One Nation Under ObamaCare: How the Country Will Now Take Its Medicine

Jonathon Mann, Assistant Editor

Whether it is a good or bad thing for the country, the new Affordable Healthcare Act is now law. The nation has heard bits and pieces of debate back and forth from supporters and anti-supporters alike since the program’s inception, but some changes are already taking place amidst the debates. There are some key points to be aware of to know what to expect for healthcare in the future.

The cost of currently existing insurance plans will likely increase for most families. According to the Manhattan Institute, the average pre ACA (Affordable Care Act) rate for individuals age 27 was $155 per month, the average pre ACA (Affordable Care Act) rate for families was $2085, or 2.5% of total income. Currently, the official number of people that have enrolled in the Affordable Care Act who has services covered is set to take effect on April 1, 2014. Many of the individual state exchange websites are not linked through the government website and were unaffected by the technical difficulties. There are some key points to be aware of to know what to expect for healthcare in the future.

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The initial launch of the sign-up website suffered from severe technical drawbacks during the first couple of weeks. These drawbacks included limited access, errors with the sign-up form that resulted in false information being entered and received, and general public confusion. IT specialists are currently working on rewriting the 5 million lines of code in the website to ensure the proper functionality of the sign-up for the government exchanges. Regardless of the reason for the website collapse, a decision was made to extend the sign-up period until March 31. The individual mandate, however, remains unchanged and is set to take effect on April 1, 2014. Many of the individual state exchange websites are not linked through the government website and were unaffected by the technical difficulties.

Currently the law will allow for citizens to keep their current doctor, but the plan is actually geared to be more of an HMO type plan that will eventually only cover visits from a pre-approved list of preferred care physicians. A citizen can still see the same doctor, but under the new law only the specified preferred care facilities and physicians will be covered with copay. Anyone enrolled in the Affordable Care Act who has services done or visits a doctor considered to be out of the ACA’s network, will have to pay the full cost of any services rendered. The White House Staff has stated that they will release official numbers mid-November. As of the morning October 3rd, 245 people had officially signed up for the Affordable Care Act.

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Why Should I Join the Accounting Club? Or... What’s In It For Me?

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These are questions that persons unfamiliar with the purpose of the Athens State University IMA Student Chapter (aka Accounting Club) might ask themselves. The Accounting Club opens many different doors for students that choose to walk through them, some of which include: meeting with other like-minded students, opportunities to speak with different professors about things that aren’t always talked about in class, professional development, and socializing. For the benefit of those who are unable to meet on campus, the meetings are available on Wimba. If you are able to view Wimba during the meetings, there is someone monitoring online activity and students can ask questions during the presentation. If you can’t attend live, the Wimba sessions are archived for viewing at your convenience.

Community service projects are a priority for the Accounting Club and students are encouraged to participate. In the current year, the Accounting Club is providing service to Habitat for Humanity of Limestone County, CASA of Limestone County, the Limestone County Food Bank, and the Salvation Army. Employers are looking for people that are well rounded and showing an interest in the community is a positive quality. The Accounting Club arranges to have an assortment of speakers come to campus that cover many aspects of the field from writing a strong resume to continuing education beyond Athens State. Members of the Accounting Club are very active in events on campus including participating in SGA-sponsored activities like blood drives, the Halloween Carnival, and Welcome Back Week. You can find the Accounting Club at the annual Fiddlers Convention, Transfer Orientation Day, and even on Facebook.

Through the Accounting Club, you can learn about all of the opportunities available through the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA) and the Certified Management Accountant (CMA) certification. Both can provide invaluable benefits to your professional career. The Accounting Club is sponsored by the Accounting Department of the College of Business and lead by a board of elected officers. This is another area for leadership and service skills to be developed. The Accounting Club actively participates in tours of area businesses which gives members the opportunity to see and speak with professionals in the field and get an inside view of operations.

If all of these reasons aren’t enough to make you want to check out the Accounting Club, then come for the free food! Join us at 12:00 for munching and mingling with the meeting starting at 12:20. Our schedule is posted on our website (https://sites.google.com/site/athensmsc/home) and we meet in the Classroom Building (Room 205 during the fall semester). No bean counting, no pocket protectors, just students seeking to develop themselves professionally and professors encouraging them along the way.

Bittersweet Memories

Brianna N. Wise, Editor

When I first started classes and the newspaper at Athens State in August 2011, the idea of doing it all was a little overwhelming. A new university, new location, new software, new friendly people, and clubs to be a part of! My welcome to the university was very warm. Tena Bullington, Director of Student Activities, offered me an assistant editor position at The Athenian and the members of the Student Government Association were quick to make me feel at home.

Through the first semester, Morgan Griffin-Morgan and I struggled to put together the editions of the paper. We had software challenges, personal challenges, and even a wedding to contend with. We succeeded, however, and put together a wonderful first edition. From then on, it seemed like a piece of cake! In November of 2011, I was offered the editor position, and could not turn it down.

With the addition of a golf scholarship from the Alumni Association, my experiences at Athens State University have been invaluable. I have met so many encouraging individuals through both of the scholarships, and would not trade the experience for the world! I have had four wonderful assistant editors, starting with my original cohort, Morgan Griffin-Morgan, to Brooke Johnson for a short time, and now currently Bridgette Pylant and Jonathon Mann. I do not think that my experience would have been the same, had I not done it all—newspaper, alumni, SGA, etc.

I have a little bit longer before I graduate from Athens State, but I will always remember the fantastic times I have had. We have had our silly moments—snacking on junk food in our fondly remembered blue office in the Student Center and talking about the SOPA (Stop Online Piracy Act) that was the big news that day, or discussing that week’s TV shows and trying to figure out what would happen the next week. We have also had our stressful moments—like the first time Morgan and I put a paper out, or when it was the week before going to press and we did not have a front page article, or when our computer crashed and we lost pictures, old paper editions and nearly lost the edition we were working on. We have survived moving offices from our little blue office in the Sandridge Student Center to the basement of the gym to the lobby of the Classroom building where we are now located.

The next edition you all view will be under the tutelage of Regina Kyle. She came in this semester with a vengeance for learning. I hope you all will welcome her as you welcomed me! She will be working with Bridgette and Jonathan, and I know that the paper is in good hands with the three of them. I will certainly miss being in the office of the Athenian, but it is time I handed the paper over to someone new with fresh ideas. I wish good luck to Regina, Bridgette and Jonathan! They will not need it, because I know they will do a fantastic job.
Athens State students and faculty—SAVE THE DATE!!!

On January 31, 2014, Athens State University will host Dr. Scott Warnock, an associate professor of English at Drexel University and an avid writer, who will deliver two workshops covering topics such as writing online, communicating effectively, and using “low-stakes writing” as a teaching tool. Both workshops will be held in the mid-morning hours on January 31. Specific start and end times for each workshop will be announced as the dates draw closer. No registration is necessary for either event, and anyone interested in these topics is welcome to attend.

Dr. Warnock will address students and faculty in two separate workshops, both provided in connection with the university’s Quality Enhancement Plan called Building Success through Writing! The plan aims to impact the role writing plays in teaching and learning at Athens State University and to measure student’s development as writers over a five-year period (2010-2015).

Thanks to Dr. Wanda Hutchinson for arranging these excellent workshops!!!

Dr. Warnock’s full biography and details about each workshop are included below for further information.

Biography

Dr. Scott Warnock is an associate professor of English at Drexel University and Director of the Writing Center and Writing Across the Curriculum. He teaches first-year writing and courses such as Writing in Cyberspace, The Literature of Business, and Writing and Peer Tutoring Workshop. His research and teaching interests include computers and writing, responding to student writing, writing assessment, and writing in the professions. He is the author of Teaching Writing Online: How and Why and numerous book chapters and journal articles, and he has presented and conducted workshops about teaching and technology issues and opportunities at national conferences and many institutions. He is co-chair of the Conference on College Composition and Communication Committee for Effective Practices in Online Writing Instruction. He was also co-founder of Subjective Metrics, Inc. a company created to develop Waypoint writing assessment and peer review software. He has maintained Online Writing Teacher, a blog about teaching writing online, since 2005, and for the past three years he has written the bi-weekly column “Virtual Children” for the Website When Falls the Coliseum.

Workshop for faculty:

“Low-Stakes Writing in Higher Education”

Low stakes writing is essential in traditional land-based, blended, and online courses. The workshop will address opportunities to create low-stakes writing assignments and projectss that will be shared with faculty. The Athens State College-Level Writing Rubric will be incorporated into the assessment approach. The goal is for faculty to be able to immediately implement low-stakes writing in their courses.

Workshop for students:

“Writing in Action”

Effective communication is imperative for college students. The workshop will help students think rhetorically about audience, purpose, and context of writing. Students will be taught to professionalize their communications for a variety of common digital media. Email etiquette and peer editing using the Athens State College-Level Writing Rubric will also be included in the presentation.

TWO Gift Cards Up for Grabs!!!

FREE Gas Giveaway

1) Who are the assistant directors for As You Like It?

2) Where does Dr. Cross teach, and what subject does he teach?

3) Where has the Athenian office been located at in the last two years?

4) What is the current deadline to sign up for the Affordable Care Act?

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.
The Health and Physical Education has begun the new academic year by electing officers for 2013-2014. Ms. Adonnaca Harris of Decatur serves as President, Vice-President is Ms. Katie Campbell of Fayetteville, Tennessee, Ms. Britney Ward of Arab was elected Secretary, and Treasurer is Ms. Kecia Shelton of Meridianville. While these officers are from diverse geographic locations, they have so many common traits and goals. These officers are dedicated to the field of health and physical education and all look forward to beginning their careers as physical educators. As seniors, they have worked to fund-raise at the annual Fiddler's Convention. Funds raised this year will be used to fund student attendance at professional conferences, including lodging and conference fees, and to pay for membership into either the Alabama State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance and/or the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. The officers designed t-shirts with the slogan “fit is not a way of life, it is a destination” are proudly wearing them to on and off-campus events. The club is discussing plans for an additional fund-raiser to continue to work toward attending state, regional and/or national conferences. Members of the club are: Samantha Duke, Drew Byson, Shaun Smith, Mariah Durichek, Jace Cordell, James Bates, Matt Boston, Tequeenia King, Emily Campbell, Jay Wals, Blake Killen, Evan Jackson, Torey Baird, Donnie Wilkinson, Darah Gilchrist, Elizabeth Franks, Nathan Archer, Josh Reyer, Mac Robinson, Alex Garrison, Dusten Harbison, Eva Garner, Kaitlin Lowrey, Jacob Sparkman, Jonathan Huguley, Will Romine, De El Watkins and Kristen Gibson.

2012-13 Club Officers - Katie Campbell, Dr. Yvette Bolen (sponsor), Adonnaca Harris, Kecia Shelton & Britney Ward.

Club Members Working at the Fiddler's Convention: Blake Killen, Evan Jackson, and Jay Walls.

We feature 5 indoor screens with all digital sound and a drive-in.
Summer 2013 Honors List

Dean’s List:
3.5 to 3.99 GPA with 12 hours

Albertville, AL
Hayes, Brandi

Altoona, AL
Gober, Katye

Anderson, AL
Fleming, Jonathan

Arab, AL
Ramsey, Lauren

Arley, AL
Williams, Brittany

Athens, AL
Brinkley, Maranda
Gilbert, Katelyn
Hilliard, Elizabeth
Klevorn, Jeffrey
Lann, Jordan
Mulligan, Hailey
O’Neal, Elizabeth
Oles, Jordan
Rose, Ryan
Smith, Bailey
Smith, Erica
Taylor, Nanette

Blountsville, AL
Lauderdale, Charles
Smith, Jada

Boaz, AL
Washington, Bobby
Williams, Macey

Bremen, AL
Cates, Amanda
Sherrell, Kimberly

Cordova, AL
Cordell, Jace

Cottondale, AL
King, Christopher

Crane Hill, AL
Hines, Joshua

Cullman, AL
Adams, Andrew
Cameron, Daniel

Collins, Matthew
Henry, Megan
Hudson, Peggy

Daleville, AL
Smith, Reebie

Dawson, AL
Nelms, Suzanne

Decatur, AL
Brooks, Michelle
Brown, Kevin
Dick, Marilyn
Dubach, Rebecca
Dunn, Shanna
Harris, Adonaca
Lewis, Pattie
Montgomery, Zachary
Stephenson, Jayda
Thompson, Ashley
Welch, Aaron

Eldridge, AL
Dodd, Jacklyne

Elkmont, AL
Dougherty, Laura
Millwood, Miranda

Florence, AL
Springer, Nathan

Fort Payne, AL
Phillips, Katie

Fyffe, AL
Hancock, Vickie

Guntersville, AL
Booth, Andrew
Peeden, Rebecca
Shelton, Arla

Hamilton, AL
Cagle, Pamela

Hanceville, AL
Sims, Demetrice

Hartselle, AL
Brown, Timothy
Dumas, Daawan
Kohlenberg, Bailey

Harvest, AL
Blevins, Donald

Hamilton, Kristine
McGuirty, Monica
Nunez, Melissa

Horton, AL
Thompson, Laura

Huntsville, AL
Baeerlin, Chase
Blocker, Julie
Canfield, Emily
Christ, Laura
Frost, Jordan
Goyer, Patrick
Grocce, Melissa
Henriksen, Christopher
Hurst, Caleb
Lewis, Heather-Michell
Lones, Maghan
Mann, Jonathan
Mullican, Joe
Rauh, Lena
Scearce, Jason
Stamper, Kelsey
Wild, Christina

Jasper, AL
Rowland, Lindsey
Vines, Matthew

Lacey’s Spring, AL
Richards, Jeremy

Leesburg, AL
Campbell, Sally

Lexington, AL
Putman, Shelby

Madison, AL
Alvarez, Christine
Fogg, Benjamin
Hope, Maria
Kalin, Lara
Luthy, Benjamin
Mullins, Amanda
Owens, Alanna
Preston, Katie
Ramsay, Jessica
Tharsher, Amanda
West, James
Wrinkle, Christina

Meridianville, AL
Atkins, Henry
Martin, Cody

Mobile, AL
Hogue, Facethia

Muscle Shoals, AL
Frederick, Jason

New Hope, AL
League, Kacy

New Market, AL
Longmire, Donna
McCay, Erin

Owens Cross Roads, AL
Hunter, Paul

Phil Campbell, AL
Stehno, Talina

Pisgah, AL
Barreitine, Taylor
Brock, Pamela
Rogers, Amelia

Rainsville, AL
Chaney, Stacey
Kilgore, Lacie
Milford, Jennifer

Rogersville, AL
Beavers, Parker
Wilson, Lauren

Scottsboro, AL
Galloway, Desiree

Selma, AL
Spicer, Debra

Sheffield, AL
Warren, Mary

Somerville, AL
Felts, Anna

Southside, AL
Rice, Jason

Sumiton, AL
Poole, Emily

Toney, AL
Henderson, Johnny

Please see page 8 for the rest of the honors list.
SGA Spook-Tastic Events

Photos taken by Bridgette Pylant.

Faculty, Staff and Athens State Students enjoy the Halloween Cookout.

Professor Tangent, the winner of the faculty costume contest.

"Tragic Cha-Cha Eulogy," winner of the student skit.

Rosie the Riveter, the student costume contest winner.

"Tragic Cha-Cha Eulogy," winner of the student skit.

Raqu the Raccoon, winner of the faculty skit.

Peacock, Dorothy, and Harvey Updyke.

Flo, Progressive Insurance.

The Minions.
On Tuesday, October 22, Athens State University Vice President Rick Mould crowned Haley Lewter as this year’s Founders Queen. Lewter is from Ardmore, and is the daughter of Tim and Diane Lewter. She transferred to Athens State from Calhoun Community College and is a junior majoring in Secondary English and Language Arts. Named as members of this year’s Founders Court included Amanda Cates, Lacee Holiday Doucette, Kyleen Kirkland, and Bailey Smith. “Founders Queen and Court is an historic event that has taken place at Athens State University for over fifty years,” said Director of Student Activities Tena Bullington. “These honors have been bestowed upon women exemplifying Athens State’s mission and as those chosen are voted upon by their student peers it is truly an honor.” — Athens State University

SGA Leadership Retreat

The 2013 Student Government Association (SGA) Leadership Retreat was held on November 1, 2013 at the Alabama Center for the Arts. According to Student Activities Director Tena Bullington, the Leadership Retreat is designed for club leaders to assemble, meet and network with other club leaders in a fun environment. Members of many of Athens State’s clubs were in attendance.

After initial introductions and several games that focused on the attendees learning more about their peers, the group was treated to a talk from guest speaker Dr. Randy Cross. Dr. Cross is an American Literature professor at Calhoun Community College, a Fulbright Scholar who has taught in Rio de Janero, Brazil and Lisbon, Portugal, and an extremely gifted story teller. Dr. Cross shared many humorous anecdotes from his life and childhood growing up in St. Joseph, Tennessee and related them back to the qualities that he believes a good leader should possess.

Regina Kyle, who attended the retreat as an SGA representative, enjoyed the games and getting to know the other attendees. “It was fun learning about all of our differences and commonalities.” PSI CHI President Stephanie White was impressed with Dr. Cross’ informal but captivating lecture style. “I transferred from Calhoun, and I regret not having the opportunity to take one of Dr. Cross’ classes while there. He was entertaining and informative.”

The Leadership Retreat is hosted annually in the fall by SGA.
Summer 2013 Honors List

Honors List continued from page 5

Tuscaloosa, AL
Sexton, Bryan

Tuscumbia, AL
Willingham, Laura

Union Grove, AL
Vaughn, Christopher

Vinemont, AL
Holmes, Jessica

Winfield, AL
Lewis, Brandice
Williams, Teresa

Fayetteville, TN
Juengel, Crystal
Steele, Amelia

President’s List
4.0 GPA with 12 hours

Albertville, AL
Childress, Amanda
Webb, Rachel

Altoona, AL
Miller, Elizabeth

Anderson, AL
Kennon, Ashley

Anniston AL
McCorkle, Amy

Arab, AL
Rankhorn, James
Springfield, Stephanie

Athens, AL
Bartlett, Seth
Canestrari, Wesley
Patel, Hinaben
Perry, Miranda
Reed, Glenn
Thacker, Melissa

Baileyton, AL
Bartlett, Desiree

Blountsville, AL
Goble, Randy

Boaz, AL
Minor, LeAnna P

Center Point, AL
Margavio, Joseph

Crossville, AL
Jenkins, Bobby
Thacker, Shanna

Cullman, AL
Bates-Keese, Meagan
Brock, Hannah
Charney, Nicholas
Chumley, Savannah
Gilley, Raeven
Lan caster, Ashley
Reid, Joshua
Strane, Robert
Watts, Susan
Wilkins, AnnaLee
Wix, Deidra

Decatur, AL
Henderson, Sarah
Patterson, Christy
Talley, John
Taylor, Bobbette

Fackler, AL
Owens, Jessica

Fort Payne, AL
Dunne, Patrick

Grant, AL
McCallie, Thomas

Guntersville, AL
Birdshaw, Troy
Fortner, Kimberly

Hackleburg, AL
Sutherland, Steven

Hanceville, AL
Malin, Keisha

Hartselle, AL
Logan, Randall
Montgomery, Stephanie

Hayden, AL
Dobbs, Rodney

Henagar, AL
Wootten, Elizabeth

Hodges, AL
Mills, Ruth

Hoover, AL
Reed, Myra

Huntsville, AL
Davis, James
Hicks, Dorothy
Jennings, Danielle
Lasseter, Samuel
Sammarco, Michelle
Samples, Heather
Scott, Carolyn
Sealy, Kristen
Shaver, Elizabeth

Jasper, AL
Aaron, Joan
Portzer, Jolie
Sherer, Laura
Stewart, Cara

Kinston, AL
Musgrove, Susan

Lester, AL
Smith, Ceara

Lexington, AL
Hill, David

Locust Fork, AL
Braden, Holly

Madison, AL
Dennis, Mary
Estes, Christopher
Fowler, Taylor
Harbin, Ashley
Lemasters, Allyson
Mitchell, Eryn
Waibel, Ursula
Whitt, Abby

Meridianville, AL
Charles, Tiffany
Dorsett, Marla

Moulton, AL
Britton, LuCinda

Owens Cross Roads, AL
Russell, Trisha

Phil Campbell, AL
Johnson, Zachery

Pigah, AL
Heard, Felicia

President’s List
4.0 GPA with 12 hours

Bluffton, AL

Brown, Angela

Chambers, AL

Coffey, Thomas

Dothan, AL

Ellington, Tommie

Gadsden, AL

Evans, Thomas

Huntsville, AL

Jennings, Bobbi

Katrice, AL

Kenny, Laken

Lawrence, AL

Lawrence, Melody

Jackson, AL

Mims, Kevin

Lafayette, AL

Miller, Jocelyn

Linden, AL

Moore, James

Loxley, AL

Morgan, Stephanie

Montgomery, AL

Newsome, Thomas

Mobile, AL

Pugh, Amanda

Randolph, AL

Sheppard, Brittany

Rosa, AL

Stovall, Joshua

Sylacauga, AL

Taylor, Benjamin

Trussville, AL

Wiggins, Amanda

Wetumpka, AL

Williams, Crystal

Yancey, AL

Joyner, Jamie

Zavalla, AL

Becky, Susan

Congratulations to all the students who made the Athens State University Dean’s and President’s Lists for Summer 2013!
The Tennessee Valley Chapter of Advancing Productivity, Innovation, and Competitive Success (APICS) has been recognized as a Bronze Award Winning Chapter by the organization’s national Chicago-based headquarters. The Tennessee Valley chapter Board of Directors president is Dr. Michael Essary, an Associate Professor of Management of Technology at Athens State University.

“This is the first time the Tennessee Valley Chapter has received this recognition,” states Essary. “It represents a significant achievement that few in the southeast, let alone Alabama, ever receive.”

Nationally, APICS is the leading professional association for supply chain and operations management and the premier provider of research, education and certification programs that elevate end-to-end supply chain excellence, innovation and resilience. The Tennessee Valley Chapter has been active for over 30 years.

The Athens State APICS student chapter holds its meetings jointly with the Tennessee Valley chapter. Students are well represented at the monthly professional development meetings which give them the opportunity to network with professionals in their field. Athens State students are encouraged to join the Tennessee Valley Board of Directors and graduates Tim Hobbs and Luana Waits joined the Board of Directors while they were students.

Athens State’s Acting Dean of the College of Education Thomas Pieplow remarks, “Our affiliation with APICS is a direct result of the good work done by Dr. Essary within both organizations. I have no doubt his leadership has played a part in this and the group’s other successes.”

Athens State offers the Operations Management Minor, which provides an opportunity for students to acquire the knowledge and specialized training to help prepare them to take the APICS certification exams desired by many employers. The Tennessee Valley Chapter provides APICS certified instructors to teach the Operations Management Minor classes.

For more information about the Tennessee Valley Chapter of APICS, visit their website www.apicstnvl.org.
Physical Education majors enrolled in HPE 321, Analysis and Teaching of Rhythms and Dance, were honored to be participants as well as instructors at the Huntsville City Schools Inservice held at Williams Middle School in Huntsville. Rhythms and Dance is required to be taught by all physical educators in every grade level and Athens State physical education majors were well-prepared to teach a variety of rhythmic and dance activities and were excited to be able to teach ballroom dance basics to seasoned elementary, middle and high school physical educators. Realizing that many school settings have large physical education class sizes, a "double-circle" dance was introduced which could easily accommodate well over 100 students yet be used with small classes. Athens State physical education majors were recognized with certificates for their "significant contribution" to the inservice. Mr. Lanier Pearce, an elementary education graduate of Athens state who is currently completing his doctorate at the University of Alabama and is employed as an elementary teacher at Hanceville Elementary School in Cullman, served as a teaching assistant. In a thank you letter to Dr. Bolen following the event, Mr. Wade Lipscomb, Physical Education Coordinator of Huntsville City Schools, stated "You and your students were great ambassadors for Athens State University, and your instruction, enthusiasm, and willingness to assist fellow educators was well-received by all in attendance. We appreciate the generosity of your time, your demonstrated skills and your explanations throughout the session, and we commend you for giving valuable assistance to our employees. We applaud the willingness of your students to share in this continuing education experience. You and your students are a credit to Athens State University and our education profession. The Huntsville City Schools' physical educators have increased their knowledge and improved their skills as a result of your workshop."

Group Photo (Left to Right) Josh Graham, Steven Sutherland, Jacob Sparkman, Kaitlin Lowrey, Matt Collins, Adonnaca Harris, Derrick Calvert, Justin Brown, Shaun Smith, Dr. Yvette Bolen, Mr. Lanier Pearce of Hanceville Elementary School in Cullman, Jace Cordell, Jonathan Huguley, and Troy Pettus.

Dr. Yvette Bolen Leads Physical Education Majors in Introducing the Cha-Cha (Left to Right) Adonnaca Harris, Jace Cordell, Steven Sutherland, Dr. Yvette Bolen and Justin Brown.

Picture submitted by Dr. Yvette Bolen.
The Athenian Players of Athens State University present their production of William Shakespeare’s classic comedy, As You Like It. This play, directed by Assistant Professor of Drama Dr. Hugh Long, will be performed in Ballroom of the Sandridge Student Center on the Athens State Campus.

Performances will run Thursday, Friday and Saturday November 14 - 16 at 7:30 p.m. A matinee performance will be held on Sunday November 17 at 1:30 p.m. Admission will be charged at the door and is $10.00 per person, $7.00 for students and seniors.

“Our mission is to present this Elizabethan comedy and give it a North Alabama spin,” states Long, “The Athenian Players have successfully tugged at our audiences’ heartstrings with the our dramatic productions of The Glass Menagerie and Trojan Women, and now we’d like to shake the trees with laughter in presenting this Shakespearean classic.”

The cast consists of Jensie Britt, Rachel Clifton, Stephanie Cooper, Courtney Croxdale, Daniel Hutton, Trista Irvin, Forrest Johnson, Patrick Kustor, Callie Pierce, Allie Szappan, Tracy Szappan, Jonathan Tyler, and Colin Whitworth. NaTaya Hastins and Laura Poe will serve as Assistant Directors. Dr. Kimberly Jacks will coordinate costumes and Vickie Cochran will do the lighting.

More information can be found at www.athens.edu/athenian-players.

The Athenian players present Shakespeare’s As You Like It. Photo taken by Bridgette Pylant.
The Athenian Staff Fall 2013
Left to Right: Assistant Editor, Jonathon Mann; Editor, Brianna Wise; Editor-in-Training, Regina Kyle; and Assistant Editor, Bridgette Pylant.

Photo taken by Tena Bullington.