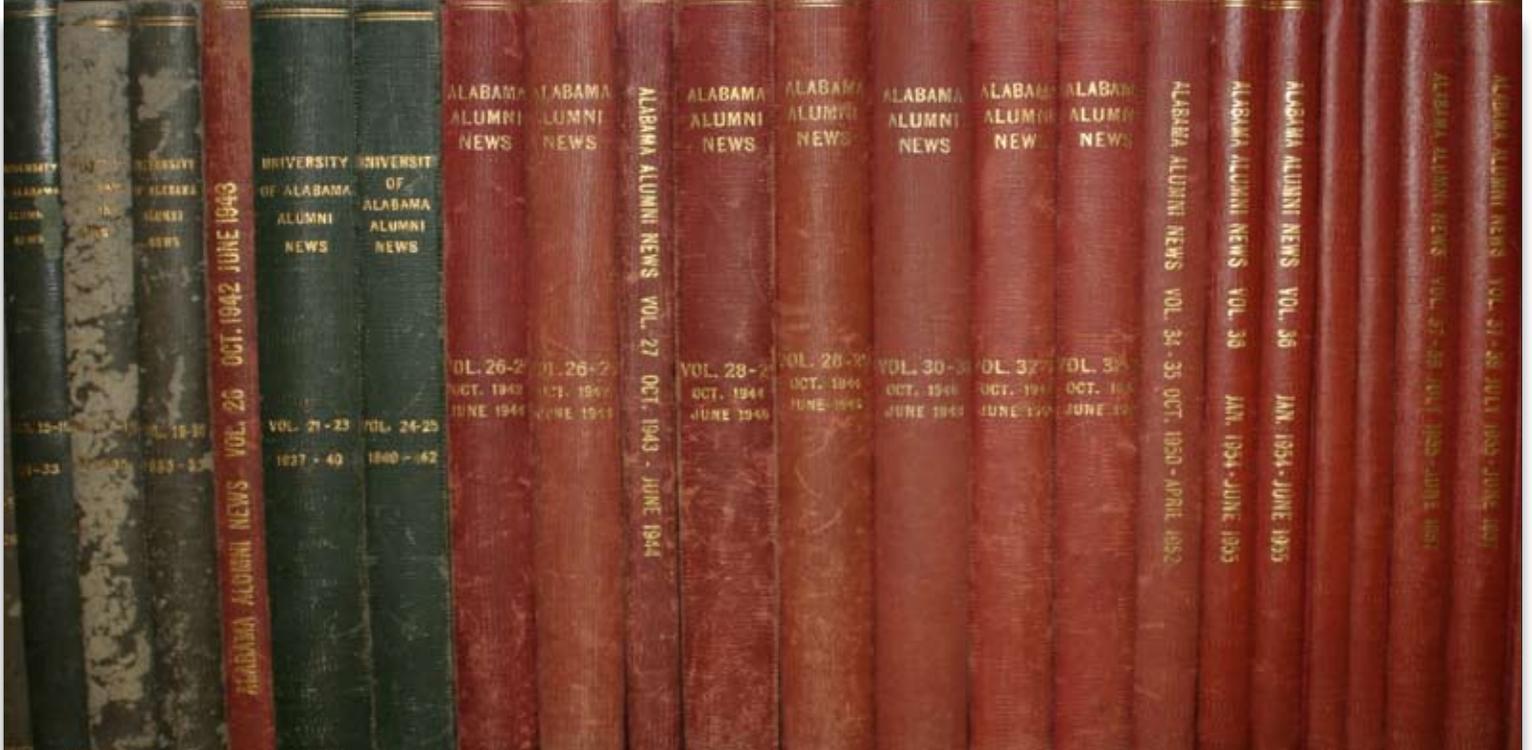


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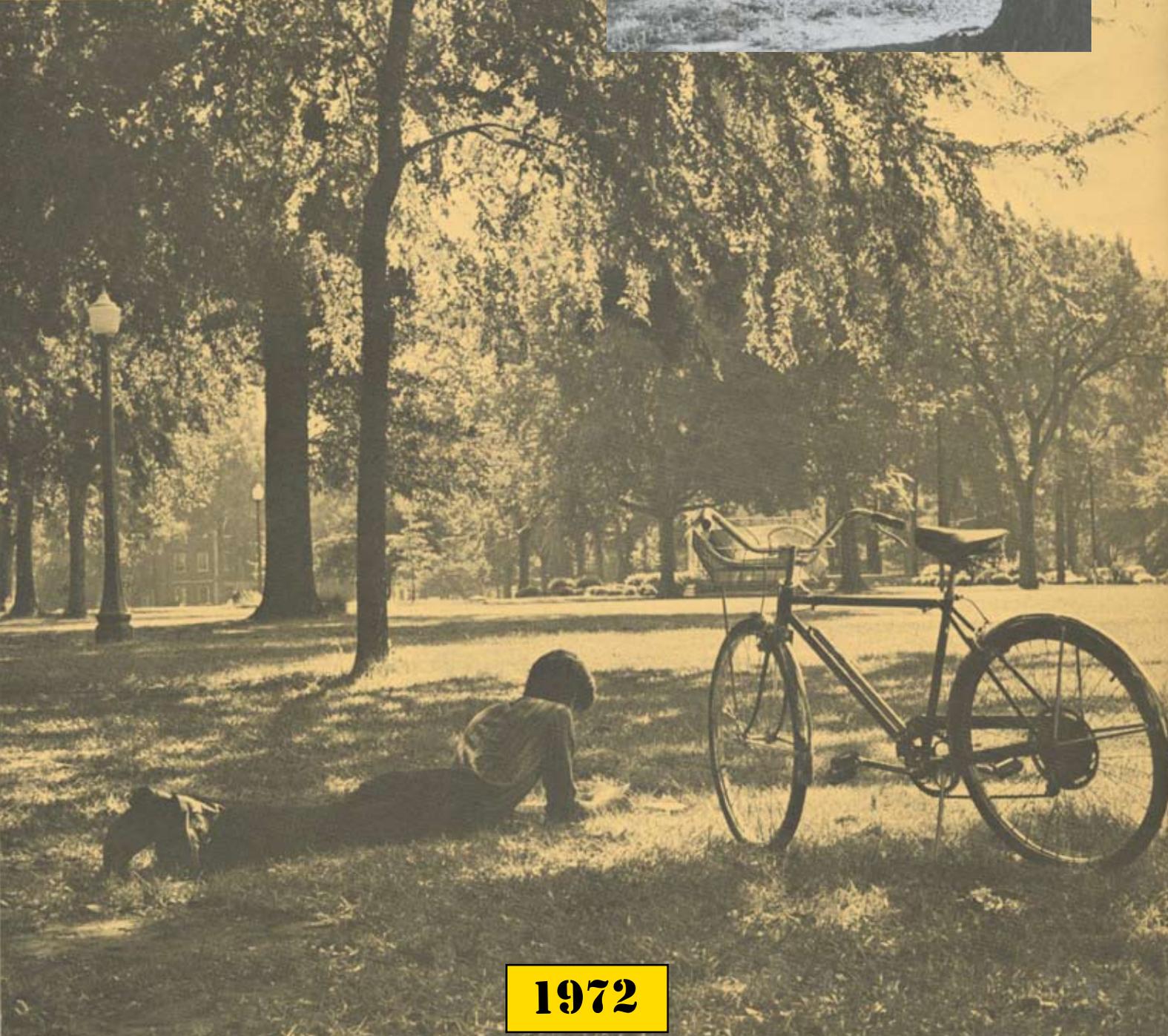
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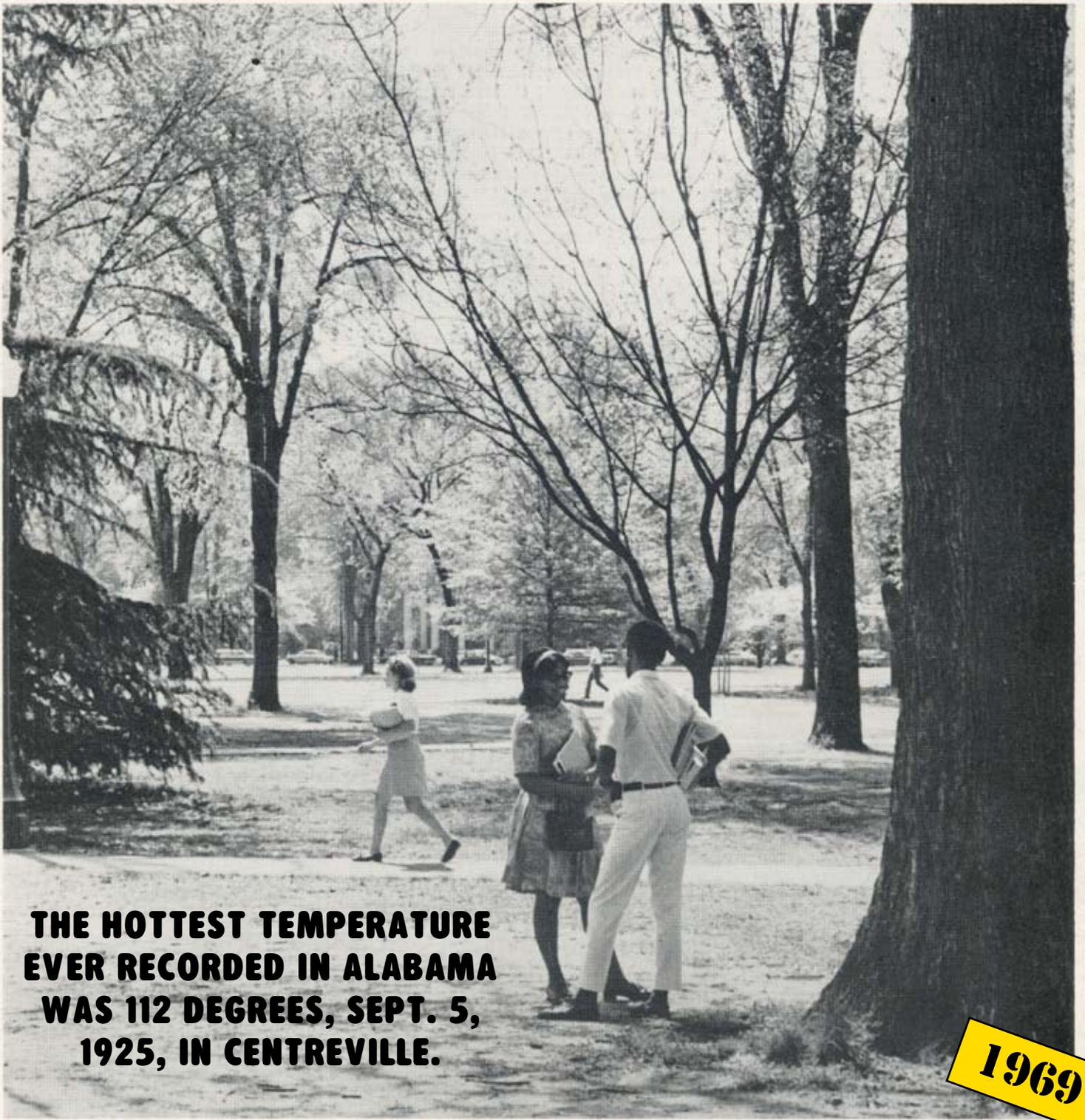
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SUN, SHADE AND SHADOWS



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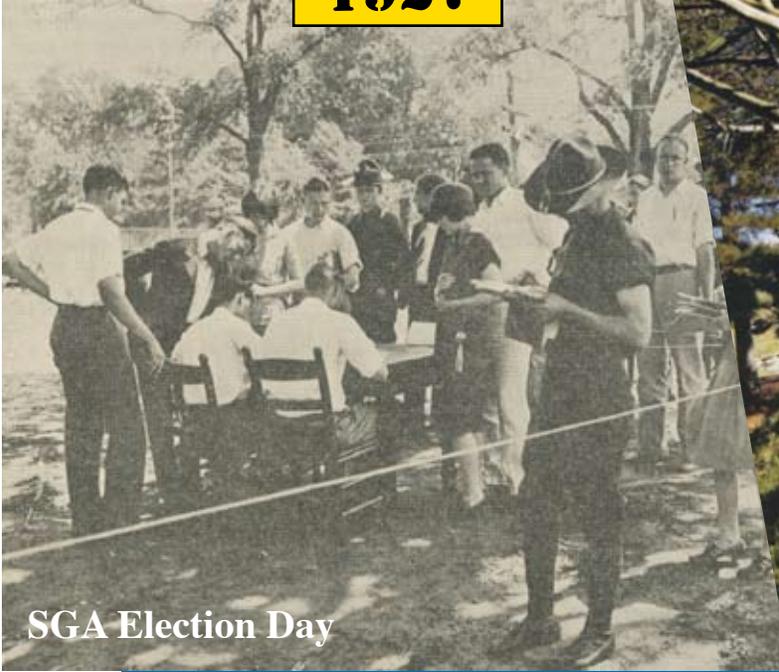




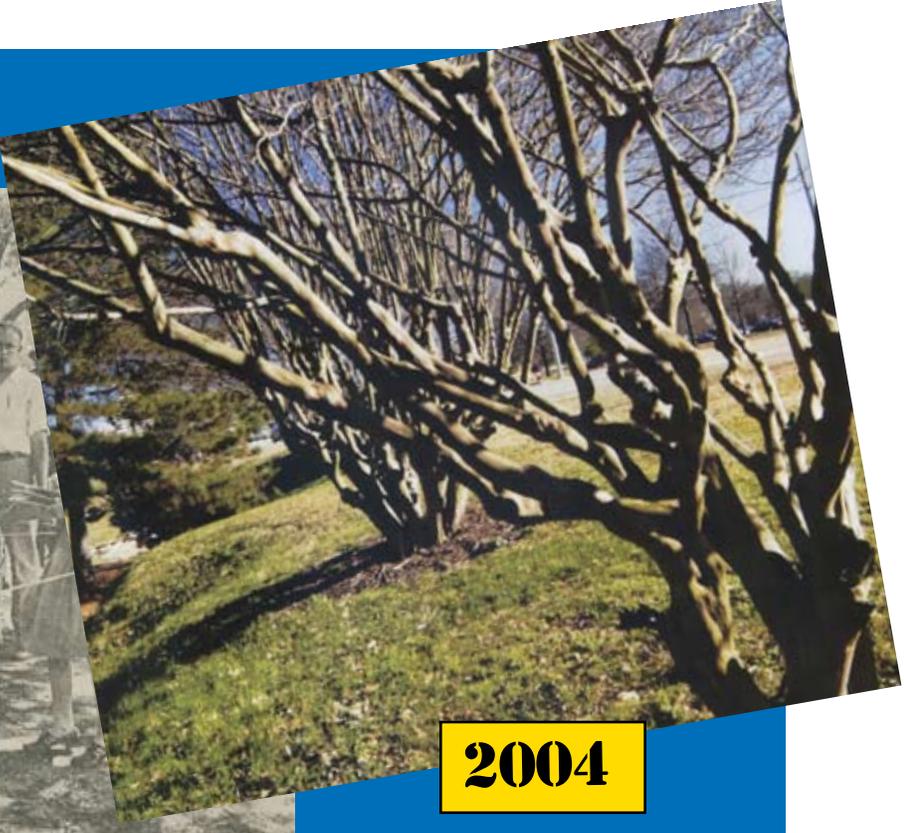
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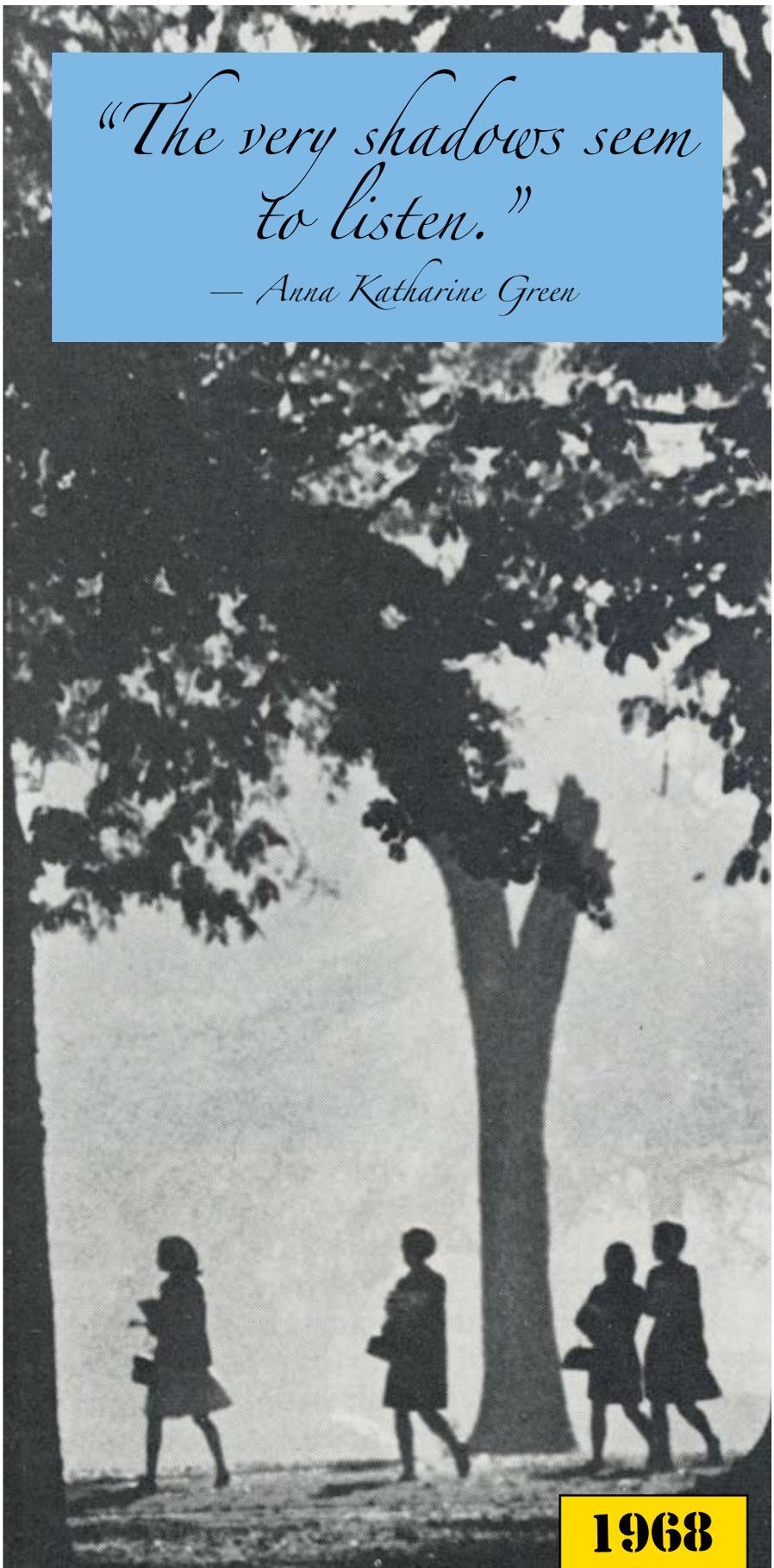


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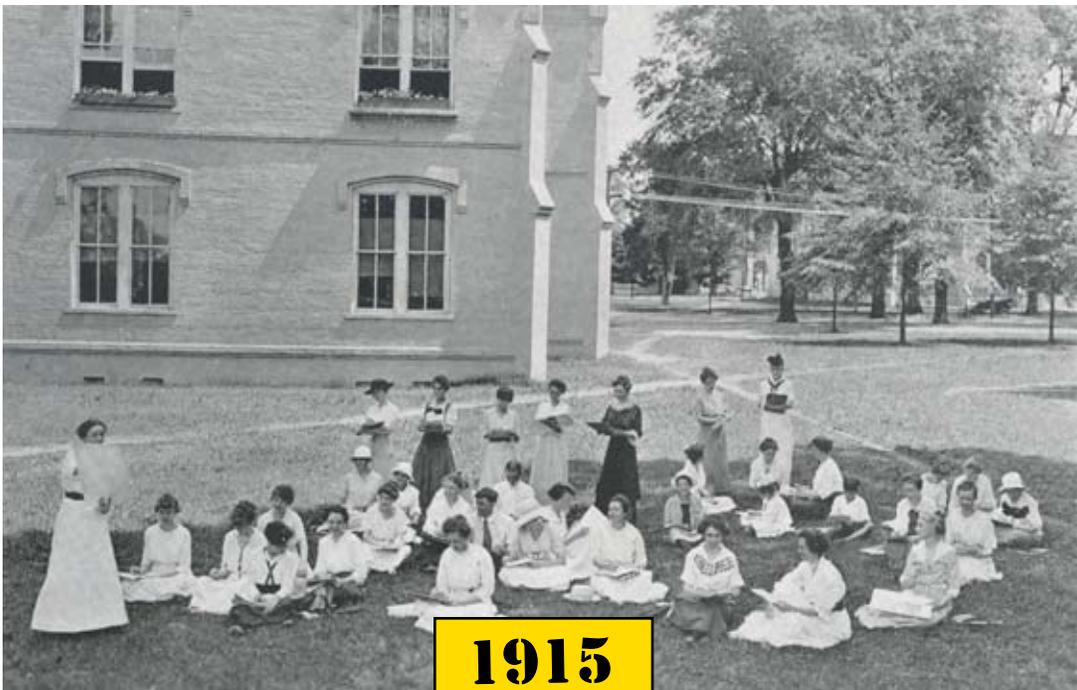
2004

1972



*“The very shadows seem
to listen.”*
— Anna Katharine Green

1968



1915

*“The sun lay like a friendly arm
across her shoulder.”*

—Margorie Kinnan Rawlings

CAPSTONE

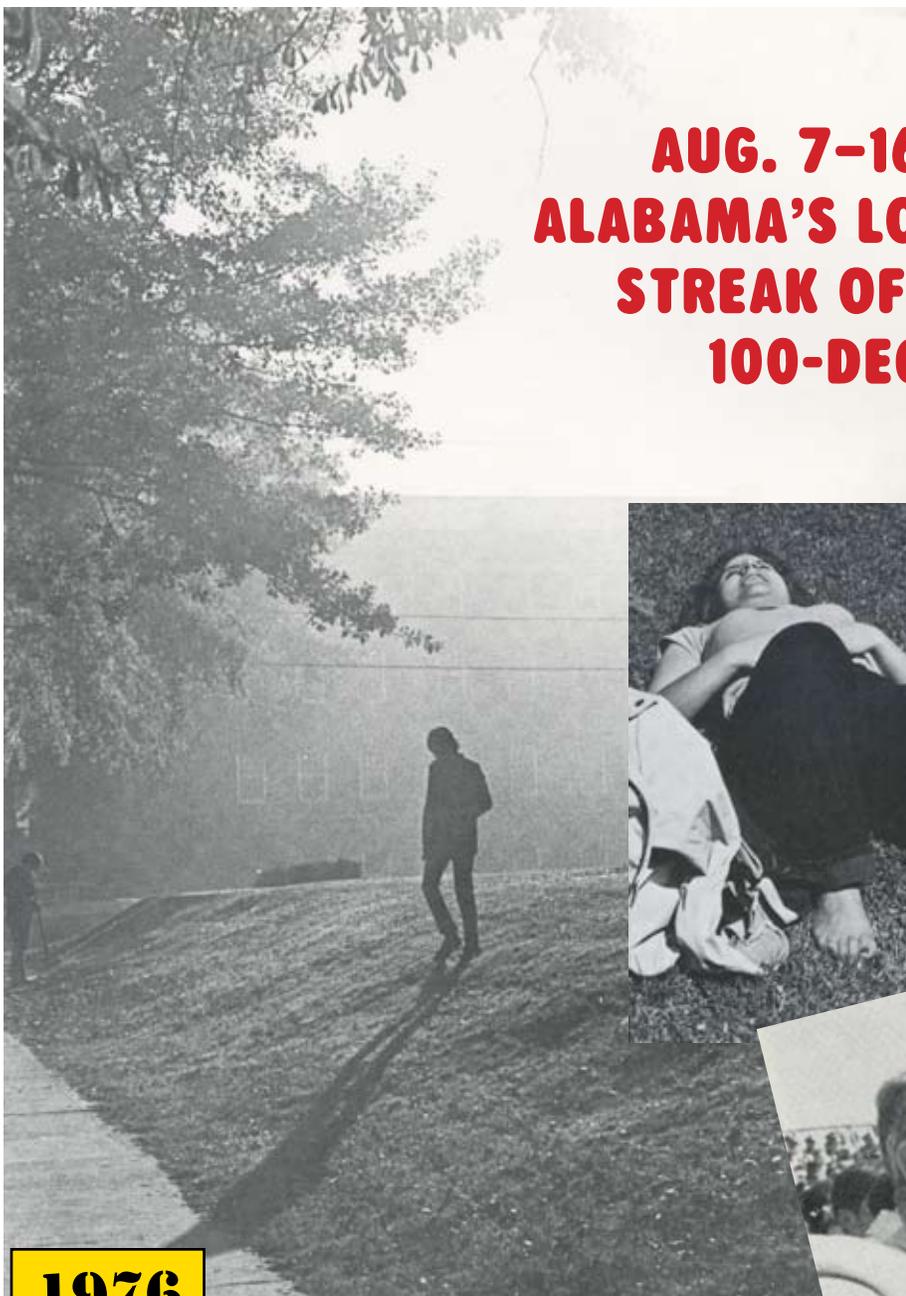


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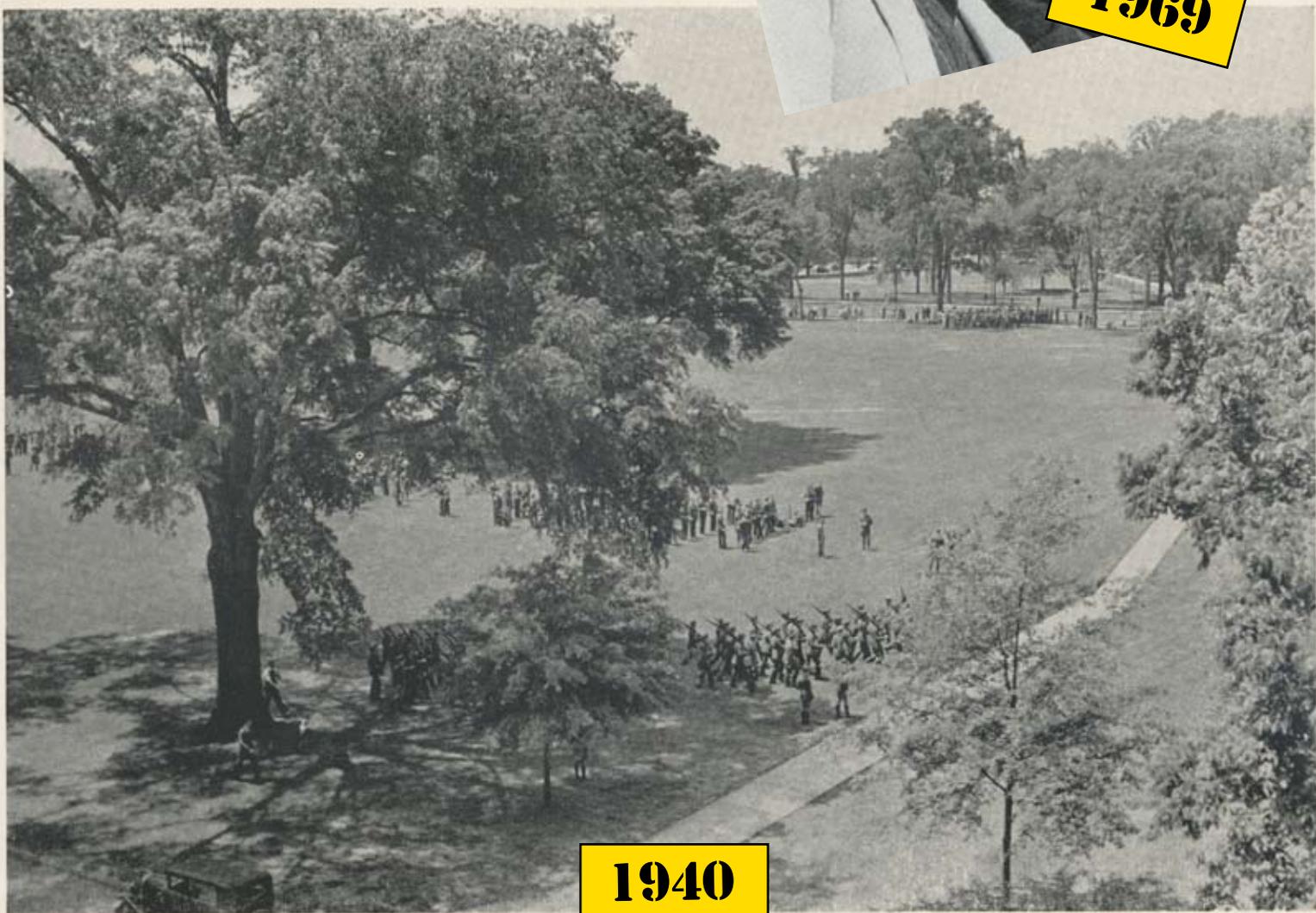
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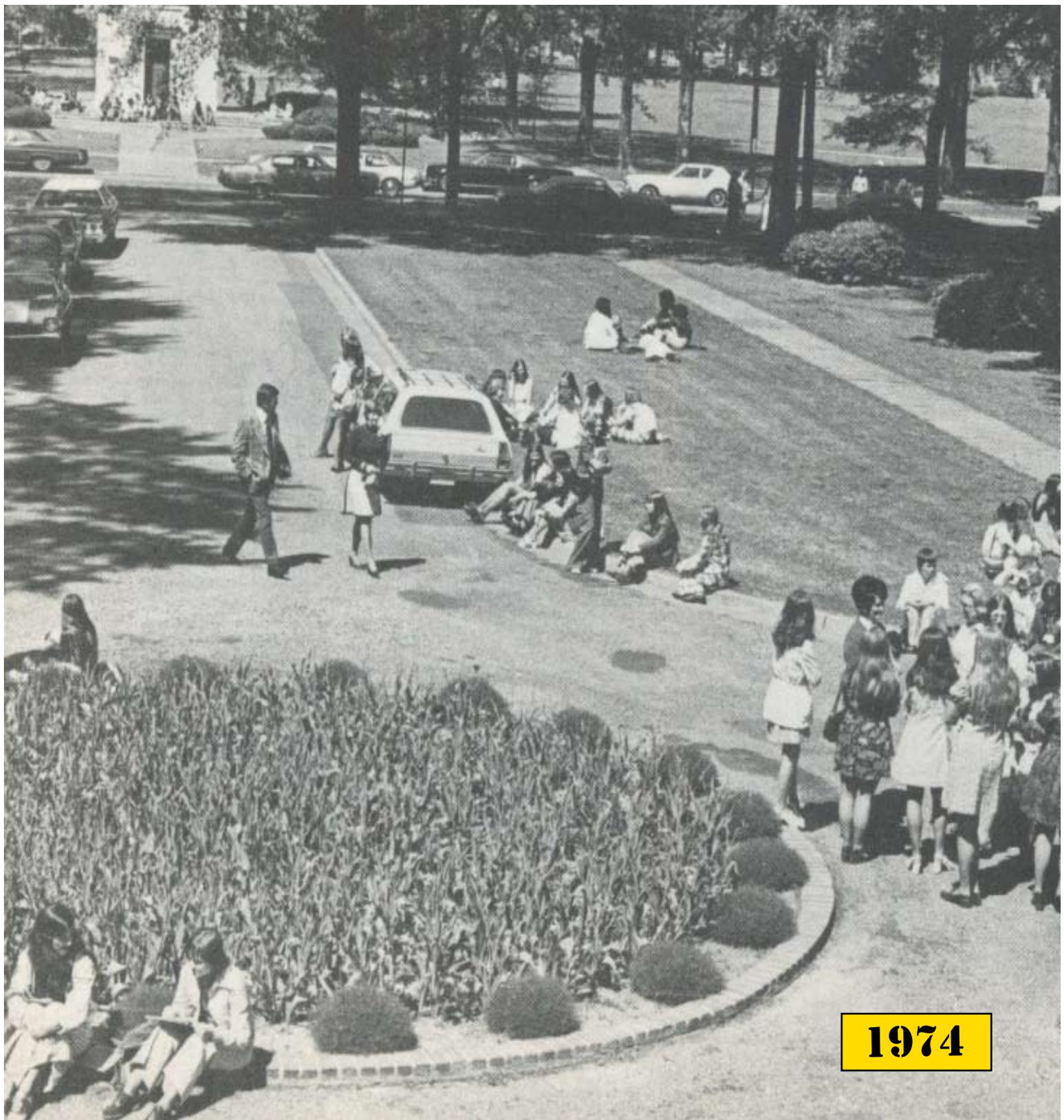


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CAMPUS SCENE



“All the statistics in the world can’t measure the warmth of a smile.”

—Chris Hart

Shelter From the Storm

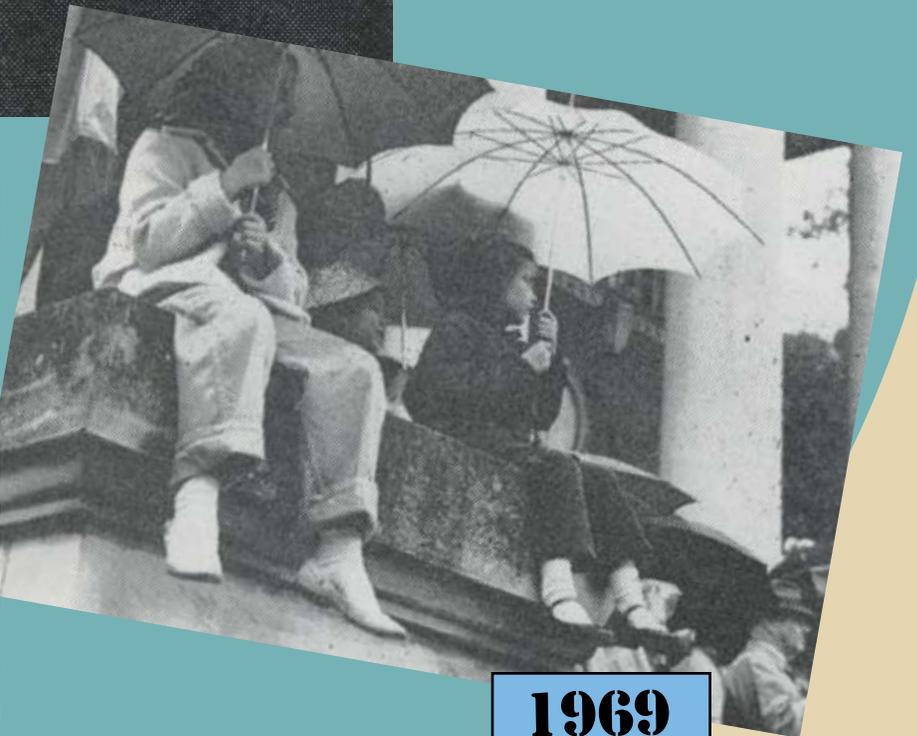
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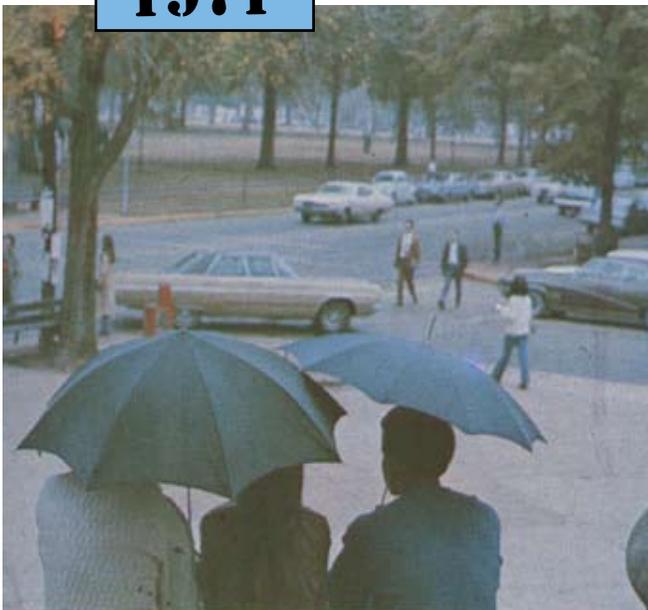
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"Anyone who says sunshine brings happiness has never danced in the rain."



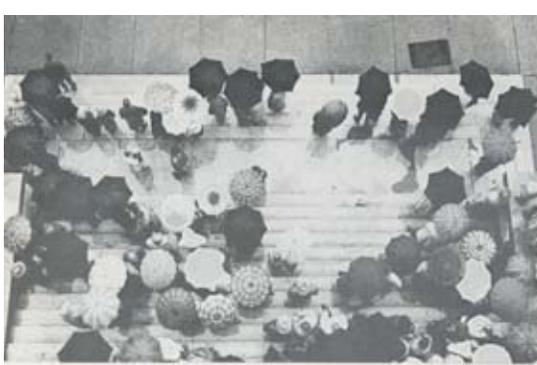
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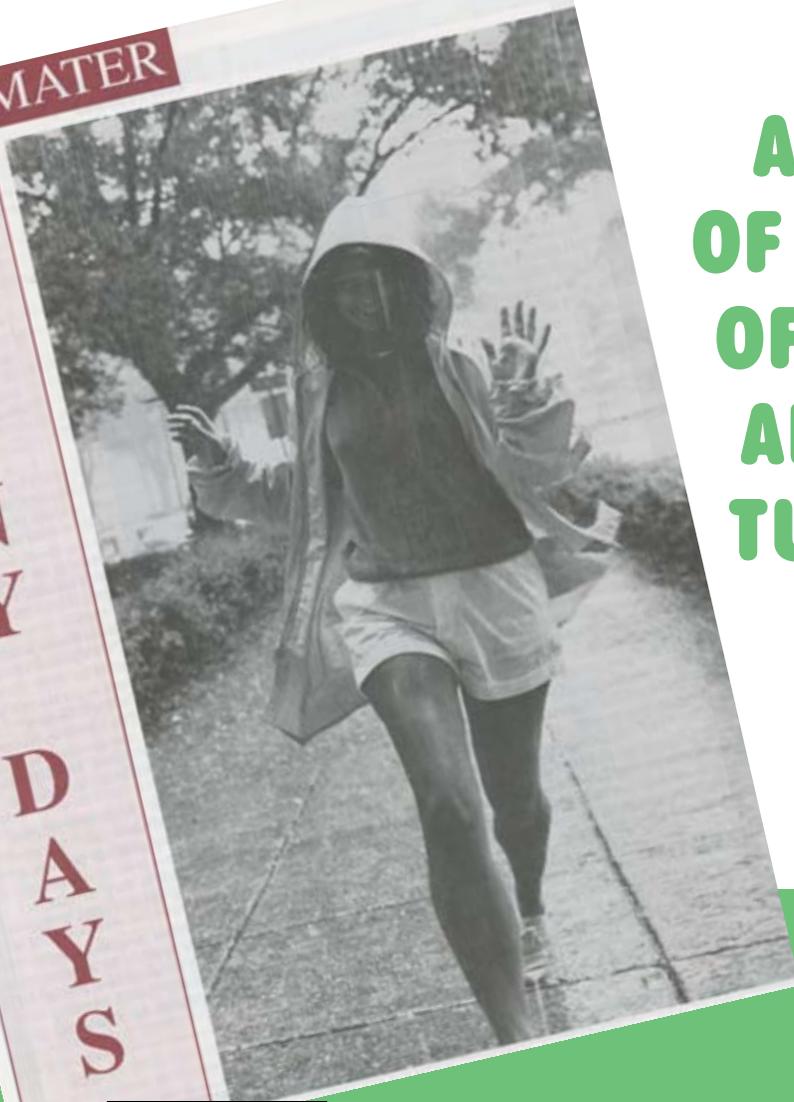


MORE SCENES FROM A RAINY WEEKEND WHICH SAW ALABAMA'S FOOTBALL STATUS SOAR TO SECOND IN THE NATION



ALMA MATER

RAINY DAYS



1989

AN AVERAGE OF 53.8 INCHES OF RAIN FALLS ANNUALLY IN TUSCALOOSA.



1972

On The Quadrangle

“Everybody talks about the weather, but nobody does anything about it,” said Mark Twain. Talking about the weather is a well-established American custom—and perhaps in Mark Twain’s day, nobody could do anything about it. The girls below however were not deterred in their trek to classes by the cooling showers Mother Nature thoughtfully provided this summer. The University itself did something about the weather, too; Harris Hall (formerly Colonial Hall) was air conditioned, the first girl’s dormitory to be done.

Altogether summer school 1955 was pleasant. The University symphony band continued their twilight “on the mall” concerts (see page 10 about new band uniforms); enrollment was up; and many visitors came to the campus for conferences and short courses.

The Bermuda shorts that were expected to be the uniform of the day for men on campus were few and far between. The shy males seemed less eager to wear the short pants than was predicted. Hot weather or no, the boys still preferred their khakis and denims, and the “college hots” remained hot.

**“I am sure it is
a great mistake
always to know
enough to go in
when it rains.”**

—Adeline Knapp



1955



1915

1989



“There’s always a period of curious fear between the first sweet-smelling breeze and the time when the rain comes cracking down.”

—Don Delillo

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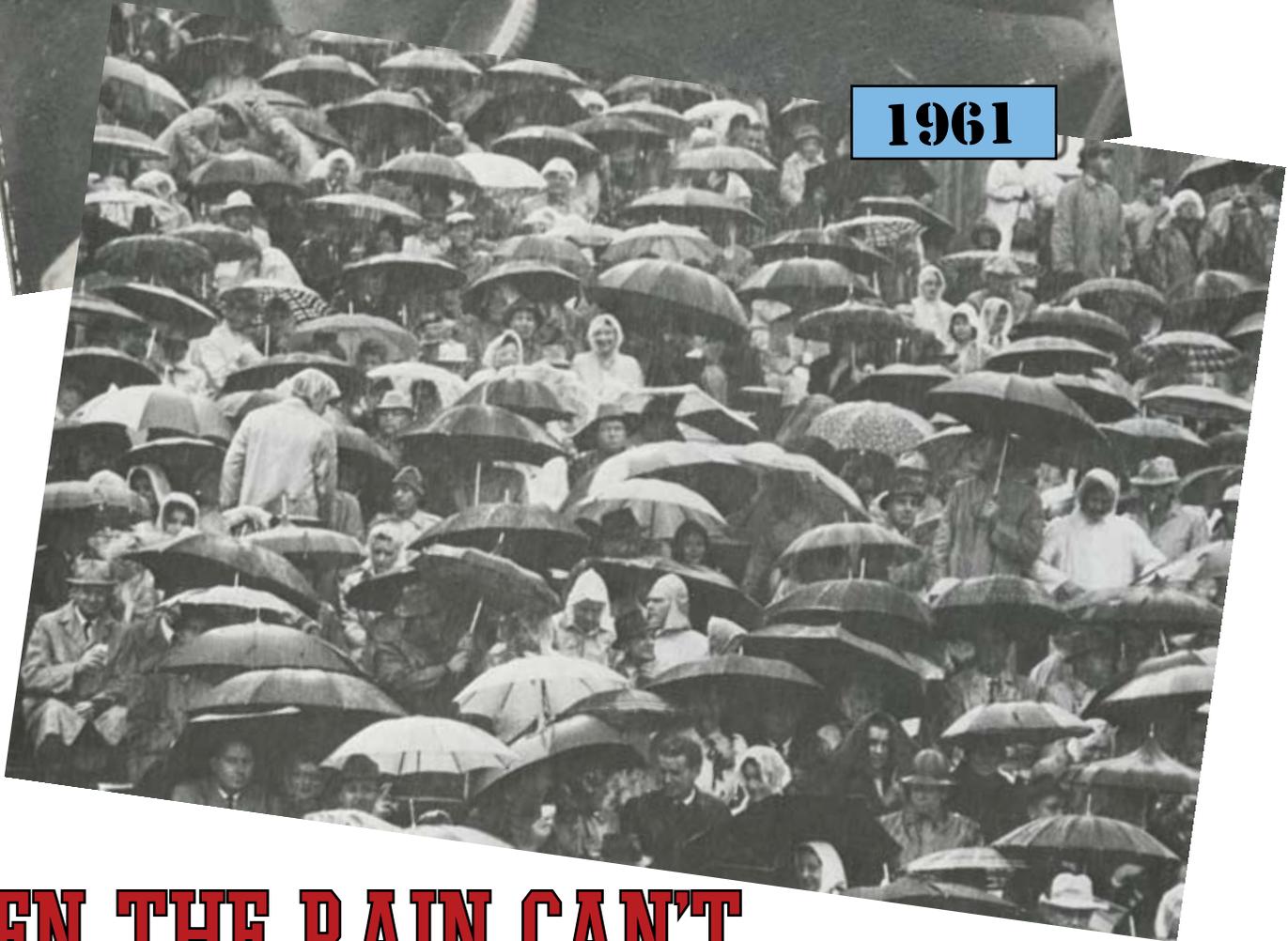
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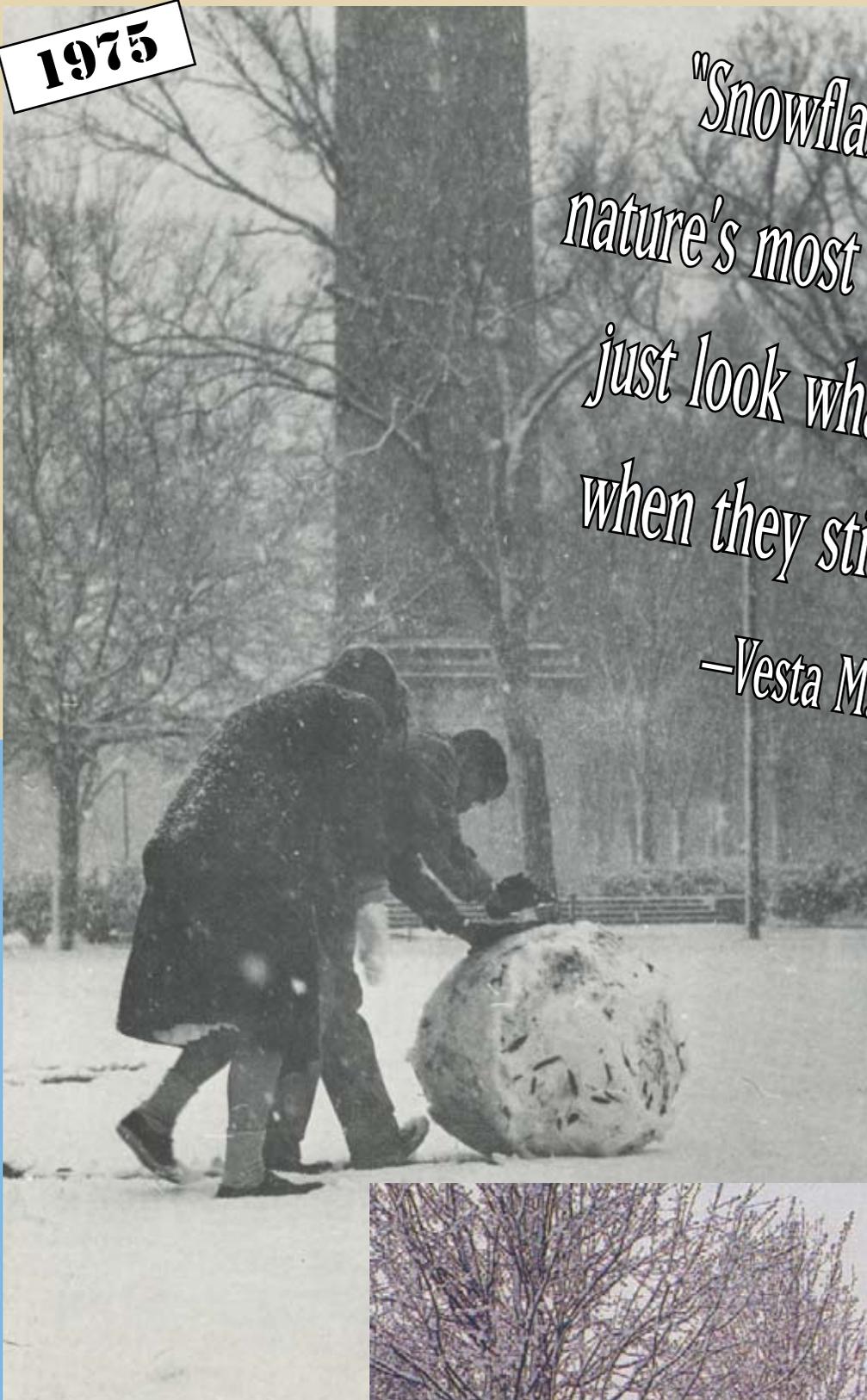
1961



**EVEN THE RAIN CAN'T
STOP THE CRIMSON TIDE!**

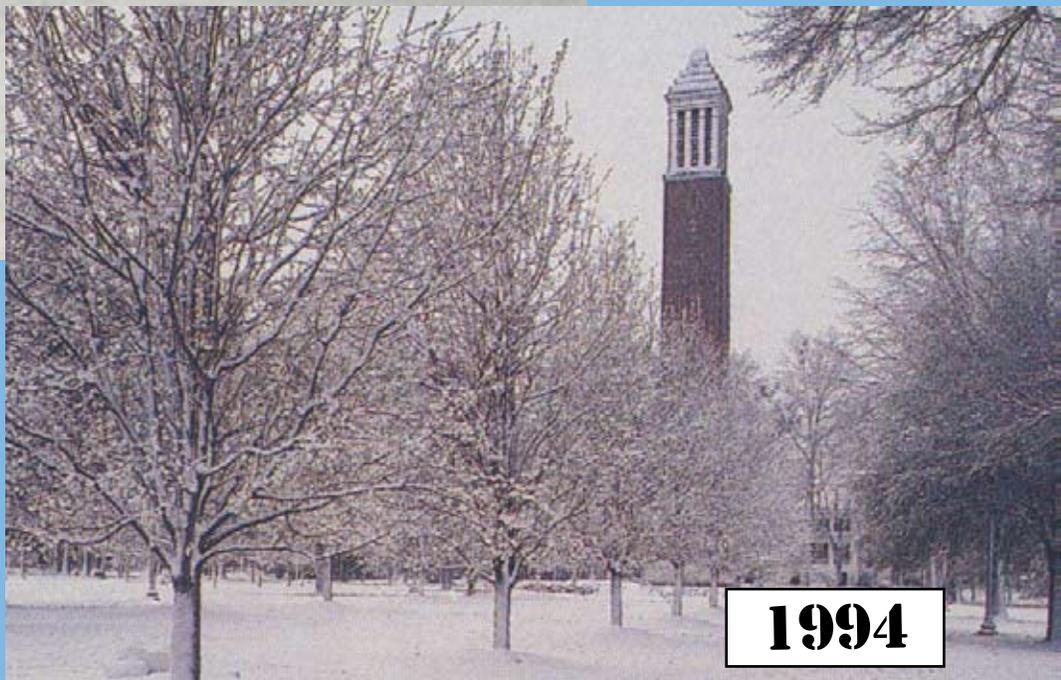
RARE BLANKETS OF WHITE

1975

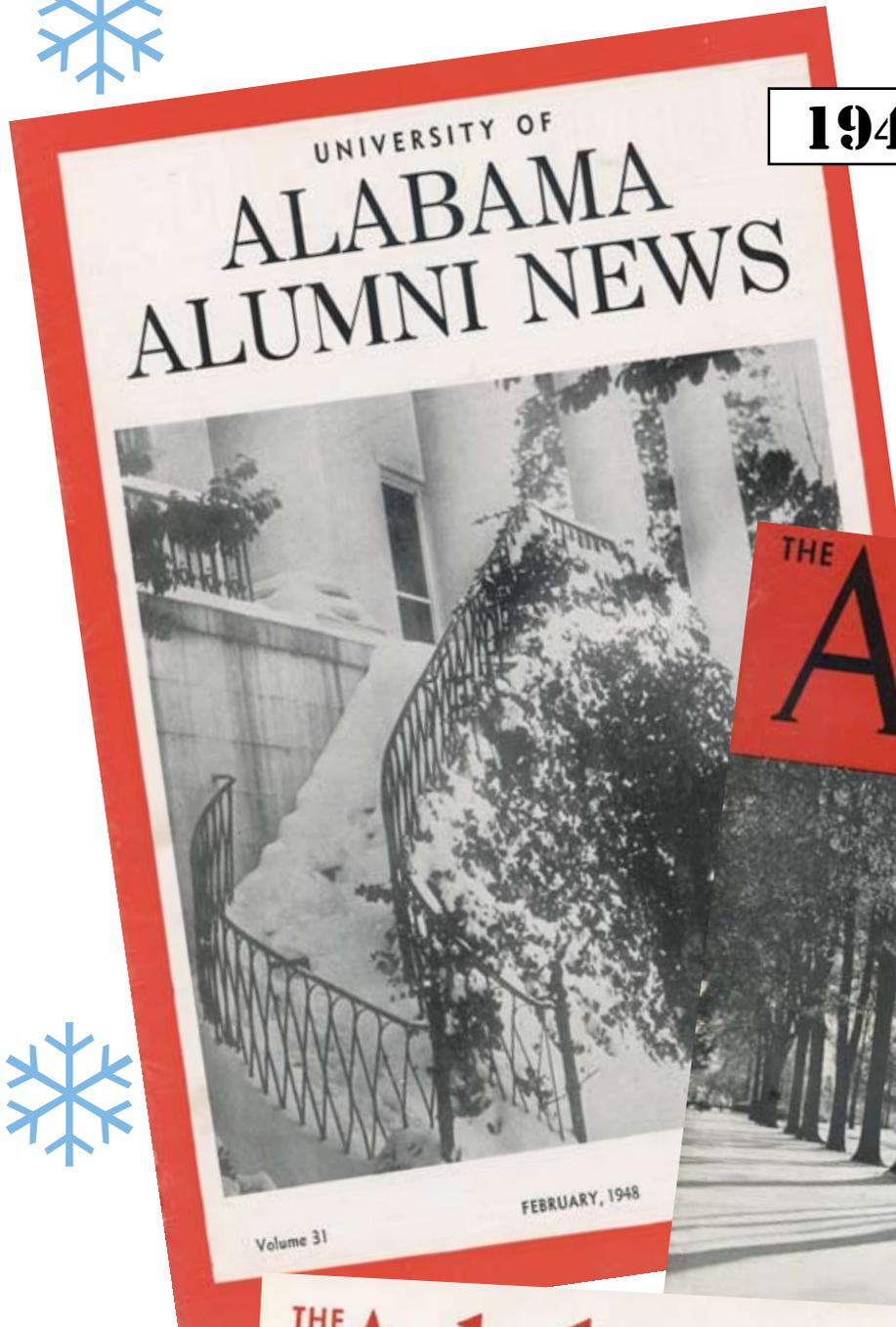


"Snowflakes are one of nature's most fragile things, but just look what they can do when they stick together."

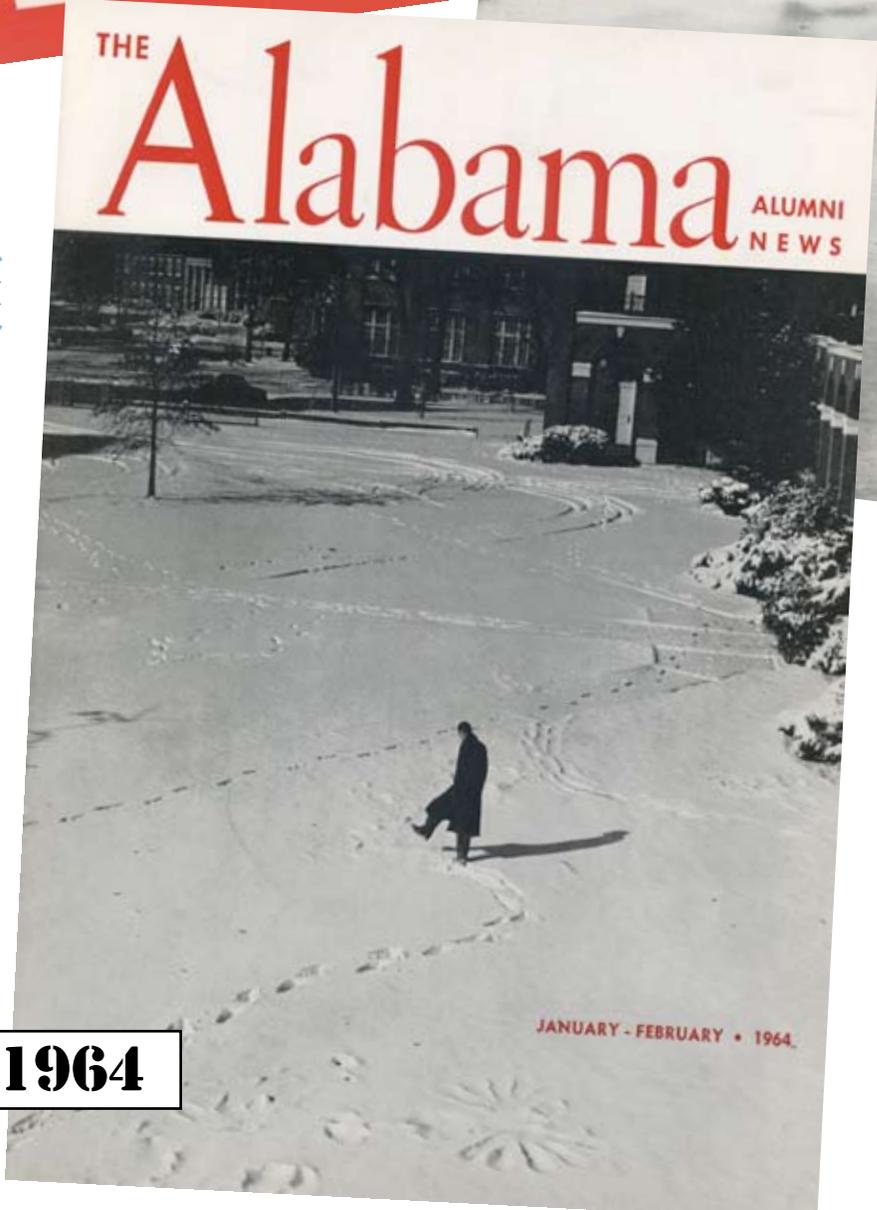
—Vesta M. Kelly



1994

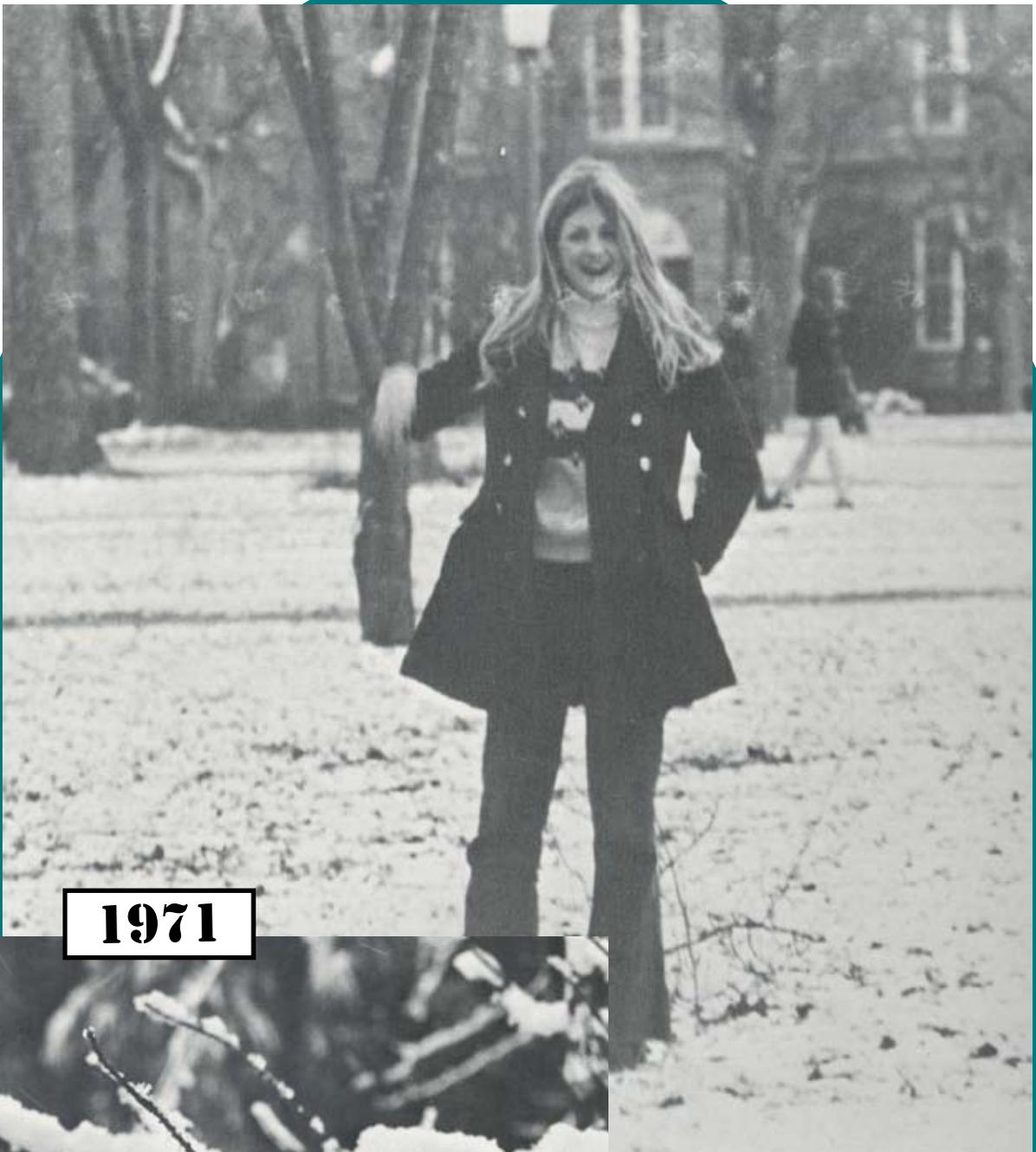


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1962

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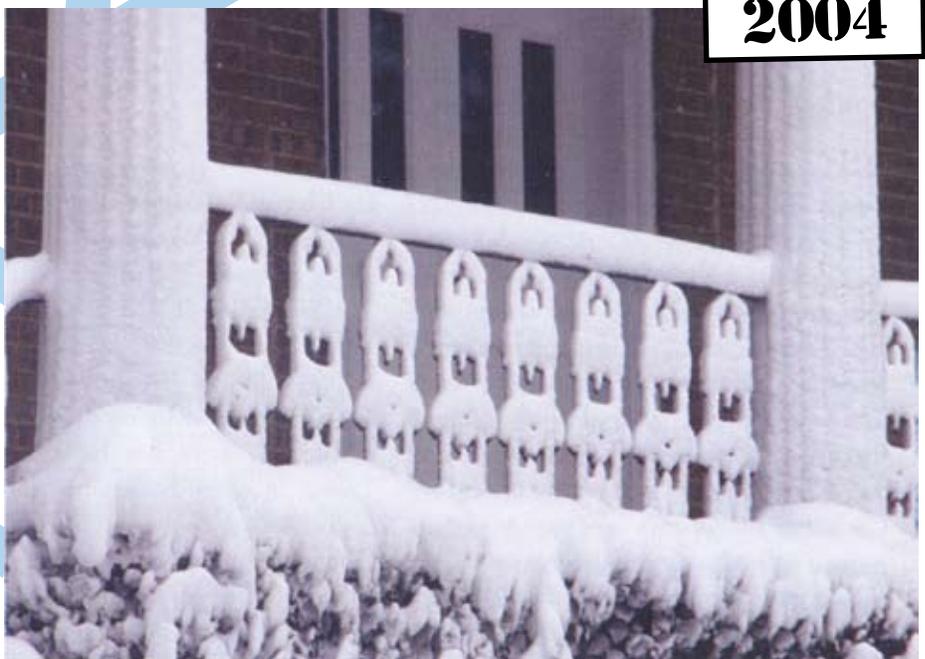


1955

“THE FIRST FALL OF SNOW IS NOT ONLY AN EVENT, IT IS A MAGICAL EVENT.”



1987



2004



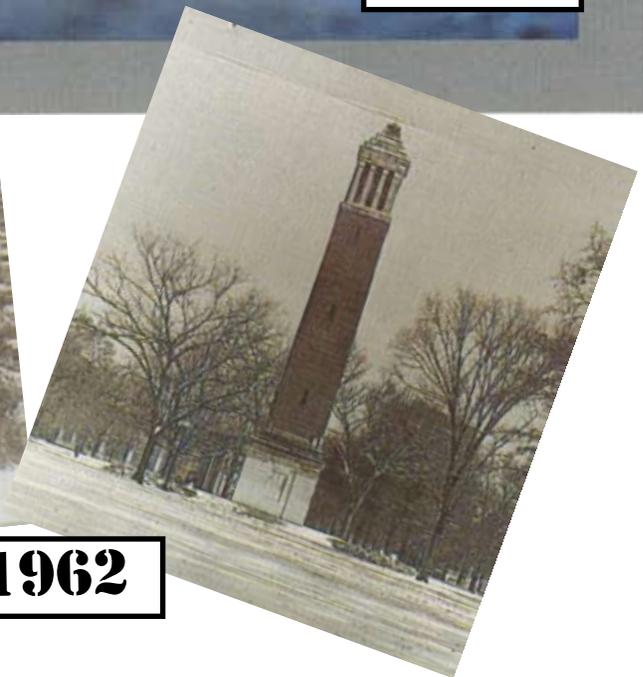
*"May your days be merry and bright,
and may all your Christmases be white."*

—Irving Berlin

1999



1962



Bama Snowjob

SNOW AT The University of Alabama? No, couldn't be. Snow doesn't come this far South. Well, it does and it did.

Four inches fell on the Capstone Tuesday, January 18, and the University closed for two days because of the unusual snowjob. With so many students involved in the huge snowball battle on the Quad, few people would realize the University was officially closed.

The pictures accompanying the story indicate the exhilaration of University students over the event. On the first day of the snowfall, some students were up as early as 3 a.m. chunking snowballs at one another. Then, the next day, this exhilaration spilled over onto University Boulevard.

Hundreds of students joined en masse in a snowball fight to end all snowball fights. Students stopped

cars coming down the boulevard, opened doors, and pelted the drivers with snowballs. Cars even towed students up and down the street on make-shift sleds. Some Volkswagens traveling down the boulevard were picked up and sent on their merry way back the way they came. And when the police came to break up the gathering, they found themselves involved in the antics.

Amazingly, no one was seriously injured, although the Student Health Center reported several students with sprained ankles or broken bones.

An unusual event for the University, the snow turned into a happening. One reason why students went so snow crazy may be because they have been wishing it would snow for several years, and when it finally came, they made good use of it.

B.N.

Below: After the snow is over, it's time for this coed to get back to class. Right, top: Watch out! Notice the snowball in this picture heading for a policeman. During the two days of the snow, policemen were known to have returned a few of those snowballs. Right, bottom: Any vehicle traveling down University Boulevard was fair game for the snowballers.



Bill Noblitt



Jim Cox



Chuck Snow

1977

**TUSCALOOSA HAS AN
AVERAGE OF 0.5 INCHES
OF SNOWFALL
EVERY YEAR.**

Crimson Seasons



2007

1999



1971

1988





The faculty steps high and rides low



Progress to class is lively

Studying is leisurely



Deans read the comics

IT MUST BE SPRING

The staff takes its coffee al fresco



Cords and seniors decorate the campus

Classes take a bus to the golf course

1957

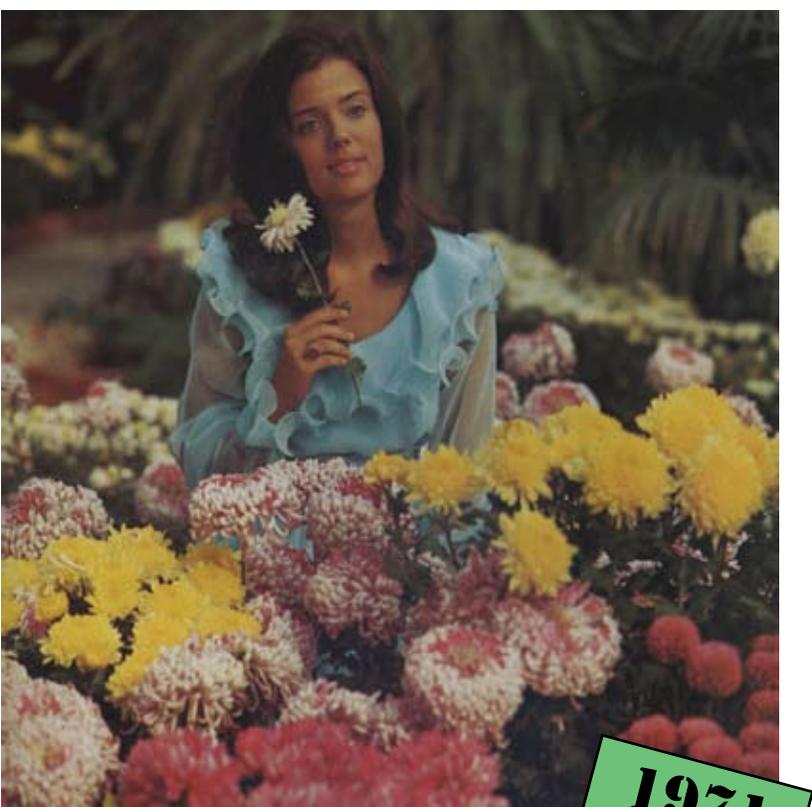
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1961

SPRING HAS MANY RITUALS

On a college campus they are likely to range from the ones that Nature contrives to the organized high spirits of Bama Day and the magic of discovering Easter Eggs in the shade of a tree on the Quadrangle.

March-April 1961

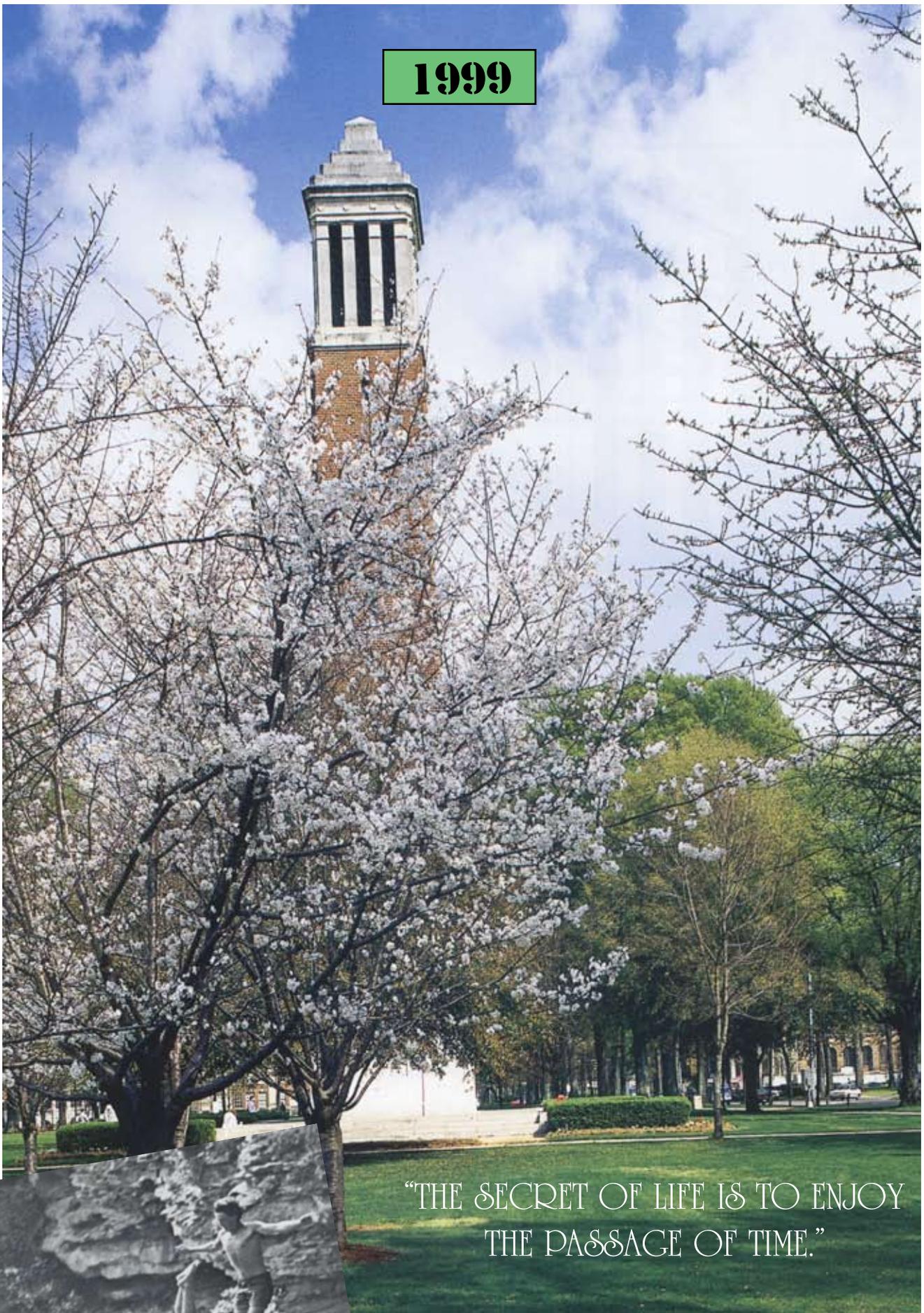


1971

“To be interested in the changing seasons is a happier state of mind than to be hopelessly in love with spring.”

—George Santayana

1999



“THE SECRET OF LIFE IS TO ENJOY
THE PASSAGE OF TIME.”

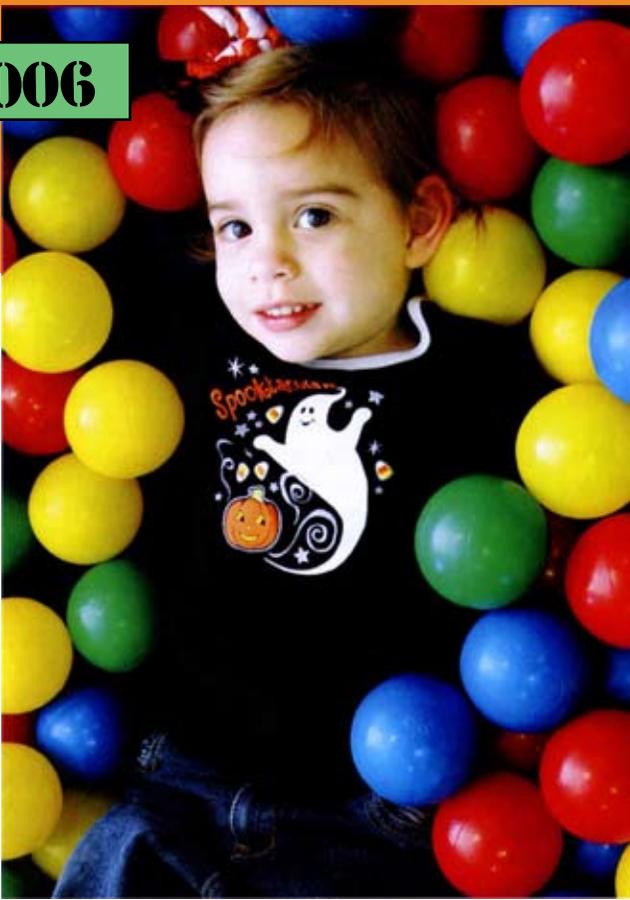


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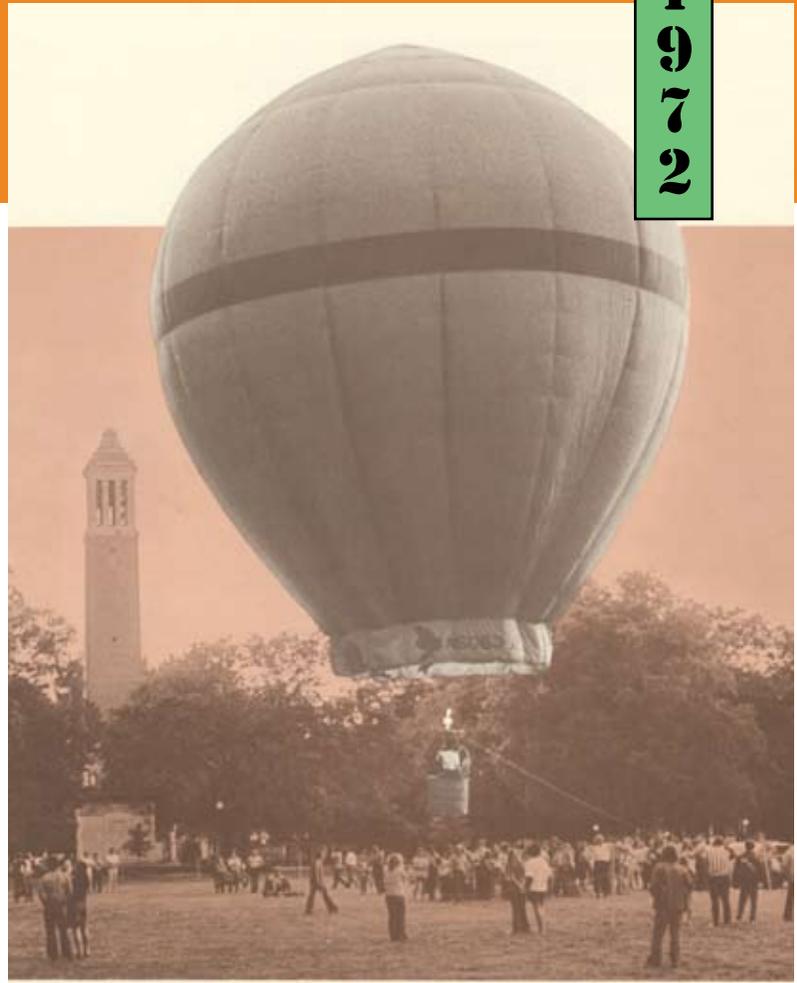


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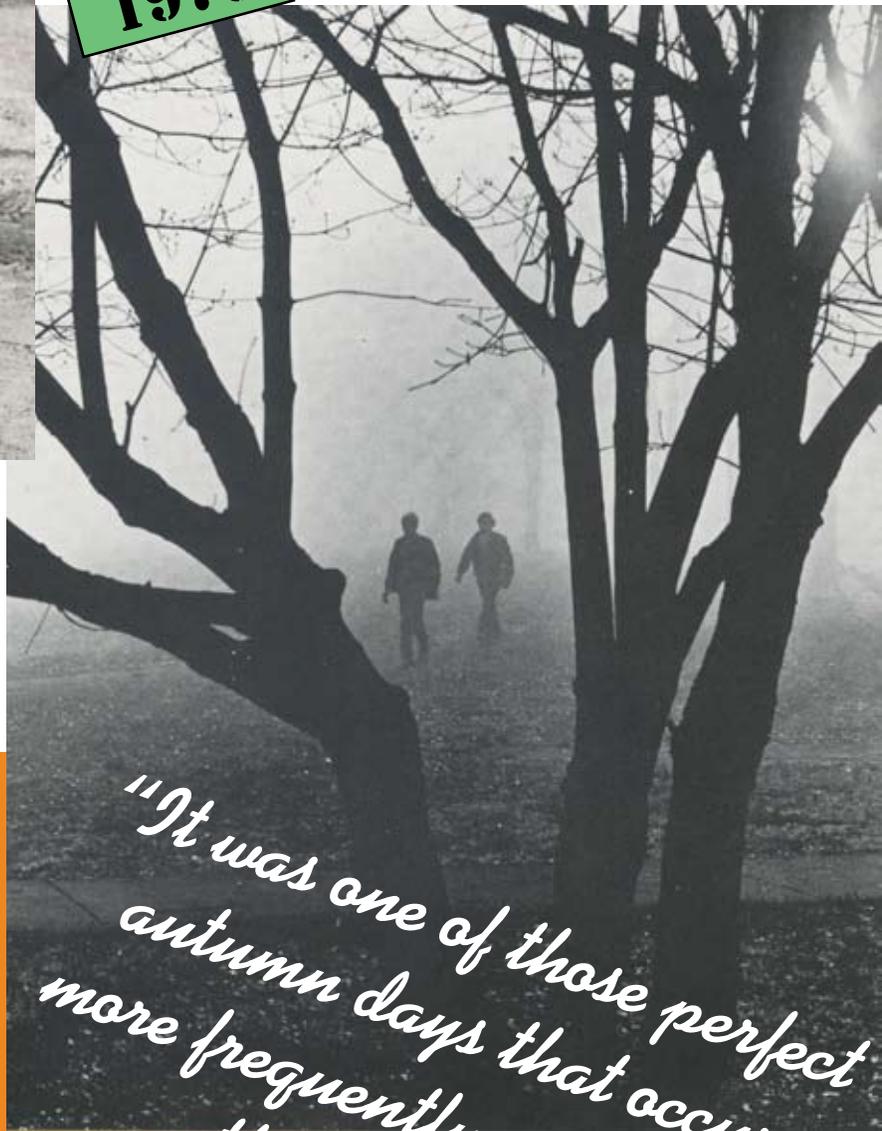
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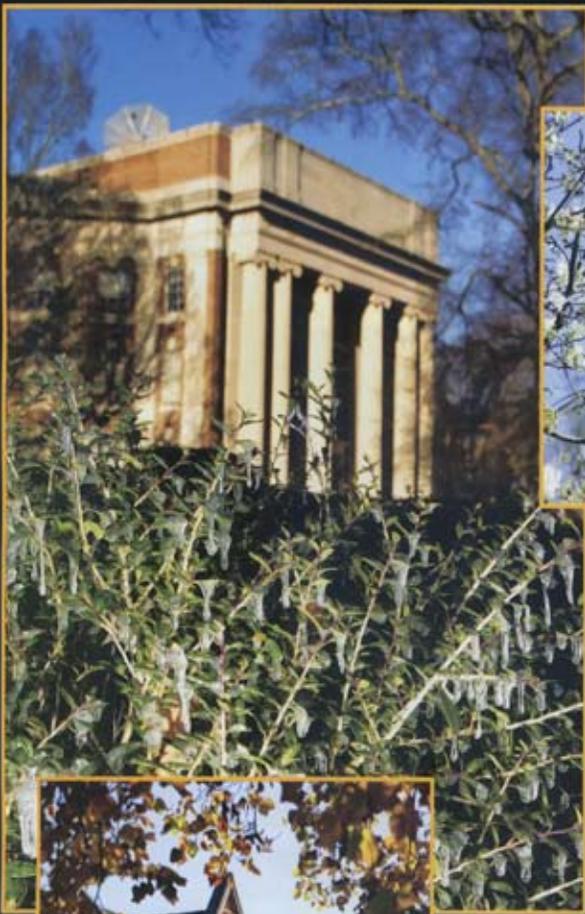
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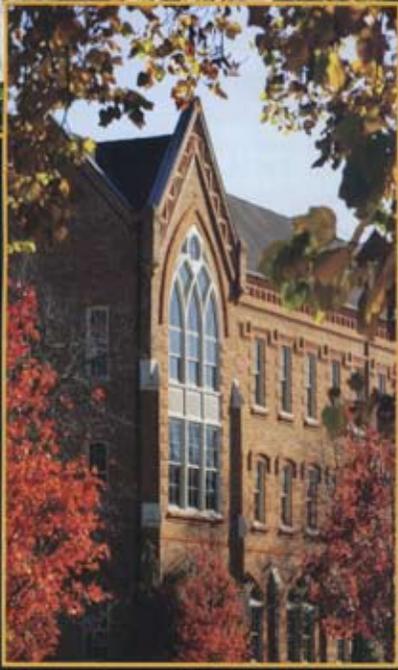
*"It was one of those perfect autumn days that occur more frequently in memory than in life."
—P.D. James*

1950





Clockwise from top right: Bradford pear blossoms grace many areas of the University of Alabama campus in the spring; vibrant blooms of crepe myrtles are a sign that summer has returned to the South; Clark Hall is framed by fall foliage; on a winter day, droplets of ice decorate tea olive leaves near Graves Hall.



2004

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2007

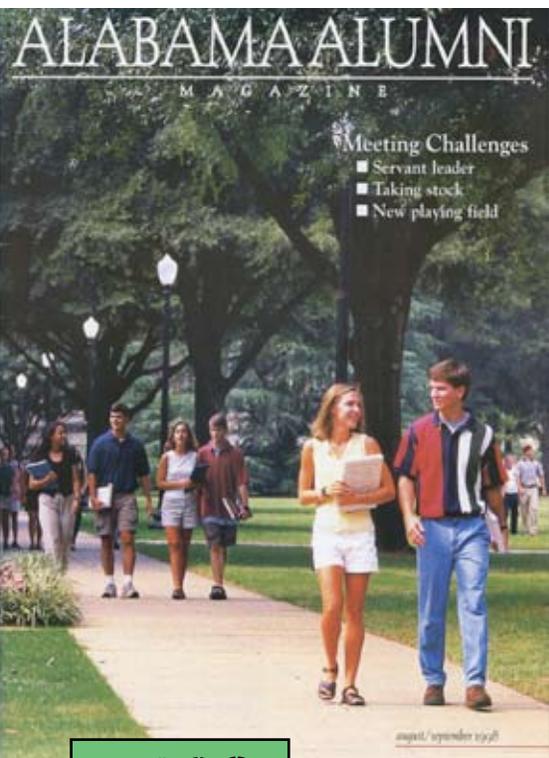


Sunday Morning (Painting by Evan Wilson; www.evanwilson.net)

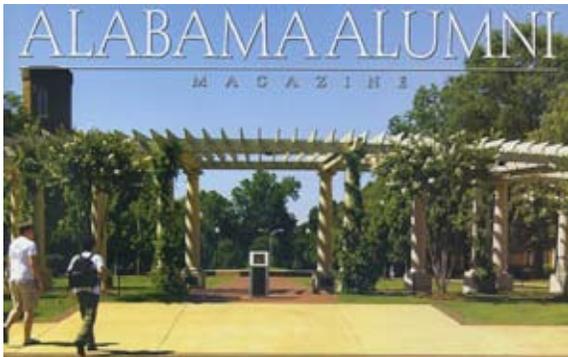


Flowers spill onto the sidewalks leading to the Gorgas House, the University's oldest building. Built in 1829, the home remained a private residence for the Gorgas family until 1953. The home is open Monday- p.m.-5 p.m., and on Sunday from 3 p.m.-5 p.m. Admission is free.

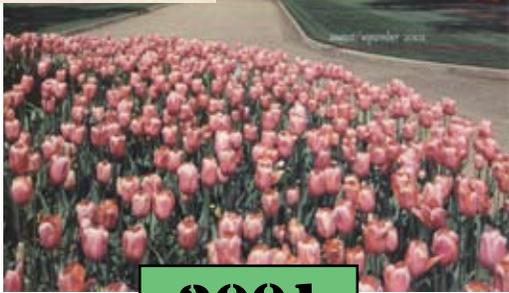
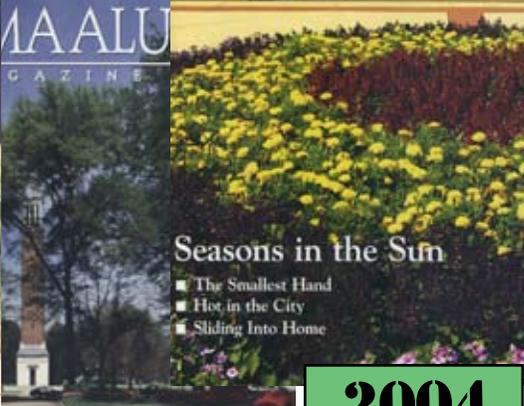
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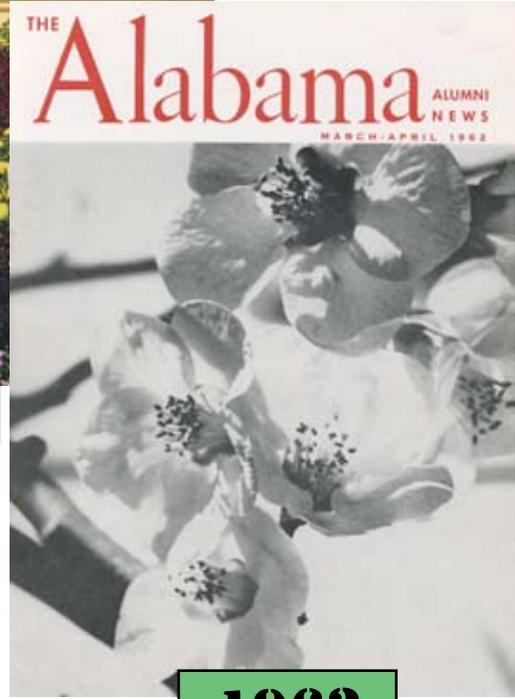
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1962

2008



“I was born with a love for weather. I love everything from thunderstorms to brilliantly sunny autumn days.”

—James Spann