Dear Alumni and Friends:

I hope this edition of the Reddie Report finds you in good health and enjoying a beautiful spring day. Spring is the most beautiful time of the year on Henderson's historic campus. I hope you have a chance to visit us while the flowers are blooming and our students are enjoying the nice spring weather.

This academic year has been an especially important one for Henderson State University. The Board of Trustees conducted a planning retreat in September that identified six major issues and directed us to focus on those issues during the remainder of the academic year. The challenge issued by the board is that we should develop a strategic plan that would outline specific goals, timelines, and assessment measures for each of the six areas. Over 40 members of the faculty, staff, student body and administration met at Queen Wilhelmina State Park Lodge in November to begin the process of establishing goals and timelines. A full report should be ready for the board in time for its June, 2005, meeting. We will publish and distribute it shortly after that.

I thought it would be helpful if I shared with you the six issue areas identified for action by the Henderson board. I would appreciate any comments or suggestions you would care to make about these important issues. They are:

1. Henderson should develop and maintain a healthy, vigorous campus community;  
2. Henderson must tell its story better;  
3. Henderson should be known for distinctive high-quality academic programs;  
4. Henderson should focus on wider recruitment of students and more effective efforts to retain students to graduation;  
5. Henderson should develop partnerships to better serve the broader community; &  
6. Plans should be developed for the maintenance of current facilities and grounds and for the construction of needed campus facilities.

Campus committees are currently working on these important matters. Our goal is to develop an even stronger university...one that is recognized for excellence in every academic area. The possibilities are exciting. We welcome your suggestions and participation.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Charles D. Dunn  
President
Distinguished Alumni

Tommy L. Taylor and Theresa Bray Brown were honored as distinguished alumni during Henderson’s Dec. 17 commencement ceremonies and addressed graduates of the Class of 2004 in the Wells Building.

National Guard Tuition Waiver Signed

On November 1, 2004, President Dr. Charles D. Dunn and Arkansas National Guard Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Don C. Morrow signed a memorandum of understanding providing tuition for Guard personnel who attend the university.

Back Cover

James Jones Book Base for New Movie

Distinguished Alumnus Dr. James H. Jones’s 1997 biography of Alfred C. Kinsey is once again getting attention as Kinsey, starring Liam Neeson as the noted sex researcher, hit theatres in late December.
Calendar of Events

April 1, 7 p.m.
Black Alumni Gala
Sherwood Forest in Sherwood
Call Lloyd Jackson: 870-230-5401

April 14, 6:30 p.m.
School of Business Hall of Fame
Garrison Center Banquet Room
Call Betty Magnini: 870-230-5377

April 20, 6:30 p.m.
Heart and Key Awards
Garrison Center Banquet Room

April 21, noon
Founders Day
Arkansas Hall Auditorium

April 21-23, 7:30 p.m., $8/ticket
HSU Theatre–Fiddler on the Roof
Arkansas Hall Studio Theatre

April 22, noon
Holly A Gals Reunion
Belvedere Country Club in Hot Springs
Call Josie Selig Smith: 501-321-2144

April 28-30, 7:30 p.m., $6/ticket
Dance Company in Concert
Arkansas Hall Auditorium
Call: 870-230-5291

April 29, 30 & May 1
Class of 1947-53 Reunion
Arlington Hotel in Hot Springs
More information in Alum Notes
Call Doris Robey: 501-520-5505

May 3, 7:30 p.m., Free Admission
Spring Choral Concert
Harwood Recital Hall

May 13, 6:00 p.m.
Distinguished Alumni Dinner
Garrison Center Banquet Room

May 14, 9:00 a.m.
Commencement
Carpenter-Haygood Stadium

June 20
School of Business Golf Tournament
Diamante Golf Course
Call Lonnie Jackson: 870-230-5224

Letter from the Director

Dear Reddies,

Hello from Alma Mater Henderson. I hope this issue of the Reddie Report finds you in good spirits. You will find in this issue many stories about exciting things that are happening on campus as well as in the lives of some of our alumni and friends.

It is our goal, with each issue, to keep all of our alumni and friends connected to the “School with a Heart.” In order for the Office of Alumni Services to accomplish this goal, we need your help. We need to hear from you. We want to celebrate life’s major moments with you – so let us know about them by e-mailing us at alumni@hsu.edu, calling us toll-free at 1-877-733-2586, or sending us a note.

As I begin the latter half of a year of service in the Office of Alumni Services, my comfort level within the role has begun to increase. The job of Director of Alumni Services has many facets that keep it interesting. Not only do I get the opportunity to host alumni during events on campus such as Homecoming, commencement, and other alumni gatherings, but I have the unique opportunity of going into the home towns of our alumni and, in essence, bringing Henderson to our alumni across the state and country via alumni receptions and publications such as the Reddie Report and the monthly Red-e-Newsletters.

If our office can ever do anything for you, please do not hesitate to contact us. It is our job in the Office of Alumni Service to do that which our names suggest – serve our alumni. Your need could be as simple as a phone number on campus or as detailed as getting help with beginning a graduate degree. Whatever the need, we are here to serve.

We look forward to hearing from you.

In REDDIE Pride,

[Signature]

Lloyd D. Jackson ('02)
Tommy L. Taylor and Theresa Bray Brown were honored as distinguished alumni during Henderson’s Dec. 17 commencement ceremonies at the Wells Building.

Taylor received a bachelor of science degree in physics from Henderson State Teachers College in 1960. A native of Grant County, he was a member of the 1959 championship Reddie football team. He retired in 2003 as senior project engineer from the Test Division, Ground Based Interceptor, U.S. Army at Huntsville, Alabama. He has 40 years of experience in a variety of science and engineering fields, including research, development, test and evaluation of missile defense systems. As a consultant, he supported the Space Shuttle Challenger investigation and nuclear power plant construction, modifications and start-up operations. He also served as chief of the test division of the PEO Missile Defense, ARROW Project office. Most recently, he served as senior manager for the Ground Based Interceptor Project Management Office for the Army. This system will provide a safety shield against foreign missile threats. He served in this capacity as both manager and technical advisor for a multitude of highly sophisticated missile testing facilities, as well as overseeing the ground test activities in support of the flight tests. These extensive test and hardware integration facilities will ultimately represent an investment of more than $500 million by the Department of Defense.

Brown graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor of science in education degree and a major in mathematics in 1979. Although she had taken only two computer science courses at Henderson, she decided that was the career that she would pursue. After a tough three-month search in Memphis, she landed an entry-level job with one of the large downtown banks; the director of the computer department was impressed with her grades in mathematics and created a position for her. That’s when her hard work began. The Gurdon native began studying manuals, starting with IBM mainframe application programming and moving eventually into systems programming, which involves the operating system components of the computer. Her work took her from being a systems engineer to applications programmer to senior programmer analyst to systems analyst and systems/applications supervisor, each step increasing her levels of responsibility. That led her to Banner Health System in Phoenix and the position of senior systems software analyst, the job she holds today. Beginning in 2001, her work responsibilities included serving as the system administrator of three AS/400 (Series) machines that support three other smaller hospitals in the Phoenix area. She is the daughter of Thomas Bray and Nelda and Doyle Sharp, all of Gurdon. She is married to J. William Brown of Phoenix.

Back Row Left to Right: Dr. Don Roberts (‘58, ’63), Dr. Joe Clark (‘51), Dr. Rodney Tillman (‘43), Dr. Tom Townsend (‘46), Dr. Roy Scoggins (‘45), Mr. Junious Babbs (‘74, ’77), Judge Dub Arnold (‘57), Mr. Buddy Formby (‘61), Mr. Fred Nuesch (‘60), Dr. John Measel ’63. Front Row Left to Right: Mrs. Wanda O’Quinn (‘74, ’76), Mrs. Theresa Brown (‘79), Dr. Margaret Gill Hein (‘43), Ms.
Dr. Alvin Futrell has received several awards from various civic and community organizations. He is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., and has volunteered his time and expertise to Arkadelphia and Little Rock Public Schools. Futrell has formed a Diversity Committee in the Arkadelphia community charged with incorporating new ideas for recruitment and retention of minority students at Henderson. He secured a grant from the NCAA to help fund the position of assistant senior women administrator and coordinator of athletic academic success. He is also very interested in the minority student groups and clubs on campus, always encouraging them to be more involved and visible.

Dr. John Hall, professor emeritus of history, is a former director of development for Henderson. He took over the office of development on a part-time basis when Henderson’s endowment was just a few hundred thousand dollars and with the help of a minimal staff built it to several million. Without his fund-raising efforts, projects such as the establishment of the Cupp Chair of Business and the restoration of Barkman House and the Captain Henderson House would not have come to fruition as soon as they did. Although retired from Henderson, Hall serves as the managing director and treasurer of the Henderson State University Foundation.

Ms. Kathy Wulff Muse received both her bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Henderson. After teaching public school for 10 years, she joined student support services in 1986 and became director of TRIO programs in 2001. She authored five grant proposals and received more than $5 million in federal funding for disadvantaged college and public school students. She has served on various campus committees and poured hours into special events, such as Homecoming, the Reddie Hall of Honor, Sporty Carpenter Day, athletic reunions, all-sports banquets and celebrations honoring Martin Luther King Jr. A daughter of the late Nannie Lou Wulff, a Henderson graduate, she is married to Randy Muse and has two sons – Kyle and Joe – who are also Henderson graduates. She has five grandchildren.

Mr. Quinton Taggart received his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Henderson. He then received a commission in the U.S. Army Reserve through the ROTC program. He spent six months on active duty and more than seven years in the reserve. Subsequently, Taggart spent 36 years working to help young people become the best that they could as an administrator, coach, principal, teacher, and superintendent at various public schools throughout the state of Arkansas. He is active in the DeQueen Rotary Club and the First Baptist Church where he serves as deacon.

To: Alumni and friends of Henderson

HELP!

Your Henderson Alumni Association Board of Directors needs your help in identifying and nominating outstanding graduates and friends of Henderson as candidates for our two recognition awards.

The Distinguished Alumni Award is presented to graduates who have exemplary records of achievement in their careers or service to mankind. We can choose to honor up to four per year. To be considered, a person first must be nominated. Past recipients have been nominated by spouses, children, friends, and other relatives. We are concerned that many deserving graduates are being overlooked. Henderson has people all over the world who have excelled in life. You know who they are and where they are located.

The H Award is presented for meritorious service to Henderson over a span of many years. Nominees can be graduates, former students, employees, and friends. Believe me — there are many unrecognized saints that deserve this honor.

Both of these awards were started in 1972 to honor our own servants and graduates. Help us identify those that deserve to be recognized. Do not wait for someone else to act. Call Lloyd Jackson for information and forms. He will make the process easy for you.

Russell Cerrato ’61, ’65
Past Chair, Distinguished Alumni/ H Award Committee
Henderson State University Alumni Association
Homecoming 2004 was an exciting time filled with activities for students, staff, faculty, and alumni alike. It began with the campaigning of Henderson beauties for the title of Homecoming Queen. On Monday posters started going up and the presentation of spirit activities began, ranging from passing out sticks of Big Red gum to a contest for a hug from a Homecoming candidate. The events for the week continued with the Lady Reddies taking on Arkansas Tech Golden Suns in volleyball at the Wells Building. The community of Arkadelphia got involved by joining Henderson at the weekly Chamber of Commerce's community coffee. On Thursday, we continued a long-standing tradition of presenting the Homecoming candidates to the student body during the Heart and Key Ceremony, after which the top 10 candidates were announced at the bonfire built by the brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon. When the bonfire had been lit, Phi Lambda Chi began the “Heart Beat” of Henderson, which continued until kick-off. Another tradition celebrated was the induction of the class of 1954 in to the Half-Century Club during the annual Golden Reddie Dinner held on Friday night. An addition this year was a Recent Reddie Alumni Social. For the first time, alumni gathered for an official social on Friday night. There was a special invitation extended to the classes of 1994-2004, but alumni of all ages were present and had a great time. The event is sure to become a part of the tradition. The big day was Saturday when the Alumni Association recognized its outgoing board members along with four outstanding Reddie supporters with the “H” award and the Teachers Alliance recognized Jimmy Coats as an outstanding educator. After the awards presentation was the Big Red Rally. The Reddies took on North Alabama for the Homecoming game, and Shannon Shirley was crowned the 2004 Homecoming Queen and presented with her court during the pre-game festivities. The Reddies fell in defeat to North Alabama, but the spirits of the Reddie alumni were high as they attended the NPHC Greek show and the after-game socials which were held at Mulligan’s, the Speights’, and Jimmy Jones’s as the Reddies connected and reconnected. Homecoming 2004 concluded with the Angelic Voices of Christ hosting their first alumni concert at Greater Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church. If you missed Homecoming 2004, you missed a treat. So mark your calendar for Homecoming 2005, which is the week of October 29. We look forward to seeing you on campus. Come on home to Henderson!!
Eight new members were inducted in the Reddie Hall of Honor on October 9, 2004, in the Garrison Center banquet room. The Reddie Hall of Honor began with 12 inductees in 1997 and has grown to 68.

ANGELA ‘BOO’ BROWN
Angela “Boo” Brown played for the Lady Reddie basketball team from 1990 to 1992, where she was a two-time All-Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference selection and a NAIA All-American in 1992. In 1990 she scored 650 points, the single-season record at Henderson. She ended her career with 1,247 points, which ranks third all-time at Henderson State.

RANDY HENRY
The late Randy Henry was a four-year letterman from 1965-68. As a freshman, Henry led the NAIA in batting average, hitting .500. A two-time All-AIC selection, Henry was captain of his team his senior season and was chosen as a NAIA All-American.

After completing his graduate studies, he became a teacher and coach and was named “Coach of the Year” three times in his conference. Later, he became an administrator for the El Dorado School District.

SEBASTIAN VILLALVA
Sebastian Villalva was Henderson’s first cross country All-American, earning the award in 1990 and again in 1991. He earned All-American accolades in three different sports – cross country, indoor track, and outdoor track.

Villalva won the AIC individual title in cross country in 1990 and 1991 and finished 15th in the nation in 1990. In 1991 and 1993, he captured titles in the 1,500, 5,000, and 10,000 meters at the AIC outdoor track meet and received the AIC High Point Award.

Villalva set five school records and the AIC record for the 5,000 meters as a Reddie. He won nine conference titles.

EMILY HARTSFIELD
Emily Hartsfield was a two-sport athlete at Henderson from 1975 to 1979. Hartsfield lettered four years in volleyball and three years in tennis. In tennis, Hartsfield won the No. 2 singles flight in the AWISA State Tournament her senior year.

ROBERT THOMAS
Robert Thomas was a four-year letter-winner from 1993-1996. The all-time tackle leader with 388 tackles, he shares the school record for most tackles in a game. Thomas recorded a single-season record 129 tackles and was named All-Gulf Conference Defensive Player of the Week three times.

The Gulf South Conference Defensive Player of Year in 1995, he earned All-GSC honors in 1995 and 1996. He later signed with the Dallas Cowboys, where he played both fullback and linebacker in over 60 games from 1998-2002.

ROBERT ‘SLEEPY’ THOMASSON
The late Robert “Sleepy” Thomasson played football, baseball, and basketball from 1922-26. In 1925, he was selected as team captain for the baseball Reddies.

Thomasson returned to Henderson State as an assistant football coach in 1945 and 46.

JIMMY ROSS
Jimmy Ross was a two-sport athlete at Henderson State, playing both football and baseball from 1954-57. Selected as the team captain for the football Reddies in 1957, he earned first-team All-AIC honors at tackle.

Ross was a member of the ROTC. He entered the United States Army at second lieutenant and progressed through the ranks to four-star general. After 36 years of service, Gen. Ross retired from the military in 1994.

Since 1995, Gen. Ross has worked for Cypress International (defense contractor consultant) as President and Chief Operating Officer.

TEDDY WOODSON
Woodson was an All-AIC selection in 1966 after averaging 15.6 points and 8.4 rebounds per game. He was an Honorable Mention NAIA All-American selection.

He was team captain his senior year and was selected as the team’s most valuable player in 1965 and 1966.

On the baseball field, Woodson helped lead the Reddies to the AIC championship in 1966.
The Henderson Alumni Board is the governing body of the Henderson State University Alumni Association; every Henderson graduate is a member. They make decisions concerning alumni business, including choosing the Distinguished Alumni and “H” Award, awarding 10 alumni scholarships, and examining projects that could benefit Henderson alumni.

The Alumni Board meets four times per year—January, April, July, and October. The Henderson State University Alumni Association welcomes the following new members to the board:

Esther Clark Crawford, (B.S.E. ’60, M.S.E. ’65) of North Little Rock. She was a member of Student Senate, Heart and Key, Alpha Sigma Tau sorority, cheerleading squad, Wesley Foundation, Who’s Who in American Colleges and Universities, class favorite, Homecoming court and ROTC Sponsor. Her fondest memories of Henderson are great friends, lots of fun times, and the Reddie Spirit. She is proud to have been able to work in the educational field for so many years.

Michael W. Peterson (B.S.E. ’72) of Little Rock was a member of the Reddie basketball and baseball teams, Phi Lambda Chi, Heart and Key, Who’s Who in American Colleges and Universities and Intra-Fraternity Council. His fondest memory of Henderson is the AIC Basketball Championship and graduation. He received his M.S.E. from Grambling State University. He is proud of his career of 32 years in the education field.

Jim Atwell (B.S.E. ’60) of Hot Springs was a member of the Reddie basketball and baseball teams, Phi Lambda Chi, Heart and Key, Who’s Who in American Colleges and Universities and Intra-Fraternity Council. His fondest memory of Henderson is winning the AIC Basketball Championship and graduation. He received his M.S.E. from Louisiana Tech in 1970.

Linda G. English (B.S.E. ’76, M.S.E. ’87) of Prescott was a member of Gamma Beta Phi and Kappa Delta Pi. During her master’s training, she participated in numerous leadership roles within the Arkansas Counseling Association. Her role included presenter, evaluations chair, historian and governmental liaison between the mental health and school counselors. Her fondest memories of Henderson include having Dr. Charlie Weiner for most of her adult life as a teacher, counselor, mentor, colleague and friend.

Donnie Whitten (B.S.E. ’95, M.S.E. ’00) of Arkadelphia was a member of Red Wave, SGA-Vice President for Activities, Heart and Key, Reddie cheerleader, Student Foundation-founding member and Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity while a student at Henderson. His fondest memories of Henderson are freshman move-in day, Homecoming bonfire, ballgames, pep rallies, SAB events and Dr. Dee White’s country and western dance class, where he met his wife Karri (who is also a graduate of Henderson). They have two children, Staton and Donovan. Donnie is the principal of Peake Elementary School in Arkadelphia.
The fifth annual Holiday Gala held December 10th at DeGray Lodge was another rousing success. The event recognizes the wonderful support for Henderson by its top donors. Each year we come together to celebrate Henderson State University and the enormous outpouring of support by its alumni, faculty, staff, and friends.

In addition to the celebration, the university and Henderson Foundation recognize its newest members of the Henderson Heart Clubs. The Henderson Heart Clubs consist of those individuals who contribute or pledge $10,000 or more in lifetime support. It also recognizes corporate support at $20,000 or more in lifetime contributions.

Holiday Gala Honors Top Donors

To learn more about the Heart Clubs, contact the Office of Development and speak with John Gyllin, director.

The newest members of the Henderson Heart Clubs are:

**Spirit Society**
Reggie and Claudia Speights .......... Arkadelphia
Bill Campbell .......................... Arkadelphia
Cliff Larrison ........................ Arkadelphia
Bill and Gayle Wright ........ Arkadelphia
Betty Bruner .......................... Arkadelphia
Doug Gilpin and Claudia Beach .... Arkadelphia
Dr. Jamie Engman and Lori Frino .... Arkadelphia
Jane Lucas ............................ Arkadelphia

**Centurium Club**
Tad and Judy Krug ..................... Little Rock

**President’s Guild**
General Jimmy and Pat Ross ........ Lake Forest, Fla.
William Harold Sturgis ............ Texarkana

In addition, Daryl and Mary Muslow of Shreveport moved up to the Centurium Club Level, recognizing a commitment of $50,000 or more to the university, and Paul Barringer moved up to the President’s Guild for his lifetime support.

Estate Planning, Eternal as the Holly

Taken from the words of the alma mater—Beauty and friendship eternal as the holly.

The origin of the Holly Society was announced at the annual Holiday Gala.

Those who have made Henderson an estate beneficiary of $10,000 or more can now be recognized and have their names associated with the campus in perpetuity.

We would like to recognize Wayne (’70, ’72) and Barbara (’70) Mays of Fayetteville and Don (’56) and Shirley (’56) McCool of Jacksonville, Fla., for their commitment to the Holly Society.

In the future, the Roll of Donors will include the names of those whose legacies have been committed to the university.

For more information contact the Office of Development. They have professionals ready to answer questions and assist you.

During the July 2004 meeting of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, a presentation was given by Valerie (LaPaglia) Brasseale (’02, ’03) on a program that can benefit alumni.

Because Henderson has a purchasing agreement with Staples, the buying power is extended to the 20,000 members of the Henderson Alumni Association who are a part of a business, school, or organization that purchases office supplies amounting to $6,000 or more a year. With this agreement, the participating organization gets access to an account manager, invoicing, convenience cards, expanded buying power and deep discounts. The program is web-based, which means all purchases are done online and any purchase over $25 has free delivery.

The Staples agreement is one of the many ways your Alumni Association adds benefit to your status as a Henderson graduate.

For more information on the Staples program, contact the Office of Alumni Services.

Tributes and Memorials

You see a Reddie that accomplishes a great feat, or you notice in the alum notes that a classmate has passed away. The Henderson Foundation can send a memorial or tribute card to those you wish to recognize. Simply state in your gift that you wish to honor someone or send in a gift as a memorial, and the foundation will process the gift and send a card to the family.
Aviation art, horror comics, French television scripts – Henderson becomes home for collections

By Susan Margrave

What do World War II air battles, a tyrannosaurus rex and Doctor Who all have in common? They’re all part of collections that are finding a home at Henderson State University.

A quarter-century of notes, sketches and other memorabilia from cartoonist Stephen R. Bissette is coming to Huie Library from the artist’s home in Vermont, according to Lea Ann Alexander, librarian and instructor, who is overseeing the cataloging of the material. Bissette and his wife, Marj, were on hand on Nov. 11 when the collection was formally dedicated.

Meanwhile, across 10th Street in Caplinger Airway Science Academic Center, Dr. Jerry Robinson, aviation department chair, was busy hanging dozens of framed prints of aviation art and memorabilia, a gift of a local physician, Dr. James T. Blackmon. It is likely the largest collection of its kind in the state, Robinson said, if not the region.

And far away on the West Coast, a French writer of books and comic books about science fiction and fantasy, Jean-Marc Lofficier, was packing up his collection of books and papers from a career in the entertainment industry and shipping that material to Huie Library.

The aviation art came to Henderson, Blackmon said, as a “natural” choice with the aviation program and the building’s size: “Caplinger was big enough to hold all of it under one roof.”

The other two collections come by way of a slightly more complicated route. That route began back in the mid-1980s, when Dr. Randy Duncan, professor of communication, was teaching at the University of Vermont at Burlington. He met Bissette at a comic book convention in New Hampshire.

Bissette has been a professional cartoonist for 20 years. He is best known for his award-winning collaboration with writer Alan Moore and inker John Totleben on DC Comics’ Saga of the Swamp Thing from 1983-87.

His artwork has also graced the pages of “Heavy Metal”, “Epic Illustrated”, “Bizarre Adventures,” “Weird Worlds” and many others.

He co-founded, edited and co-published the controversial adult horror comics anthology “Taboo” (1988-95). He has also illustrated special edition novels, novellas and short stories by Douglas E. Winter, Joe Lansdale, Joe Citro, Rick Hautala and others.

In 1992, Duncan said, he attended his first academic conference devoted to comics as communication in San Diego. Bissette had an hour-long presentation on the history of comics. The two met again in 1998 at a conference at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst on the 20th anniversary of graphic novels.

“I just ran into him a couple of times briefly over the course of years,” Duncan, who teaches a course at Henderson on comics as communication, said. “Then in October 2002, we brought him in on a faculty grant and showed him the graphic novel special collection in the library. He met Lea Ann and Bob (Yehl, director of Huie Library). He was here for three days, getting to know people and socializing. He was trying to find a home for his collection. He said he’d never been treated as well at any university. A lot of it was just liking the people here.”

And it turned out that Bissette was acquainted with Lofficier, who also was looking for a home for his collection, which includes a Kevin Smith script for a “Superman” movie that never was made. Courted by the University of California at Los Angeles, Lofficier nonetheless chose Henderson to house the collection, influenced by the treatment Bissette said he had received.

With his wife, Randy, Jean-Marc Lofficier has co-authored half a dozen books about movies and television, as well as numerous comics and translations, including the Moebius graphic novels. In 1990, in recognition of their distinguished career as comic book writers, translators and editors, the Lofficiers were presented with the Inkpot Award for outstanding achievement in comic arts. The couple has collaborated on a number of animation and live-action feature scripts and teleplays. He has a master’s degree in business administration from the Paris Business School and a law degree from the Sorbonne.

Lofficier has interviewed such persons as director James Cameron, when “Aliens” was released; a nine-year-old Drew Barrymore when “Firestarter” was released; and Stephen King, just before “Christine” was released.

And he wrote The Doctor Who Programme Guide, detailing every episode of the British Broadcasting Corp.’s long-running science fiction series. The show first aired in 1963 and featured the inter-galactic exploits of a Time Lord who traveled through universes in his ship, the Tardis (which looked like a police call box).

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It was the silhouette models Dr. James Blackmon's father sent him during World War II that really got the whole collection started. Built to scale, the models helped American and British airmen learn to recognize the aircraft flying over them.

It inspired a lifetime of collecting for James Blackmon, and that collection has found its way to a new home: the Caplinger Airway Science Academic Center on the campus of Henderson State University.

“Oh, you know, noise and motors and smoke appeal to young boys,” Blackmon said. But it also inspired the pursuit and purchase of things aviaotional and a lifetime of learning in a man who admits he “ironically didn’t care squat” for the history lessons he had in school.

Blackmon earned a degree and an Army commission and served on active duty for five years as an infantry officer, which included serving as an aerial observer in both fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters.

He returned to Ouachita for two years for pre-medical studies and then entered the University of Arkansas School of Medicine at Little Rock. He next went to Emory University School of Medicine system in Atlanta for his internship and surgical residency. It was as a medical student that Blackmon himself started flying in 1962 – and began collecting aviation art more intently.

Prints from the large collection are visible along the walls of the Caplinger building, in the lobby, in the lecture hall, along hallways and inside offices and classrooms. The collection ranges from limited-print reproductions, photographs and postcards to memorabilia and vintage radio equipment. It is the largest collection in Arkansas and possibly in the southeast United States, according to Dr. Jerry Robinson, director of the aviation department, and includes slightly more than 1,000 images. The earliest signaling equipment (a signal light) in the artifacts collection dates to 1915. The earliest electronic equipment dates back to 1930.

Preliminary appraisals put the value in excess of $25,000.

But that isn’t the primary value to Blackmon. The subject matter of the art itself is what he values, and many of the events depicted involved aviators from Arkansas. He knows most of them. And he can tell the stories behind the images.

Represented in the collection are works by some of the premiere aviation artists of the 20th century, including Charles Hubbell, Jack Fellows, Robert Taylor, Ronald Wong, Kenneth Ferris, Robert Carlin, Craig Cordera and Heinz Krebs, a renowned German artist.

“I’m glad I have the opportunity to get the stuff up and keep the collection together,” Blackmon said. “And I hope this will be a stimulus for Henderson to have the interest in building a collection of aviation art and artifacts.”

The collection includes a number of French-language television programs and movies, as well as periodicals.

Bissette is going to store Lofficier’s tapes until a university has adequate space to store all of the collection materials it will receive.
Reddie Events

1) In October 2004 the Reddies put two new, safer vans on the road that seat 25 passengers and pull seven by 16 foot trailers that match. 2) The President’s Concert on Feb. 1 honored former Reddie Head Football Coach Jesse Branch. Pictured here are (seated, from left) Kenny Shields of Forney, Texas; Jennifer Westergaard of Benton; and Chad Walther of Arkadelphia; and Dr. Dunn, Dean Maralyn Sommer of Ellis College, Andre Duvall of North Little Rock, Wayne Ashley of Benton, Chris Loyd of Conway, Lee Ann and Jesse Branch. 3) Members of the Chamber Chorale perform at the 2004 Madrigal Feaste in the banquet hall of the Garrison center. 4) Henderson Halloween always provides plenty of safe trick-or-treating for local youngsters and a chance for students to have fun while giving back to the community. Pictured here are (from left) Christi Quarles of Arkadelphia, Katie Rabozzi of DeKalb, Texas, Wendy Pitcock of Paris, Texas, and Megan Griffin of Texarkana. 5) Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Formby pose with Drs. Charles and Jane Dunn at the outset of the Henderson Holiday Gala at DeGray Lake State Park Lodge. 6) Coach Harold Jones looks on as James Robert “Radio” Kennedy uses a student’s back to sign an autograph. The real-life coach and player who came to fame in the movie Radio (which starred Cuba Gooding Jr.) visited Henderson in September to deliver motivational talks to the students. 7) Jennifer Holbrook, director in instructional technology, was just one member of the Henderson staff who was on campus the first day of fall classes to help students find their way around. It was part of an effort by the University and Community Relations division to take away some of the “first-day fears.” 8) As part of a voter-education effort in October, Ellis College sponsored a debate on the issues of the 2004 presidential election. Pictured here (from left) are Dr. Daniel Grant, former Ouachita president, who served as moderator; former Sen. David Pryor, who represented the Democratic view; state Rep. Jeremy Hutchinson, who spoke for Republicans; and Dr. Dunn, who presented introductions and welcomed guests.
On-line MBA Program Proposal

Henderson’s proposal to offer the MBA on-line was approved at the October 22, 2004, meeting of the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board, and the university is now preparing the proposal for consideration by the Higher Learning Commission.

The instructional process will be delivered primarily using Web CT and specialized teaching software known as TEGRITY, which allows lectures to be viewed and heard on demand over the internet. Students will complete one course at a time over the course of five to six weeks until they finish 10 courses, so the program could be completed in 16 to 18 months, according to Dean of the School of Business Gary Linn.

Another unique feature of the program is the use of cohort groups of students. To strengthen the academic experience, students will progress through the program in a cohort group of no more than 30 students.

“There won’t be rolling enrollment,” Linn said. “We’ll need a minimum of 15 students to do this, so 15 would do this all together. They’ll go through it together and graduate together, unlike the on-campus MBA, where you can begin any semester.”

The proposed tuition and fees are $21,000 per student. The tuition is more than a student would pay for a traditional MBA, partly because of increased technology costs and also because all undergraduate prerequisite requirements are built into the on-line MBA courses. Therefore, students without the 33 hours of required MBA prerequisites will be able to enroll directly into the MBA program.

“The main advantage is that you don’t have to come to Arkadelphia to get your MBA,” said Linn. “People can keep their jobs and eliminate having to travel to obtain an advanced degree.”

Henderson will be tapping into international demand for the degree, Linn said. Faculty members expect to have an initial cohort made up of Mexican business officials who are interested in obtaining a master’s degree from an American university. Arkansas students could benefit from this by having another group to join.

“This is an excellent opportunity for Henderson to provide degrees for people who can’t quit their jobs and move to Arkadelphia to study,” Linn said.

Those who would like more information about the online MBA program may call the School of Business at Henderson at 870-230-5377.

Arkansas National Guard Tuition Waiver Signed

On November 1, 2004, President Dr. Charles D. Dunn and Arkansas National Guard Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Don C. Morrow signed a memorandum of understanding providing tuition for Guard personnel who attend the university.

The agreement provides that Henderson will waive up to 25 percent of tuition funding that the federal government doesn’t cover. Currently 100 percent of the tuition is paid for Army National Guard personnel, Morrow said. Air Guard members receive 25 percent assistance.

The move also is significant, he said, because the status of the funding is uncertain. “We can’t predict what will happen in the future,” he told a group of about 30 who gathered for the signing ceremony in the Garrison Center lecture hall.

The line between active-duty and reserve military personnel has almost dissolved in the post 9-11 world, Morrow said. Members of the Arkansas National Guard in 2003 were posted in 47 different locations around the world, with 17 of those locations in foreign nations. They were not training exercises, he noted; those units were mobilized and on active duty.

For 2004, he said, the Guard has been on duty in 43 different locations, and 18 of those have been in foreign countries. “The Guard has been very, very busy,” Morrow said.

He also presented Dunn with a Minuteman statue, noting that the National Guard was the oldest military organization in the United States. Citizen soldiers organized in 1641 to defend residents of colonial America, he said, and the goals of the National Guard remain much the same now.

The tuition agreement will be important to those members of the Arkansas National Guard who will be returning from duty in Iraq in 2005, Morrow said.

“The step you’re taking is a significant one,” Morrow said. “And I want to thank Henderson for what you’re doing for the soldiers.”

Women’s Golf Added to Sports, Alum Hired to Coach

Director of Athletics Sam Goodwin announced the addition of women’s golf beginning in the fall of 2005. Women currently compete in volleyball, basketball, softball, swimming, tennis, and cross-country. Men’s sports include football, basketball, baseball, golf, and swimming.

“We have been wanting to begin a women’s golf program for several years but we have had to work out the financial details,” Goodwin said.

“We are excited to add the program and we have hired an individual that embodies the true Reddie Spirit.”

Former Reddie golfer Blake McAfee (’04) has been hired to coach the Lady Reddie golf program. McAfee earned his degree in physical education and is currently working on his master’s in sports administration at Henderson. The native of Hope was a four-year letterman for the Reddies and was the top golfer with several top 10 finishes including an eighth-place finish in the 2004 GSC Championships and an individual title in the 2002 University of Central Arkansas Invitational. He is a two-time All-Gulf South Conference selection and was a member of the GSC All-Academic team.

“This is a big opportunity for me and I want to thank Coach Goodwin and Coach Willie Tate for entrusting me with this program. This will be a big challenge for me in starting a new program, but I’m looking forward to it,” McAfee said.

“Women’s golf is growing at a rapid pace, and there are great opportunities for those wanting to play at the college level to earn scholarships.”

The Lady Reddie Golf team will compete in the GSC Championship in the spring of 2006.
Henderson Chooses Maxfield as Successor to Jesse Branch

A seasoned coach with a reputation for turning around struggling programs has become the head football coach for the Reddies.

Scott Maxfield led Blinn College at Denham, Texas, to back-to-back playoff appearances before being named the 18th head football coach in Henderson’s century of gridiron action.

“I’m very excited about the opportunity to be the head coach at Henderson State,” Maxfield said.

The search committee for the position included Athletic Director Sam Goodwin, Jesse Branch, Head Basketball Coach Joe Redmond, former player Blake Christenson, Dr. Woody Jolly, and Henderson Vice President for Finance and Administration Bobby Jones.

Goodwin said that Maxfield has the personality and ambition to make the Reddies a contender in the Gulf South Conference. “I felt like he had a great enthusiasm and a lot of confidence,” he said. “There was nothing phony about him, and he is a proven winner.”

Maxfield, who holds a bachelor’s degree from Louisiana Tech University and his master’s from the United States Sports Academy, was named Offensive Coordinator of the Year for Community and Junior Colleges in 1999 by American Football Coach magazine.

His 17 years of coaching experience includes five years as an assistant at Northwestern State University at Natchitoches, La. Working under current Reddie Athletic Director and then-coach of the Demons Goodwin, Maxfield was defensive line coach from 1991-94, before becoming Goodwin’s defensive coordinator from 1994 to 1996.

Maxfield also spent a total of 10 years (1986-1990 and 1996-2001) at Northwest Mississippi Community College.

Maxfield and his wife Beth Ann, who holds a doctorate in English, have been married for 20 years. They have one daughter, Alexandra Hailey, who is 15 years old.

1970’s Basketball Reunion

Mike Dugan ’80

A long-over-due reunion of the great Reddie basketball teams of the 1970s took place January 29, in the Garrison Center Banquet Room.

About 40 former players, families, and friends enjoyed dinner and a program saluting all members of the Reddie teams that set unprecedented records and erased racial barriers throughout the old AIC. Dr. Alvin Futrell, Dr. Dean Lee and Grady Bean planned the event.

During the decade the Reddies won 245 games while losing only 66 for an average of 25 wins per season. They won seven Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference titles, finished second in the nation in both 1975-76 and 1978-79, and third in 1976-77. The era’s players included nine All-Americas led by Danny Davis who was a three-time selection. There were 23 All-AIC selections earned.

Vice President Bobby Jones greeted the group and the invocation was given by former guard Neich Robinson. Don Dyer spoke and a video paid tribute to the players and teams. Several players then talked of Bobby Reese who replaced Dyer as coach during the last two years of the decade. Dean Lee announced that an award in Reese’s name will be awarded each season to a current Reddie player who reflects the spirit of the Reddie squads led by the coach.
Judy (Spann) Reed ('68) is a Delta Zeta who received her B.S.E. in home economics and taught for 20 years. Her fondest school memories are of sorority activities and her sisters. She enjoys sewing, volunteering, and crafts. She has visited such places as Puerto Rico, Alaska, the Northeast, South Carolina, and China, where she walked on the Great Wall. Judy is a state officer for the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Arkansas. She married Eddie Reed 41 years ago and has three sons, Chris, Shawn, and Marc.

Barry Heinley ('91) earned a degree in tourism/recreation. He has been a manager of a gymnastics gymnasium for 12 years in Mesquite, Texas. Barry stays fit by running and playing basketball. He has competed in road races and triathlons. He is a loyal Reddie and loves to tell people about Henderson and is proud to say that he has recruited students to attend his alma mater.

Don Roberts ('58, '63) earned a B.A. in economics and a M.S.E. in education. He played baseball and was the student body president. He was in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1954-1956 and served in Korea. He received his Ed.D. from the University of Arkansas in 1969. His career included being superintendent of schools in Newport News, Va. He is most proud of the development of educational partnerships among school, communities and business, so that all children could participate in a comprehensive learning experience. He is married to Janis Kizzia Roberts and has two sons and a daughter; Don Roberts, Jr.; Jon; and Susan Roberts-Robbins. They have seven grandchildren.

Emma Williams Watts ('75) received a B.S. in business administration. She was involved in the Confederation of Black Students, Iota Delta Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta sorority, Young Democrats, and Phi Beta Lambda. She fondly remembers the unity among the black students in CBS and the breakfast program that was started for elementary students. She received a masters’ degrees in vocational education and business administration from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. She is an assistant professor in the College of Applied Science and Technology at the University of Arkansas-Fort Smith. Emma is married to Lonnie Lee Watts, Jr., ('75) and has three sons and a daughter, Derrick, Christopher, Brandon, and Nicole. She was selected by her peers as Whirlpool Master Teacher in 1999.

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WHERE THEY ARE NOW

Photos from the Star yearbooks and clues to the identity of alumni are featured in this section of the Reddie Report. Issues of the Reddie Report will reveal names and information on what previously featured alumni have been doing since graduation. Have you pulled out your old yearbook lately? Do you remember the fashions? The hairstyles? Do you recognize any of the Reddies pictured here? Take a closer look.

In 1987, she graduated with a degree in nursing. She was a member of Gamma Beta Phi, R.O.T.C. and the Student Nursing Association. This 1956 graduate was a member of Phi Lambda Chi and majored in physical education.

A member of Alpha Xi, the Masquers, and the Oracle Staff, this 1964 graduate majored in Spanish.

1971 Mr. Henderson State College, he majored in biology, and was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, Heart and Key, Scabbard and Blade, Circle

Alum Notes

1940’s
Tom Ed Townsend ('46) of Pine Bluff, was inducted into the UAMS inaugural College of Medicine Hall of Fame for his leadership and accomplishments in research, teaching, service, clinical care and philanthropy.

The graduating classes of 1947-1953 are planning a “Reddie Reunion” at the Arlington Hotel in Hot Springs on April 29, 30 and May 1, 2005. All classes of alumni are invited. Call 1-800-643-1502 for hotel reservations. Mention Henderson Reunion for special rate of $84/single or $94/couple. Special rate reservations and cancellations accepted only until March 29. Reunion registration fee is $15/single or $20/couple and should be received by April 1. Make checks payable to “Doris Robey—Special Account” and mail to 211 Brown St., #3, Hot Springs, AR 71913. For information call Doris at 501-520-5505.

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School of the Arts at Florida Atlantic University. He works with donors, outreach and administration of the departments of music, theatre, visual arts and art history, and art galleries.

John Benjamin (B.S.E. ’76) of Glenwood, was appointed to the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission by Gov. Mike Huckabee.

Mary Armstrong Dumond (B.S.E. ’77) of Bismarck, a seventh grade teacher at Goza Middle School in Arkadelphia, was named one of the district’s top teachers.

Stephanie Eason Emerson (B.S.E. ’77, M.S.E. ’87) of Wynne, has recently been appointed as Arkansas’s state director of the Journalism Education Association. This appointment comes from association headquarters at Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kan.

Phillip Miller (B.S.E. ’77) of Texarkana, has been selected as Arkansas Coach of the Year in Softball for 2003-04.

Sandra Barentine Crawley (B.S.E. ’78, M.S.E. ’95) of Arkadelphia, has been named Arkadelphia’s Teacher of the Year.

1980’s

Doug Jones (B.S. ’83) of Stillwater, Okla., received the John Henry Comstock Graduate Student Award (Southwestern Branch) in Salt Lake City, Utah, during the Entomological Society of America annual meeting in November.

Joseph Lane (B.S. ’85) of Jackson, Tenn., has been promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in the Tennessee Guard. He is the 230th Engineer Battalion Commander in Trenton, Tenn., and is the Administrative Officer for 194th Engineer Brigade in Jackson, Tenn.

Karen Holsapple Shaw (B.S. ’86, M.B.A. ’98) of Malvern, recently accepted a position with the University of Arkansas, Division of Agriculture-Cooperative Extension Services as Director of Financial Services.

Brent Reeves (B.S.E. ’87, M.S.E. ’88) and Kathy McClain Reeves (B.S. ’88) of Hackett, along with their three children, are currently serving as missionaries to Thailand with the International Mission Board (IMB) of the Southern Baptist Convention. Brent is a sports evangelist/church planter among the Isaan people of Thailand. They have served with the IMB for five years.

Shannon House Prince (B.S.E. ’89) of Arkadelphia, a first grade teacher at Perritt School, was named one of the district’s top teachers.

Roy Snook (B.S. ’89) of Little Rock, has been promoted to Executive Vice President of Lending by the President and Chief Operating Officer of Bancorp South.

1990’s

Debbie Ware Robertson (B.S.E. ’91), of Arkadelphia, a second grade teacher at Central Primary in Arkadelphia, was named one of the district’s top teachers.

Dawn Franklin Cauthron (B.A. ’93) of Augusta, Ga., graduated with a master’s degree in special education and behavior disorders from Augusta State University.

Shelley Golden Loe (B.S. ’92) of Arkadelphia, recently joined Elk Horn Bank and Southern Financial Partners as Vice President of Commercial Lending in Arkadelphia.

Teena Johnson Reasoner (B.A. ’96) of Lynchingburg, Va., has created and moderates a Yahoo group called ASTArkansas for Alpha Sigma Tau Alumnae who live in Arkansas or initiated through a chapter in Arkansas. Alumnae interested in joining, please e-mail tmreasoner@yahoo.com or ASTArkansas-subscribe@yahooogroups.com.

Doris Pierce (B.A. ’97, M.A. ’04) of Arkadelphia, received her master’s degree in community counseling in August 2004 from Henderson.

Carla Singleton (B.S.E. ’97, M.S.E. ’02) of Arkadelphia, has accepted the position as principal at Blevins Elementary School.

Scott Fisk (B.F.A. ’98) of Birmingham, Ala., has taught at Memphis College of Art, American Intercontinental University and Samford University. He received his M.F.A. in computer art from Memphis College of Art. Some of his most recent motion graphics have been featured on Cinemax, ABC, Discovery Channel and Showtime. Scott currently works as an Army Reserve designer, cinematographer and journalist for the 81st Regional Readiness Command, a headquarters in charge of 40,000 troops in the Southeastern United States.

Traci Thomas (B.S.E. ’98, M.S.E. ’04) of Arkadelphia, was recently hired as a ninth grade counselor at Lancaster High School in Texas.

Robert Jerrod (B.B.A. ’99) of Charlotte N.C., recently accepted a position to lead Altrel’s retail division in Charlotte.

Cheryl Bobo Shaw (B.B.A. ’99) of Texarkana, has earned the designations of Certified Public Accountant, Certified Valuation Analyst, Certified Fraud Examiner, Certified Management Accountant, Certified Internal Auditor and Certified in Financial Management. She is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and Related Professional Organizations and is licensed to practice in Arkansas and Texas.

2000’s

Reid Joiner (B.S. ’00) of Arkadelphia, has accepted the position as Webmaster with Henderson State University.

Aaron Stewart (B.A. ’00) of Benton, has accepted the position as director with the Clark County Industrial Council in Arkadelphia. He is also working as assistant director of the Southwest Arkansas Technology Learning Center.

Erica Atkins (B.A. ’01) of Little Rock, graduated from law school at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville in May 2004.

Lisa Tucker Burris (B.S. ’01) of Wynne, graduated from the University of Alabama-Tuscaloosa with a M.A. in health studies in August 2004. She is currently working as a County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences for the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service in Garland County.

Tene’ Green (B.A. ’01) of Little Rock, graduated from law school at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville in May 2004.

Kris Aman Duncan (B.A. ’02 and computer service staff) of Arkadelphia, earned the title of Senior Level Certified WebCT Trainer. She earned 98 out of 100 possible points in her evaluation, the highest score in her class, which was held at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas in November.

Tennley Singer Hickman (B.B.A. ’02) of Hugo, Okla., completed her master’s degree in health care administration in January 2005 from American Intercontinental University.

Shayna Lamkin (B.S. ’02) of Stephens, recently graduated from Southern Arkansas University with a master’s degree in secondary education.

Kendra Yanney (B.S. ’02) of Kailua, Hawaii, recently graduated with a master’s degree in elementary education from the University of Phoenix-Hawaii Campus.

Benison Forfeke (B.S. ’04) of Arkadelphia, has accepted an assistantship at Georgia Tech to pursue a Ph.D. in chemistry. He also distinguished himself as an outstanding graduate teaching assistant.

Faculty/Staff

Marc Beggs (Dean of the Graduate School) of Little Rock, published his second collection of poetry, Libido Cafe.

Laura Storm (faculty) of Arkadelphia, recently completed her doctor of music in voice performance.

Weddings

Jennifer Young (’89) and Calvin Brown, July 31, 2004.

Karen Hines (’91) and Rick Jarvey, April 17, 2004.

Katina Peyton (’97) and Darrell Stephens, June 12, 2004.

Ernie Higgs (’00, ’02) and Felica Bledsoe (’99, ’02) July 31, 2004.

Chris Garrett (’99) and Jeana Wooten, November 6, 2004.

Kris Graves (’99) and Marlon Clemons, June 1, 2004.

Brandon Oakley (’99) and Mallie Robinus, October 30, 2004.
LeTitia Walker ('99) and Jeremy Todd, September 4, 2004.
Kary Darnell Green ('00) and Angela Harris, June 19, 2004.
Laura Clements ('01) and Philip Siebenmann, June 2004.
Karlyn Moore ('01) and Troy Jay, December 4, 2004.
Billy Abshier ('02) and Cathie Middleton ('03), August 7, 2004.
Laura Alexander ('02) and Joshua Combs, July 24, 2004.
John Elkins ('02) and Laura Dyer, January 8, 2005.
Brandi Rucker ('02) and Derrick Banks ('01), June 26, 2004.
Nikki Polychron ('02) and Chad Young, October 2, 2004.
Edward Daniels ('03) and Jacly Harris ('02), August, 2004.
Katherine Davis ('03) and Shane McAtreer, August 21, 2004.
Mary Lee ('04) and Christopher Downey ('04), July 24, 2004.
Alicia Pierce ('04) and Daniel Benson, July 31, 2004.

Births
Linda Thornton Vaughn ('88) and Scott, a son, Alex, Jan. 6, 2004.
June Cavnor Beach ('89) and Ben, a daughter, Lauren Elizabeth, Sept. 4, 2004.
Andy Mayberry ('92) and Julie, a daughter, Zoe Ann, Aug. 18, 2004.
Tina Knapper Brumley ('94) and Davis, a son, Conner David, June 28, 2004.
Julie Andry Case ('94) and Sean, a daughter, Hadley Ellision, May 6, 2004.
Chad Eley ('94) and Leslie, a son, Benjamin Michael, Feb. 24, 2004.
Angela Powell Lewis ('94) and Charles, a daughter, Jaisa Aenise, Sept. 3, 2004.
Kerri Leath Curtis ('95) and Tommy, a son, Brady Andrew, Mar. 31, 2004.
Charles Lovell ('95) and Suzanne, a son, Jackson, June 18, 2004.
Donnie Whitten ('95, '00) and Karri Capps Whitten ('94, '95) a son, Donovan Lee, Sept. 7, 2004.
Rachael Huff Barnes ('96) and Christopher, a son, Austin Christopher, Oct. 5, 2004.
Brian Henry ('96) and Elizabeth Black Henry ('96), a daughter, Sydney Elizabeth, Oct. 24, 2004.
Reid Kauffman ('97) and Leslie Wilson Kauffman ('00) a daughter, Kaylin Marie, July 2, 2004.
Jennifer McCall Kelly ('97) and Jansen, a son, Eli Warren, July 14, 2004.
Jeremy Mounts ('97) and Wendi Hughes Mounts ('02) a son, Landen Noah, on Aug. 3, 2004.
Andy Neel ('97) and Heather Anthony Neel ('98), a daughter, Madelyn Ann, Nov. 16, 2004.
Crystal Wheeler ('97), a daughter, Bailee Nicole, Aug. 11, 2004.
Wendi Bass Boyles ('98, '00) and Kevin, a daughter, Bailey Louise, Aug. 8, 2004.
Dustin Beene ('99) and Chrystal Williams Beene ('00, '03), a son, Noah Andrew, Jan. 5, 2004.
Mark Chastain ('99) and Robyn Nivens Chastain ('96, '03), a daughter, Kamdyn Lin, Nov. 19, 2004.
Mark Amox ('00) and Jennifer Bohannon Amox ('00), a daughter, Madeleine Elizabeth, Mar. 30, 2004.
Frank Barnes ('00) and Tenesha Greer Barnes ('03), a son, Joshua Fitzgerald, Nov. 24, 2004.
Jill Monroe Collins ('00) and Joshua Collins ('03), a daughter, Caroline Kathleen, June 23, 2004.
Chad Fielding ('00) and Jennifer Reece Fielding ('02), a son, Logan Jeffrey, Dec. 2, 2004.
Jonathan Moss ('01) and Sarah Morgan Moss ('00), a daughter, Hannah Rebecca, Mar. 23, 2004.
Haley Cooper Harrison ('01) and Stephen, a daughter, Kylee Faith, may 4, 2004.
Charlie Miller ('01) and Ashley, a son, Charles Camden, Aug. 16, 2004.
Sarah Evans Peters ('01) and Shannon, a daughter, Rebekah Lynne, July 12, 2004.
Jeff Coventry ('02) and Debra Bryant Coventry ('89, '91) a daughter, Kelsey, Mar. 29, 2004.
Jami Kim Maynard ('02) and Eli, a son, Braly Eli, May 6, 2004.
Kathryn Wacaster White ('02) and Daryl, a son, Dallas Wesley, July 16, 2004.
Kristi Whacaster White ('02) and Daryl, a son, Dallas Wesley, July 16, 2004.

Adoptions
Tammy Dunn Vanover ('89) and Alvin announce the adoption of their daughter Desiree Elizabeth, Sept. 11, 2002.

Anniversaries
Charles Gray ('47) and Erma Thrash Gray celebrated 60 years of marriage, June 29, 2004.
William Bright ('55) and Peggy Bright celebrated 50 years of marriage, August 2004.
Joe Hughes ('56) and Wincie Davis Hughes ('54) celebrated 50 years of marriage, November 24, 2004.
Thomas Lee Paxton ('55) and Florence Stubblefield Paxton celebrated 50 years of marriage, June 4, 2004.
Bobby Lybrand ('58) and Glenna Hickey Lybrand ('57, '58) celebrated 50 years of marriage, September 11, 2004.
JoeAnn Ross Shaver ('65, '69) and Charles Shaver celebrated 50 years of marriage, October 9, 2004.

That’s right—I HAVE a bib!
My mom let the gang in alumni services know that I had arrived, and they sent her this cool “Future Reddie” bib just for me. Don’t cry! You can get one, too. Tell your folks to contact alumni services. The contact information is in the front of the magazine. Are you Reddie to be as cool as I am?
Obituaries

1930's

1940's

1950's
Jan Freeman Scheuer ('70) 34, of Nashville-Nov. 13, 2004.
Dana Morrison Martin ('75) 77, of Arkadelphia-July 6, 2004.

1960's

1970's

1980's
Judy Grant Sanders ('96) 34, of Caney-Dec. 23, 2004.

Faculty & Staff
Mary Elizabeth Stephenson (retired faculty) 91, of Mt. Home-July 31, 2004.

Former Students

Lost Alumni
How do you lose a Reddie? Too many times our alumni forget to let us know when they have moved. If you know where to find any of these lost Reddies, please contact the alumni office so that we can send them a Reddie Report.

1950's
Leonard Simpson ('50)
Laura Mewton Mathews ('51)
Calvin Peters ('52)
Donald Rittman ('53)
Ruby Forga West ('54)
Jane Donoho Toney ('55)
Hancel Porterfield ('56)
James Stearn ('57)
Marian Sanders Stockton ('58)
Marvin Wilkins ('59)

1960's
Betty Purifoy Fincher ('60)
Billy Tipton ('61)
Thurman Thompson ('62)
Bonita Stone Willis ('63)
Robert Helms ('64)
John Bieloh ('65)
Sunny Coleman Powell ('66)
Buddy Brown ('67)
Alvin Buckmaster ('68)
Donald Messersmith ('69)

1970's
Jan Freeman Scheuer ('70)
Mary Owens Taylor ('71)
James Wickliffe ('72)
Bette Blocker Warden ('73)
Lanny Bates ('74)
Dana Morrison Martin ('75)
Joseph Davis ('76)
Janice Price Shumpert ('77)
Susan Williams Stern ('78)
Robert Crawford ('79)

1980's
Barry Musgrave ('80)
Tony Merriweather ('81)
Linda Scroggins Landrum ('82)
Debra Hamilton Marshall ('83)
Robert Clensay ('84)
Cynthia Aikman Anthony ('85)
Kevin Taylor ('86)
Roby Ulmer ('87)
Linda Borders Gandy ('88)
John Womack ('89)

1990's
Phyllis McDowell Griggs ('90)
Tasha Ridley Godwin ('91)
Michael Hunt ('92)
Carlos Heuduck ('93)
Faye Brewer Miner ('94)
Ami Short Goodwin ('95)
Lester Blow ('96)
Beth Hanninen Brown ('97)
Jesse Ford ('98)
Frederick Dickinson ('99)
Jay Epperhart is nothing if not focused.
The senior, currently working at an internship with Pixar Animation Studios (makers of Toy Story, Monsters, Inc., and Finding Nemo) in northern California, is the hand behind the color campus map pictured on the back inside cover.

He originally conceived the idea three years ago when he was a student worker in the Department of Computer and Communications Services, but he hadn't yet acquired the computer skills to carry it out. "That was way over my head then," he said. (He comes by those computer skills fairly naturally; he's the son of David Epperhart, director of the department.)

But an opportunity to work in the Department of Public Relations made the project a viable option. Dr. Jerry Robinson, director of the aviation program, took Epperhart on a photo shoot over the campus, and he recorded the images with his digital camera. Back on the ground, he began studying other maps to see how their makers had put them together.

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"I really underestimated that task," he said. "I thought it would take a week."

Then Henderson bought some buildings adjacent to the school property, and Epperhart had to add those to the map. "I tweaked it. There were multiple versions of it, and we found multiple uses for it," he said.

In all, he drew 40,000 individual objects for the map using a computerized professional pen tablet.

"I knew I'd overdone it when the fastest computer took two hours to rasterize (process) the picture," he laughed. "But it was a fun job. I liked figuring out the shading on the dome and how to make the light look realistic. And it's a great portfolio piece."
Jones Book Serves as Base for New ‘Kinsey’ Movie

Distinguished Alumnus Dr. James. H. Jones's 1997 biography of Alfred C. Kinsey is once again getting attention as Kinsey, starring Liam Neeson as the noted sex researcher, hit theatres in late December. The Bill Condon film tries to walk a fine line between Jones's take on Kinsey – as a flawed researcher who wanted to justify his own sexual practices – with a biography by Jonathan Gathorne-Hardy of Indiana University (the university where Kinsey did his research and issued the "Kinsey Reports"), which largely refuted Jones's conclusions. Jones's work, Alfred C. Kinsey: A Public/Private Life (W.W. Norton, 1997), has been reissued in paperback as Alfred C. Kinsey: A Life.

Both Jones and Gathorne-Hardy agree that Kinsey was instrumental in bringing sexuality out of the darkness and faced his last years under public attack, which continues long after his death in 1956. "He was a complex man," Jones said in an interview in the Orlando Sentinel recently, "and it is appropriate that there be a continuum of debate about him. That debate doesn't have to cross over into bigotry."

Jones is pictured addressing the graduating class in May 2001, when he was honored as a Distinguished Alumnus.