The end of the Spring Semester 2013 brought the end of memories for some. Ms. Paulette Young and The Classic Catering retired from being a part of campus life after seventeen years, and closed the cafeteria in late April 2013. We will miss the time that Ms. Paulette and her crew were in the cafeteria, and we will miss the joy she brought to serving food for faculty, staff, and students. For a short time, the doors stayed closed and the rooms were silent, then the demolition started. Walls had been torn down, coolers taken away, and old walls unearthed – all for making way for the new cafeteria business. Dee Green is expected to open the new cafeteria business some time in the fall semester of 2013.

Taking down walls and finding old walls/windows made the faculty and staff of Athens State think of when there was a pool at the University. Didn’t know that there used to be a pool on campus? The majority of our faculty/staff remember when the one in the Carter Physical Education Center was in use in 1999, and many know the history of the pool that is underneath the Sandridge Student Union Building. After taking a tour of the old pools, this editor was able to view a piece of Athens State’s history and bring back pictures to share. It is important to preserve history, and help new, incoming students know about what has happened to our campus in years past. If we do not tell the history, it will just fade away.

The pool on Athens State’s campus was built in 1918. It was housed in a gymnasium and was one of the first pools in Alabama to be heated and an indoor pool. This pool was closed in 1964 when the Carter Physical Education Center was built. The Sandridge Student Center was built in 1967 over the foundation of the 1918 pool. It is not filled in, as one can see from the pictures below, but is underneath the cafeteria floor. The pool in the Carter Physical Education Center was used until 1999, when it was closed due to budget cuts. The pool is still visible in the back part of the building, by the parking lot. It has been filled in and the space is being used to storage.

Athens State has some wonderful history. Who knows what one will find out, just looking around on campus. We do not need to forget our history, even when it seems like it is hidden away. Look for it! You never know what you will find!

Below are some pictures of the demo in the cafeteria, what the Sandridge Center pool looks like today, and the pool space in the Carter P.E. Center today.

Pictures by Brianna N. Wise.
Why Writing Matters - Even (or Oddly) in Mathematics

Dr. Derek Newland, who teaches upper-division math students in their “Capstone” (or final semester) courses at Athens State, moved to North Alabama to pursue his love for teaching math. “I try to have a good time,” Dr. Newland said in a recent interview about his teaching. And he does have a good time—engaging students in regular discussion, meeting with students in his office to talk about their research interests, and especially challenging them to think about the “why” and “how” behind common math problems (i.e., Why is it always true that \(a^2 + b^2 = c^2\) if \(a + b + c = 37\)?).

That last topic—why and how math work—is a key aspect of upper-division mathematics, Newland suggested in a recent interview. Given this context, it may be less surprising that writing indeed matters in the “numbers” discipline. Aren’t numbers just another language, anyway?

Math may not be the first discipline we think about when we think about writing; however, writing is an integral part of mathematics. And the library extends its considered a primary source of math. Some other potential topics include the Abacus (an ancient precursor to the calculator made with beads), Descartes and the Cartesian Coordinate Plane (analytical geometry), and Game Theory in Mathematics. And the library extends its

WRITING IN THE MATH MAJOR

In the coming year, Dr. Newland looks forward to some changes to the math major and the Capstone (or Senior Seminar) “research paper” assignment. “I’m changing our seminar course,” he said, “Right now, [students in the seminar course are] doing literary reviews on a specific topic or a person in math and it’s only about 9 pages long with a references page and a title page…. It doesn’t really leave a lot of room to learn something new.”

To the average college student—who often writes multiple research papers in a term—the idea of an even longer research paper can be daunting. Yet Dr. Newland has trust that the process will work, and he also plans to extend the amount of time students can engage in their research beyond the 15-week semester. The change will have the same learning goals, but will allow students to do more exploration—and, yes, it will require more writing. “The new goal is to extend your knowledge from some class. So if a student loves linear algebra, let’s say, there are lots of topics that build on linear algebra and go beyond the scope of the course itself.”

And what of those rare math students who are not deeply interested in linear algebra? In Dr. Newland’s current syllabus, there is a list of no less than 23 potential research topics. For example, Euclid’s Elements is considered a primary source on some fundamental concepts of math. Some other potential topics include the Abacus (an ancient precursor to the calculator made with beads), Descartes and the Cartesian Coordinate Plane (analytical geometry), and Game Theory in Mathematics. And the library extends its

Editor’s Note:

This past spring semester brings the end for two wonderful assistant editors. Morgan Griffin-Morgan, my assistant editor at The Athenian for the last two academic years, graduated in May 2013. My second assistant editor, Brooke Johnson, who was with us for the last academic year, will be completing her education studies here at Athens State this fall with a school internship and plans to graduate in December 2013. I wish them both happy trails in whatever direction life takes them and know that they will do grand things. It has been a wonderful time together and I will miss our silly times in the Student Activities office!

This fall, there will be two new assistant editors at The Athenian. I know you all will give Bridgette Pylan and Jonathan Mann a warm welcome when they join our office. Jonathan is already a student at Athens State, while Bridgette is an incoming student. I am excited for new opportunities, new friendships, and for our next year at The Athenian!
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Don’t forget to follow us on… (where career related advice and job opportunities are posted!)

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How to create your LinkedIn profile:
• List your current and past positions & education along with your tenure there. This helps the right people and opportunities find you.
• Add a profile photo – people never forget a face!
• Add a summary paragraph. Think of it as your professional elevator pitch.

Get connected:
• Use webmail import to see, in seconds, all the people you know who are already on LinkedIn. You can then select who you wish to invite to join your trusted network.
• Upload a contacts file from Outlook, Palm, ACT!, or Mac Address
• View the list of your colleagues and classmates that are already on LinkedIn.
• Connect to Athens State University Alumni!

Get started!
• Post a question on Answers and tap into the experts you’re connected to and the entire LinkedIn network. With a professional community of over 135 million, this is the perfect place for those tough questions.
• Look up someone’s profile before you meet with them. Learn their background and see who you know in common to get off to a fast start.
• Search for Service Providers and select based on trusted recommendations from people in your network. Anonymous web searches to find providers are a thing of the past.

TWO Gift Cards Up for Grabs!!!

FREE Gas Giveaway

1) When was the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation founded?

2) When is the SGA Welcome Back Cookout?

3) What days will Trojan Women be performed and where will the performance(s) be?

4) Where did Dr. Newland earn his Ph.D. from?

First TWO students with the correct answers win FREE gas gift cards from Jiffy Mart.

Submit answers to the Student Activities Office in the Classroom Building.

Important Dates

July 4th – State Holiday – University Closed
July 16th – Last Day to Withdraw From Summer Classes
July 18th – New Student Orientation Day, Sandridge Student Center Ballroom 10am - 1pm, 3-6pm
July 27th – Athletic Homecoming Reception, Carter Gymnasium at 4pm
July 30th – Tuesday Final Exams
July 31st – Wednesday Final Exams
August 2nd – Friday Final Exams
August 5th – Monday Final Exams
August 8th – Thursday Final Exams
August 9th – Grades Due
August 10th – Summer Graduation
August 15th thru 17th – Athenian Player Present The Trojan Women by Euripides, Founders Hall
August 19th – Fall Semester Begins
August 19th thru September 30th – Join the Student Government Association August 30th – Voice of Athens Exhibition Ends September 1st – Paper Cutting Exhibit Begins September 2nd – State Holiday – University Closed September 9th – SGA Welcome Back Cookout September 16th – First Day to Qualify for Founders Queen and Court

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To register for Athenian Jobs please visit: www.athens.edu/career

How to Register:
• You will need to complete the registration form.
• You will receive an email which will ask you to verify your email address.
• You will receive a second email that will have set your password.
Once you have completed the steps, you will be able to login to Athenian Jobs. Please be sure to complete all required fields on the registration form and on your profile. If any of the required sections are not completed, it will delay your ability to use Athenian Jobs.

How We Can Assist You...

• Resume Assistance
• Mock Interviews
• Career Counseling
• Career Workshops
• Career Fairs

Students receive support in creating professional documents (resumes, cover letters, and social media profiles) and learning effective interview and job search techniques. We offer a variety of opportunities to come face to face with hiring employers and graduate school recruiters at career fairs, career workshops, and information sessions, and at campus recruiting events.

In order to receive assistance you will need to register with Athenian Jobs. On Athenian Jobs you will find important career event announcements, resources, and job postings.

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It’s summertime and the living is easy! Image used courtesy of acclaimedclipart.com
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Cast List

Poseidon - Jeff Klevorn
Athena - Kristi Coughlin
Hecuba - Dorothy Weems
Talthybius - Colin Whitworth
Cassandra - Stephanie Cooper
Andromache - Laura Poe

Menelaus - Julian Rojas
Helen - Jensie Britt
Astyanax - Justin Poe

Chorus
Kristi Coughlin
Jacqueline Poe
Ashley Busick
Chelsea Hollis

Soldiers
Jeff Klevorn
Forrest Johnson
RJ Poe
Daniel Hutton

As of June 18, 2013

TROJAN WOMEN
by EURIPIDES

Directed by Dr. Hugh K. Long
Translation by Dr. Francis Blessington

August 15, 16, 17
7:30 pm
Founders Hall

This classic tragedy explores the fates of women in the burnt ruins of the city of Troy waiting to be made slaves -- characterizing the human suffering that remained after the Trojan/Greek war.

Staged on the front steps of historic Founders Hall at Athens State University, these productions will be offered free and open to the public.

Limited seating will be provided. Feel free to bring your own chairs, blankets, and a picnic dinner if you'd like. Food vendors will also be available.

For more information: www.athens.edu/athenianplayers
Actors Jeff Klevorn and Kristi Coughlin (Poseidon and Athena) rehearsing Trojan Women with Dr. Hugh Long.
Check them out for yourselves on August 15, 16 and 17 at 7:30PM in front of Founders Hall!

Pictures by Brianna N. Wise.
Commencement Spring 2013

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Pictures from Flag Day, June 14, 2013. Pictures provided by Guy McClure.

Thanks for a great year, Athenian Ambassadors!

2012-2013
Ruth Neilson, a graduate of Athens State University, AL, has been awarded a James Madison Fellowship by the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation of Alexandria, VA in its twenty-second annual fellowship competition. A total of 56 fellowships were awarded in 2013. James Madison Fellowships support the further study of American history by aspiring or experienced teachers of American history, American government, and social studies in the nation’s secondary schools.

 Named in honor of the fourth president of the United States and acknowledged “Father of the Constitution and Bill of Rights,” the fellowship will fund up to $24,000 of Ms. Neilson’s course of study toward a master’s degree. That program must include a concentration of courses on the history and principles of the United States Constitution.

Ms. Neilson was selected for a James Madison Fellowship in competition with applicants from Alabama. Additional fellowships were awarded in each of the states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the nation’s island and trust territories. The fellowship—funded by income from a trust fund in the Treasury of the United States and from additional private gifts, corporate contributions, and foundation grants—requires its recipient to teach American history or social studies in a secondary school for at least one year for each year of fellowship support. The award is intended to recognize promising and distinguished teachers, to strengthen their knowledge of the origins and development of American constitutional government, and thus to expose the nation’s secondary school students to accurate knowledge of the nation’s constitutional heritage.

Founded by an act of Congress in 1986, the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation is an independent agency of the executive branch of the federal government. In addition to offering fellowships, the Foundation undertakes other activities relating to secondary school education about the Constitution’s history. For more information please see www.jamesmadison.gov.

About Dr. Newland: Dr. Newland holds a Ph. D. and an M. A. in Mathematics—both degrees earned from UC-San Diego—and a B. A. in Mathematics from UC-Davis. He wrote his thesis in Number Theory, specifically dealing with the Selberg Trace Formula and Zeros of the Ihara Zeta Function.
Dean’s List: 3.5 to 3.99 GPA with 12 hours

Albertville, AL
Brownsboro, AL
Williams, Macey
Washington, Bobby
Saint, Nathan
Holcomb, Melody
Dawson, Rhonda
Boaz, AL
Jenkins, Maranda
Glover, Dawn
Cosby, LaToya
Birmingham, AL
Bessemer, AL
Lann, Jordan
Laxson, Jared
McCoy, Michelle
McEmore, Jessie
Morgan, Valleria
Morrow, William
Nafe, William
Nichols-James, Josette
Patterson, Calliesha
Poe, Laura
Salvaggio, Morgan
Sampson, Troy
Stedley, Henry
Wallace, Shaneka
Worthington, Jacob

Bessemer, AL
Baldwin, Wyona
Birmingham, AL
Cosby, LaToya
Glover, Dawn
Jenkins, Miranda

Boaz, AL
Davis, Elisabeth
Dawson, Rhonda
Ford, Tracie
Holcomb, Melvin
Saint, Nathan
Washington, Bobby
Williams, Macey
Brownsville, AL
Goodwin, Kristopher
Cleveland, AL
Atchison, Robert

Cranesville, AL
Heaton, Kelli
Cullman, AL
Banks, Anna
Boike, Tyler
Calvert, Tyler
Collins, Matthew
Duke, Samantha
Elam, Kalen
Frazier, Danielle
Henry, Megan
Hudson, Peggy
Moody, Jason
Norris, Alissa
Phillips, Hannah
Strane, Robert

Danville, AL
Borden, Sommer

Daphne, AL
Cook, Davy

Decatur, AL
Adams, Lauren
Boston, Matthew
Brooks, Michelle
Chambers, Jocelyn
Clayton, Matthew
Cooper, Jacklyn
Dubach, Rebecca
Duhan, Shanna
Earwood, Jessica
Guthrie, Laura
Hall, Anna
Harris, Adonacca
Henderson, Adam
Henderson, Sarah
Hyder, Christian
Lewis, Kaitlin
Lorraine, Charlie
Luckett, Tiffany
McCay, Jakob
Ruffin, Cheryl
Satterfield, Zachary
Smith, Jonathan
Thompson, Ashley
Vest, Ali
Werner, Mary Jane
White, Stephanie
Woodham, April

Elmore, AL
Ingle, Jane
Smother, Lendon
Elkmont, AL
Brewer, Christin
Meadows, Morgan
Millwood, Miranda

Eva, AL
Ovorton, Samantha
Falkville, AL
McCarley, Elizabeth

Florence, AL
Early, Amanda
Jones, Kevin
Switzer, Shelby
Fort Payne, AL
Crow, Christopher
Guest, Charles
Keiper, Alisha
Phillips, Katie

Gardendale, AL
Turner, Twyla
Jones, Melissa
Guntersville, AL
Peeden, Rebecca
Shelton, Arla
Singleton, Shannon
Smith, Laura
Huntsville, AL
Romnie, William
Hanceville, AL
Bryant, Luann
Laseter, Amy
Malin, Keisha
Sims, Demetrice
Sims, Marvis

Huntsville, AL
Blackwood, Julie
Clark, Carrington
Dumas, Dawana
Eaton, Erica
Helms, Jennifer
Hines, Alyssa
Howes, Robyn
McClanahan, Audrey
Harvest, AL
Bivens, Kevin
Bonner, Tinyse
Brunson, Lauren
Nunez, Melissa
Raymond, Nicole
Robinson, Penny
Searborough, Joseph
Hayden, AL
Kimbril, Melissa
Hazel Green, AL
Schaefer, Melissa
Sharp, Hannah
Stafford, Ashton

Huntsville, AL
Brown, Jaden
Henderson, Zachary
Hollywood, AL

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Blocker, Julie
Bouler, Elizabeth
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Felder, Stacey
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Graham, Sarah
Groce, Melissa
Hamilton, Jason
Horton, Whitney
Jennings, Danielle
Johnston, Jamie
Kern, Patricia
Kirkland, Shauna

Lang, Jennifer
Lasseter, Samuel
Leslie, Sherwyn
Lester, Barbara
Lones, Maghan
McCormick, Patrick
Merriman, Alisa
Moody, Candace
Motogbe, Christie
Northington, Emily
Orbisti, Nicholas
Patel, Krunal
Pindexter, James
Richardson, Jennifer
Ruff, Taylor
Sammacco, Joseph
Sammacco, Michelle

 Samples, Heather
Sandlin, C. Kenneth
Secare, Jason
Scott, Carolyn
Sealy, Kristen
Toth, Katie
Ursery, Meggan
Wafford, Candace
Winkles, Clinton
Woods, Travis
Jasper, AL
Aaron, Joan
Earnest, Beth
Rowland, Lindsey
Sherer, Laura
Stewart, Cara
Killed, AL
Hughes, Lindsay
McClelland, Rebecca

Lacesys Spring, AL
Richards, Jeremy
Leeds, AL
DeRocher, Amanda
Lester, AL
Meadows, Judson
Lexington, AL
Hill, David
Locust Fork, AL
Moore, Melissa
Quinn, Cayla
Madison, AL
Aston, Bethanie
Calhoun, Chelsea
Cislo, Juliana
Coffman, Amanda
Colwell, Jesse
Cooper, Joseph
Cote, Joshua
Croan, Adam
Cunningham, Trace
Denison, Elizabeth

Dothitt, Misty
Estes, Christopher
Fogg, Benjamin
Hampton, Amber
Kalin, Lara
Kutsor, Patrick
Le, Adam
Lowrey, Kaitlin
McDonald, Courtney
Mitchell, Victoria

Morgan, Jodi
Moudy, Jason
Owens, Alanna
Randolph, Melinda
Redd, Britney

Reynolds, Roy
Richardson, Rachel
Rivera, Elisa
Sams, Kendal
Semmel, Laura
Thrasher, Amanda
Walls, Jimmie
Meridianville, AL
Nixon, Aimee
Zerfoss, Tandi
Moulton, AL
Borden, Carlie
Graham, Joshua
Smith, Emilee

New Hope, AL
Byrd, Jada
Montero, John
New Market, AL
Doran, Ashley
Jackson, Christopher
Longmire, Donna
Phillips, Coy
Yearta, Joey
Northport, AL
Freeman, Lorenza
Oakman, AL
Shepard, Jeanette
Owens Cross Roads, AL
Gentle, Rhonda
Gooden, Heather
Johnson, Blake
OBradovich, Megan
Phil Campbell, AL
Johnson, Zachary
Stehno, Talina
Pinson, AL
Gates, Debra
Pisgah, AL
Barrentine, Taylor
Fossett, Chante
Heard, Felicia
Rogers, Amelia
Prattville, AL
Cooper, Demetrius
Quinton, AL
Odom, Melanie
Rainville, AL
Cuzzort, Morgan
Monroe, Rachel
Russellville, AL
Latham, Tiffany
Murray, Ariel
Thornton, Amy
Scottsboro, AL
Bailey, Clayton
Melton, Laura
Roof, Erin
Wiser, Rebekah
Section, AL
Edwards, Robyn
Thompson, Sydney
Selma, AL
Menifee, Jacqueline
Oden, JoAnn
Purifoy, Adrienne
Speer, Debra

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Congratulations to everyone on the Dean’s and President’s List!
Events Coming Up

July 18th: Transfer Orientation Day, 10am – 1pm and 3pm – 6pm
September 9th: Welcome Back Cookout, 11am – 1pm
September 16th - 27th: Qualify for Founders Queen & Court
October 2nd – 11th: Vote for Founders Queen & Court
October 4th and 5th: Fiddlers Convention
October 18th and 19th: Ghost Walk
October 28th - November 8th: Qualify for Jr./Sr. Class President
October 31st: Halloween Carnival Cookout/Costume Contest