There is a great deal of good news to report this Spring. Let me begin with the arts, where we are having an extraordinary year. Last fall when we brought Jim Harris’s amazing musical documentary Code War Voice to campus, we nearly filled Norton Auditorium. It was the largest crowd I’d witnessed in my seven years at UNA. But then in January the Dance Theatre of Harlem Ensemble came to the Norton stage and the crowd was so large we had to turn many away. Both productions were fabulous. Now we await May 17-19 when our second annual University of North Alabama Front Porch Storytelling Festival will be offered in cooperation with the annual Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts’ Arts Alive Festival.

Last, but not least, our new black box theater, the George S. Lindsay Theatre, will open in conjunction with the Lindsey film festival this March. George Lindsay will be with us for the event as will Ernest Borgnine, for whom we have named the interior space the Ernest Borgnine Performance Hall. UNA is truly enhancing its reputation as a cultural beacon for the region.

On the programmatic side there are several new advances. Our Master of Professional Studies degree has received all necessary local and state approvals and is now before our regional accrediting body for a final review. This program, designed for the working professional, will allow the student to choose from several areas of specialization and is expected to begin next fall. We are building on the success we had last year in study abroad, and hope to have well over 100 students participating this year. I have added $60,000 dollars to the existing study abroad scholarship budget to help more students take advantage of these opportunities.

Still in the early stages of development is a partnership with a Chinese businessman to create a Center for Integrative Health at UNA. I traveled to China in January for continuing conversations and we signed an agreement outlining how we will move forward. Our faculty are creating a unique master’s degree in integrative health, bringing together courses in nutrition, mental health, exercise, human growth and development, along with carefully chosen business classes. Our aim is to train people to work and manage in the health care arena. Our partner will help us with the necessary funding and recruiting of students to the new center. This is an amazing opportunity for UNA and the region.

Generating considerable excitement on campus and in the community is the return of Bobby Wallace as our Head Football Coach. Coach Terry Bowden took the head coaching position at the University of Akron in December.) Coach Wallace has been extremely busy, and extremely successful, in bringing a class of recruits to UNA who are largely from schools in our region. We all wish Coach Wallace tremendous success. Athletic Director Mark Linder is moving forward with plans to add two new sports to the varsity program: women’s indoor and outdoor track. These two sports will attract new student athletes to UNA, strengthen our cross country team, enhance our commitment to offering equal opportunities for men and women athletes, and better position us to make the transition to NCAA Division I athletics.

These are great times to be a part of the University of North Alabama. I look forward to seeing you on campus whenever you can be here.

All my best,
Bill Cale
UNA Finds Success With New Interdisciplinary Studies Degree

By Lucy Berry
Student Writer for University Communications

Since fall of 2010, the Office of Professional and Interdisciplinary Studies at the University of North Alabama has found success in its new bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies by bringing approximately 65 students into the program and opening doors for both traditional and nontraditional students.

Dr. Craig Robertson, director of the BIS program and chair of the Department of Sociology, said the new degree focuses on individuals and allows students to build their own academic program based on a specialized area of emphasis, which could include art, business, health, social and behavior sciences, technology and more.

The degree in interdisciplinary studies is designed for nontraditional students who have returned to college after a long absence in order to complete a bachelor's degree that complements their occupation and previous work experiences, or to advance to a higher standing in their current field. The degree is also aimed at traditional students whose academic needs and plans after college are nontraditional students whose academic needs and plans after college are.

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"Although the program is sometimes used as a vehicle for adult [nontraditional] learners, it is also a program for traditional-aged students," Robertson said. "The flexibility of the program is an asset for the adult learners and traditional students, but also an asset for [the university] in attracting students to UNA for studies that we don't already have a traditional major or minor for."

Robertson said his office is piloting a new project that will be available in the fall called the Prior Learning Assessment under the direction of Dr. Robert Koch, director of the Center for Writing Excellence, the director of the Academic Success Center and assistant professor of English. The PLA will allow students to develop a portfolio that is organized around their work experiences and learning outcomes from classes.

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Social Work Reaffirmation of Accreditation

By Chelsea Bryant
Student Writer for University Communications

The Department of Social Work at the University of North Alabama has recently received Reaffirmation of Accreditation by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), the national accrediting body for social work education, for the full eight-year cycle through October 2019. At UNA, the department has been preparing social work professionals since 1971 and has been continuously accredited by CSWE since 1974. Most recently, the department was evaluated under the new 2008 Educational Policy and Accreditation Standards (EPAS).

The focus of accreditation has changed from an examination of program inputs to a concentration on program outputs and student learning outcomes. The Department of Social Work is now evaluated by what their graduates can do as beginning professionals, rather than by what they are taught as students. From this perspective, the new standards are a major step in the right direction, as they move social work education away from an assessment of the program and in the direction of ongoing assessment of program outcomes and consequent renewal of its programs.

The overall goal and mission of the Department of Social Work is to prepare competent and ethical entry level social workers to apply professional social work values with diverse clients and communities in rural to metropolitan environments within a global context. The department endeavors to model a commitment to professional practice and research that promotes the advancement of human well-being and social work education, for the full eight-year cycle through October 2019. At UNA, the department has been preparing social work professionals since 1971 and has been continuously accredited by CSWE since 1974. Most recently, the department was evaluated under the new 2008 Educational Policy and Accreditation Standards (EPAS).

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Mid-Year Commencement Speaker 2011

By Jordan Graben
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JOHN PRENDERGAST, a prominent American human rights activist, addressed graduating seniors and the University community at the mid-year commencement ceremony on December 16, 2011.

Prendergast is co-author of the recent bestselling book, Unlikely Brothers (a memoir of an unlikely friendship written with the “little brother” he met 25 years ago in the Big Brother program), and a co-founder for the Enough Project, an organization devoted to putting a stop to genocide and crimes against humanity. Under this initiative and along side George Clooney, Prendergast has also founded the Satellite Sentinel Project, which uses satellite images to aid in preventing conflict and human neglect.

In his thought-provoking address, Prendergast urged the freshly minted college graduates to take action for what they truly believe in and never lose hope, even when the future seems bleak. “Believe in who you are and what you stand for,” Prendergast said. He reflected on “how second chances and never giving up brought [him] here today.”

He said, “I couldn’t have imagined when I saw pictures of the Ethiopian famine back in 1984 when I was 21 years old, and I scraped every penny that I had together and bought a one way ticket to Africa, that 15 years later I’d be flying around in Air Force One with Bill Clinton in Africa.”

His message was peppered with familiar names such as actress/activist Angelina Jolie and South African President Nelson Mandela, with whom he collaborated on missions to bring about peace in war torn countries. The influential people he mentioned are people with not only power, but a kind of power that has made a difference in the lives of others. He said he hoped he had used enough name dropping to prove his point. “The point is, be an up-stander,” he said, “and while you’re being one, dream big because they could come true.”

Prendergast encouraged graduating seniors to continue with their involvement with the civic organizations they led and promoted in their years at UNA. He reminded us all that it’s the movement of people that has changed our course of history. “UNA, it seems to me,” he said, “is a place where women and men are prepared to go forth and live righteous lives and to stand up for the rights and dignity of our fellow human beings.”
The UNA Early College program, previously known as Early Scholars, underwent several changes for the 2012-2013 school year at a December 2011 Board of Trustees meeting. The changes allowed the program to become more consistent with its initial objectives to provide local high school students the opportunity to complete coursework at UNA.

Kim Mauldin (’94), Director of Admissions, said the initial objective of the program was “to give students the opportunity to have a college course experience while still in high school, to challenge them and give them the chance to see what the college environment is like.” The changes approved made the Early College program a more broad-based system for a larger number of high school students in the area, instead of being reserved for scholars only.

In order to participate in Early College, eligible students are required to pay transportation fees and technology fees, as well as special and distance learning fees when applicable. To provide assistance with expenses, in 2011 UNA waived $428,460 in tuition for 735 high school students who participated and enrolled in classes at the university.

The program is showing significant influence in enrollment and bringing 40 percent of the students back to UNA after their high school graduation. Dr. John Thornell, Vice President for Academic Affairs, said officials are currently planning new ways the University can keep participants at UNA and dissuade them from transferring to a different institution after they graduate high school.

Dr. Thornell said they are also working toward creating a separate Early Scholars program for the future that will attract exceptionally academically gifted and talented students. “We are feeling better about the bar having been raised and set for continued participation in this program,” Thornell said. “We hope we can get a true Early Scholars program off the ground as soon as possible.”

On December 1, 2011, the University of North Alabama’s Hispanic Culture Organization held the March Toward Understanding. The overall goal of the event was to educate people on what the immigration bill is doing to not only the individuals targeted, but the community as well.

Both those in opposition of and support of the bill were encouraged to attend since the overall goal of the march was to inform the community on both sides of the immigration law. The group obtained a permit for the event, which began at Wilson Park in downtown Florence and concluded at the Memorial Amphitheatre on campus.
On Veterans Day, November 11, 2011, the University of North Alabama joined a nationwide moment of silence to honor the American men and women in the armed forces who have lost their lives in Afghanistan and Iraq. Colleges and universities from across the nation read the names of more than 6,200 casualties of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) and Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF), now called Operation New Dawn.

“When you hear each of those names read aloud it is very poignant because each signifies a person who gave the ultimate measure of sacrifice for our country,” said Lt. Col. (Ret.) Wayne P. Bergeron, the faculty advisor for the UNA Military and Veteran Alliance and a member of the Criminal Justice Department at UNA. “This event is simply about remembering that sacrifice. There is no effort to raise money or promote a particular organization—simply to remember and reflect.”

Those participating in the Remembrance Day National Roll Call organized their own reading of names and observed a simultaneous nationwide minute of silence. There were over 140 schools across the nation who participated in the National Roll Call.

The Remembrance Day National Roll Call is sponsored nationally by the Veterans Knowledge Community of NASPA Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education. Locally, the event is co-sponsored by the UNA Military and Veteran Alliance and the UNA Student Government Association.

Lt. Col. (Ret.) Brett Morris, the National Roll Call coordinator, said, “We wanted to rally campus communities across the nation to send a powerful message to the troops currently serving that their peers have not forgotten their sacrifices, or those of the fallen.”

The new location will help to improve UNA students’ educations by allowing them to put on live performances in the keynote room with professionals who will be available to listen and give direction. Baker said that students must know how to draw people to their shows in order to make it in the future entertainment industry.

“I think this is just one of many things that are exciting and creating new educational opportunities for students,” said UNA President Dr. Bill Cale. Baker said that when he first purchased the building, he envisioned building a partnership with UNA.

“That’s what we’re here for,” Baker said. “I stayed in Muscle Shoals and built that studio to keep people from moving away that had talent.”

NoiseBlock Music Group has roots with UNA since all of its employees are alumni of the university. Baker said this connection will be important for the Department of Entertainment Industry and is going to give UNA a downtown presence.

Bob Garfrenick, Gary Baker, John Thornell, Steve Smith (’83) and Bill Cale
Ashley Whitehead, a culinary arts major and aspiring bakery owner, wanted to do something unique with her honors capstone project to graduate at the University of North Alabama. With the help of her instructor, she set out to create a student cookbook to fulfill her graduation requirements and to benefit the department.

President of the Culinary Arts Club, Whitehead collaborated in August with Chef Johnson Ogun, assistant professor and director of culinary facilities, to begin producing the department’s first-ever cookbook. She said the cookbook consists of more than 200 original recipes that inspired UNA students to enter the field of culinary arts.

“[This cookbook] will help students leave their legacy,” Whitehead said. “Since it’s the department’s first cookbook, it will leave a piece of history for the Culinary Arts program and also for the university.”

The cookbook includes eight basic categories for cooking, including appetizers, beverages, desserts, main dishes, vegetables, and more. Whitehead said the cookbook will be a mixture of fine dining and home cooking in an easy-to-understand format.

“People should purchase this cookbook to support us because the program is going to use the funding to buy new equipment for our kitchen and for us to participate in competitions in the future to help further our education,” she said.

Whitehead, of Florence, graduated from Rogers High School in 2008 and plans to finish her degree in human environmental sciences with an emphasis in culinary arts from UNA in May of 2012. She said her specialty is cake baking and she hopes someday to own a bakery of her own.

The cookbook is a task Whitehead has chosen to complete through the UNA Honor’s Program. She said the capstone project is a culmination of everything she has learned through her program of study at the university. Whitehead plans to organize a cooking demonstration in the spring to celebrate the project release, and is working to design a website to accompany the cookbook as well.

First Fridays

In November of 2011, Downtown Florence proudly sported purple and gold as the University of North Alabama and Downtown Florence Unlimited (DFU) partnered for First Fridays.

First Fridays is a local music and arts festival unique to the Shoals community and is held on the first Friday evening of the month from March through December. In November First Friday featured booths, entertainment, displays and demonstrations from more than twenty departments and programs from UNA. The presenters included the golf team, the Department of Physics and Earth Science, the Department of Human and Environmental Science, the National Broadcasting Society, and The Flor-Ala just to name a few. The wide variety of participants from UNA proves the diversity across campus and that there’s something that every student can get involved in.

Josh Woods, director of University Communications, said the First Fridays UNA event was planned to provide an opportunity for the good things about UNA to be showcased. “The goal is to make the community more aware of the huge things happening at UNA,” Woods said. “The transition to Division I is just a piece in a much larger puzzle.”

Some of the fun that students and faculty members provided for the First Fridays festivities included a photo booth, a children’s magic show with The Wizard of TUNA, and performances by Greek organizations on campus. As the last event for Purple Reign Week 2011 (an annual spirit competition among the local business and campus community), there was a pep rally held downtown where the winners of the spirit competition were announced. Participating in the pep rally were athletes from the fall 2011 teams, the Pride of Dixie Marching Band, and the UNA cheerleading squad.

University President Dr. William Cale Jr., said, “This community is very important to UNA, as UNA is to this community, and so we are excited to be a part of an event like this where we can show our community and university spirit. We are deeply appreciative to DFU for enabling us to be a part of First Fridays in such a significant way.”
George Carpenter ’73 has been an active resident of the Shoals area for his entire life. He was SGA President during his time at Florence State University, and he was involved with student government when the university made the transition from Dr. Norton to Dr. Guillot. “That was an interesting time. [Dr. Guillot] established the policy that the president of the SGA, which happened to be me at that time, became an ex-officio member of the board of trustees, and that is a policy that is still in place today,” Carpenter said that his experience as SGA President and as a member of the board of trustees allowed him to voice students’ opinions to the board of trustees.

After his time at FSU, he took his experiences in the ROTC program and served three months of active duty in the U.S. Army. He spent the next four years studying at the Birmingham School of Law. Upon graduation from law school and passing the Alabama Bar Exam, Judge Carpenter and his family moved back to his hometown of Tuscumbia, where he began his professional career.

In 1980, Carpenter won his first political election as District Judge of Colbert County, and he held that position for over 30 years. Carpenter has not only served the community of Tuscumbia as a judge, but he has also given generously of his personal time as a member of the Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors, and he developed the Juvenile Court Community Service Program in Colbert County. He has given freely of his time and resources, even though doing so isn’t exactly in his job description. “One reason [I volunteered in the community] is I saw those things as just as much a part of my responsibilities as what I was getting paid to do,” Carpenter said.

Carpenter has accomplished a great deal throughout his career, and, though he is now retired, he still continues to participate in community service. Looking back on his career, Carpenter said, “I think that I’m proud of the fact that I endured, that I did what I was supposed to do in the way that I thought I was supposed to do it. And I was able to do that for 30 years.”

Carpenter is now retired and he and his wife Sandra ’81 have two children and two grandchildren. The Carpenters reside in Tuscumbia.
Dolores Cook '69

Dolores Cook '69 was the first female Army Officer commissioned at Florence State College in 1969. Nominated for this award by peers from Striplin Hall, Cook said, "Arriving at Striplin, I believe what I liked most was the closeness that it brought for all of us. While we may in our own individual lives have been competitive, there was a place for each and every one of us at Striplin. We knew why we were there--we had ambition but it was not on our sleeve. We were very willing to help each one accomplish what others were there to do. We felt happy when someone received recognition; we felt the pain when something happened to one of our fellow Striplin girls. Everyone left Striplin with a sense of comradeship and compassion for her neighbor. You learned patience. Because of the attention we received, individually and collectively, we were allowed to grow and be who we are today."

Cook said, "The skills I learned through college, the importance of others, the opportunity to be a leader, all contributed to my successful career. Since that time, I have been fortunate to move forward and be involved in a career of emergency management, first with the American Red Cross and now with State Civil Defense. I am in a position to help others--again, a trait that I believe came from Striplin and all those early influences at UNA."

Cook served for 22 years in the Army, culminating that career in Hawaii. She enjoyed a variety of planning, administrative, and logistical management positions including managing the office of Headquarters, Pacific Command, and Army General Staff. After retirement from the Army, she chose to remain in Hawaii and served as Director for the Department of Health and coordinated the logistical planning for disaster operations within the Pacific Island Consortium. Cook provided disaster planning expertise for the American Red Cross. Since 2000, Cook has been responsible for the development of the State of Hawaii Civil Defense plans and policy related to terrorism, weapons of mass destruction, bioterrorism, cyber terrorism and homeland security. She integrates Federal, State and County laws and regulations into State policies and planning for terrorist incidents, aligning emergency management principles for preparedness, response and recovery activities.

Dr. (Bob) McKenzie '62

Dr. (Bob) McKenzie '62 is a native of the Shoals area. After graduating as valedictorian from Deshler High School, he received his bachelor's from Florence State College. McKenzie attended FSC during a time when, though there were only around 2,000 students enrolled, there was great diversity on campus. McKenzie recalled that on his first day of class at Florence State, he met a Jordanian Prince, a New Yorker, and a service veteran from Massachusetts. The diversity of Florence State's campus mixed with McKenzie's experiences in the ROTC program and his 30 years of service in the military helped McKenzie discover his passion for democracy.

"ROTC and my time in the military gave me training and knowledge and it taught me about responsibility to country," McKenzie said. "All of those experiences led to my drifting into democracy."

McKenzie has worked for over 40 years to answer the question, What does it take to make democracy work as it should? "Over time, my life has collapsed around that question," McKenzie said. He is currently the President and Chief Executive Officer of the David Matthews Center for Civic Life, located at the American Village in Montevallo, Ala. The center helps communities answer the questions McKenzie has been working to answer for his entire career. Through his work at this center, as an emeritus professor at the New College at the University of Alabama, and as an emeritus senior associate at the Kettering Foundation in Dayton, Ohio, McKenzie had the opportunity to write several books and scholarly articles and to work as a contributing editor for publications at the Kettering Foundation and the National Issues forum in Washington, D.C.

McKenzie served as the Executive Assistant to the Secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare in Washington, D.C.; Director of Research for the Center for Public Law and Service at the University of Alabama, and in many other positions at the University of Alabama.

Dr. McKenzie has been active in his community and in his church, as he is a current participant in the Kairos Prison Ministry, which is an international ministry that aims to reach men and women being impacted by incarceration. McKenzie and his wife Frances '62 have three children and seven grandchildren. They reside in Northport, Ala.
COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS are for extraordinary service to their community, in order to recognize model citizens who have given long-term involvement professionally and as a volunteer where they live.

Steve Harrison ’75 graduated from Florence State College and then attended the University of Alabama School of law, where he graduated in the top 20% of his class. Harrison returned to the Shals after graduation, and he opened a law practice in Sheffield, where he practiced until he retired. He is a member of the Sheffield Education Foundation, Habitat for Humanity, Alabama Law Foundation, LINA Presidents Cabinet, Friends of the Sheffield Library, Northwest Alabama Housing Authority and the Sheffield Kiwanis. Harrison has been named twice as Sheffield’s Citizen of the Year by Sheffield Kiwanis, and he has been awarded several Who’s Who awards, including Who’s Who in Alabama. Harrison is currently president of the Shals. Harrison has not only given of his time, but he and his wife Judy, generously gave endowed scholarships to UNA (Jerry Miller Scholarship), Sheffield Education Foundation, and the University of Alabama School of Law. Harrison and his wife live in Colbert County and are active in the Colbert County UNA Alumni Club.

Gene Hamby ’60, graduated from Florence State College and then attended the University of Alabama School of law, where he graduated in the top 20% of his class. Hamby returned to the Shals after graduation, and he opened a law practice in Sheffield, where he practiced until he retired. He is a member of the Sheffield Education Foundation, Habitat for Humanity, Alabama Law Foundation, LINA Presidents Cabinet, Friends of the Sheffield Library, Northwest Alabama Housing Authority and the Sheffield Kiwanis. Hamby has been named twice as Sheffield’s Citizen of the Year by Sheffield Kiwanis, and he has been awarded several Who’s Who awards, including Who’s Who in Alabama. Hamby is currently president of the Shals. Hamby has not only given of his time, but he and his wife Shirley have two children and they reside in Sheffield.

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John Battcher ’65 was commissioned in the U.S. Army as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Transportation Corps. At UNA, he was a member of the Hispanic Rifles Drill Team and the ROTC rifle team. Battcher served in Vietnam as an officer and as an advisor to the Vietnamese Transportation Command. He held numerous operational staff positions, including positions in the United States and Germany. In 1982, Battcher was awarded an array of military honors, including the Meritorious Unit and Presidential Unit Commendation Medal, Vietnamese Technical Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Commendation Medal and Bronze Star Medals.

Charles E. Dexter ’59 was a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army as a staff officer at the U.S. Air Force Academy. In 1981, Dexter was Commissioned as a Captain in the U.S. Army as a staff officer at the U.S. Air Force Academy. In 1981, Dexter was Commissioned as a Captain in the U.S. Army.

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Jim Nolles ’67

Jim Nolles ’67 became the third graduate of UNA to achieve the rank of General in the United States Army. He began his military career as a platoon leader at Fort Hood, Texas. Nolles returned to Alabama in 1970 to earn his masters degree in Public Administration from the University of Alabama. Nolles served in Vietnam, North Carolina, Georgia, North Yemen, and Kentucky. During his time in Germany, he served as Mayor of Friedberg, Germany. Nolles served as the Assistant Commandant for the U.S. Military Academy in Fort Knox, Ky., and he served in that position until his retirement in 1992. In 1991, Nolles was named Alumnus of the Year by the UNA Alumni Association. Nolles has been a member of the Management Board of the University of North Alabama students, including among those scholarships, the memory of the late John William Michael Gargas, Recky Guth, and Phillip Logan. At the death of his wife, Dr. Carol Logan, the Nancy Logan Cancer Foundation to benefit breast cancer patients who are unable to pay for cancer drugs. He is a native of Halesville but resides in Madison.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

POLTICAL SERVICE AWARD

Garrick Barlow ’87, received the 1987 graduate of UNA, completed law school at the University of Alabama. He has practiced law in the past 20 years in Decatur. In 2008, Reeves was elected by an 80% margin to the Decatur City Council, and the council elected him as council president. Reeves has helped the City of Decatur save over $1 million, he has developed and oversaw the construction of major projects in the city such as a new $1.6 million dollar 25,000 sq ft pavilion, reorganization of many departments, and the construction of new parks and other community buildings. Barlow is a civic political with a heart for the people of the community. Reeves and his wife Jeannine have two children and reside in Decatur.
Dr. Lynn Aquadro ‘95 has been an instructor at UA since 2001. After obtaining a degree in nursing from Memphis State University, Dr. Aquadro began her career in nursing, working from 1973 to 1978 in hospitals in Memphis and at the Internal Medicine Clinic in Florence from 1982 until 1994. She received her masters in Nursing Administration from UA Huntsville in 1996 and became a Certified Nurse Practitioner. Aquadro has developed seven new classes for the College of Nursing at UNA. She is a member of the Sigma Theta Pi, the American Nurses Association, Sigma Theta Tau, and the Alabama Nurses Association. She was the recipient of the 2014 Alabama Alabama Woman of the Year and was named one of “150 Strong Women” by the Florence Business Alumni. She was the recipient of the Alabama Public Health Hero Award by the UIAB School of Public Health in 2005.

Dr. Wanda Bradford ‘74 graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from UNA in 1980. She then pursued her master's degree at UAH while working in a local hospital. During her time at UAH, she was selected to be the first school nurse in Franklin County. Bradford established a county-wide health program in Franklin County, which includes health screenings, home visits, and health education programs. In 1989 and 1990, she was named “Alabama School Nurse of the Year” by the Alabama Association of School Nurses. In 1993, Bradford accepted a position in Madison, AL to teach Community Health Nursing at UAH. Bradford began working on UNA's undergraduate program in 1995. Bradford and her husband retired in 1996. While working at UAH, she established the first graduate program for nursing at UNA, which she taught completely online. In 2004, Bradford received her Doctor of Nursing degree at Rush University in Chicago. She currently serves as the Director of the Online Nursing Department.

Stanley Hurst, a native of the St. Joseph, Tennessee area, has worked for UNA for 15 years for the Facilities Department as an electrician. As lead electrician, he is a major on-call employee for UNA after hours. Hurst has been a supporter of alumni events and a credit to keeping campus activities running smoothly. He is geography major at UNA in the late 70s while working for the phone company in Loreto, Tn. He additionally studied in the Department of Art from UNA and developed a passion that feeds his hobby-turned -sideline career. He is known for his mastery of ceramics classes that he took at UNA. This supports the operation of a pottery tool business and pottery tools that he sells internationally. He is a member of the National Council of Ceramic Arts. His wife Tuesday works with the Office of Academic Affairs and both of their children attended UNA.

Dr. Fred Frawley ’65 & ’76 has worked in education for over twenty-five years after retiring from a 21-year military career. Frawley was commissioned into the United States Army from UNA. From 1968 until 1984, he was an officer in the Army, traveling the U.S. and the world performing Command and Staff assignments. In 1970, he was honored with the Bronze Star Medal, which is awarded by the Army for acts of heroism. Frawley earned his master's degree from UNA in 1976. He served as the assistant professor of military science and director of Army Officer Education at Vanderbilt University, and he has served as counseling center coordinator, middle school principal, assistant elementary principal and Director of Learning Services at Franklin Road Academy in Nashville, TN. Frawley was honored with the Distinguished Faculty Award from FRA, and he has published many articles about education, the military, and several articles about September 11th that appeared in the Tennessee and on the Tennessee website. Frawley is also a distinguished storyteller who has performed at many venues, including the Country Music Hall of Fame. He and his wife, Gloria, live in Brentwood, Tenn.

Dr. Tina Thornton Smith ’78 & ’80 has taught in Tuscaloosa City Schools, Vernon Parish, La., schools, and at Columbia Academy in Columbia, Tenn. Smith earned her masters in Elementary Education from UNA in 1988, and she began teaching at Santa Fe School in Maury County, Tenn., where she taught courses in Spanish, reading, theatre arts, English, and music for 20 years. She earned her Education Specialist degree from Tennessee State University, and her Doctor of Education degree. Smith has worked as an independent consultant and as an instructor at two universities. She is currently a professor in the Department of Education at Martin Methodist College in Pulaski, Tenn. Smith and Mark Osems, also a UNA graduate, created the Athenaean School for Young Ladies which is a summer camp that teaches history to teenage girls by helping them live the way girls lived in 1861. Smith has also taught classes at her church, including a divorce recovery class. She is currently writing a book about divorce recovery and hopes to submit it for publication next year. She lives in Columbia, Tenn., with her family.

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POWER IN ALABAMA

Decades of Influence

Dr. Paul Hubbert ’59, considered one of the most powerful people in the state of Alabama, graduated from Florence State College and for the past fifty years has made great strides for education. Hubbert retired at the end of 2011 as executive secretary of the Alabama Education Association, which represents about 100,000 state public school teachers and employees.

Dr. Hubbert was hired by the Federal Bureau of Investigation immediately following high school graduation from a small county school in Fayette County, Alabama. He worked in Washington for one year and decided he did not want to go up the ladder there without a degree (a Bachelor of Science in Education in 1959). They had a daughter while they were students here. They now have two daughters who are doctors—one in Phoenix, Ariz., and one in Montgomery. The Hubberts also have four grandchildren.

A friend from Hubbert’s student days at Florence State Teachers College, Dr. Buford Arnold ’59 said, “He was a married student, father, and worked at a job while at FSTC, and proved to be an outstanding student and was completely dedicated to his family. I am one of his greatest admirers through the years. His career path was one of foresight, dedication and commitment to achieve all that did for school system in Alabama, especially for teachers and support staff. Hubbert’s ethics purposely served the welfare of Alabama students. He achieved success because he believed in the
Hubbert was hired to represent Alabama’s all-white teachers’ organization. He convinced Joe Reed, then the leader of the black teacher organization, to join the two groups and build one organization that would lobby for better teacher pay and benefits. Thus the AEA was formed.

A Birmingham-Southern College political science professor, having known Hubbert for 30 years, said, “Love him or hate him, you won’t likely see someone like Paul Hubbert again. He elevated teachers and education in this state in a way that did not exist before he became head of AEA. Before Hubbert, teachers barely were able to make a living, support their families and that was also certainly true for school support personnel like janitors and bus drivers. He raised the quality of life for generations of people. And, he secured and protected funding for schools in a way that just did not exist before him.”

In 1990, the passion Hubbert had for the state of Alabama propelled him to seek and win the Democratic Party nomination for governor. In a sometimes bitter fight, Hubbert lost to incumbent Republican Gov. Guy Hunt. Hubbert emerged from that loss to run AEA for two more decade—a period that saw him dominate much of the political debate in the state.

Dr. Luckey Crocker, Dean Emeritus of the UNA College of Education, remembers Hubbert well. “I supervised his student teaching at Deshler High School in Social Studies. He was a good student interested in doing a good job. He has been back and offered services to the university and not just to the College of Education. Hubbert is a premier example of a successful graduate in both education administration and academics. He chose his profession wisely. He has done an outstanding job and has been totally effective for the teachers in the state of Alabama. He stood his ground. We did not always see eye to eye but we did respect each other.”

Hubbert said he will miss the pressure of his job and attending to details. “You get accustomed to that lifestyle and all of a sudden, nobody calls you anymore and nobody asks for help on solving a problem anymore, so you kind of miss those things. I would think you would,” he said. Hubbert said he wanted to be remembered as “someone who cared about education, and someone who cared about the kids in our state and who wants to help them and wants to help the employees who work with them.”
The Lion alumni and fans that greeted Bobby Wallace's return made it clear that they are excited that BOBBY'S BACK.

On January 2, Wallace walked onto the stage at the Performance Center with UNA President Dr. William Cale and Athletic Director Mark Linder for the announcement of his hiring as the Lions' head football coach. Before a word was spoken, the crowd of more than 250 that filled the room stood in applause. It was the first of several standing ovations Wallace would receive during the hour-long press conference.

Wallace was the architect of UNA's unparalleled football success in the 1990s that included three straight NCAA Division II national championships. His return to UNA, some 14 years later to become the Lions' ninth head football coach, has immediately re-energized the fan base and the program.

While acknowledging the significant legacy Wallace left during a decade as North Alabama's football coach, UNA Athletic Director Mark Linder emphasized that this hire was not about the past, but what Wallace can do for the future of the Lions' football program.

"We set out to hire a quality person who can coach football and that is exactly who we have hired in Bobby Wallace," Linder said. "His love and passion for UNA and the Shoals will be a great fit for our University and department as we move into the future.

"Bobby is a fantastic football coach, but what was revealed during the search process is that he is an even better person," Linder added. "The support from our alumni, our community, and our region for Coach Wallace is amazing. At this point in time, I cannot think of a better head football coach for UNA, and I am really excited about working with Bobby."

Linder's feelings were echoed by many others.

"I'm just so excited about the future here," said Steve Pierce '75, UNA board of trustees president pro tem. "He is the perfect coach at the perfect time. I can't think of anyone better to take us where we need to be than him. The support here is unbelievable and it has just re-energized the entire community about not only UNA athletics but UNA itself."

"This is huge for UNA," said former Lion All-American and 10-year NFL veteran Ronald McKinnon '09. "It feels great knowing that Coach Wallace will be helping with the transition. To see this kind of support for Coach Wallace is great. It's a great day for UNA."

Wallace, 57, was head coach at UNA from 1988-97, posting an 82-36-1 record that included three straight NCAA Division II playoff appearances, three Gulf South Conference championships and three consecutive NCAA Division II National Championships (1993-95). His 1993-95 teams had a combined 41-1 record, making Wallace the first coach in collegiate football history to win as many as 40 games in just three seasons. The three straight national titles also made UNA the first school in the history of NCAA scholarship football to
A three-time GSC Coach of the Year and three-time Division II National Coach of the Year, Wallace was also selected as the Division II Coach of the Quarter Century (1972-97). His 1995 squad was invited to the White House to meet with President Bill Clinton and became the first Division II team to receive such an invitation. Following his time at UNA, Wallace coached at Temple University from 1998-2005, and at the University of West Alabama from 2006-10. He was inducted into the Division II Football Hall of Fame in 2010, the UNA Athletic Hall of Fame in 2011 and was also previously inducted into the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame.

Although Wallace’s first team at Temple finished 2–9, one of the wins became arguably one of the biggest upsets in college football history. On October 17, 1998, the 0-6 Owls traveled to Blacksburg, Va., to play the Virginia Tech Hokies. The Owls overcame a 17-0 deficit and numerous injuries to upset the Hokies 28-24. The win gave the Owls their first ever Big East road win, and their first win over a ranked opponent in 11 years. Two weeks later, the Owls won again in improbable fashion, this time overcoming a 20-0 deficit to defeat Pittsburg.

In five seasons at West Alabama, from 2006-10, he led the Tigers to three winning seasons and the school’s first NCAA post-season appearance since 1975. West Alabama’s 6-5 record in 2006 marked the Tigers’ first winning season in 14 years. He retired from coaching following the 2010 season.

Wallace said he was also very excited about the improvements to the campus and facilities at UNA since his first term as head coach.

“Adding a practice field with turf and lights has improved the practice situation 100 percent,” Wallace said. “When I was here before we couldn’t practice a lot of days for fear of tearing up the field and we could never practice at night unless we went to Braly. Now with Braly turfed too, we can practice and play on the same surface and workout under the lights anytime we want to or need to.”

The last time Wallace stepped onto the field at Braly Stadium was to be inducted into UNA’s Athletic Hall of Fame last September. This September, he will return to Braly to lead the next generation of UNA Lions into battle.
Last September the members of the University of North Alabama football team found out that everything really is bigger in Texas, or at least at Cowboys Stadium. Only months after having hosted Super Bowl XLV, Cowboys Stadium in Dallas opened its doors to the UNA Lions as part of the Lone Star Football Festival—a one-day, three-game, six-team celebration of Division II college football. And while the 80,000-seat facility with its 11,520 square foot video boards may have impressed the Lions and their fans, nothing was more impressive than UNA’s thrilling 23-17 win over third ranked Abilene Christian.

UNA entered the game ranked fourth in Division II and led 16-0 after the first period and 23-10 in the closing minutes before having to recover an onside kick with less than two minutes to go to preserve the win. The win was a historic one for the Lions in many ways. The crowd of 24,837 was the

UNA fans Ron Howdyshell and Barry Morris were among the more than 24,000 in attendance.

UNA quarterback Lee Chapple looks for an open receiver.

Cameron Wade (80) and Tristan Purifoy (8) celebrate a UNA touchdown.

UNA running back Antwan Ivey looking for running room.

UNA supporters gathered for a pre-game Bar-B-Que and Pep Rally across the street from Cowboys Stadium.
largest ever to watch a UNA football game and the 80,000 seat stadium was the largest facility that any North Alabama team has played in, surpassing Legion Field and the Citrus Bowl. That victory eventually helped vault UNA into a No. 1 national ranking by mid-season and the Lions finished the 2011 campaign at 9-3, reaching the second round of the playoffs. UNA’s Lone Star experience included a practice at Cowboys Stadium on Friday and a tour of the Cowboys locker room and facilities. The UNA fans, meanwhile, held a pre-game barbeque and pep rally before cheering the Lions on to victory.
Here’s to 2012 and UNA—Roar Lions! Many great things are happening at the University of North Alabama and I would like you all to take part in the events on and off campus.

The university is continuing to make great strides towards making the Division I move. And what a better way to make this move than with Bobby Wallace as our head football coach? The news of his arrival to UNA has increased excitement on campus as well as in our community. With the positive changes that are taking place on campus, I would like you all to continue to support the Division I transition. This move will take the support and enthusiasm of the entire Shoals area, whether that may be purchasing season tickets or promoting the university in your home or place of business. Please support all sports. Our spring athletic schedule is super exciting and alumni need to be present to cheer these athletes on to victory!

As UNA alumni, let’s make a statement! Wear a UNA cap or sweatshirt. Place a sticker on your car or even fly a UNA flag on your front porch. As alumni, we need to let everyone know we are proud alumni of the University of North Alabama. And now more than ever we need to let those colors show. Taking it to the next level with DI will be a huge process, so even more support is needed from all of us. Together, we will make a huge impact by showing our school pride.

I would also like to invite you to become active in your local alumni club. With clubs in numerous locations it is easier than ever to become involved! I would also like you as an alumnus and/or friend of the university to take the initiative to start your own club if there is not an existing group in your area! I also want to invite you to take part in the annual UNA Alumni Leadership Summit taking place in the Performance Center on campus, March 16 and 17. Carol Lyles and staff are hard at work in selecting motivating and informative speakers to assist everyone in developing clubs and strengthening those clubs already in existence. We also will be working on the new strategic plan for the next five years, which will assist the association in growing with the university as we transition into Division I.

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The twenty-second class of inductees into the University of North Alabama Athletic Hall of Fame included former Lion volleyball All-American and Academic All-American selections Rachel Price '00 and Ronda Price '00, legendary UNA football coach Bobby Wallace, former Lion quarterback and film and television star George Lindsey '52, Michael Edwards '97 (who ranks as UNAs all-time leading receiver), and basketball standout Allen Williams (who led the Lions to the 1991 NCAA Division II National Championship). This year’s inductions brought the total number of inductees into the UNA Athletic Hall of Fame to 100.

Rachel Price Bell and Ronda Price Brinley were four-year starters on Lion volleyball teams from 1996-99 that had a combined 136-22 record. The Lions won four straight Gulf South Conference championships, made four straight NCAA Division II Tournament appearances, and won two NCAA regional championships. The sisters are two of only six UNA student-athletes all-time to have earned both All-American and Academic All-American honors. Rachel played in a school record 358 games and 178 matches and had 1,559 kills. Following her graduation from UNA, she earned a doctorate in Biomedical Engineering from Purdue University and is currently employed as a clinical project manager in West Lafayette, Ind. Ronda had 2,550 career kills, was ranked second in Division II history when she ended her career, and she set 13 individual school records. Both earned the CSC Commissioner’s Trophy during their careers and were NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship recipients. Following her graduation from UNA, Ronda graduated from the Indiana University School of Medicine and did her residency at the Indiana University School of Medicine. She is employed as an anesthesiologist in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Edwards is by far the leading pass receiver in UNA football history, with almost 1,000 yards more than any other pass catcher in school history. A four-year starter for the Lions from 1993-96, he has 151 career catches for 2,844 yards and 26 touchdowns. He helped lead UNA to three straight NCAA Division II National Championships. His 955 yards receiving in 1994 is also a school single-season record. He was UNA’s top receiver in 1994, 1995, and 1996. Edwards was selected for the UNA Team of the Decade for 1989-98, named to the UNA 50th Anniversary Football Team for 1949-98, and was chosen for the GSC Team of the Decade for the 1990s. He is currently employed as a Sergeant with the Starkville, Miss., Police Department. He graduated from UNA in 1997 with a degree in Criminal Justice and has worked in law enforcement for the last 13 years. Lindsey was a two-year letterman on Lion football teams in 1950 and 1951 and played quarterback. He went on to an illustrious career in television and film. His most famous role was that of Goober on the popular TV series The Andy Griffith Show, and he also worked with Hee Haw for 20 years. Lindsey’s humanitarian achievements over the years have been notable. He has raised more than one million dollars for the Special Olympics. For 17 years, he conducted the George Lindsey Celebrity Golf Tournament in Montgomery, Ala., which raised money for intellectually disabled children. He also helped raise funds for an aquatic center for Partlow State School and Hospital in Tuscaloosa. These efforts helped earn Lindsey induction into the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame. In 1992, UNA presented Lindsey with an honorary doctor of humane letters degree. In 1998, he helped establish the George Lindsey UNA Film Festival.

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Allen Williams was a two-year starting guard on UNA basketball teams in 1990 and 1991. He helped lead the Lions to an NCAA Division II National Championship title in 1991 as the Lions finished with a 29-4 record. He led that team in scoring (517) and assists (177), was selected to the All-Gulf South Conference team and to the NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship recipients. Following her graduation, Lindsey was inducted into the Division II Football Hall of Fame in 2010 and was also previously inducted into the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame. Allen Williams was a two-year starting guard on UNA basketball teams in 1990 and 1991. He helped lead the Lions to an NCAA Division II National Championship title in 1991 as the Lions finished with a 29-4 record. He led that team in scoring (517) and assists (177), was selected to the All-Gulf South Conference team and to the NCAA Championship All Tournament team in 1990-91. A native of Clearwater, Fla., Williams played professional basketball over a four-year span in Germany, the Dominican Republic, and the U.S. He is currently assistant basketball coach at Shreve Preparatory School in Clearwater. He also does training and skill development with high school and middle school athletes. He and his wife Lori have three children.
The Lambda-Omicron Chapter of Kappa Sigma has made the last payment on their house mortgage. During the 2011 Homecoming festivities, brothers, alumni and guests attended a mortgage burning ceremony. Because the house is now paid for and the chapter is debt free, renovations are now underway in the house.

William McCann ’77, a Kappa Sigma alumnus, has great expectations for the future of the house. “From the first fraternity house in 1974 and the first to build on UNA’s Fraternity Row, Kappa Sigma has and will continue to be the trendsetter and leader in the Greek System,” McCann said. “Biddle Hall is now 27 years old and showing the wear and tear of the many brothers and visitors who have enjoyed the fellowship there. The dedicated alumni are planning future expansion and improvements to the property. We look forward to continuing to work with the University as future plans are developed,” he said.

Because the chapter is no longer making mortgage payments, it can now use those funds to make changes to the house. The fraternity plans a comprehensive renovation of the interior of the house, with particular focus on the third floor living quarters. Jim Page ’01, an alumnus, said “The renovations, of course, will provide a better environment for current undergraduate members and guests, alumni and prospective members. An attractive, functional house for members to use will ensure the long term viability of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity on the campus of the University of North Alabama.”

“Most notably, the elected alumni group in charge of house operations are now fully in control of the house because they now actually own it. It is extremely gratifying to both undergraduate and alumni members for the chapter to be ‘debt free,’” Page said.

The chapter credits its ability to pay off their mortgage to donations from alumni, friends of the university, and brothers of the Lambda-Omicron chapter.
In May of 2011 an idea was hatched in the minds of some very dedicated and passionate Kilby mothers. Committees, headed by Anna Champagne, were formed, plans were made, and in a few busy months the first Kilby Alumni Reunion was born.

Thousands of UNA Alumni flocked to historic downtown Florence on the weekend of September 24th in celebration of our beloved University's Homecoming. For an honored group, the college's traditions ran a little deeper as they returned to their grade school alma mater, Kilby Laboratory School, enthusiastic and eager to share more than a century's worth of memories.

Former Kilby Cubs were invited to begin their festivities Friday evening with Kilby teachers hosting a Movie Night for current Cubs along with the children of alumni. Following the movie, parents and students were invited to show their Lion Pride by walking to the field for the pre-game Pep Rally.

Reunion revelers met early Saturday morning to merge with current Kilby families and put the finishing touches on Kilby's 'Futures under Construction' parade float. Spirits were high when the four floats representing Kilby passed the sea of purple and made their way through the downtown Florence parade route. Pom-poms waved, cheers were shouted, and students and alumni beamed with pride as they proudly represented Kilby.

Still high with excitement, more than 400 Kilby alumni ranging from ages 12 to 91 gathered at the school to reconnect and reminisce with classmates. Alumni were welcomed into the building by balloon sculptures and friendly faces. The halls instantly flooded with footsteps as alumni rushed in to receive hugs and extend handshakes.

More than 100 donated items lined the hall, available for alumni to offer bids. The school's library was transformed into a history room filled with albums, yearbooks, documents, and newspaper articles dating back to the 1800s. A photostory was also projected onto a screen, showcasing photos from times past at Kilby. Guests were invited to walk the paths of their childhood, visiting their old classrooms to talk with current teachers and students and to make connections between past and present.

Although many changes have been made to the school throughout the years, the open atmosphere made it easy for the graduates to fall in step again and feel like no time had passed at all.

The gym and cafeteria were opened up as a place for all to gather. Attendees enjoyed delicious barbeque from Bunyars BBQ in Florence while being treated to the sounds of Kilby alumni Dillion Hedges and current Kilby dad Dr. Eric Kirkman '97 & '00. UNA cheerleaders and basketball players even showed up to mingle with the crowd. Kids were invited outside to enjoy a Kid Fun Zone which included clowns, face painting, balloon animals, and bouncers. During this time, past and present generations shared stories, listened with interest, and soaked in just how special it is to be a 'graduate' of such an exceptional school.

Carole Maynard, current Kilby PTO president, captured some of the stories best in a follow up letter she sent to the parents. In her words: "One of the highlights of the day was meeting our Kilby alumni and hearing their Kilby stories. Carolyn Wood (Kilby 1938-1944) reminisced about the Victory Garden Kilby students grew during World War II and how they used those vegetables in the cafeteria. We met Ann Lowery, Kilby's first teacher of color, who taught second grade from 1971-1978. Mr. Ingram, who's 91, shared one of his favorite memories: Charles Lindbergh flew over Kilby on his way to the Gulf of Mexico, and the school turned out to wave at him—and he waved back! And Dr. Ranel Spence talked about how in 1967 admission to Kilby was first-come, first-admitted. Getting their daughter into Kilby was so important to him and his wife that he actually slept under a Kilby cafeteria table for three nights because he didn't want to lose his place in line. His dedication paid off as their daughter got into Kilby and her two younger sisters were able to attend."

Dr. Fred Frawley '68 & '76, who practiced his student teaching at Kilby, described the day as 'a mountaintop experience' as he entered the doors for the first time since 1968. He was flooded with nostalgia when he explored the artifacts in the library/history room and uncovered photos of himself during
his time at Kilby, pictures of his father from 1948 during his time at Kilby, and pictures of his two children in the late 1970s during their time at Kilby. At the reunion’s end, Frawley spoke of his plans to return to the school next year for the event.

As a reunited force, current teachers, students, and families assembled with the prestigious group of Kilby Alumni in the endzone of Braly Stadium. This proud group was honored to carry UNA’s field flag at midfield prior to kickoff. The 2011 Homecoming festivities couldn’t have ended on a better note, with the Lion victory over the Harding Bison.

At the end of the weekend, Kilby’s worth was evident to everyone in attendance. Kilby’s past, present, and future generations are part of the fabric that is the University of North Alabama. The school is more than just an elementary school. It is a place where classmates become friends and family. It is a place where its supporters share a unifying bond, being a member of the University of North Alabama’s Lion Pride. We are Kilby Cubs!

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SOME OF OUR TOP LIONS

1950s

Sarah Jo Box Spearman (’57) retired as a school librarian after many years in Vernon. Her son Jim Spearman recently endowed a scholarship in honor of his mother. The scholarship is for a student from Lamar County. Sarah Jo Spearman lives in Sulligent, Ala.

1960s

Janice Smith (’61) purchased the Bay View Inn prior to her marriage to Stafford Smith in 1961. They have owned and operated the historic property for 50 years and now have four properties. She taught school for 32 years and received Outstanding Teacher of the Year awards during her career.

Naomi Griffith (’62) will be featured as the first convocation guest speaker for Arkansas Tech University Ozark’s campus. Griffith is a consultant on child welfare issues and speaks at conferences throughout the United States and Canada. She worked in the North Carolina and Alabama child welfare systems, co-founded, and became executive director of PACT, a pioneer child abuse prevention agency.

Ron Hall (’62) a math and physics alumnus from UNA worked as a software engineer for what is now Pratt & Whitney Rocketdyne. He lives in Hartselle, Ala.

Alan Burleson (’64) retired after 35 years as journalist at The Huntsville Times, served as president of Alabama Sportswriters’ Association and was inducted member of Huntsville-Madison County Athletic Hall of Fame in 2003.

1970s

Harry LeMay (’70) retired from Novartis Pharmaceuticals in 2010 after 37 years in the healthcare industry. He was elected to the Wideood (Missouri) City Council in 2011. He is married to Gail LeMay and has two sons, David and Todd.

Mary Edith Burkhalter Snyder (’72) is now working for a cardiologist, following her retirement from the U.S. Food & Drug Administration in 2005. She stays active in the Estilli Springs, Tenn., Lions Club.

Julia Eckl Goodrich (’73) has been named Teacher of the Year in North Carolina District of the Department of Defense Education Activity Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools. She is one of the five winners for 2012 through the system for children who live on U.S. military installations. She lives in West End, N.C.

1980s

Larry Jackson (’85) has been in the nuclear business for over thirty years. He is retired as Operations Manager of Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant that enriched uranium for nuclear fuel. He is married to Elaine Jackson (’85) a retired teacher. They live in Foley, Ala.

Richard “Dick” Collier (’67) worked in marketing for IBM for 24 years and is currently a yacht broker. He and his wife Anne Jackson Collier live in Mobile, Ala.

James Norwood (’69) is a war veteran and a geography professor at Auburn University. As a distinguished military graduate from UNA, Norwood was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Army. Norwood worked as a consultant at urban planning for the State of Alabama, and later as a manager for industrial development with CSX Transportation.

Patricia Haskins McWilliams (’73) is a nationally-known portrait artist whose professional painting career spans almost forty years. She has won numerous awards including The National Portrait Competition both in New York and Atlanta. She studied art and earned a bachelor’s degree in Elementary Education. She is a member of The Portrait Society of America and The Portrait Institute of New York. She lives in Brentwood, Tenn.

Clay Bennett (’80) who is a Pulitzer-Prize winning editorial cartoonist, will present this year’s annual Connor Society Lecture at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. He is the cartoonist for the Chattanooga Times Free Press. Bennett and his family live in Mountain, Tenn.

Cindy Johnson Diehl (’81) the Wallace High School physical education teacher was recently named the Secondary School Physical Education Teacher of the Year by a state organization promoting fitness among Alabamians. She lives in Jasper, Ala.

Dr. Kembrel Jones (’82) was recently awarded the Wharton “Whatever It Takes Award” at UNA, where he is teaching recording technology in the commercial music program.

Teresa Thomas (’78) recently completed the certification program for Scrum Master. Scrum is a project management framework that helps teams organize themselves to get work done. Scrum has been used to develop products and services in small start-ups, Fortune 100 Companies, government agencies, and non-profits. She is a Project Analyst for Infinity Insurance in Birmingham, Ala.

Debra Gardner (’79) was 2011 Recipient of Alpha Omicron Pi Rose Award for outstanding service to the Fraternity. She is the director of the Committee on Aging & Public Transportation in Decatur, Ala.

T im Powell (’79) has been acting professionally on the East Coast for nearly three decades and has now moved to Los Angeles. As an actor he is experiencing continued success by taking a role on “Criminal Minds,” as Dr. Alexander, the Medical Examiner in a small Florida town.

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1950s

Josh Willingham has signed a three-year contract with the Minnesota Twins.

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John Paul White (’99), of the music duo The Civil Wars, won two Grammy Awards Feb. 12. He and his music partner, Joy Williams, won for Best Country Duo/Group Performance for their single “Barton Hollow” and Best Folk Album for their debut album, “Barton Hollow.”

Christy Jordan (’02), of SouthernPlate.com, was featured on Paula Deen’s show “Paula’s Best Dishes.” Nov. 5. Deen had also endorsed Jordan’s book, “Southern Plate: Classic Comfort Food that Makes Everyone Feel Like Family,” released by Harper Collins/William Monroe in 2010. Jordan is currently writing a second book and serving as editor-at-large of Southern Living Magazine.

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honing the member of the Wharton administration who has been involved in many community service activities, primarily in Colbert County. This is the "most important program in the world." 

Leigh Marcus ('82) and her husband David have lived and worked in Florida, California, and Alabama. They have a son and one daughter, whom they adopted from Magadan, Russia.

Harold Clemons ('83) has worked at firms including Capital Real Estate Investments, Dreyfus, Merrill Lynch Investment Managers, Salomon Smith Barney, and Prudential Securities, Dreyfus, Merrill Lynch Investment Managers, Salomon Smith Barney, and Prudential. He served as Regional Administrator for the City of Huntsville's Mental Health Services, where he served as Regional Administrator for the City of Huntsville's Mental Health Services, where he served as Regional Administrator for the City of Huntsville's Mental Health Services, where he served as Regional Administrator for the City of Huntsville's Mental Health Services, where he served as Regional Administrator for the City of Huntsville's Mental Health Services.
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**Dr. Glenda Crawford ('53)** had a doctor of philosophy degree in educational management systems. After she moved to Miami, she taught calculus and algebra. She then opened Miami Killian Senior High School. She became an administrator, served as an assistant principal, and became the school’s first female senior high school principal for 12 years.

**Bill Wise ('53)** received his B.S. and M.A. degrees from UNA and his Ed. D. from the University of Tennessee. In 1997, Wise was named as the superintendent of the Metro Nashville Public Schools. He had served as deputy and assistant superintendent for the Business and Facility Services. He retired as superintendent in 2008.

**Carol Nichols ('49)** earned a B.A. in English from Florence State Teachers College. She then taught school in Aowch, Ga. She also worked as a church administrator for over 20 years. She was also a member of Sigma Kappa fraternity.

**Rachel Speck Minor ('53)** attended Florence State Teachers College. While completing her degree at A.U., she moved to Tuscaloosa and taught in the Tuscaloosa City Schools. Minor also taught at Webb School of Knoxville, Tennessee, LaFayette High School in Florence and at Coffee High School and the International School of Florence, retiring in 1991. In 1980, she supported the creation of the National Women’s Bureau promotional campaign, U.S. Department of Labor.

**Evelyn den Boer** was a performer, music teacher, and served as choir director at the Dutch Reformed church in UNA, Virginia Commonwealth University and the University of Richmond.

**Marie Williams ('42)** was a member of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority, and a member of Highland Baptist Church. She was granted membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution in 2010.

**Dr. Glenda Crawford** was elected as the first female senior high school principal in the United States.

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**Judy Patterson Lett ('64)** was a graduate of Florence Business College, and earned her B.S. from Grace Killin College, and earned her M.S. in Education. She was a former elementary teacher in the Lawrence County School system.

**Judith Caiffier ('65)** earned two degrees in music and mathematics in performance from the University of Alabama. Upon her graduation, he worked as a pianist in the Sholes Area for 33 years. He was the first chairman of the community as a member of the Civitan Club and the Sinkville Lions Club. During the time he served as a member of the group, he was also a proud member of Florence City School board, serving two terms as chairman.

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In November the University of North Alabama lost one of its most beloved faculty members, Nelson Van Pelt. Van was part of the UNA campus for parts of five decades. I’m sure that he was one of the few who had such a long tenure at UNA. More important than his longevity was the positive impact he had on so many students. Van Pelt had that unique ability to encourage and inspire without letting us know we were being encouraged. With humor and healthy cynicism, Van Pelt brought out the best in his students.

When I started Florence State College in the summer of 1968, the first class in which I enrolled was Photography 101, and that class gave me the impetus to continue in photography for the next 45 years. Although I had a career in secondary and college education, the passion for photography that he instilled in me never abated. Today photography is my full-time vocation and incidentally five of our seven member staff are UNA graduates.

In addition to taking Van’s classes I also worked in the audio-visual department. My job consisted of loading, projecting, and rewinding 16mm films. Van always cautioned us about leaving the projection room in case the film broke. Like most 17-year-olds, I didn’t listen. It quickly became tiresome watching the psychology department’s pigeon pecking films and I didn’t really care about stimulus and response among birds, so I left the projection room for only a few minutes. When I returned, there was about a hundred and fifty feet of film in the floor. Before I could clean up the mess, Van showed up. Instead of becoming angry, he made one of his patented salty remarks and showed me how to fix everything. Since that day, I knew that Van was so much more than just a college professor. For those of us who were part of the photography/audio-visual department, Van was our mentor, our advisor, and our friend. Over the years hundreds of those of us who were Van’s students came and went. While we left and took many separate paths, Van’s influence never left us.

By Mac Brown (’72)