood, PTA and the officers’ wives club and served as President of the Washington, D.C., area military Police Officers’ wives club.

Caroline Morgan neisler won back-to-back state championships in volleyball at Jacksonville high school in 2007 and 2008, being named to the all-state teams both years. upon graduation from jhs in 2010, Caroline accepted a volleyball scholarship to UNA. after playing three years at UNA, she transferred to samford university. over the years, Caroline made four mission trips to Honduras with her church and her family.

Kathleen romine taught in the Alabama county school system for several years and was employed at McCorKle’s furniture for 25 years.

Bernice Posey land (’43) was a retired NASA engineer who worked at Redstone arsenal for 53 years. land was tvAn’s first female engineer. later she became the first female engineer employed with the u.s. army guided missile division at Redstone arsenal. land worked on the mercury- Redstone, gemini-Titan, saturn 1B and saturn V launch vehicle programs while at the redstone space flight center. she was recognized as one of the unA alumni of the year in 2001.

1950s
effie Waldrep nichols (’56) went to work in the mailroom at the university of north Alabama in 1954. she was employed by the university in various positions until her retirement in 1983. at the time of her retirement, she was the longest service employee of the university. she was a member of the university Alumni association.

Wayne nichols (’51) was a contract administrator with Vitro Corporation. he moved to california and accepted a job as a subcontract negotiator and administrator with douglas aircraft, el segundo, on the a3D and a4D fighter bomber aircraft. he accepted a procurement position with Jacksonville後の, & sons, prime contractor on the second largest nuclear facility in the country. Nichols began his 35 year civil-service career at brookley air force base in Mobile and transferred to the army rocket and guided missile agency in huntsville in 1988. he retired from his employment at Marshall space flight center in 1998, he accepted employment at kennedy space center with responsibility for the negotiation and administration of the first KSC contract for test, launch and operations of the shuttle Orbiter vehicle. he was Chief of shuttle processing and support contracts. Nichols received performance achievements from usAF (vandenberg), MSFC and KSC. after retirement from KSC, he established a business consulting firm before accepting employment with Lockheed Corp. he worked in the program Office at KSC and was assigned to a small task group responsible for formulating and implementing joint ventures between lockheed and rockwell. he was the United Space Alliance, to manage the shuttle program. he retired in 1999.

Bobbi mckee pritchett (’52) graduated from unA, where she was a majorette. after college, she taught junior high and English in Margaret county high school. she was a high school gymnasium director and was named in his honor. she was President of the Muscle Shoals Distric service league and the Colbert county Medical Auxiliary.

Charles Paulk (’53) retired from the united states Army in 1973. he was a civilian engineer with the Army Corps of Engineers and decorated master army Aviator, serving two tours in vietnam. he was awarded the YMCA Spirit award in 1996, was voted unA Fan of the year and also received the Jack Karnes Memorial Golf Tournament. the tournament raises funds for the Jack Karnes endowed Scholarship as well as athletic current-use scholarships. the current-use fund has been renamed the Tuffy hudson current use Scholarship fund. he was an avid golfer and bowler and also enjoyed attending the UNA community Service award. he was a member of the UNA Alumni association and chairman of the unA Jack Karnes Memorial Golf Tournament.

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☐ Athletic Events  ☐ Board Member  ☐ Recruit Students  ☐ Reunions

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BY MICHAEL NICHOLS, EDITOR-AT-LARGE, NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MAGAZINE

UNA alumnus Michael "Nick" Nichols joined the photography staff of National Geographic in 1996 and now serves as editor-at-large.

Nick has published seven books, including Brutal Kinship with Jane Goodall. He has won four World Press Photo Awards and has been named Wildlife Photographer of the Year. In 2012, he lectured at World Press Photo Awards Days in Amsterdam.

OCTOBER EIGHTEENTH 2013
SEVEN-THIRTY P.M.
NORTON AUDITORIUM
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH ALABAMA
FLORENCE, ALABAMA
2013 Football Schedule

- **Sept. 5**: 6:30 p.m. HOME
- **Sept. 14**: 7:00 p.m. AWAY
- **Sept. 21**: 6:00 p.m. HOME
- **Oct. 5**: 12:30 p.m. AWAY
- **Oct. 12**: 6:00 p.m. HOME
- **Oct. 19**: 6:00 p.m. HOME
- **Oct. 26**: 1:00 p.m. AWAY
- **Nov. 2**: 6:00 p.m. HOME
- **Nov. 9**: 5:00 p.m. AWAY
- **Nov. 16**: 2:00 p.m. AWAY

Teams:
- MILES COLLEGE
- JACKSONVILLE STATE
- DELTA STATE
- SHORTER
- WEST GEORGIA
- TEXAS A&M KINGSVILLE
- VALDOSTA STATE
- WEST ALABAMA
- Florida Tech
- TARLETON STATE