

College of Business enrollment explodes



Dr. Linda Shonesy
College Dean

It is more than business as usual for the College of Business at Athens State University.

The College of Business experienced a 22.7 percent increase in its enrollment for the 2006 fall semester when late registration closed. It is the third double digit percentage enrollment increase the college has experienced since it announced that it was offering all four of its majors online.

Final figures show that enrollment jumped 17 percent for the 2006 spring semester compared to the 2005 spring semester. The college experienced a 14 percent increase in its 2006 summer enrollment when compared to the 2005 summer enrollment. Athens State offers four business majors including management, management of technology, accounting, and human resources management.

The University's total enrollment for the 2006 fall semester was 2,767 which is up about 4.73 percent from a year ago. Athens State is an upper-division university offering

only junior and senior-level courses. All students who are enrolled at Athens State University have either attended a community college or a four-year university before transferring.

"The online majors have created a tremendous amount of interest," said Dr. Linda Shonesy, Dean of the College of Business. "We are seeing students from not only our North Alabama region but also students from beyond the traditional traveling distance to our campus. It is very exciting."

While the online offerings have created a great demand, the College of Business hasn't abandoned its traditional classroom offerings. In fact, many of the traditional classes offered have benefited from the technology that is typically associated with online coursework. For instance, several professors are providing video from their lectures that is available online for students to review what they have learned in class.

"Many students feel comfortable in a traditional classroom and we still have a strong demand particularly in our evening classes," said Shonesy. "Technology is making that learning experience even better."

Livingston Concert Lecture Series Created



Mrs. Robbie Nelle Livingston

Athens State University has created the J. Harrison and Robbie Nelle Christopher Livingston Concert Lecture Series.

The series was initiated through a \$100,000 gift from Mrs. Robbie Nelle Livingston of Knoxville, Tennessee.

Mrs. Livingston is a 1942 graduate of Athens College and was very active in drama as a student. The series is named for her and her late husband.

"We greatly appreciate the kind contribution from Mrs. Livingston and her interest in helping us to grow our concert lecture series," said Athens State University President, Dr. Jerry Bartlett. "We are committed to initiating a series that will be attractive and culturally enriching to the University as well as the community."

The gift will be managed by the Athens State University Foundation and earnings will be used to support the series. A University committee has begun plans to begin the series for the 2007-2008 academic year.

Two new online majors offered

Athens State University is taking the lead in listening to students who want flexibility in class scheduling and desire to save hundreds in tuition dollars.

Athens State is offering two additional majors through the internet – Religious Studies and Computer Science with a Computer Information Systems option. Students will be able to earn their degrees without the daily grind of driving to campus, saving time and energy. Both majors will continue to be offered through traditional course methods for students who prefer a classroom setting.

“We believe this provides even more choices for our students on how and when they desire to earn their degree,” said Dr. Ron Fritze, Dean of the Athens State University College of Arts and Sciences. “We are committed to delivering the same quality instruction as we do in our traditional classes.”

The Religious Studies major will serve students who seek vocational work within a church or related-ministry or students who are not vocationally driven but desire a major that broadly addresses the issues and values of religion within a world view. The program will allow students to focus on their area of interest. The online religious studies major is particularly attractive to bi-vocational church leaders who are looking to complete their bachelor’s degree with plans to continue their studies at a seminary.



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Melanie Landers

The Computer Science/CIS option online degree program is a multi-disciplinary program comprised of both computer science and business courses. In addition to the required computer programming courses, students will take business courses related to accounting, economics, management and statistics. The major is designed for students with a strong desire to pursue careers in systems analysis and design, database administration, or development of commercial or government software systems. In addition, the Computer Science minor offered at Athens State will also be offered online.

Melanie Landers, a 36-year-old working mother, is using the distance learning option to complete her coursework within a hectic schedule. “Without the avenues available to me through distance learning, I would have to

miss time with my son or not take the class. I prefer this option, getting to do both!”

Athens State students don’t have to choose between online or traditional classroom courses. The CIS and Religious Studies majors allow students to take a blend of on-campus and online classes. With concurrent campus and distance sections, student can choose to attend any on-campus lecture they desire should they be having any difficulty or would like additional assistance.

Jerry L. Camp endowed scholarship fund established

The Athens State University Foundation has established an account to create the Jerry L. Camp Endowed Scholarship.

This scholarship will be awarded to students studying within the health care management program. First priority will be given to students who attended a Limestone County high school or reside in Limestone County.

All gifts in memory of Jerry L. Camp will go directly toward funding the \$10,000 endowed scholarship. Contributions are tax deductible and may be sent to the Athens State University Foundation, The Jerry L. Camp Endowed Scholarship, 300 N. Beaty Street, Athens, AL 35611.

Mr. Camp died October 24, 2006 in an automobile accident in Limestone County. He was retired from Solutia in Decatur after 35 years of employment and worked at Westside Jiffy Pharmacy. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn; one son, Jason and his wife Stacy; and one grandson, Hunter.

“Scholarships are vital for our students,” said Athens State President Jerry Bartlett. “I appreciate the Camp family’s desire to carry on Mr. Camp’s legacy by the creation of this endowment. Many people were touched by his life and this scholarship will provide financial assistance to many future students.”

The Athens State University Foundation awards approximately 100 scholarships annually to deserving students. The annual or endowed scholarships are donated corporately or by individuals to the Foundation. For further information about the Athens State University Foundation and its programs visit the website at: www.athens.edu/foundation.

Fritze is Humanities Foundation “Road Scholar”

Dr. Ronald Fritze, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and Professor of History, has been selected as a speaker in conjunction with the Alabama Humanities Foundation 2007-2008 Speakers Bureau.



Fritze is one of several “Road Scholars” selected by the foundation to deliver an interesting and diverse collection of presentations at venues around the state.

The Road Scholars program offers more than 40 different speakers on nearly 60 topics. Historical societies, library organizations, senior groups, and other non-profit community organizations may host the speakers. Fritze’s presentation is entitled, “Prince Madoc and Welsh Indians: A Persistent Frontier Myth in Alabama and Beyond.” Fritze’s work is a fascinating look at frontier folklore in early American history.



Brittany Garrison of Russellville was crowned the 2006 Ms. Merry Christmas at Athens State. Twelve students participated in the pageant. First runner-up was Courtney Henderson of Holly Pond. Second runner-up was Suzanne Grissom of Belgreen. L-R: Courtney Henderson, Brittany Garrison, and Suzanne Grissom.

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Athens State students make a difference

Three Athens State University students are making a difference in improving the reading skills of elementary school students at one Limestone County school.

Athens State seniors Audra Stallings, Brandy Wooten, and Tara Walls believe they can help young readers and have developed a plan to help teachers and students at Reid Elementary School. The three Athens State students were inspired to develop the plan after attending the Leading Edge Institute last summer. The Leading Edge Institute is a unique leadership development process for young women across the state of Alabama. It is an intensive, week-long program that takes place at the 4-H Youth Center in Columbiana, Alabama, and concludes with a trip to Alabama's Black Belt to experience some of the most dire challenges facing communities and some of the most innovative solutions. Students work together on a service project during the week and interact with dynamic leaders.

Following the conference, Stallings, Wooten and Walls discussed how they could collaborate on a service project to benefit the Limestone County community. They discussed helping children and began work on a project that would be in cooperation with the Alabama Reading Initiative (ARI) at Reid Elementary. The students developed a plan whereby they and other Athens State students would tutor children at least once a week and provide books and other reading resources for children. They contacted Reid Elementary teacher and reading coach Allison Usery about how they could help the school's ARI program.

"We wanted to talk with a teacher about a project," said Stallings. "We knew there were needs at Reid but we are not teachers so we didn't know how we could help. We wanted the teachers to specifically tell us their needs in the classrooms so the money could be used for supplies they are in dire need of, instead of using it for what we thought they might need."

Athens State's Patsy Naves, who served as the students' advisor to Leading Edge, encouraged the women to develop a grant application that would benefit the elementary students and their school. The three students took the information and crafted a grant application to Leading Edge to finance their project. The proposal incorporated a weekly reading and tutoring program along with the purchase and donating of books to the school. The proposal was funded and the students received \$900 in grant money.

"I think we can make a big difference," said Stallings.

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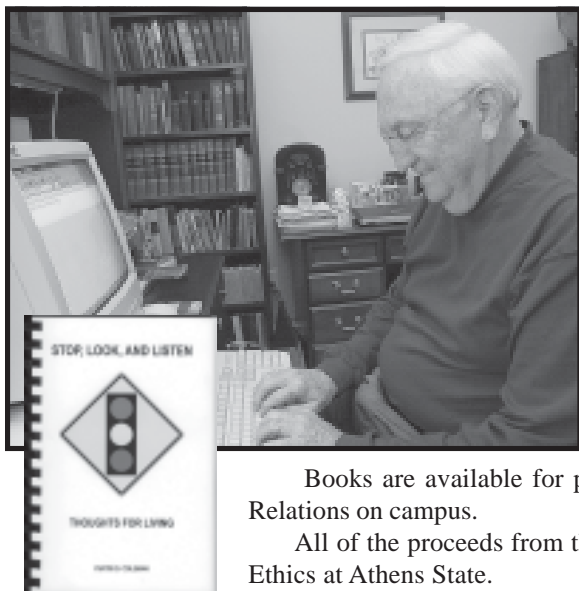
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Dr. Curtis Coleman publishes inspirational book



Former Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Dr. Curtis Coleman, has recently completed *Stop Look and Listen*, a collection of inspirational essays collected over the past decade.

Coleman retired from Athens State in 1998 after 32 years as a professor. Since his retirement, Coleman has written a weekly column for the *Athens News Courier* from which these articles have been compiled.

In his preface, he writes, "These articles are built on the foundation of spiritual truths and life experiences." He dedicates his book to his wife Jane who he describes as "The Wind Beneath My Wings."

Dr. Robert White, Professor of Religious Studies, said, "Dr. Coleman's book is more than a self-help book, it is about living with faith and wisdom. The book is an extension of Dr. Coleman's life and teaching. He instructs and inspires."

Books are available for purchase at Pablos on Market Street and through the Office of University Relations on campus.

All of the proceeds from the sale of the book will be donated to the Center for Religious Studies and Ethics at Athens State.



Founders Queen and Court

Bridgett Derrick, a senior at Athens State University, was selected as the University's Founders Queen this fall. Derrick, of Cullman, is majoring in History with a minor in Education after transferring from Wallace State Community College. Four other women were also selected for the Founders Court. Renee Britnell, Courtney Henderson, Sheena Powell and Keri Rodgers.

L-R: Dr. Jerry Bartlett, President; Renee Britnell, Courtney Henderson, Bridgett Derrick, Sheena Powell, and Keri Rodgers.

Alumni News

Bruce Michael Form, Class of 1969, is the Director of Special Education at Moshe Aaron Yeshiva High School in South River, New Jersey. He joined the high school faculty in 2003.

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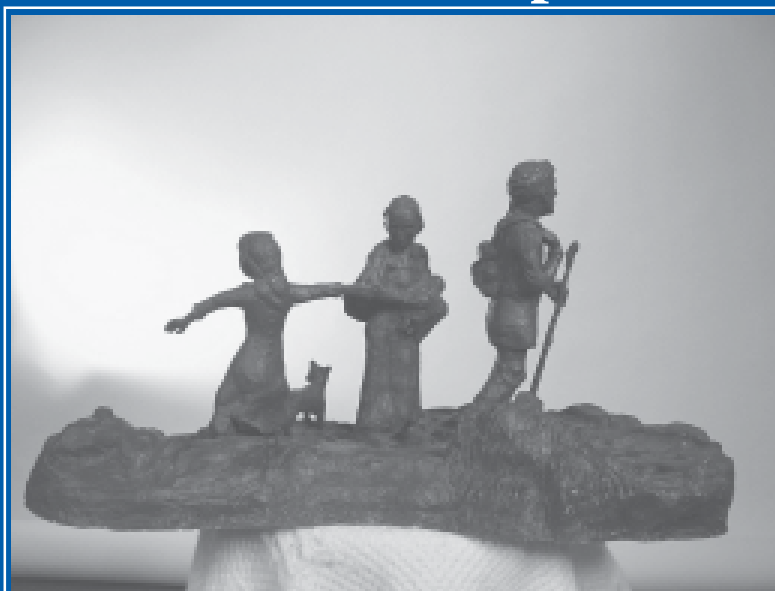
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Athens State artists create Trail of Tears sculpture

Art faculty members Gail Bergeron and Pamela Keller are creating a bronze sculpture of a Cherokee nation family in their westward march that will be placed at the Trail of Tears Interpretive Center in Pulaski, Tennessee on Highway 64.

The sculpture will portray two Cherokee parents, a young girl, an infant and a dog depicted walking on a concrete base designed to replicate parts of the original trail complete with ruts, roots, and footprints of Native Americans that were cast from actual Cherokee descendants.

The artists are presently working to form the sculpture in clay and it will then be cast in bronze, a process that takes approximately nine months. The completed work is expected to be unveiled in late 2008.



Education professor publishes stories of growing up in the rural south

Dr. Tina Sloan, associate professor of education, has completed *Southern Serendipity*, a collection of essays of childhood memories growing up in Detroit, Alabama, a town with a population of less than 300. The collection of stories is focused on her family and several friends in the small west-central Alabama community.



Southern Serendipity, Dr. Sloan's first published work, is dedicated to her husband, her friends and family, and the memory of her parents.

"My work at Athens State has a focus on mathematics, so it was a refreshing break from number-crunching to document these memories – it was truly a labor of love," she said.

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Athens State hosts international educators

Four international educators were guests of Athens State University's Wallace State-Hanceville Center recently.

Dr. Wanda Hutchinson, assistant professor of education, was host to the educators from South Asia. Hutchinson and her colleagues prepared detailed teacher training and highlighted teaching methodologies, including online classroom management. The visit is sponsored by the International Visitor Leadership Program under the auspices of the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, with the Alabama segment being hosted by the International Services Council of Alabama.

Last year Hutchinson hosted a similar group from Bulgaria with an emphasis on ethnic diversity and civil rights education.

"I was asked to serve as a consultant as well as host the international visitors again this year," said Hutchinson. I will facilitate experiences with program themes to include the use of technology in teaching distance learning courses, student teaching and rural education.

Foreign educators Sheela Rajendra from India, Abdul Sameu Hassan from Maldives, Hum Nath Acharya from Nepal, and Gulrukh Razi from Pakistan will be traveling throughout the United States to explore pre-service teacher training in a program that will expand their knowledge of educational procedures that will combat some of the obstacles they face in their home countries.

Revamped general science education requirements help students

Athens State University has revamped its general science education program in an effort to provide greater opportunity for students who desire a teaching certificate in more than one science area.

The new requirements will make it easier for students to receive their teaching certification in the sciences, said Dr. Ron Fritze, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Athens State. Traditionally, education students who desired to teach chemistry, physics or biology would only be certified in that program. If they wanted to be certified to teach more than one field of science it required a significant number of additional course hours.

"The General Science program will allow education students to have certification in more than one field of science," said Fritze. "This means students will have more than one option in their teaching career and will not have to take a large number of additional courses to reach that goal."

Previously, students had to take an additional 30 to 40 hours over a traditional degree program to have a certification in an additional scientific field. The general science track was redesigned to allow students to be certified to teach in biology, chemistry and physics with approximately 137 total degree hours.

Demand for teachers in chemistry, physics and biology remain strong, according to Fritze.

"The sciences tend to be some of the hardest areas to find teachers who have the credentials for the highly qualified teacher under the 'No Child Left Behind' Act," said Fritze. "We believe this adjustment in our curriculum can alleviate some of the demand for those teachers and give schools some flexibility because new teachers will be able to teach more than one science subject."



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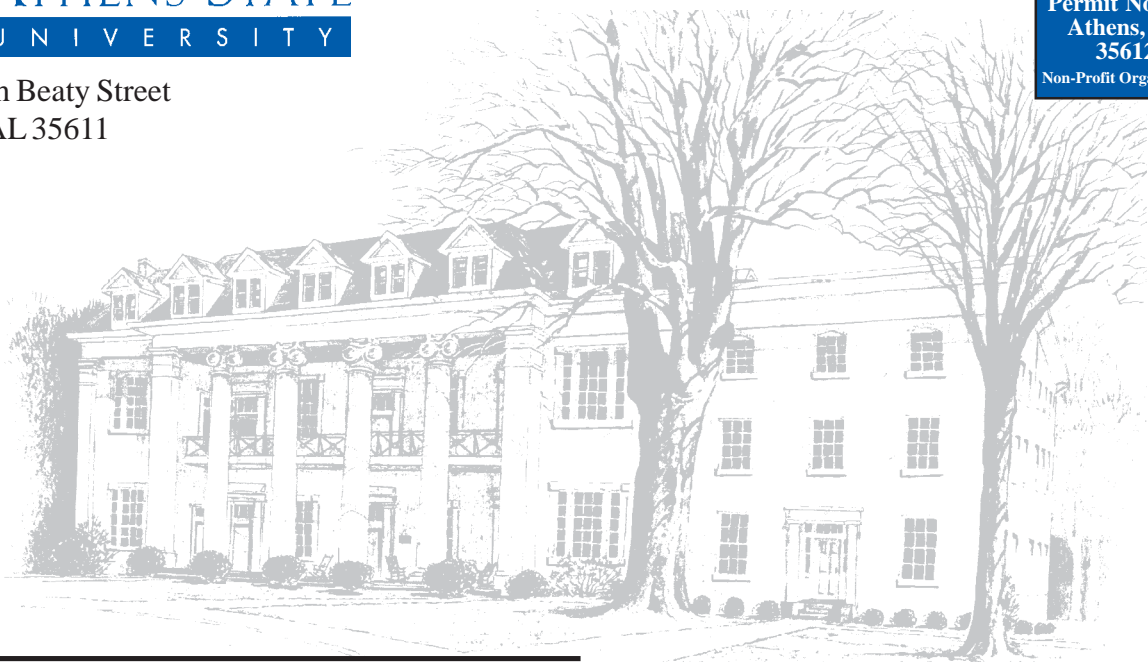
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