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### A Message from President Robert Glenn



**Dr. Bob Glenn**

Ralph Waldo Emerson's words describing America seem appropriate to the mission I foresee for our university: It is a mission "of beginnings, of projects, of vast designs and expectations."

My first few months at the helm of Athens State have opened my eyes to the important role that this institution plays in the everyday lives of the students, faculty, staff, alumni, and the community at large. With each day and with each conversation I am more proud of the university's past and with its expectant future success. I, personally, am proud to have the opportunity to be a part of both.

With my presidency in its infancy, I have spent a great deal of time meeting with alumni and community leaders who I have found to be extremely open and welcoming. I have learned of some of the many areas impacted by the presence of a senior-level institution within close range of deserving communities who are reliant on us to play a major role in their success.

It has been important for me to meet my colleagues at the community colleges as well as the leaders at the state level that govern our university. I have enjoyed the chance to discuss with them Athens State's unique role and the positive impact we have had on the state's educational system. Their enthusiasm for our good work and for future endeavors is reassuring.

I look forward to partnering with all of you to watch and participate in Athens State's success as we move forward. I hope you will enjoy reading of our accomplishments and projects in this issue of *The Column*. Please know that this newsletter comes with all of our sincerest wishes for a happy and productive new year.



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# Athens State's 36th president

## Glenn continuing a family legacy of leadership

During the dawning years of the 20th century, Edgar M. Glenn served as the 23rd president of Athens Female College. During these early years of the 21st century, his great grandson, Robert K. Glenn, has assumed the position of the 36th president of our beloved alma mater, Athens State University.

The Glenn family has a long and successful history of academic leadership at Auburn, Huntingdon, Birmingham-Southern, and Athens State. The family's patriarch and grandfather of Edgar Glenn, Reverend James Elizabeth Glenn, came to Alabama as a Methodist missionary around 1833 and founded Glennville, Alabama. Glennville, in Russell County south of Phenix City, was envisioned as a cultural, educational, and religious center and was to be the "Athens of the South."

According to Elva Bell McLin's book, Athens State College History: 1821 to 1994, Edgar Massillon Glenn joined the faculty of Athens Female College in 1901 as a professor of English and a year later was inaugurated as the institution's president. The Methodist North Alabama Convention minutes described him as, "A brilliant mind, enriched by unremitting study, and favored by a genuine sense of humor."

In 1902, Trustee William Thomas Sanders announced Glenn as president of Athens Female College describing him as, "40 years old, a man of ability, a scholar, and a student."

At this time, Athens Female College was a Methodist owned facility with a mission to support, in Glenn's own words, "...the grand work of educating future wives and mothers."

*"I am both honored and excited to have this opportunity to come back to Alabama and to serve Athens State University," stated Glenn. "I have great respect for the institution and I firmly believe that its best days are ahead of us. The faculty and staff are a dedicated community of professionals and it will be a pleasure to have a chance to work with them."*

*President Bob Glenn*

Enrollment was generally under 50 students, and the faculty numbered less than 15. The campus consisted of a single building, Founders Hall, the imposing college edifice built in 1842 that still serves as the cornerstone of the university today.

Robert Glenn began his tenure at Athens State in August after a successful career at Middle Tennessee State University serving as its vice president and vice provost.

Glenn earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Birmingham-Southern, following in the footsteps of his father, grandfather, and great-grandfather who all attended the school. He received the doctorate in philosophy in counselor education and the Master's of Science in student personnel work from The University of Alabama. His current academic background consists of nine years of experience as a vice president, seven years as vice provost, and previous experience at faculty and dean levels of administration.

Alabama Chancellor Bradley Byrne states, "After an exhaustive national search, Dr. Glenn was identified as the perfect fit for Athens State. His background and proven leadership impressed the search committee and has impressed all that have met him since taking the helm."

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its best days are ahead of us. The faculty and staff are a dedicated community of professionals and it will be a pleasure to have a chance to work with them."

Although the name and mission of the two institutions, separated by over a hundred years, has become completely metamorphic, it does seem that in the field of education many things are cyclical.

Interestingly, Athens State Professor of English, Dr. Bebe Gish Shaw is the great granddaughter of William Thomas Sanders, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees who governed with the elder Glenn in the early 1900s.

Shaw muses, "They say educators are born and not made, and the fact that Dr. Glenn and I are fourth generation Athens State family rather illustrates that truism. I certainly look forward to working with him continuing a tradition of excellence while following in our great grandfathers' footsteps."

## Alumni Art Exhibit

### Full Chroma

January 12- February 6  
Sandridge Student Center Art Gallery

Open to the Public



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## Alumni Association announces fall foliage and holiday tours



Two trips in 2009

The Alumni Association will be offering two trips in 2009. Both ventures are open to the public and are being arranged through the Office of Alumni Affairs.

An eight-day trip traveling the back roads of New England will begin by bus on October 10 after a flight to Boston. The trip will take passengers through Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine during the autumn leaf changing season. Travelers will be returning from Boston on October 17.

A nine day trip to Europe's Christmas markets is planned for early December 2009. Leaving via air from Nashville on December 5, travelers will visit Austria, Germany, France and Switzerland for a Christmas shopping experience of a lifetime. The tour will conclude on December 13 arriving back in Nashville.

Tena Bullington, Coordinator of Alumni Affairs states, "It has been a while since we have organized alumni trips so we really wanted to make these special. We weighed many options and feel these two offerings would be the most attractive tours we could propose."

**For additional information, please call 256-216-3319 or email: [Trish.DiLullo@athens.edu](mailto:Trish.DiLullo@athens.edu)**

## Athens State initiative collaborates with local special-needs students

In 2006 Athens State became home to a segment of the Alabama Math, Science and Technology Initiative, commonly referred to as AMSTI. AMSTI is the Alabama Department of Education's initiative to improve math and science teaching statewide. The initiative is research-based and incorporates the best practices for math and science teaching.

In October, Athens State embarked on a new path for their AMSTI center by developing a special education partnership. Athens City Schools will provide a few special education students twice a week for two hours shifts to work in the new AMSTI facilities located in the former Moran Carpet building on Hwy. 31.

AMSTI Director Joyce Waid says, "These students are

ready to work and are accompanied by a teacher or paraprofessionals from their school. Our staff has incorporated various methods to assist them in being successful in their given assignments. We are excited about having them help us and it is truly a blessing to be able to work with these students."

"With AMSTI falling under the purview of the College of Education, I find this arrangement to be a perfect match and a win/win situation," states Athens State President Bob Glenn. "The special education students will learn life-enhancing skills, helping them to reach their goals - and our students, faculty and staff will receive invaluable exposure to a special-needs population and how they may be assisted."

## Mysterious package sent to Athens State answers 43-year-old question

I'm sure you can imagine that retired President Jerry Bartlett received a large amount of mail while leading Athens State. During the year of his retirement, the mail usually consisted of congratulatory notes and well wishes from his collegiate colleagues, but in late April of 2008, Bartlett received a package no one could have expected.

A large box covered in brown paper with an Athens State address meticulously printed in both the receiver and the sender places on the package made it to his desk with a postmark from Hillsboro, New Jersey.

"Remembering the anthrax scare a few years ago," Bartlett remarked, "I gathered a few of my vice presidents with me to share the courage in opening the package." The first item retrieved, after a tense procedure of tearing paper and cutting tape, was a letter addressed to Dr. Bartlett. The letter read:

*April 16, 2008*

*Dear Dr. Bartlett,*

*Forty-three years ago I was removed from Brown Hall on this campus by a small group of well meaning but immature and misdirected students. In some convoluted way, my taking was supposed to bolster school spirit. It did not, of course, evoke the intended response.*

*Over the years I have traveled the country, my caretakers discharged diligence and respect notwithstanding their growing concern and pang of conscience.*

*I now return home to my proper resting place. The circle is complete.*

*My caretakers extended their most sincere regret, admiration and respect for Athens State University.*

The unsigned letter, printed on plain white paper using a generic font, presented no clues as to the sender or to what else would be in the box.

Bartlett stated, "My first thought was that I hoped it was not someone's ashes and that it would become my responsibility to spread them on campus. As we dug deeper into the box bringing up a green hard plastic case with secure clasps, I was beginning to think that idea was not so far fetched."

Upon opening the case, what Bartlett found, cradled in a bright red foam lining, was a beautifully ornate brass door knocker engraved with the words: "Brown Hall 1909."

Brown Hall was named in late 1909 for 21-year-old teacher Florence Brown, the heroine of a campus typhoid epidemic which claimed 15 lives of students earlier in that year. Isolated from the faculty and staff, Miss Brown remained quarantined in Founders Hall to care for the recovering and for the dying, and, as the disease abated, she died of it on November 5, 1909.

Brown, a Chicago native, was an only child and her grieving parents gave the first substantial seed money for the memorial. Other subscriptions poured in and the then women's dormitory was completed in 1912 and named in Brown's memory.

The ornate door knocker was a gift to the University from Nelle Cotton Gorham, a good friend of Florence Brown, as a sort of house warming gift for the institution's new building. Gorham was also instrumental in acquiring the crystal chandeliers that hang in Founders Hall that originally hung in the Andrew Carnegie home.

The knocker was undisturbed from 1912 until 1965 when it began its adventure after being kidnapped by students from what was then Athens College.

"We'd like to know who took it, Bartlett stated, "but not to charge them with any crime - - but to thank them for being good stewards of it for so many years and for having the conscience to send it home. But seeing the pains they took to conceal their identities, we won't press the matter. Our concern of it as a theft ended when its statute of limitation ran out!"



**Retired President  
Dr. Jerry Bartlett**



## *Athens State's Livingston Concert Lecture Series announces events*

Athens State University proudly announces the season highlights for this year's J. Harrison and Robbie Nelle Christopher Livingston Concert Lecture Series. The series was inaugurated in January of 2007 and was made possible through the generosity of Robbie Nelle Christopher Livingston, a member of Athens College's class of 1942.

For the 2008 / 2009 academic year, some of the speakers and events that are currently planned are:

### **Paul Rudolph Retrospective**

Sean Khoursandi of the Paul Rudolph Foundation New York

Discussion of the importance on Rudolph's impact on American architecture

**January 27, 2009**

7:00 p.m.



### **Jonathan Kozol**

Non-fiction writer, educator and activist in the field of social psychology

**February 24, 2009**

Time and location TBA



### **Jeremy Black**

British Historian

**April 16, 17, 2009**

Time and location TBA



## *World War II veteran marches across the stage 65 years later*

*Cap and gown goal to be realized for George Partin*



Pictured L-R: Dr. Debra Baird; Ms. Linda Rogers; VP of Academic Affairs, Denver Betts; and George Partin

65 years ago, George Partin put his duty to his country before his own wishes and missed his Athens College graduation ceremony. Although he did graduate from the institution, he was unable to march with his class due to the demands of the U.S. Navy. His induction into the armed forces conflicted with the college's commencement festivities.

"It was disappointing," said Partin, "I hated to miss the graduation exercises but I figured that protecting my country was of greater importance."

A native of Parsons, Tennessee, Partin was an accounting major in the College's class of 1943 who worked his way through his undergraduate years by performing work-study housekeeping and grounds keeping duties. "I cleaned rooms, raked leaves, hauled coal; I performed exhausting janitorial services in exchange for an education," explains Partin. "I believed this made me focus on my studies more, because I knew this was not the type of work I wanted to do the rest of my life!"

After his tour of duty with the WWII Navy invasion fleet, Partin worked for 62 years as an accountant in Memphis, Tennessee.

As a surprise, Partin's daughter Mary Elizabeth contacted Athens State and asked to have her father properly receive his diploma by marching at the University's summer commencement on August 23.

University Archivist Sara Love was more than happy to make the arrangements. "How could we have refused this request?" stated Love. "We think having Mr. Partin march at commencement added a wonderful touch to an already touching ceremony."

Partin attended an alumni event held prior to graduation where he was presented with the proper graduation regalia for the August event. Love stated, "He looked so happy in his mortar board and gown."

His smiling, proud family looked on with tears in their eyes as he was handed his original diploma, which he thought he had lost years before.

## **Do you Facebook?**

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For all of you who use Facebook, the Office of Alumni Affairs has created a Facebook Group for all alumni, students, faculty, staff and friends of Athens State.

If you have a Facebook account, you'll need to log in and then you can search for "Athens State University Alumni and Friends" (look for the page with the picture of Founders Hall) and sign up.

It's a fun way to find other supporters and friends, and another way to keep abreast of news and happenings on campus.

# The Northern Invasion of the 1960s:

## Athens' second encounter with a "Yankee occupation" had much better results

by Guy McClure, University Advancement Manager



If you happen upon an Athens College yearbook from the late 1960s or the early 1970s, one clearly identifiable difference that you will notice is that the student body did not completely reflect the demographics of the community. Mixed with the familiar local last names of Lovell, McLaughlin, Holland, Ledbetter, Sandlin, and Usery – were last names never before heard in our part of the country. Names like Jendrusiak, Ziselman, Moldenhauer, and Nawrocki.

During a period when the country was under the "British Invasion" of the Beatles, the Rolling Stones, and the Yardbirds, the unsuspecting sleepy little town of Athens, Alabama was experiencing its second "Northern Invasion" – this one by co-eds from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New York, and the likes.

Professor Emeritus Curtis Coleman fondly remembers the influx. "At that time, we had targeted the eastern seaboard states for admissions purposes and we had hired recruiters who traveled to New York, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, and so on to let College and our offer – 'The New England colment and were over that fact with a success-increased our enrollment

***"Being a local was a double-edged sword – regionally they were on my turf, but sometimes on campus I felt like I was on their's... but generally we got along quite well," King recalled. "Culturally, we learned a lot from each other and, after all, isn't that what the college experience is all about?"***

*John King, Class of '71*



Dr. Curtis Coleman, Professor Emeritus

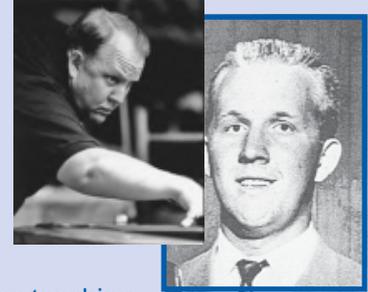
Coleman also remembers an encounter with New Jersey native Steve Mizerak ('68) who went on to be a champion professional pool player. "Steve was an excellent history student and asked me to secure a pool table for the Student Union Building which I happily arranged. Once it was installed, he asked me to play him in the table's inaugural game. I told him I would



## Athens' second encounter with a "Yankee occupation had much better results continued ...

oblige but only if I could break the balls because I knew of his prowess and was sure that would be the only shot I would be allowed."

Mizerak transferred to Athens College for his senior year in 1967 and then became a teacher after graduation because the prize money in professional billiards was hardly spectacular at that time. In the mid-1970's, he was teaching spelling and geography to seventh graders but his fortunes changed a few years later when he appeared in a commercial. "Those 29 seconds changed my whole life," he once said of his first TV commercial.



**Steve Mizerak**  
Class of '68  
1944 - 2006

**Bill Swindell**  
Class of '71

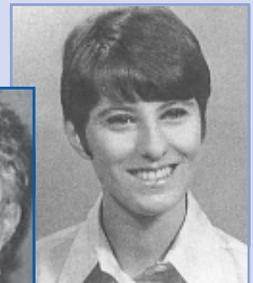


Robert deJanes," remembers Swindell. "I was on a flight with a group of boys from Chicago and New Jersey and we arrived in early June to register for classes. We were taken to campus and introduced to a new student center and cafeteria.... but we wanted to see the town that was to be our temporary home."

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Swindell continues, "We found our way to the courthouse square but it was Wednesday afternoon and all the stores were closed. We eventually came upon a flatbed truck with a country music band playing on the back. I still remember the performer – Clyde Evans. Initially impressed with our surmise that Athens closed down each afternoon to host public performances, we were soon enlightened that southern stores traditionally closed on Wednesdays after lunch and the band was performing simply to recruit voters to support a new sheriff."

Carol Ader Field ('70) fell in love with Alabama almost immediately and decided to stay in the area after graduation. "We had a recruiter visit my hometown of Morristown, New Jersey and a few of us in the area decided to attend Athens College as an adventure. We hardly had time to study in our first year or two," recalled Field, "with the ratio being seven boys to one girl at that time, we spent a lot of time on dating and many co-eds hit the hot spots such as Terry's Pizza in Huntsville and a juke joint called Rainey's just across the Tennessee line."



**Carol Ader Field**  
Class of '70



**John King**  
Class of '71



John Wayne King ('71), an alumnus who was raised in Limestone County, attended Athens College on a baseball scholarship, and now serves as the university's Vice President for Student Affairs, remembers sharing many classes with northern students. "Being a local was a double-edged sword – regionally they were on my turf, but sometimes on campus I felt like I was on their's... but generally we got along quite well," King recalled. "Culturally, we learned a lot from each other and, after all, isn't that what the college experience is all about?"

In closing, it is important to recount one of Dr. Coleman's observations, "A lot of the undergraduates who attended Athens College from the northern states were so pleased with the area that they stayed on in either the community, state or the southern region. I think that speaks volumes about their time on campus and of our area – it was and is a great place to study, and to put down roots."

## Building Upon Our Past: Major Renovations

Athens State has the unique privilege of being the stewards to some of the finest examples of architecture in the state of Alabama. With this privilege comes great responsibility. Keeping our facilities in peak operating order requires foresight, dedication and a substantial amount of funding. These three components have always acted as strong footings for our past projects and, going forward, are essential in our upcoming efforts.

We have identified six buildings in dire need of updating. Whether it be structural or functional, these proposed renovation projects are necessary for Athens State to continue offering our students and the community beautiful facilities in which we all can share pride.

### Sanders Hall

Named for Board President W.T. Sanders, this former residence hall built in 1912 is being converted to house the College of Business. This will serve as the first building devoted specifically to the College of Business and will bring together the faculty and staff offices under one roof. The three-story, 10,000 square foot structure is currently undergoing a complete renovation with the project expected to be completed in early 2009.



### Waters Hall

Named for former trustee Newman Waters, the laboratory and instructional space was built in 1955 and has served the University as a science training ground without a major renovation until



this time. Waters Hall will be dramatically transformed as the mid-century architecture will give way to an architectural style that is more cohesive with the other buildings on campus. A hip roof, additional wing and portico columns are being added to the exterior while increasing and upgrading classroom and laboratory spaces within the interior.

### McCandless Hall

McCandless Hall was built in 1912 by President Mary Norman Moore, a strong advocate for the fine arts. It will undergo its first renovation effort in 20 years. One of the most sought-after concert and lecture venues on campus, the structure will undergo a complete interior transformation with a special focus on the Griffin Auditorium and the upgrading of safety features and handicapped accessibility.

### Other Building Renovation Projects

Brown Hall, McCain Hall, and the Beatty Mason Home will have structural, as well as cosmetic renovations in the next three years. The most recognizable change will be the relocation of McCain Hall's main entrance which will be relocated facing Hobbs Street. Improvements to the buildings will include essential structural upgrades and will bring all code and ADA requirements to compliance.

## It's easier than ever to give to Athens State

As you have learned of the changes at Athens State, you will realize that 2008 has truly been a year of great promise and confident hope. Plans to refurbish McCandless and Waters Halls, along with the reallocation of the use of Sanders Hall, came about after an approximate \$13 million bond issue by the state appropriated funding late last year.

Our renovation projects will have a major impact on the University. A campus-wide task force for the purposes of developing a University Master Plan is beginning its review.

We hope you view all these activities as a positive sign of the continued good health of Athens State, but we need the help of all of our alumni and supporters to continue on this path. Please consider partnering with us to continue Athens State's legacy with a gift to our Annual Fund. The Annual Fund provides unrestricted monetary support to all areas of the University. While state funding, endowment income and grant awards target specific needs, unrestricted gifts allow us the flexibility to pinpoint and react to other pressing requirements as they arise.

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## Alumni Schedule of Events

**The Alumni Nomination Forms  
are due by February 27th**

**Campus Colloquium**  
February 26, 2009

**Alumni Awards Presentation**  
Friday/Saturday, April 3-4, 2009

**50-Year Club Class Reunions**  
Saturday, May 2, 2009

**Golf Classic**  
Thursday, May 7, 2009

**Flag Day**  
June 12, 2009 (Tentative)

**Bridge Benefit**  
Wednesday, June 17, 2009

**Old Time Fiddlers Weekend**  
Friday/Saturday, October 2-3,  
2009

**Christmas Concert**  
Sunday, December 6, 2009



### Athens State crowns 2008 Miss Merry Christmas

Pictured L-R:  
Cate Hamilton, 2nd alter-  
nate;  
Brittany Peppers, Ms. Merry  
Christmas; and Lindsay  
Smith, 1st alternate

### Accounting students win gold

by Dave Eichelberger

The Institute of Management Accountants (IMA) has recognized the Athens State University IMA Student Chapter/Accounting Club as one of the four best student chapters in the world.

This award was presented at the IMA's Annual Conference with David Hadley, student vice-president, and faculty advisors Linda Hemingway and Dave Eichelberger accepting the award on behalf of the chapter and ASU. This marks the second year in a row that Athens State's Student Chapter has won this award.

The Award of Excellence (AOE) is awarded annually to those student chapters meeting the requirements as established by the IMA. These requirements emphasize the IMA and the promotion of management accounting/financial management as a profession and a career while encouraging IMASCs to be creative in providing services to their members.

David Hadley received a \$1,000 graduate scholarship.

### Fiddler's Convention crowns first female "Fiddle Champ"

Jewelina Hartley was named "Fiddle Champion" at the 42nd annual Tennessee Valley Old Time Fiddlers Convention.

Hartley of Joelton, TN, said, "My first-place win was in the Beginners Category in 2003 and that was a thrill, but winning a prize in this contest was a great honor especially after being away (at school) for a year and then coming back. And especially to be the first woman - I thought it was pretty cool!"

Hartley began playing the fiddle when she was six years old.

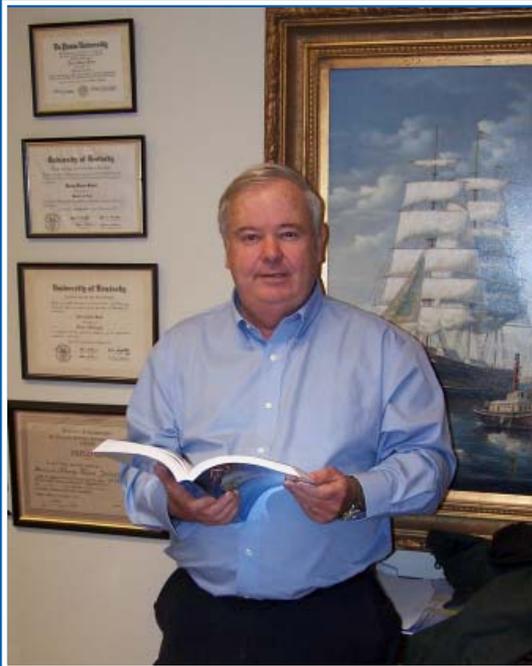
Pictured L-R: Gayle Davis, ASU representative, Jewelina Hartley, "Fiddle Champ" for 2008



# Four decades of dedication

by Zack Kendrick, '09, Assistant Editor of *The Athenian*

Dr. Harry Joiner came to Athens College in the summer of 1969 to establish a Department of Political Science and has just celebrated his thirty-ninth year here at Athens State. He has now earned the title of the longest continuous serving professor. Dr. Joiner has seen this college go through a lot of changes and has served under five presidents during his tenure. Dr. Robert Glenn is the sixth.



**Dr. Harry Joiner**  
**39 years of service**

This school has gone from a private Methodist institution to a thriving state-supported university while he has been here. No one, probably, knows more history about this school and this state than Dr. Joiner. The interesting fact is, he's not even from Alabama. Dr. Joiner was raised in Princeton, Kentucky and believes that his interest in international relations began at age 14, when he attended the World Boy Scout Jamboree in the Philippines. He proceeded on an around-the-world tour with the scouts after the Jamboree. In 1961, he spent the summer in Austria with the Experiment in International Living.

After graduating from DePauw University, Dr. Joiner received his first master's degree in history from the University of Kentucky. He then earned a second master's degree in international relations from the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva, Switzerland, where he met his wife. Professor Joiner's Ph.D. was awarded by the Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce at the University of Kentucky.

Dr. Joiner had an early interest in TV journalism and had an interview with NBC News in New York in 1968 when he returned from Europe. He said that the wife of NBC's president was from Dawson Springs, Kentucky and a childhood friend of his mother, who arranged the interview. Although he had an opportunity to join NBC News, he

decided to return to the University of Kentucky, where he had received an academic scholarship to finish his coursework.

Because of this journalistic interest, Dr. Joiner did some television work for several Huntsville TV stations in the early 1980s. As the moderator on six 30-minute programs called 48 Reports (WAFF), he interviewed a variety of state officials, including Governor George Wallace and Attorney-General Bill Baxley. He was a regular guest on WAAY's Morning Show with Johnny Evans. Dr. Joiner arranged and participated in a 30-minute interview with presidential candidate Ronald Reagan during a campaign trip to Huntsville.

When Dr. Joiner came to Athens College, there were 1,400 students and graduate programs in business and education. There were five fraternities, five sororities, and 500 students living on campus. He wasn't here long before times started getting tough for the College.

By 1975, the enrollment had dropped to 800 students and the bank account was getting smaller. The College had to look for alternate options if it wanted to keep its doors open. State representative Tommy Carter "fought to help make this a state school" after Governor Wallace announced that he supported Athens becoming a state institution. The Methodist Church gave the school to the state, and local citizens raised over \$500,000 to pay off all of the college's debts.

Dr. Joiner has written seven books and given over forty academic papers to state, regional, and national conferences during his tenure. His first book, *American Foreign Policy: The Kissinger Era*, was written in 1978. It was purchased by public and academic libraries throughout the United States and Europe and was used as a supplementary text at six universities, including the Universities of Connecticut and Maine. Senator John Sparkman, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, wrote the Preface to this book. "I treasure a personal letter that Henry Kissinger sent me after receiving a copy of this book," Joiner said.

He is presently working on a college text titled *American Foreign Policy Since 1945: A Regional and Thematic Approach*. He still teaches political science at Athens State and has no intentions of retiring in the near future.

## Class Notes

We have recently had the pleasure of hearing from some of our alumni who passed along tidbits of what they are doing and where they are now living:

**Marvin Anderson, Class of '69:** Keene, Texas. Is a teacher of business management at University of Texas Arlington. "At 67 still going strong teaching full loads."

**Pamela Snedeker Bogaert, Class of '69:** Okeechobee, Florida. Retired from Elementary Education in 2004. Living in Okeechobee – "a town of beautiful ranches and lots of cowboys and seminoles."

**Robert Lee Garrett, Jr., Class of '62:** Bowdon, Georgia. Is currently a Deacon at Antioch Baptist Church. Retired from teaching after 30 years and 2 mos.

**Flint Gillespie, Class of '58:** Hillsboro, Florida. Enjoys taking motor home to Alaska with wife Gladys, and is still raising cattle and hay. "God Bless Athens State"

**Ellie Brown Glasscock, Class of '68:** Alabaster, Alabama. Retired educator from Shelby County, Alabama. Enjoys playing golf. Has fond memories of the years at Athens. Made a lot of wonderful friends and enjoyed the basketball success they had.

**Stephen Gudernatch, Class of '71:** Tolland, Connecticut. Has three children and two grandchildren. Retired environmental chemist with the Connecticut Health Dept.

**Carrie Lee Kennedy, Class of '59:** Athens, Alabama. Has a grandson now attending Athens State.

**John Melaro, Class of '68:** Wellsville, N.Y. Taught high school and coached golf for 32 years, retired in 2008. Has coordinated the Allegheny County Special Olympics for over 25 years.

**Deemer O. Self, Class of '61:** Huntsville, Alabama. "I am very proud of my school".

**Janet Newman Smith, Class of '68:** Pell City, Alabama. Married to Glenn Smith '68. Retired from Helen Keller School of Alabama where she worked as the Director of Motor Development Dept. Was named the 2008-2009 Governor for Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana for Optimist International.

**Terry Whitt, Class of '74:** Ardmore, Alabama. Works in electronic Sales at Sears in Huntsville. Would like to see a class of 1974 reunion.

**Myra C. Woolridge, Class of '71:** Jonesboro, Arkansas. Retired from Decatur City School in 1997 and then moved to Jonesboro.

Please keep us posted on your milestones, accomplishments, news and whereabouts by emailing [Guy.McClure@athens.edu](mailto:Guy.McClure@athens.edu).

## Campus Colloquium: A day of learning and reminiscing

Please save the date of February 26 and join us for a Campus Colloquium sponsored by the Athens State University Alumni Association and the Athens State University Foundation. The purpose of the one-day event is to act as an academic homecoming for alumni, showcase the expertise of our faculty and staff, create an open-house environment for the community, and to inform everyone of our campus treasures.

The Campus Colloquium will consist of an introduction and welcome by Alumni Association President Anita Raby, followed by four forty-five minute break-out sessions. An informal lunch with President Glenn will be provided between the second and third sessions.

### Some of the lectures being offered are:

- Offerings of a Modern Library by University Librarian Robert Burkhardt
- Conceptual Astronomy by Professor Greg Holliday
- Archive Tour by University Archivist Sara Love
- Prince Madoc and the Welsh Indians by Dean Ron Fritze
- Alabama's Political Climate by Professor Jess Brown
- Marketing Yourself Everyday by Professor Laura Kerner
- Ballroom Dancing Basics by Professor Yvette Bolen
- Getting Dirty with Clay by Professor Gail Bergeron
- Where are all the Honeybees? by Professor Chris Otto
- Fun with Physics by Professor George Williams
- Sherlock Holmes: The First CSI by Dr. Bob Glenn

For more information, visit [www.athens.edu/colloquium](http://www.athens.edu/colloquium) or call 256-233-8126 to receive a brochure.

## Do you "YouTube"?

### Athens State now has a presence on YouTube!

Please visit our site at [www.youtube.com/athensstate](http://www.youtube.com/athensstate) to view our latest commercials and promotional videos. Be sure to leave a comment to let us know what you think of our new productions and check back often for updated videos.



## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Join the Alumni Association for 2009. Your membership is important to us and we value your support. This year the Alumni Association is pleased to offer the following benefits to active members.

- 10% discount on regular-priced ASU merchandise from Off Campus Bookstore (excluding books)
  - 10% discount on regular priced ASU merchandise from Follett Bookstore (excluding books)
  - Student ticket/discounted prices to ASU-sponsored arts and cultural events
  - Discounted rental car fees through Enterprise Rent-A-Car. (Call 256-216-3319 Monday - Friday for the code)
  - Discounted admissions tickets to the U.S. Space and Rocket Center Museum in Huntsville
  - Special discounts at the Athens/Limestone Hospital Wellness Center (256-233-9355 for rates)
  - Discounts to Theatre Huntsville productions
  - Discounted rooms with Wyndham Hotel Group ( call 256-216-3319 for the code)
  - Quizno's (Athens/Florence only) -discount
  - Coupons for Sci-Quest Interactive Museum
  - Embossed membership card
  - Seasonal discounted tickets to Huntsville Havoc, Stars and Tennessee Valley Vipers on advertised homegames
- Call the Office of Alumni Affairs at 256-216-3319 for further information.

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