HERITAGE COMMITTEE MINUTES
February 28, 2006
Founders Hall Parlor
Athens State University

Members attending were Alisha Crossley, Sara Love (chair), Molly Pepper (recorder), Tina Sloan, and Dana Waldrop.

Sara Love called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

The “A Walk Across Campus” booklet is ready to be printed. Copies of the booklet will be made available at the May 4th reception honoring Alabama Representative Tommy Carter.

Some suggestions were made concerning future projects of the committee. The committee wants to monitor the restoration of the bear mascot that once stood in front of the Carter Physical Education Center. Another idea for the committee is to begin replacing damaged frames of some of the portraits in the Parlor and see about getting a portrait restoration schedule started.

The “Light Eternal” picture was brought to the meeting so the committee members could see the deterioration. Pamela Keller was not in attendance, but she will look at the painting to determine what action may be taken in restoring the painting.

Sara Love told the committee of plans for a commissioned portrait of Tommy Carter to be hung in the Parlor with the Founders’ portraits. The committee discussed whether or not the Parlor was a suitable room for the portrait and decided that a different spot should be used for this purpose. Some suggestions were the President’s Dining Room in Sandridge Student Center or the hallway outside the parlor. The hallway could be designated as a “wall of honor” for modern-day founders of the University.

Dr. Mabry Miller will be asked to speak at the March faculty/staff meeting in honor of Women’s History Month. Dr. Mabry is an alumnus of Athens College for Women.

In new business, the committee discussed the need to take new photos of all faculty and staff. This was done a couple of years ago, but needs to be done on an annual basis. Inservice was suggested as a possible time to get departmental group pictures, as well as pictures of new hires. It was also suggested that these group pictures might be printed in the catalog. Dana Waldrop, Pamela Keller, and Alisha Crossley were asked to work together on this project.

Sara Love mentioned that more shelving is needed for the rare books collection in the Library. She said that $15,000 is currently available for shelving, but more is needed. The rare books collection will be housed in the large conference room on the 2nd floor of
the library. The question was raised concerning whether or not money raised by Friends of the Library goes toward the Archives, too. Sara said that some of the money does go toward the Archives. In fact, the shelves and cabinets that are presently in the Archives were purchased with contributions from Friends of the Library, the Foundation and Fiddler’s Convention.

Sara Love announced some dates for upcoming campus events for which an archive spring exhibit will be on display. She encouraged the committee members to attend and help with the display table during these events. April 8 is the Alumni Awards Banquet, May 4 is the Tommy Carter Reception, and May 6 is the Alumni 50-Year Club Luncheon.

The next meeting of the Heritage Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, March 14, 2006 at 12:15 p.m. The location will be the conference room in Brown Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.