Exciting news! In coming months, a sizeable portion of the first floor of the Athens State University Library is being transformed into a Learning Commons. This change to the Library's footprint will feature additional and more comfortable seating, an expanded collaborative study space, a self-serve coffee bar, and a technology assistance desk. Much of the new furniture will be mobile, so it can be arranged to fit the needs of the individual or groups.

The new Learning Commons will have portable whiteboards for group sessions and will include charging stations for laptop computers and other mobile devices. There will be dedicated areas available for students with PC and Mac computers. With the advent of the Learning Commons, the Library will begin checking out laptops to students for use inside the building. In addition, space for students who visit the Writing Center will be expanded.

The project began in September with the removal of some periodical shelving. Except for the removal of these stacks, there should be little noise for library patrons to endure since no walls are being constructed and existing library carpeting will remain. The Library's second floor will still be available for quiet study during and after the renovation.

The Learning Commons is designed to be a collaborative space for group study and tutorial assistance. The new design is informed by input from student, faculty, and alumni focus groups conducted last fall. The Learning Commons will allow the Library to offer a greater variety of academic support services in a comfortable, open, and inviting environment.

We anticipate that this new Learning Commons will be available by the beginning of the coming spring semester. Come see us and let us know what you think!

Features will include:

- More comfortable seating that can be rearranged to suit your need
- Laptop checkouts for in-library use
- Macs and PCs for student use
- Self-serve coffee kiosk
- Portable whiteboards
- Technology Helpdesk
SGA at Transfer Transition Day

Tena Bullington, Director of Student Activities

Athens State University hosted its Fall Transfer Transition Day on Thursday, August 2, 2012. Transfer Transition is designed to introduce the campus to new incoming students. Clubs and Organizations from Athens State set up booths and talked with perspective students about getting involved in campus activates. The Student Government Association Officers, Shae Gibson, Zac Putnam, Morgan Griffin-Morgan, Joshua Cote and Chelsea Williams were on hand and recruited over 60 new members for the 2012-2013 academic year. Transfer Transition Day was a huge success for the Student Government Association!

If you have not joined SGA yet, but would like to, stop by the Student Activities office in the Classroom Building Lounge and talk to an SGA member today about signing up!
Undergrounds: Your on-campus coffee stop

Brooke Johnson, Assistant Editor

Got coffee? UnderGrounds, ASU’s on-campus coffee shop, does!

If you’ve ever sat in class wondering where the person next to you got that cup of delicious-smelling wakey juice, you are not alone. In fact, UnderGrounds may be one of the campus’ best-kept secrets.

“People don’t know we’re here,” coffeeshop operator Vicke Gatlin said.

UnderGrounds is located between the Ballroom and the cafeteria, easily accessible from the back entrance of Sandridge Student Center, and has everything from coffee to frappuccino and other sweet treats.

What makes it even more student friendly is its low prices. Menu items range from $1-$3.50 and there are daily specials, as well.

A 16 oz. coffee fix will cost you just $1.25 and a wide array of flavored creamers and sweeteners are provided free of charge.

Much cheaper than your favorite coffee chain and so much more convenient for class days!

There are menu items for the non-coffee fan, too, like lemonade slushes, sweet/unsweet tea and $1 glass-bottle drinks like Root Beer and Italian Soda. A variety of muffins, pastries and cookies are always on hand as the perfect complement to any beverage.

As colder weather arrives, UnderGrounds should be an important stop on your way to and from class.

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Even if it’s not a warm beverage you seek, a nice sitting area with Internet and computer access makes UnderGrounds a great place to meet with classmates or just take a break.

Student/coffee shop worker Ana Brito sees UnderGrounds as a vital part of campus life and a great addition to the campus atmosphere: “Not only do we prepare great refreshments and daily specials, but our coffee shop provides a great opportunity for students, faculty, staff, and members of the community to interact throughout the day.”

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Courier News

November 14th through November 30th – Vote for Jr./Sr. Class President

November 15th – Ms. Merry Christmas Interviews (Presidents Dining Room, 1:00pm)

November 15th – Successful Interviewing (Sandridge Ballroom, 5:00 – 6:30pm)

November 20th – Last day to withdraw from Fall Term

November 22nd – State Holiday – University Closed

November 23rd – State Holiday – University Closed

November 27th – Criminal Justice Fall Forum (Founders Hall Chapel, 1:00-5:00pm)

December 3rd – Classes end

December 4th – Tuesday Exams

December 5th – Wednesday Exams

December 6th – Tuesday/Thursday Exams, Thursday Exams

December 11th – Tuesday/Thursday Exams

December 12th – Monday/Wednesday Exams

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Undergrounds Menu

**Hot Beverages**

- **Americano** - $1.00 (12oz) - $1.25 (16oz)
- **Cappuccino** - $3.00 (12oz) - $3.25 (16oz)
- **Caramel** – $3.25 (12oz) - $3.50 (16oz)
- **Caramel Macchiato** - $3.25 (12oz) - $3.50 (16oz)
- **Coffee** - $1.00 (12oz) - $1.25 (16oz)
- **Hot Chocolate** - $2.25 (12oz) - $2.55 (16oz)
- **Hot Tea** - $1.00 (12oz) - $1.25 (16oz)
- **Latte** - $3.00 (12oz) - $3.25 (16oz)
- **Mocha** – $2.00 (12oz) - $2.25 (16oz)
- **Misto** – $1.75 (12oz) - $2.00 (16oz)
- **Steamer** - $1.75 (12oz) - $2.00 (16oz)

**Cold Beverages**

- **Bottled Beverages** - $1.00
- **Frappucino** - $3.50
- **Iced Latte** - $2.25
- **Iced Misto** - $2.25
- **Lemonade Slush** - $2.25
- **Sweet/Unsweet Tea** - $1.25
- **Italian Soda** - $1.25

**Daily Specials**

**Monday**: Cappuccino OR Latte - $1.75 (12oz) - $2 (16oz)

**Tuesday**: Caramel Macchiato - $1.75 (12oz) - $2 (16oz)

**Wednesday**: Mocha - $1.75 (12oz) - $2 (16oz)

**Thursday**: Caramel OR Frappucino - $1.75 (12oz) - $2(16 oz)

**Friday**: Hot Chocolate - $1.00 (12oz) - $1.25 (16oz)
Athens State University Book Clubs

Did you know? Athens State University has two book discussion groups—one during the Noon hour, and another in the evening—to promote reading and discussion of fiction or non-fiction books. These discussions are great ways to learn about a wide range of new books and ideas, stimulate your thinking, and have lively conversations about a focused topic. Books are selected at the beginning of each academic year by those attendees. Each discussion is led by the individual who selected that month’s book.

The daytime group meets in Founders Hall Chapel (3rd floor) once a month on Tuesdays at 12:15.

The evening group meets monthly on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Athens State University Center for Lifelong Learning, in downtown Athens on the east side of the courthouse square.

All students are invited and welcome to attend either group. Please come regularly or whenever the mood strikes you! Attendance is always free, there is no pressure, and you don’t even have to read the book! For more information about either group, contact Dr. Robert Burkhardt at 256-216-6660 or by e-mail at robert.burkhardt@athens.edu.

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1) When will the Writing Blog be launched?

2) What is Wednesday’s Special at Undergrounds Coffee Shop?

3) When were the Delmore Brothers inducted into the County Hall of Fame?

4) What book did Dr. Al Elmore select for a book discussion?
Do you have a heart for service? Do you enjoy fellowship with other Christians? Do you like to eat? (We knew that last question would get your attention!) Wesley is all of those things plus a lot more. We have Bible studies, road trips, parties and missions.

Coming up for Wesley: sponsoring several children from DHR for Christmas (we will be shopping for them on Nov. 27), our annual Christmas dinner Dec. 4 (we will have breakfast for supper, followed by the movie “Elf” and wrapping the gifts for our DHR children), Athens Christmas parade on Dec. 6 and dinner. In January we will once again host students from Western Kentucky University who will be in Athens to work on a Habitat house. Our new Bible study will begin in January and we would love to have you as a part.

We meet on Tuesdays at 7pm in the Sandridge Student Center, if we are going to be off campus for some reason/event, we will have signs posted.

This is our 8th year on campus and we look forward to many more! For more information, contact Cathy Brett (Wesley advisor) at Cathy.Brett@athens.edu or Sherri Bassham (director) at spbassham@aol.com.

THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU AT WESLEY!
The Alabama Alpha Chapter of Kappa Mu Epsilon, a specialized national honor society in Mathematics, initiated 15 new members during its spring initiation ceremony. Dr. Ron Fritze, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, delivered welcoming remarks and Dr. Ronald Merritt, Chair of the Math and Computer Science Department, gave “a short course in mathematics from the mouths of western mathematicians.” Dr. Derek Newland and Professor Patricia Glaze, KME faculty advisor, hosted the event in the Ballroom. The initiates and their families enjoyed a reception afterwards.

Officers for 2012-2013 are Jessica Kathryn Henderson, President, Julie Hill, Vice-President, and Paige Riggs, Secretary.

Initiates in attendance (L-R): Tiffany Whitten, Ariel Murray, Lauren Walker, Brittany Peak, Alex Ponder, Jessica Kathryn Henderson, Julie Hill, and Matthew McHargue.

Picture submitted by Patricia Glaze.

Get a jump on your career search!

The Nashville Area College to Career Fair – Tuesday, February 12, 2013 from 10:00 – 3:00 at the Williamson County Agricultural Center in Franklin, TN *Must have a ticket for this event.

NACPED Job Fair – Wednesday, February 20, 2013 from 10:00 – 4:00 at the Von Braun Center’s South Hall Ballroom

Education/ Community Service/ Government Job Fair – Thursday, April 18, 2013 from 9:00 – 11:30 at Athens State University’s Carter Gymnasium

Contact Career Services for more information or to request a ticket for the Nashville Area College to Career Fair. 256-233-8140 / laura.allen@athens.edu

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Founders Queen & Court

On Thursday, November 1, Athens State Provost Dr. Ronald R. Cromwell crowned Rebecca Dubach as this year’s Founders Queen. Dubach is from Decatur and is the daughter of Scott and Tina Dubach. She transferred to Athens State from Calhoun Community College and is a junior majoring in Human Resource Management.

Members of this year’s Founders Court include Morgan Griffin-Morgan, Erica Smith, Savanna Smith, and LaQuena Tolliver.

“For over 50 years this honor has been bestowed upon women who exemplify Athens State’s mission,” states Director of Student Activities and Campus Events Coordinator Tena Bullington. “As the Queen and her court are voted on by the entire student body, they should be very proud of their recognition.”

This year, past Founders Queens and court members were invited to the crowning ceremonies. In attendance were Wendy Cowan, Paige Carr, Ashley Carr, Alison Weinman Black, Lori Nix, Lindsey Waldrep Alexander, Cate Hamilton Sullivan and Jessica Aquiree-Cantrell.
SGA Halloween Cookout

Pictures provided by Morgan Griffin-Morgan, Joshua Cote, and Guy McClure.
In March 2012, Founders Hall was lit up with blue lights for Autism Awareness month. This was the first time that Athens State University lit up Founders Hall for a cause.

Picture provided by Guy McClure.
The Career Center provides assistance to Athens State students and Alumni in career planning, development and job seeking strategies. The department serves as a major link between students/Alumni and potential employers. We are here to assist students in identifying and fulfilling their future goals and aspirations.

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, employer workshops, and information sessions, and at campus recruiting events.

Check out the following resources and programs.

Services for Students & Alumni:

Job Location & Development (JLD) The JLD Program locates and develops off-campus job opportunities for currently enrolled students. JLD jobs may be part-time or full-time and may or may not complement the student’s educational program.

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Famke Janssen, who plays Liam Neeson’s ex-wife in Taken 2, is known for playing what superhero?

In keeping with our commitment to advancing academics, scholarship, research, creativity, and opportunities for student writing, the College of Arts and Sciences at Athens State University is creating an undergraduate journal for student publications. Like the college which sponsors it, the journal will be fully interdisciplinary: students of all majors and minors within the College of Arts and Sciences are encouraged to submit work to the journal’s editors for consideration.

Titled Athena’s Web, the journal will be fully online and hosted on the Athens State website. It will officially launch in January 2013. The journal will publish a broad range of works including (but not limited to) research papers, essays, photography, artwork, short stories, poems, novel excerpts, short plays... in short, if a submitted work falls under the purview of arts and sciences, it will be considered.

There are a few things of which students should be aware:
- Academic work submitted to the journal must be accompanied by a recommendation from a faculty member. If you are interested in submitting a research paper or essay to the journal for publication, first discuss it with a professor or with your academic adviser and ask them to sign off on it.
- Creative work does not require a faculty recommendation.
- There are limitations on the length of submissions: 15 pages maximum for academic submissions and 3,000 words maximum for fiction submissions.
- There are no limitations on the minimum number of pages or words.
- Submissions are currently open and will close one month before the beginning of finals in the spring. Submit all work and direct any questions to athenas.web@athens.edu.

As part of Athens State University’s Building Success through Writing program, we are developing a new blog devoted to writing. The blog will promote student writing, share information about upcoming events related to writing, and provide learning resources for students and the community. The blog will launch on January 7, the first day of the Spring 2013 semester. We invite students, faculty, and staff to contribute content to the blog. Please contact me, Tony Ricks, if you are interested in contributing. An annual student essay contest will also be hosted through the blog, and winning pieces will be published online. The blog will provide ongoing opportunities for publications by members of the Athens State University community.

Contact Information: Dr. Tony Ricks, Writing Center Director & Blog Editor, 256-660-7760 or <tony.ricks@athens.edu>.

A special thanks to all those who have already participated in the development of the blog through planning meetings, discussion, and technical preparation! We are especially grateful for the support and help received from Russell Frye in Web Services in preparing the blog for launch!
Summer 2012 Honors List

Dean's List:
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Alabaster, AL
Harris, Matthew

Albertville, AL
Brown, Heather
Champion, Jessica
Jones, Rachel
Kaylor, Paula

Altoona, AL
Miller, Elizabeth
Smith, Laura

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Riley, DeLana

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Guger, Courtney
Thompson, Casey

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Huber, Crystal
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Nobel, Jermaine
Patterson, Calliesha
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Rodriguez, Nathan
Smith, Cody
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Blountsville, AL
Smith, Brandi

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Floyd, Teresa
Laseter, Lindsey
Mccluskey, Janice
Phillips, Hannah
Walker, Blinda

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Brown, Kevin
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Francis, William
Halsey, Nicholas
Lewis, Pattie
McAnally, Harold
Steward, Jonathan

Elkmont, AL
Castillo, Ashley
Williams, David

Eva, AL
Frost, Jay

Fairfield, AL
Rodgers, Willie

Flat Rock, AL
Caperton, Mary
Clure, Rebecca

Florence, AL
Johnson, Brooke
Landers, Bradley
Smith, Brandi

Fort Payne, AL
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Crow, Christopher

Fyffe, AL
Norman, Elizabeth

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Gore, Richlon

Grant, AL
Bonds, Steven

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Booth, Andrew
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Culwell, Jamie
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Sims, Marvis

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Harvest, AL
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Lucero, Kristal

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Darwin, Kimberly
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Lunley, Timothy
Madden, Lindsay
McCutcheon, Jessica
Rainwater, Emma
Schroeder, Nicole
Sykes, Sara
Woods, Coralynn
Wright, Maxwell

Mount Hope, AL
Campbell, Shena

Muscle Shoals, AL
Little, Lindsey

New Market, AL
Hawkins, Erica

Owens Cross Roads, AL
Moore, Thomas

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Pruitt, Courtney

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Congratulations to all the students who made the Athens State University Dean’s and President’s Lists for Summer 2012!
Perfectly Perfect.

A Poem
Written by Vincent Christian

The times were a changing.
The times they were tough.
So we went rearranging—
Freedom wasn’t enough.
So we ’lected new pipers
To give circus and bread
Who appointed new snipers
To progress us ahead.
Thus security’s granted
At the price of free will
And all was just perfectly perfect… until—

Though order then lingered
In lands far and remote,
Those damn freedom-thinkers
Just kept rocking the boat.
So round them all up—
Lady Liberty too!
And cram them in trucks
Like old Polacks and Jews.
Thus order’s maintained—
And society’s reward
Is to have perfect perfection re-

Insurrections wiped out
By guillotine and gas chamber
Amidst screams and shouts
And bullets unchambered.
As ringleader of
This treasonous lot,
Lady Liberty’s captured
Bound, gagged up and shot.
Then Justice and Honor
And lastly Free Will
Till Freedom lay perfect.  Perfectly

Native Friendship

A Poem
Written by Maria Coble

I wonder
Sometimes
Of you, Bebe.
How did your life turn out?

I hold the decoration you crocheted
me
The symbol of our friendship,
Recall our goodbye.

You wanted to give me something
To remember you
(As if I could forget)
The hours at the marketplace
The women selling everything:
Matio,
Fried caterpillars,
Those yummy fried bread balls,
Succulent sugar cane,
Roasted corn.

As they sat,
Braiding each others’ hair
They marveled at my hair and skin,
Had to touch the spun gold,
And rub to see if this color comes
off.

I remember the day we found
That hidden guava tree
And climbed the fence
Even green guavas are good,
Fruit rarely ripened on trees
With so many hungry.
But man,
Those were yellow,
Firm yet softening,
Bright red inside
The best I’ve ever tasted.
(There are no guavas here)

I look at this decoration.
The yarn crocheted into a circle.
Random colors,
Splotches of this and that
You had no money for yarn
Not you
The step daughter kept
To watch the new wife’s children
But, you found a way
To weave your craft
Adding any scrap of yarn found
On the road,
In the trash.
A piece here,
A piece there
Carefully washed and crocheted in.

All that work and gathering
Laid into my 8 year old hands.
So I would never forget you.

Even without it,
I wouldn’t forget.
You loved me when I needed some
one
Reached out
When I didn’t know the right
words
Or even the right language.

Where are you,
Bebe, from long ago?
Beginning Friday, November 2, the Athens State University Sports Museum, and the Delmore Archive, will be open from 9:00 until noon each Friday. These collections are located on the main floor of the Carter building on campus (the facility with the gym).

The Athens State University Sports Museum is a collection of memorabilia honoring the coaches, players, cheerleaders, and boosters of sports programs at our institution back to the 1930s. Included are photographs, awards, uniforms, and a broad range of various sports items. One of the highlights is a special display honoring longtime basketball coaches Oba Belcher and Harold Murrell.

The Delmore Brothers Archive Room houses the extensive personal collection of Debby Delmore, daughter of Alton Delmore, one of the Brothers. The Delmore Brothers, from our own Limestone County, were true pioneers in country music and were influential in the development of the art form. They wrote over one thousand songs, including “Blues Stay Away from Me,” “Alabama Lullaby,” and “Brown’s Ferry Blues.” In 2001, they were inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame. Debby’s collection includes photographs, original records, the 2007 Grammy Award, sheet music, family memorabilia and much more.

Help us spread the word that these two impressive collections will now be open to the public each Friday on a regular schedule: 9:00 until noon. For tour groups of ten or more, please call archivist Sara Love in advance: 256-216-6671.
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