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Today

A man with a mustache, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and red tie, stands smiling in front of a large, multi-story brick building with arched windows. The scene is outdoors with green trees and a lawn.

**Inauguration
for Dr. Stewart
scheduled Oct. 14**

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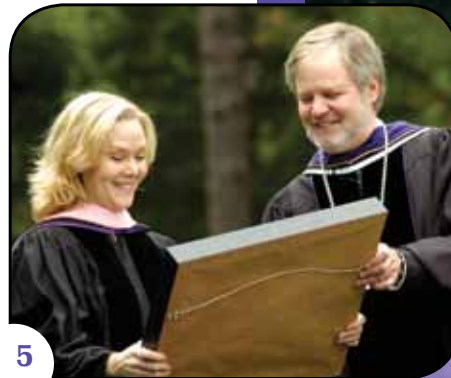
UM students chat with President John W. Stewart III, who will be inaugurated Thursday, Oct. 14, as Montevallo's 15th president. Although his tenure as president was to have begun Aug. 1, he arrived on campus in June to begin his new duties. Focusing on the needs of students will be a priority during Dr. Stewart's administration. "I can tell you that in this great journey we are going to take together, it will always be about the students," he said.



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Broadway star Rebecca Luker '84 accepts a framed diploma from former UM president, Philip C. Williams, after she was presented an honorary doctor of fine arts degree at commencement in May. Luker, who recently finished a three-year run in the role of Mrs. Banks in the Broadway play *Mary Poppins*, was the keynote speaker at UM's spring graduation ceremony. She is a three-time Tony Award nominee and is the recipient of a number of awards recognizing her achievements on the stage. She also has recorded a number of critically acclaimed CDs and has made appearances on television.



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Playing almost 300 shows a year, Hunter Lawley '04 has put in the leg work and man hours to be considered a certified American troubadour. He recently released his second album, "graysville." Lawley's UM connections have played a significant role in his life. "I honestly believe I wouldn't be a musician if it weren't for the people I met and the professors who helped guide me through school," he said. Please turn to Page 18 to learn more.



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On the cover: Dr. John W. Stewart III will be inaugurated as UM's 15th president Oct. 14. The ceremony will be held in conjunction with the University's 114th Founders' Day.

Photo by Matt Orton



Students and faculty members in each of UM's four colleges, designated by their respective gonfalons, process during the University's May commencement held on the lawn of Flowerhill, the president's home.

Photo by Matt Orton

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Dr. Stewart's inauguration set Oct. 14

Centered around the theme, "Becoming," the inauguration of Dr. John Wesley Stewart III as the University of Montevallo's 15th president Oct. 14 will become another milestone in the life of the University as the 114-year-old school begins another chapter in its rich and storied history.



Dr. John W. Stewart III (center), Montevallo's president, talks with UM students on the brick walkway near Calkins Hall, headquarters of the president's office. Dr. Stewart will be inaugurated as UM's 15th president Oct. 14. He arrived on campus in mid-June.

The inaugural theme was inspired by the "Becoming" sculpture on Main Quad. The piece, created by UM art professor, Ted Metz, and his students, personifies the teaching/learning process at Montevallo.

Dr. Stewart's inauguration will be held in conjunction with Founders' Day, UM's oldest tradition. The Founders' Day/inaugural convocation will begin at 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 14, in Palmer Hall Auditorium. Dr. Stewart will take the oath of office at that ceremony. Alabama Gov. Bob Riley is among those invited to speak.

Marion Brown '03, special assistant to the president for university events and chair of the inaugural committee, said there will be events throughout the week to celebrate the inauguration. An ecumenical service Monday, Oct. 11, at noon at Montevallo First United Methodist Church will launch the celebration. The annual Heritage Concert will conclude the day's activities. It will be held Oct. 11 at 7:30 p.m. in LeBaron Recital Hall in the Davis Music Building.

A pair of soccer matches are on the agenda for Oct. 12. The women's team will play the University of West Florida at 5 p.m., and

the men will take on the West Florida Argonauts at 7:30 p.m. Both games will be played on the UM Varsity Soccer Field.

The 2010 winner of the Alumnus Loyalty Award and recipients of other UM National Alumni Association awards that will be presented at the Oct. 14 convocation will be honored at an alumni dinner Oct. 13. An Evening at Flowerhill will follow at 7:30 p.m. on the lawn of Flowerhill, the president's home.

In addition to the convocation Oct. 14, the agenda will include a luncheon at 12:30 p.m. and the 13th annual Life Raft Debate at 7:30 p.m. in Palmer Auditorium.

On Friday, Oct. 15, and Saturday, Oct. 16, UM will be included in the city's Small Towns and Downtowns celebration. A locally written Montevallo historical marker will be dedicated and a special musical/theatrical event is planned. A day-long celebration will be held Oct. 16 in downtown Montevallo.

Although Dr. Stewart's appointment was to have become effective Aug. 1, he arrived on campus in June to begin his new job. Dr. Stewart came to UM from his position as vice president for institutional advancement at Flagler College in St. Augustine, Fla. On July 9, he married Jennifer Paige Boland in a ceremony held in St. Augustine. His son Ian and daughter McKenna also gained a step brother, three-and-a-half-year-old Peyton. Dr. Stewart predicts he "will be a lively addition to the Flowerhill residence!"

Jennifer is a native of Atlanta and resided in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. She served as a vice president for a Miami/Jacksonville development firm and will continue as a consultant on residential and commercial development.

Dr. Stewart brings strong credentials to Montevallo. He received a doctorate in English with a focus on African/Caribbean and Harlem Renaissance literature from the University of Southern Mississippi. He also has an M.A. in English from Washington College in Chestertown, Md., and a B.A. in history from Wake Forest University.

Dr. Stewart's list of accomplishments at Flagler is exemplary. He increased the total fundraising from \$1.3 million to \$22 million in his first two years there and raised \$30,000,000 from July 2005-Spring 2008. He secured the largest gift in the history of the college (\$7.5 million), closed the largest alumni gift in the college's history and closed the largest planned gift in the history of the school. The alumni giving participation rate rose from 17.5 percent to 25 percent.

From 2003-2005, he was vice president for development at William Carey University in Hattiesburg, Miss. While there, he increased the endowment by 32.3 percent and negotiated the largest gift in the history of the university.

He was director of capital giving at Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania where he successfully supervised all capital fundraising efforts in association with a \$230 million campaign. He also was director of major gifts and director of development operations at USM.

Earlier in his career, he held a number of administrative and academic positions at William Carey, beginning there in 1997.



Former UM president, Philip C. Williams (right), and Terry G. Roberson, vice president for academic affairs, assist Rebecca Luker '84 as she dons the doctoral hood at May commencement. She was awarded an honorary doctor of fine arts degree at the May 8 ceremony.

Honorary degree goes to Rebecca Luker '84

One of Montevallo's most notable graduates has yet another connection to her *alma mater*. At commencement May 8, Rebecca Luker '84 received an honorary doctor of fine arts degree. She also delivered the keynote address at that ceremony.

The Broadway star and recording artist recently completed a three-year leading role as Mrs. Banks in the Broadway production of *Mary Poppins*. Her work on the stage and beyond has earned her the title of "the most beautiful voice on Broadway." She has been tapped for a guest-starring role on the upcoming season of *The Good Wife* on CBS. She will play Carleen Loren, a forensics expert.

Luker earned a bachelor of music degree from Montevallo and was named UM's 2008 Distinguished Alumna.

She is the recipient of three Tony Award nominations, including those in 1995 and 2000 for Best Actress in a Musical for *Show Boat* and *The Music Man*, respectively, and in 2007 for Best Featured Actress in a Musical for *Mary Poppins*.

Her television appearances include those on *Matlock*, *Law & Order: Special Victims Unit* and the Hallmark movie *Cupid and Cate*.

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Lauren Tortorici (left) and her sister, Monika, both of whom received bachelor of science degrees from the College of Education at commencement May 8, were two of 218 candidates for bachelor's degrees this spring. Monika was a summa cum laude graduate, and Lauren received her degree magna cum laude. The Birmingham residents are the daughters of Marc and Kristina Tortorici, both 1980 graduates of Montevallo. In addition to their stellar performances in the classroom, the Tortorici's were both standouts on the UM volleyball team, receiving numerous recognitions for academic and athletic achievements.

Honorary degree . . .

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The Helena native's career also includes a lengthy list of recording credits, including the 2004 solo recording, "Leaving Home." In 2001, Luker was inducted into the Alabama Stage and Screen Hall of Fame. Luker, who lives in New York City, has been a member of Actors' Equity since 1985. She is married to actor Danny Burstein and has two stepsons, Alex and Zach.

The following is Luker's commencement address.

Thank you, Dr. Williams, distinguished faculty, friends and family and good morning Class of 2010!! You guys awake?

Words are so inadequate to describe how honored I am to be here today. Who hasn't dreamed of being the commencement speaker at their *alma mater*? I feel both great pride and an immense sense of responsibility. And hey, it only took me 26 years to become a doctor! Not too shabby. I didn't have to study or go into huge debt or any-

thing like that. My sons are calling me "Dr. Luker" now, by the way. So thank you again, Dr. Williams, for the lovely introduction, for bestowing upon me this degree and for honoring me with the chance to speak here today.

I understand that this is your last year as president of the University of Montevallo. Your tenure here will be remembered not only for your overseeing of the new observatory and dormitory, as well as the prestigious MAPS program, but especially for your overwhelming devotion to this university and its student body. It's so obvious that the students love and support you. Montevallo's loss will surely be Louisiana's McNeese State University's gain. You will be missed. (Dr. Williams became president of McNeese State July 1).

I can barely remember my own commencement day back in 1984, and maybe by next week, neither will any of you. But I DO remember being very proud of my bachelor of music degree and excited about beginning the next chapter of my life. Anything was possible, and I was invincible. What I came to learn in the years that followed

was that, while many things ARE possible, many are not. And the things I achieved required more hard work and testing than I had anticipated and came at a cost far greater than I would've thought possible. But... it was worth all the ups and downs, and I wouldn't change a single thing.

I entered U of M in the fall of 1979 and immediately fell head over heels in love with college life. I lived in Main dormitory – I can still remember my room number – 294, which was right beside the fire escape we all “illegally” slid down at every opportunity. There were many youthful indiscretions – too many to go into right now. Suffice it to say, I had a great time, and I hope you did too. I loved going to class, studying at all hours, making friends, hell, I even loved the lunchroom food. Montevallo is just 20 minutes from the house I grew up in Helena, but may as well have been in a different country. College was THAT different. So many different kinds of people with different beliefs, philosophies, religions, people with strong opinions and wonderful minds. Because I was exposed to so many different kinds of people, it allowed me to be more accepting. It allowed me to be more open. It was truly a period of enlightenment for me. Being here changed my life.

I remember well, two of the teachers who most influenced me: Dr. Bennie Middaugh and Dr. Ed Robertson. I love them dearly and still keep in touch with them because they made a huge difference in my life. They gave me a deep appreciation and respect for music and allowed me to see how art can change people's lives. Bennie couldn't be here today; he's attending his daughter's graduation from UAB. But I'm very honored that “Dr. Rob” is here. Thank you, Ed and Bennie, for everything.

When I was agonizing over what in the world I would say to this fine group of 266 graduates, I thought about what I would've wanted to hear on MY graduation day. And apart from keeping it brief...I would've wanted the speaker to tell me to be passionate about my chosen profession. If you do what you love, at least you'll be happy doing it, right? You may not always make a pile of money, but at the end of the day, you'll have had a great time. I would've wanted him or her to encourage me to be patient with myself while I forged my path through the world. Your pace will be different from everyone else's. Let me give you an example from my own life. I'd been in New York City for 15 years, had been in several Broadway shows. I'd been working pretty steadily when I found myself unemployed. And then it was announced that a new production of *The Music Man* was coming to Broadway. It had always been a favorite show of mine; I was in *The Music Man* here at Montevallo. And I knew that I was perfect for it, and I was thrilled at the chance to audition. And then my agent called and told me they had no desire to see me for the role of Marion. At first, I seriously thought I'd misheard him. “What do you mean?” I gasped. “I won't even get a chance at this part? That's crazy!” I hung up the phone and sat there feeling sorry for myself. This wasn't the way it was supposed to go. And then I thought, if I don't take the reins here and try to make something happen, nothing's going to happen. I called my agent back and asked him to just get me into the audition. I don't know what he said to them, but I got in. And it was tough; I had to prepare myself to walk into an audition in which I knew the entire table of individuals staring at me hadn't wanted to see me in the first place. But I ignored that, and I had a great time. And after working REALLY hard on the material and going to three callbacks... I got the part. It doesn't always work out that way, but if I hadn't fought for it, I wouldn't have gotten it.



Associate professor of communication science and disorders, Dr. Sarah T. “Sally” Smith, gets a hug from Arthur Waldrip of Mobile, who received a bachelor of science degree in education of the deaf and hard-of-hearing and a bachelor of fine arts degree in art with a concentration in ceramics at commencement May 8. Dr. Smith interpreted the commencement program for the deaf and hard of hearing.

Things usually don't get handed to you; that's another thing I found out. So don't let anyone tell you what you should be doing or can't do. YOU know what you can do. I'm often asked by young aspiring actors how to “make it” on Broadway. And I'm always baffled by this question because there is no secret or trick to being successful. It seems to me that bringing joy and passion and love to whatever you do in your life will eventually pay off. But you have to enjoy getting there. Just as important as reaching your goals is the journey; is the doing; because most of your time will be spent on the road to your aspirations. And with a little luck, you'll reach your goals and you'll look back on all the time you spent getting there and realize that it all amounted to a pretty interesting life.

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On Campus



Photo by Lois Reach Cooper

The recently restored portrait of Francis Marion Peterson, Montevallo's second president, is displayed in the newly renovated Peterson Hall. The portrait was restored thanks to the generosity of the UM Foundation board. Shown with the portrait are from left: Karen Kelly, former UM National Alumni Association president; Robert Altman, chair of the Foundation board; John Brady, vice president for university advancement; Kit Waters, president of the UM National Alumni Association; Carolyn Duncan, Foundation board member; Scott Stephens, professor of art and chair of the art department; and Joe Howard, Foundation board member.

Lost and Found: Peterson Restored

By Scott Stephens, Professor and Chair, Department of Art

In the summer of 2009, John Brady joined Montevallo as vice president for university advancement. His offices are in Reynolds Hall, in the central Historic District of campus, and neighbor to Peterson Hall, which was undergoing a major renovation that summer for the art department.

One of his first projects was to reorganize his spaces, which included exploring all the nooks and crannies that were full to overflowing with items stored long ago and now virtually lost. So it was that John found, in that closet under the staircase, a painting of a man and, like that picture of Dorian Gray from Oscar Wilde's imagination, this painting had aged badly. With the oil paint peeling from the canvas, the surface cracked and chipped, and a pervasive mold growing overall, the portrait was identifiable only by its brass name plate pinned to the frame: Dr. Francis Marion Peterson, Second President of the Alabama Technical Institute and College For Women 1899-1907.

Though John was new to Montevallo, the odd names resonated because his Foundation board had just made a generous contribution to the completion of the Peterson Hall renovations.

John's enthusiasm for this find was conveyed to me in his question, "Can this be restored?" My answer, as is often the case, "I'll ask my wife." Suzanne Voce Stephens, UM Class of 1984, is an art historian and staff member at the Birmingham Museum of Art. She recommended that we have the work evaluated by Art Conservation Center, a national company with a laboratory associated with the High Museum in Atlanta. They received the painting and before any

evaluation and documentation could be made, they removed the mold from the surface with a vacuum. Their report indicated that the painting could be stabilized and repaired at a reasonable cost; the Foundation board agreed and contracted for the work. The restoration began by removing the painted canvas from its wooden stretcher and adhering it to a new canvas using an archival adhesive that is activated in a heated vacuum frame. This new canvas was then stretched on the original wood bars; this process is referred to as lining the painting, and it stabilizes all the cracked and peeling paint so further cleaning and repair can take place. The original paint surface was cleaned and preserved with a coating of varnish, voids in the paint film were filled with a modeling compound, and new coloring was added using Gamblin Conservation Colors. With this work completed, the painting reveals its original color and likeness. It appears to be a portrait done during Dr. Peterson's life (1854-1908), probably at the turn-of-the-century, and signed by the artist F. C. Morgan.

Now the restored Peterson painting hangs in the restored Peterson Hall, no longer the man beneath the stairs, but the man beside the elevator, in his rightful home and vantage point to watch over the work of art students. Students who, working late at night, may think they catch his glance for years to come.

Postscript:

The original cast bronze dedication plaque, which had been missing from the building since the 1960s, was recovered from an apartment on Birmingham's Southside in time for the re-opening reception on Founders' Day 2009. Do any of you alums know anything about that?

Gala offers 'A Taste for the Arts'

Montevallo's art, music, theater and communication students came together for a celebration of artistic endeavors April 17 at the College of Fine Arts Scholarship Gala, "A Taste for the Arts." This annual event is a fundraiser to fund scholarships for fine arts students.

The evening began in LeBaron Recital Hall with entertainment, a mix of musical recitals featuring choral, instrumental and operatic ensembles, and vignettes from theatrical productions performed by students and directed by UM faculty. After the entertainment, guests were treated to a wine social while viewing the mass communication display and student artwork exhibited in Anna Irvin Dining Hall.

Proceeds from the gala will fund fine arts scholarships for students.



Steven Williams of Birmingham, a senior theater major, performs at the annual College of Fine Arts Gala, "A Taste for the Arts."

MBA degree program to debut this fall; applications are being accepted now

When the Alabama Commission on Higher Education on March 12 approved the master of business administration degree program at UM, that ended a four-year quest to bring graduate education to the Michael E. Stephens College of Business.

Since that time, the SCOB has been busy spreading the word about this addition. UM alumni and friends who have been contemplating pursuing graduate study are encouraged to learn more about the UM-MBA.

Classes will begin in the fall, and applications are being accepted now for the first cohort. The program will feature small classes, an outstanding faculty that engages students intellectually and personally and the challenge of working with other well-qualified students. The Stephens College of Business offers the MBA in a flexible program format designed to serve a variety of student groups. The full-time MBA option is available to students who can make a full-time commitment to an intensive educational experience. At this commitment level, the 30-hour evening program takes 12 months to complete. This option lets accounting students who are required to have 150 credit hours to sit for the CPA examination to complete the BBA and MBA with just a few more semester hours. The part-time MBA option is for the mid- and upper-level professional with work experi-

ence, who manages people and projects, and who is employed full-time. The program allows students to take one to four courses each semester. The part-time program can generally be completed in fewer than three years.

Moreover, the UM-MBA not only benefits the business student, but also liberal-arts students from political science or psychology or other fields who will have an opportunity to gain a business skill set. Combining oral and written communication skills with an extensive well-rounded knowledge base and the ability to see the big picture with an MBA will give students cross-disciplinary integration and a valuable perspective. The MBA can put them over the top, perhaps giving them an advantage over other students.

AACSB International: the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business accredits all programs in the Michael E. Stephens College of Business, including the MBA.

To enroll, prospective students should contact the Office of Graduate Studies at (205) 665-6350 or graduate@montevallo.edu. Visit www.UM-MBA.com or contact Dr. Tom Sanders, Stephens College of Business, at sanderstj@montevallo.edu or (205) 665-6536 for program details.

CAMPUSUPDATES

Buy A Brick

Alumni and friends have a unique opportunity to invest in the Robert M. McChesney Student Activity Center by participating in the buy-a-brick campaign. The entrance walkway of the Student Activity Center includes the traditional Montevallo bricks, and alumni can have an engraved brick installed as part of the walkway at the SAC.

The cost is \$100, and a portion of that (\$75) is a tax-deductible contribution. Engraving will include a maximum of 20 characters per line on up to three lines. An order form is available online at <http://www.montevallo.edu/giving/AnnualFund/Bricks.shtm>, and it may be completed and submitted electronically or printed and returned to the Alumni Office at Station 6215, Montevallo, AL 35115 or via fax at 205-665-6218.

Got Mail?

If you are a graduate of the department of family and consumer sciences (formerly home economics), please send your current email address to Spruiell@hotmail.com. In current economic times, it is more feasible to reach all 1,700+ alumni by email, so send your email address today!

Update Your Records

UM alumni may update their records via the Internet at the following site: <http://www.montevallo.edu/alumni/recupdate.shtm>. Alums may also submit class notes for *Montevallo Today* at that site.



Marcus Kennedy looks to the basket during action his senior year at UM. He was named the Gulf South Conference's East Division Player of the Decade. UM's head men's basketball coach, Danny Young, instructs his Falcons during halftime this past season. Young was named the GSC East Division Coach of the Decade. In his six seasons before UM left the GSC for the Peach Belt Conference, Young guided his team to 133 wins, while making the GSC Tournament every year.

UM athletes, coaches snare All-Decade honors

Montevallo's run in the Gulf South Conference under head men's basketball coach Danny Young that resulted in three conference titles and two South Region titles has reaped All-Decade awards from the Falcons' former conference. UM is now a member of the Peach Belt Conference.

Guard Marcus Kennedy (2003-07) earned the men's GSC East Division Player of the Decade award. Kennedy helped the Falcons to the South Region title in 2007 with a half-court, buzzer beater. He was a First Team All-American and two-time GSC East Player of the Year. His 2,173 career points are third all-time in GSC annals, and he currently holds nine school records.

Kennedy is joined by guards James Hall (2004-06) and Greg Brown (2005-07) on the GSC First-Team All-Decade team. Hall was a two-time All-American and was named the 2006 GSC East Division Player of the Year. Brown was named twice to the All-GSC East Division team while being named an All-American in his senior season (2007).

Coach Young was named the GSC East Division Coach of the Decade. In six seasons before the school left the GSC, Young won 133 games, making the GSC Tournament every season. The Falcons

won the GSC title three times and the South Region title twice. Young was also named GSC Coach of the Year from 2005-07 and was named Region Coach of the Year in 2007.

Six former Falcons, including one coach from the Montevallo baseball team, were named to the GSC East Division All-Decade Team. Former Falcon stars Trent Preuitt (2002-05), J.D. Pruitt (2006-07) and Zach Andrews (2005-08) were all named to the First Team. Daniel Tankersley (2006-07), Travis Fultz (2006-07) and former head coach Greg Goff (2004-07) were named to the Second Team.

Preuitt was the 2005 GSC East Division Player of the Year. He was twice named to the GSC East Division First Team. In 2005 he was named an All-American by both Rawlings/ABCA and the NCBWA. He ranked first in the nation in 2005 in Toughest to Strike Out.

Pruitt stole 74 bases in just two seasons with the Falcons and blasted 22 homeruns. He was named a Daktronics All-American in 2007 and was a two-time All-GSC East Division First Team selection. In 2007 he was selected by the Oakland Athletics in the Major League Baseball Amateur Draft.

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Alumni Club Notes

Mobile Area

The schooner, Joshua, was the setting for a sunset sail May 8 on Mobile Bay. Members of the Mobile Area Alumni Club climbed aboard the vessel at The Marina at the Grand Hotel in Fairhope at 5 p.m. Fifteen minutes later they were skimming along, keeping pace with the waves in the bay. Among special guests for “Sail Montevallo” were Kit Waters ’78, president of the UM National Alumni Association, Racheal B. Banks ’99, director of development and alumni affairs, and Teresa Baker, development associate, university advancement. Coordinators of the event were René Eiland ’90 and Mark Eiland ’90.



The deck of the Joshua provided a perfect stage for a photo op from the May 8 Mobile Area Alumni Club event.

New York City



UM alumni from the New York City area gathered June 19 for the “NYC Alumni Social” at Rose Rehearsal Studio at the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center.

Panhandle, Fla., Area

Panama City:



Zachary's Bistro Café was the scene of the Panama City Alumni Club's gathering June 17. Among those who attended were (from left) Jane Segrest '63, Bill Garrett '67, Deanna Garrett '67, Mike Meadows '79, Racheal Banks '99, Kit Waters '78 and Julia House '75. Banks is director of development and alumni affairs at UM, and Waters is president of the UM National Alumni Association. The Garretts were among meeting coordinators.

Pensacola:



Members of the Pensacola Alumni Club heard campus updates and enjoyed an evening of fellowship Montevallo style during a June 15 dinner meeting at The Fish House. Racheal Banks '99 (front, far right), director of development and alumni affairs, and Kit Waters '78, (seated just behind Banks), president of the UM National Alumni Association, were among special guests.

Class Notes

Compiled by Marsha Littleton

'27

Dorothy "Dot" Williams Barnes of Panama City, Fla., celebrated her 106th birthday recently with family and friends. She received several gifts including a plaque of appreciation from both Gov. Charlie Crist and U.S. Sen. George Leimioux (R-Fla.) as well as a special card and UM afghan from former president Philip Williams.

'31

Myra Smith Jackson was the guest of honor at a party celebrating her 100th birthday in February. Myra still resides in the home she and her husband, George, built in Homewood in 1939. She retired from teaching after 25 years in the classroom.

'33

Dorothy Bandy Lindsay of St. Petersburg, Fla., celebrated her 100th birthday May 27. Dorothy is a retired teacher with the Miami school system.

'65

Margaret Ann Bonds of El Paso, Texas, has a small business called *fluency* that offers individualized language enrichment and accent reduction to physicians from other countries who apply for residency in American hospital programs. She writes that she also enjoys traveling and recently went on an overland safari in South Africa.

Margaret Ann Bonds '65 gets an up-close-and-personal view of a cheetah she spotted on a recent overland safari in South Africa. She lives in El Paso, Texas.

'67

Don Andrews is head women's tennis coach for Savannah State University in Savannah, Ga. He is a member of the Wilmington Island Club and is the current Super Senior Golf Club champion.

'69

Loraine Logan DeGeorge of Norcross, Ga., has retired after teaching special education for 32 years.

'72

Peggy Shull Nicholson is an associate broker with RE/MAX First Choice Realty in Pelham. She writes that she and her husband, George, reside in Calera and are enjoying their children and grandchildren.

Mike Payne has retired as assistant director of the Alabama Unemployment Compensation division of the Department of Industrial Relations.

'73

Nancy Prickett M.Ed. '77 of Birmingham recently completed her 37th year of teaching at Simmons Middle School in Hoover. She enjoys traveling and plans to work with a travel agency specializing in student trips when she retires.

'74

Steve Buckner M.Ed. '78 of Flat Rock has retired after teaching science for 29 years at North Sand Mountain School in Jackson County.

George Walker of the law firm of Hand Arendall in Mobile has

been elected president-elect of the Association of Defense Trial



Attorneys. George will assume the presidency of the international organization following its 2011 annual meeting. He

is chair of the UM Board of Trustees.

'75

Earl Lamonte "Monty" Davis Sr. recently received the Outstanding Citizen of Achievement Award from the Arab Chamber of Commerce. Monty retired from Redstone Arsenal in 2003 after 32 years of service, served in the National Guard for more than 30 years, served as Arab's mayor for 13 years and is currently a loan officer with Citizen's Bank and Trust.

Melanie Cook Laten M.Ed. '79, a retired teacher, is a docent at the Huntsville Museum of Art and teaches at the museum academy. She also owns and operates a travel agency.

'76

Betty Screws Evans of Henrico, Va., is a deputy clerk in the Henrico Circuit Court. She writes that she is looking forward to her daughter's wedding in the fall.

'77

Geraldine Frazier of Auburn retired from the Macon County school system in 2006.



'79

Cindy Lee Atkinson has been named executive director of Cheaha Mental Health Center, which serves Talladega, Coosa, Clay and Randolph counties. She has been employed there since 1980 and had previously held the position of associate executive director.

Kim Norton Hollon has accepted the position of president and CEO of Signature Healthcare in Brockton, Mass. The company includes Brockton Hospital as well as Signature Medical Group, a network of healthcare providers throughout the state.

'80

After teaching for two years in Jakarta, Indonesia, and Bangkok, Thailand, **Paul McDonald** now resides in Louisville, Ky., where he is teaching adult education and pursuing a master's degree in teaching arts at Spalding University.

Bett Rutledge has accepted an appointment as senior attorney adjudicator for the Social Security Administration's Office of Disability, Adjudication and Review in Jacksonville, Fla.

'81

The late **Sammy Dunn M.Ed.** will be inducted posthumously into the inaugural class of the Vestavia Hills Sports Hall of Fame in September. At the time of his death in 2004, he was Alabama's most decorated high school baseball coach and had taken the Vestavia Rebels to seven consecutive state championships and one national championship. He is a member of the University of Montevallo Hall of Fame and several others.

Glen Gourley Jr., professor of theatre and speech at Francis Marion University in Florence, S.C., recently received

the Shared Governance Award sponsored by the FMU chapter of the American Association of University Professors. The award recognizes commitment to the principles of shared governance between the faculty, administration and board of trustees.

'83

After serving for a number of years in the mission field in the U.S. and Africa, **Jerry Counselman** and his wife, Sally, have established Mission 10:14, a Christian non-profit organization based in Georgia that works with groups in West Africa. Sally writes that, while they were working in West Africa, they met another American who seemed familiar to Jerry. After much conversation, Jerry discovered that both he and **David Schieman** had attended Montevallo at the same time.

'84

Heloiza Golbspan Herscovitz M.A. recently received tenure at the University of California at Long Beach journalism department.

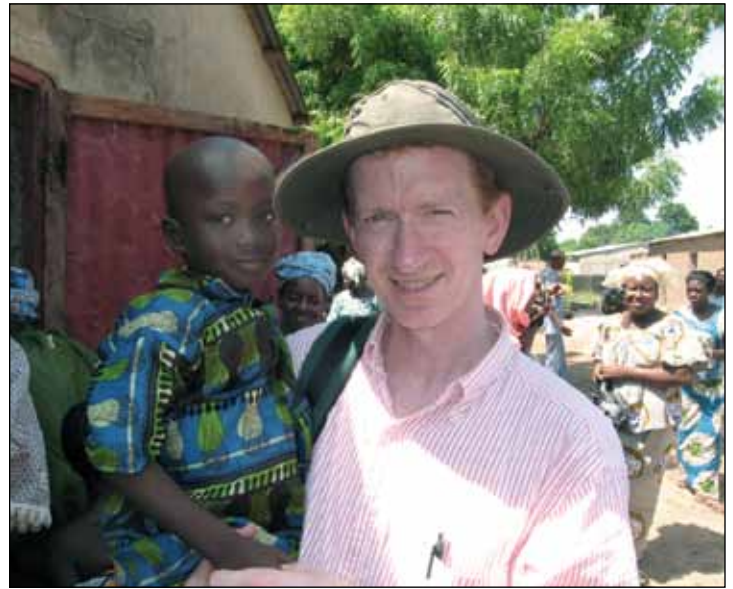
Alisa Jones and her husband, Michael, recently celebrated their 23rd wedding anniversary. The Joneses reside in Arley.

'87

Lea Webb Williamson M.A. '90 writes that her family has relocated to Long Island, N.Y., to accommodate husband Dave's new job with Nycomed. She reports that their son, Reid, is in first grade and doing well with bilateral cochlear implants.

'89

Linda Bean was recently named Cullman Middle School's Teacher of the Year. She is in her 20th year as band director at CMS and also directs other band programs there. She has



Jerry Counselman '83, shown holding a youngster from Africa, has established, with his wife, an organization called Mission 10:14 that works with groups in West Africa. During his time in West Africa, Jerry met a Montevallo alumnus, David Schieman, who attended UM at the same time as he did.

participated in the Southeastern All Star Music Camp for 26 years and presented at the Desire2Learn-Fusion 2008 conference, demonstrating how technology can be utilized to facilitate band instruction.

'91

Geoff Glenn and his wife of 10 years, Jennifer, reside in Birmingham where Geoff is an account executive with Zurich North America. The Glens have three children.

'92

Tonya Hinton Littleton, coach of the Boaz High School girls' basketball team, has been inducted into the Marshall County Sports Hall of Fame. Her teams have won eight area championships, two regional championships, one state runner-up and one state title. During the 2009-10 season, Tonya recorded her 300th win, and her overall record is 320-198.

'93

J. Michael Dennis recently

received his doctor of worship studies degree from the Robert E. Webber Institute for Worship Studies in Orange Park, Fla. He currently serves as worship arts and evangelism pastor at Christ Wesleyan Church in Milton, Pa.

William M. Murrain III M.Ed.

'98 has received his Ph.D. in applied developmental science from the Curry School of Education at the University of Virginia. He is employed as a postdoctoral fellow by the Center for Advanced Study of Teaching and Learning in Charlottesville, Va.

'98

Elisa Toxey is pursuing a master of divinity degree at Anderson University School of Theology in Indiana. While she is studying pastoral care, she works at The Christian Center, a shelter for homeless men.

'00

Andon Briggs M.Ed. '02 recently completed a 50-mile ultra-marathon in the Florida



Andon Briggs '00, M.Ed. '02 is all smiles as he finishes an ultra-marathon in the Florida Keys. He is training for a run of 124 miles from Baton Rouge, La., to New Orleans.

Keys. He has run six marathons and two ultra-marathons (races of more than 26.2 miles) and is training for a race of 124 miles from Baton Rouge, La., to New Orleans. Andon and his wife, **Beth Gentry Briggs '97, M.Ed. '99**, reside Trussville with their children.

Jenny Fox Shain and her husband, Dave, reside in Douglasville, Ga., where Jenny is a self-employed life coach specializing in creative Christian women.

'01

Scott Allman is the geospatial programs director for AEGIS Technologies in Huntsville. The company creates 3-D databases of cities, countries and other settings for planning, security and other purposes. AEGIS has built replicas of sites from Olympic and Super Bowl cities to the nation of Afghanistan.

Kyle LoPorto, his wife, Maegan, and their two children reside in Gardendale. Kyle is coordinator of student development at Birmingham-Southern College in Birmingham.

'03

Sam Arledge and his wife, Marcela, have accepted the call as missionaries to Brazil with Campus Outreach. Sam became active with Campus Outreach while attending Montevallo. The Arledges have one daughter. Sam is the son of **Patricia Arledge '76, M.Ed. '82** and the late **Samuel Loyd Arledge M.Ed. '76** of Shelby (see obituary on page 17).

Melody Greene has been named Teacher of the Year for Berry Middle School in Hoover.

'04

Megan DeShazo has received the doctor of medicine degree from the University of South Alabama College of Medicine in Mobile. She has accepted a residency appointment with the department of surgery at the University of South Alabama Hospital System.

Kimberly S. Forte, a native of Eutaw, recently graduated from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine.

Brandon Lee of Concord,



Sam Arledge '03, and his wife, Marcela, shown with their daughter, Rebekah, are missionaries to Brazil with Campus Outreach. Sam became involved with Campus Outreach while attending UM.

N.C., is a vice president for risk technology at Bank of America.

'06

Tina Strozier Harris has accepted the position of administrative secretary to the vice president for human resources at Alabama State University in Montgomery. Tina and husband Brian reside in Selma where they serve as youth and worship leaders at First United Pentecostal Church of Selma.

Sarah Wells Kaufman recently completed a master's degree in music at Louisiana State University. Sarah and her husband, Patrick, reside in Chicago.

Ann Logan Wheeler M.A. '08 of Augusta, Ga., is an instructor of English and director of the writing center at Augusta State University.

'07

P. T. Paul of Spanish Fort has had her first book, *To Live & Write in Dixie*, published by Negative Capability Press. P. T. describes it as "a hybrid of poetry and prose that considers the

South and Southern-ness in both historical and contemporary terms." She also works with the Poetry Out Loud program for high school students and is active in other literary organizations.

'08

Holly Warman Hall resides in Baton Rouge, La., where she teaches third grade. She writes that Montevallo prepared her well in many ways for her teaching career.

'10

Jonathan Underwood and his wife, **Melanie Verhoff Underwood '08**, reside in Tuscaloosa where Jonathan is pursuing a master's degree in library information science.

Weddings

'06

Tammy Mitchell and Matthew DeWeese were married Aug. 8 at First United Methodist Church in Huntsville. After a honeymoon trip to Key West, Fla., the DeWeeses reside in Hoover. Tammy is an account manager



Tammy Mitchell '06 and Matthew DeWeese were wed Aug. 8 at First United Methodist Church in Huntsville. After a honeymoon trip to Key West, Fla., the DeWeeses reside in Hoover.



Leah Smith '07 and John Allen '06 were married Feb. 10 at First Baptist Church of Pelham. A number of UM alumni were members of the wedding party.

with Greenhalgh Insurance, and Matthew is employed by Avanti Polar Lipids in Alabaster.

'07

Leah Smith and John Allen '06 were married Feb. 10 at First Baptist Church of Pelham. Members of the wedding party who are UM alums include **Leah Simpson '07, Nicole Hernandez '07, Alyson Landman Smith '06, Anna Dutton '07, Bobby Isbell**

'05, Rick Crumpton '06 and David Henderson '09. After a honeymoon cruise to Cozumel, Mexico, the Allens reside in Birmingham. Leah works with Lawler Ballard Van Durand, an advertising agency, and John works for Talladega County as an appraiser.

'09

Pamela Nicole Isbell married Nathan Smitherman May 23, 2009, at Matthews Manor



Ella Ruth Quinn



Eli Terrell



Shannon Williams Wyatt '97 M.Ed. '05, is shown with daughter, Whitney Shay.

in Springville. Following a honeymoon in Riviera Maya, Mexico, the couple resides in Calera. Nicole is a registered nurse at St. Vincent's Hospital in Birmingham, and Nathan is a fire medic with the Alabaster Fire Department. Nathan is the son of **Glenda Smitherman '91.**

'10

Mary Lauren Rogers and Jeremy Samplaski were married Jan. 9 at North Shelby Baptist Church in Birmingham. After a honeymoon in Chicago, the Samplaskis reside in San Antonio, Texas, where Mary Lauren gives private voice and piano lessons and Jeremy is a student pastor at Castle Hills First Baptist Church.

Alice Wright M.Ed. and Perry Lawley were married Nov. 21

at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Mobile. After a honeymoon trip to Seaside, Fla., the Lawleys reside in Hoover. Perry is director of bands at Montevallo High School. While Perry did not graduate from Montevallo, his mother, **Martha "Mimi" Edfeldt Lawley '69** and grandmother, **Doris C. Lawley '48,** are alums, and his father, **Eddy Lawley,** is director of UM's physical plant *emeritus.*

Births

'95

Kristie Warren Grimaud and husband Michael celebrated the birth of their third son, Logan Cade, March 21. Big brothers Micah, 5, and Cameron, 16 months, welcomed Logan to the Grimaud home in Coronado, Calif.

'97

Randall Lee Quinn M.D. and his wife, Tara, announce the birth of their second daughter, Ella Ruth, March 30. Ella and big sister Evelyn Grace, 19 months, were both delivered by their father. The Quinn family resides in Hanceville.

Nita Whigham Terrell and husband David welcomed the birth of their first child, Eli, May 11. The Terrells reside in Alabaster.

Shannon Williams Wyatt M.Ed. '05 and her husband,

Aidan Joseph Smith was born May 4 to DeAnna McCarley Smith '99 and her husband, Chris. He is their first child. The Smiths live in Calera.



Brantley (right) and Braxton Roye are the twin sons of Mandy Oaks Roye '02 and Scott Roye '02. The boys were born April 22. The Royes live in Covington, La.



Ruby Renee Reinhardt was born Jan. 25. Her parents are Jessica Batting Reinhardt '01 M.Ed. '06 and Billy Reinhardt of Wetumpka.

Brian, celebrated the birth of their daughter, Whitney Shay, Jan. 31. Whitney was welcomed to the Wyatts' home in Clanton by Brian's twin daughters, Maddie and Abby. Shannon is a third grade teacher at Clanton Intermediate School.

'99

DeAnna McCarley Smith, vice president for business affairs at UM, and husband Chris welcomed the birth of their first child, Aidan Joseph, May 4. The Smiths reside in Calera.

'01

Jessica Batting Reinhardt M.Ed. '06 and her husband, Billy, of Wetumpka announce the birth of their first daughter, Ruby Renee, Jan. 25. Jessica teaches at Trinity Presbyterian School in Montgomery.

'02

Mandy Oaks Roye and husband **Scott Roye '02** celebrated



Getting a cuddle from "doggie brother" Wrigley is Addison Jean Newton, who was born Feb. 11 to Stephanie Comer Newton '03 and her husband, Allen.

the birth of twin boys April 22. Brantley and Braxton were welcomed to the Royes' home in Covington, La., by big brother Blake, 4.

'03

Stephanie Comer Newton and her husband, Allen, announce the birth of their first child, Addison Jean, Feb. 11. Stephanie writes that, while she and Allen were preparing for their annual trip to Montevallo for College Night, Addison decided to arrive early in order to be born during a Purple Victory week. Addison was welcomed to the Newtons' home in Nashville by "doggie brother" Wrigley.

Deaths

'29

Minnie Turner McNeill of Prattville died in December 2005.

'31

Claudia Thombs Lovett, 100, of Roswell, Ga., formerly of Florence, died May 21. She was a retired teacher.

'34

Marjorie Jones Dowling of Panama City, Fla., died Feb. 27, 2009. She was a retired teacher.

Katherine Zadek Grant of Montgomery died Jan. 14, 2008.

Rachel Keynton of McLean,

Va., died Oct. 26, 2006. She was a retired administrative secretary in the office of Sen. Lister Hill.

Velma Christine Finch

Wallace, 98, of Spanish Fort, formerly of Marion Junction, died March 23. She and her husband, Joe, managed a ranch and farming operation for 45 years.

'36

Mary Fleming Skipper of Geneva died Sept. 25. She was a teacher in the Geneva school system for more than 35 years and served on the board of the Geneva Public Library for 60 years.

'40

Lorena Atkinson O'Bannon, 91, of Tusculumbia died May 17.

'41

A. Maxine Phillips, 92, of Birmingham died May 17. She was a retired medical technologist with Roche Labs at Brookwood Hospital.

Mary Beall Reames, 90, of Greenwood, S.C., died Dec. 7. She was a retired first grade teacher.

'42

Willye Henrye Moore Price, 90, of Leeds died April 15. She was a teacher at Leeds Elementary School, retiring with 44 years of service.

'43

Katherine Raines Disher, 88, of Albertville died April 12. She was a retired piano and music teacher.

Martha Alice Adams Tillery, 88, of Columbia died May 31. She was a retired teacher.

'44

Anna Irene Sanford Nunnelley, 87, of Phoenix died June 5. She was a retired teacher of home economics.

Marguerite McEachin Shute of Dothan died May 5. She taught school in the Dothan area for 32 years.

'45

Eula Inez McDowell Wallace, 86, of Empire died May 28.

'46

Frances Marcella Woodfin Kelley, 85, of Norfolk, Va., died April 18.

Joanna Snuggs McGaughy M.Ed. '75, 84, of Montevallo died June 28. Joanna and her husband owned and operated Montevallo Cleaners, and she also taught at Montevallo High School. Survivors who are UM alumni include her sister, **Sarah Snuggs Whetstone Whitman** '46, M.A. '75; her son, **Jerry McGaughy** '71; and her daughter-in-law **Nancy Edwards McGaughy** '69, M.A. '72.

Helen Evans Parrish, 86, of Clanton died May 3. She served on the staff of Clanton First United Methodist Church for more than 50 years, retiring as director of programs *emerita*.

Joyce Griffin Roark of Greenwood, S.C., died May 3.

'47

Merle Lunsford Corcoran, 85, of Abbeville died May 7. She worked in child welfare for 20

years and owned and operated Credit Bureau Services Inc.

Jeanne Priester of Arlington, Va., and recently of Opelika, died April 13. She began her career with the Alabama Cooperative Extension Service and retired as a federal extension national program leader in the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C.

'48

Maxine Ashcraft Coleman, 84, of Millport died May 2.

Judith Irene Ellard Tatom, 83, of Dothan died June 8. She was a social worker with 30 years of service, retiring as administrative supervisor for Houston County Department of Human Resources.

'50

Joyce Clements Reed, 81, of Centreville died March 17. She was a pastor's wife for 56 years.

'56

Gloria Faye Stabler Wallace, 74, of Coker died April 22.

'61

R. Darby Sellers of Hoover died Feb. 21. He was a registered nurse at Lloyd Noland and HealthSouth Metro West hospitals in Fairfield.

'62

Anita Louise McWhorter of Atlanta died Feb. 22. She worked with the Internal Revenue Service for 19 years.

'69

Richard S. Gilliam M.A., 71, of Clanton died April 3. He began his teaching and coaching career at Verbena, went to Calera High School for seven years, then to Montevallo High where he coached from 1972 until 1988. He continued to teach until 1993. MHS renamed

the school's football field Richard Gilliam Field in 2006.

'70

Wayne Leith Faught, 62, of Greensboro died May 23. He was a manager for Walgreens Inc. and served on the Hale County board of education for 16 years.

'74

Deborah Kay Peters Little M.Ed. '79, 58, of Hoover died May 19. She was a teacher for almost 30 years, teaching second grade at Vestavia Hills Cahaba Heights Elementary School at the time of her death.

'76

Samuel Loyd Arledge Jr. M.Ed., 68, of Shelby died June 9. He was an educator for 25 years, serving as principal of Shelby Elementary School for the last 17 years of his career. Among his survivors is **Sam Arledge III** '03, his son.

'77

Frances Crosby Seay, 83, of Hickory Flat died June 10.

'78

Allan F. McGuirk M.Ed., 81, of Lake Wales, Fla., died March 9. He was a retired teacher and coach with 42 years of service.

'79

Linda Hand Ellison of Gardendale died May 12. She was employed with the Jefferson County Department of Human Resources as a social worker for more than 30 years.

'88

Johanna Caruso MME, 79, of Huntsville died May 8. She served Holy Spirit Catholic Church as choir director, music director and organist for a number of years.

'89

William T. Goode, 44, of Huntsville died May 27. He was a teacher and a cosmetologist.

Condolences

'49

To **Doris Chism Lien** of Montevallo on the death of her husband, Glenn, 85, April 11. Glenn was active in the community and was named Montevallo Citizen of the Year in 1993. Other family members who are UM alums include daughter **Glenda Jewel "Judy" Lien Santa Cruz** '75 and her son and daughter, **Keaton Santa Cruz** '04 and **Ashley Santa Cruz Foster** '07, as well as Ashley's husband, **James Ryan Foster** '06.

'66

To **Mary Lazenby Slaton** of Opelika on the death of her brother, Dr. William D. Lazenby, 79, also of Opelika.

'68

To **Janice Tarrant Malone** and her husband, **Mike** '69, on the death of Janice's father, James R. Tarrant Jr., 89, May 17. He was an educator, coach and administrator in the Birmingham school system for many years.

'73

To **Judy Northcutt Henry M.Ed.** '75 of Jemison on the death of her mother, Leatha Northcutt, 86, who died May 28. Other family members who are Montevallo alumni include Judy's son, **Bryan Henry** '06, and her niece, **Leighhsa Robinson** '89.

'89

To **Mark Bolton**, human resources specialist at UM, on the death of his father, Wendell Bolton, July 2.

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Hunter Lawley,
Majored in theater and

Montevallo Profile



Class of 2004
and now singing his way through the South

Your name: Hunter Lawley

Year graduated from UM and degree received: 2004 B.S. theatre

Your home: Calera

Your hometown: Montevallo

Please tell us about your family. My father was an elementary school principal for 25 years in Moody. My mother was the secretary at Montevallo First United Methodist Church. My brother played baseball for the University and graduated in 1998. He is now the Park and Recs director for the city of Alabaster. In 2006, I married Montevallo grad Katie Fitzgerald. We have one daughter, Anna Kate. She is a handful and keeps us on our toes, but I wouldn't have it any other way. She is definitely a Daddy's girl.

What is your profession? Musician

What is the last book you read, and who is the author? Does *Rolling Stone* and *Billboard Magazine* count?

What is your secret for success? Wake up before everyone else!

What is the best advice you have received? Talent is important in the music business. But if you don't have a good business plan, no one will ever see your talent. Put the business first so everyone can enjoy your talent.

Do you have a favorite motto? If so, what is it? Make it Happen!!!

What's new? There is a lot of new stuff going on in my life. I recently finished my second album titled "graysville." It was recorded at GinTown Studios and was produced by music industry veteran Michael Panepento. Panepento produced "The Temptations'" latest album "Still Here" right before we started my project. I was honored that he wanted to work with me, and I am really proud of what we accomplished. The album is available on iTunes and Amazon.com. I recently opened for Cross Canadian Ragweed in front of 15,000 people. It was awesome!!! Those guys really had a lot of good advice to give, and it was a lot of fun hanging out with them. Other than that, just sticking to the old grind and playing wherever will let me and not boo me off the stage. Check out www.hunterlawley.com and come see a show sometime.

Please tell us about your educational foundation. (The University of Montevallo was a huge part of my life. I honestly believe I wouldn't be a musician if it weren't for the people I met and the professors who helped guide me through school. I was not the best student, but I had a lot of people who believed in me and made sure I did well in my classes. Also, I met the majority of my life-long friends (including my wife) at Montevallo. It is a place that will always care for its students, and its students will always care for its educational foundation, unforgettable traditions and invaluable life lessons. I still keep in touch with a lot of faculty members who make an effort to check up on me and offer any advice when needed. It is a university where the education process continues long after you graduate. It is a great school with great people, and I thank God that He put me there.

Class Notes . . .

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To **Elizabeth Daily**

Holsembeck M.S. '90 on the death of her husband, Joseph Allen "Buddy" Holsembeck, 49, April 3. Buddy attended UM and went on to work with CVS Pharmacy. Other survivors who are Montevallo alums include Buddy's brother and sister, **Ronald Holsembeck '85** and **Cindy Holsembeck '85**.

'99

To **Racheal Brantley Banks**

on the death of her father, Charles William Brantley, 75, May 30. Racheal is director of

development and alumni affairs at UM.

'01

To **Malissia Veazey Loucks** of Clanton on the death of her father, Thomas Stephen Veazey, 55, May 31.

To the family and friends of **Donnetta Story Brown, 52**, of Birmingham, a graduate student at UM, who died May 19. She was serving as principal of Wilson Elementary School at the time of her death.

To the family and friends of **Miriam Collins, 85**, of Montevallo who died May 1. She taught in UM's department

of kinesiology from 1952-1987 and gave much of her time to community organizations. She was recognized nationally for her contributions to the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

To the family and friends of **Betty Espy Hollon, 85**, of Abbeville who died May 9. Betty worked in the development office at Montevallo from 1974 to 1991, and upon her retirement, was named staff assistant/manager of the development office *emerita* at UM.

To the family and friends of **Bruce Patrick Leonard** of

Smyrna, Ga., who died April 1. Members of Patrick's family have been benefactors of Montevallo for a number of years, endowing a scholarship to be presented annually to a business major at UM. The family requested that, in lieu of flowers, memorials should be made to the M. Burke, Robert J. and Bruce Leonard Memorial Fund through the alumni office.

To the family and friends of **Paul J. L. Schatz Jr., 67**, of Pelham, who died April 14. He taught business courses for UM in the evenings at Jefferson State Community College for seven years beginning in the late 1970s.



ATOs from the 80s met for dinner and a movie April 17 in Homewood. Among those attending the event were front row, from left: Kenny Spearman, Weyman Prater, Dugan Prater, Stewart Thrasher, Mark Rich and Mike Tamucci; back row, from left: Jimmy Bush, Bill Murphey, Bruce MacPherson, David Coker, John Pike, Bill Grizwold, Tommy Walker, Greg Giles and Bill Wood.

ATOs gather for evening of fellowship, reminiscing

By Mike Tamucci '84

The Montevallo Alpha Tau Omega alumni (1981-1983) hosted a "Dinner and a Movie" night April 17 in Homewood.

The ATO brothers usually gather every two years during the summer for a weekend golf reunion at various locations. It was decided this year to bridge the two-year gap with a one-night get-together in the Birmingham area.

The brothers met at the Aloft Hotel at Homewood's SoHo Square for a cocktail hour. Everyone then walked across the street to a private room and ate dinner at Dodiyo's, a new Mediterranean restaurant in the area. After dinner, the brothers were treated to a 55-minute DVD scrapbook slide show from the days at Montevallo.

There were many emotions as images and music from as long ago as 29 years flashed across the screen and thumped through the sound system. For a moment you felt as if you were on third floor Napier Dorm on the old ATO Hall or on the intramural field lining up against our old rivals the Pi Kappas. The pictures showed waistlines that were a lot smaller and heads of hair that were a lot more plentiful, but also lifelong bonds that were being made that still exist today.

After wiping away some tears and conveying some heartfelt words and hugs, everyone walked back to the hotel for a night cap and the conclusion of a fun and successful night.

Each brother was given a copy of the DVD and a music CD of the group Hotel.

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Andrews is the GSC career leader in saves (25) and appearances (104). He was named First Team All-GSC East in 2006 and was named an All-American by both Rawlings/ABCA and NCBWA in 2006. He was a two-time member of the GSC All-Academic Team and was a Second Team All-GSC selection in 2008.

Tankersley was a two-time All-GSC First Team selection. He was named to GSC East Division Player of the Year in 2007. He was also named to the GSC All-Academic Team in 2007.

Fultz was a 2006 GSC East First Team selection and was named to the Second Team in 2007. In 2006 he tied the NCAA for most grand slams in a game with two.

Goff coached the Falcons for four seasons. He guided Montevallo

Gibson captures All-American honors for her prowess on the links

Junior Emily Gibson (Toronto, Ontario/North Toronto Collegiate) of the University of Montevallo women's golf team was named the program's first ever First Team All-American by the National Golf Coaches Association (NGCA). Gibson is one of six golfers to be named on the first team and the only Peach Belt Conference golfer on the list.

Gibson led the PBC in stroke average with a 75.8. She was named a PBC Player of the Week four times after winning four of the nine tournaments in which she played this season. She was also named the PBC Player of the Year and finished first at the PBC Championships.

to a 152-84 (.644) record in his four seasons. His 2006 Falcons won the South Central Region championship and advanced to the Division II College World Series after setting a school record for wins. In 2007, Montevallo again reached the South Central regional championship game and broke the one-year-old school victories mark.

Former Falcon and current University of Montevallo Athletic Hall of Fame member Gabi Raposo (2000-03) was named to the GSC Volleyball All-Decade Second Team for the East Division.

Raposo was a four-time All-GSC selection including three first-team nods. She was a 2003 Second Team All-South Region selection and was named to the GSC Honor Roll in 2002 and 2003. She holds the No. 1 spot in the Montevallo record books in nine different categories. She also cracks the top-three in 15 other spots throughout the record book.

She picked up the first of two straight wins at the Newberry Invitational in February, followed by a win at the Ann Rhoads Shootout. She also won the West Georgia Invitational in late March and the PBC Championship in mid-April.

Gibson was also recently named to the PBC All-Academic Team as she carries a 3.41 GPA in the classroom while dominating the golf course.



Sportsupdates

■ The UM Athletic Department would like to reach out to all its alumni. UM recently added an Alumni Questionnaire to MontevalloFalcons.com. We want to know what, as a department, we can do to better serve those who have worn the Purple and Gold in the past. Please take a few minutes out of your day to fill out the Alumni Questionnaire under the Traditions/Spirit tab at the top of the MontevalloFalcons.com web page.

■ Mechan Vanderpool has been selected as the 13th head women's basketball coach in program history. Vanderpool comes to Montevallo after spending the previous four seasons as assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at Delta State University. Prior to her time at DSU she spent two seasons as assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at Mississippi College and two seasons as graduate assistant coach at Delta State University.

■ Chandler Rose is the new head baseball coach at UM. Rose comes to Montevallo after spending the previous four seasons as head assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at the Air Force Academy. Prior to his time at the Academy, he spent one season as the assistant at Florida Gulf Coast University.

■ Ken Hassler has been hired as the fourth head coach in the history of the men's soccer program.

Hassler brings 23 years of collegiate coaching experience with him to Montevallo. He was most recently the head coach at Pfeiffer University in Misenheimer, N.C. He guided the team for six seasons and earned a top-10 ranking in the Southeast Region four of the six years. Last season he produced the fifth-ranked scoring offense in Division II as Pfeiffer scored 2.83 goals per game. Pfeiffer also had the 67th-ranked goals against average which helped them to a 13-5 record.

■ Ten former Falcons from the UM men's soccer team were named to the Gulf South Conference's All-Time Men's Soccer Team. Former Falcon stars Jonathan Maloney (2005-08) and Raven Keet (2002-05) were named the All-Time GSC Player and Goalkeeper, respectively. UM had 10 total selections which was one more than the next highest school, West Florida. Joining Maloney and Keet on the first team were Adam Frazer (2004-07) and Matthew Wheatley (1996-99). On the Second Team were Melford James Jr. (2006-07), Kevin Garneys (2001-04), Clint Roper (1995-97), Digby Watt (1996-99) and former head coach Ryan Pratt (2001-09).

■ The UM Athletic Department has released schedules for all five of the University's fall sports. Each of the team's schedules are available on their respective sport pages on the athletics web site. Visit www.montevallofalcons.com and follow appropriate links to the schedules.

■ Dr. Houston Byrd has been named the UM Faculty Athletics Representative. He is a 15-year member of the Montevallo faculty and is a professor of chemistry.

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Guest Essay

By Rebecca Luker '84

Luker shares life lessons with 2010 spring grads

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You're entering a different world today than I entered in 1984. It's a complicated and scary world. I think it's on the upswing, but I fervently believe that it's your generation that will change this world forever, for the good. I didn't even vote in a presidential election until 1988, as a 27-year-old. I said I wouldn't change a thing, but I do wish I'd been more involved in the world when I was younger. But it happens when it happens, right? And now I can't help myself. Not a week goes by that I'm not calling a congressman or senator or signing a petition. That's what's great about this country.



We can do things like that, and it changes things. I WILL tell you this... that becoming involved with a cause that's greater than yourselves, that goes beyond paying the bills and taking care of the kids and doing all the life stuff you have to do to stay afloat, will give your life a deeper meaning. You're a very lucky group of people, Class of 2010. You're citizens of a rich, free country. And with that privilege comes responsibility to those less fortunate. I was home in NYC the day the Twin Towers fell, and I'll never forget the sense of community in the city. Miracles can happen when individuals decide to pitch in and make a difference. Whatever your chosen profession, be it accountant, lawyer, doctor, librarian, I hope you'll take up this challenge. This class, all of you out there, can change the world, one ripple, one small act at a time. So what will you be? What's your dream? How will you make a difference?

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I guess the only other thing I would say today is to never forget where you came from and to call your parents from time to time. Being that tomorrow is Mother's Day, this is especially important. *New York Times* journalist Thomas L. Friedman, when he gave the commencement address at his university in 2005, told a story about legendary Alabama coach Bear Bryant, of all people. Coach Bryant did a TV commercial for BellSouth late in his career. He was supposed to simply look into the camera and say, "Have you called your mama today?" Well, instead of delivering the written line, he decided to make it more personal. He looked into the camera and said, "Have you called your mama today? I sure wish I could call mine." The commercial was a huge success, of course, because it came from his heart. I'm very proud to have my mom Martha, stepdad Lamar, my siblings and a plethora of nieces and nephews here today. My dad died just months before I graduated from Montevallo. He never got to see me on Broadway, and I sure wish he were here. So if you still have your folks, give them a call now and then.

I'll leave you with some of my favorite quotes by a couple of very smart people. First, two quotes by Abraham Lincoln: "Plant your feet in the right place and stand firm," and "Whatever you are, be a good one."

And from Mark Twain, another great American who was never educated beyond elementary school, said, "I never let my schooling interfere with my education."

Congratulations, Class of 2010. Go do great things and change the world.

Thank you.



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