

HERITAGE COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 24, 2004

Library, Room 215

Athens State University

Members attending were Jerry Bradford, Jo Huffman, Sara Love, and Molly Pepper.

Sara Love, Committee Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 2:40 p.m.

The minutes stood approved.

Jerry Bradford gave updates on the following campus projects:

- The Business Office employees have moved into their newly renovated offices in Founders Hall.
- The Founders renovation is ongoing. Now the steps on the north side are being sanded, and the painters are working over there as well. Martin & Cobey Construction has been contracted to hang sheet rock on the first floor. The maintenance crew is continuing with removing all flammable materials from Houston Hall. Eventually, this structure will be taken down.
- As soon as the weather cooperates, the maintenance department will begin concrete work to extend the courtyard. They will also add more pedestal lights, replace some light poles that are leaning, and do some landscaping projects.
- The work crew who is installing the new windows in McCandless has almost completed this job. Mr. Bradford will meet with Elizabeth Brant of the Historical Commission to discuss the next phase of the McCandless renovation.
- Other small projects include replacing some doors on various buildings around campus and taking up the carpet in the old library.

Jerry Bradford gave a report to the committee concerning the Historic Sign Project in Athens. He met with Richard Martin who has been working on a historical driving tour of Athens and Limestone County. He showed samples of how the signs will look which will designate a building or landmark as a historical site. The tour will include Founders Hall at Athens State University. The Heritage Committee would like to tie into this tour and expand on the Athens State University part of the tour to include other buildings around campus. The committee would also like to tie this project into the revision of our "Walk Across Campus" brochure. Sara Love stated that she has found what she believes to be some of the earliest photos yet of Founders Hall which might be useful for the historical tour plaque. Jerry and Sara will meet to pick out the pictures for this project.

Jo Huffman reported that she and Debbie Miller have begun work on revising the "Walk Across Campus" brochure. They have marked suggested changes and have come up with some ideas about adding new information. Jo recommended that the name of a contact person be published in the brochure if someone wants more information about Athens State. Jerry stated that he has an aerial map of the campus that might be used in some

way in the brochure. It was also suggested that some of these brochures should be placed at the information desk for interested visitors to the campus.

The inventory of antiques around campus is continuing. Sara said that she hopes that when the project is complete, a comparison between the old and new inventories may be made.

Sara mentioned that she has been asked to make photos building by building of faculty and staff members for the archives. This idea was brought up in the Staff Senate meeting. The Senators thought it would be good to have a record of the current staff. It has been many years since Athens State has published a yearbook.

Sara also told the committee about some new donations to the archives. They include a Gary Redus baseball uniform and photos of the Chapel dedication.

The committee discussed briefly some ways in which the budget for this year could be spent. Some ideas included paying part of the printing costs for the revised "Walk Across Campus" brochure, helping host a mini-exhibit of the archives in conjunction with some of the local museums, purchasing archival protection for the "Light Eternal" painting, or paying for some shelving for rare books.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 30, 2004.