A CUT ABOVE

Sharing the Capstone’s decades of distinctions as covered in the pages of the Alabama Alumni Magazine.
Breaking Ground for the New Library

At the conclusion of the alumni exercises in Morgan Hall the crowd of alumni and friends of the University in general adjourned to the spot on the campus chosen for the new library building to be named for Mrs. Amelia G. Gorgas, for so many years the loved librarian of the University. The first spadeful of earth was dug by Miss Mary Gorgas, daughter of Mrs. Gorgas and assistant librarian of the University. The address of the occasion was delivered by Hon. John A. Rogers, '81, of Gainesville. Mr. Rogers said:

"In the little village of Greensboro in the heart of the historic Black Belt, not far from the banks of the Tombigbee river on June the first in the year of our Lord, 1826, Amelia Ross Gayle, first visited the earth. She remained to bless the world for more than eighty years.

THE DEDICATION of Farrah Hall on Home coming Day was an event of importance to the state and the south. The University's law school has stood out ever since its inauguration in 1874 yet it has gone forward under many handicaps. Gradually it has been carried to the front rank and with its present three year course superimposed upon two years of academic work, with its equipment, library, and list of teachers at the very top, headed by the able dean for whom the building is named, it seems destined to much larger usefulness to the University and to the people of the state.

University's Aviation School

Alabama's part in the President's huge aviation program will be carried on in the scenes above. Top left is Tuscaloosa's new and modern airport. Here trainees will take their first hops. Top right is a section of the laboratory where students will work. Bottom left shows the wind tunnel in operation and the new engineering building is pictured at bottom right. In the background is one of the Army's speed ships.

Dedication of Denny Chimes

THE DEDICATION of the Deany Chimes occurred at the Chimes Tower at 5 o'clock Monday afternoon. The rain that fell until the hour for the exercises reduced the number of people attending but there was a goodly audience gathered in front of the tower and the streets near by were lined with people in automobiles. The exercises were presided over by Governor Graves, who spoke of the pleasure it gave him as the chief executive of the state to be present on this interesting occasion, praising the movement that brought about the securing of the chimes and the man for whom they were named.

Dr. Geo. Lang delivered the invocation and Jerome Britney spoke for the student body, having been the chairman of the student committee that raised the money for the Chimes, though it is well known that Britney himself was the main factor in the movement. He received able assistance from Lewis Smith and Hugh Dowling and many students and members of the faculty. He told of the inception of the movement to purchase the chimes and how it had finally been brought to such fine completion.
Honors Come to Capstone

1955

Debaters Are Tops In The Nation

Champion debaters (second and third from left) Dennis Holt, Birmingham, and Ellis Storer, Jr., Columbus, Gr., returned to the campus April 26 bearing a silver trophy for the 1955 first place award from the West Point National Invitational Debate Tournament. A festive welcome was given the team and their coach, Miss Anabel Haggard (second from right) by classmates and faculty at the train station. Pictured are Dr. T. Earle Johnson (left), head of the speech department; Walter Flowers (center in white coat), president of the Student Government Association; and Walt Whitaker, program director of the radio and television broadcasting services. The debate subject: “Resolved: That the U. S. should extend diplomatic recognition to the Communist government of China.” Taking the affirmative side for five debates and the negative for five, the finals for the winning team were decided negatively. There were 36 teams in the competition at West Point following nationwide competitive eliminations.
A Real Plus

Sometimes 2 + 2 equals a lot more than just four: Peggy Coulter's (60, M.S., Ed. Ph.D.) knowledge of mathematics on a somewhat more advanced level, carried her national honors as a winner of one of Alabama's two Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Teaching. The award brought not only honor and prestige to Coulter, but her school and her students as well.

The Presidential Award is designed to honor the outstanding contributions the winners have made in the areas of science and math teaching. Only two teachers, one in science and one in math, were chosen from each state, but Coulter is modest about her achievement. She told a local newspaper that she felt her award was a reflection of the entire math department of her school. Central High School, East in Tuscaloosa. She is chair of that six-person department.

"I feel like I'm representing the school and the math department," she said, noting that where she has begun only four years ago, and "I've developed from nothing" to one of the top ten schools in the state. Trine of Central's math teams recently all placed in the top ten in a statewide tournament. Despite Coulter's modesty, she had obviously had an impact on the department: She teaches three physics classes, one in trigonometry, and one advanced algebra.

In the afternoons she works with the math teams, in what might be called extracurricular activities, she sponsors the Honor Society, organizes the annual Honors Day for students, and is vice-president/president-elect of the Alabama Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

She took a break from all of this in October to make a trip to Washington, D.C., to receive her award. During her 4-day stay, she attended a congratulatory ceremony at the White House hosted by President Reagan. Another reception was held for the winners by the National Academy of Sciences and the National Science Teachers Association. The president of the National Academy of Sciences, the Secretary of Education, and the science advisor to the president were on hand to congratulate the winners.

Coulter is now back in Tuscaloosa, but her award is still good news to the school. In addition to Coulter's award, the National Science Foundation awarded $5,000 to each winner's school to be used for "supplemental but not replace other resources for use in improving core science and mathematics programs." The money is a savings fund for the present, but it might be used to supplement the $5,000 computer system donated by IBM to the school as an additional prize.

The bonus Coulter brought to the school might help her in another goal—convincing students that they need a stronger technical education. She said that she hopes this reluctance to take math and science classes changes with the new emphasis nationwide on math and science. "If they (the students) are going to survive, they're going to have to have so much more than they are getting.

Coulter's award is a recognition of her effort to give them more.

J. G.
Young writers honored

Winners of UA’s eighth annual To Kill a Mockingbird Essay Contest were recently honored with a luncheon awards ceremony including a presentation by Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Rick Bragg. In all, 56 high-school students won their individual school’s competition and were invited to the University for the event in Smith Hall. Alabama students in grades 9-12 submitted entries reflecting their perceptions on how life has changed in the South from the period depicted in Harper Lee’s novel. Differences could be positive or negative and relate to natural surroundings, social interactions, childhood experiences or political realities. Garrett Hardee, a student from Lee’s hometown of Monticello, Ala., was recognized as this year’s statewide winner. Hardee received $500, and $500 was also awarded to her school, Monroe Academy. The Office of Alumni Affairs helps to support the competition.

PR Program is Top Notch

The public relations program at The University of Alabama is second in the nation according to new rankings published in PRWeek magazine. UA is the highest ranked university that offers both graduate and undergraduate degrees.
A Sense of Home

Temporary emergency housing should not only provide shelter, but also a sense of place and comfort for people who may have lost everything, said Kristen Lopez, a UA senior majoring in interior design.

It was this concept that Lopez, along with fellow seniors Paige Hamlin and Ericha Turner, incorporated in a public service announcement that placed second in the global Design for Disaster Relief video competition.

A Lifelong Learner

Jessica Colburn, a senior in advertising and public relations, was named the 2013 winner of the Public Relations Student Society of America’s prestigious Daniel J. Edelman/PRSSA Award for the Outstanding Public Relations Student.

Headed to Ireland

The U.S.-Ireland Alliance has named Sarah E. Johnson to the 2014 class of George J. Mitchell Scholars. In the national competition, 12 students were chosen from some 300 applicants to receive the scholarships on the basis of academic distinction, leadership and service. George J. Mitchell Scholarship recipients spend a year of postgraduate study at institutions of higher learning in Ireland. Johnson, also a Goldwater Scholar, plans to pursue a doctorate, and will study advanced mechanical engineering at Queen’s University in Belfast.
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SQUAD

First Row—Young, Radford, Kaufman, Bryant, Maye, Walker, McGahery, Whatley, Kellar, Marr, Hutson, Francis, Freeman.
Third Row—Ryba, Gandy, McDaniels, Howell, Boozer, Cochrane, Lee, Campbell, Angelich, Walker, Daneuitt, White, Peten, Griffin.
Fourth Row—Rogers, Bloodworth, Davidson, Grainger, Stapp, Taylor, Marx, McLeod, Williamson, Goldberg, Thompson, Riley, Shepherd.

1935

1939

1943

DeBerandino, who won SEC lightweight boxing championship.

Miro, who won SEC featherweight boxing championship.
Orange Bowl Brings Bama New Glory!

Thrilling battle with one of the all-time great football performances, the Crimson Tide became a three-time winner of the Associated Press National Championship Trophy. Thus became the third team in history to be awarded the coveted trophy on a permanent basis. And by winning the No. 1 title in 1948, 1954, and 1965, Bama is the first to win these national crowns since Oklahoma claimed its exclusive supremacy as national winner in 1939, 1950, and 1955.

Only other permanent winners are Notre Dame, which retired the first trophy in 1936 and repeated the feat in 1937 and 1938, and Alabama, which became a three-time champion in 1948.

Alabama has won the title as many times as all other SEC teams combined. Only Tennessee (1951), Auburn (1952) and LSU (1958) of the SEC have won the big prize.

Oddly, it was Alabama which brought about the change in AP voting which made this year’s championship possible. The AP award had always come at the end of the regular season until this year, when the wire services decided to delay it until after the bowl games. It was obvious that the reason was Alabama’s 11-17 Orange Bowl loss to Texas after winning the title last year.

Alabama met only once again, but was brilliantly moving toward its first perfect record since Nebraska had won out in 1939. Coach Paul Bryant’s win over Texas is “Let’s start today, make it three in a row.”

Coach Paul Bryant sends in Wayne Trinkle

Steve Shiver photo, Losangeles Times

Steve Bowman photo through big Nebraska line

Leslie Kelley WWII ossarium of his great runs

HALL OF FAME PRESENTATION—A. T. S. “Pooley” Hubert, famed alumnus of the Crimson Tide, was presented a certificate of membership in the National Football Hall of Fame during halftime festivities at the Homecoming game. Making the presentation was H. G. “Hank” Crisp, former assistant football coach and director of athletics.
Men's Tennis-SEC Champions

1976

Aquatic athletes University ski team glides to a national championship

1991

NATIONAL CHAMPS

1991

DESTINY'S CHAMPIONS

1992

1984

NEW FOR '93
FROM PASADENA TO PARIS
ALABAMA
12 National Championships

1994
Wheelchair basketball takes second at nationals

The University of Alabama women’s wheelchair basketball team finished second overall at the 2008 Women’s National Wheelchair Basketball Championships held in Champaign, IL, in March. The No. 3 Crimson Tide lost by a score of 44-43 to top-ranked Illinois. Alabama ended the year with a final record of 32-4. The team has advanced to the final four of the national tournament three of the last four years. To add to their success, four UA players will be heading to Beijing, China, for the 2008 Paralympic Games in August. Stephanie Wheeler, Mary Allison Milford and Alana Nicholls were named to the U.S. National Team, while freshman Katie Har-nock was named to the Canadian National Team.

Championship play

by Mary Cypress Howell

Wheelchair basketball finishes on top

In only six years they have moved to the top of their sport.
Achieving Perfection
Mark Ingram brings home Alabama’s first Heisman.

Wheelchair Basketball Champs
The UA women’s wheelchair basketball team won its second national championship in April, after defeating the University of Illinois in a playoff tournament in Denver, Colo. Ending the season with a 37–3 record, it was undefeated against other women’s teams for the second season in a row. (It has experienced five losses in the last two years against men’s wheelchair teams.) UA Wheelchair Athletics has been active for seven seasons, and is one of only 17 such programs in the country, and the only one in the Southeast. For more information, visit www.uad.ua.edu.

LUCKY THIRTEEN
Let’s tell it again!
by Mary Cypress Howell

It was as if the players were living the song that everyone was singing. They fought on, fought on, fought on, eventually hitting their stride. And now we all remember the Rose Bowl—the stadium where Crimson Tide football earned its 11th national championship.

A 17-year wait was over; the crystal Coach’s Trophy came home to Alabama.

For Tide and Country
by Mary Cypress Howell

The University of Alabama water ski team placed second at collegiate nationals this year, the best it has ever done. This is no coincidence.

The program gained two world-champion skiers this year. Olivia McDonald and Caroline Hendley, both UA freshmen, have athletic careers that extend beyond their college ski team, and started long before coming to Tuscaloosa. They were two of the three skiers chosen to represent the United States in the World Games this year.
Wheelchair basketball wins national title

2011

Gymnastics claims fifth national title

2011

Crimson and Crystal
With a resounding win, the Tide makes it No. 14.

2012

Finished It
Tide softball wins its first NCAA title.

2012

The Ultimate Goal
Women’s golf finishes on top.
ATHLETICS

2012

Leaps and Bounds
Gymnastics wins its sixth national championship.

2013

Crimson Dynasty
The Tide claims back-to-back BCS Championships, marking No. 15.

2013

Mission Accomplished
Men’s golf earns its first national title.

The UA men’s golf team snagged the program’s first national championship on June 2, 2013, beating the University of Illinois in the finals of the 2013 NCAA Golf Championship on the par-70 Crabapple Course at the Capital City Club in Montgomery, Ala.
Miss Burke Resigns As Dean—Will Be Succeeded
By Miss Agnes Ellen Harris

Miss Mary Burke, Dean of Women, at the University for the past seven years, has resigned her position but will remain at the University as librarian for the Medical School. “Miss Mary”, one of the most charming and cultivated of women, a daughter of the late Malcolm C. Burke, ’55, and a sister of Prof. Malcolm C. Burke, ’90, professor of Greek at the University for several years and now with the Consular service at Hamburg, Germany, has been a most able and efficient dean of women. She has done the University splendid service and her ability and intelligent management of the numerous duties of her office have been of great value. Her place is to be filled by Miss Agnes Ellen Harris.
1943

Dr. John Dan Hагood, ’29, Receives Bronze Medal Citation Signed by General Holland Smith, ’03

1945

Major General John C. Parsons, ’10, is shown receiving the Distinguished Service Medal from General George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff. General Parsons commanded the Dixie Division in the Southwest Pacific. In World War II, he was a captain, fought in five major battles and won the Distinguished Service Cross. In civil life General Parsons is a banker and has just been placed on inactive status and has returned to his duties as president of the First National Bank of Birmingham.

1945

1959

First Lt. Allan W. Morton, of Birmingham, is awarded one of the Air Force’s highest decorations, the Legion of Merit, by Maj. Gen. A. V. P. Anderson, Jr., at Robins AFB, Ga.
1962

MARY BURKE HALL

THE LAST WORD IN WOMEN'S RESIDENCE HALLS IS NAMED FOR THE UNIVERSITY'S FIRST DEAN OF WOMEN

A formal lounge serves the whole building in addition to a separate lounge for each of the two units. To the left is a library and music room with record equipment.

1962

MEDICAL CENTER HAS TWO NEW DEANS

Dr. Charles A. McCallum
Dr. S. Richardson Hill

1972

1977

Bama's Gene Engineering Connection

1990

A new member

A new member

Dr. Huck Haith
UA professors receive prestigious Guggenheim Fellowships

Two University of Alabama professors recently received 2002 John Simon Guggenheim Fellowships, one of the most prestigious honors for academic achievement in the nation.

Dr. Gary Taylor, professor of English and director of the endowed Hudson Strode Program in Renaissance Studies, and poet Mary Ruefle, visiting associate professor in UA’s College of Arts and Sciences, are two of four UA professors to have received this fellowship in the last five years, all from the Department of English.

A rural health leader

Dr. John Wheat, professor of community and rural medicine in the UA College of Community Health Sciences and School of Medicine, recently received the Distinguished Educator Award from the National Rural Health Association. Wheat was selected for this honor because he designed, implemented and now directs UA’s Rural Health Leaders Pipeline.

A Molecular Discovery

Dr. Thomas Vaid, assistant professor of chemistry, discovered a method for making a new molecule, and his accomplishment was recognized in the online edition of the Journal of the American Chemical Society, the top publication in the field.

Getting off balance

Problems with the inner ear can affect balance, especially in older people, which is why Dr. Craig Fornby, distinguished graduate research professor in UA’s department of communicative disorders, has developed the Roto-Tilt Chair.
Noteworthy Alumni

Second Poet Laureate
Alumnae of Alabama

Mrs. Mary P. Ward

1955

Mrs. Mary B. Ward (’16), Birmingham, is Alabama’s new poet laureate—the second in the history of the state. She was also an alumnus of the University—Dr. Samuel Minton Peck (’16), who died sixteen years ago.

A doctor who never practiced medicine, Dr. Samuel Minton Peck, Tuscaloosa (’16) was Alabama’s first poet laureate. His first poem was “The Orange Tree,” published in 1878 by the New York Evening Post, but probably his most famous is included in “The Gopher Grown.”

Mrs. Ward was chosen poet laureate of Alabama by a committee selected by the Alabama Writers’ Conclave, by educators, and by editors. The Conclave unanimously accepted the committee’s recommendation, and, by act of the legislature and presentation of the commission by Geo. Gordon Persons, late in November, she became Alabama’s poet laureate.

Writing under the names, Mary B. Ward, Mary Ward, and two pseudonyms (one of which is a man’s name), she is the wife of Herbert Ward, Birmingham attorney.

Mrs. Ward is a past president of the Birmingham Branch of the National League of American Pen Women, Birmingham Quill Club, Birmingham Poetry Club, Alabama Writers’ Conclave and Alabama Poetry Society.

She has served in an editorial capacity for three publications. Among those publications to whom she has sold poetry are The Saturday Evening Post, Saturday Review of Literature, Romance Review, Pictorial Review, Good Housekeeping, The New York Times, Washington Star, Christian Science Monitor, and The Oregonian. Sixty-two publications have published the work of this Alabama poet, not including collections, anthologies, nor syndicated songs and poems. Many prizes have been won by Mrs. Ward. Among those is the Century of Progress first price for a lyric awarded internationally by the American Book Company.

Mrs. Gamble Receives Award

Mrs. Charles White Gamble, the former Betty Mason (’34), is shown receiving an architectural award from Charles Bauserman at the meeting of the Historic Mobile Preservation Society. The award is one given annually by the society for this building representing the finest example of architecture in the region. Mrs. Gamble’s new home at 3920 Delwood, Mobile, for which she received this plaque, is a replica of the Giorgio home on the University campus.

Selected for Award

John M. Patterson

John Patterson, Attorney General of Alabama, received an award of national consequence when he was selected as one of America’s ten outstanding young men for 1956. They are selected each year by the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce for “outstanding contributions to their professions and to the general welfare of the people.”

Mr. Patterson, a native of Tallapoosa County, has gone far in his 34 years. He entered the practice of law with his father in Phenix City after graduating from the University of Alabama, and practiced until recalled into the service in March 1941.

In World War II he served in the North African, Sicilian, Italian, Southern France and German campaign and rose to the rank of Major. When recalled in 1941 he served with the Judge Advocate Corps in Germany, in the prosecution and defending of criminal cases for the government.

Following the assassination of his father, Albert L. Patterson (then State Attorney General Democrat nominee) in Phenix City on June 18, 1954, John Patterson was elected to fill the vacancy in that office and assumed the office of Attorney General on June 18, 1955.

He is married to the former Mary Jo McGovin of Clanton and has two children, one boy aged 7, and one girl aged 3. The Pattersons are living at 3174 Cloverdale Road, Montgomery.
Miss Louise M. Parker, of Tuscaloosa, was awarded a Certificate of Achievement by Maj. Gen. J. B. Mclain, retiring Commanding General of the Army Ordnance Missile Command. Miss Parker has served as the general's secretary for more than three years.

Mrs. Marion Bishop Moxley, '21, here demonstrates a preference for Men of the Year. Her husband, Stephen D. Moxley, '22, president of American Cast Iron and Pipe Co., was chosen Birmingham's Man of the Year for 1960.

Nelle Harper Lee, '49, author of "To Kill a Mockingbird," was given an Honorary Doctor of Letters degree from Mt. Holyoke this fall. Miss Lee returned to New York from a Christmas visit to her home in Monroeville in order to attend the New York opening of the film made from her Pulitzer prize winning novel. "Mockingbird" will open at the Radio City Music Hall in February. It has had one commercial showing in California—tuned so that it could be eligible for 1962 Academy Awards—which has brought forth enthusiastic reviews in the trade magazines.

Lewis Odum Jr., president of the Washington, D. C., alumni club, is shown presenting the club's yearly award for outstanding contribution to the best traditions of the University to Nelle Harper Lee, '49, while Pres. Frank A. Rose smiles his approval.
Gay Talese, '58, feature writer for The New York Times, accepts the journalism Department's Distinguished Alumnus Award.


JOURNALISTS HONOR
ALUMNI — PRESENT AND PROSPECTIVE

Photographs by ANDY RUSSELL

The banquet which the department of journalism sponsors jointly each year with Sigma Delta Chi, Theta Sigma Chi, and the University Press Club, is always lively. This year, as usual, it attracted many of the outstanding journalists of the region, and Senator Ed Muskie of Maine, the featured speaker, pleased the audience with a penetrating analysis of state and federal relationships. The Outstanding Alumnus Award went to Gay Talese, '58, author of three books and one of the New York Times' finest feature writers. The Luskin award for scholarship was given to Nancy Whitt, '65, of Athens, Ala., and the awards for the outstanding senior male and female students went to the talented family of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Plott (Ann Tillotson). Nancy's award was presented to her by her uncle, Wayne Whitt, '45, now with the Nashville Tennessean.

May-June 1965
GRADUATES

22

1966

Rewarding Thoughts

Most people feel that their good ideas are worth more than "a penny for your thoughts." But they usually wouldn't think that they were worth $9,000.

John Black, a 16-year Army civilian working at the Missile Logistics Center in Huntsville, had a good idea that won him $9,015. He suggested a way to use army facilities rather than contracts to produce safety modification kits, and for his thinking efforts he was awarded the Department of the Army's Suggestion Award, which carried with it the cash prize. For his governmental penny-pinching he was also selected "Suggestion of the Year" and went to Washington to receive his award at the Pentagon on Nov. 30.

Black's idea concerned safety modification kits for the Redeye heat-seeking weapon system. The kits were originally purchased from a contractor for about $187 each with the repurchase price skyrocketing to $366 each. Black developed a fabrication process, with the help of the Navy Support Center in Crane, Ind., which would produce the kits for about $130 each. Black suggested that the army accept the fabrication process and delivery schedule from a military department facility rather than from a contractor. By doing it themselves, the military should save $1,283,072 in the first year alone.

Black's award was the largest suggestion award ever made to a Missile Command employee. However, the award did not come easy. Black, a logistics management specialist in the high and medium air defense systems (HIMADS) management office, had submitted many suggestions in the past. He has, in fact, submitted over 50. He became "disillusioned" because none of his ideas had been adopted, and hadn't even solicited any suggestions for five years, until his supervisor insisted that he send in his safety kit solution. His award has instilled new confidence in the suggestions program. "This, of course, will give me new incentives to offer other suggestions," he said. He is now working on an energy conservation idea.

This event is not the first excitement in his career as an army civilian. From 1977 to 1979, Black was working with a management office in Tehran, Iran, and was among the command's personnel who were evacuated from a field office there in 1979 at the time of the hostage crisis.

The Arab, Alabama native admitted "I'm elated ... And as try as it may sound, I feel good knowing that there are ways that the government can save money.

J.L.

1974

1984

On left, James T. Hosney, Vice-president and Executive Director of U.S. Steel Foundation, presents Sustained Performance Award to Jeff Coleman, recently retired Director of Alumni Affairs.

1989

Trent Mitchell recently accepted the U.S. Air Force Cadet of the Year Award in Washington, D.C.
Take 6 wins another Grammy

Pop/gospel group Take 6 won their second Grammy during the 1991 awards ceremony Feb. 20. The group was awarded Best Soul Gospel Album of the year for *So Much 2 Say*. They also received two other nominations.

Pictured clockwise, starting from left, are Mervyn Warren, Alvin Chea, David Thomas, Claude McKnight, Mark Kibble, and Cedric Dent. Dent and Warren have master's degrees from The University of Alabama.

Warren recently announced his departure from the group to pursue a solo career. Vocalist and arranger Joel Kibble will take Warren’s place with the group.

Givan named greater Atlanta home builder of the year

Carl Elliott, civil rights leader

Former representative given Profile in Courage Award
Ralph Hammond was poet laureate of Alabama from 1991 to 1995.
James R. Sides, ’58, received the Albert Einstein Aerospace Lifetime Achievement Award on Jan. 14, 2003. The award recognizes Sides for his leadership in the missile propulsion industry, a critical technology for U.S. defense initiatives worldwide. The award was the feature event of the first-ever Defense Aerospace and Homeland Security Mission of Peace to Israel and Jordan, held in Jerusalem. As part of the mission, Sides met with Israel’s top policymakers including Jerusalem’s Mayor Uri Lopolanski (left) and Israel’s Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz (right) to gain insight into “the Israel behind the headlines.” He was also a guest of Jordan’s King Abdullah and Queen Rania in the Royal Palace in Amman, Jordan. Sides is the former chairman, president and CEO of Atlantic Research Corporation. He retired in May 2001, after 43 years as a scientist and manager in the propulsion industry, and is currently a consultant to the director of the Department of Defense’s Missile Defense Agency. A native of Carbon Hill, Sides now resides in Vienna, Va., with his wife, Martha.

For someone who has received many awards and commendations in his life, veteran Bert Bank, ’40, is still humbled by the recognition. Most recently, the World War II veteran was chosen to receive the National Veterans Award in Birmingham. “I was surprised. I told them I didn’t deserve it, but I’ll accept it,” he said.

Bank was honored at a dinner on Nov. 10, 2003, and participated in Birmingham’s Veterans Day activities the following day. “He’s a distinguished veteran,” said Bill Voight, president of the National Veterans Day Committee in Birmingham that selected Bank. “He is a survivor of the Bataan March, during which thousands of people were killed. He himself was tortured and beaten. And through the years, he’s been quite an advocate for veterans,” he said. During WWII, Bank, who turned 89 last year, spent three years as a Japanese prisoner of war.

An influential radio broadcaster and longtime owner of WTBC radio station in Tuscaloosa, Bank spent 12 years as a politician in Montgomery. Between 1966 and 1978, he served two terms in the state House of Representatives and one term as a state senator, during which he sponsored legislation that helped veterans in many areas, including health care and housing.

The first National Veterans Award was given to Congressman Edward H. Rees in 1954, during the observance of the first National Veterans Day. Other former recipients of the Birmingham award include Charles Lindbergh, Neil Armstrong, General William C. Westmoreland, General Alexander M. Haig Jr. and U.S. Senators Barry Goldwater and Howell Heflin.

2003

George Hopson

HOPSON RECEIVES NASA’S HIGHEST HONOR FOR 40 YEARS OF SERVICE

2004

2004

2004

YOUNG NAMED YMCA MAN OF THE YEAR
Past NAA President Philip Young was recognized as the 32nd YMCA Man of the Year during a ceremony on Jan. 16. The Man of the Year Committee is a completely youth-led program of the Montgomery YMCA, and the award honors Young’s service to youth in the Montgomery area. Young is on the YMCA Metro board of directors and has served as president of the YMCA Jimmy Hitchcock Program. He is a financial advisor for UBS/PaineWebber, where he serves as vice president. He and his wife, Angie, have two children, Carolyn and Alexander.
George W. Bush presents Harper Lee with the Presidential Medal of Freedom

Julie Love Templeton, '96, a trial attorney in Tuscaloosa, was named Mrs. America 2005 during the pageant last September in Palm Springs, Calif. The contest was based on interviews and evening gown and swimwear competitions. As her reward, Templeton received a 2005 Hyundai Tucson and an assortment of jewelry, cosmetics and gifts, in addition to a cash prize totaling nearly $100,000. Her duties as Mrs. America include making personal appearances throughout the country speaking on behalf of married women and representing the United States in the Mrs. World pageant.

Amanda Penick, professor of music, was named the Music Teachers National Association Teacher of the Year.

Col. Marietta Stanton (in red) was awarded a Legion of Merit Award from the U.S. Army in 2007.

The American Society of Interior Designers has bestowed its highest honor upon SONYA BATCH- ELORE ODELL, '70, by electing her into fellowship. Her civic leadership and efforts to mentor students and new professionals, her help in establishing MetroCon as a leading design-related trade show in the Southwest and her specialization both healthcare and corporate interior design were the basis of her nomination by Texas chapter officers. Odell credited her former UA department chair, Doris Barton (now professor emerita of clothing, textiles and interior design), with instilling her passion for the ASID and the interior design profession. After graduating from the University in 1970 with a BS from the College of Human Environmental Sciences, Odell went on to complete a master's in interior design at the University of Tennessee in 1973. Her business, Planning Matrix Inc., is located in Dallas, and specializes in healthcare and corporate pre-project planning and programming, interior design and project services. She is married to Stan Odell and has a daughter, Courtney Beth, who is a senior at Texas State University.
JOHN L. MARTY JR., '62, was presented with the 2008 Authors Award by the American Aviation Historical Society Journal in December 2008 for his article titled “Airlift from the Abyss,” about the U.S. Navy’s air evacuation of the wounded from the 1945 Battle of Okinawa. During his time at UA, Marty earned an English degree and studied in the graduate writing program under Dr. Hudson Strode. Marty, whose own 13-year aviation career began with his commissioning from the University’s Air Force ROTC program in 1962, has been researching and writing the history of the airlift and those involved since his retirement in 2004. “Airlift from the Abyss” is the last of a series of three articles on the Battle of Okinawa, often described as the last great battle of World War II. During this bloody culmination of the Pacific campaign the Navy executed “an air evacuation of the wounded larger than any conducted in this war,” according to Marty. He has had previous articles published in the American Aviation Historical Society Journal and Airways International. For more information on “Airlift from the Abyss,” visit subs-online.org.

Namath receives heritage award

2009

Breaking the Silence
by Katharine S. Crawford

What kudu doesn’t cover in the South, Kathryn Stockett’s debut novel does. Told from the points of view of three different women—two black maids and one of their many white superiors—the highly praised New York Times bestseller features dialog rich with the occasional “I reckon” and “yes” and “no ma’ams.” From fried

RONALD E. JACKSON won a Public Interest Hall of Fame Award for his outstanding public interest work in the Birmingham area, after being nominated by OMB Watch. Dedicated to increasing the quality of public education, he aims to demonstrate how students and parents can have an impact in their cities. Jackson, who received his JD from UA School of Law in 1981, was a member of the University’s first law class to graduate African-Americans. He has served on the board of directors for both the Jefferson County Mental Health Association and the historic 4th Avenue Branch YMCA. He is also a member of the Birmingham Museum of Art, the Miles College and UA Alumni associations and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, and is chairman of the board of trustees at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church.
Michael Emerson, MFA ’95, was recently awarded the Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Drama Series for his portrayal of Benjamin Linus on the ABC-TV show Lost. Emerson began his career on the UA campus when he graduated from the Professional Actor Training master’s program run jointly by the UA Department of Theatre and Dance and the Alabama Shakespeare Festival. He then went on to graduate from Duke University with a degree in theater arts. Although Emerson is now a well-known character to Lost fans, he was originally signed on to only do a few episodes as a suspicious prisoner named Henry Gale. Now, four years later, his Linus character is the very core of the show. As this Iowa native entered into the final season of the hit series in 2010, he added his new award to his 2001 Gold Emmy for The Practice, which kicked off his reputation as one of television’s scariest actors. Emerson described being recognized for playing network TV’s greatest quasi-villain as a “character actor’s dream.”

The Ride of Her Life
by Brian Hudgins

Jennifer Schuble rode bikes when she was a kid, but she didn’t start racing competitively until after college. That late start has been little consolation to her competitors.

Schuble is a five-time Paralympic medalist, having won three cycling medals in Beijing in 2008 and two more in London last year.

Golden Moments

Alabama Nicholes becomes the first woman to win summer and winter Paralympic gold.

2013

Cathy Jorgenson, a member of the Alaska Army National Guard, was promoted to Brigadier General on Sept. 13, 2013. She is the first woman to be promoted to this rank in the Alaska Guard. In her new position, Jorgenson is responsible for protecting each of the United States’ 5000 soldiers for protecting the state and further nationwide. Maj. Gen. Thomas Kurko, the Guard’s adjutant general, said that there is no better job for the job. Jorgenson was commissioned in the U.S. Army in 1985 from the reserve officer training program in U.S. graduating from the University with a degree in recreation and park leadership education. She has since served with the military in Germany, Indiana, North Carolina, Utah and Alaska. She left active duty in 1996 and joined the Alaska Army National Guard in 2000.

2014

Dr. Nancy Mason won two awards in the William Faulkner Literary Competition in New Albany, Miss., in September 2012. She received first-place honors for “Meeting at Midnight” in the One Act Play Competition and second place in the Adult Short Story competition for “After Nightfall.” Meeting at Midnight is a sequel to Mason’s first play, Muscada Wine, which was produced at Dalton State College in Dalton, Ga., in November 2011. Mason, who graduated from UA in 1992 with a doctorate in Spanish, is an assistant professor of Spanish at Dalton State College. The William Faulkner Literary Competition is part of the Tifton Rite’s RiverFest, an annual event that takes place in Faulkner’s hometown of New Albany. "I find inspiration almost anywhere," Mason said. "A started memory, a picture, a painting, or a funny story may spark an idea for a story. I also get a lot of ideas from Spanish literature, both classical and modern. The Spanish woman writers of the mid-20th century, who had to write under censorship of dictatorship, are inspiring in the way they struggled to deliver a message.”