

# From the STACKS

Honoring the past through the Alabama Alumni  
Magazine archives

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When browsing through the hundred years of University of Alabama publications archived in Alumni Hall, it becomes apparent that the issues reflect the world in which they were produced—the lifestyles, trends, technologies and social structures of their particular time. In this collection, take a walk through the decades of the University and the country, mirrored on the covers of the UA alumni magazine.

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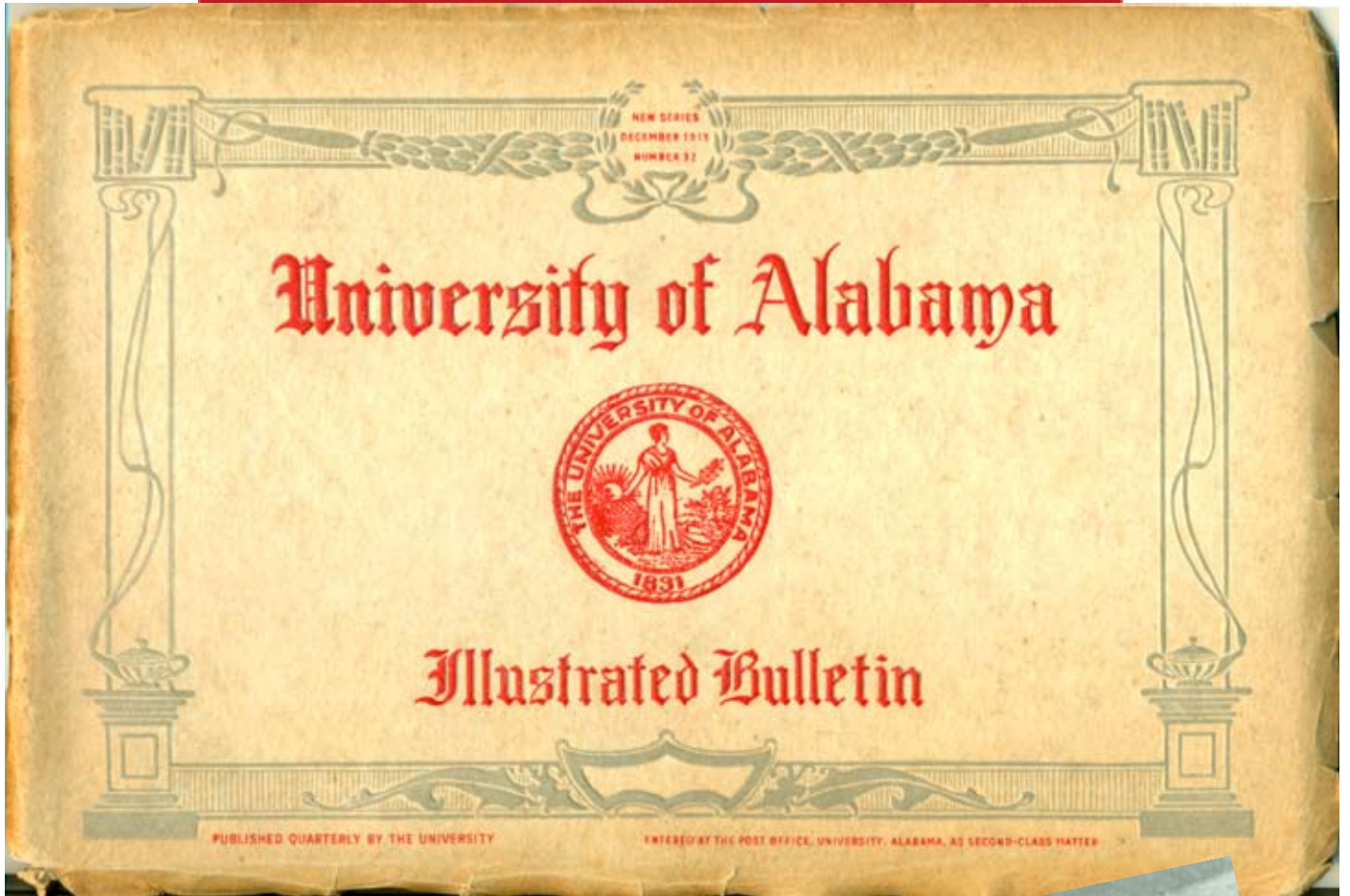


# The 1910s

The *Illustrated Bulletins* of the early 20th century were picture books of people and places at the University, sharing vivid descriptions of the growing campus. In 1917, President George Hutcheson Denny was featured on the cover of the *Alumni News* for the first time. He made several appearances through the years during his lifetime of service to the Capstone.









# University of Alabama Alumni News

NUMBER 1

SEPTEMBER, 1917

VOLUME 1



MAJOR GENERAL WILLIAM LUTHER SIBERT, '82, GADSDEN, ALABAMA  
WITH GENERAL PERSHING'S FORCES IN FRANCE

# University of Alabama Alumni News

DECEMBER, 1917

NUMBER 2



PRESIDENT GEORGE HUTCHESON DENNY  
UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA



# The 1920s

The 1920s issues of the *Alumni News* showcased the many new buildings on campus, including Nott Hall. Completed in 1922, the building then housed the biology department and the medical school, and today UA's Honors College. Joe Sewell also made the cover; the starting second baseman for UA from 1918 to 1920 is the namesake of our modern-day Sewell-Thomas baseball stadium. He played 14 years in the major leagues then returned to coach Alabama baseball from 1964 to 1969, leading the team to an SEC Championship.



## He took the world to her



The modern vacuum tube, used in radio transmission and reception and in so many other fields, is a product of the Research Laboratories of the General Electric Company. These Laboratories are constantly working to develop and broaden the service of radio.

Twenty-five years ago a boy left a little country town to find his fortune. He found it.

Two years ago, when radio was still a novelty, he took a receiving set back to the old home and set it up in his mother's room. That evening the world spoke to her.

She could not follow her boy away from home. But the best that the world has to give—in music, in lectures, in sermons—he took back to her.

# GENERAL ELECTRIC

# University of Alabama

## Alumni News

VOLUME 7

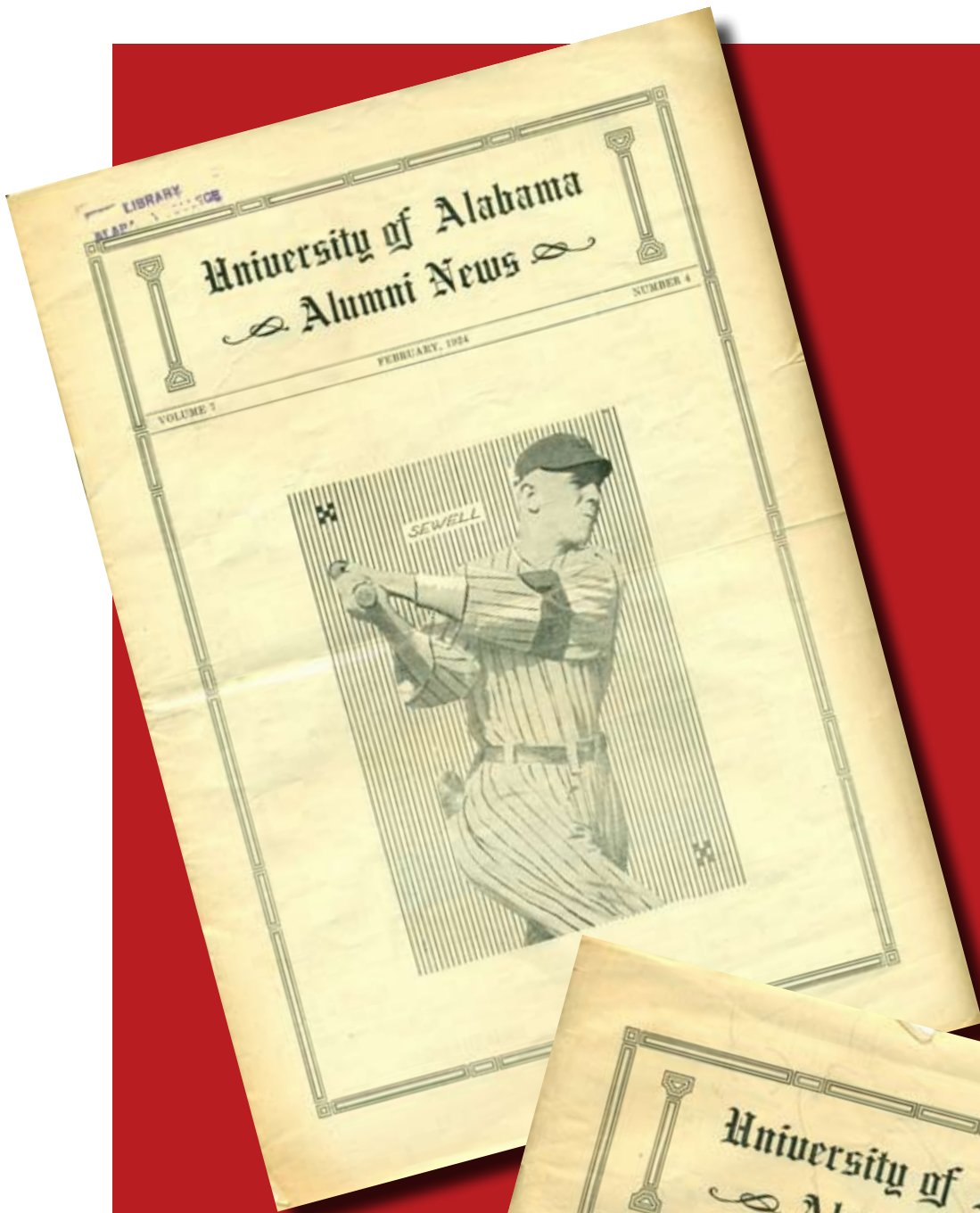
JANUARY, 1924

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# The 1930s

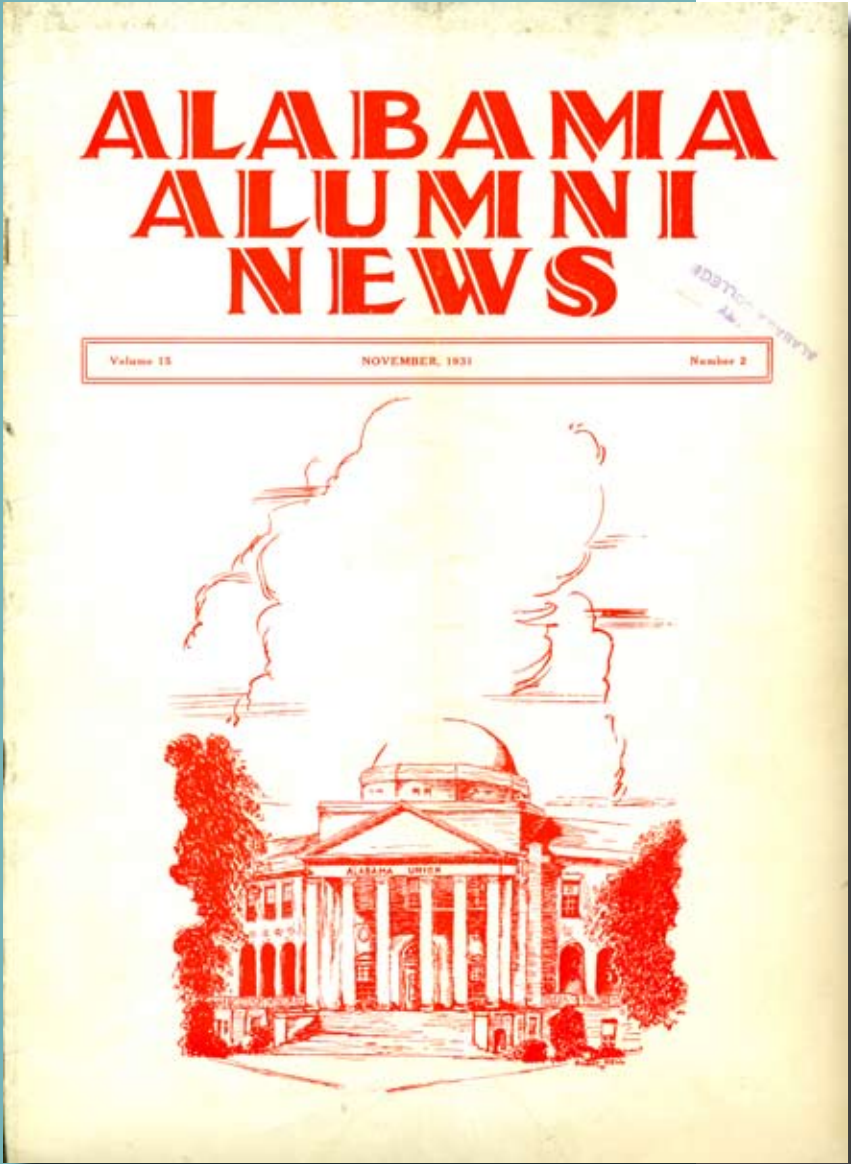
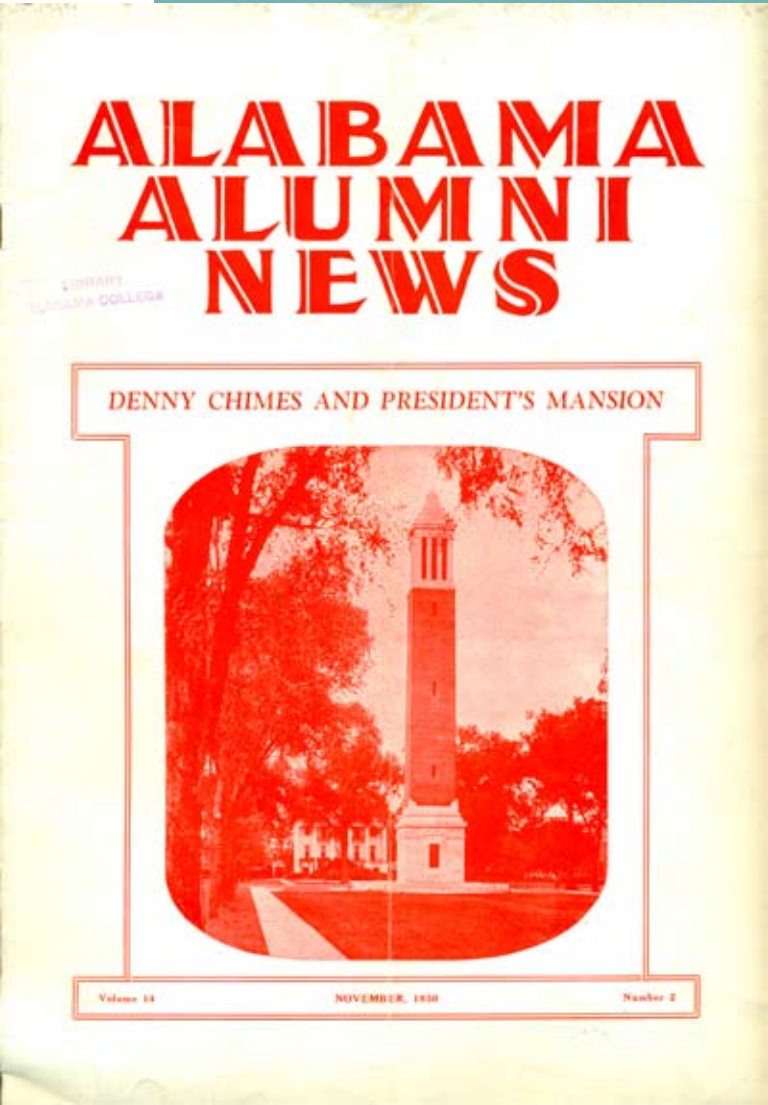
During the 1930s, the campus continued to expand, and the Alabama Union, first used in 1930, made the front plate. Today, that facility is named Reese Phifer Hall, and is home to the College of Communication and Information Sciences. Denny Chimes was also pictured on the cover for the first time, with the President's Mansion in the background. The bell tower, which stands on the south side of the Quad, was dedicated in 1929 and named in honor of President Denny.



Football Coach Wallace Wade









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## UNIVERSITY CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

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## The SWEET SIXTEEN

PUBLISHED BY THE CLASS OF 1916, UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

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COMMEMORATING THE REUNION OF MAY 24, 1937

NO. 4



Left to right, front row: John Carmichael, George Alston, Kathrina Brown, Louise McCain, Carolyn Brown, Clifford Lamar, Harry White, Arthur Green; Second row: Marion Oakley, Daphne Cunningham, Margaret Foster, Luther Smith, Hughes Kennedy, John Curry; Back row: Foster Norton, Robert Goodall, Gerald Woodruff, Fred Neilson, Erlene Durrett, Percy Wallace, Robert Cobb, Charles White, Robert Keenan, William Van de Graaff.

### HAIL! HAIL! THIS GANG WAS THERE!

WELL folks, the 3rd reunion of the Class of '16 has passed into history as the biggest and best of all. Twenty-one years after graduation, twenty-four members of the Class left their work or their families and journeyed back to the Campus to hear "Bully" and others make rousing speeches, to partake of Carolyn's and De Vane's hospitality at lunch, to talk over old times, to read telegrams and charming

letters from absent members of the Class, to visit old scenes, to attend another Alumni dinner, to renew their loyalty to the University and to receive an inspiration from it.

A great day it was, not only for the twenty-four members of the Class, but for the sixteen wives and husbands who also went along to see what it was all about. Together they saw a group

which for the most part was slightly thicker in the middle and slightly grayer on the head, but as young in spirit as ever. They caught another vision of what makes the Class of '16 unique in the chronicles of the University.

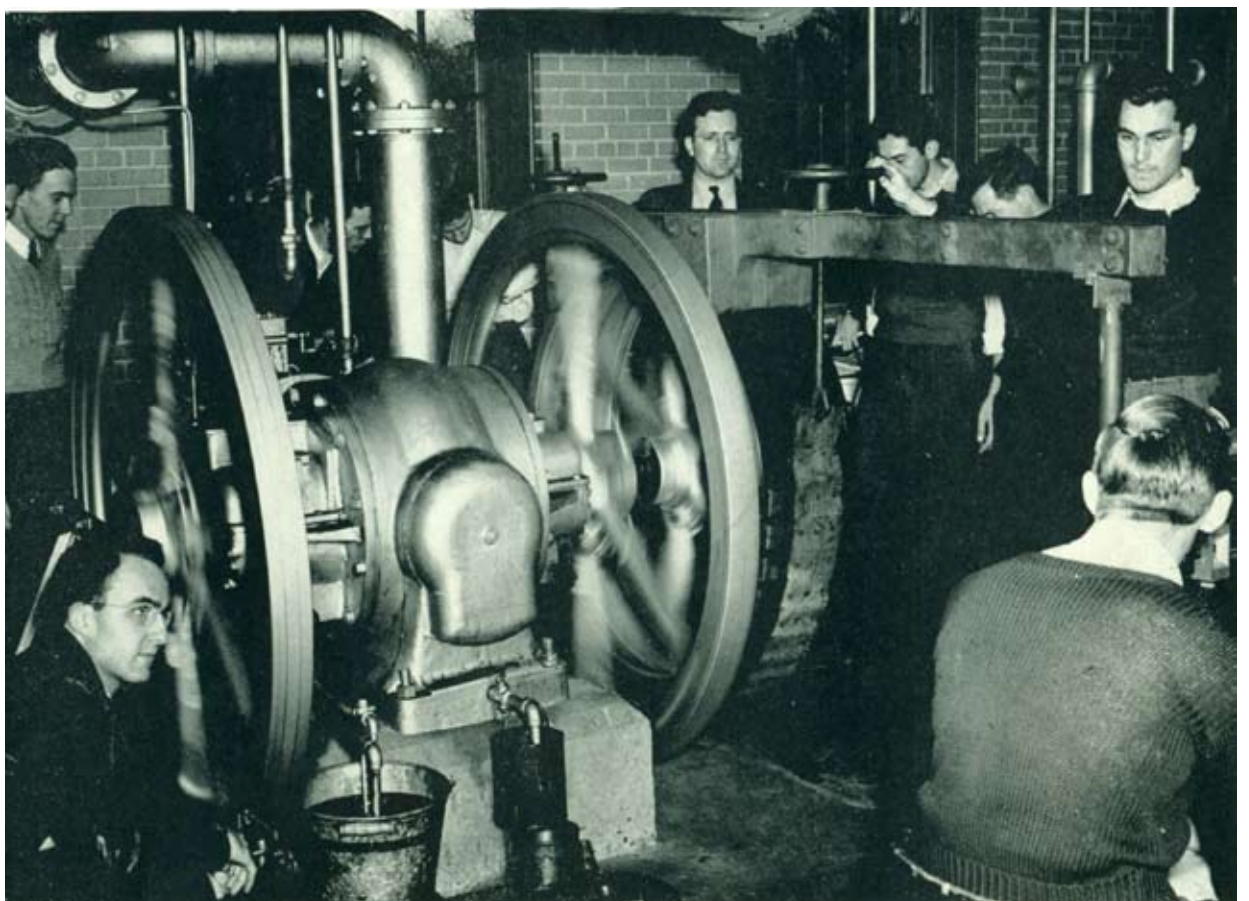
That some of these rich experiences may be shared by the entire Class and by its friends, is the wish of those whose contributions have made possible this issue of "The Sweet Sixteen".



# THE 1940s



Throughout the United States' involvement in World War II, the *Alumni News* did its part by recognizing servicemen and women and returning veterans. One cover displayed two lieutenants greeting each other after returning from a prisoner-of-war camp, and others pictured officers and military parades. Special editions honored UA alumni who gave their lives while serving their country.





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**NEWS**

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Arthur Fowler and Catherine Lewis, elected Mr. and Miss Friendly at the culmination of "Hello Week"

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BEAUTY AND THE BOYS—gather in the Phi Gam house. Veronica Lake, honey-haired gal of movie fame, visited the Capetone during exams. Husband John Delle, who was a Fiji here and editor of the Ram is sitting on the arm of the couch. He was art editor of the Carolla, is now art director of MGM. The diminutive star and husband had been skiing at San Valley and Lake Placid, and after spending two days on the campus returned to Hollywood.



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*Reviewing the Air Corps Parade*

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JUNE 1943

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*Major General John C. Persons, '30, Welcoming  
General MacArthur to Morotai*

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LT. ALFRED D. BLAIR, JR.

MRS. ALVIN W. YOSTLE

LT. ALVIN W. YOSTLE

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Pfc. Leonidas Monroe Jones, '44

*Courtesy Division Public Relations, U.S.M.C.*

**SERVICE ISSUE**

*Dedicated to the Alumni who gave their lives for our Country.*

Volume 28

MAY, 1945

Number 7



# The 1950s



Several covers of the *Alumni News* in the 1950s showcased the University's progress. Women's dorms received a transformation, now with a smaller number of girls living together in shared units with a "homey" feeling. This was part of a concerted effort to enhance outside-the-classroom experiences, since two-thirds of college life is not spent in class. We took a last look at President Denny on a 1955 cover—he passed away on April 2 of that year.





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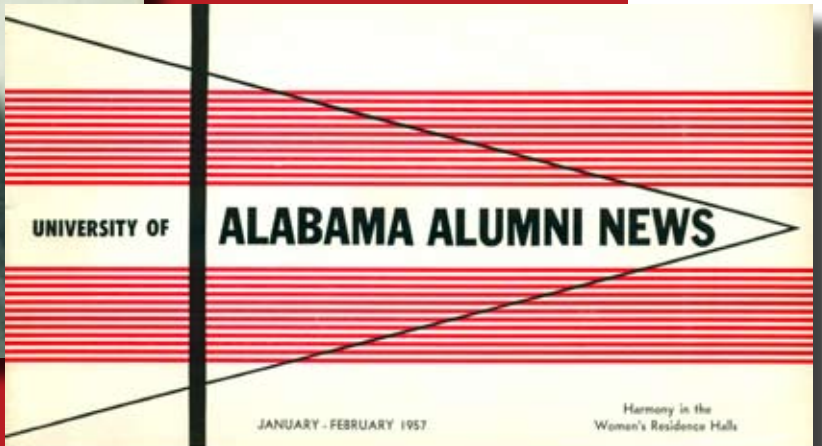
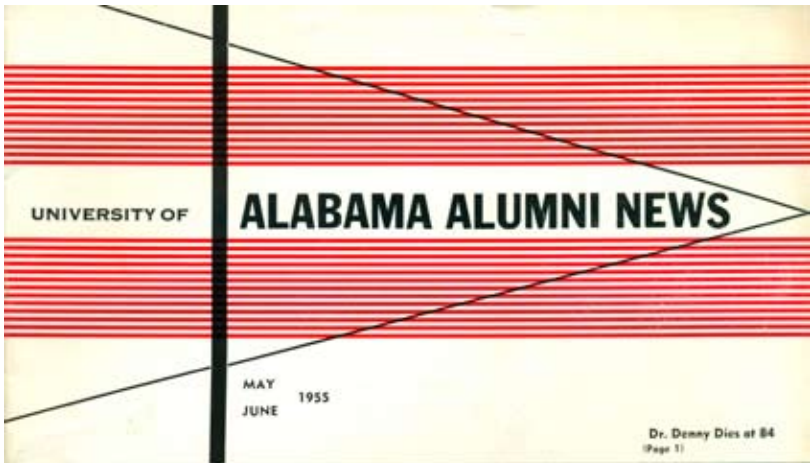


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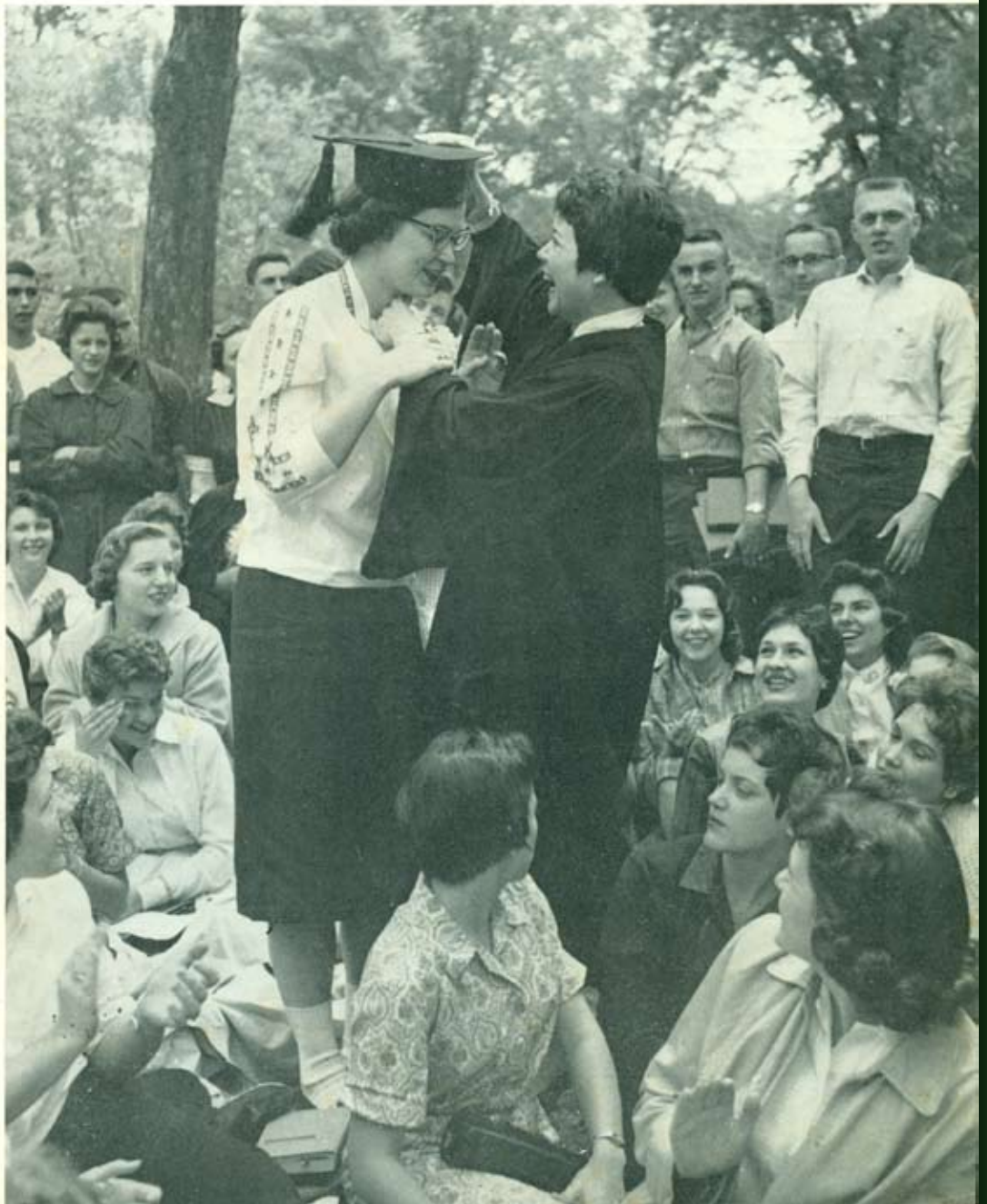


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*In This Issue*

**WELCOME TO  
1270 NEW  
ALUMNI**

**JULY-AUGUST  
1959**





# The 1960s

As the world entered the technological era, the *Alumni News* reported on UA's modernization in the 1960s, showing an early computer that was the size of a room, yet performed only basic operations. Another issue showcased new fields of research with a photo from a biophysical anatomy class. Also making the cover was a visit from "Lady Bird" Johnson, the first lady of the United States who had attended UA in 1931. She returned as the key-note speaker at a conference called Women and the Changing Community.



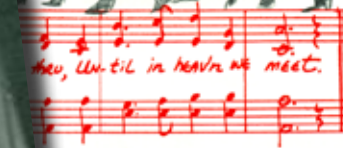


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Helen Vickers, 1908

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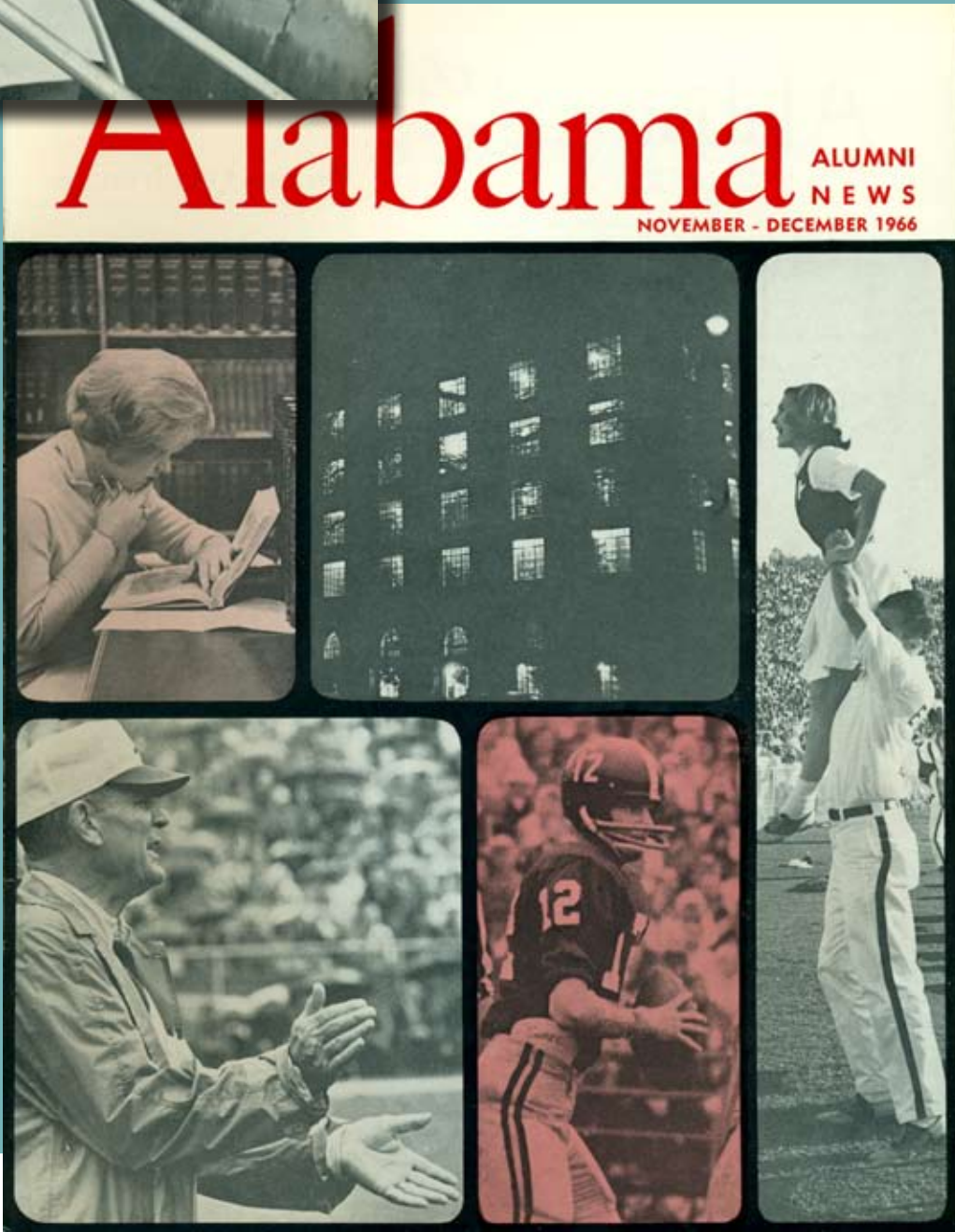
THE PLIGHT of the HUMANITIES



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SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 1965





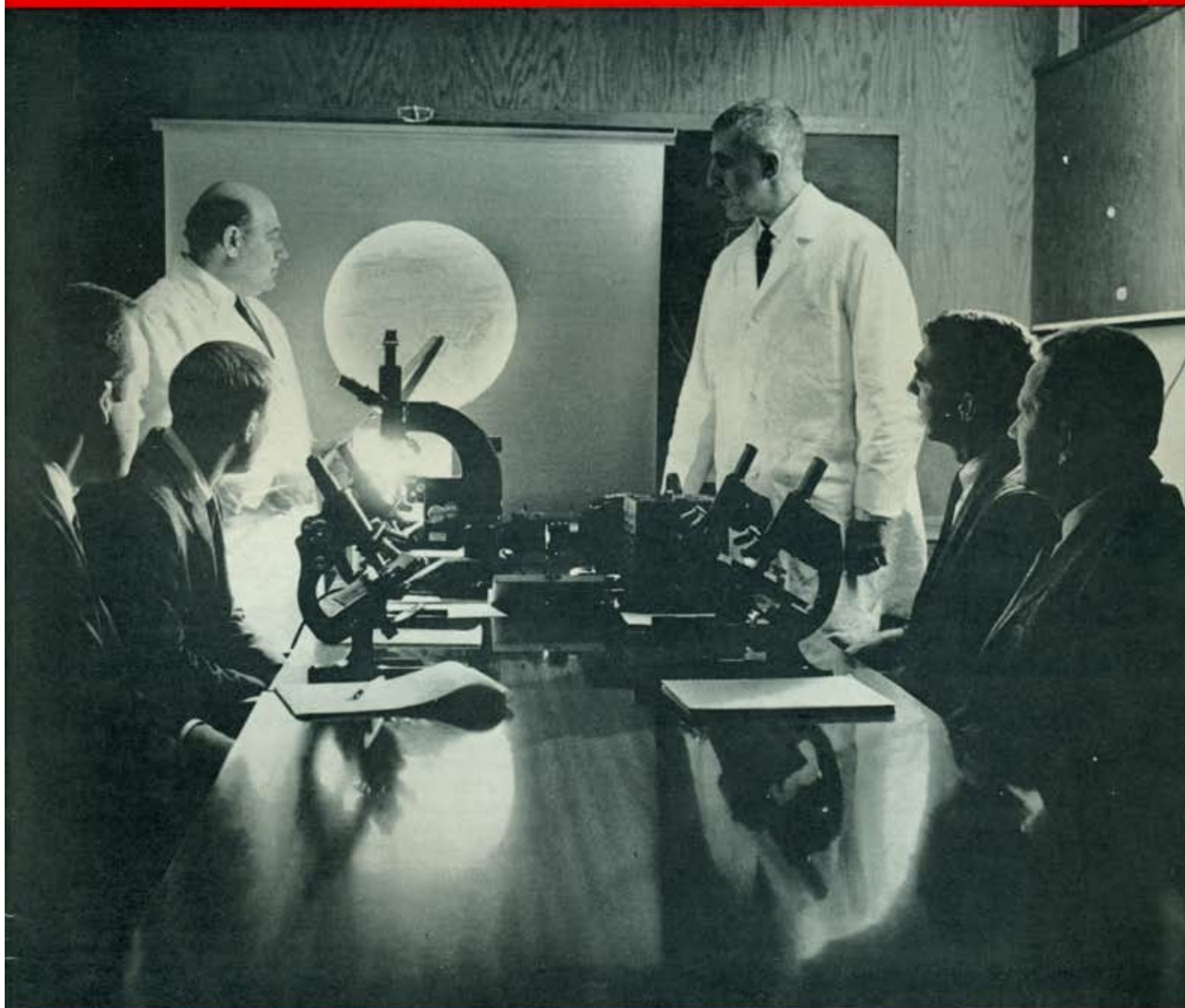




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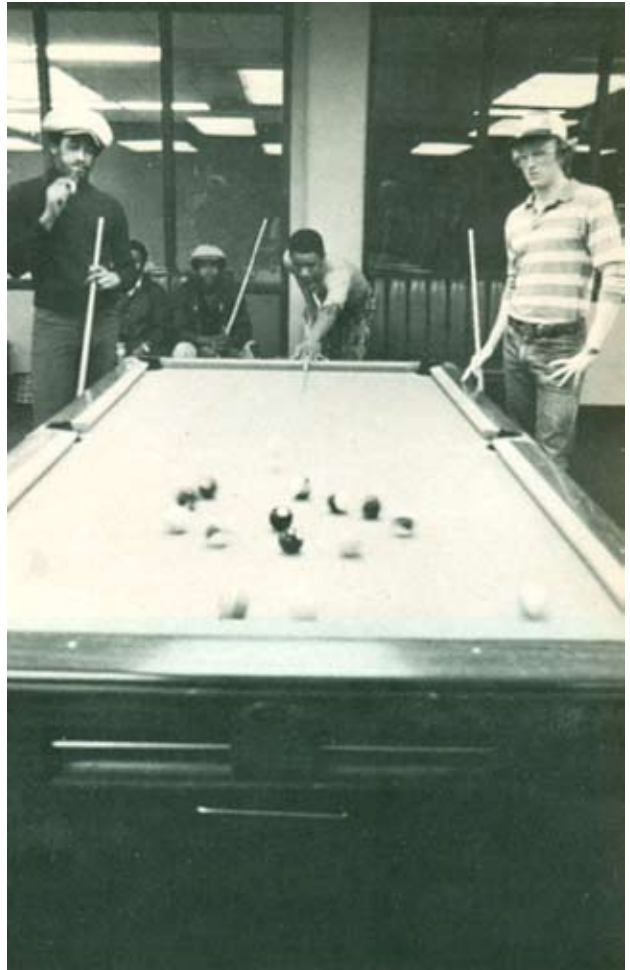
## SPECIAL REPORTS

- University of Alabama in Birmingham
- Moonshooter—"Life with Uncle"



# The 1970s

The Winter 1979 edition tackled an in-depth review of race relations in the years since James Hood and Vivian Malone first arrived in 1963, making their way around Gov. George Wallace's "Stand in the Schoolhouse Door." By the end of the 1970s, relations between blacks and whites were slowly improving at the University, according to the cover story. The greek-independent rivalry on campus was also featured, and at the center of the storm were rumors of "The Machine," a speculated Greek organization that wields power over campus politics and activities.

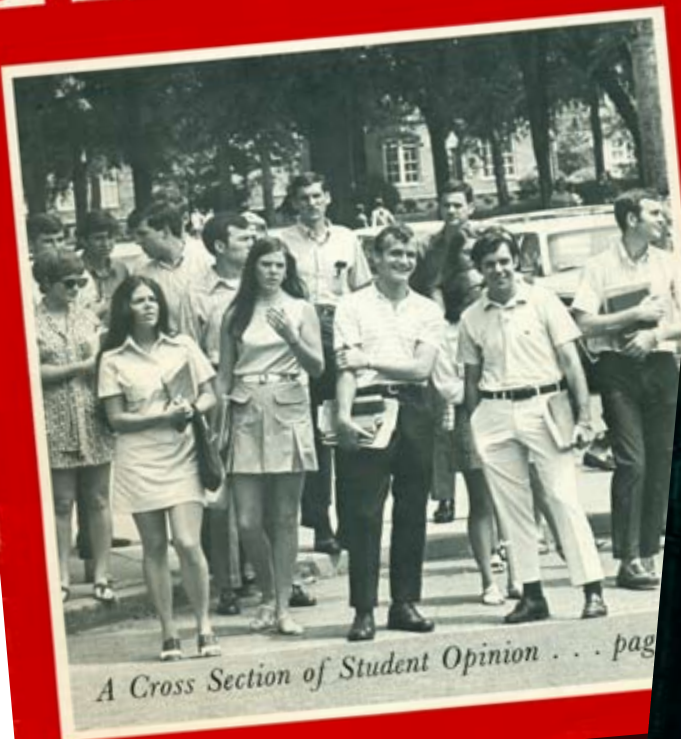




MAY - JUNE 1970

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*A Cross Section of Student Opinion . . . page*

The University of Alabama

# ALUMNI NEWS

Fall, 1975



*Mathews and family pose for a portrait at the Mansion before departing for Washington.*

MARCH-  
APRIL 1973

# ALABAMA

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## A SPECIAL REPORT: Can We Save the Individuality of Our Colleges?

"The issue of individuality is one for which the alumni of our University should have a very special feeling. We all have lived at least part of our lives in a section of the country that is the heartland of the American concern for individuality. The right of states, the importance of community, the pride in home, and the commitment to personal independence are all forms of this same quest for the preservation of individuality. That is why it would be such a tragedy, such a sad and ironic tragedy, for our University to lose its birthright of individuality."

David Mathews



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Fall 1978

## **THE GREEK- INDEPENDENT RIVALRY**





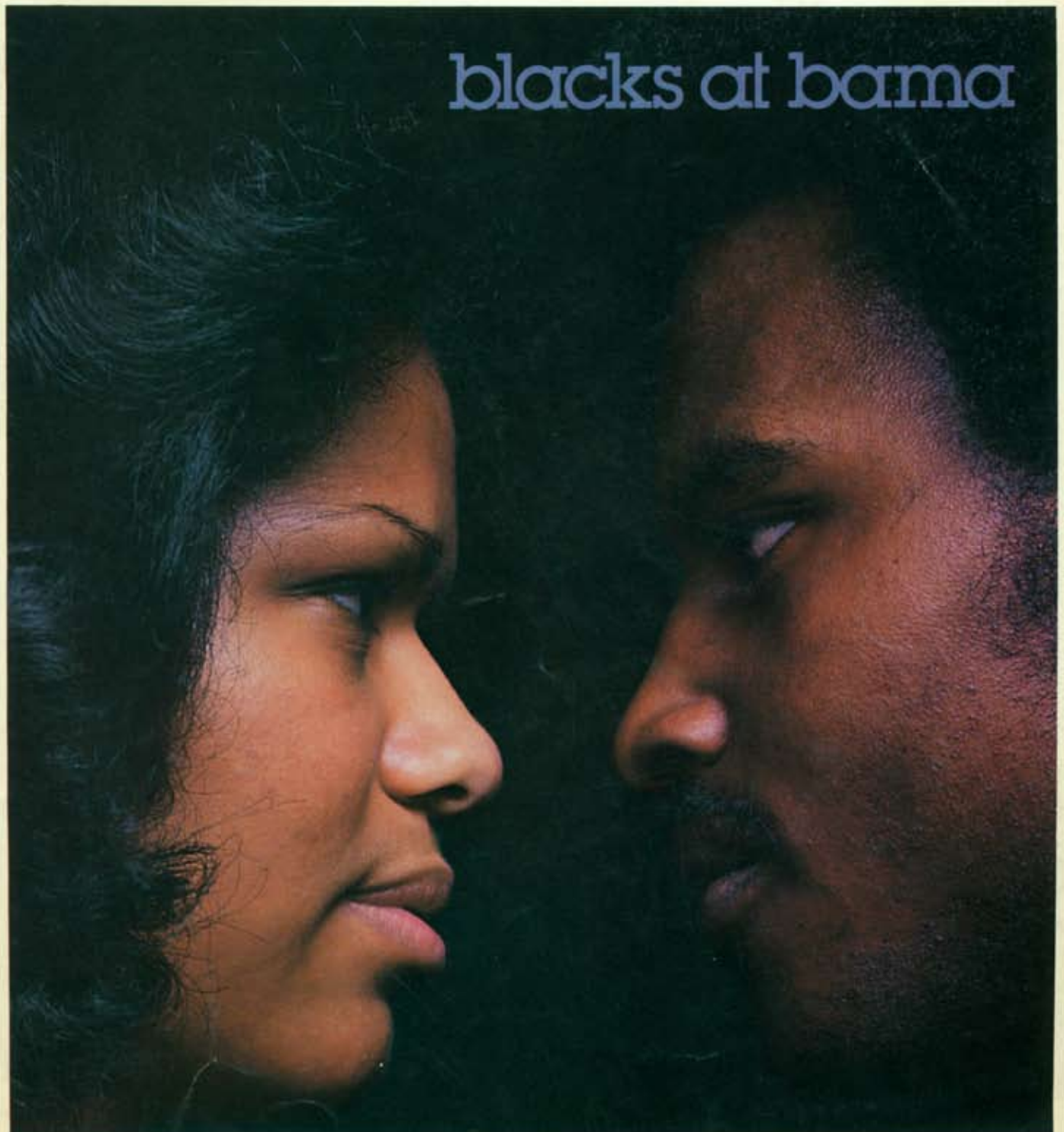
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blacks at bama



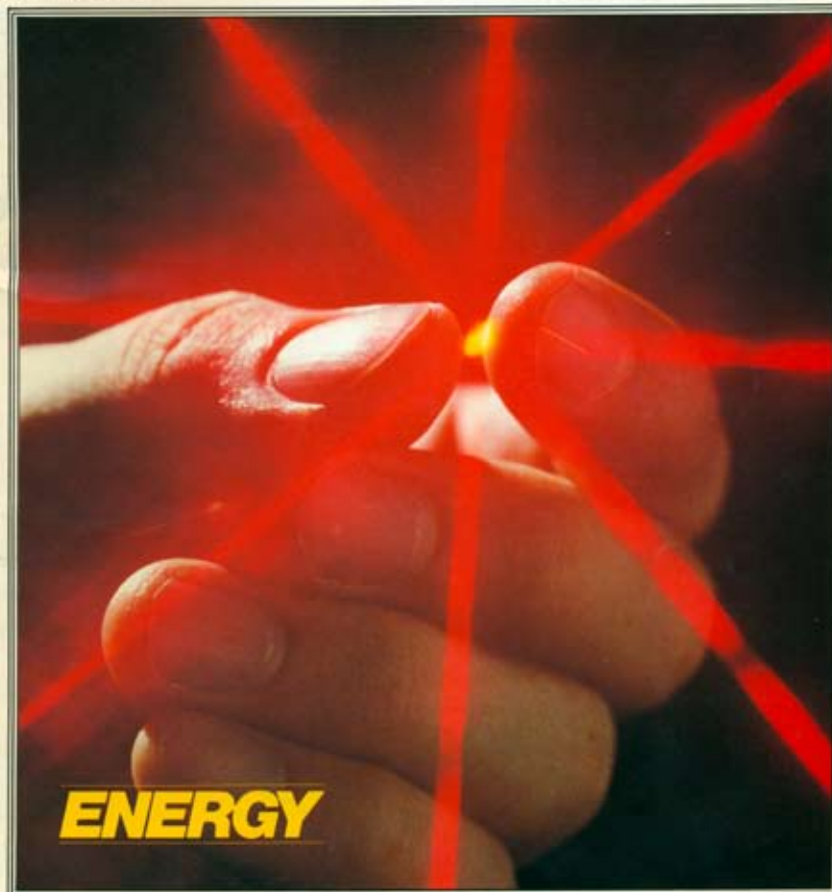


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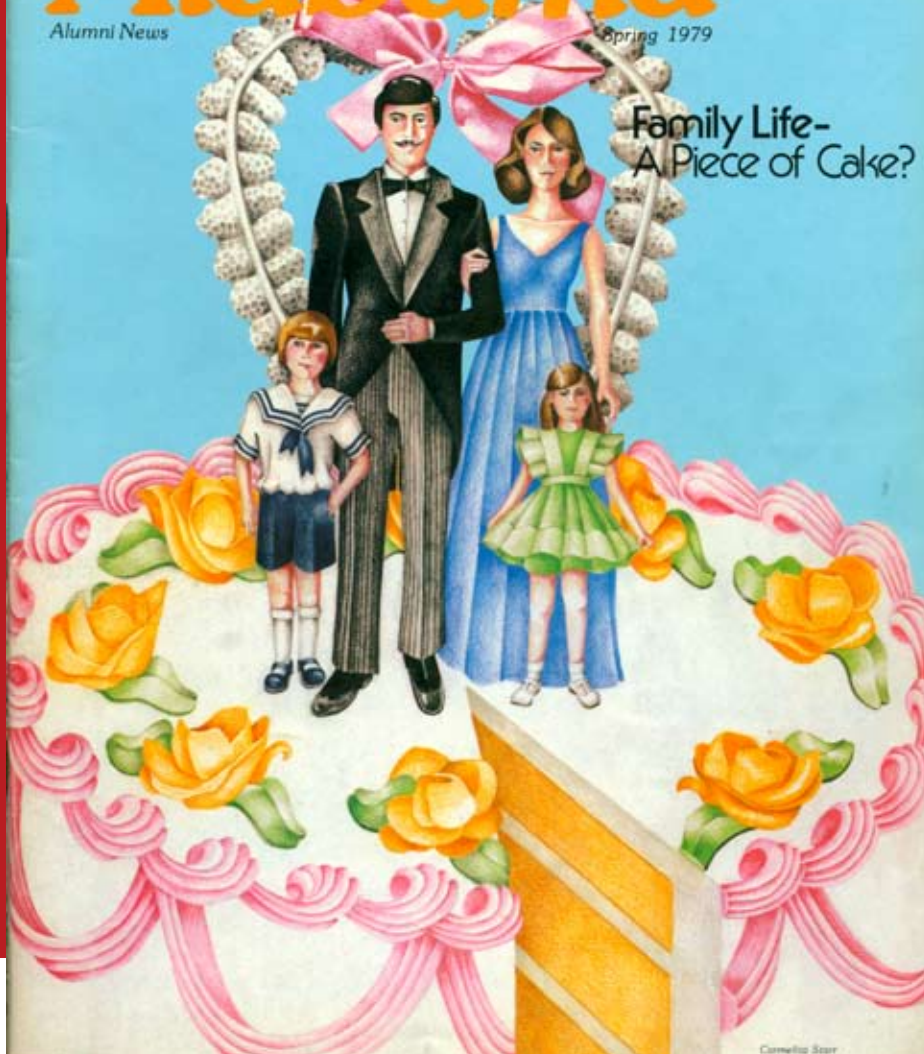
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Spring 1979

Family Life-  
A Piece of Cake?

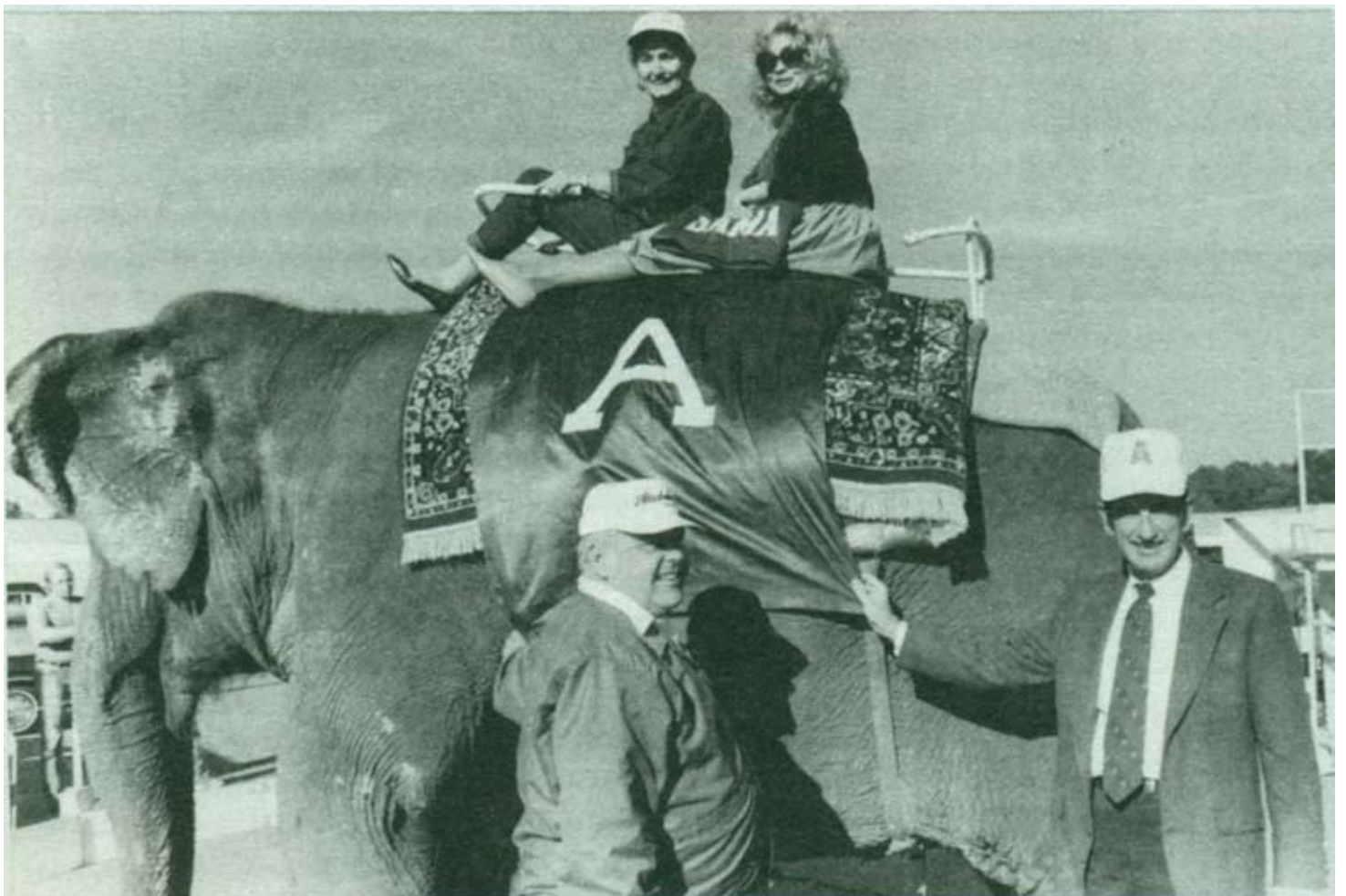




# *The 1980s*



In 1983, football coach Paul “Bear” Bryant was remembered on the cover of the *Alumni News* after his death on Jan. 26 of that year. Bryant had led the Tide to six national championships during his tenure at UA from 1958 to 1982. Another issue featured UA professors undertaking cutting-edge research to discover cures for hereditary disorders, symbolizing their efforts with a cover illustration of DNA. And in January 1986, the publication was renamed the *Alabama Alumni Magazine*.





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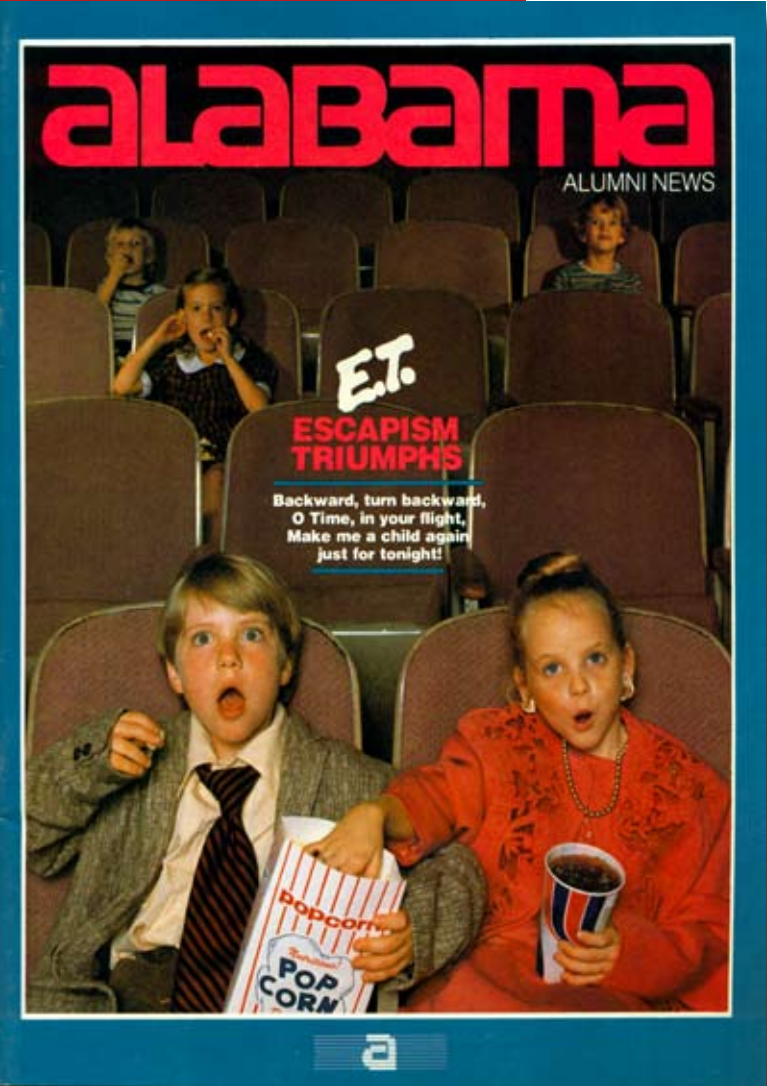
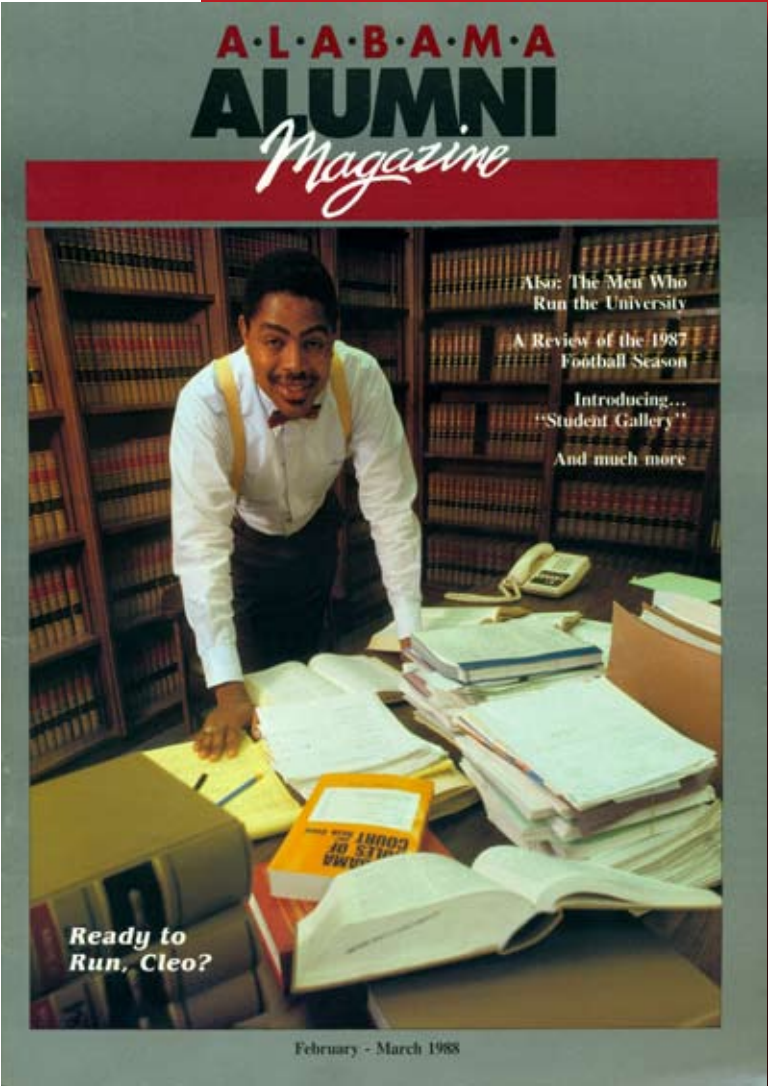
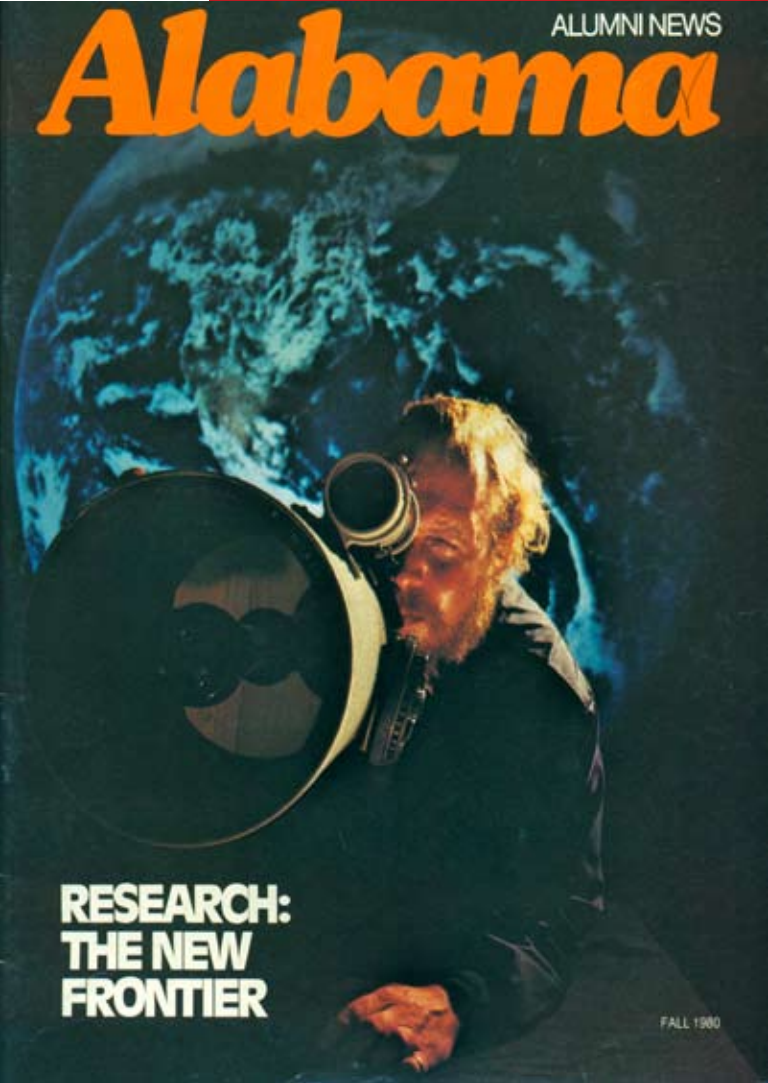
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"THE GIFT OF A LIFE  
UNSURPASSED"









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ENGINEERING  
ON A TINY  
STAIRCASE





# The 1990s



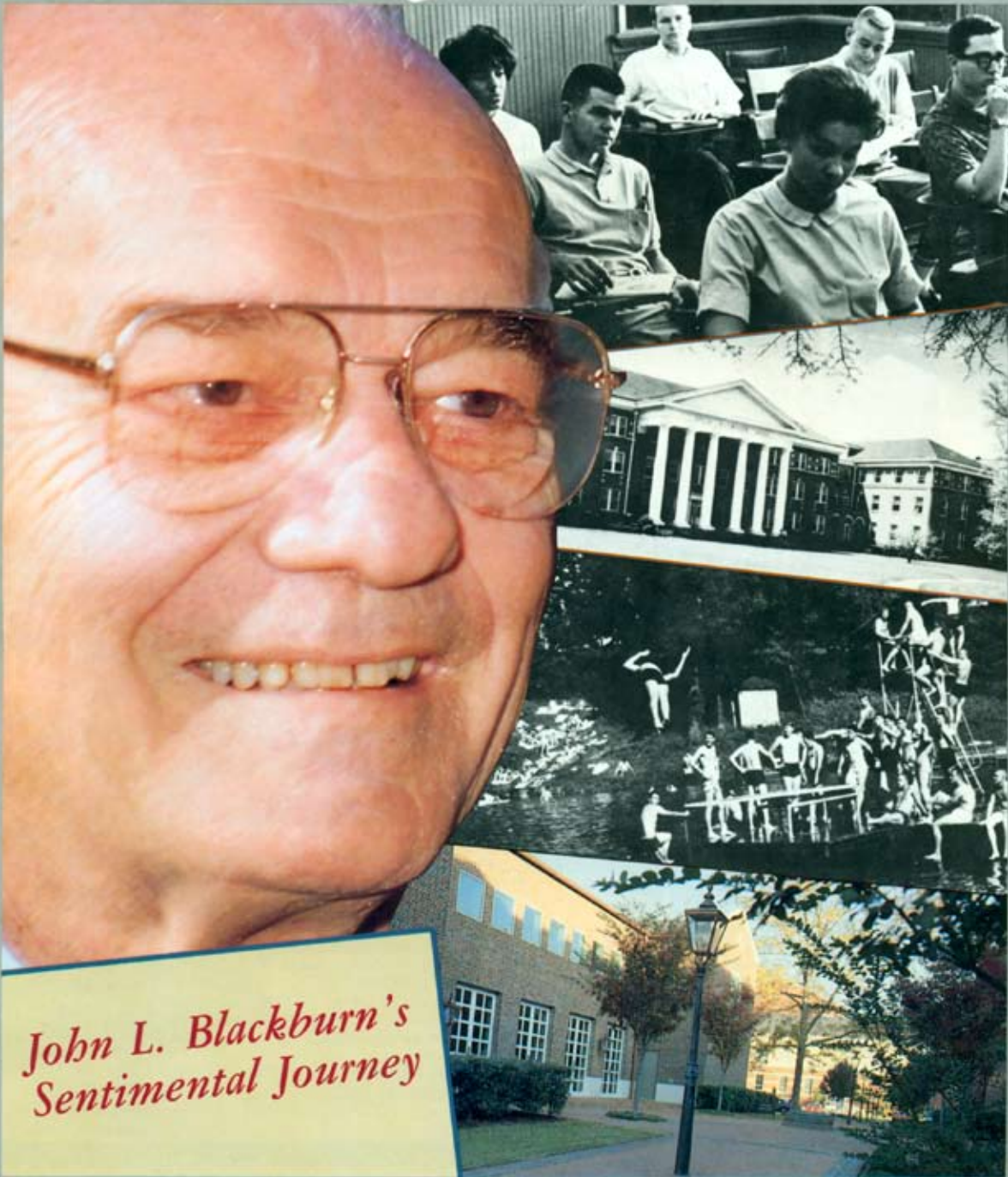
A 1993 cover captured Gene Stallings' 1992 football team in the jubilation following their national championship win. Stallings, who had served as an assistant coach under Bryant, returned to UA in 1990 to lead the program. The decade also brought national attention to the University when *Forrest Gump* became popular. A book about the character was published by alumnus Winston Groom in 1986, but the story reached its peak of popularity in 1994 when it was made into a movie.





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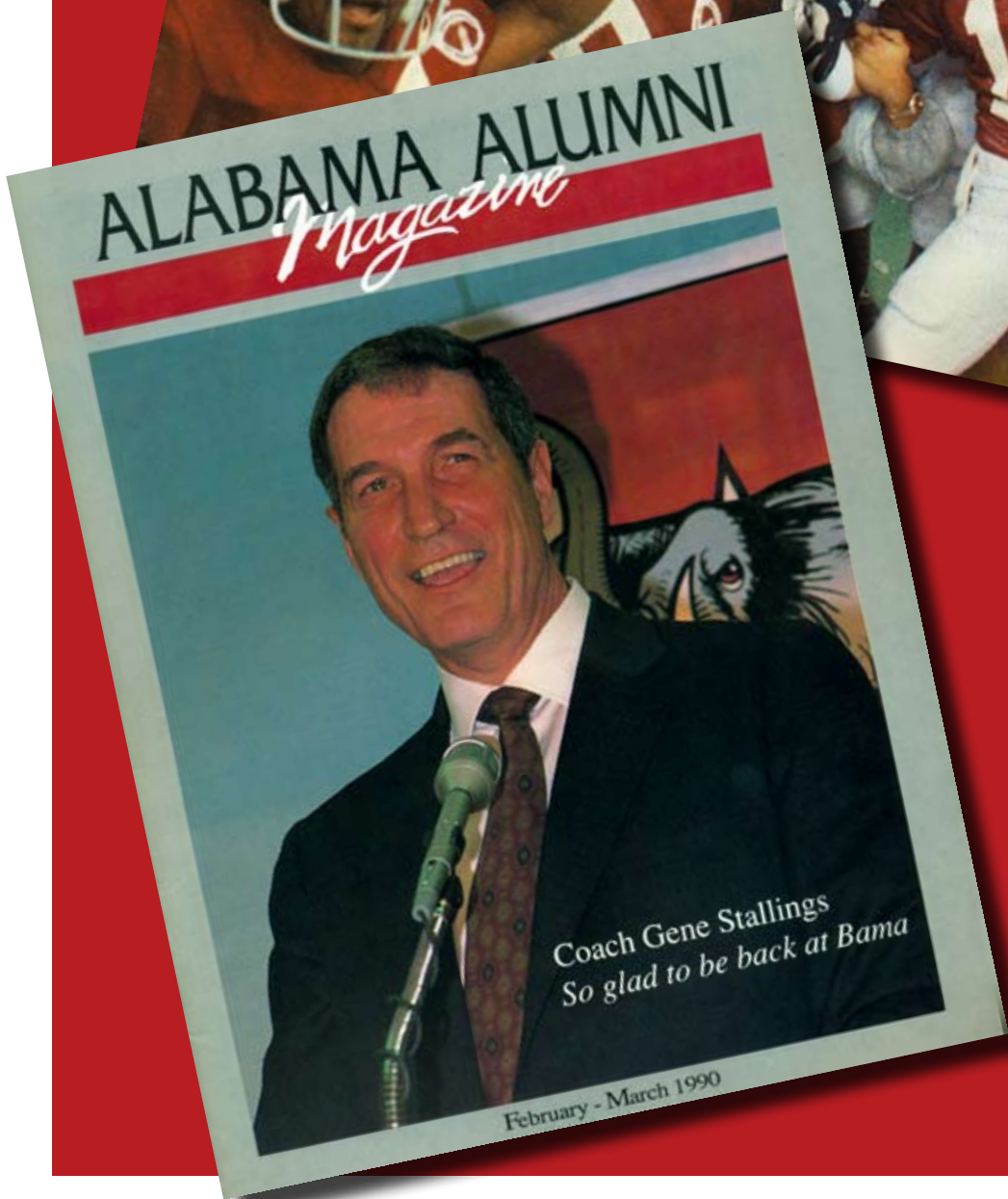
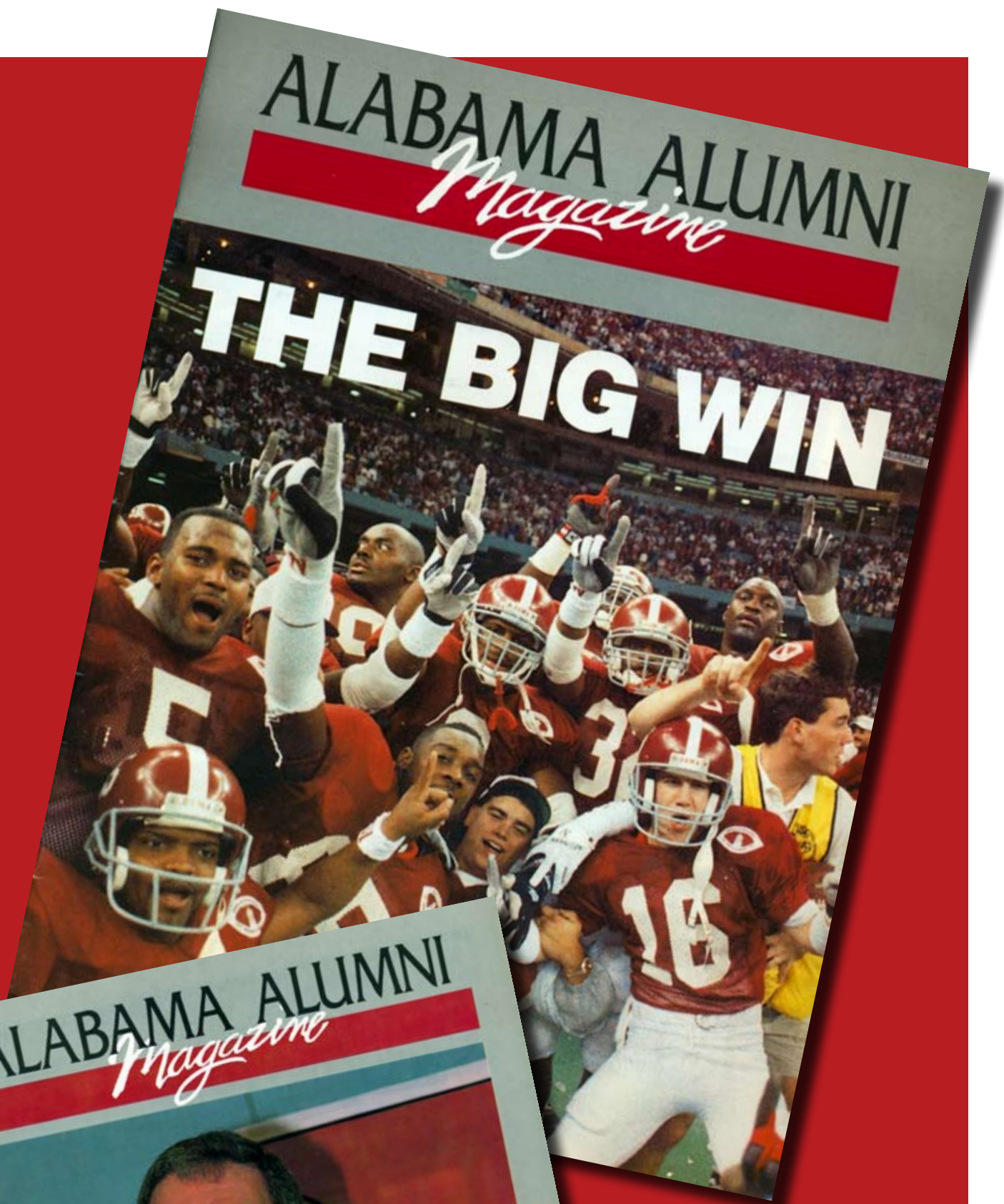
## *Magazine*



*John L. Blackburn's  
Sentimental Journey*

December 1989 - January 1990







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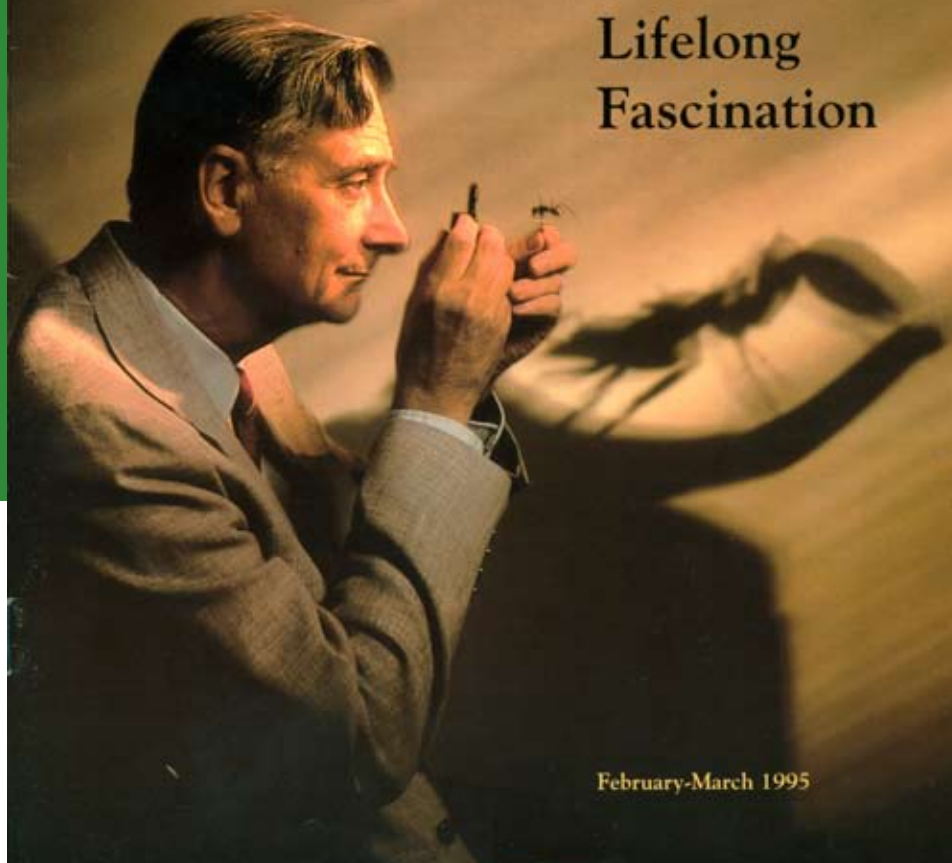
People call him Winston Groom



December 1994-January 1995

# ALABAMA ALUMNI *Magazine*

E.O. Wilson's  
Lifelong  
Fascination



February-March 1995



# THE 2000S

After Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast in 2005, hundreds of refugees found shelter at the Student Recreation Center, where the University opened its arms to those in need of a temporary home. In Fall 2005, one of the magazine's most recognized images hit the mail—Alexa Stabler was pictured in the Bryant-Denny Stadium locker room, leading into an article about the daughters of Bear Bryant's football stars who were now students at the Capstone.





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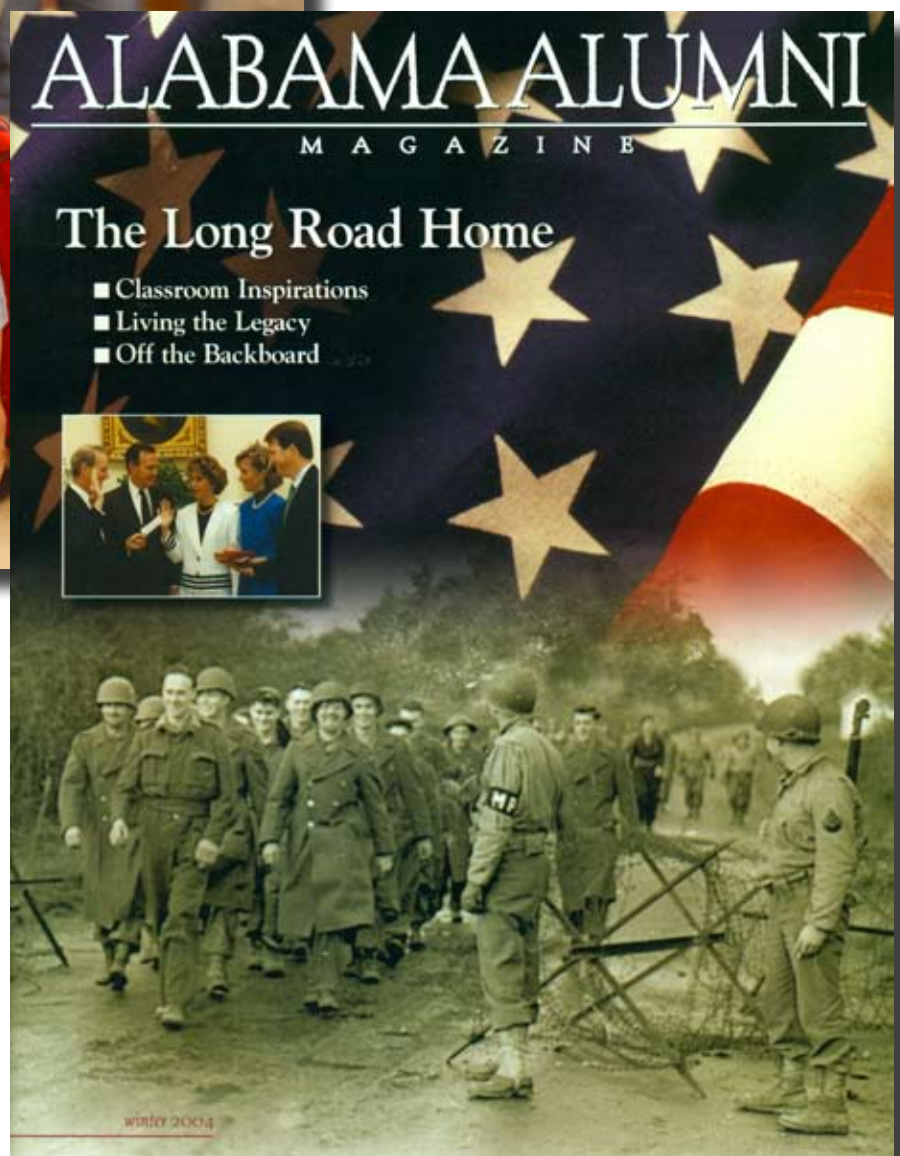
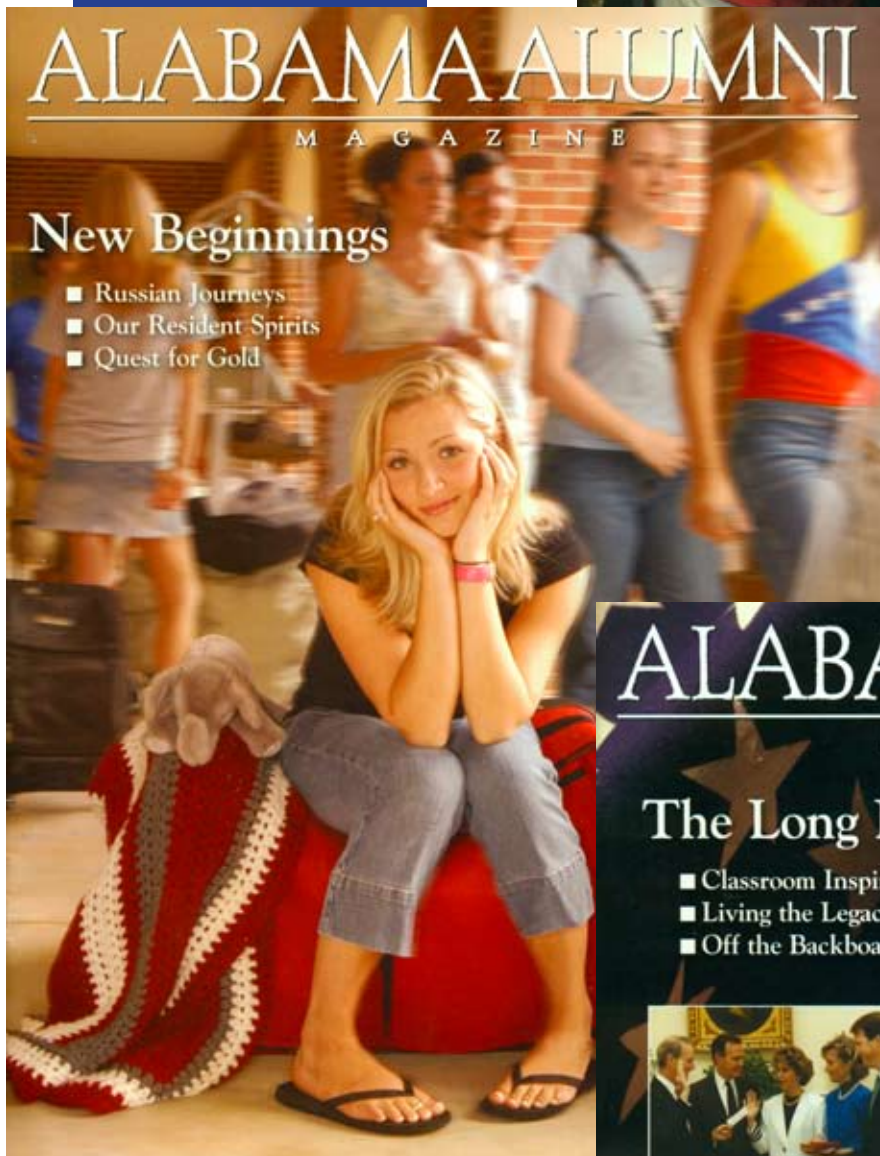
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## Family Ties

- From the Generations
- Positively Young
- A Long Way From Home

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## My Brother's Keeper

- A Safe Haven
- Trying Times
- Our Favorite Teachers

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