LORE of the RINGS
Dear Reddie Alumni:

I do not believe we have had a busier year since I assumed the presidency of Henderson State University in 1986. While our lives were complicated somewhat by numerous budget cuts by the state and a protracted legislative session that eventually provided modest additional funding for the university, we continued to progress on other fronts.

Our fall term began with the enrollment of perhaps the best-prepared freshman class in the history of Henderson. Since 1989, the average freshman ACT score has risen from 18.3 (about the 30th percentile nationally) to 22.3 (about the 67th percentile nationally). That remarkable change means that our freshmen score higher on the ACT than two-thirds of enrolled freshmen nationally. Perhaps connected to this achievement, we opened the new Sturgis Hall as a combination residence hall and classroom building for the Honors College. More and more, your university is viewed by prospective students as a center of learning excellence.

Physical changes of our campus continued unabated also. Construction began during the fall on a thorough renovation and expansion of Arkansas Hall. The new facility will house a small theatre that opens to 12th Street, a dance studio and a television studio. Completion of the project is scheduled for the fall term. Renovation of the ground floor of Mooney Hall began during the fall, also. That facility will house a Student Health and Counseling Center and should be opened by August. Earlier this year, we completed a marvelous new athletic center that houses football offices, athletic training facilities and a terrific weight room. We think it is the best of its kind in the NCAA, Division II. Finally, we began the renovation of the Wells Center and the old field house this spring. We are hopeful that those facilities will be fully functional by the end of the year.

Henderson State University continues to change, but our priority remains firmly fixed on our students. It is good to recruit excellent students to Henderson, but it is much more important to enable those students to succeed and to prepare them for the next exciting steps in their lives. Like many of you, our students will go on to achieve great things for our community, state and nation. We are proud to be a part of that success.

We hope to see you on campus soon.

Sincerely,

Charles D. Dunn, Ph.D.
President
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Greetings, Reddie Alumni!

The whirlwind of meeting new Reddie alums and planning events has continued through the spring semester and into the summer. We’ve also been putting together a homecoming schedule that will reach out to Reddies from all eras and give you the opportunity to unlock the tradition of Henderson.

Some of the most exciting news from our office deals with the recently formed Red-e-news. E-mail is the wave of the future, and we have decided to get on board. It’s fast, easy, inexpensive, and it allows us the opportunity for regular contact with the alums that have made Henderson so great.

I created the Red-e-news in April. It is a monthly newsletter that includes a calendar of events along with campus news, and more importantly, alumni news. This newsletter has allowed us to share campus happenings with over 2,500 alumni each month, but we know that there are many more e-mail addresses out there, and we want everyone to receive the Red-e-news. So, here is what we need you to do. Send an e-mail to alumni@hsu.edu with the word “subscribe” in the subject line, so that we can add you to our mailing list. Once you are on our list, you will receive the Red-e-news, and you will be able to send us any exciting news that you have to add to the newsletter.

I look forward to visiting many of you in the upcoming months, and I hope that you will make your way to campus for Homecoming 2003, where “Spirit is the Key.”

Sincerely,

Susan Wesson Myers

'01, '02

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Letter from the Director

Calendar of Events

August 25, Monday
Pine Tree Assembly
Arkansas Hall, 7-8 p.m.

September 13, Saturday
Grand Opening and Dedication of Reddie Athletic Center
Reddie Athletic Center, 3 p.m.

September 27, Saturday
Black Alumni Tailgate
Reddie Athletic Center, 3-6 p.m.

October 11, Saturday
Athletic Hall of Honor

November 1, Saturday
Battle of the Ravine at OBU

December 4-6, Thursday-Saturday
Madrigal Feast

December 19, Friday
Commencement Ceremonies
Wells Center

December 19-20, Friday-Saturday
Reddie Basketball
Hot Springs Convention Center

February 14, 2004, Saturday
Annual Reddie Sweetheart Dinner and Dance

Image Campaign Update

GetReddie.com, Henderson’s new prospective student website, has acquired more than 600 applications submitted from potential students since March. “One of our campaign goals is to achieve 300 new students over a three-year period,” said Doris Wright, vice president for university and community relations and executive assistant to the president.

The website was chosen as the lead advertising medium for Henderson’s recruiting and image campaign because of the Internet’s appeal to college-age students. Video testimonials of current Henderson students, original music from local and regional bands, and a video tour given by President Charles Dunn, are incorporated into the site.

“It’s important to us that we demonstrate to prospective students that we can offer them what they are looking for in a university,” said Dr. Dunn. “It’s also important that we showcase the diverse range of degree plans Henderson offers at an affordable price for the student, and the GetReddie.com site accomplishes both of these goals.”


Subscribe to the Red-e-news.
Send an e-mail to alumni@hsu.edu with “subscribe” in the subject line.
The young traveler opened the door carefully, gently, and peered inside, squinting as his eyes adjusted to the subdued light.

Outside the sun beat down upon workers wrestling asphalt with spades, as great belching machines churned and spat out foul, oil-smelling mounds of molten pavement, and giant wheels mashed it into roadbed. The quiet inside the old home, the dim light of the hallway beneath the great stairs, the sweet smell of citrus candle provided a stark contrast to the workaday world without.

"Excuse me," the boy said politely as he spied a woman working in an office. "I hope you can help me. I need to see someone about a ring."  

Jesse McDaniel of Malvern strolled into Barkman House that day in early May with a treasure in his pocket. "A lady I know in Friendship, Jill Perdue, found this Henderson class ring," he said. He unwrapped a tissue and produced a Henderson State Teachers College ring from 1956. It bore three worn initials on the inside of the band. The fraternity letters, etched in gold into the claret stone, were untouched by the years and the elements. "She found this in her front yard," McDaniel said. "She asked me to bring it over here to see if y'all might be able to find the owner."

I took McDaniel and the ring to Director of Public Relations Penny Murphy, my reporter's instincts already revving up on the idea of a great story of treasures lost and owners found. Murphy took down the boy's name and telephone numbers and the name of the woman who had found the ring. We thanked him and he left with a smile.

"Take it to John Gyllin," Murphy told me. Now development director at Henderson, Gyllin is an alumnus and has strong ties to the campus fraternities. He turned to his computer. He clicked his way into the alumni database; many of the names were familiar to him from his days as alumni director at Henderson. "I should have something this afternoon."

Sure enough, he did.

The news wasn't really happy. The owner, Bill Summers, had died in 1990. But his widow and daughter, Anneke and Stacia, were delighted in hearing that the ring had been found. We were happy to be able to return the ring to the family, although it was a bittersweet experience.

Then Gyllin and Director of Alumni Services Susan Wesson Myers began to reveal details about just exactly how that ring must have been lost.

And thus began the saga of the Opti-Maggie mule-napping of 1955.

There were three culprits, as Don Ruggles recalls. He, Bill Summers and the late Bob Stewart were Kappa Sigma Kappa brothers. The Reddies were due to battle it out on the gridiron in two weeks with the Muleriders of Southern State College at Magnolia. The trio decided to travel to Magnolia that Saturday night and check out the Muleriders team – and their mascot, a mule named Opti-Maggie.

"Subsequent to the game, we decided that it would really be neat to take Opti-Maggie back to Henderson," Ruggles said. They waited as the Southern State student body exited the stadium to attend a dance. The field slowly emptied of all the fans.

"Sure enough, they turned off the stadium lights, and it made a perfect scenario," Ruggles said. He told Summers to take his car to the end of the stadium drive while he and Stewart alternately pushed and pulled the mule from the stadium toward the vehicle.

"'N ow, what do you have in mind?'" he recalled Summers asking as they approached Summers' 1955 Chevy Bel-Air with Opti-Maggie. "Well, we're gonna put her in the back seat," Ruggles told him. The three young men tried to push the mule into the back seat of the car, with Ruggles and Summers pushing from behind and Stewart pulling on the reins from the front.

"I'm telling you, that mule wouldn't budge," Ruggles said. The three pranksters pondered their next move.

In those days, he said, smoking was very commonplace, and he had a package of Chesterfields in his pocket.

"Stewart said, 'I've heard something,'" Ruggles said. "'I've heard that a mule will follow tobacco. Why don't you take your Chesterfields and well, wad up the tobacco and hold it in front of her nose and see if she won't get in the car?'

"'I'm not going to waste my tobacco!' Ruggles retorted. Summers went to a convenience store and bought some cheap cigarettes – at 15 cents a pack, Ruggles recalled – to try to coax Opti-Maggie into the Chevy. She sniffed and she moved toward it, but she still wouldn't get in the car.

The trio considered tying her to the back of the car and driving away, hoping she'd get in the car after a few minutes but quickly dismissed that idea as unworkable. Then they came up with a better idea.

They'd take the trailer, too!

Opti-Maggie's trailer was a plush affair: "diamond-studded," Ruggles said. They pulled the trailer by hand down the stadium drive, hitched it to Summers' car and discovered that the ball on Summers' trailer hitch was too big for the trailer. They improvised and used a piece of chain from Summers' car and some baling wire...
from Opti-Maggie's hay and drove away into the night, taking a very round-about route back to Arkadelphia – through Star City in Southeast Arkansas.

They woke up their Kappa Sigma Kappa brother, Charlie Fite, and told him they had to stash the mule someplace safe. They took her to the Fite farm in Manchester and saw to it that Fite's family would care for her. They returned to the Henderson campus, not knowing they were about to become the stuff of campus legend and lore – along with possibly being expelled from school.

"Bill and Bob and I are still going to classes and we get a little message one day," Ruggles said. "We get a note from D.D. McBrien (the president). And when you get a note from D.D. McBrien, folks, it's serious! The three of us marched in, and he didn't have a smile on his face... He said, 'Boys, I have heard that Opti-Maggie is somewhere around Henderson.' And he says, 'I have learned you three guys went and got her. Is this true?'... We didn't lie to him! We said, 'Yes, we went and got her!'"

McBrien advised the three that the mule had to be returned, but nobody actually promised to do anything. They decided Opti-Maggie needed to be moved so that the president could honestly say he didn't know where she was. They moved her to the farm of C.C. McDonald's uncle in Friendship.

That ploy didn't assuage McBrien. He called them in again and sternly advised them that, although they had the support and approval of the Reddie student body, Opti-Maggie had to be returned to Southern State. They relented and brought the mule to a local veterinarian for an exam. She was unharmed, as was her trailer.

The three adventurers, however, were assessed the bill, a whopping $90. And McBrien expelled them from their classes - not from the school – until that debt was paid.

"Folks, do you know how much $90 was in 1956?" Ruggles asked. "Three months of school!" exclaimed an unindicted co-conspirator.

The three divided the debt. Ruggles said that Summers could afford it and that Stewart worked on television and earned it. "I knew that if I told my folks in Hope, I'd be out of school permanently," Ruggles said. He never coughed up the information on how he paid his share. "I'll never tell you how I got my $30," he said.

Opti-Maggie went back to Magnolia, the students graduated and went on to lead productive lives.

And Bill Summers went on to tell his daughter, Stacia, that he lost his class ring, but he never elaborated on the details.

Ruggles speculates that it was lost when they took the mule to Friendship, and Opti-Maggie, stubborn as ever, was difficult in unloading from her trailer.

All speculated that the ring came off Summers' finger in the process of

In an informal ceremony Wesson Myers arranged at Barkman House on the Henderson campus on June 19, Ruggles presided over the return of the ring to Anneke Summers and Stacia, who is his goddaughter. It was done with a number of fraternity brothers looking on.

And when the question arose of who had the idea to take Opti-Maggie in the first place, Stacia Summers raised her hand. "It was my dad's," she said with a winning smile.

Then there is the tale of the Wandering Reddie, the lad who traveled far away from the Natural State to graduate school in the New Land of Hampshire – and who traveled farther still to watch a hockey tournament and lost his Reddie class ring in the process.

Matt Largen had received his class ring a few weeks before graduation in the spring of 1997, when he earned a bachelor of arts degree in psychology. He decided to spread his wings when he went to graduate school and chose the University of New Hampshire at Durham, where he came to experience different foods, culture and pastimes – such as hockey.

Largen said he had owned his class ring "barely a year when I went to the Fleet Center in Boston to watch the University of New Hampshire's men's hockey team play in the Frozen Four, college hockey's version of the Final Four."

New Hampshire, an unexpected entrant into the tournament, was scheduled to play the University of Michigan Wolverines before a crowd of 15,000 at the Fleet Center on a Thursday afternoon. Largen took a fan bus to the city; he arrived a few hours before the game and had time to walk around the city and explore.

The Wolverines demonstrated why Michigan was a heavy favorite in the game. "At some point during the third period, I went to the restroom," Largen said. "I took off my ring, as I always did, to wash my hands. Only this time, I did not put it back on."
"As we were pulling away from the Fleet Center after the disappointing 4-1 loss, I noticed my ring was missing," Largen said. "Immediately, I knew where I left it."

As soon as he got back to Durham, he called the Fleet Center's lost-and-found department. The friendly voice told him nothing had been turned in and advised him to call back in a week. He did. He called the week after that and the month after that. He got the same response: The ring had not been recovered. Largen tried to cover his disappointment.

His girlfriend at the time knew how much the ring meant to him. She quietly went about purchasing an exact replica of the ring he had lost and gave it to him for his birthday in 1998. "That remains one of the most thoughtful gestures in our six-year relationship," Largen said. Audrey is now his wife.

A few years after he lost the class ring, Largen received a call from Gyllin, alumni director at the time. Although the two had stayed in touch after Largen graduated, this call was unexpected.

"I thought he wanted money or wanted me to do something," Largen said. "He asked me general questions about life in New England. He asked me if I had been to see the Red Sox, Celtics, or Patriots play. I thought to myself, 'This seems a bit odd. Does John want me to get him Patriots tickets?'

"He continued for a few minutes until I asked him what he wanted. He then said, 'I bet you're wondering why I'm asking you all these questions about sports in Boston!' I said, 'Yes!' He replied, 'I'm holding a 1997 class ring in my hand with the inscription 'MGL'! I got in the mail a few weeks ago from the facilities manager at the Fleet Center in Boston.'

"I could not believe it," Largen said. "John immediately sent me the ring. After its almost-three-year ordeal in the depths of the Fleet Center, I am happy to report that the ring now rests comfortably on my right hand. Oh, and I never take it off when I wash my hands!"

Then there was . . . "The Ring that No One Claimed."

Dr. and Mrs. Joe Resnick of Pennsylvania went on a vacation in the summer of 2000 to the Dry Tortugas, 70 miles west of Key West, Florida. The doctor was using a metal detector when he found a 1987 Henderson State University class ring in a hermit crab shell. If one examines the ring closely, it sort of—weirdly—shows.

It's a man's white gold ring set with a crystal stone. One side features an etching of the sundial that once stood on the Henderson campus, along with a Latin inscription and the translation, "Time takes all but memories." Beneath the sundial motif is a large, red "H" with "Reddies" written in silver across the horizontal line, and it is overlaid with oak-leaf clusters. The other side is etched with the bachelor of science degree. There are no initials inside the band.

So, there they are: three different tales of treasures lost and found, owners found and remembered. We're still looking for the owner of the silver ring found in Florida. If you know of the owner, give us a call at 1-877-733-2586 and tell us how to find him.

And if you know HOW the ring wound up in a hermit crab's shell . . .
Two graduates of the chemistry program, Dr. Patricia Callaway Daniel of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Judge Gary M. Arnold of Little Rock, were named Distinguished Alumni and addressed the commencement assembly in May 2003.

An Arkadelphia native, Daniel is the oldest of four daughters born to Howard T. and Dolores Glazier Callaway. She received a bachelor of science degree in chemistry in 1972 from Henderson. She received a Ph.D. in biochemistry from the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City and moved to Massachusetts, where she sponsored research at the National Institutes of Health in the University of Massachusetts Medical Center at Worcester. She worked in medical companies in Massachusetts and Kansas for 15 years before entering medical school at the University of Kansas Medical Center in 1998. She is now participating in a five-year triple board residency to become board-eligible in pediatrics, psychiatry and child and adolescent psychiatry at the University of Utah Health Sciences Center and Primary Children's Hospital in Salt Lake. Her honors include membership in the Association of Pathology Chairs Honor Society, recipient of the R.M. Gouldner Academic Scholarship for medical students, recipient of the Mary Catherine Woodward Scholarship for medical students, recipient of the Mayo Clinic Jacksonville Visiting Students Scholarship and recipient of the Donald W. Goodwin, M.D., Memorial Award and Helmuth Sprinz Award.

Arnold is a 1970 graduate of Henderson, earning a bachelor of science degree in chemistry. He received his juris doctorate from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock in 1982. Arnold spent 13 years at the Reynolds Metals Company at Bauxite, working as a chemist, assistant control laboratory director and control laboratory director, working full time while he completed law school. He spent two years as the prosecuting attorney for the Seventh Judicial District, where he implemented the Victim Witness Assistance Program, which is still in operation. He served as circuit judge for the 22nd Judicial District for 12 years, where he founded the Truancy Prevention Program, Teen Court Program, Kids in Community Service, Court Appointed Special Advocate, and Saline County Youth Coalition. He participated in the drafting and approval of the Extended Juvenile Jurisdiction Act of 1999. He is a member of the Saline County Bar Association, the Arkansas Bar Association, the Arkansas Trial Lawyers Association, and the American Judges Association, among numerous professional affiliations, and he was appointed by Governor Huckabee to the Arkansas Coalition for Juvenile Justice. He is currently an adjunct professor at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Department of Criminal Justice, where he teaches two courses in juvenile justice.

Several Distinguished Alumni attended the spring banquet. Left to right: Dr. Joe Clark ('51), Dr. Patricia Daniel ('72), Judge Gary Arnold ('70), Mr. Bill Shirron ('58), Ms. Wanda O’Quinn ('74, '76), Chief Justice William H. “Dub” Arnold ('57), Ms. Mary Joe McCorkle ('38), Mr. William Dean Tomney ('42), Dr. Tom Ed Townsend ('46).
Where are they now?

Photos from Star yearbooks and clues to the identity of alumni are featured in this section in each Reddie Report.

Each issue of the Reddie Report will reveal names and information on what the previously featured alumni have been doing since graduation. But, some of the photos may be of people who have lost touch with their alma mater. Maybe you can be the link between Henderson and a lost alum. Are any of these people your former classmates? Do you recognize any of them? You might. Take a closer look. If you recognize someone, give us a call, or send us a note or e-mail.

Left. The yearbook had this to say about the 1960 Queen of Stars, "She plans to graduate in 3 years with a major in home economics. ________ chose this field because, 'I will be able to teach a subject I like, and it is something I can use for the rest of my life.'"

Right. This psychology major was named the 1966 Mr. HSTC. He was vice president of Heart and Key, a member of Theta Xi fraternity, and was listed in Who's Who.

Left. This Varsity Player member sang in the union during Spring Fling according to the 1980 Star. The Varsity Players was a group of singers who performed popular music with choreography.

Right. This photo is from the 1981 Star. This chemistry student and member of Sigma Phi Epsilon was either diligently concentrating on his work or dreaming about graduation!

Answers from Spring 2003

Terri Lynne (Rouse) Spurling majored in English education and graduated in December of 1982. She was a Phi Sigma Epsilon Sweetheart, a member of Alpha Sigma Alpha and other organizations. Her fondest Henderson memories are of sorority life and meeting her husband, Johnny Spurling, who also graduated in 1982. Terri concentrated her life on her family, raising two teenage boys, John and Joshua. She volunteers her time, editing a quarterly newsletter with a circulation of over 500 for a non-profit family association. She enjoys woodworking, genealogy, reading, and music. Terri and husband Johnny live in Spring Grove, Virginia.

Larry D. Bray, Sr. graduated in 1973 as a health and physical education major. A member of the Henderson basketball team, in 1973 he was the leading scorer in the conference and was named one of Henderson's Big Men on Campus. Larry remembers Henderson offered a family-like atmosphere, not only with his basketball teammates, but also with other students and faculty. Larry has spent his entire career in coaching at West Memphis, where he has shared four state titles and several conference titles with his students. Larry’s family is his biggest pride. His son, Larry, Jr., will pursue his dream of playing college basketball next year. Larry, Sr. and wife Niki live in Memphis, Tennessee.

Earnestine (Carroll) Clark graduated with a BSE in home economics in 1951, and an MSE in early childhood education in 1976. Earnestine was in Heart and Key, Alpha Sigma Alpha, and other organizations. In 1949 she served as the state president of the Home Economics Club. Earnestine taught kindergarten in Arkadelphia until her retirement, and enjoyed influencing many young children. She volunteers for her church and is secretary for the Clark County Retired Teachers' Association. Her husband, Dr. Joe Clark, retired from his position of vice president for academic affairs at Henderson after 31 years. The Clarks have three daughters, Carol Jo, Linda Sue, and Christy Ann, who all earned degrees from Henderson. They have 8 grandchildren ranging from 2 to 21 years of age.

Ann Thompson (Barnwell) Rye, a pianist performance music major, graduated from Henderson in 1969. While at Henderson, she was active in Concert Choir and Madrigal Singers. Her fondest memories of Henderson are of the fine teachers and musicians, and the sound of the Möller organ in old Arkansas Hall.

Ann earned a master of music from Louisiana State University, and a doctorate in musical arts from the University of Oklahoma. She has been teaching at Henderson for 31 years and considers it a privilege, an honor, and a joy. The organist for First United Methodist Church in Arkadelphia for 15 years, she has served as accompanist at several regional and national conventions.

Ann’s husband, Dr. Charles Rye, also graduated from Henderson in 1969 and teaches at the university. The Ryers have two sons, Andrew and David.

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Homecoming
Featured Events

Fourth Annual Golf Tournament
Date/Time: October 24, noon
Invited: Alumni and friends 4-person scramble
Cost: $45 per person
Location: Turtle Pointe Golf Club, Arkadelphia
Features: Lunch at 11 a.m., cart, green fees, prizes
Reservations: Call Woody Jolley (870) 230-5190
limited to first 25 teams

Golden Reddie Dinner &
Class Reunions for 1938 & 1953
Date/Time: October 24, 6 p.m.
Invited: Class of 1953 and before
Cost: $20 per person
Location: Garrison Center Banquet Room
Features: Dinner and program
For reservations call toll-free: (877) RED-ALUM

 Keys to Our Hearts Queens’ Reunion
Date/Time: October 25, 10:30 a.m.
Invited: All former Homecoming Queens
Cost: Free
Location: Garrison Day Gym
Features: Past Queens will have pictures made

Big Red Rally
Date/Time: October 25, 11 a.m.
Invited: All alumni, students, friends, and family
Cost: $5 for lunch, free to attend
Location: Garrison Day Gym
Features: Lunch, pep rally, music, H Awards

Homecoming Game vs. Delta State
Date/Time: October 25, 3 p.m.
Invited: Public
Cost: $6 general admission, $8 reserved seats
Location: Carpenter-Haygood Stadium
Features: Coronation at 2:30 p.m.
For reserved seating call: (870) 230-5161

“Unlock your Spirit” Post-Game Social
Date/Time: October 25, after the game
Invited: All alumni and guests
Location: Mulligan’s Restaurant, Turtle Pointe Golf Club, Arkadelphia
Features: Refreshments, music, fun, beverages available

Spirit is the Key in 2003 Schedule of Homecoming Events
Monday, October 20
SGA Banner Contest All Week Garrison Center

Tuesday, October 21
Lady Reddie Volleyball vs. UCA 7 p.m. Wells Center

Wednesday, October 22
Chamber Coffee 9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. Arkadelphia Town Hall

Thursday, October 23
SGA Homecoming Voting 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Garrison Center
Heart and Key Ceremony 7 p.m. Arkansas Hall
Bonfire and Drumbeat after ceremony Intramural Field

Friday, October 24
SGA Homecoming Voting 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Garrison Center
Homecoming Registration 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Garrison Center Jones Room
Fourth Annual Golf Tournament 11 a.m. Turtle Pointe Golf Club, Arkadelphia
Golden Reddie Dinner 6 p.m. Garrison Center Banquet Room
Class of 1938 Reunion 6 p.m. Garrison Center Banquet Room
Black Alumni Event 7 p.m. Garrison Center Day Gym

Saturday, October 25
Homecoming Registration 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Garrison Center Jones Room
Alliance Teacher Ed Meeting 10 a.m. Garrison Center
Family & Consumer Sciences Open House 10 a.m. Proctor Hall
Former Homecoming Queen Pictures 10:30 a.m. Garrison Center Day Gym
Big Red Rally 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Garrison Center Day Gym
Baseball Alumni Cookout 12 p.m. Baseball Field
Homecoming Coronation 2:30 p.m. Carpenter-Haygood Stadium
Homecoming Game 3:00 p.m. Carpenter-Haygood Stadium
Post Game Social 7:00 p.m. Turtle Pointe Golf Club, Arkadelphia
Greek Step Show 9:00 p.m. TBA
Joe Redmond has been named head basketball coach for the Reddies, while Richie Bruister has taken over as the third softball coach, appointments that Athletic Director Sam Goodwin said will leave the teams in good shape to build for the future.

Redmond, 30, of Parsons, Kans., has been with the Reddies since 2000 and takes over the spot vacated when Rand Chappell left to take the head coaching spot at the University of Central Arkansas. In his third year as the Reddies top assistant, Redmond helped the team to a 30-5 record, a Gulf South Conference tournament, a Western Division championship, and a NCAA South Region finals appearance. He received a bachelor of science degree in secondary education from Pittsburg State University in 1996 and a master's degree in secondary education from Southwestern College in 1998.

Bruister comes to Henderson from Jones County Junior College in Mississippi, where he implemented offensive and defensive strategies and mechanics, and assisted with recruiting. He received a bachelor of science degree in 1999 and a master of science degree in 2000 from Mississippi State University at Starkville. He is married to the former Kim McBrayer of Clinton, Miss.

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**Reddies Football Schedule 2003**

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* Gulf South Conference
Johnny Hudson may have more competition for his new accountants, but he's happy about it.

The 1967 Henderson alum has been one employer who has done a lot of hiring from his alma mater, but it's been for a good reason. "These students are prepared well for the profession," Hudson said recently. "They pass the CPA (exam) very quickly, and they're very sound in the fundamentals of accounting."

Hudson, a native of Grapevine in Grant County, left a national firm on Sept. 1, 1987, to form Hudson, Cisne, Thessing and Co., LLP of Little Rock with Dick Cisne and, later, Lisa Love. Hudson, Cisne and Love provide accounting, auditing, tax and consulting services for medium and large firms in Arkansas and border states. Hudson earned a bachelor of science degree in accounting from Henderson State University in 1967 and has gone on to employ 15 Henderson graduates at his firm.

"The difference with this business program is that there are four Ph.D.'s in accounting, and they've done so much," Hudson said. "This is not their first rodeo, so to speak. They can help and teach the kids so much, because they know so much. The students learn from full professors, and that makes such a difference."

"These are just good students there," Hudson said. "They can pass the CPA test quickly. They're sound in the fundamentals of accounting and they know what to do in business. I hired three this year, I hired two a couple of years ago, and I hope to hire another this year."

Hudson came to Henderson in 1965 and studied under Donald R. Dodson, who took Hudson under his wing and became his mentor. Hudson continues to credit the level of teaching with the level of success that the students achieve.

"They've been good for me." Hudson said. "I'll have other competition," he laughed. "But that's good. That's good for everybody! I just know that Henderson graduates have been good workers. And other employers have learned Hudson's secret: Henderson's graduates are good hires.

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**Founders Day 2003, Academy Inductees**

Henderson observed its annual Founders Day with an academic convocation on April 17. Inducted into the 2003 class of the Henderson Academy were Cheryl Allen of Arkadelphia; Mike Nelson of Cabot; Frank G. Green, Tad Krug and Michael J. Zenkovich, all of Little Rock; Sharon Nelson ('94) of San Marcos, Texas; Stanley Irvin of Austin, Texas; and J. Clifford Larrison of Greenville, Miss.

A Little Rock native, Allen learned the importance of education when she found herself a homeless single mother living in poverty—without a high school degree. She obtained a bachelor of arts degree in public administration from Henderson in 1995 and is pursuing a master's degree in liberal arts. She is now the executive director of Courage House in Arkadelphia.

While working on his M.F.A. in ceramics at the University of Texas at Austin, Irvin started the ceramics program at the Austin Museum of Art. He is now head of the university art department and currently teaches ceramics, sculpture and art exhibition techniques.

A 1976 graduate of Henderson, Welkey received a master's degree in fashion merchandising from the University of North Texas at Denton and a Ph.D. in fashion merchandising from Texas Women's University at Denton. She currently teaches fashion merchandising, promotional strategies and special events at Southwest Texas State University at San Marcos.

Nelson ('94) has made a career of seeking answers to youth violence, serving now as director of program development and instruction for Keys to Safer Schools. He is trained to develop programs that deal with bullying behavior; behavior modifications in schools; and the management of angry, aggressive and assault behavior in children and youth.

**Back row left to right:** Sarah Nannemann ('02), David Coleman ('01), Robert Reid ('01), Johnny K. Hudson ('67). Front row left to right: Chris Haley ('00), Stanley Smith ('83), Lynelle Lehman (attended), Brent Sharpnack ('02).

His brother, Billy Hudson ('62), and sister, Ann Hudson Kincl ('66) also are alumni of Henderson and a source of pride for Hudson. His brother was a chemistry major. He is sister majored in education. He believes she should be recognized for the work she has done with exceptional children.

Hudson believes thoroughly in the business program at Henderson and credits the employment of well-educated faculty in accounting with producing the type of graduates needed at his firm and others in Central Arkansas. Those teachers are directly responsible for the success that recent graduates have seen, he said.

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Krug ('62) is chairman of Ramsey, Krug, Farrell & Lensing Inc. of Little Rock, an independent agency with more than 100 employees. He founded the firm in 1980 with two partners and a staff of three.

Zenkovich graduated from Henderson in 1979 with a bachelor's degree in aviation science. He began his career at Sunbelt Airlines in Camden, eventually becoming the director of operations and general manager. Since 1999, he has been the district manager of the Little Rock Flight Standards District Office and is manager of the Continental Airlines Certificate Management Office.

Larrison has had a variety of business experiences since graduating from Henderson in 1942. He worked as an economist with the Army Corps of Engineers but soon turned his attention to farming concerns. He became one of the largest rice producers in the U.S.
Kennedy Scholar Completes First Year of Medical School

“There’s no way you can cram this material. It would be like drinking out of a fire hydrant,” explains Leigh Ann Dooley, an Arkadelphia native attending the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in Little Rock.

A 2001 Henderson State University graduate, Dooley spends an average of seven hours a day going to class and studying at UAMS, which leaves her no time for a part-time job. She was named the Henderson Kennedy Scholar for Medical Studies and received a $5,000 stipend from the HSU Foundation in support of her first year of studies at medical school. Dooley was able to focus on her goal of becoming a physician, and, in fact, she just completed her first year at UAMS.

“I’ve wanted to be a doctor ever since I ‘shadowed’ one for a day in high school,” Dooley said. “I still don’t know what I want to specialize in, but I have time to explore my options.”

After graduating from Arkadelphia High School as valedictorian in 1997, Dooley left Arkansas to pursue her college career at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn. Both the city and the university overwhelmed her, especially when her chemistry class had 400 students enrolled in it. Dooley decided to return to Arkansas and attend Henderson State University, but she had no plans to stay.

“I was going to Henderson and living at home, and I thought I wouldn’t stay but found I liked it, especially the smaller classes and the personal attention the instructors can give,” Dooley said. “There are also more people going to school there that are older and have families and are more serious about getting a degree.”

Dooley’s own maturity, as well as the support of her mother, Angela Dooley ('89) a pharmacy technician and a Henderson graduate, helped her as she passed each course outlined in the pre-med program. Class sizes, which generally added up to 30 students or less, also helped Dooley interact with her professors, who assisted her in the process of applying for admission to UAMS. Winning the Kennedy Scholarship gave her a little breathing room during her first year in school, allowing her more time to study.

The Jack and Ida Byne Kennedy Endowment for Pre-medical Studies was a gift to Henderson from a local physician and is named for him and his wife. Dr. Jack Kennedy was a former president of the Arkansas Medical Association; Ida Kennedy was a graduate of Henderson. The scholarship, in the amount of $5,000, provides financial support for the first year of school at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. Henderson is the only university in Arkansas with a scholarship to UAMS for one of its own students.

Dr. John Hardee is in charge of selecting the Kennedy Scholar; chemistry faculty members serve as pre-medical advisors and help with the nominations process.

“It’s hard to stress how much you need people backing you up and supporting you,” Dooley said. “The process to get into med school is very long and hard, and my professors kept encouraging me and took the time to send in recommendations for me.”
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Alumni scholarships awarded at Heart & Key Banquet

The dedicated members of Heart & Key hosted their annual reception to honor scholarship winners around campus on April 16, 2003. The Alumni Board awarded $5,000 in scholarships at the event thanks to a committee that reviewed the 60 applications that were received. This year’s Alumni Scholarship recipients were: Crystal McCreery of Doddridge; Eric Hartman of Danville; Shari Dillard of Hot Springs; Denka Markova of Bulgaria; Alistair Wood of Nassau, Bahamas; Kimberly Gambill of Warren; Claire Brown of Benton; Emade Esoh Ekwelle, Georgette Nkwo, and Franco Agborsangaya, all of Cameroon.

Along with the Alumni Association scholarships, many alumni and friends of the university have set up personal scholarships that are awarded at the event. They provide financial support to students from various fields of study.

For information about setting up a scholarship, contact the development office.
Scholarship Fund Established for Merryman

L.t. General James H. Merryman (‘51) died at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington on June 24, 2003. He was interred at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors. He had bravely battled cancer for a considerable period of time. Jim’s Army career began at Henderson, where he was a student leader. He successfully established a chapter of the Kappa Sigma Kappa Fraternity at Henderson, a group that is still very close after more than 50 years. Jim’s Army career was unique in that he served in the Army branches of Infantry, Armor and Field Artillery. He was designated as a Distinguished Alumnus of Henderson in 1985, and he was inducted into the Army Aviation Hall of Fame in 1992.

To remember the legacy that this outstanding man left behind, friends and family have established the Lt. General James H. Merryman Memorial Scholarship at Henderson, which will be awarded annually to the most outstanding Henderson ROTC cadet at the end of his or her junior year. Jim’s wife, Jane, his son, Jim, and his brother, Bob, have expressed their deep appreciation and approval for this project. “I cannot think of a better way to keep his memory in a positive light than to support ROTC cadets in their effort to follow in his footsteps,” Bob Merryman said. Jim was always very proud of this ROTC unit, which has produced many outstanding officers, including a winner of the Congressional Medal of Honor. If you wish to participate in this tribute to Jim, please send a tax-deductible contribution to the Merryman Scholarship, care of John Gyllin in the development office.

Friends and family of Lt. General Merryman express their appreciation to alumni for their support of this meaningful tribute. The family sends a special note of thanks to John Hesterly (’51) for his efforts in making the scholarship fund a reality.

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Alum Notes

1950s
Bill Hare, Ph.D. (B.S. ‘57) received the Award of Excellence for Teaching in the Sciences from Clemson University. He retired in August as Professor Emeritus (Mathematical Sciences) after 39 years.

1960s
Carol Lancaster Clanton (B.A. ’69) was recently named an outstanding educator for the South Eastern District 3 by the National Interscholastic Speech and Debate Association of America. In Apr., the Mississippi H High School Activities Association also honored her.

1970s
Consevella HortonJames (B.A. ’71), executive director and founder of Treatment Homes Inc. in Little Rock, received the Commissioner’s Award from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Administration on Children, Youth and Families. The award was presented during the 14th annual National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect in St. Louis, Mo.

Travis Langley, Ph.D. (B.S.E. ’71 and current faculty), will co-author the instructor’s manual for the 10th edition of Jerome Kagan’s Psychology for Wadsworth Publishing. He is also preparing PowerPoint files to accompany the text.

1980s
Olan Reeves, Jr. (M.S.E. ’80) was appointed chairman of the Worker’s Compensation Commission by Governor Mike Huckabee. His term will run until Dec. 5, 2008.

Steve Eddington (B.A. ’84) joined the staff of Arkansas Farm Bureau in Apr. As Director of Public Relations, he is responsible for strategy and program development to help promote agriculture and Farm Bureau interest in the state of Arkansas.

Kevin Goss (B.S. ’87), state representative, of Arkansas House of Representatives during the 84th General Assembly.

John Payne (B.S. ’88), of Arkadelphia, joined the staff of prosecutor Henry Morgan to serve as chief deputy prosecutor.

Janice Goodwin Walker (B.S.N. ’89), of Nacogdoches, was named Chief Operating Officer of Freeman Health System. Walker’s responsibilities include all aspects of nursing, pharmacy, medical imaging, lab, infection control, QM, education, therapy services, and regulatory compliance.

Blake Whitley (B.S.B.A. ’90), of Arkadelphia, was named Executive Vice President and Commercial Lender by Summit Bank.

Vicki Cox (B.F.A ’91) has a thriving business as an artist. Her website is www.greatfineart.com.

Sandra D. DeLamar (A.D. ’93) recently named an outstanding educator for the Mississippi High School Activities Association.

Jennifer Newborn (B.S.E. ’00) received a master of science in education degree during winter commencement exercises at the University of Central Arkansas.

Faculty
Haroon Khan, Ph.D., a native of Bangladesh and current professor at Henderson, recently had an article published in the book Thirty Years of Bangladesh. Titled “Party Institutionalization and Democracy in Bangladesh,” the article proposes that in order to consolidate democracy, a country needs to have institutionalized political parties.

Dee White, Ed.D., retired faculty member and resident of Arkadelphia, was honored as the Clark County 2003 Outstanding Woman of the Year by the Conifer Council Girl Scouts of America. The purpose of the award is to acknowledge a woman whose life and accomplishments have made a positive difference in Clark County.

Weddings

Trent Cox (’89) and Laura Palmer, June 22, 2003.


Becky Stafford (’93, ’96) and Shane McBride, May 22, 2003.


Roger Wingfield (’96) and Kadr Clark, Apr. 26, 2003.

Corey Cooks (’97) and Charlene Reed, Aug. 2, 2002.

Marion R. Shelton (’96) and Yolanda Davis, (’97), June 14, 2003.

Troy Myers (’98) and Susan Wesson (’01, ’02), May 29, 2003.

Jeffrey A. Prewitt (’98, ’99) and Megan Chronister, April 5, 2002.

Felisha Newton (’99) and Rameco Lamar Harris, May 1, 2003.


Kathryn Kimbro (’00) and Michael Whitfield, May 25, 2003.

Theresa Pope (’00) and Charles Williams Sanders II, June 14, 2003.

Kevin Pumphrey (’00) and Charity Calhoun, May 31, 2003.

Karen Stafford (’00) and Reagan D. Taylor, May 17, 2003.

Elizabeth H ebert (’01) and Dan Hingley, Feb. 23, 2003.

Michelle Kizziar (’01) and Mark Price, Apr. 26, 2003.

Christie Pierce (’01) and Christopher Bailey, May 24, 2003.

Phillip Rook (’01) and Esther Hardin, May 3, 2003.

Chanel Smith (’01) and Doyle Moore Jr., May 3, 2003.
Dr. Dunn presented Gene and India Swepston a gift at their 60th wedding anniversary reception at the Barkman House.

Elizabeth A. Langston ('01) and John Tullos ('02), M ar. 15, 2003.

Julie Garrison ('02) and Jeremy L. Quast, June 7, 2003.

Callie Miller ('03) and Drew Mills, M ay 31, 2003.

Ashley Ponder ('03) and Josh Burks, June 28, 2003.

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Becker Taylor Manes ('90) and Steve announce the birth of their son, Elijah Lee, on Feb. 26, 2003.

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Anniversaries

Gene Swepston ('41) and India Hankins Swepston ('43) celebrated 60 years of marriage June 17, 2003.

Samuel Baskin ('48) and Marion Robertson Baskin ('48) celebrated 55 years of marriage June 6, 2003.

Fred Germann ('50) and Barbara Sandage Germann celebrated 50 years of marriage May 1, 2003.

Robert Sullenger ('52) and Beverly Canaday Sullenger celebrated 50 years of marriage April 18, 2003.

James F. Shuffield ('53) and Kathryn Sue Douglas Shuffield celebrated 50 years of marriage April 24, 2003.

Joe Arnold ('59) and Helen Boone Arnold celebrated 50 years of marriage Jan. 30, 2003.

Obituaries

1930's


1940's


Paul Chapman Williams ('40) 85, of Maumelle - Apr. 1, 2003.


1950's


1960's


Mildred Brinkley Austin ('63) 81, of Umpire - June 16, 2003.


1970's


1980's


1990's


Patricia L. Sumner ('95) 37, of Bryant - May 19, 2003.

Faculty/Staff


2004 Reddie Sweetheart Dinner and Dance

Henderson will host its second annual Reddie Sweetheart Dinner and Dance on Saturday, February 14, 2004, at 6 p.m. in the Garrison Center Banquet Room.

Last year we had over 50 couples representing decades spanning from the 1940’s to the 2000’s. They enjoyed a good meal, Reddie friends, live entertainment, and had a photograph taken.

We expect this year’s event to be even better. If you and your spouse are both Henderson alums, or if you met while at Henderson, and you would like to have a romantic dinner and enjoy dancing amid decorations, then what better place than “The School with a Heart?”

Tickets for the evening are $25 per couple. If you have any question, please call the alumni office. Reservations must be made by February 1, 2004.

Let us hear from you. Please send your Alumni Updates and personal and professional news for Alum Notes. Photos are welcome and may be used in the Reddie Report, on the alumni website, or in the Red-e-news. Identify all people in the photograph and label the back with your name and address.

Send your Alumni Updates and news to:
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You may e-mail your information to alumni@hsu.edu.

Pictured above are two couples who attended the 2003 Valentines’ Sweetheart Dinner and Dance. Top: Wayne (’70, ’73) and Barbara (’72) Mays

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Athletic fans will have plenty to cheer when the new Reddie Athletic Center receives its official dedication before Henderson's first home football game on Sept. 13.

Construction of the new 19,235-square-foot athletic center and training facility began in 2002 and was completed in the spring of 2003. The facility houses Reddie football coaches' offices, training rooms, dressing rooms, and medical and strength training facilities for all Henderson sports. The new building was made possible by a $1.8-million gift from an anonymous donor. The architect for the project was Wittenberg, Delony & Davidson, Inc., and the general contractor was Wade Abernathy, Inc.

The dedication ceremony will take place at 3 p.m., and tours will be held from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. A picnic will be held in the Wells Gym beginning at 4:45. The cost will be $5 a person. The Grand Opening coincides with Family Day, which will allow guests to enjoy a carnival, pep rally and performances by the band.

The first home game of the football season will kick off at 7 p.m. that evening when the Reddies take on the Lions of Southeast Louisiana at Carpenter-Haygood Stadium.