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Footlights Community Theater and Athens State Drama Department performed “Fiddler on the Roof” this past May. This young performer, Josh McGuire from Athens along with Zach Zills, an Athens State University student try to impress the crowd opening night at McCandless Theater on Athens State University Campus. Dr. Elmore is now promoting a new historical play called “The Court Marshal that Changed the Civil War” which is open for audience suggestions Monday, August 24 and Tuesday, August 25 at McCandless Theater.

Photos by Aletha Pardue

Athens State Drama Department needs your help with upcoming historical play

Aletha Pardue
Editor

May 1, 1862, Colonel J.S. Scott of the Louisiana Calvary chased those Yankees to Huntsville. In a historical play entitled, “The Court Marshal that Changed the Civil War,” Dr. Al Elmore hopes to bring those days back to life for the people of Athens, AL, and our surrounding communities.

May 1, 1862, with Colonel J. S. Scott of the Louisiana Calvary chasing various Union troops from Athens to Huntsville. It continues the next day, with Union Colonel Turchin and his troops entering Athens to confront the Louisiana Calvary only to find them absent and in full retreat. Colonel Turchin proceed to pursue the Calvary to the Elk River where they finally encounter the group. Not satisfied with the conquest, Colonel Turchin returned to Athens, and allegedly began allowing his troops to pillage the town. The play continues two months later at the Court Marshal

Health and PE to sponsor dance lessons

Dr. Yvette Bolen and Dr. Wendy Cowan
Guest Writers

Dancing can raise heart rates and burn calories as well as most vigorous physical activities. Some dancers expend calories at an estimated rate of over 1,000 calories each hour while dancing the cha-cha, waltz, and many other social dances. Some burn over 1,200 calories each hour while a man running a five-minute mile would expend calories at a lower rate. People tend to hardly realize they are exercising when they are dancing. As dancers develop skills they display gratification and feelings of accomplishment similar to individuals who play together in a variety of sports.

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Couple dancing at recent colloquium discovered it is not as hard as it looks.

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Rhetorick for ratings promotes domestic extremist terrorism

June 11, 2009. A human being died on this day. Most people say that’s not special, people die every day. This person was shot down while working at the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C. A place that is a living vessel of what hate can do if allowed to fester.

Officer Jones was probably targeted first by this racist bigot because he was black. Now Officer Stephen Tyrone Jones’ family has to exist without a father. He has a wife and an eleven year old son. Will this hate now be propagated in the victim, the child? Let us pray that this family overcomes this hatred- that is well deserved- toward this white supremacist, of whom I will not dignify with a name. Only time will tell if the wounds heal, and the family forgives the animal that took away their husband and father.

This is not the first act of domestic terrorism that has sprung up in the recent months since Obama was elected. This is not the first act of hate crimes has increased and are expected to multiply over the next several months. According to the Department of Homeland Security, “Domestic right-wing extremism is the most pressing domestic terrorist threat that the country faces.” So far we have seen two men arrested in October 2008 that were planning to assassinate-at that time-Senator Obama; other criminals were caught with plans to bomb Synagogues, stating they were angry with Afghanistan policies; the shooting of two recruiting officers in Arkansas; the assassination of a doctor in a church in Kansas; and in early April the killing of three police officers by a white supremacist in Pittsburgh, PA. Are these people so threatened by differences that they have to hate, maim and kill in order to reassure themselves? Are these people so insecure and sick that the only way to receive relief is to eradicate the people that threaten them? Sadly, if they have their way, there will be not many people left. It is sad that the United States of America, which is supposed to be based on tolerance, has to fight radicals such as these.

Unfortunately, they do exist, and I believe that their hate is amplified by the rhetoric being preached on television and radio stations across the country. The bile that is being spewed in the name of “informing the public” is built up to increase ratings for their programs. Some of the statements made are so extreme that they border on blatant lies. It has become so extreme that even right-wing Fox News staffer, Shepard Smith asks the right-wing media to tone it down some. “The right went absolutely bonkers!” said Smith, adding that the report [from Homeland Security] was a “dog’s story” and that DHS was “warning us for a reason.” Shortly thereafter, Smith saw his loyal right-winged fans turn on him, “Later in the day, Smith said that the e-mail he’s been receiving from viewers has become “more and more frightening.” “It’s been happening over the last few months,” said Smith. “There are people now who are way out there on a limb.” http://thinkprogress.org/2009/06/12/far-right-shep-smith/

John Aloysius Farrell, a Contributing Editor of US News and World Report agrees and suggests that, “Before we are all treated, as at Oklahoma City, with photographs of firemen carrying bloodied toddlers from the ruins of a bombed federal day care center, the Right should think less about ratings and ratchet down its rhetoric.” I say Amen brother! I realize that we are all looking for a scapegoat, a way to make sense of all this violence; but when I hear false statements made as if they are truths on local radio shows I get angry.

I do not watch FOX News and I try to avoid listening to stations that I know carry this sort of format, specifically in the morning. I will limit my exposure to specific instances when the station just happened to be tuned in before I cranked my car. I witnessed such false rhetoric the first time after Obama was elected. Rick and Bubba were trying to make a case against Obama being President. Their argument was that he was not sworn in at 12pm as stated in the Constitution, and therefore, could not be President.

Ways you can make ‘going green’ easier

Emily Wallace
Guest Writer

Whether you are a traditional or non-traditional college student you have the opportunity to do your part to conserve natural resources not only in your community but globally as well. Here are a few simple ideas to help college students “go green” this season.

* Conserve water in your home. Shortening your showers to conserve water is one way to cut down on water usage. Most people pay little attention to how much time they spend with the water running during showers, dishwashing, teeth brushing, etc. This conservation method costs nothing and will actually save money each month on your water bill.

* Turn out the lights. Remembering to turn off lights, unplug appliances not in use, washing laundry in cold water, adjusting fridge and freezer temps and switching to CFLs (compact fluorescent light bulbs) after your old bulbs burn out are a few simple ways to conserve electricity and lower your utility bill. Printing on both sides of paper and switching to a laptop computer are also great ways for college students to conserve energy.

* Start cleaning naturally. Using natural cleaning products is probably one of the easiest ways to become “environmentally friendly.” Filling a spray bottle with half water and half white vinegar will replace almost every cleaner you need in your home. Baking soda mixed with a small amount of water acts as a stain remover for clothing, carpet and upholstery. Not only are these natural products inexpensive but they are also child, pet and environment-safe. There are numerous “green” cleaning products available on the market but for those on a budget, these natural alternatives are the way to go.

* Recycle more than just paper and plastic. You can now recycle electronics, such as cell phones. If you’re in the market for furniture, send your used pieces to consignment or Goodwill rather than making a trip to the landfill. Furniture swaps are also springing up in newspapers and on local websites. Reusable grocery bags are an excellent way to avoid excess paper and plastic usage when shopping.

These are just a few simple ways to “go green” this season. There are numerous websites with more tips on conserving natural resources for those interested in becoming more active in the “green” movement. Let’s do our part to help conserve and protect our environment and our future.
In my opinion, there are different kinds of “sin.” Let us discuss, in particular, that type of sin against other people: where one has hurt other individuals. Much has been written about forgiveness of these sins through “grace,” very little, however, has been written about reparation of these types of sin. Reparation means the righting of a wrong; making amends to the victim. Reparation is returning to the person what one has taken from them.

I believe there are four kinds of sinners when it comes to reparation. In my opinion, the first one and most forgiven individual is the person who asked forgiveness from God and amends the wrong done to the victim. In my opinion, God smiles on this person.

The second individual is the least forgiven, if forgiven at all. This is the sinner who seeks repentance neither from God nor the victim. This person is very self-centered and has the “the devil may care” attitude. This type of behavior in its extreme is psychopathic.

But it is the two other types of sinners I would like to discuss in more detail. Of the following two, who does God smile on the most? Which one has actually done more repentance?

The third sinner, after sinning for a day, a week, a month or a lifetime seeks repentance but asks God for forgiveness but does not right the wrong with the victim. If money has been stolen, none is returned; if lives have been shattered, he ignores the broken pieces and walks away. This is the individual who was not there for his children, asks God for forgiveness, and then is still not there for these children when they have become adults.

Do we not as parents, upon learning our child wronged another child, instruct our child to “Go and tell him you are sorry.” Does not God expect the same from His children?

I think this belief that one can be forgiven for his offenses without having to give back to the offended party may have come partly from Romans chapter 3, verse 24 where it reads one is justified “freely” by grace. Of the four gospels in the New International Version of the New Testament, there is no mention of the word “grace” in Mark, the earliest gospel; no mention of it in Matthew, the Jewish gospel; it is mentioned only once in Luke; and four times in John, all in the first chapter. Of these four mentions in John, the one English word “grace” comes from three slightly different Greek words, possibly having slightly different connotations. Primarily in the letters of Paul, “grace” is mentioned over 100 times from its slightly three different Greek origins.

The fourth and final type of sinner is the person who seeks forgiveness from the victim but never formally asks God for forgiveness. The reader may argue that such person does not exist. But they do, even some agnostics and atheists make amends. And there are those who believe in God but neither attend church, nor ask for repentance on Sunday but make amends Monday through Saturday. They try to do the best of their ability to glue back the shattered pieces of the family vases they have broken.

In my lifetime I have heard people who claim “grace” made them complete, but they have forgotten about their victim. Some have boasted they did not need to seek anyone else’s forgiveness.

Of the last two types, who does God respect; the one who has admitted the wrong or the one who has amended the wrong? Can one be commendable to God without first being amendable to his fellow man?
of the United States. First, I must say that the person who made the mistake was appointed by their savior George W. Bush. Second, if they use that rationale, Reagan was not the President either due to a similar glitch. This was a blatant lie stated just to keep people's emotions high and Rick and Bubba's ratings on top. The sad part is that some people, who thrive on fear, actually would believe these two as if they are demigods preaching the gospel. These are the people of which Homeland Security are concerned.

The second time I happened to tune in to this show, they were discussing how Obama was going to take away their freedom of speech by evoking the "Equal Time Rule". This is a rule established during the 1930's that allowed equal time on radio for anyone running for office. A good example would be if said radio station allowed a politician to have air time to spout their campaign promises, the candidates opponent was therefore, allowed equal time to spout their campaign promises. This law was at least not enforced if not done away with in the 1980's. Rick and Bubba did not like the fact that they may be forced to put someone on their show with an opposing viewpoint. They stated how it was limiting their freedom of speech; they should be allowed to have who they want, and say what they want without worrying about someone else's view. They ranted and raved about how their constitutional rights were being violated and carried on about how they were going to fight big government. I have searched and found very little about reinstating the "Equal Time Law".

and after talking with Dr. Jess Brown, determined that it would be very hard to enforce with the vast amount of media that is prevalent today. The bottom line, it was more propaganda to keep people stirred up and their ratings high. Just so I do not pick on Rick and Bubba, I would state to those that are devoted to FOX News, a news service devoted to right-winged ideals, consider this; have you ever thought that they are adamantly conservative for a reason? The majority of news services are considered liberal, left-wingers. Wouldn't it make sense to do the opposite of the norm in order to attract an audience and therefore, fill a position that has not been satisfied to generate ratings? You can't fight the big three, (NBC, ABC and CBS) so why not do something different to fulfill that function? Bill Maher host of "Real Time with Bill Maher" asked one of his FOX Network guests, "If you or some of your colleagues were offered more money at a "liberal network," would you stay and fight for the right-winged cause or move over to the left?” Not surprisingly, they chose to go for the money. That is the bottom line people! They are doing it for the ratings and their desire for greed has sparked a time-bomb that is going off in our country, and it is called domestic terrorism.

I will end with a quote from President Obama, “This outrageous act reminds us that we must remain vigilant against anti-Semitism and prejudice in all its forms. No American institution is more important to this effort than the Holocaust Museum, and no act of violence will diminish our determination to honor those who were lost by building a more peaceful and tolerant world.” Please let the propaganda and violence end, so we can try and revive our nation instead of tear it apart.
Say good-bye to analog, we are in the digital age now

Brittany Watkins
Guest Writer

June 12 was the day that television, as we have known it for over 60 years, came to an end. On June 12 the switch from analog to digital happened.

Digital television is an innovative broadcasting technology that replaced analog over-the-air broadcasting. Digital broadcasting allows stations to offer improved picture and sound quality along with other benefits over analog broadcasting. Secretary of Commerce Gary Locke stated in a press briefing June 10 that “some 2.5 percent of American households, or 2.8 million households” were unprepared for this historic change. Of those unprepared he stated that it was those households under 30 that were unprepared, even more so than senior citizens.

If you were one of those left alone by the politicians, I think my generation has the potential for greatness. However, there has to be a change. We need to see uniqueness in people in ways other than fashion. We need to oppose authority by not voting for authoritarian leaders. We need to learn to challenge professors not with disrespect, but with intellectual discussions and thought out reasoning.

When we stop conforming to what the media and pop culture have upon us, then we can call ourselves unique individuals – then we can call ourselves great.

Economy

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Live or die, choose wisely for good health

Ruth Hall
Guest Writer

After going to Yahoo and reviewing the movie “Super Size Me”, the first thing that came to my mind was “I am killing myself”.

This movie was created by Morgan Spurlock to show how harmful the effects of eating fast food at McDonald’s can be. This film was also produced to show how fast food has become a fixture in our country’s culture. McDonald’s also has great influence on other cultures in other countries. The movie shows how McDonald’s and other fast food restaurants can cause you to have high cholesterol, liver problems, chest pains and obesity.

McDonald’s has restaurants everywhere you look, such as the following: supermarkets, college campuses, train stations, Wal-Mart, rest stops, even hospitals. There is no way to avoid McDonald’s and their “Super Size”. People seem to think bigger is better, I don’t think so. Not only are people paying for this with their money, but also their lives.

After looking at the nugget making process it made me not want fast food anymore. When I looked at the nutrition of McDonald’s food why can’t they let people know what is in it? Why not put the information on the bags? That way everyone will know what is in the food.

After seeing all of this video, I understand that the government should eat at every day. Choose life and make better choices. They need to start with the support of my parents. However, moving in with my Mom and Dad wasn’t something that I wanted to do. In fact, I felt humiliated that I could not support my daughter on my own, and so at that moment, I knew I had to finish college and earn my degree.

My self-confidence was shot, I was scared and felt as though I had reached the bottom. However, with the encouragement of my mother, an alumni of Athens State, I felt possibly, like her, I could obtain my degree and begin living the life I was put on earth to live. So I applied for financial aid, registered for three classes and began the mental preparation necessary for me to believe in myself and my abilities and to obtain a college degree.

My next class was Marketing which was taught by Mrs. Laura Lynn Kerner. Hopefully, many of you know Mrs. Kerner and if you do, you understand the impact she has over her students. That impact was definitely felt by me. I was elated to attend her classes and could not wait to absorb her lessons which were both educational and life changing. She helped to restore the self-confidence and self-worth I was lacking and with each passing class, I grew stronger and wiser. Professor Kerner teaches valuable life lessons that will remain with me throughout my life.

The last class that I registered for was Money and Banking with Professor Jeff Johnson. Wow, this man knows what he is talking about and he taught me so many different things about the financial world that I felt managing my own personal finances was more important.
Success

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would soon become a breeze. Because of Professor Johnson, I now understand most everything the financial experts are discussing on the nightly news. Having taken his Money and Banking class, I now have a greater knowledge about finances; but more importantly, he cared about me and all of his other students.

I made it through the first semester and to my amazement I made all A’s! And so, I am now in my final semester at Athens State. I have made the president’s list and the dean’s list and to my surprise, I did not make below a B the entire time I have attended classes at ASU. Also, because of the impact my professors have made in my life, I want to return to Athens State as a professor one day to hopefully make a difference in the educational pursuit of others. But in the end, it truly isn’t about the grades, it is about believing in yourself, having the courage to try new things and never allowing someone to tell you that you can’t do something.

Because our “cheerleaders” at Athens State aren’t recognized enough, I would like to personally thank the following faculty members for their contribution to my successful journey:

Mrs. Jackie Smith, Mrs. Laura Lynn Kerner, Dr. Jim Kerner, Dr. LaDoris Baugh, Mr. Jeff Johnson, Dr. Robert Glenn, Dr. Denver Betts, Dr. Wayne McCain and Mr. Larry Keenum.

These aren’t just faculty members doing a job, they are individuals who care about their students and try every day to make a difference. I encourage all of the students at ASU to believe in your abilities and know that if I can complete this journey, you can too. Also, I would like to thank my parents, my new husband, and my daughter for their support and encouragement over the last two years. Their love and sacrifice will forever allow me to chase my dreams.
Attend every class. Missing even one class can cause you to miss lecture notes, class discussions, quizzes, test reviews, and tests. Missing classes can cause undue stress, and makes it difficult to learn the subject material or to get a good grade. In college, you have a tremendous amount of freedom, and you are responsible for your own academic progress. Work with the professors and they will happily work with you to ensure that you understand the course content. You are paying for class, and you want to get your money’s worth.

Be organized. It is difficult to remember all of the due dates for school, work and personal responsibilities. Having a daily planner or Blackberry can help to organize your responsibilities. Having a daily planner can help to organize your responsibilities. Do not overextend yourself, plan ahead, be organized, and make good choices about how you use your time. Try to keep a healthy balance in your life.

Be successful in class by doing ALL assignments, by being on time, by participating, by sitting in front of the class, by doing your part if you are assigned a group project, and by communicating with your instructors.

Take good notes by paying attention to the information that is important, and by taking notes that are easy to read. Identify key words. Review your notes as soon as possible to clarify anything that might be confusing or may need correction. “Editing and reviewing are the most important parts of note taking!” Make sure to get the notes, if you are unable to attend a class.

Know how to read a textbook. First, quickly scan the material by reading subtitles, words in bold and italic print, summaries, charts, and review questions. Second, read the material with a sense of focus and purpose. Lastly, review the material once again to check your comprehension of what you just read. Ask yourself questions about the main idea, and about what questions the professor may ask on an exam.

Study smart. Use your study time wisely, and you may need less time to comprehend the material, and actually improve your grades. Find a quiet place to study, free from distractions, and you will be able to focus better. Schedule a regular time to study, and stick to your routine. Study during the time of the day when you are most alert. For some students, this is morning; for others, it may be the evening hours. Learn what type of learner you are: visual, auditory, kinesthetic, or technological, and adjust your study accordingly. Use as many senses as possible, and you will be able to remember more. William Glasser, an expert in the field of education, stated: “Students learn 10% of what they read, 20% of what they hear, 30% of what they see, 50% of what they see and hear, 70% of what is discussed with others, 80% of what they experience personally, and 95% of what they teach to someone else.”

Organize your study time by making a plan and timetable. Prioritize your work, break down large tasks into smaller parts, and do difficult assignments first. Take frequent and restful breaks, and allow for any possible interruptions. Know how to study for tests by reviewing your notes, attending any review sessions, going over chapter review questions, taking part in a study group, reviewing old quizzes and tests, and making flash cards to review important information for both essay and multiple choice-type questions.

Know how to memorize and remember information by using all of your senses. Write the important information down; say it aloud; and, share the information with others. Use acronyms to help you remember, or silly associations or sentences, or a logical connection. Make sure you understand all of the material and review, review, review!

Know how to use technological short cuts. Get help if you need it. For presentations, use props whenever possible, use good eye contact, and pretend you are talking to a friend with enthusiasm and energy.

Know how to organize your thoughts and write a paper. Writing is a learned and practiced process:
- Choose a topic
- Gather supporting information
- Determine a thesis statement

“Cici” Higgins brings back memories in her new book “Stories Worth Retelling, Articles Worth Sharing”

Carolyn Higgins
Guest Writer

There are people who renew our spirit and make our world shine. Athens student Carolyn “Cici” Higgins wanted to honor their stories drawn from her days as a newspaper journalist in Franklin County, Ala.

In her new book, “Stories Worth Retelling; Articles Worth Sharing,” Higgins takes a close-up look at that which we value most: respect, appreciation, joy, love, gratitude, sacrificial service, and true friendship, while presenting the opportunity along the way for self-reflection. No matter at what stage you are in your business or personal life, the lessons within can only lead to a more successful and happy life.

Whether you’re from a rural community, a big city neighborhood, or small town USA, this collection of feature articles and vignettes will put a smile on your face. Meet the teacher and coach who inspires, the teen who has found his way to God, the Red Hat Society ladies who know the secret to happiness, the homeless man whose presence inspires humility, the woman who goes that extra mile to help others in need. John Hicks, radio talk show host and founding contributor to the Franklin Free Press says “CIC Higgins is more than a journalist and writer. She is a skilled communicator who believes in bringing people together.”

Higgins moved to northwest Alabama from Wilmington, Del. in 2004. She intended to take a break from years of working with community, school and church groups. Her husband had roots in the area, and they were interested in relocating here and seeking a better quality life. Within a few months, Higgins realized that rest was a fast-ansitioning moment. As the word spread about her motivational speaking and training experience, she responded to invitations to help with community and corporate events. She presently juggles full-time school, a consulting and speaking business and book publishing.

“It has been a fulfilling journey,” Higgins said, “and the wonderful people that I have met along the way helped to make the book possible.”

“Stories Worth Retelling; Articles Worth Sharing,” is a book of stories, photographs, reflective exercises and success tips.
Increasingly researchers have investigated the factors associated with the rise in childhood obesity. Studies have indicated sweetened soda consumption plays a contributing role in the excessive weight gain experienced by elementary-aged students.

Dr. Yvette Bolen, Dr. Bruce Thomas, and health and physical education graduate Ben Heatherly presented research findings in Tampa at the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance national conference to support this theory. The purpose of the study was to investigate the connection between soda consumption and childhood obesity.

Subjects in the study were 221 third graders. Based on BMI (Body Mass Index) scores, 87 were identified as overweight, 58 were at-risk, and 76 were healthy. A one-way Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) was utilized to determine differences that exist between these three groups and soda consumption per day. Findings indicated a significant difference in soda consumption, F(2, 218) = 23.127, p<.001.

Results revealed that the mean daily soda consumption score of overweight participants was 2.16, while the mean daily soda consumption score of at-risk and healthy participants was 1.22 and .5132, respectively. A crosstabs statistical technique was utilized to further investigate soda consumption (diet, sweetened, or no soda consumed). Of the students identified as overweight, nine consumed sweetened soda, nine consumed diet soda and eight consumed no sodas. Twenty-four at-risk students consumed sweetened soda, 13 consumed diet soda and 21 consumed no sodas. Of the 76healthy subjects, nine consumed sweetened soda, 29 consumed diet soda, and 38 consumed no sodas. Therefore 88% of healthy subjects consumed either diet or no sodas, while the 80% of the overweight subjects consumed sweetened soda.

Though the obesity epidemic is due to a variety of factors, this study identifies that soda consumption in elementary-aged students, particularly sweetened soda, as a key contributor to childhood weight gain. Studies have shown that a child’s diet which reduces the intake of beverages absent of nutrients and high in calorie may help lessen or inhibit childhood obesity. It is recommended that children reduce sweetened soda consumption at home and at school.
Quality Enhancement Project: Building success stories at ASU by improving writing skills over next five years

Dr. Jackie Smith
Assistant Professor of Management and QEP Chair

In the April Athenian, Dr. Kevin Dupre’ provided the inaugural article regarding Athens State University’s Quality Enhancement Project (QEP) entitled “Building Success Stories at Athens State with Writing.” The QEP is a five-year project as part of the institution’s reaccredidation process and will involve the entire university. On April 7, the QEP Team led a “Tea and Cookies” event that included faculty, staff, students, and administrators. More than 100 of you attended and participated in a lively discussion about learning outcomes, writing, and, of course, cookies. The overall idea for the meeting was to lay a foundation for linking outcomes and assessment.

We started the activity with outcomes (what do you want to know about these cookies?). Then we moved on to assessment measures (how do you find out what you want to know?). The next step involved results and evidence (how do you know when you have found your answers?). Finally, we focused on analysis and improvement (what will you do with the answers after you have found them?).

Audience feedback and participation during the activity was phenomenal. As we discussed student learning outcomes, audience members provided the following comments: “We need to know where our students are not sure, at least make an educated guess. For essay questions, read each question, and begin with the easiest one first to build your confidence. Adjust your time according to the amount of points each question is worth. Brainstorm your answer first, jot down ideas in a rough outline form, and begin writing. Write legibly and use complete sentences. Follow the good writing practices mentioned in #7 above. If you are not sure the answer, take a few minutes to write what you can about the topic and you may get partial credit.

Reduce your test anxiety by studying early and thoroughly, getting http://www.doe.k12.ga.us/a good night’s sleep the night before, imagining yourself approaching the testing experience with a confident attitude, and by practicing the common relaxation techniques of deep breathing, calm visualization, and muscle relaxation. Practice these relaxation techniques daily to self-soothe, and prepare yourself for more tense situations. If you have continued issues with test anxiety, talk to the campus counselor for more ideas. Use all available services on campus, such as computer labs, the library, the career center, disability services, the counseling center, or the Math Lab or Writing Lab. Talk to your academic advisor if you are experiencing difficulty, and work toward a solution together.

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- Make an outline of supporting ideas
- Write a rough draft
- Rewrite your paper until it is flawless, and turn it in on time.
If you need more help, contact the Writing Center tutors on campus, 350 Founders Hall, 233-8177.

Learn how to take tests. Get to the test early and have everything you need. Develop a plan for the type of test that it is, e.g. essay, multiple choice, true/false. Go through the entire test quickly answering those questions that you know, and marking the questions for which you need more time. For multiple-choice questions, try to come up with the right answer before looking at the answer choices. Read all of the answer choices offered. Eliminate those answers you know to be incorrect, and then, if you

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CLOSED ON SUNDAYS
Taking students on a field trip refreshes the vivacity in the veteran teacher, and Saturday, April 25, 2009, was refreshing, reminding, and rewarding indeed.

It was a cloudless spring day, particularly beautiful and verdant due to the generosity of the heavens with rainfall this year, and Athens State University English professors, Dr. Al Elmore, Dr. Kevin Dupre, and I, together with our head librarian, Dr. Robert Burkhardt, took two vans full of Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society members on a hop through history in Montgomery, Alabama.

Arriving with an ambitious agenda, our destinations included the Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church and Parsonage Museum, where Martin Luther King, Jr., preached and lived from 1954 to 1960; a one-time home of author F. Scott and his wife Zelda Sayre Fitzgerald; and the Rosa Parks Museum, commemorating her role in the Civil Rights Movement.

We began our tour at the Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church, formerly known as Second Colored Baptist Church, which held its first worship service in 1889. A handsome red brick structure with white, wooden corbels and cupola, the church proudly stands one block from the State Capitol. As its pamphlet states, “From antecedents which sought to hinder and suppress, the church has become a symbol of respect, blessings, and service to a race and a people…which honors a former pastor, the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who was the twentieth century’s foremost champion of the nonviolent approach to the solutions of problems and conflict among men.”

Further, “The meeting in which the decision was made to launch the [Montgomery] Bus Boycott was held in the church’s basement on December 2, 1955, and Pastor King was a participant” (church pamphlet). A mural depicting scenes relating King’s journey “from Montgomery to Memphis,” where he was assassinated on the balcony of the Lorraine Hotel on April 4, 1968, now decorates an entire wall of that same basement in an attempt to “help us view the past, assess our present, and plan and work toward a better future” (church pamphlet) as a result of his martyrdom. He “had a dream” for which he paid the ultimate price.

Our next stop was 309 South Jackson Street, the Dexter Parsonage Museum and Garden for Reflection, where one is invited to “reflect upon six timeless themes—equality, peace, forgiveness, understanding, hope, and unity, about which…Dr. King often preached, lectured, and wrote” (parsonage pamphlet). The seven- roomed home displays furniture actually used by the young Martin Luther King, Jr., and his family during his rise to fame as the uniting force behind the Civil Rights Movement from 1954 to 1960. The home hosted meetings during the Montgomery Bus Boycott, saw the formation of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and bears silent witness to a bombing while Coretta Scott King and baby Yolanda were inside with a still-evident crater on the front porch.

From the turbulent times of the Civil Rights Movement we then stepped back in time three or four decades to the Roaring Twenties, The Jazz Age, with a stopover at the only existing F. Scott and Zelda Fitzgerald Museum in the world, though this “golden couple” lived in New York, Paris, and Hollywood. Appropriately located at 919 Felder Avenue in the town where the couple first met when Scott was stationed at Camp Sheridan during World War I, the museum now houses photographs, letters, Zelda’s artwork, various editions of Scott’s novels, and some family furniture.

Though the present museum only occupies the bottom right apartment of the brown clapboard home, the Fitzgeralds and their nine-year-old daughter Scottie rented the entire house from 1931 to 1932 before his alcoholism and her schizophrenia would ultimately separate them forever, though they never formally divorced. In an attempt to quit drinking, their Montgomery stay would see Fitzgerald’s writing of Tender Is the Night and Zelda’s Save me the Waltz, her only novel. Too little, too late, their...
Montgomery

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Montgomery hiatus failed to patch up “the crack up” already begun by the excesses of the Twenties, and in 1940 the genius who gave us The Great Gatsby was dead of a massive heart attack likely caused by alcoholic cardiomyopathy, and by 1948 Zelda joined him in death, the victim of a fire in a psychiatric hospital in Asheville, North Carolina.

Our final stop took us again forward to December 1, 1955, when a 42 year old African-American seamstress refused to give up her seat and “move to the back of the bus.” The magnificent, state-of-the-art Rosa Parks Library and Museum is located on the site of the old Empire Theatre in the city where Parks made her “courageous and historic stand” (museum pamphlet) by refusing to stand. Later, asked if she was just tired on that momentous day, she said, “no,” she was not tired, just “tired of giving in” (wikipedia). And the following day, a Sunday, Parks’ simple demonstration of civil disobedience sparked in black churches the beginning of the Montgomery Bus Boycott, which would eventually evolve into the end of the Jim Crow South, the period of legalized segregation extending for virtually a century from the end of the Civil War until the passage of the Civil Rights Act in 1964. Threatened with arrest that cold December day nearly 55 years ago, Parks quietly told bus driver Blake, “You may do that” (museum pamphlet). He did, and as a result Parks is honored as the “Mother of the Modern-Day Civil Rights Movement.” And now, as the saying goes, we know that Rosa sat so that Martin could walk so that Barack could run so that our children can fly.

Our itinerary complete, we boarded our vans and ventured northward home, home enhanced by freedoms purchased in sacrifices of which we had been reminded on this memorable day, home likewise enriched by the beauty of the written word, again persuaded by the personal frictions that create in the artist the angst against which his writings wrestle. Thus, we are all the beneficiaries of Martin, of Scott, and of Rosa.
There have been many great events on campus, so we thought you might enjoy a look back at some highlights:

Emeritus Professor Elva McLinn with a previous student and Sheila Byrd. They are currently teachers at Calhoun Community College.

zach kendrick high-fives another team member while laura Leigh laxson cheers. a representative of university bible fellowship spikes the ball while Bradley Toon watches during the SGA Spring Picnic this past April.

Inauguration of Dr. Robert Glenn this past May.

Dr. Robert Glenn is sworn in by his father during his inauguration.

Athens Graduates Allison Kendrick, Arts and Sciences and Heather Moore, Business Graduates Lauren Pierce and Emma Stubblefield Art and Science.
Summer Special Events

we would show the best pictures from a few of these events

Emeritus Professor Mildred Caudle, writer Nanci Kincaid, and Emeritus English Professor, Dr. Penne J. Laubenthal

Katie Patton, Madalyn Riggins, Dr. Glenn and Billy Taylor stand in front of their artwork during ARTHREE Senior Art Exhibit this past Spring 2009

Members of Christ's Chosen Children enthusiastically sing during NAACP's recent competition, ACT-SO, which was held at McCandless Hall


Characters performing “Matchmaker, Matchmaker” from “Fiddler on the Roof”

Characters performing during the wedding celebration in “Fiddler on the Roof”

Posting of the Flag by Sons of the American Revolution, Cullman Chapter

Graham Pepper, age 9, son of Molly Pepper, enjoys his hot dog at Athens State University 2009 Flag Day Celebration.
In the classroom or at the roller rink, Athens State University graduate Jennifer Reed packs a punch

Athens State University has been known to produce some tough women. Madame Childs comes to mind in a hoopskirt and parasol. But for Jennifer Reed, a recent May graduate with a degree in Psychology, fending off the Yankees in front of Founders Hall would be a skate in the park.

Reed, a summa cum laude alumnus, packs a mean punch in the roller rinks across the Southeast. “I started playing flat-track roller derby back in July of 2006,” says Reed - who while wearing skates goes by the name ‘Five Scar Jeneral.’ “I played with Huntsville’s Dixie Derby Girls up until November 2008. Then I moved to Nashville and joined the Nashville Rollergirls.”

According to their website, the Women’s Flat Track Derby Association (WFTDA) is growing everyday. This organization, which oversees both the Nashville Rollergirls and the Huntsville Dixie Derby Girls, enables the participants to have national competition without giving up their ‘punk rock ethic.’ The Nashville team is currently ranked #7 in the South Central Region.

For those who envision Roller Derby as a grainy black-and-white television image from the 1960s, with tough women breaking the rules in a theatrical farce – you are close. These days it is much more colorful and the theatrics in these matches are far from farcical, but these ladies are tough and their names reflect it. For example, other members of the Nashville Rollergirls include Hildebeast, Maulin Monroe and Violet Contusion.

“The sport of roller derby is definitely not what a lot of people think it is. It is not choreographed, and we don’t clothesline each other and start fights,” says Reed. “We play under WFTDA rules and we compete against teams from all over the country.”

One of Reed’s professors at Athens State University, Dr. Mark Durm, remembers her as a student in his Statistics and Critical Thinking classes during her days with the Huntsville group. “She would come to class bruised but ready to learn,” recalls Durm. “She is an excellent example of the diversity at Athens State. In each class I teach it is common to have a young student and a returning student, a religious student and a spiritual student, a roller derby participant and a mild-mannered housewife, all swapping ideas and learning from each other.” At the May 8 graduation ceremonies, Reed was honored by the Psychology faculty and was named the Outstanding Psychology Major for her class.

But Reed is not giving up her student status to the rink just yet. She is planning to work towards her Master’s Degree in Counseling at Middle Tennessee State University. “I gained a lot of confidence while I was a student at Athens State,” says Reed. “I felt like I expanded my understanding of what I could do with a Psychology degree. I left Athens State feeling very proud of my accomplishments and I felt ready to enter the next phase of my life.”

Free Gas in The Athenian

Bookstore donates gift cards to ASU students

The Follett Company, the vendor for the Athens State University Bookstore, is donating $2,500 worth of gift cards to need-based scholarship students.

The University has selected to donate 25 of the cards at $100 per card to those students identified by the institution as needing the most assistance with funding for books and supplies.

Doug Clark, Vice President for Financial Affairs, states, “Follett has made a commitment to financially support those students we feel would benefit the most by receiving assistance with the cost of essential materials. We thank them for their generosity.”

The Athens State University Bookstore serves the campus and the community and is open during the academic calendar Monday through Thursday from 9am to 5pm, and Friday 9am until 3pm with special hours during certain times throughout the year.

The bookstore is located on the lower level of the Sandridge Student Center.
SUCCESS Program seeks to reduce dropout rate

Guy McClure
Guest Writer

The Athens State University College of Education and Athens Middle School are collaborating to combat an alarming drop-out rate in our local secondary schools. This collaborative effort is the first to focus on student retention in a city school system and hopes to identify those students most at-risk for dropout before they reach the age of consent to end mandatory schoolwork.

The SUCCESS Program partners selected Athens State education majors with at-risk Middle School students in a buddy system that encourages a goal to receive a high school diploma.

Dr. Debra Baird, Dean of the College of Education, states, “This groundbreaking approach to solving a growing problem is an excellent example of a win/win situation. It allows our students the opportunity to get involved with a public school issue, as well as hopefully provide an answer to a growing problem. The significant drop-out rate that we are currently facing is between 16 and 18% and we feel this program can reduce that considerably.”

Athens Middle School’s Assistant Principal Joanna May serves as the secondary school sponsor of the SUCCESS program. Earlier this year she met with Athens State and Athens Middle School students to instigate and access the mentoring component. May states that this project will not only have an impact on the lives of the students, but on their parents as well.

Manuals for the mentors and mentees were compiled and authored by Laura Lynn Kerner, a Professor of Business at Athens State who is an expert in areas of self-esteem building and professionalism. “The project has caught all of our attention,” Kerner states. “It’s a wonderful interdisciplinary program that hopes to stress the importance of education and staying in school to students who may fall through the cracks of the system. I anxiously await the results that will gauge the impact.”

MOT student attends shuttle launch attempt at KSC

Wayne McCain
Guest Writer

Chantel Jacob, a senior in the College of Business Management of Technology (MOT) degree program attended the launch attempt of Space Shuttle STS-127 originally scheduled for early Saturday morning, June 13th.

Unfortunately, a hydrogen fuel leak, discovered after the stack was about 98 percent fueled, caused NASA to eventually scrub the launch. Chantel, who is carrying an Aviation Management Minor in the MOT program, works at Marshall Space Flight Center, and attended the launch with her son Jordan and Dr. Wayne McCain and his family.

“We were all disappointed that the launch was scrubbed, especially after waking up and being ready at 3:30 AM, she said. But, the Shuttle system is very complex and everything has to be perfect to insure a safe and successful mission.” The problem with the Endeavor launch attempt on Saturday turned out to be similar to one that delayed another shuttle launch in March and concerned ground support equipment responsible for venting hydrogen fuel ‘boil-off’ a safe distance away from the vehicle. The same repair team and procedure is being used that resulted in a successful repair in March.

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Dr. Heldmann heads up the observation campaign for the LRO and LCROSS mission. NASA’s Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter and Lunar Crater Observation and Sensing Spacecraft will fly to the moon atop the same Atlas V rocket, although they will use vastly different methods to study the lunar environment. LRO will go into orbit around the moon, turning its suite of instruments towards the moon for thorough studies.

The spacecraft also will be looking for potential landing sites for astronauts. There will be three launch opportunities on the 18th at 5:12, 5:22, and 5:32 PM on Thursday.
Athens State professor unveils Trail of Tears statue

Guy McClure
Guest Writer

On a beautiful, sunny day in Pulaski, Tennessee, Athens State University art professors Pamela Keller and Gail Bergeron unveiled their bronze statue depicting the Trail of Tears march. The event took place Monday, June 8 at the Trail of Tears Interpretive Center on the corner of East College Street and Highway 31 in Pulaski, Tennessee.

Athens State President Bob Glenn attended the event with Vice President Rick Mould and Advancement Manager Guy McClure. “It was obvious that Drs. Keller and Bergeron had poured their hearts into this project,” stated Glenn. “It is a beautiful representation of a tragic event that should be memorialized if only to assure that we never forget the struggles of others. I am proud that two of our faculty members played a pivotal role in this vision.”

Both Keller and Bergeron spoke about their involvement prior to the 10:00 am unveiling. Also in attendance were Pulaski Mayor Daniel Speer and Martin Methodist College President Dr. Ted Brown.

The sculpture portrays two Cherokee parents, a young girl, an infant and a dog depicted walking on a concrete base designed to replicate parts of the original trail complete with ruts, roots, and footprints of Native Americans that were cast from actual Cherokee descendents.

In September 2006 a joint federal and Tennessee state grant was awarded for the creation of the Trail of Tears Interpretive Center Rest Stop that was to include a memorial to be designed by Drs. Keller and Bergeron. The grant was initially proposed by Pulaski, Tennessee Mayor Dan Steer and supported by Tennessee State Senator Doug Jackson.

The Trail of Tears Interpretive Center is sited near where two of the trails intersected. The Interpretive Center building is housed in the former Immaculate Catholic Church. The Pulaski First Baptist Church donated the building to the Trail of Tears project. The sculpture is located on the grounds.

Athens State University starts work on Master Plan

Trish DiLullo
Guest Writer

Three months ago the Vision 2020 Committee met for the first time to start the enormous task of creating a Master Plan for the University. This 26 member committee consists of faculty, staff, students and community members that have a direct connection and affection for the University.

Dr. Glenn, Athens State University President, spoke to the group at the first meeting and charged them with the task of coming up with “our vision” and to strive for consensus. All major decisions about the University will follow this plan which is expected to reach completion in October 2010 and will be used to guide the University over the next ten years.

The committee was given an 18-month schedule to complete their task which consists of a three phase plan. First, the committee will complete the most time consuming task of the three called an Environmental Scan. This will involve communication with the Vice Presidents and Deans to allow the members to, according to Committee Chairperson Dr. Jess Brown, “acquire a thorough and common portrait of the University.”

The second phase is the Strategic Evaluation which will focus on the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats to the University. The third phase is referred to as the Prescription and will identify goals and tactics through five subcommittees; Faculty, Degree Programs, Support Services and External Relations. Members are using Blackboard—the University’s content management system—to access documentation, minutes and communicate. Committee members were encouraged to use Blackboard so they can experience first-hand the tools used by Athens State University.

Meetings are open to the public and are expected to occur every second Thursday of the month at 3:30 p.m. in the Ballroom. Contact Dr. Jess Brown for more information.

Workshop Performance of “The Court Marshal that Changed the Civil War”

Trish DiLullo
Guest Writer

Monday, August 24 and Tuesday, August 25
7 pm, McCandless Hall
Audience participation encouraged
Campus News

Athens State University Alumni Association awards outstanding recipients at their annual banquet

Gay McClure
Guest Writer

The Athens State University Alumni Association held its annual Alumni Awards Banquet on Saturday, April 4 in the Ballroom of the Sandridge Student Center.

Alumni President Anita Raby welcomed the guests and board members presented the awards to the recipients. This year’s award recipients were:

Terry Greer received the Lydia Malvina Hammerly Distinguished Alumnus of the Year Award. After enlisting in the U. S. Army for nine years, Terry Greer of Decatur served at various churches in the North Alabama Conference and was awarded the conference Dennman Evangelism Award in 1999. Dr. Greer is currently the senior Minister at First United Methodist Church in Decatur where he led a successful 4.5 million dollar new building and renovation program.

Brent Jordan received the Outstanding Alumnus in Arts and Sciences Award. Brent Jordan is from Madison and obtained his Juris Doctorate in 2000 from Southern Illinois University School of Law. Jordan served as a Judicial Clerk to Federal Judge Lynwood Smith, Clerk to Federal Judge Lynwood Smith, and a Judicial Clerk to Judge John Owen Jr., of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama. Jordan is a member of the County Bar Association, the Alabama Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the Alabama Trial Lawyers Association, and the American Association for Justice.

Sandra Ables received the Outstanding Alumnus in Business Award. Sandra Ables of Huntsville is currently the First Vice President Portfolio Manager and Financial Advisor at Morgan Stanley. Ables has been a great supporter of the University and has enthusiastically and willingly taken time to be a guest lecturer at Athens State’s Marketing Principles classes. Ables was an interview participant for a video to be used to promote the University at the request of the University’s Office of Public Relations.

Suzanne Joiner received the Outstanding Alumnus in Education Award. Suzanne Joiner of Athens became a full-time professor of mathematics at Calhoun Community College in 1982. She obtained a grant from the National Science Foundation to design computer-based instruction for several math courses and received a grant to participate in a three-week workshop at Purdue University for computer-based Calculus instruction. After teaching mathematics for 25 years at Calhoun Community College, Joiner retired in 2007.

Frazier Douglass received the Dr. Loraine B. Pabst Outstanding Commitment to Teaching Award. Frazier Douglass of Athens has been employed at Athens State University since 1989. He has a full professorship in Psychology and has served as department chair for 2 years. His current responsibilities are to teach Abnormal Psychology, Drugs and Behavior, Adult Psychology, Psychology of Learning, Introduction to Clinical Psychology, and to supervise clinical placements.

Suzanne Sims received the Dedicated Support Staff Award. Suzanne Sims of Athens has been employed at Athens State since 1968 working in the Business Office under the Vice President of Financial Affairs. In 1997, Ms. Sims assumed the duties of the Human Resources Office.

Health & Physical Ed. Club attends Spring Conference

Dr. Yvette Bolen and Dr. Wendy Cowen
Guest Writers

The Health and Physical Education Club selected members attended the Alabama State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Spring Conference on April 16th-18th.

They are as follows: Terrius Ashford, Rhonda Ezell, Justin Foster, Robin Harris, (Club Treasurer), Kenny Lynsey, Keith Rodgers (Club President), Paul Schnars, Kala Weatherly and Jake White. Dr. Yvette Bolen attended as the sponsor for the club.

The conference began with a Student Leadership day-long session in which ASU students worked with Health and Physical Education majors from Alabama State, Jacksonville State, Samford, and The University of Alabama at Birmingham.

This valuable session consisted of students participating on “teams” and working through challenging, but fun problem-solving adventures. Throughout the conference, students from several colleges continued to attend other conference activities together forging a wonderful professional bond.

As a result of this conference, two ASU students are honored to have become appointed members—at-large on the Future Professional Council.

Justin Foster of Grant and Jake White of Arab will have several opportunities to further their own professional development by attending four meetings scheduled for the next academic year. They will provide their insight regarding the direction of future state conferences and in the planning of future student events.

The club is planning two fund-raisers for the fall, these will include a second Flashbacks concert and a follow-up “Haunted Campus” for October.

Funds will assist club members in attending state, regional and national health and physical education conferences.
Dr. Robert K. Glenn installed as ASU 36th President

Guest Writer

The inaugural theme of Roots and Wings symbolized Dr. Robert K. Glenn’s paternal legacy to Athens State University while foreshadowing his personal agenda of progress planned for his tenure. The full inaugural theme was Roots and Wings: An Institution Rooted in a Historical Foundation of Building Success Stories by Providing the Wings to Discover New Horizons.

President Glenn, previously a vice president at Middle Tennessee State University, accepted the position of president at Athens State University while foreshadowing his personal agenda of progress planned for his tenure. The full inaugural theme was Roots and Wings; the University’s historic past were highlighted during the festivities planned to celebrate the inauguration. Many events were held on the Athens State campus and at the First United Methodist Church between April 26 and the actual investiture ceremony on May 5.

“Since the University has historic ties to the Methodist Church, and the Methodists are celebrating their Bi-Centennial here in Alabama, and my great-grandfather was a Methodist minister, we thought it would be a natural extension of our ‘Roots and Wings’ theme to celebrate that historic connection,” said Glenn. “Our Methodist heritage gives us a distinctive focus on students that is still very much a part of what makes us tick here at Athens State. And, that ‘liberal arts heart’ of the institution is what makes our students successful and helps them become loyal alumni.”

The Glenn legacy and the connection, “Our historic ties to the Methodist Church. It was certainly part of the roots of our institution and even though the governing ties to the church are no longer, we will be honoring the 153 years we were under their purview.” Bradley Byrne, former Chancellor of the Alabama Community College System performed the installation. A contingency of local and state leaders, collegiate presidents, alumni, current and emeriti faculty, staff and friends of ASU were in attendance.

Alumni

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Specialist in addition to full-time Payroll Clerk/Accountant. Ms. Sims is a member of the Athens State Community Band and an Associate member of the Athena League.

John Wayne King received the Alumni Loyalty Award. John Wayne King of Athens was a teacher, coach and principal in Limestone County before beginning his 30-year career at Athens State University. At ASU, he has served as a recruiter, off-campus Coordinator, Director of Admissions and Registrar, and Associate Dean of Student Affairs. He is currently the Vice President of Student Affairs. At Athens State, John has always been an advocate for the students and supportive of his staff.

Walt Merritt received the Alumni Spirit Award. Walt Merritt of Anderson is a lifetime member of the Alumni Association. He has served on various committees of the Alumni Board and is the immediate Past President. Walt has been involved in all of the activities of the Alumni Association. Merritt has chaired the Golf Committee for several years and has solicited sponsors, negotiated contracts, posted flyers, obtained donations, sought team members, and assisted in the set-up and takedown of the venue.

Breaking News

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Dance

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Dancing is fun and there is always something new to try and master. The socialization, music, and enjoyment motivate people to dance. What better way to spend time with friends, participating in an activity that can be as vigorous as you would like it to be and so exciting that you can’t wait to do it again?

Dr. Yvette Bolen, Department Chair of Health and Physical Education at Athens State University, and Ben Heatherrly, health and physical education graduate, are offering a fox-trot and swing dance session, with a choice of Tuesday, July 14th or Friday, July 17th, to be held in the Athens State University gymnasium on Pryor Street. Lessons begin at 6:30 p.m. Dance session fee is $75.00 per person which includes a music CD of dance songs for practice.

Proceeds benefit student tuition. For more information, contact her at 233-8276 or athensdance@live.com. Limited participant registrations will be accepted.

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Mobile Manatees, The Dauphin Island Sea Lab encourages everyone to report your Manatee sightings

Warm weather has arrived and with it has come this area’s regular seasonal residents, the West Indian manatee. The Mobile Manatees Sighting Network (MMSN), based at the Dauphin Island Sea Lab (DISL), needs your help to conduct vital research on these endangered mammals.

You can help by reporting any and all manatee sightings to the DISL research team. There are three methods by which to report your sighting information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week: phone (1-866-93-5803), email (manatee@disl.org), or online sighting form (manatee.disl.org). The MMSN encourages manatee spotters to report their sightings as soon as possible to contact them with any questions or for additional information.

DISL researchers remained busy throughout winter 2009, with manatee sightings in Mobile Bay and Steele Creek in Satsuma, but this spring has been quiet, with fewer than expected reports. As bay waters warm up, we expect to see more manatees in Mobile Bay and nearby waters.

“Our primary goal this time of year is to remind people that manatees are here and that the sighting network is active. We really depend on the public to report every sighting, any time, as soon as possible,” states DISL Marine Scientist Dr. Ruth Carmichael.

What you can do to assist our research and help protect manatees in Alabama & surrounding waters:

- Report any manatee sightings to Mobile Manatees via our website http://manatee.disl.org, toll free number, 1-866-493-5803, or email, manatee@disl.org Spread the word. Tell your friends, family, neighbors, and colleagues to report manatee sightings to Mobile Manatees.
- Give manatees space. Do not do anything to alter manatees’ natural behavior. Do not entice, chase, feed, or touch them. The best rule of thumb is to stay at least 100 feet from mobileislandsea@netartis.net.
- Contact MMSN to pre-commit to a tax deductible and proceeds benefit the Mobile Manatees research program. Purchase a plate. The cost is tax deductible and proceeds benefit the Mobile Manatees research program.

Play

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of Colonel Turchin, presided over by future president, James A. Garfield, which was held in the Athens courthouse. Colonel Turchin’s commanding officer, General Buell was not happy that Turchin encouraged his troops to plunder the town and felt he should be punished. However, Abraham Lincoln felt that we should treat the South as an enemy and therefore, encouraged Turchin by promoting him to Brigadier General, which thus negated the Court Marshal.

This was a history making event because it changed the strategy of the war from a more chivalrous war between leaders into active players within the war.

Dr. Elmore hopes to portray this historical event accurately and will be performing the play for an audience that will actively participate in forming the play. He will be holding a “Workshop Performance” on Monday, August 24 and Tuesday, August 25 in McCandless Auditorium, at 7pm and asks that the community come and offer their suggestions. According to Elmore, “We want to make it as crowd pleasing as possible.”

This play is in conjunction with the Athens Chamber of Commerce and Tourism. Dr. Elmore hopes to have it perfected for the six week Sesquicentennial coming up in 2011. He hopes that if the play is successful that it will be performed on an annual basis on the square possibly in conjunction with fully 4th celebrations.

For more information contact Dr. Al Elmore at 777-0890.

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1. What historical play is Dr. Elmore working on?
2. What radio hosts did Aletha Pardue criticize in her editorial?
3. When was the “Flashbacks” concert held?
4. Who is Athens Middle School’s Assistant Principal who helped with the SUCCESS program?

First TWO students with correct answers win a FREE gas gift card from Jiffy Mart

Submit answers to Student Activities office, Room 217 in the Sandridge Student Center
July/August 2009 Activities

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Jul. 07  Online Web Registration Begins
Jul. 14  Last Day to Withdraw Summer Classes
Jul. 17  Praxis Study Session
Jul. 28  Tuesday Evening Exams
Jul. 29  Wednesday Evening Exams
Jul. 30  T/Th day and Thursday Evening Exams
Aug. 03  M/W day and Monday Evening Exams
Aug. 07  Friday Exams
Aug. 11  Summer grades due
Aug. 17  Online Registration Ends/Payments due
Aug. 18  New Student Application Due Date
Aug. 21  Classes Begin for Fall Semester
Aug. 27  Payment Due Date for Late Registration
Aug. 29  Summer Graduation

Alumni Golf Classic

The annual Athens State University Alumni Golf Classic was held Thursday, May 14 at Canebrake Golf Club in Athens.

A shotgun start was held for the 72 players after a lunch provided by Greenbrier Restaurant with beverages provided by Pepsi Cola of Decatur.

This year there were corporate and individual hole sponsors, and door prizes were given to each golfer. A special thank-you to J.J. Donahue and Harlan Mitchel for generous donations. First place winners were J.J. Donahue, Oliver Carlotta, Jimmy McDole and Bill Kennemer. Second place were Will Feigley, Jay Mills, Ley Chisholm, and Scott Hargove, and third place were Rick Davis, Allen Kincaid, Charlie Krenkle and Mike Odom. Prizes also for closest pin and longest drive.

Do you have any suggestions for future editions?

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