

# NEWSLETTER

JOHN A. GUPTON COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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I hope each of you are making plans to attend our annual Alumni Meeting and Reunion to be held this year on August 5th and 6th in Nashville at the Vanderbilt Marriott on West End Avenue. This year's reunion promises our usual slate of events, with a special "roast" on Friday evening. Following the reception that night, we will "honor" Steve Spann and Jim Brewer. I am sure each one speaking will have many tales with which to regale us.

Many thanks to Steve Murphy for helping set this program up.

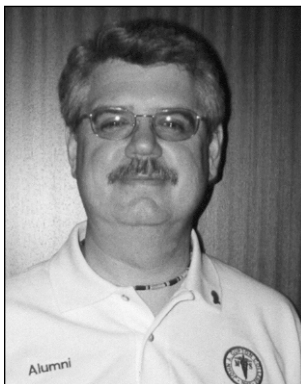
In addition, we hope you will stay with us for Saturday's events, which include a breakfast that morning, followed by our meeting at the college. I encourage everyone to attend and visit the campus as well as become informed on the state of the alumni association and the college. Saturday night, we will gather for our annual banquet and installation of new officers. As has become our "tradition", entertainment will be provided. This banquet has become one of the highlights of the weekend and hopefully, this year will be no exception.

In conclusion, I am thankful for the opportunity to serve as an officer in the association. I have been pleased to see our school not only continues in the traditions I have been familiar with but, also is growing and improving under its outstanding leadership by faculty and staff.

I look forward to many more years of association with each of you and the college.

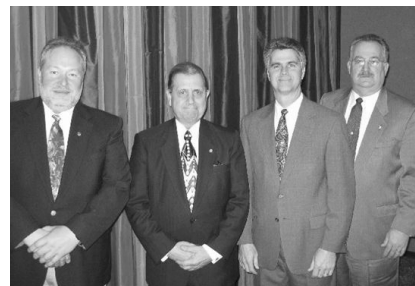
We look forward to seeing each one's smiling face in Nashville in August. Be sure and make your plans to attend. See you in Music City!

*Jeff Shackelford '84*



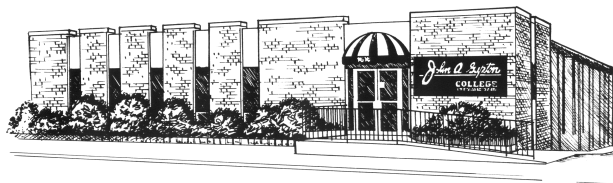
## SPANN ELECTED PRESIDENT UMSEA

The College is a member of the UMSEA, (University of Mortuary Science Education Association) this is an Association of mortuary colleges that are mostly public schools but all are regionally accredited. That is "I am sure" why Mrs. Gupton joined UMSEA. This is an association within the American Board of Funeral Service Education. Steve Spann was the secretary from April 2002 - April 2004. The picture is the slate of officers elected April 2004 and re-elected in April 2005 through 2006. They are as follows: Left to right: Steve Smith, Vice President, St. Louis Community College, St. Louis, MO., Jim Dorn, Secretary, Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science, Cincinnati, MO., Steve Spann, John A. Gupton College, Nashville, TN, President, Jim Augustine, Treasurer, Milwaukee Area Technical College, West Allis, WI.



The College has completed the written report that must be submitted to SACS regarding the institutional self-study. The Committee reviewed the report in April and the on campus visit will be during September.

# JOHN A. GUPTON COLLEGE NEWS



## WILBERT VAULT HOSTS GUPTON STUDENTS

As always, Danny Hurt and staff spared nothing while providing over 60 John A. Gupton students a fabulous breakfast buffet at the Holiday Inn Select Vanderbilt on Monday May 23, 2005. An excellent presentation followed which served to provide inside product knowledge and technical information. An extensive tour of the Nashville Wilbert Vault plant followed. John A. Gupton College would like to offer our deepest gratitude to honorary alumni member Danny Hurt and all of the Wilbert Vault team for taking the initiative to invest in the future students and marketing program.

## NATIONAL BOARD

The National Board Exam pass rate for all mortuary colleges are posted on the ABFSB web site. Go to [ABFSB.org](http://ABFSB.org), click on programs and then choose a state and school. Our pass rate for the 2004 year is 88%.

## STATE INSPECTIONS

The State Board inspectors in most states are looking for the following things when they visit or inspect your facility.

1. Copy of license for all licensed employees.
2. ID tags on bodies that are at the funeral home.
3. GPL and casket/vault price list must match (ie same minimum and maximum casket price)
4. Copy of permits and authorizations on cremations.
5. Make sure that the reason for embalming is stated if used.

## LIBRARY DONATIONS

Dr. Oliver Yates, longtime Gupton College Instructor and supporter has made the following donations to the Library at John A. Gupton College:

- Human Anatomy & Physiology - 4th ed. 1995 Wm C. Brown Pub.
- Anatomy & Physiology - 4th ed. 1998 McGraw-Hill
- Human Anatomy Lab Guide and Dissection Manual - 1998 Prentice Hall
- Anatomy & Physiology Student Study Art Notebook - 1998 McGraw Hill
- Essentials of Human Anatomy And Physiology - 6th ed. McGraw Hill

Dr. Yates continues to teach and mentor students and guide the College through SACS accreditation.

## JOHN A. GUPTON COLLEGE TOP 10% SPRING 2005

Gerald Batey Nashville, Tennessee  
Lauren Beebe Knoxville, Tennessee  
Mary Hollingsworth Adamsville, Tennessee  
Raymond Osborne Pegram, Tennessee  
David Reeves Clarksville, Tennessee

Tim Stinnett Winchester, Tennessee  
Laura Vargas Honolulu, Hawaii  
Nathan Wilkerson Hickory, Kentucky  
Doris Williams-Rodgers Knoxville, Tennessee  
Jeff Wilson Sparta, Tennessee

## ENDOWMENT FUND

The following alumni have made donations to the Endowment Fund of John A. Gupton College since December 23, 2002 in the amount of \$46,159.24. The current Endowment Fund in the Morgan Stanley Account now stands at \$107,368.00. Appreciation to each of you that support YOUR COLLEGE.

Fred Adomat	Lyn and Edgar Couch	Karen House	R. Moore	William Stevens
Bob Arnold	Woody Davenport	Elmore Jordan	Steve Murphy	Willis Swain
Donald Ayers	James R. Davis	William Kernodle	John Nix	John Taylor
Edwin Ayers	Wayne Day	Ed Larson	Tim Overcast	Robert Thurman
Emery Bargerone	Entertainment LL Casket	G. Dale Layne	John Parrott	Mike Turner
Carl Barker	Walter Ford	Allen Leatherland	Bill Perry	Ralph Vines
Joe Barlow	Forethought	John Lowe, Jr.	Gene Pike	Gary Walker
Carney Bell	Robert Gardner	Bobby Martin	William Puckett	Andy Wenzler
Dennis Bordwine	Tim Garrett	James M. Martin	James Ragan	William J. White
John Bratten	Don Gibson	Jimmy Martin	Kenn Sauls	Leroy Wilson
Ronald Bryan	Frank Giles	Robert M. Martin	Jeff Shackelford	Bubba Woodfin
Malcolm Butler	John Gupton	Allen McCampbell	David Shannon	Billy Yarbrough
Brian Byrd	Charles Harrison	Larry Meriweather	Doyle Shugart	Brandon Yarbrough
Jackie Carver	Stan Hatmaker	Lunch Merrill	Earl Smith	Harris Oliver Yates
Fentress Casey	Rob Helms	Cindy Milam	Harold C. Smith	
Robert City	Adrian Holman	J Whitfield Miles	Southland Insurance	
Robert Corley	David Horner	Morris Moore	Steve Spann	

## In Memory of Alumni Friends and Family



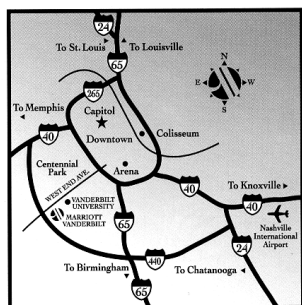
**Eddy Dryden '67**, owner of Dryden Funeral Home in Heflin, AL died April 9, 2005 at the age of 66.

Mrs. Dorothy Gamble, age 85, died April 18, 2005.

She was the Grandmother of **Ben Gamble '99** of Holley-Gamble Funeral Homes in Clinton and Lake City, Tennessee.

## ANNUAL MEETING AND REUNION 2005

The John A. Gupton College Annual Meeting and Reunion 2005 is scheduled for August 5 and 6 at the Marriott Nashville at Vanderbilt in Nashville, TN. Alumni will be arriving on Friday, August 5 for registration and on Friday evening, The Wilbert Reception, An alumni meeting and reunion tradition. Following the Wilbert Reception, there will be a Dinner and Roast at the College for Jim Brewer and Steve Spann. Saturday morning, Aurora Casket Company and Batesville Casket Company will host a buffet breakfast. Following breakfast, we will move to the College for our annual business meeting and see and learn about our college. Saturday afternoon you will be on your own to enjoy Nashville, but be sure and return for our evening of dinner and entertainment at the Marriott. Contact an alumni friend and plan to bring or meet someone in Nashville for this annual event of fun and fellowship.



Directions: Take I-40 West to Exit 209A to Broadway. Turn left on Broadway, and straight to West End Avenue.

PLEASE CALL FOR FURTHER INFORMATION  
AND TO MAKE RESERVATIONS.

**800-285-0190**

### MAKE RESERVATIONS TODAY

Rooms at the Marriott At Vanderbilt are available to our group at the reduced rate of \$99.00 per room. Please contact the hotel to make your reservations. EACH INDIVIDUAL GUEST MUST MAKE THEIR OWN RESERVATIONS BY CALLING 1-800-285-0190 BY Tuesday, July 5, 2005. They must identify themselves as members of the John A. Gupton College Alumni Association. All reservations must be guaranteed with a first night room deposit or guaranteed with a major credit card.

### ROAST - *Jim Brewer and Steve Spann*

A catered dinner and Roast will be held on Friday night at 7:30 for Jim Brewer and Steve Spann with the proceeds benefiting the Gupton College Endowment Fund. Alumni and special guests are invited for this evening of fun. Limited space is available, so make your reservations today! Reservations may be made by calling Donna Collard, 615-327-3927 or Steve Murphy, 615-319-7095. Visa and MasterCard will be accepted. Donna or Steve will be happy to answer any questions concerning the benefit. Tickets will be \$25.00 per person.

Also to help benefit the Endowment Fund will be a silent auction. The auction items will be available for review and bidding at the Wilbert Reception and on Saturday morning at the breakfast. Please contact Steve Murphy if you have items you would like to donate for the auction.



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### **DID YOU EVER WONDER...**

Why the sun lightens our hair, but darkens our skin?  
Why women can't put on mascara with their mouth shut?  
Why you never see the headline "Psychic Wins Lottery"?  
Why is "abbreviated" such a long word?  
Why doctors call what they do "practice"?  
Why is it to stop Windows 98, you have to click on "Start"?  
Why is the man who invests all your money is called a broker?  
Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?  
When dog food is new and improved tasting, who tests it?  
Why Noah didn't swat those two mosquitos?  
Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavor and dishwashing liquid is made with real lemons?

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