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*William G. Cale, Jr. and John G. Thornell*



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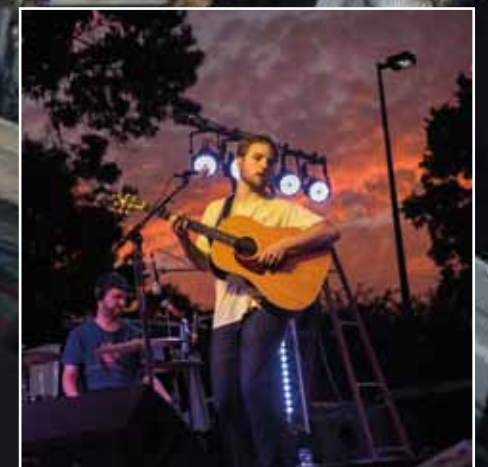
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John G. Thornell

As we continue to build the pride at UNA, we couldn't be more excited about the University's future. The campus is involved in several major initiatives that will lead to greater success for our students and for the institution.

In the spring of 2014, we opened the new University Commons. The centerpiece of this building is our new University Success Center, a unit where UNA services and resources unite to support academic student achievement and degree completion. The Commons also includes branded retail space, providing opportunities that are important to current and prospective students as well as to the Shoals region.

In the summer of 2014 we broke ground for new residence halls that will anchor the north end of campus. These new residence halls are an essential part of our enrollment strategy. They will have a significant impact on recruitment and enhance the quality of the student experience, leading to improved graduation rates.

In 2012 the UNA trustees approved a resolution instructing the institution to take the steps needed to become a Division I athletic program. UNA's athletic department

## president's message John G. Thornell

has implemented those steps and is prepared for DI participation once we receive an invitation from a DI conference. We have also used the decision of the trustees as an opportunity to enhance the broader vision of an institution that aspires to be DI in all of its programs and services, not just athletics.

As part of our 2012 regional accreditation review, we adopted a Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) focused on developing research literacy skills among undergraduate students. We saw the importance of providing our students with the lifetime skills needed to become independent problem solvers. I am pleased to report that the QEP has been instrumental in infusing new energy into our academic programs. Courses across campus have added new skill sets, and faculty members are collaborating with students on research projects leading to publications and professional presentations. More of the University's students now see graduate school in their future. We even initiated a research competition among our students that has been highly successful.

Changes in UNA leadership have occurred in recent months. Most notable is that William Cale retired as president June 30, 2014. His ten-year legacy speaks for itself. Significant progress across all aspects of campus life and a robust relationship with the Shoals community are hallmarks of his presidency.

UNA alumnus **Clinton Carter '00** accepted the position of Vice President for Business and Financial Affairs. His previous appointment was as Deputy State Finance Director for the State of Alabama. Dr. Carmen Burkhalter accepted the position as Dean of Arts and Sciences. Her previous appointment included service as Dean of Arts and Sciences at the University of Alabama.

Internationalization continues to be central to UNA's mission. We place great emphasis on expanding study abroad opportunities for our students. The result is that participation rates are at an all-time high. UNA students have studied in fourteen different countries, including Canada, China, Costa Rica, England, France, Guatemala, Honduras, Ireland, Mexico, Peru, Spain, Taiwan, Tanzania, and Zambia. In addition, the Magellan Exchange students have studied in multiple countries.

We also have over thirty-six partnerships with universities in China, Chile, Ecuador, Japan, South Korea, Mexico, Mongolia, Peru, Taiwan, and Turkey. Most of our double degree program participants are from China, Japan, and Taiwan. We recently added a cohort of students from China to study commercial Spanish at the University.

Construction of the new Science and Technology Building is on schedule. This exciting and impressive new facility will dramatically improve our ability to offer science education to all students as well as prepare future generations of trained scientists for the workforce.

The faculty and staff at UNA are a real treasure. They do great work and are excellent stewards of the 7,000 or so students under our care. The future has never been brighter.

To all alumni and friends of UNA, we say "Thank You" and "ROAR LIONS!"

John Thornell



John and Nita Thornell



Marcus Maples '02



Will Trapp

## WELCOMES TWO NEW MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The University of North Alabama has appointed **Marcus Maples '02** and Will Trapp to the Board of Trustees.

According to a recent *TimesDaily* article, Maples is a Limestone County native who graduated from UNA and spent a year working in Washington, D.C., before attending law school at the University of Alabama. He is now a shareholder in the Birmingham office of Sirote. Maples is also vice president of the Greater Birmingham Club of the UNA Alumni Club.

Will Trapp was appointed during the legislative session to fill Richard Cater's unexpired term. Trapp is a graduate of Vanderbilt and a native of Florence. He currently works as a financial advisor for Merrill Lynch in Florence.





# HOME SWEET HOME

By Bryan Rachal,  
*UNA Interim Director of Public Affairs and Media Relations*

**Clinton '00 and Rebecca '02 Carter** were hit by a wave of nostalgia as they stepped onto the lawn of Coby Hall for Derby Day 2014. Twelve years ago, they had gotten married on this same lawn, never thinking that a dozen years later they would be back. This time though, they had three kids in tow, and Clinton would soon start his dream job that he never knew was actually his dream until now.

To portray Clinton Carter's quick rise in the ranks as meteoric is an understatement. At only 36 years old, Clinton has already had a career most would be envious of and with his recent appointment as the Vice President of Finance and Business Affairs for the University of North Alabama, it just seems to keep getting better. Some might consider this life to be a far cry from where he started, on a cattle farm in Hazel Green, Alabama. But in reality the two lives can be very similar as both require hard work and perseverance, self-confidence, some luck and maybe most importantly, ambition.

Even though he's a first generation college student, Clinton says it was never a question of whether he would attend college, but rather where. He eventually chose UNA for a few reasons, including proximity. "It was far enough away, but not too far from my family that I couldn't go back on the weekends, and it was quite affordable considering I have a twin sister who was also coming to UNA with me."

While in school Clinton chose to pursue accounting and finance. As he said, he just happened to "get lucky," in choosing his career field and enjoyed what he did. His wife Rebecca said luck really didn't play into it, she said Clinton's brain is built for it, "His brain naturally works that way. He can do big math in his head very quickly, where I'm just sitting there stunned."

Having worked all through high school, when Clinton came to UNA, he decided he really wanted to stop working and really get involved with campus life. That included a stint with the student government and he also joined a fraternity. Rebecca

was also involved in Greek life and said she would see Clinton around; in fact, they had freshman English together. But it wasn't until their senior year in January of 2000 that they were officially introduced by a friend.

Rebecca Carter actually grew up in Florence and attended Bradshaw High School. She said she chose UNA because it was the "natural next step" and she wanted to pursue a degree in elementary education. Her first days on campus differed from her husband's in a few ways. "It was kind of the opposite of Clint's because I grew up in Florence. I knew more of what to expect and I knew about sororities. I knew my senior year which one I wanted to be in and already had it all planned out."

The couple began dating during their senior years at UNA and dated for two years before they got married in May of 2002 on the lawn of Coby Hall. After graduation, Clinton worked as a CPA with Ernst & Young and in investment banking with Merrill Lynch before deciding to pursue his MBA. Fortunately, he was accepted, and he and Rebecca moved to Philadelphia, Pa., so he could attend the famed Wharton School of Business.

While he was completing his MBA, Rebecca worked at a local charter school to help support them. Philadelphia was a long way from Florence, but Rebecca said she and Clinton have never shied away from change. "Neither one of us is afraid of change at all; we both sort of seemed to welcome it, not run from it."

That idea of adventure first moved the couple to Charlotte, N.C., where Clinton worked with Wachovia financing leveraged buyouts for private equity companies. Later, they moved back to Huntsville, where he ran the mergers & acquisitions department for Intergraph and helped structure the sale of the company. After the sale, Clinton was asked by Governor Robert Bentley to join his administration where he has worked for the past several years as the Deputy State Finance Director. While on the Bentley team, Clinton spearheaded many of the Governor's efforts, most notably the Road to a \$Billion Campaign to save one billion dollars annually, a goal that was met this past January when the State broke past the \$1.0 billion mark.

Ironically, it wasn't what the couple had done prior to Montgomery, but what happened during that time to most dramatically define their lives. The Carters were blessed with triplets (Caroline, Libby and Henry) while living in the Capitol City and even though there were some medical concerns early on, things were going well. Still Clinton says something was missing. "We knew that it was time to get back and be closer to family and that was the big driver for us returning home."

It was during a trip to Florence for the triplets 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday that Clinton and Rebecca first heard about the dream job

Clinton never thought would be a reality. After considering the new position and his impact on his last job, Clinton decided to apply. "I felt it was time that I could check the box and leave Montgomery actually knowing that I made a difference and then this opportunity opened up."

The rest as they say is history, Clinton was welcomed to UNA as the new finance chief this past spring and has taken to the job quite quickly. He and Rebecca are currently renovating a home in Florence and the triplets will soon be attending the Early Child Development Center at Kilby Elementary in the fall. All in all they say it's everything they hoped it would be and then some. "I thought that if we moved back to Florence we would be having to make some sort of sacrifice and we're not. I'm so grateful for him to have a position that fits him so well and for it to be in my hometown," said Rebecca.

So where does Clinton see himself in ten years? "Trying to keep three 13-year-olds from running into Leo's cage," he said jokingly. But on a more serious note, Clinton said he has spent his career building a varied financial skill set with the hope that when he found the position that he wanted to become his career, that vast experience would help him to be the best that he could be.

Not bad for a 36-year-old who grew up on a cattle farm!





# ENLISTED SON SURPRISES UNIVERSITY OF NORTH ALABAMA GRAD WITH DIPLOMA

By Bryan Rachal, *UNA Interim Director of Public Affairs and Media Relations*



**Kimberly Bowser '14** of Sheffield, Ala., was already on top of the world on commencement day, 2014. She was set to receive a bachelor's degree in Social Work from the University of North Alabama and while two of her three children couldn't attend the event, her daughter was there and the day was still going to be a triumphant culmination of all her hard work. Bowser's two sons were unable to attend because both are deployed overseas as members of the United States Navy.

At least that's what Bowser thought. One of Bowser's sons, FC2 William Welch was deployed in the East China Sea on the USS Lake Erie for two months prior to his mother's graduation day. With a surprised Bowser standing on stage Welch presented his mother

with her diploma. "At first I thought the gentleman was going to mention something about me being the recipient of the Dr. Jack Sellers Award for Outstanding Service to the Social Work Profession, hence the reason I turned around. By doing so I did not even see Will come up to the end of the stage," said Bowser.

Welch (who is stationed in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii) had not seen his mother for two years before the ceremony. Many in the audience were seen crying as the two embraced in an amazing display of emotion. Bowser said her journey through college was filled with heartbreak and devastation due to the passing of her father and a divorce. "It was so important for me to have my children and my family there for this special occasion. My tears

flowed uncontrollably basically due to the culmination of everything past and present."

Bowser said she was extremely happy and excited to have completed her Bachelor of Social Work at UNA. She said she's made lifelong friends and is fully prepared to finally pursue her desire to advocate and serve children and families in the community. In addition, Bowser will be pursuing her Master of Social Work at the University of Alabama in spring 2015. "Maybe I can get all three children to attend that graduation."

UNA President William G. Cale remarked that this was the first time he's experienced something like this at a graduation and he's handed out more than 10,000 diplomas during his time as president.

## INTERIOR DESIGN GRADUATES: YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

The Department of Human Environmental Sciences is proud to announce the upcoming accreditation visit by the Council of Interior Design Accreditation team. This is an important time for our Interior Design to receive accreditation. As part of the process, we need to have information about graduates from this concentration in the department.

You can help by joining the Interior Design Facebook page (UNA

Interior Design Grads). You will see an opportunity to take a brief survey that will help us gather the data we need. The faculty is very interested in where you are and if you are employed in the industry. Thank you for assisting with our accreditation process. We are proud of all of our HES graduates!

**Jane Wilson**, *HES Department Chair*



Associate Professor Dwight Bunn and Students

# LAUDERDALE COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNIT UNVEILS NEW CAR AT UNA

By Bryan Rachal, *UNA Interim Director of Public Affairs and Media Relations*



Officials with the Lauderdale County Domestic Violence Unit were on the University of North Alabama campus in May to unveil their new patrol car. The new car is the latest piece of equipment the unit will use in the fight against domestic violence in northwest Alabama.

The Lauderdale County Domestic Violence unit is relatively new to the area; it was created in 2010 through the collaboration of Safeplace, the Lauderdale District Attorney's Office, the Lauderdale Sheriff's Department, the Florence Municipal Court, the Lauderdale District Court, and the Florence Police Department. The LCDV Unit was created to help with the goals of improving domestic violence victim safety, reducing the escalation of domestic violence offenses, educating victims regarding safety and community resources, reducing offender recidivism, and increasing offender accountability.

Due to the growth of the unit, there was a need for additional vehicles. Alabama State Representative Johnny Mack Morrow is a big supporter of the program and took it upon himself to find the unit a vehicle they could use. Morrow

called on Mac Gipson, administrator for the Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, and William Thigpen, senior assistant administrator with the Alabama ABC, to see if they might have a car that could be purchased inexpensively or donated to the cause.

"I knew they were working with the ABC and that they had a lot of old Crown Victorias that had 60,000 or 70,000 miles on them that were over the hill, so I talked to them about donating one of those cars to Safeplace, and they said yeah we'll do that," Morrow said.

He went on to say that he's always been a supporter of Safeplace for one simple reason, "If you can't feel safe at home when you go home, there's no hope. Safeplace is that hope if you don't feel safe at home."

"We got a lot of cars and what I dislike doing is taking them over to what we call surplus and then they auction them off. I'd rather give them to an agency that's hurting," said Gipson. He said he knew how desperate the need was for the car and he was happy to be able to provide it.

The University of North Alabama was chosen as the unveiling location because UNA is the newest partner to the LCDV Unit. The addition of UNA will expand the reach of the unit to include all students at the University. In addition, UNA Police Officer Jose Torres will work as an investigator for the unit in a part-time capacity; he'll also have access to the new vehicle.

UNA President William Cale was on-hand for the unveiling and noted that the partnership is good for the university and the community as a whole. "We're very concerned about student safety on campus and this is one more way that UNA can protect our students and give them a resource should anything untoward happen to anyone; so we're pleased to be networked in to this group dedicated to preventing domestic violence," said Cale.





Dr. William G. Cale, Jr.,  
Dr. Greg Carnes,  
Mrs. Edward Fennel Mauldin  
and Macke Mauldin

## University of NORTH ALABAMA HONORS MAULDIN FAMILY WITH ROOM DEDICATION

By Bryan Rachal, *UNA Director of Public Affairs and Media Relations (Interim)*

The University honored Bank Independent and the Mauldin family by naming a room in their honor in the College of Business. The room in the Raburn wing of Keller Hall is now be known as The Mauldin Room. A plaque placed outside the room states that the Mauldin Room is a tribute by Bank Independent to the life and work of Edward Fennel Mauldin.

The university chose to honor Bank Independent and the Mauldins in recognition of their many years of service to the university. One of the more recent examples of that service can be seen in the Edward Fennel Mauldin Endowed Scholarships the family provided the university this past year.

Dr. Greg Carnes, Dean of the UNA College of Business, said that three core things make a great institution great: great students, great facilities and great faculty. "Through this gift that the university has received, this is going to help us bring more excellent students to UNA, which will be great ambassadors for us as they complete their education and become alumni," said Carnes.

Mauldin's son, Macke Mauldin, president of Bank Independent and a third-generation banker, said, "There

are 125 graduates of UNA that work at Bank Independent, in addition to that we probably have a 100 students who are about to work at Bank Independent or who have worked and we probably have thousands of UNA students and graduates who have worked in our teller group, so we are very much involved with UNA. When the tide rises all boats are lifted and so what we hope we can do in a very small way as a bank and making these contributions for the future of students at UNA is to raise the tide so that everybody's boat is lifted and everybody does better."



Macke Mauldin



## UNA STUDENTS ONCE AGAIN DESIGN LOGO FOR 2014 HANDY FESTIVAL

By Bryan Rachal, *UNA Interim Director of Public Affairs and Media Relations*

Ron Davis, *Assistant Professor,  
Computing Information Systems*



Zach Swiatocha, Jordan Gowan, and  
Caroline Thomas

Three undergraduates at the University of North Alabama submitted the winning entry for the 2014 W.C. Handy Music Festival design competition this year. Their logo served as the visual image for the 2014 W.C. Handy Music Festival and was featured on the event's promotional posters, brochures, billboards, and pamphlets.

Caroline Thomas from Lawrenceburg, Tenn.; Zach Swiatocha from Overhill, Tenn.; and Jordan Gowan from Center Point, Tenn., are members of the UNA Honors Program. The design was created as a class assignment for an honors computing course taught in the fall semester of 2013 at UNA by Ron Davis, assistant professor of Computing Information Systems.

**Tori Bailey '86**, chair of the W.C. Handy Music Festival, said there were several strong contenders and the decision was a tough one. "We had an initial vote and not one but two run-off votes before the winning design was selected. We are really proud of the three UNA students who put time and energy into creating a fantastic design that really pops."



Alumni, Friends, and Family,

It has been my esteemed honor to be the 24<sup>th</sup> Professor of Military Science and Chair of the Military Science Department of the Army ROTC Program. I want to thank the entire UNA Team for welcoming us and making us a part of the PRIDE, as we will remain Lions for the rest of our lives.

As I depart, I want to provide a brief update about the ROTC Program. After the turbulence of the fall semester with the cancellation of the Army's closure announcement from November 2013, the Army is now completing a thorough review of all ROTC Programs nationwide. The Army will announce in the near future programs that will be placed on probation based on its assessment. The bottom line is that the ROTC will need to grow in the immediate future to achieve the Army's expectations as it re-postures. The Lion Battalion produces quality officers, who are respected as leaders in our Army. This opportunity to grow is very achievable. Together we can meet the expectations of the Army. I challenge you to get involved and give back, allowing another 65 years of service to the nation.

### How can you help?

Tell others about UNA and encourage promising young men and women to join ROTC.

Invest your time and money to support the Cadets and help them develop as leaders. Alumni are always welcome to any ROTC event. University Advancement has endowed scholarship options available to support the ROTC Program and the success of our Cadets.

Volunteer to visit local high schools, clubs, or youth organizations in your local community. For more information contact the Recruiting Operations Officer, [jratencio@una.edu](mailto:jratencio@una.edu), 256-765-4458.

The Army has selected the next Professor of Military Science, Major William Cochran Pruett. Cochran is an exceptional, combat-experienced leader and is among the best officers in the Army. Welcome him in style and with a LION ROAR. As I transition and depart the Army, I am inspired by the quality and commitment of our Cadets and future Army officers. They are an inspiration and will carry the torch forward for our Army and Nation. Lion Pride — Army Strong!



Michael D. Snyder  
*Lieutenant Colonel*

## UNA ROTC WELCOMES NEW PROFESSOR WITH TRANSFER CEREMONY



Major William Cochran Pruett

The University of North Alabama Army ROTC Lion Battalion welcomed a new Professor of Military Science to campus over the summer and said goodbye to the outgoing PMS as well. Major William Cochran Pruett was given the responsibility of training and developing UNA's Lion Battalion Corps of Cadets during a transfer ceremony at the Memorial Amphitheatre on campus. Pruett took over from Lt. Col. Michael D. Snyder, who served as the PMS for UNA's ROTC program for the past four years and is set to retire from military service this year. Maj. Pruett and his family come to UNA from Pulaski, Tenn. His last assignment was at joint Base Lewis-McCord in Washington.





# UNA's ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT AND ATHLETES ALWAYS WILLING TO LEND A HELPING HAND

By Bryan Rachal, UNA Interim Director of Public Affairs and Media Relations



There is a common saying in sports, "You're only as good as your team." If that's true then UNA Athletic Director Mark Linder is looking pretty good lately, and he's got his student-athletes and staff to thank for it!

Over the past year Linder's student-athletes volunteered for 29 community organizations and completed more than 2,764 hours of community service. While there is no requirement for the hours, Linder says the athletic department encourages every student athlete to get involved and volunteer for at least five hours a semester. There are currently about 270 student athletes at UNA, which means each athlete averages about 10 hours of community service per year.

Linder says no one group is more involved than the others, saying that all the sports are supportive. "Our coaches

understand the importance of serving the community we represent. Every sport participates and every sport has its specific area of interest. For example, some sports serve by reading in the elementary schools, others in tornado relief and others in serving the homeless. We are attempting to connect each student athlete to the area of service for which they have a passion."

The students aren't the only ones involved, many of Linder's colleagues in the Athletic Department participate as well. This past spring, Linder and other members of the department volunteered to assist in tornado relief efforts. "In 2011, we were able to go to Phil Campbell, Ala., and assist in the tornado relief efforts. It was such a life changing event for our department. Whenever we can help others, it reminds our staff and



student-athletes of the importance of service. So, this year when the tornados hit the Clements area, Megan Lovelace organized for us to go and volunteer. Once again, we had a great group of people who went with a heart to serve. There is no question that we were more blessed than those we served," he said.

Linder said that society has placed a great importance on sport, and, in his opinion, it's probably too much importance. "In athletics, it is easy for us to get wrapped up in the celebrity status and develop an attitude of entitlement. By emphasizing community service, it takes us out of our comfort zone and allows us to serve others who need help. It re-centers our focus."



Linder said that some of the athletes are a little uncomfortable helping at first, but those feelings quickly fade when they see the impact they're having. "It definitely sends the message that we all have a lot to be thankful for, and, hopefully, they learn how giving of our talents is a very rewarding way to live a fulfilled life."







## UNA SUMMER THEATRE TAKES THE STAGE AGAIN

By Carole M. Maynard '11, *Events Coordinator, Department of Music & Theatre*

UNA Summer Theatre returned to the George S. Lindsey Theatre stage in June to present John Buchan's "The 39 Steps." The cast included UNA Theatre professor Charlton James, Summer Theatre veterans Brian Sloan and Bryan Hall, and UNA Theatre students **Adam St. John '14**, Spencer Cantrell, and Bailey Kimbrough.

Returning to direct for the third year in a row was Tony-nominated director and playwright Randal Myler.

James said the UNA Theatre faculty was thrilled to have Myler return. "We've enjoyed the product that he's given us the past two years," James said. "It's great to have somebody of that caliber being a

great example to us—the faculty and the staff—but especially for the students."

This summer marked the fifth Summer Theatre for Adam St. John, who graduated from UNA in May and plans to pursue a career in theatre. For St. John, having the opportunity to work with professionals every summer has been invaluable. "One of the best things [about Summer Theatre] is working alongside working professionals, and watching and learning from them," he said.

"The 39 Steps" is a comedy based on the 1935 Alfred Hitchcock film of the same name. James said it was time to "bring back comedy" to Summer Theatre after "Death of a Salesman" (2011), "A



Streetcar Named Desire" (2012), and "Hank Williams: Lost Highway" (2013).

The Summer Theatre audiences were not disappointed. The small cast presented the entire production including more than 100 characters, with imaginative sets, props, and costumes.

With Summer Theatre 2014 in the books, UNA Theatre faculty and staff are already looking toward the future. Myler has been commissioned by UNA to write a Muscle Shoals music revue, which will premiere at Summer Theatre 2015.

"This is an idea that I've had for

about 10 years now—developing a musical based on the history of recorded music in Muscle Shoals," James said. "Randal [Myler] had been a writer on 'Hank Williams: Lost Highway,' the Janis Joplin play that had such great reviews in New York; and also 'It Ain't Nothin' But the Blues,' for which he received a Tony nomination."

James felt Myler's expertise in this type of writing could turn the idea of a Muscle Shoals music revue into not only a local hit, but also a production that could be performed beyond the Shoals.

"There is that possibility that this play could be a huge hit and gain a lot of recognition, not only for the Muscle Shoals music industry, but also for the UNA theatre program for being brave enough and confident enough to commission a new work like this."

Look for more information about next summer's world premiere Muscle Shoals music revue at [www.una.edu/summertheatre](http://www.una.edu/summertheatre).



JIM F. COUCH OUTSTANDING SCHOLARSHIP/RESEARCH AWARD

**KEITH T. JONES**, Professor of Accounting, B.S., 1984, Murray State University; M.S., 1996, The University of Texas at Arlington; Ph.D., 2001, University of Kentucky.

**Dr. Keith Jones** is a professor in the Department of Accounting and Business Law, having joined UNA in 2010 after spending the previous five years at Illinois State University. He teaches in the areas of auditing and managerial accounting.

Keith has also taught at Eastern Kentucky University and at Ball State University. Prior to entering his doctoral program at the University of Kentucky, he worked for over 10 years as an auditor for the Department of Defense.

Dr. Jones' interest in being a university faculty member began in the early 1990s. Since no one from his family or friends had ever taken the academic route, it took some years to come upon the idea, throwing away a stable government auditing career, salary, and benefits and going back to school for several more years did not immediately rise to the surface as the most obviously desirable thing to do! A taped message on Psalm 90 and the bestselling book by Stephen Covey, *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*, helped to provide the push that was needed. Keith and his wife, Kay, moved from Belleville, Ill., to Fort Worth, Texas; he received his master's degree from the University of Texas at Arlington while still working for the government. He received his Ph.D. nearly 10 years after the original seeds of thought were planted. Whatever other influences he has had, he says that he would be nowhere without the support of his wife, parents, and others who have believed in and invested in him.

While the idea of teaching college provided the primary impetus for becoming an academic, Dr. Jones' first publication in approximately 2002 gave him the "research bug." He finds

research to be his way of staying fresh and connected to the accounting profession, while providing the information and an outlet for a writing passion. Therefore, since research is viewed as a vital companion to teaching, a good week must



include some writing! Recent projects have involved examining misperceptions about the accounting profession, the relative effectiveness of online accounting education, and factors associated with recruiting accounting faculty. Outside of writing, however, anyone who knows Dr. Jones knows that his strongest interest (obsession) these days is distance running. One of his favorite running-related quotes is from exercise expert Tim Noakes: "Your body will argue that there is no justifiable reason to continue. Your only recourse is to call on your spirit, which fortunately functions independently of logic."

LAWRENCE J. NELSON OUTSTANDING TEACHING AWARD

**JEFFREY R. BIBBEE**, Associate Professor of History, B.A. 1997, History, Auburn University; M.A. 1999, History, Auburn University; Ph.D., 2008, History, King's College, London.

As a child, **Jeffrey Bibbee** and his siblings lamented their parents' need for "learning vacations" instead of time at the beach like their other friends. But according to Dr. Bibbee this time spent visiting historic sites, museums and battlegrounds

provided a foundation for a lifetime of learning and a firm belief that each and every space in which we find ourselves can be a classroom. "Every time we visited yet another historic site I was curious as to what really happened there and why and how this place was preserved," he said. It is with this same curiosity about the subject and his students that Dr. Bibbee approaches his courses in World History, British History, History Education, and Study Abroad.

In his World History courses, Dr. Bibbee has students explore primary sources to understand not just the craft of the historian but also to glimpse the lives of the people his students are studying. Working with the UNA Center for Writing Excellence, students read ancient and contemporary sources, secondary literature, and modern media to analyze documents for historical significance but also to enlighten their views on contemporary cultural issues. In upper level British History courses, Bibbee continues a focus on research and writing by exploring deeper questions about motivation and behavior. All of this comes to its climax in the UNA London Study Abroad program which provides students with an opportunity to explore unique environments beyond the traditional classroom, thereby facilitating the development of critical thinking and research skills in one of the world's academic capitals. This program takes students to London for one month of research and exploration. The study abroad experience culminates in a substantial research project based on their London archival research. All of these teaching experiences are based on

his personal philosophy that teaching is a student-oriented experience in which students are empowered by the knowledge and skills gained in the classroom to improve their lives and examine their world in critical and creative ways.



Dr. Bibbee was born in Oklahoma and moved to Alabama as a child. He is a graduate of Auburn University with a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts in History. Following his M.A., Bibbee taught elementary and middle school in Alabama. He completed his Ph.D. in History at King's College, University of London, and began teaching at UNA that autumn. While at UNA, he has served on various committees, worked with local historical groups, and served as the Department of History and Political Science Director of Graduate Studies. Along with Dr. Lesley Peterson, Associate Professor of English, Bibbee founded the UNA Centre for British Studies and leads the UNA London Study Abroad Program.

"So teach us to number our days that we may present to Thee a heart of wisdom." — Psalm 90:12  
"Only those who will risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go." — T.S. Eliot

"Good history is intellectual history" — Lawrence J. Nelson, PhD.



ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE

**TERA R. KIRKMAN**, Associate Professor of Nursing, B.S.N., 1998, University of North Alabama; M.S.N., 2003, University of Alabama at Huntsville; Ed.D. in nursing education, 2011, University of Alabama.

**Dr. Kirkman** worked as a patient care manager for five years at Eliza Coffee Memorial Hospital in Florence. She was instrumental in the physical redesign, merger, and restructuring of patient care in ambulatory services, perioperative services, and the infusion clinic. She later joined the administrative team at J.W. Sommer Rehabilitation unit and practiced in many capacities (i.e., nurse liaison, case manager, and clinical nurse).

Dr. Kirkman has been a member of the College of Nursing at UNA since 2006. During that time she has taught and functioned as the leadership and management in nursing course coordinator. Since her tenure, she has served as the clinical instructor for the leadership and management, adult health nursing I, and community health nursing courses.

Dr. Kirkman's research interest has been in the area of high-fidelity simulation. In 2012, she was the recipient of the "Excellence in Research Award" by the International Nursing Association for Clinical Simulation. The International Journal of Nursing Education Scholarship published her article titled *High Fidelity Simulation Effectiveness in Nursing Students' Transfer of Learning*. Dr. Kirkman has also investigated such research topics as: effectiveness of patient simulation, the effectiveness of high fidelity simulation, and the impact of a mileage club on the cardiovascular health

of school age children. She has served as a peer reviewer for the International Journal of Nursing Education Scholarship, and has presented her research at local, regional, national, and international conferences.

Dr. Kirkman coauthored the \$2.1 million dollar Scholarship for Disadvantaged Students HRSA grant (also known as Project OPEN) and in September 2012 she began serving as the project director for this grant while continuing to function as instructor/course coordinator and a clinical instructor. Approximately 133 students have been recipients of this scholarship program. She has also traveled to numerous high schools in Alabama and Tennessee to recruit students for the program.

Dr. Kirkman has also made significant service contributions in the Shoals and UNA community. She was a member of the board of directors and advisors for Westminster Interfaith Caring Place. She serves as vice president of Omicron Upsilon chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society. As faculty advisor to the Student Nurses Association at UNA, she collaborated with her fellow advisors to initiate and implement the first College of Nursing SNA Scholarship.

Tera has been married for over fifteen years to her husband, **Dr. Eric Kirkman '97 & '00**, an alumnus of UNA. They have two children, Jalen and Justin.



ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ADVISING

**MARTHA S. ROCK**, Professor of Nursing, B.S.N., 1968, Alderson-Broadbush College; M.S.N. 1973, The Ohio State University; Ph.D., 1992, University of Delaware.

**Dr. Rock** believes the essence of academic advising is assisting the student in the discovery of choices that lead to the path of educational aspirations and life-long learning. The net result of these efforts prepares the student for success in their chosen profession.

Dr. Rock's varied life and professional experiences have provided her opportunities to develop empathy and understanding of students' unique advising needs. Dr. Rock's first nursing position was working on a medical-surgical unit at Good Samaritan Medical Center in Zanesville, Ohio. While there, she was asked if she would teach a Medical-Surgical Nursing course for the remainder of the summer session. This was a great experience and helped reinforce the need and desire to expand her nursing role to include that of nurse educator.

She is a strong advocate for international students and understands what it is like to be in a new country and adapting to a new culture. After graduation, she married Bob and they lived in Japan for two years. Being immersed in an Asian culture, living within a Japanese community, Martha acquired an understanding of their history, customs, language, food and values as well as military culture, which has been beneficial when advising current and ex-military nursing students. While in Japan, Dr. Rock established an independent nursing practice with emphasis on client teaching, family health care needs, and assisting families with the transitions they experienced living in a new culture.

In 1973 Dr. Rock completed her Master of Science in Nursing degree from The Ohio State University and returned to her alma mater of Alderson Broadbush College. Dr. Rock then served as Department Chairperson at West Virginia University, revised the advisement program to involve all nursing faculty in academic advisement, and became involved in post-master's course work in Higher Education Administration. After that,

Martha taught for the next ten years at the University of Delaware in the College of Nursing where she helped to facilitate revision of the curriculum, established a recruitment plan, and became coordinator of advisement. Dr. Rock pursued



her Ph.D. in Family Studies at the University of Delaware, and afterwards taught at Ohio University.

In 2001 Dr. Rock accepted her current position at UNA and has served on various committees including the Ad Hoc Committee on Advising and the Academic/Student Affairs Shared Governance Sub-Committee charged with the task of developing a university advising mission statement and goals. She is an integral part of advising for freshman and transfer SOAR sessions, Scholarship Receptions, Honors Receptions, and new student orientations.

*To know wisdom and instruction, to understand words of insight, to receive instruction in wise dealing, in righteousness, justice, and equity, to give prudence to the simple, knowledge and discretion to the youth— Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance. — Proverbs 1:1-7*

*"Never underestimate the power of dreams and the influence of the human spirit. We are all the same in this notion: The potential for greatness lives within each of us." —Wilma Rudolph*

*"The essence of Nursing is Caring."  
—Essentials of Baccalaureate Education for Professional Nursing Practice*



ELEANOR P. GAUNDER PHI KAPPA PHI EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

**STEPHANIE L. MONTGOMERY**, Instructor in Speech Communication, B.S., 1996,  
University of North Alabama; M.A., 2005, The University of Alabama.

**Stephanie Montgomery '96** definitely loves her job. She also believes that obstacles are going to arise, but seemingly unsurmountable odds are possible to beat. Throughout her educational pursuit she discovered persistence in her fight against those who wanted her to fail, strength through positive role models who desired to see her succeed, and determination through the unconditional love of her children who inspired her. This all culminated in the most rewarding job she has ever had, teaching. "I didn't choose to teach because it was my career goal. As a single mother of three, I needed the income. I am an introvert and incredibly shy. But, the ability to speak well and with confidence makes a huge difference in an individual's career, regardless of the field one is in. I know that in every student there is an amazing speaker; some are imprisoned by the walls of anxiety," she said. Ms. Montgomery believes that everyone faces obstacles that distract from personal goals and dreams. Some are anxiety, some are true monsters, and sometimes they are just life circumstances.

Stephanie has been on campus at UNA for over twenty years. She moved to Alabama to work on her baccalaureate in 1993 and graduated from UNA with a double major in

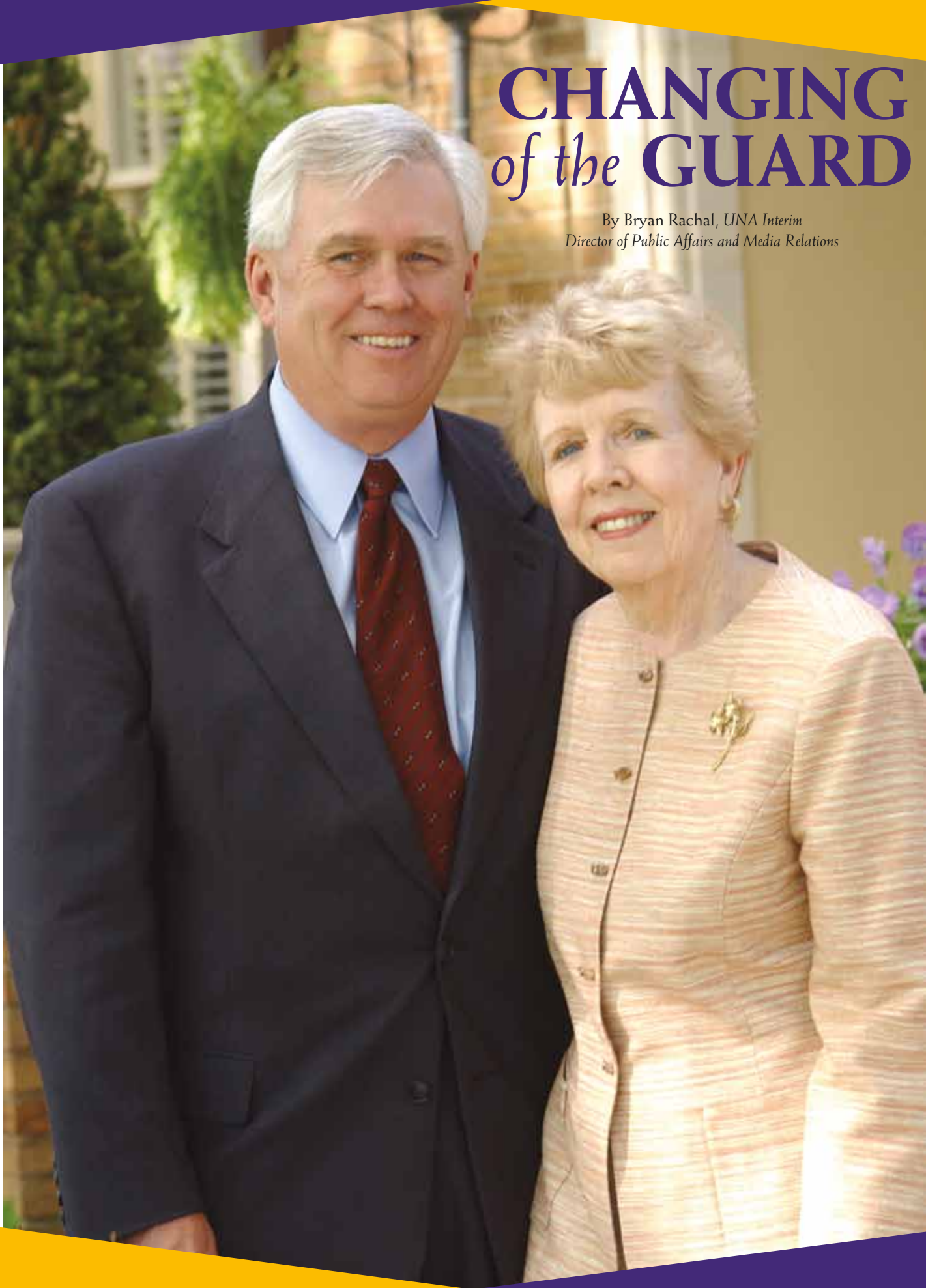
Communications and Psychology. After graduation she began working toward her master's in counseling, but after going through a series of personal trials, and realizing a desire to teach speech, she commuted to Tuscaloosa for her master's in Communication Studies at the University of Alabama. She finished her master's in 2005 and landed a full time position at the University of Alabama in Huntsville. But she was eventually able to move back to her alma mater: "When the job came open at UNA, I was ready to come home." As a second year Ph.D., student at the University of Memphis, she is commuting once again. This time, she has the love and support of an even larger family: five children and eleven grandchildren. Her husband travels to Memphis with her when he can to ease the burden of the long drive and Ms. Montgomery says he is undeniably her best friend.

She knows that behind a good teacher are fabulous students. "I am deeply committed to the student body at UNA; they are a priority to me. We have the best—they are incredibly enjoyable, intelligent, likeable and pleasant to be around. I never would have imagined being honored with such a huge award for something I love so much. I am so thankful and so appreciative."



# CHANGING *of the* GUARD

By Bryan Rachal, UNA Interim  
Director of Public Affairs and Media Relations

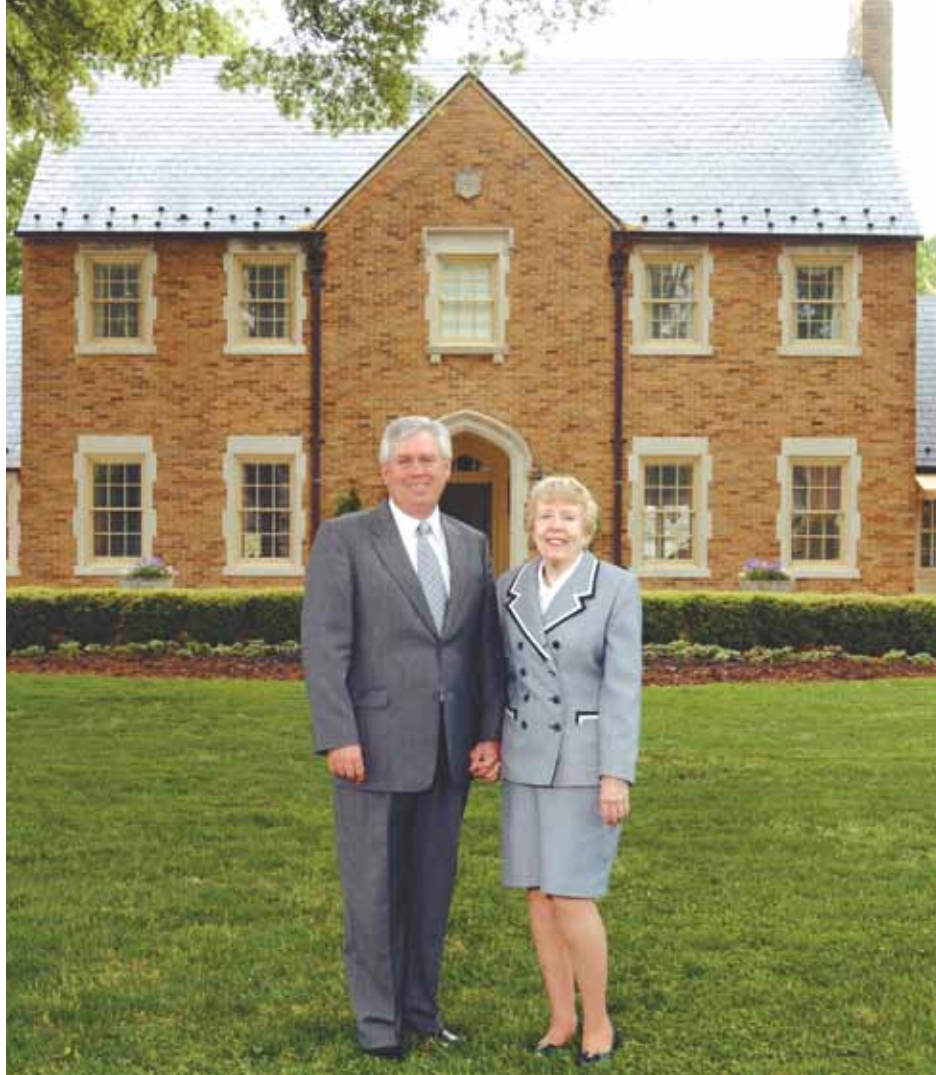


*"Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life."*  
— Confucius

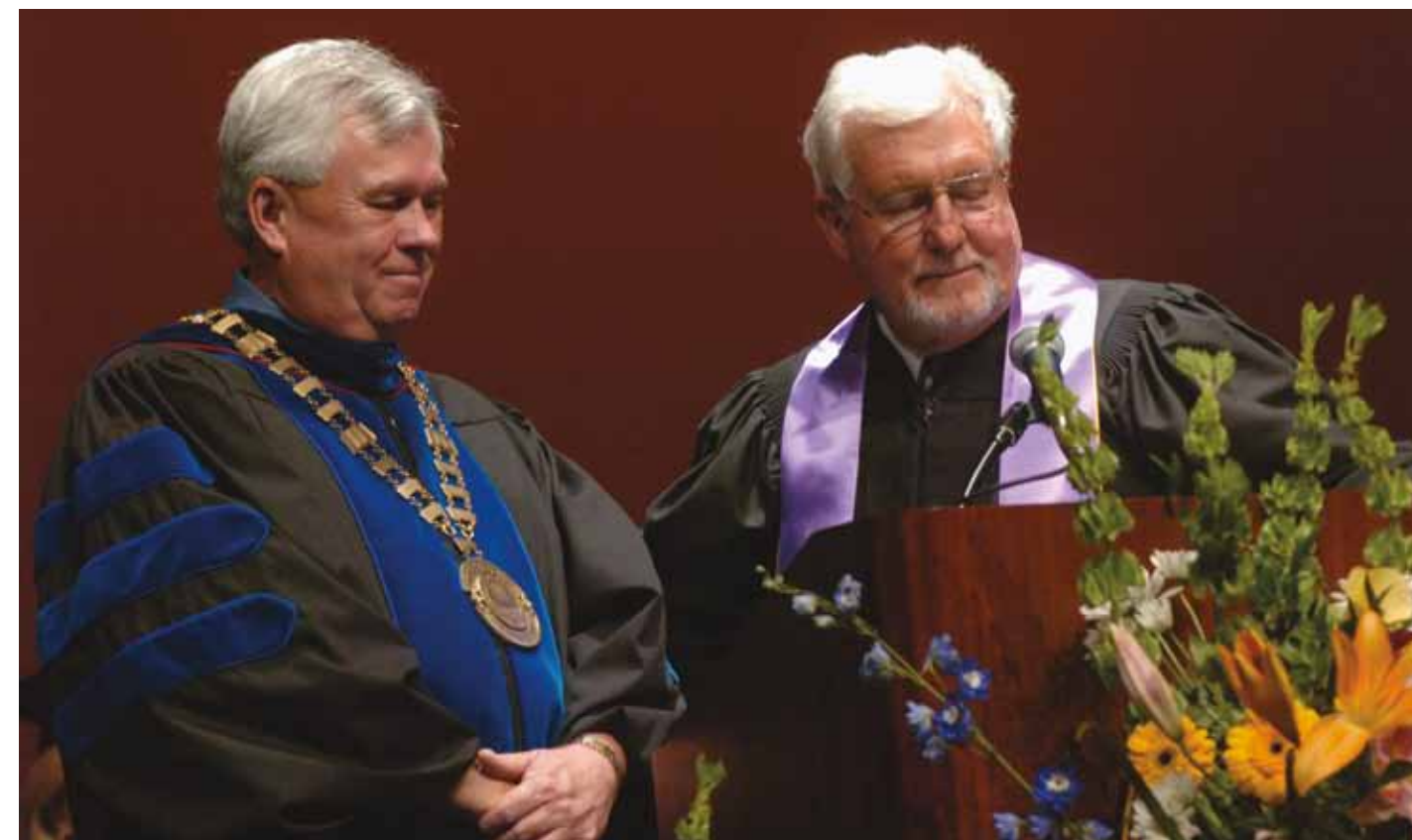




It was almost ten years ago when President William Cale, Jr., and his wife BJ stood on the lawn in front of the University of North Alabama president's home to pose for their first UNA magazine cover; but it certainly wasn't their last. Through the years, Bill and BJ have appeared on the cover of our magazine and in the pages as well. I suppose that's one of the perks of being the president and first lady of the university, but it's also more than that. More than anything else, Bill and BJ have made an impact during their time at UNA.



William G. Cale, Jr., and wife, B.J.  
(Below) John Cole



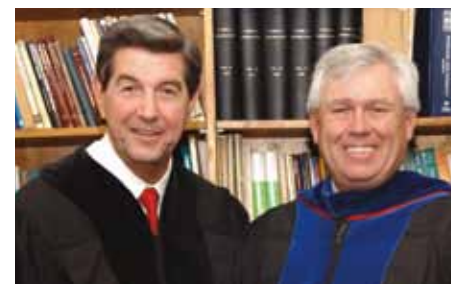
William G. Cale, Jr., and Billy Don Anderson '62

Cale took office in January of 2005, with some lofty expectations. A burden was placed on the search committee to find the right fit. In short, UNA was looking for a leader to help the university compete with the best of the best!

That leader came in the form of Bill Cale. Cale was no stranger to higher education having worked at Penn State-Altoona, Lamar University, and Indiana University of Pennsylvania, among others. For the academics, he had the résumé showing he'd worked in the trenches of higher education teaching; and for the staff, he had administrative experience and the pedigree of a CEO and vice president. It seemed like a match made in heaven, and the Board of Trustees approved the hire.



William G. Cale, Jr. is teaching Biology 421.



Governor Bob Riley, and  
William G. Cale, Jr.



William G. Cale, Jr., Rosalynn Carter, B.J. Cale and  
President Jimmy Carter





Zhang Zhiting, William G. Cale, Jr., and Chunsheng Zhang



William G. Cale, Jr., at UNA East Campus (Powell School)



William G. Cale, Jr., Anne Wilson, George Lindsey '52 and B.J. Cale



William G. Cale, Jr., and Mac McAnally

Only five months into the job, Cale wrote his first president's message in the *UNA Magazine* and it was clear that the university had found whom it needed to move forward. "We are a strong university. Our strength is our people," Cale stated. Those words would become the theme of his presidency – 10 years later and he's still saying the same thing.

In a recent article with the *TimesDaily*, Cale said, "Looking back on 10 years, we have really strengthened UNA academically. We've done it by the way we've recruited faculty. We've done it by the way we reward faculty for



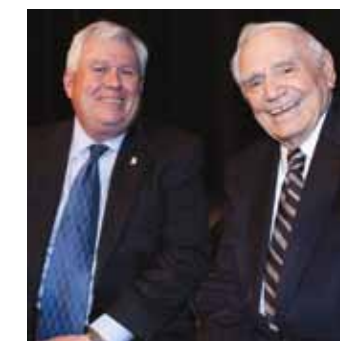
Harvey Robbins and William G. Cale, Jr.

their scholarship and teaching, and by the programs that we have added and continue to add."

Some of those programs include seven graduate degree programs, five baccalaureate and two program track concentrations, the university writing center and the university success center. In addition, Cale has focused on expanding the physical foot print of the university as well with the creation of East Campus, the George S. Lindsey Theatre, the addition of the new Student Commons, the soon-to-be completed Science and Technology Building, and the future addition of new student housing on campus.



President and Mrs. Cale with Nick Nichols '78



William G. Cale, Jr., and Ernest Borgnine



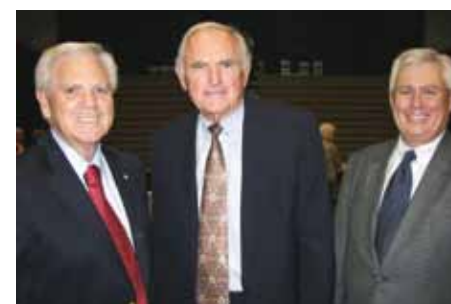
Vagn K. Hansen, William G. Cale, Jr., and John G. Thornell looking over floor plans of the new Science and Technology Building



Marty Abrams '81, Speaker of Alabama House, Mike Hubbard and William G. Cale, Jr.



Dedication ceremony for the Entertainment Industry Center



Ronnie Flippo '65, Wimp Sanderson '59 and William G. Cale, Jr.



William G. Cale, Jr., and Congressman Robert Aderholt



While all of these projects are great for the university and show the public that the university is physically expanding, it always has and always will come down to the students. During his time at UNA, Cale has awarded over 10,000 college degrees and that is truly something to be proud of. After ten years, Cale will leave UNA with a lengthy list of amazing accomplishments behind him, but it's the future that will determine his true legacy and it looks very bright.

As we bid President Cale a tearful, but grateful, farewell, we'd like to take this opportunity to look back on the past ten years with visual walk down memory lane.



# ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT @ UNA

By Bryan Rachal, UNA Interim Director of Public Affairs and Media Relations

How do you grow a university? Or better yet, what makes a student choose a certain university over another?

That's the question many college presidents and administrators are asking themselves these days. As more options become available for education, more and more brick and mortar institutions are working to keep enrollment numbers relatively steady and for the time being that seems to be working. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, about 6 in 10 recent high school graduates enrolled in college attended 4-year institutions, and that number has stayed the same for the past four years.

As the oldest public institution of higher education in the state of Alabama, the University of North Alabama has seen its share of fluctuation in student numbers through the years since 1830. But as

the university looks to achieve a level of national recognition, our efforts to increase those numbers must grow.

Some would say the easy answer to the enrollment questions is to advertise. Let the people know you exist and they'll choose you. Seems simple enough, and while marketing definitely plays a large role, there are other factors that come in to play as well. Incoming students will want to know what the campus is like. Do you have dorms or quads? What activities are there for me to get involved in?

Using questions like this as a guide, officials with UNA are taking various steps to answer those questions and in the process increase enrollment and retention. New buildings are sprouting up on campus, new degree programs are popping up as well, and as always there will be a heavy emphasis on the first year experience for incoming freshman.

One way we're encouraging involvement is with the myUNA campaign. This is an opportunity for incoming students, current students, alumni and friends to tell us what UNA means to them. These messages will soon be on billboards, TV commercials, online banners, and of course on social media. The idea behind this is that no one university experience is like the other; everyone has his or her own definition of what UNA is, and we want to hear about them all. We're encouraging people to use the hashtag #myuna when posting on social media, and we plan on bringing certain stories to you through the site my.una.edu. The hope is that people take ownership when it comes to their university. We need your help to increase enrollment and to shine a light on all the amazing things that make UNA what it is: a premiere Southern university!

So what's myUNA?

#myUNA is...growing!

As my career progressed, I always thought I needed to be at a large university to succeed. But, after one year at UNA, I realized home is where you make it! This university community has welcomed me and my family with open arms and now there's no place we'd rather live and grow. It's this sense of inclusion that makes UNA more than a university; it makes it home.







Julie Yates Taylor '06 & '12, Marteel Emerson Rowell '88, Kim Mauldin '94, Jill Chambers '01 and Bishop Alexander '09 & '12

**Kim Mauldin '94**, *Director of Admissions*

My UNA . . . To me, this phrase means that there is something special and personal about the University of North Alabama. It means ownership and denotes something of individual value. The "My UNA" story and meaning is different for every student, employee, and alumni. For the staff in the Office of Admissions, "My UNA" is an evolving story. We have the privilege of helping future UNA students write the prelude to their "My UNA" story by guiding them through the college admissions process. However, we also have the amazing opportunity to observe them write the chapters of their UNA story from the beginning of their UNA experience through their graduation day.

Every student has his or her own UNA story and experience . . . personal and transforming. A college education is about acquiring knowledge and growing through discovery. Although this journey varies from individual to individual, it is the adventure of this "My UNA" journey that is so fulfilling. Having worked at UNA for over 25 years, I have had the incredible opportunity to observe thousands of students as they have made this personal journey . . . creating their own "My UNA" story. Watching these stories unfold has helped create my own "My UNA" passion and "My UNA" experience. It's a personal story and a personal journey that will forever be a part of my life. It's a responsibility that I, along with the Office of Admissions staff, take very seriously. For me, it's a story that is written on my heart and is forever cherished in my memories. Every student is special; every student is unique; and every student is worthy of experiencing their own "My UNA." For these reasons, the University of North Alabama will forever be "My UNA."



**Jill Chambers '01**

My UNA is *Family*. When I came to UNA from Missouri, I didn't know one person on this campus. UNA became my home away from home. Not only did I have an amazing Undergraduate experience, but I have also had the honor of working for the UNA Family for 10 years . . . and have loved every minute of it! I am currently working on my master's degree here at UNA and both of my children attend Kilby School. When I think of #myUNA, I think of Family.

**Marteal Emerson Rowell '88**

As a graduate of UNA, my UNA is the opportunity to recruit students to a place I care about and to watch them grow into great alumni and hopefully help someone receive the same experience I had as a UNA Lion.

**Julie Yates Taylor '06 & '10**

My UNA is home. I started at UNA in the fall of 2003. I had attended SOAR and was walking through campus a few days before classes were scheduled to start. During my walk, I encountered the one and only Dr. Larry Nelson and he convinced me to take his U.S. History course. That encounter with Dr. Nelson was just the introduction of UNA's wonderful community. Even walking through campus today, I see professors that I had as a freshman in college, and they still remember my name and ask how I'm doing.

**Bishop Alexander '09 & '12**

As a proud alumnus receiving two degrees from UNA, I consider it an honor to recruit for my alma mater in the Office of Admissions. UNA had a tremendous impact on me the four years I was enrolled as an undergraduate student and campus leader. Now, more than 184 years later, our University continues to excel in academics, campus life, scholarships, and athletics. Every day our faculty and staff dedicate themselves to helping students acquire the necessary skills to be successful academically and after graduation.

At myUNA there is something for everyone. The journey to a bright future starts here.







#### Nikki Yarber '04 & '07

My UNA experience actually began almost 34 years ago; as a Florence native, I grew up with an awareness of the University as a staple of the community, and there was never any question about where I would attend college after I graduated. I vividly remember walking on campus as a student in Fall 1999 and wondering where my college experience would take me. Obviously, it didn't take me very far because I now work for the University full time, but in another sense, it has taken me a long way from where I started because the person I am today is vastly different from the student who began college almost 15 years ago. I'm not ashamed to admit that I attended college in my hometown because I firmly believe that another university could not have educated me better than the University of North Alabama.



Be sure to look for Dawson's picture on outdoor advertising on the Pulaski Interstate. Also look for Dawson's fellow students Samantha in Cullman City, Rosamelie in Mooresville and Candace in Sheffield.



A casual observer of our culture cannot deny the importance placed on personalization. From ubiquitous "selfies" posted on social media to designer coffee drinks bearing the name of the purchaser, it is clear that we live in a world that emphasizes the individual. Fortunately, the University of North Alabama has always valued and provided a personal educational touch through small class sizes and attentive faculty. Through several strategic communication initiatives and an upcoming admissions campaign, the Office of Enrollment Management has taken steps to heighten the personal approach to student marketing.

After a decrease in freshmen enrollment during the Fall 2013 semester, UNA recognized the need for continued, personalized communications to those students who had already been admitted in an effort to "close the gap" between student admission and student matriculation. During the Spring 2014 semester, Enrollment Marketing conducted a series of direct marketing efforts aimed at approximately 2,300 students admitted for the Fall 2014 semester. This series of personalized communications were delivered via email, paper mail-out, and social media periodically between late February and late June. Two major initiatives, the Meet Our Pride page on Instagram and The Commons Experience gift card, encouraged students to embrace the campus culture immediately by allowing them to take part in UNA social media and on-campus dining and retail services in The Commons.

Over the next few months, look for the University to continue promoting the personal approach through the myUNA admissions campaign, which will focus on the unique perspectives of the University as told through the stories of various students and faculty. Every experience at UNA is a different one; each is personal, special, and unforgettable. This is something that should be celebrated and cherished. However, one theme consistently emerges in each and every account: the University offers a sense of family and home that is unmatched, and this constitutes the University's unique niche. It's a culture that has been cultivated over many years, and it will continue on even as the University grows its student body. It's my UNA. It's your UNA. It's our UNA.



## University SUCCESS CENTER PROGRAMS

OFFER A STRONG STARTING FOUNDATION TO THE UNA EXPERIENCE

By Dr. Robert T. Koch, Jr.,  
Director, University Success Center, Director,  
Center for Writing Excellence, Associate Professor of English

The mission of the University Success Center, located on the second floor of The Commons, is to help students develop the personal and academic knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary for university success.

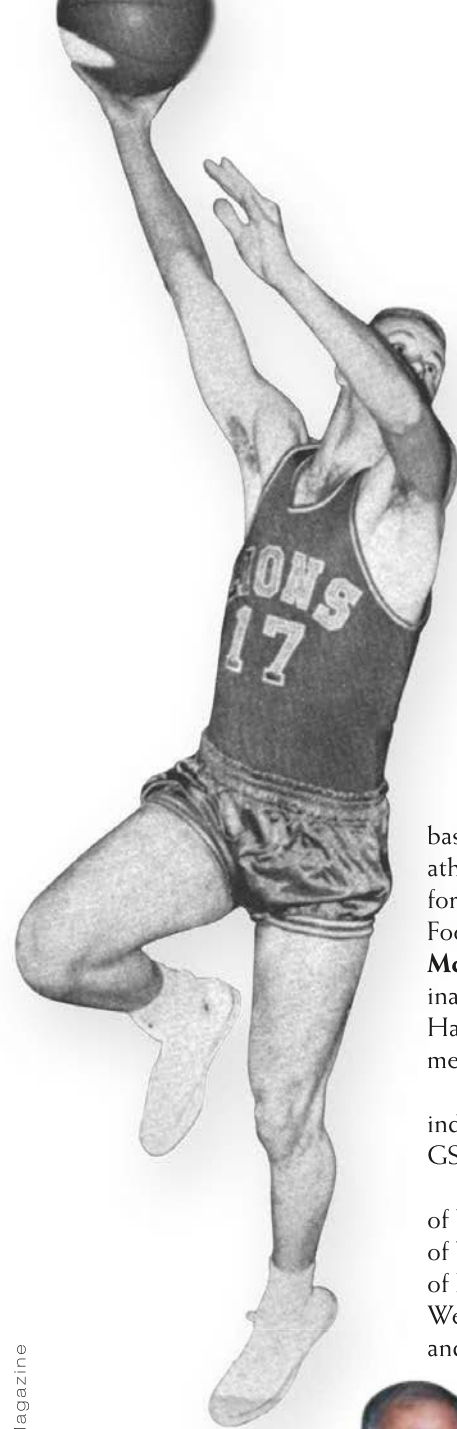
First, the success center helps students transition to UNA from their prior institution. The University Advisor Program, housed in University Advising Services, prepares faculty and staff to mentor first-year and transfer students. Advising assignments are made during the summer, so there is more time to build relationships and to help students understand how the university works. At the same time, the First-Year Experience Program provides these students with an opportunity for a structured transition, orienting students to the UNA and Shoals community, and helping them make personal connections, while also assisting students as they explore major and career possibilities.

Second, the University Success Center provides the entire institution with support in core skills: academic and personal skills, reading, writing, and math. The First-Year Experience Program incorporates study skills, test-taking skills, and time management into its goals. University Advising Services also provides individual and group tutorials in a variety of subjects, as well as workshops in skills development and time management. The Center for Writing Excellence provides free writing and reading support in every major, in every class, from the day students arrive, until the day they graduate, while the Mathematics Learning Center, a partnership between the Success Center and Department of Mathematics, provides support for students in 100-level math courses through the use of peer Math Fellows and Math Consultants.

Finally, the University Success Center serves as a point of contact for all students, working to solve problems by connecting students with other academic and student-affairs-related campus resources.

Alumni, parents, and other members of the Pride are invited to visit the University Success Center on their next visit to campus. We would love to show the new facility and talk about the services available there.





## UNA's **JONES** and **McKINNON** ELECTED TO GSC HALL OF FAME

By Jeff Hodges '82,  
Assistant Athletic Director for Sports Communication

Former University of North Alabama basketball player, basketball coach, and athletic director the late **Bill Jones '58**, and former Lion football All-American and College Football Hall of Fame inductee **Ronald McKinnon '09** were inducted as part of the inaugural class of the Gulf South Conference Hall of Fame on June 25 at the annual GSC meetings in Pensacola, Fla.

Jones and McKinnon were among 10 total inductees who comprised the initial class of the GSC Hall of Fame.

The other inductees were Chris Hatcher of Valdosta State, Dee Outlaw and Jeff Branson of West Alabama, Boo Farris and Crystal Hardy of Delta State, Richard Berg of West Florida, Wendy Hurst Stewart of Alabama-Huntsville, and former GSC Commissioner Nathan Salant.

Candidates for the Hall of Fame were limited to athletics department staffs at a GSC member institution for a minimum of five years; GSC office staff members for a minimum of five years; and former GSC student-athletes who competed at the nominating

institution for a minimum of two years and completed their last season of competition no less than five years ago. Each GSC member institution was able to nominate one candidate in each category with a maximum of two inductees. A five-member committee selected this year's class.

Among his numerous awards, Jones, who passed away in 2008 at the age of 72, was most recently inducted into the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame as part of the Class of 2013.

Jones played basketball at UNA in the 1950s and in 1974 he became the head basketball coach at UNA. He posted a 259-141 record which included the 1979 NCAA Division II National Championship. His squad was the first collegiate team from the State of Alabama to win a national championship in basketball. He led UNA to three Gulf South Conference Championships, three Gulf South Conference tournament titles. His teams won four NCAA Division II Regional Championships and appeared in four Division II Final Fours. He also served UNA as assistant athletic director, associate athletic director and athletic director during his time as an administrator.

In 2013 the University of North Alabama dedicated Bill Jones Plaza, as part of the Bill Jones Athletic Complex, in honor of his contributions to UNA.

McKinnon, a native of Elba, Ala., was a four-year starter on Lion football teams from 1992-95 and is one of the most honored athletes in college football history.

In 2007 he was elected to the Division II Football Hall of Fame and in the summer



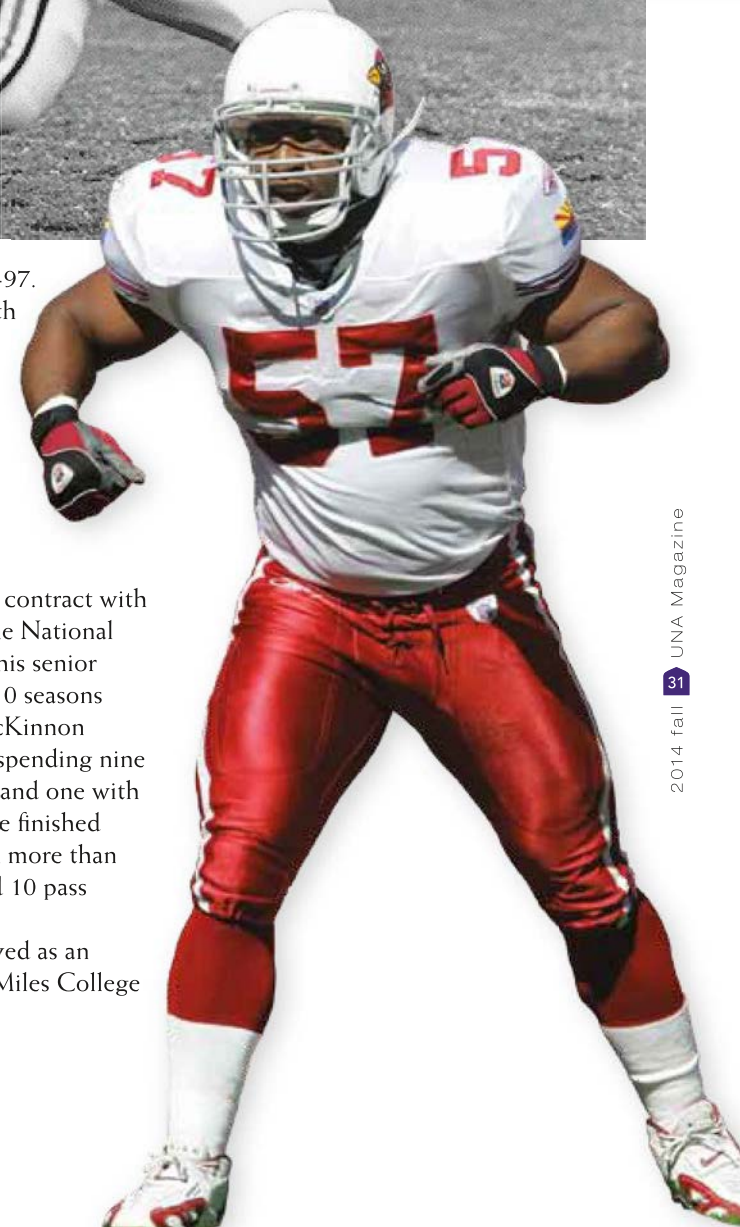
of 2008 he was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame. A four-time, first-team All-GSC selection, McKinnon is one of just a handful of three-time consensus All-Americans in NCAA Division II history. He was selected the winner of the 1995 Harlon Hill Trophy as NCAA Division II National Player of the Year, becoming the first - and so far only - defensive player to win the award. He helped lead UNA to a combined 48-5-1 record that included three straight GSC championships and three straight NCAA Division II National Championships. He closed his career as the leading tackler in school and GSC history with 621 total stops and 407 primary stops. He had 29 career tackles for loss, seven sacks, 11 interceptions and recovered five fumbles. As a senior he had 139 tackles, 11 tackles for loss, four interceptions and four sacks.

He was named to the Gulf South Conference "Team of the Quarter Century" for 1971-95, was selected the "GSC Defensive Player of the Quarter Century" for 1971-95, and was named to the NCAA Division II "Team of the

Quarter Century" for 1973-97. He was selected for the 50th Anniversary UNA Football Team for 1949-98, the Gulf South Conference Team of the 1990s and was named Alabama Sports Writers Association State Professional Athlete of the Year for 1998.

He signed a free agent contract with the Arizona Cardinals of the National Football League following his senior season and spent the next 10 seasons in professional football. McKinnon played in 157 NFL games, spending nine seasons with the Cardinals and one with the New Orleans Saints. He finished his professional career with more than 1,000 tackles, 12 sacks, and 10 pass interceptions.

He is currently employed as an assistant football coach at Miles College in Birmingham.







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## PRIDE *in* OUR PAST, FAITH *in* OUR FUTURE



A couple of years ago, I wrote an article titled "Tradition Doesn't Graduate." As part of the Lion Nation, we understand the importance of excelling in athletics. Since 1936 when our tennis team won our first conference championship, the University of North Alabama has enjoyed a rich tradition in collegiate athletics. As we enter the 2014-15 academic year (79 years later), we continue to have high expectations. We have a tremendous responsibility of representing our alumni, our fan base, our campus, and the Shoals with honor and integrity. We are still in the business of "Graduating Champions."

### OUR RICH TRADITION INCLUDES:

**6** National Championships

**62** Conference Championships

**112** NCAA Post-Season Tournament Appearances

**327** All-American selections

You see...our student-athletes graduate, but the expectations associated with being a Lion don't stop. We appreciate those who have gone before us and laid such a solid foundation. Because of you, we are now able to build each and every day to reach new heights. We work hard to make you proud of your university and your athletics' department.

### How does UNA Athletics experience so much success?

**THE SIMPLE ANSWER:** Quality People and Resources.

Our department receives tremendous support from the University, the UNA Foundation, the Sportsman's Club, and our Lion Alliance Corporate Partners. As many of you are aware, the UNA Foundation and the Sportsman's Club are both 501c(3) organizations set up to receive donations from individuals who want to support UNA Athletics. We certainly appreciate all those individuals who have committed their time, talent, and resources to assist UNA athletics in becoming a nationally respected program.

The Lion Alliance Corporate Partners is a flexible, comprehensive and integrated corporate partnership between national, regional, and local businesses and UNA Athletics. These partnerships allow the businesses to utilize UNA athletics to market to regional consumers and increase traffic flow to their business. In return, we use those dollars to give our coaches the resources needed to recruit the best and brightest student-athletes in the nation.

During the past academic year, our corporate partners contributed approximately \$650,000 to our athletics' program. In the face of state budget cuts, this has had an incredible impact on our ability to compete for championships. In fact this year, both our football program and men's basketball program won the GSC Conference Championship. This is due to the outstanding people who lead the programs and the additional resources secured above and beyond the state budget.

### How can you make a huge impact without spending any extra money?

I am glad you asked! It's simple...patronize our Corporate Partners and shop locally! Obviously, our corporate partners want to see a return on their investment and know that we, the Lion Nation, spend our money in the Shoals. On the previous page, we have listed our 2014-15 Corporate Partners. Because you are so loyal to UNA and enjoy our athletic successes, we are asking you that whenever you have the chance, make sure you visit one of our fine corporate partners.

Thanks again for all your support. It's a great day to be a Lion! And as always, "ROAR LIONS!"

**Mark Linder**, *Director of Athletics*





# UNA Hosts ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL DERBY DAY, LOOKS TOWARD THIRD EDITION IN 2015

By Bryan Rachal, UNA Interim Director of Public Affairs and Media Relations



Dick Jordan, David Brubaker and Verra Larrowy, Michelle Ontanon and Jay Brubaker, Stephen Watts and Libby Jordan



Glenda King '64



Andrew and Katie McAlpin, and Geoffrey and Jennifer Merry, Kathy '76 and Gary Gamble



John and Nita Thornell



Derby Watch!

California Chrome may have won the actual Kentucky Derby race, but when it comes to Kentucky Derby themed fundraising events, the University of North Alabama is a two-time champion after hosting its second annual UNA Derby Day. With the success of the past two years under their belts, UNA officials

plan to continue the tradition in 2015. Can the university make it a three-peat? On Saturday, May 3, President and Mrs. Cale hosted more than 400 guests on the lawn of Coby Hall to raise money for the UNA Foundation and to watch "The Greatest Two Minutes in Sports." The crowd saw an increase from last



Hat Parade...



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Pat Burney '88, Terri '04 and Terry Brown



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Shirley Sims, BJ Cale and Wanda Nesmith

year's event and more than \$70,000 was raised for the UNA Foundation's ongoing mission to support the institutional goals of the university.

"It is just hard to imagine a more perfect occasion than Derby Day 2014. The Shoals community makes this a very special day by gathering to recall a part of the history of the region, to support the University, and to put on our spring finery and just have a really good time. On behalf of UNA, thanks to all our friends for making Derby Day 2014 a huge success," said UNA President William Cale, Jr. This year marked the last time that Dr. Cale and his wife BJ would host the event in his role as the president of the university.

Derby Day 2014 was co-chaired by two UNA alumnae, **Alisha Haataja '03** and **Stephanie Coleman '82**, with additional help provided by UNA Advancement Volunteer Coordinator Johnette Davis. The hard work of the chairs and countless volunteers resulted in an increase in the number of sponsors, prizes, and silent auction items over last year's event.



Tracey Prater '91, Stephanie Coleman '82, Marty Abrams '81, Susan Goode and Lauren Abrams '11



John McGee



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Debbie Chaffin '80 & '82 with Jan '85 and Brian Ingle



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## message from the ALUMNI PRESIDENT



Dr. William G. Cale, Jr. and  
 Roderick Sheppard '98, '04, '07

Greetings, UNA Lion Family!

It is my sincere hope that this message finds you all doing well. As you know we all share a bond in that we chose to further our education at the University of North Alabama. For that very reason you are all labeled "Lions for life." In the next few lines I am going to mention a few things that are going on at UNA.

I would like to begin by extending my gratitude to Dr. William Cale for his leadership of our University over the past ten years. One visit to the University and you will see the lasting imprint that both he and his leadership team have left on our campus. Although Dr. Cale has retired, he will remain a part of the Lion family as a consultant and as a resident of Florence. We wish both he and his wife well in

their retirement. I ask that you all show your support of Dr. John Thornell who is serving as interim president until a president is named. A search committee has been appointed and is working diligently to identify the person who will be the perfect fit as our next president.

The theme for this issue is what UNA means to me (My UNA). UNA means the world to me. The education that I received from UNA has equipped me with the skills needed to go anywhere in the world and compete. While at UNA I was able to make friendships that will last a lifetime. Furthermore, I am able to provide for my family because of this education. I am so thankful for this opportunity to represent you as Alumni President this year—I am proud to be a Lion, and I tell this story everywhere I go. I understand the importance of reinvesting in the university that invested in me. There are many ways to give back to UNA, and I encourage you all to identify a way that fits your current situation and do just that.

Homecoming is right around the corner. Committees have been meeting all summer planning activities to make 2014 Homecoming memorable. I encourage you all to make a special effort to be in Florence the first weekend in October for homecoming—I promise you won't regret it, and you will probably decide that you will not miss another homecoming.

If I can be of any service to you, please don't hesitate to contact me at shepp1906@gmail.com.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Roderick Sheppard, '98, '04, '07**  
 UNA Alumni Association President 2013-2014





# The PULL of the PRIDE

By Rachel Bobo Foust Faulkner Brown '98

to date him." Now, at the time it was a highly shallow choice . . . nice car, cute face, fraternity boy. But, in my spirit I knew he was special. And, he was. As I began my college life, I began it with **Todd Foust '96**. He was my trusty date party date, football game partner, LaGrange Society sidekick, Alpha Gam and Sigma Chi formal date—pretty much we did everything we could together. I remember standing on coolers in the basement of the Sigma Chi house dancing to "Ride Sally Ride" with every other sorority girl who dated or wanted to date a Sigma Chi. I remember riding around in that Celica singing every word to the Eagles album that Todd so loved. I remember sitting in **Kembrel Jones's '82** office talking about alumni functions, Miss Alabama interviews, rush parties, learning from his wisdom, and both of us just feeling so loved in his space. But, more than anything else, I knew one day that Todd Foust would be my husband and UNA was forever a part of our love story. We waltzed our last dance on campus straight down the aisle to marriage one week after my graduation. To say that my UNA experience was dreamy might be an understatement. When I reflect on it, I can't help but be flooded with the happiest feelings. I certainly smile every time I get a magazine or hear someone even speak of UNA.

After three and half years of marriage, life brought us back as alumni to Florence. We couldn't resist the pull of family and friends and amazing careers as pharmaceutical representatives for Eli Lilly and Company. We loved the crisp falls when all of our college buddies returned for football games and fraternity house visits as "old people." Again, amazing times followed us into marriage and then September 11<sup>th</sup> 2001 changed our country forever . . . but my personal 9/11 was five days later as we went to church and came home for a normal afternoon of pick up basketball for Todd and a wedding shower for me. Normal . . . so I thought. Todd never returned from his basketball game. He had what we think was an aneurysm and when he fell his spinal cord was severed and he died instantly, on a normal Sunday afternoon.

It was devastating to everyone who knew us, who knew our families. The humanity and fragility of life became so real to so many. Our UNA family was a huge part of Todd's funeral service as over 100 of Todd's fraternity brothers honored him to the end

My little boy, Davis, told my mom recently he wanted to go to UNA. A little shocked since he has never even lived in Florence, I just smiled.

My life was forever changed on the campus at UNA because I drove into the parking lot on bid day in 1994 and saw the man of my dreams driving a black 1992 Toyota Celica with a spoiler. It was awesome and he had a Sigma Chi sticker and UNA personalized license plate with his name on it that read "T FOUST." "Whoever that is," I said to myself, "I want



1997 Miss UNA Rachel Bobo Brown '98

as they placed white roses at the front of the church as a symbol of that one last handshake, that one last IN HOC brother. The faculty, the students who barely knew Todd, the families who had children in college with us . . . everyone grieved and everyone all in the same breath rejoiced that they had even known this amazing man and rejoiced that he would spend eternity with Jesus because Todd knew Him.

As life changed and I resurfaced to the idea of being able to love again, my path was supernaturally directed to yep, you guessed it, another UNA grad. I couldn't help myself. **Blair Faulkner '92** had been long gone from UNA when I was there. He was a little older and wiser but nonetheless we had so much in common. His memories of college were different because he was on a totally

different career path. He knew where he was going the day he set foot on campus, straight to seat of a fighter in the USAF. He was determined . . . ROTC, working at the Muscle Shoals airport, flying as many times as he could, degree from UNA, officer training, pilot training, fighter training, flying in the dream seat of an A-10 Thunderbolt. He did all of that before I even met him but when I did, I knew our lives were so intertwined that only God could have intersected my life and his. Blair was flying the A-10, shooting the Gatling gun and practicing his amazing bomb dropping skills in his single seat fighter jet in New Orleans, La. He loved his life, he loved the places he had been to get him there, and he loved me. I moved to New Orleans after we married in July of 2003. We got blown out by Hurricane Katrina two years later and returned to Florence to deliver our first child as practical refugees from New Orleans. It was crazy, but we were home. We loved our trips to see the lions with our newborn, our outings back to the campus that had changed so much for the better, to Trowbridge's, and to the respite of our parents' houses.

We moved to Columbus, Miss., and Blair started his career as a fighter pilot instructor for literal "kids" who were on track to fly fighter jets. He was an amazing instructor winning every award available, a loving husband to me, and an amazing daddy to our now two children, Davis who was 2, and Campbell, who was 5 months old. Blair left to fly on a "normal" day of training with students and he never returned. His T-38 fighter trainer had a malfunction in the wing and Blair and his student were killed instantly as the plane flipped. It was devastating. There were no words, no explanations, and our hearts were broken as we watched the

missing man formation of A-10s fly over the Tennessee River as we again grieved what we had lost in this amazing man, in this precious daddy to these adorable kids, in my second husband, in a beloved son, in a loyal friend. But in the same breath, we rejoiced that heaven was now his home with Jesus. This amazing man left this huge hole in all of us and left earth way too soon.

As you can read, UNA has flowed through my story to today and truly permeates so much of who I am today. Corrie ten Boom said, "Memories are the key not to the past, but to the future." I believe with all that I am that is why my little boy could even express that he wants to go to UNA for college. That little boy, my son, who was born in Florence as a hurricane refugee has some pretty amazing memories of our beloved UNA. His mommy and his daddy have UNA in the fabric of their stories. He feels the same thing that I do every time I step back on campus—he feels proud. He knows that somehow his life is connected to this place. UNA is a part of our history and I truly believe it will be a part of our future, of my children's future. I am proud to be raising a child that at 8 years old says that he wants to be a UNA LION. Our kids will be the future of UNA, they will hear our stories and know that it is and was a special place for the generations before them. It was special for my grandparents, for my parents, for my aunts and uncles, and for my nephew who is currently a student. We all feel the pull of the pride.





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## my!una ALUMNI



Sherri Stewart '69, Sharon Walker, Bobbie Lou Leigh '73 and Reeda Lee '74

### Sherri Stewart '69

Participating in the first Pauline Gravlee Memorial Golf Tournament was the highlight of 2014! I played with **Reeda Lee '74, Bobbie Lou Leigh '73**, and Sharon Walker. Blackberry Golf Trail was the perfect venue for different levels of golf talent. We had a blast although we came in last!

Coming in last paled in comparison to the success of the tournament. Dean Gravlee would have beamed with pride. We raised over \$14,000 to support two endowed scholarships for UNA. Hooray for the women of Striplin Hall as organizers of this annual women's golf tournament with the support of the Office of Alumni Relations. 2015, here we come!



Karen Shumake '87, Ashleigh Shumake, Una and Marcilla Weems '61

### Marcilla Campbell Weems '61

An immediate member of my family has been a part of the UNA family since 1940. Eighteen members of my family have been a part of the UNA Legacy, and the Legacy will continue this fall when my granddaughter, Ashleigh Shumake, becomes a member of the UNA freshman class.

On a personal note, UNA provided the foundation and prepared me for my professional career of teaching. Many of those friendships made in my years at UNA endure to this day. The university has also well-prepared my siblings, daughters, nieces, and nephews for their professional careers.

My family and I sincerely express our gratitude for those who have been so influential in our lives, both living as well as deceased, who continue to make up the Legacy of UNA.

## ALUMNI PRIDE



Carolyn Christopher, Patricia Burns, Maegan Rice and Bets Blume



Martha Aldridge, Maryjane Creel '72, Joanne Powell and Gloria Aday '70



Sue Raines, Katie Tipper, Carolyn Traglia and Jackie Hyde



Miss UNA Erica Kelly and Karen Dillard '90

## CLASS NOTES

### 1960s

**Dr. Betty J. Morris, ('68)** library media faculty member in JSU's Educational Resources Department, was recently honored with the Alabama Library Association's Eminent Librarian Award, which recognizes exceptional and enduring contributions toward the development of library services within Alabama. Her publications include *Administering the School Library Media Center*, the foundational text on management for school libraries.

### 1970s

**Dr. Stephen W. Whitt ('70, '82)** is the Executive Director of the Innovation Center, a business incubator located in Biloxi, Miss. He works with approximately 100 client startup firms at a time to achieve both profitability and sustainability. He is also the directing partner of both ICF, a non-profit think tank which engages and funds academia to produce entrepreneurial research, and GAIN, a regional angel capital funding group.

**Charlotte Tabereaux ('73 & '76)** is the education director of the Mississippi State University Riley Center for Education and the Performing Arts addressing the needs of regional schools (K-12)—coordinating educational performances for students and facilitating arts integration workshops for teachers through continuing education programs, locally, statewide, and nationally for arts education. She won the MSU Zacharias Distinguished Staff Award.

**Joan Kimbell Mollahan ('76)** is a semi-retired human resources senior executive for Ochsner Health System in New Orleans, La. Currently she is engaged with executive compensation, leadership development and faculty for Oschner Leadership Institute. She is affiliated with and past chairman of the Jefferson Chamber of Commerce and involved with American College of Healthcare Executives, the women's leadership initiative of the United Way, the Girl Scout Council of Louisiana, the Louisiana workforce commission, and the University of New Orleans President's Business Advisory Council. Joanie and her husband Bob have two children.

**Larry Allen ('75)** works on the Arsenal in Huntsville in the NASA Office of Protective Services. He and his wife **Marie** have built a home in the Moulton area. He is active in the Huntsville alumni club.

**Joe "Bubba" Gibson ('78)** is the organizational development manager for Coca-Cola Bottling Company United. He and his wife, **LuCile Lawley Gibson ('78)**, make their home in Dadeville, Ala.

**Tim Powell ('79)** is performing a successful solo show, *Man's Dominion*. It is a tour-de-force created out of nothing more than a fake clown nose, a true story, and a lot of real talent. He is currently living in Los Angeles, Calif.

### 1980s

**Susan McGuire Adams ('80)** lives in Florence and is Sales Manager at Marriott Shoals Hotel and Spa.



# **CLASS NOTES**

**Judy Wolfsberger ('80)** lives in Nashville, Tenn., where she takes a leading role with the Greater Nashville area alumni club.

**Brad Botes ('83)** is a founder and president of each of the Bond & Botes law offices which are located in Alabama, Mississippi, and Tennessee. Bond & Botes will mark its 25<sup>th</sup> year of practice in 2014. He has been a member of the National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys since its inception. Brad has served as a member of its Board of Directors and as its first full time Executive Director. He has lectured on various bankruptcy topics to local and national gatherings of bankruptcy attorneys, trustees, and judges. The March 2014 edition of Birmingham Magazine listed Brad as a "Top Attorney" in the "Bankruptcy Law" category.

When not practicing law, Brad has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Birmingham, The Crisis Center of Birmingham, the Alabama Head Injury Foundation, and The Alabama Coalition against Rape. He is currently serving his second term as President of The Crisis Center of Birmingham. He and **Kaye Benson Botes ('84)** reside in Birmingham, Ala., where they have raised three children.

**Roger Mardis ('85)** has written a book, *Big Doors Swing on Small Hinges*, and is now a Baptist minister in Scottsboro, Ala. His book is available for purchase through WestBow Press, Amazon, Books-A-Million, and Barnes and Noble.

**Donald Moody ('85)** is a partner at Waller Lansden in Nashville, Tenn. He advises companies, executives, and boards in corporate transactions having served as lead counsel in mergers and acquisitions, sales, private equity transactions, venture capital financings, and securities offerings. He represents both public and privately held companies, including healthcare, dental, consumer products, and financial services. He serves on the board of directors of the University of Alabama School of Law Foundation.

**Betty Muse Ruth-Oliver ('86)** is the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program executive director at Athens State University, United Way, and RSVP Board of Directors. She is responsible for directing senior volunteer activities for Limestone County; preparing federal, state, and local grants; writing budgets and quarterly reports; and analyzing and authorizing project expenditures. She is also responsible for day-to-day operations, management, and supervision of the local office.

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**Mike Anthony ('90)** is the newly created City Safety Manager for the City of Chattanooga. Anthony has served as an Occupational Safety Specialist since 2009 and was also the Public Works "Manager of the Year" in 2012-2013. His initiatives to reduce employee injuries, vehicle accidents, and property damage claims have saved the City a tremendous amount of money.

**J.D. Manders ('92)**, a 26-year-veteran of the U.S. Army National Guard, has published a story originally written for his children while he was deployed to Iraq in 2004. *The Fairy Child*, Manders' fictional tale, follows two girls whose father has gone off to war and whose mother has fallen ill as they stumble upon a magical fairy world. Manders, a Huntsville native, wrote the story for his own daughters as a way to stay connected with them while they adjusted to his absence.

**Debbie Detrick Hicks, ('94)** is a Community Development Manager for the Girls Scouts of North-Central Alabama. She covers Morgan, Limestone, and Jackson Counties. As a Community Development Manager for the Girl Scouts, she is responsible for the recruiting, training, and support of troop leaders. She works closely with local United Way Organizations and provides programming for under-served girls in those areas.

**Dr. Denny Smith ('96)** recently completed his 16<sup>th</sup> year with Calhoun Community College. Most recently Smith serves as the Director of Testing and Assessment, overseeing the academic and workforce operation in the testing center. He is one of only five certified Job Profiling Analysts in the State of Alabama with American College Testing (ACT). This role at the college has provided profiling services to over 100 clients. His customer list stretches from Alaska to Texas and Alabama. He has presented on workforce development at numerous national, state, and local conferences, and his work has been published in several

academic journals. He resides in Decatur, Ala., and is married to the former Kelly Greer, a pharmacist. They are parents to a son named Greer.

**Sallie Kimbrough Cochran ('98)** is Director of Financial Reporting for Southwire and lives in the Atlanta, Ga., area.

**Rod Sheppard ('98, '04 & '07)** is the Principal of the Florence Freshman Center. He is serving as the President of the UNA Alumni Association.

**Lisha Guschke D'Emilio ('04)** is the Assistant Controller for a \$2 billion company and is taking her company through a very crucial time right now. She manages the Financial Reporting Team and PwC audits. She is also leading her company through an "IPO" readiness process. She is married to Chris and they live in the Atlanta area.

**Cagri Bagcioglu ('99 & '00)** is a member of the Board of Trustees at Istanbul Bilgi University, the one and only member in Turkey of the Laureate International Universities since 2006. He serves as the Chief Operating Officer for the University, which has over 16,000 students; 20,000 alumni; 1,500 employees; and close to a \$100 million operating budget. During the transition period, enrollment was doubled, over 50 new degree programs were added, and international accreditation/quality projects were initiated. He is married to Cindy Bagcioglu and has two children, Jonathon and Adelia, currently living in Istanbul, Turkey.

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**Mickey Lollar ('00)**, graduate student in the Department of History and Political Science, has been asked to create and instruct a series of creative writing workshops in George Town, Grand Cayman. He also instructs historical and literary courses for the UNA East Campus and the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library.

**Dustin Ray ('04)** is a Geospatial Analyst at the U. S. Army Engineering and Support Center in Huntsville, Ala. He is the Vice President of the UNA Geography Alumni Club.

**Bradley Dean ('07)** and wife Jordyn organized the first Renaissance Man Triathlon for the Shoals area on July 13<sup>th</sup>.

The Deans collaborated with the City of Florence to hold the event which took place across downtown Florence, the UNA campus, and McFarland Park.

**Justin Dorning ('07)** is Vice President /Chief Financial Officer of Mitchell Industrial Contractor, Inc., in Madison, Ala. His duties include: Financial Statement preparation, review of general ledger accounts, accounts receivable, and accounts payable checks, as well as reconciling multiple bank accounts. He is the employee benefit administrator (401k and BCBS), and is in charge of contract approval.

**Yuka Kimura ('08)** is an Audit manager at Ernst & Young, LLP in Atlanta.

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**Kelli Cole ('10)** is the current President of the UNA Geography Alumni Association. She lives in Hartselle, Ala.

**Lt. Scott Milliet ('10)** was commissioned in May 2005 through Officer Candidate School and graduated with distinction from the Navy Supply Corps School in December 2005. Milliet currently serves as the Deputy Director of Logistics at Afloat Training Group, Norfolk, and oversees the training and inspections for over 50 SURFLANT ships. He resides in Virginia Beach, Va., with his wife, Rachel, and their two daughters, Madelyn and Megan.

Former UNA women's soccer player **Kelli Corbin ('11)** just completed her first year as Assistant Director for Ticket Operations and Revenue at Northern Arizona University.

**Jake Greer ('13)**, former University of North Alabama golfer, carded a third- and final-round 72 to notch the title in the 34th annual tourney at Turtle Point Country Club.

**D'Aria Booker ('13)** accepted a position with Huntsville City Schools. D'Aria is the Pre-K Teacher at Mountain Gap P-8 School in south Huntsville. D'Aria said that it feels really good to know the effort she placed in getting her K6 Certification and P3 Certification paid off.



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Gerald Marks '64 and Mollie Olinger



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Kevin Naumann '86



Ashley and Heather Thompson '02



Patrick Johnson '99



Beth Tutwiler-McGuire '91

## FRIENDS OF THE UNIVERSITY

**Dock Edward Killen** was a native of Lauderdale County, a member of North Wood United Methodist Church, Knights of Pythias, Goodwill Club, and of the UNA Sportsman's Club. He was retired from South Central Bell and was a World War II veteran.

## YEARS UNIDENTIFIED

**Mary Jane O'Conner Corum** owned Bumble Bee Fashions for ten years and worked for Athens State College as an administrative assistant and at Calhoun College. She became a full time professor and later retired from Athens State College.

**William E. Graham** was an educator for over 30 years. He retired as Sergeant First Class from the United States Army National Guard after 30 years.

**Joseph L. Stanley** was a veteran of the Korean War and retired in 1981 as purchasing agent for Ford Motor Company and was a member of First United Methodist Church in Tusculumbia.

## NON-GRAD

**Gisela (Jill) Beyer Bartlett** came to the United States as a young girl from Berlin, Germany—her father was a member of the Wernher von Braun rocket team. Jill taught German and English at Athens High School, and she loved travelling and introducing students to foreign languages and cultures.

**David Alan Blackwell** enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and completed a tour in Vietnam. David worked for TVA and retired after 33 years.

**William Bowman** worked with Daniels Construction where he helped to build Carolina Eastman Company in St. Matthews, S.C. He worked for Carolina Eastman where he retired as a Senior Systems Analyst after 32 years.

**Joe Charles Counts** entered the U.S. Army where he served as a Staff Sergeant stationed in Fort Carson, Colorado. He worked at U.S. Steel until his retirement.

**Brian Patrick Faulkner** served his community for four years as an Alabama State Trooper and for the last six years as a corporal for the Alabama Bureau of Investigation. He previously served in the Colbert County District Attorney's office where he orchestrated grand jury cases.

**Charles Edward Hardy** attended and played basketball at the University of North Alabama. He was a member of the United States Armed Forces Reserves and his unit was mobilized during the Cuban Missile Crisis. He worked for and retired from Bell South.

**Ronald James Howdysshell** was assistant superintendent of business for Florence City Schools. He was active in professional organizations and was president of the Southern Association of School Business Officials for two terms. Ron was a lifelong learner and continued his education by enrolling in classes at UNA.

**Robert R. Kilburn** was a veteran of World War II having served in the U.S. Merchant Marines. Mr. Kilburn attended Florence State Teachers College and then began his life-long career as a farmer.

**James Edward Majeric** joined the United States Air Force and served four years during the Vietnam conflict. He majored in Nuclear Medicine. He worked in research first at UAB and later at Jones Machine and Welding Company and spent the remainder of his career there.

**Robert Mattox** attended Florence State and he served his country in the Army during the Korean War. While serving as a combat medic he received the Purple Heart. He later became very active in the Fultondale VFW where he served on the Honor Guard for many years.

**La Rue Ramey Latham** worked as a high school business teacher at West Birmingham Christian School and as a real estate agent before owning her own real estate company, Latham Realty.

**Robert L. Smith** attended Florence State Teachers College and was owner/operator of Theroux Home Insulation Company and department head of the Florence Sanitation Department.

**Marcia L. Wagoner** worked with Buckner Orphanage in Dallas, Texas, before moving to Sheffield in 1969. She worked with American Wholesale Book Company.

**Ronald E. Warren** served in the United States Marine Corp and Naval Reserve. He was a director of Compass Bank for 28 years and a longtime member and past president of the Shoals Home Builders Association while also serving as a member of the Shoals Board of Realtors.

**Jake A. Wood** was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Florence and attended Auburn University and the University of North Alabama. He was a blessed and talented musician who expressed himself through his music.

## FACULTY/ STAFF

**Eleanor Drake Mullins Christeson** taught at music at the University of North Alabama.

**Mary Jennings** taught music in Pensacola schools and at Baldwin State College in Ala., and Meridian College in Miss. Then she spent many years as the copy editor of the Meridian (Miss.) Star. She finished her career as the Assistant Director of Communications and the Communications Advisor for the student newspaper and yearbook at UNA.

## 1940s

**Mary Jo Gibbs Couch ('40)** taught elementary school in Colbert County. She lived in Tusculumbia for most of her life and was married to Bernard Couch, her husband of 61 years.

**Alice Corinne Richeson Harrington ('40)** taught for a short time in Red Bay and Town Creek, Ala. She and her husband attended graduate school in Washington, D.C., and eventually moved to California. She taught in the San Diego school system for over 30 years.

**R.C. Smith ('49)** was briefly employed as a teacher in Colbert County Schools and was a chemist with Reynolds Metals. He retired after thirty

years as an industrial hygienist in the occupational health program of TVA. He was a radio operator in the U.S. Navy on destroyers during WWII and the Korean War.

## 1950s

**Eloise T. Maddox ('50)** taught Home Economics and Elementary Special Reading in the Morgan County and Hartselle City School Systems for 33 years. She also worked in the Lawrence County Extension Service for two years.

**George Wallace Filyaw ('56)** served two years in the United States Army and was a Korean War veteran. He began his career teaching and coaching basketball at West Point High School in Cullman County and in the Huntsville City School system before going to the Madison County School System in administrative positions.

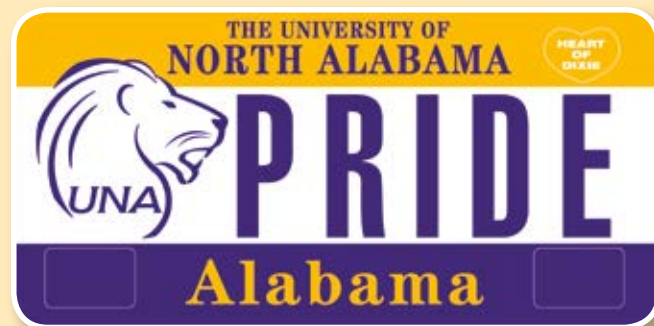
**James H. Whitfield ('57)** served in the United States Marine Corps and taught math at Russellville High School before serving as principal for 18 years. He then became assistant superintendent for Russellville City Schools; a position he held until his retirement.

**Shirley Wayne Charles ('58)** practiced Pharmacy in Decatur, Ala., at Gibson's Pharmacy before opening his own store, Wayne's Discount Pharmacy. After selling the business he continued his career at Harco Drug and then practiced at the Department of Veterans Affairs Hospital in Tuscaloosa for nineteen years.

## 1960s

**Jerry A. Cook ('60)** was a second lieutenant in the United States Army and served two years on active duty. He began working at Ford Motor Company Glass

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Division Plant in Nashville, Tenn., and later in Dearborn, Mich. He retired in 1999 from Lockheed Georgia Co. as a labor relations specialist.

**Margaret B. Norton ('60)** retired as supervisor of Exceptional Education for Lawrence County. She was a long time residence of Courtland, Ala.

**Robert Gary Powell ('60)** retired from the Decatur City School System. He served in the United States Air Force with a tour of duty in the Vietnam War and was recognized for meritorious service by the 483rd SPS at Cam Ranh Air Force Base and again at MacDill Air Force Base.

**Margena Anne Hopkins Cassidy ('61)** majored in elementary education and taught first grade in Russellville for six years and in Huntsville for three years.

**Dr. Joe Edd Magnusson ('61)** was a graduate of Columbia Military Academy, and he served in the Army in Germany. He practiced in Huntsville, Fulton, and Ardmore, Ala.

**Michael Kay Savage Schepps ('62)** taught English at Russellville High School for several years before teaching Special Education at Birmingham's Opportunity Center. In 1967, she began her long career with UAB Hospital's Department of Social Work, primarily focusing on GYN Oncology, where she worked until 2014.

**Windell F. Strickland ('63)** of Tuscumbia was retired from TVA and enjoyed programming computers,

following the stock market, reading science fiction books, and playing chess.

**William D. Tease ('63)** was employed by Florence City Board of Education for 35 years as a high school mathematics teacher and coach, retiring in 1998.

**Walter "Greg" Lewis ('64)** was a member of the first UNA golf championship team and an individual Conference champion from 1961-1963. Greg also served as a Captain in the United States Air Force/National Guard and was a Viet Nam Veteran. He served as President and CEO of Lewis Electric Supply Co., Inc.

**Maxie Faye Salyers ('65)** had an extensive career as a school teacher that included Haleyville City Schools, Lauderdale County Schools, and schools in Mississippi. She was a motivated entrepreneur who co-owned a specialty store, the Corner Boutique in Haleyville, Ala.

**Pamela Sparks Strong ('68)** taught at the high school and college level for many years. She lived in the Tuscaloosa area. Pam was an artist, musician, water skier, and prolific reader.

**Peter Edwin Dalstrom ('69)** of Town Creek was actively involved with organizations working to eliminate homelessness, poverty, and hunger. Within the community, he was always ready to lend a helping hand.

**Ed Godfrey ('69)** worked for Liberty National for 35 years. He served as Probate Judge of Fayette County from 1982 to 1988. Ed served in numerous positions at Fayette First Baptist.

## 1970s

**Carlton Hamilton ('70)** a Baptist minister, civil rights activist, and a community leader, preached the gospel for over 50 years. Rev. Hamilton was Pastor of New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church. He took a leadership role to labor diligently in the Civil Rights movement, working hand in hand with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He directed the Selma University off-site campus where he taught. As the past president of the Martin Luther King, Jr., Committee he worked for students to receive academic scholarships to attend UNA.

**Martha Hunt Robertson Huie ('70)** taught in the Jackson County School System. She was the Department Head and Instructor for the Art Department at Snead State Junior College in Boaz, where she taught all art history, design, drawing, and painting classes.

**Steven Lawrence Berryman ('71)** taught mathematics for 27 years at Lawrence County High School and East Lawrence High School. He was a hydro-fossil operator at TVA.

**Lorene Looney Campbell ('71)** started a library for Our Lady of the Shoals Catholic School, was a Boy Scout den mother, a Girl Scout leader, and was instrumental in forming the Tuscumbia Little League. She ran the bookmobile for Colbert and Lauderdale County before going to work for Colbert County Board of Education as a librarian.

**Carlton Lowe Spurlock ('74)**, a member of the Screen Actors Guild, worked professionally as an actor, a director, and a narrator. He served his country as a medical corpsman in the United States Marine Corps, deploying with his unit to Vietnam.

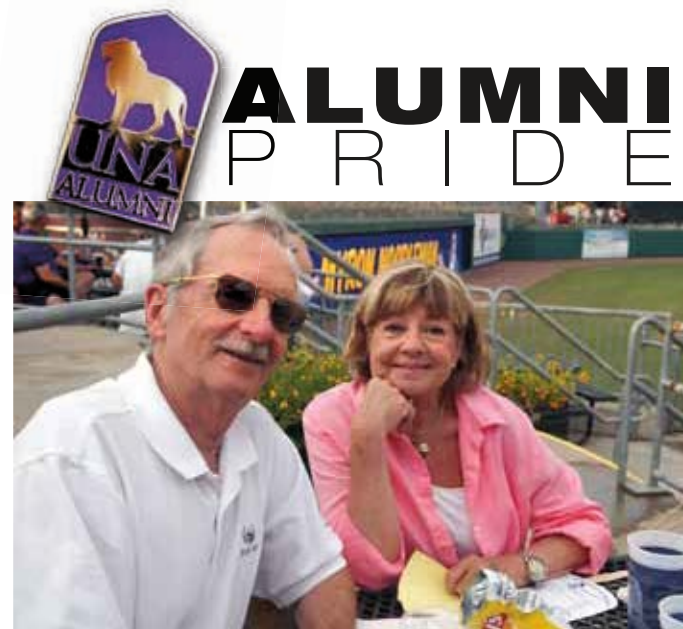
**Lyn Tallman Murphy ('79)** was a charter member of Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority at UNA. She was an active member of First United Methodist Church, Florence, and was in the Mother Singers Choir. She volunteered her services for the Great Cypress Raft Races. She enjoyed world travels with her husband Vincent, photography, and the arts.

## 1990s

**Randall Jeffery Black ('90)** received a Bachelor in Professional Biology/Chemistry degree from the University of North Alabama and a Master of Public Health degree from the University of Alabama, Birmingham. He was an Environmental Supervisor for the Colbert County Health Department.

**Michael L. Gibson ('91)** was in the field of chemistry and was employed for many years at Reynolds and then Wise Metals.

**Joanna E. Strickland ('99)** of Thompson's Station, Tenn., excelled in school. She received many accolades and achievements including the Dean's List, undergraduate degrees in psychology and business administration, and a certificate in human resource management.



Edward and Mary Palmer '83



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