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My fellow Gupton Alumni:

Greetings to you and yours. I don't know about you, but I've had just about enough of Winter and I am looking forward to Spring! With the bluebirds starting to nest and the buttercups coming up, it's not too early to start thinking about our Reunion.

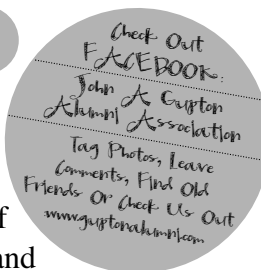
Mark your calendars for August 6th and 7th, we are planning some events that I hope will be enjoyable and entertaining for everyone, more details are on the way.

I had the opportunity to represent the Alumni Association at the College, where I spoke to the students about the functions of our Association, and encouraged them to participate. I also want to encourage all of us to participate as much as we can. I know that we can't all make the reunion, but we can be a part of the Alumni Association in other ways. The Alumni Association is a great way for us all to stay connected with our classmates, and the happenings at our College.



Alumni President
MR. JEFF MURPHY

We have a Facebook page, and a website, check those out and see what's going on. Finally, I would imagine that some of us are going to be asked to participate in our local high school career days, etc. If you do, why not contact the college, and have some information available to pass on to the folks you talk to. One of the greatest functions the Alumni Association does is to promote the College and point prospective students to our College.



I close by thanking each of you for what you for your communities, and for your support of John A. Gupton College, and our Alumni Association. I look forward to seeing you in August.

Jeff Murphy '86
Alumni President

COLLEGE NEWS



STUDENTS RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS

Left: Robert Romine from Dickson, TN receiving the TFDA Full Scholarship from Bob Batson, Executive Director of TFDA. Center: Jeremy Arnold from Henderson, TN receiving the \$1,000 TFDA Memorial Scholarship from Bob Batson, Executive Director of TFDA. Right: Molly Hallowell from Lexington, TN receiving the Lighthouse Scholarship for Women, established by Lemuel Draper ('92 Alumnus) and Charlene Draper from Springhill, LA from College President Steve Spann.

JOHN A. GUPTON COLLEGE - TOP 10% FALL SEMESTER 2009

Paula Davidson Oneida, Tennessee
Hugh Glidewell Nashville, Tennessee
Trena Jones Nashville, Tennessee
Jeff Liggett Murfreesboro, Tennessee
Ryan McDonald Centerville, Tennessee
DJ Plunk Dresden, Tennessee
Chase Thomas Jackson, Tennessee

Jennifer Davis Columbia, Tennessee
Molly Hallowell Lexington, Tennessee
Richard Kittell Franklin, Kentucky
Bryan McAdams Maryville, Tennessee
Steven Mischke Jackson, Tennessee
Robert Romine Dickson, Tennessee

STUDENTS HOST A VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER

On February 11th, the students, faculty and staff of John A. Gupton College celebrated with a Valentine's Day brunch, organized by the Student Representatives. Everyone brought food for a pot luck style meal. Staff from all of the clinical sites were also in attendance. Everyone had a really good time. Good food and good fellowship were enjoyed by all. The students are looking forward to the next social event, an evening of some friendly competition at a local bowling alley. *By: Student Molly Hallowell.*

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

Photo is of President Spann with the 2009-2010 Gupton College student representatives - pictured left to right are: Sean Johnson, Steve Spann, Dillon Wines, Molly Hallowell and Melvin Shaw.
Photo Courtesy of Student Kent Kressenburg




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Alumni News

Dennis Hamilton, '74 was elected president of the Tennessee State Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers for the 2010 term. He is General Manager of Memorial Park Funeral Home and Cemetery where he has worked for the last twenty five years. He graduated from John A. Gupton College in 1974 and has been a licensed Funeral Director and Embalmer since 1975. He was president of the Tennessee Funeral Directors Association from 1993-1994.



ALUMNI ANNUAL MEETING

It is time to start planning your return to Nashville, Tennessee for the Gupton



College Alumni Annual Meeting and Reunion to be held August 6 and 7 at the Nashville Marriott at Vanderbilt. Registration will be held from 3

until 6 pm on Friday, August 6th, with the Wilbert Reception, An Alumni Meeting and Reunion Tradition, from 5:30 pm until 7:30 p.m. on Friday evening. Rise & Shine on Saturday morning from 8:00 till 10 am to enjoy breakfast sponsored by Aurora Casket Company and Batesville Casket

Company. The business meeting will be held at 10 am at the college. Saturday afternoon will give you time to share moments and stories with other Gupton Alumni and friends. Saturday evening beginning at 6:30 pm will be a delicious meal and lots of entertainment. A few awards, a new set of officers and who knows what else thrown in along the way. Make your room reservations directly with the Nashville Marriott @Vanderbilt (1-800-285-0190 or 615-321-1300). A special rate \$129.00 per night is extended to you when you mention the Gupton Alumni Association, prevailing rates at the hotel range from \$229.00, and reservations need to be made by July 9, 2010, at which time any unsold rooms will be released for sale to the public. . Have your credit card ready to guarantee not only a room but a fun weekend in Nashville with the Gupton Alumni. All Alumni dues, Banquet tickets and Gifts to the Endowment will be part of Registration. Have questions? Contact Alumni President Jeff Murphy, 615-244-2774, Morris Moore, 404-255-8511, or the College, 615-327-3927.

NEW FIRM ESTABLISHED

Strode Funeral Home announces the Grand Opening of their Scottsville, KY Location. The funeral home is located at 85 Lois Moore Dr. in Scottsville, KY. The funeral home is owned by Charles Strode, Charlotte Strode Birge, and **Brandy Harwood '98** Graduate of John A. Gupton College. The spacious facility has 12,000 square feet under its roof, and 9,720 square foot in the interior of the building. The funeral home has two large family state rooms, one funeral chapel, conference room, lounge, and children's room, all equipped with state of the art audio and video equipment. The funeral home is the third in the Tompkinsville, KY based Strode Chain, which also has a facility in Gamaliel, KY. The funeral home held open house on January 24th and was honored by the warm welcome and outpouring of support from the community of Scottsville.

Charlotte Strode Birge, Charles Strode, and Brandy Harwood '98, Owners



Class of 1960

The alumni association is trying to locate members of the Class of 1960, which we have no current addresses. We would like them to attend this coming year's reunion. If anyone knows how to contact them please contact the college.

NCA: Indicates no current address. DEC: Deceased

LAST_NAME	FIRST_NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	ST	ZIP	YR	NADD
Akins	Pat	Box 338	Blairsville	GA	30512	60	NCA
Bass	James Robert	P.O. Box 63	Gordonsville	TN	38563	60	
Billingsley	Ralph Dillon	59 N. Jefferson Ave.	Cookeville	TN	38501	60	
Callahan	Edgar Gene	3822 Reese Road	Columbus	GA	31907	60	
Chandler	Madison Edward	P.O. Box 1111	Rainesville	AL	35986	60	DEC
Coursey *	Betty Sue	P.O. Box 483	Smyrna	GA	30080	60	NCA
Croy	Claude Irvin	315 Byron Plantation Rd.	Albany	GA	31707	60	NCA
Cummins	Bobby Joe	660 Timberwood Loop	Madisonville	LA	70447	60	
Gallimore	John C.		Gleason	TN	38229	60	NCA
Hayes III	Charles Phillip	Box 387	Elba	AL	36323	60	
Hizer	James T.	410 North West	Somerville	TN	38068	60	NCA
Hobson	Douglas	201 Logan	Monett	MO	65708	60	
Hodges *	Bobby Gene	108 W. Watauga Ave.	Johnson City	TN	37601	60	NCA
Holt	James Dalton	10565 Main Street	Fairfax	VA	22030	60	
Jackson	Horace James	Box 396	Jefferson	GA	30549	60	NCA
Lakin	Donovan C.	501 Elm	Pierce City	MO	65723	60	
Lindsey	John Martin					60	NCA
Lolley	Raymond O.		Clanton	AL	35045	60	NCA
Mackery	Frank Nick	P.O. Box 37064	Jacksonville	FL	32205	60	NCA
McCord	Donald R.	Chattanooga Funeral Home, PO Box 9	Hixson	TN	37343-0009	60	
Melton	Luther A.		Eatonton	GA	31024	60	NCA
Mims*	James R.	3025 Saint Helena Dr.	Tucker	GA	30084	60	NCA
Norris	David Murphy	45355 Easley Lane	Bay Minette	AL	36507	60	DEC
Sanders	Elmer Ross		Knoxville	TN		60	NCA
Sheppard	Lawrence A.	123 E Ware ST	Waycross	GA	31501-7636	60	
Stewart	Charles C.		Lawrinburg	NC	28352	60	NCA
Tillery	Larry R.	2119 N Farm Rd 197	Springfield	MO	65802-9285	60	DEC
Vines	Ralph	P. O. Box 86	Clanton	AL	35046	60	DEC
Webb	William Cook	Box 128	Guthrie	KY	42234	60	

We are trying to update these classmates as much as possible in our system, if you see an error please contact the college, if we overlook it in print, we will correct it.

In Memory Of Alumni Friends and Family



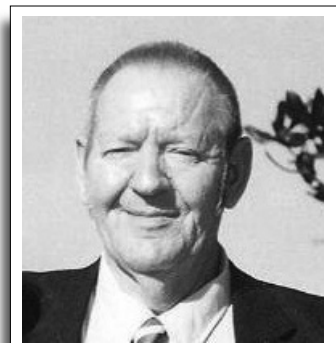
MRS. LUCAS

LUCAS, MRS. JOHNNIE FRANCES GREEN, age 82, passed away December 24, 2009 at Belcourt Terrace Nursing Home in Nashville, TN after an extended illness. Mrs. Lucas was the mother of **Don Lucas**, a representative of Southland National Insurance Corporation & Gupton College Supporter Company. The family received friends Sunday, December 27, 2009 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM and Monday, December 28, 2009 from 10:00 AM until time of service at Luff-Bowen Funeral Home, Waverly, TN. Funeral Services were held 1:00 PM, Monday, December 28, 2009 at Luff-Bowen Funeral Home in Waverly, TN. Interment was at Richlawn Cemetery in Waverly, TN.

GAMBERG, DALE M. '61, age 68, passed away January 25, 2010. He was the owner of Gamberg Funeral Home in Prattville, Ala, but later sold to Rideout's Funeral Services. Graveside services were conducted Wednesday, January 27, 2010 at 11:00 am in the McCoy Family Cemetery, with Rev. Gary McCoy officiating. Arrangements by McCoy Funeral Home, Blacksburg, VA. Survivors include: his wife of 47 years, Janice Gamberg, Spring Lake, NC, 2 Sons, 1 Daughter, & 8 Grandchildren.

CAPEHART, HORACE, age 72, of Soddy-Daisy, passed away, March 1, 2010. He is survived by his wife, Betty L. Capehart; sisters, Linda Pittman and **Cindi Milam, '01**; brother, Charles Capehart; 3 step-daughters, Rozella Wilson, Gloria (Mike) Capps & Janice (Eugene) Welch; step-son, Ricky (Debbie) Fox; 10 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held 2:00 p.m. Thursday, March 4, 2010 at Williamson & Sons Funeral Home with Rev. Gene Welch and Rev. Don Lasley officiating. Interment followed in the Greenwood Cemetery. Visitation was 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. Wednesday and 10:00 to 2:00 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

EVANS, LEROY '59, age 69, passed away Tuesday, February 23, 2010. He was a funeral director and embalmer at Ziegler Funeral Home for over 23 years. Visitation was held 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM, Thursday, February 25, 2010 at Ziegler Funeral Home & 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM, Friday, February 26, 2010 at Thompson Chapel United Methodist Church with graveside services following at 1:00 P.M. at Brewster Family Cemetery in Tazewell, TN. Survivors include his wife, Rebecca Lynn Brooks Evans; 3 Daughters, 1 Step Daughter, 6 Grandchildren, 2 Step Grandchildren, 2 Great-Grandchildren and 1 Sister.



LEROY EVANS

SOUTH, DOROTHY G. "JERI", age 75, passed away Sunday, February 21, 2010. She is survived by husband, Chester M. South, sons, **Tony South (College Faculty)** & Terry South, two daughters, Joyce Lasse & Judy Paananen, two brothers, Larry Dillard and Harmon Dillard, 11 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held at 1:00 pm, Wednesday, February 24 at Moore's Chapel. Officiating was Pastor Charlie Brown and Pastor Clark Lasse. Burial followed in Fairview Memorial Gardens. Visitation was held from 5:00 – 7:00 pm Tuesday at Moore's Chapel Memorials may be made to: Gideons International, P. O. Box 1324 Fayetteville, AR 72702 .

BULLETINS

*****NEW ADDRESSES FOR THE LIGATURE NEWS*****

Email for the Ligature has been changed to Padgett@guptoncollege.com

Mailing Address is 1616 Church Street, Nashville, TN 37203

CLASSIFIED

Gupton Graduate Seeking Apprenticeship

I am a 2009 John A. Gupton College Graduate, seeking a full time apprenticeship, willing to relocate, currently residing in Nashville, TN.

Please contact

*Chase Thomas, '09 @
931/436-1804 or Email:
tomcat511964@gmail.com*

The Class of 1986 does not have a composite photo in the hall. The reason was the photography studio, burned prior to it being done. All of the students did have their pictures taken as I know I have mine, and I remember being there. So if we could ask the folks that graduated in 1986 to send their Gupton photo to Jeff Murphy or the College we will see about getting a class picture up.

COLLEGE ENDOWMENT FUND MATCH

The Independent Funeral Group (\$10,000) and Jeff and Steve Murphy (\$5,000) challenged the Board of Directors and the Alumni Association to match a \$15,000 gift to the College Endowment Fund for the 2009 – 2010 year.

To date, just over \$8,000 has been donated by the Board and the Alumni. Please join with these individuals to insure this challenge and goal is met before the August Reunion.

Steve Spann
Woody Davenport
Don Gibson
Carney Bell
Gene Pike
Jackie Carver, Sr.
Jackie Carver, Jr.
Ellis Galyon
Morris Moore
Carl Barker

Alan Beard
Al Colley
Robert Corley
Jeff Duffer
Greg Greene
Tracy Hamm
Adrian Holman
Thomas Hudgens
Edwin Ayers, Jr.
Donald Ayers

Dale Layne
Jimmy Martin
Tom Creech
James Ragan
Barry Self
David Shannon
Dorothy Spikes
Willis Swain
Robert Thurman
Mike Turner

Phillip Upchurch
Jerry Vehaun
Andi Wenzler
David Horner
David Powell
Harris Yates
Lee Perry
Bubba Woodfin
Donna Collard

Food for Thought

SPRING

"An optimist is the human personification of spring."

~ Susan J. Bissonette

"Happiness is like a sunbeam, which the least shadow intercepts, while adversity is often as the rain of spring."

~ Chinese proverb

"Spring shows what God can do with a drab and dirty world."

~ Virgil A. Kraft

EASTER

"He takes men out of time and makes them feel eternity."

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

"And he departed from our sight that we might return to our heart, and there find Him. For He departed, and behold, He is here."

~ St. Augustine



EARTH DAY

The materials of wealth are in the earth, in the seas, and in their natural and unaided productions.

~ Daniel Webster

Only when the last tree has died and the last river's been poisoned and the last fish been caught will we realize we cannot eat money.

~ Cree Indian Proverb

Man must feel the earth to know himself and recognize his values...God made life simple. It is man who complicates it.

~ Charles A. Lindbergh



MOTHER'S DAY

Most mothers are instinctive philosophers.

~ Harriet Beecher Stowe

All mothers are working mothers.

~ Author Unknown

No gift to your mother can ever equal her gift to you – life!!!!

~ Author unknown



MEMORIAL DAY

Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear - not absence of fear.

~ Mark Twain

Bravery is the capacity to perform properly even when scared half to death.

~ Omar Bradley

The cost of liberty is less than the cost of repression.

~ Web Dubois

FATHER'S DAY

Fatherhood is pretending the present you love most is soap-on-a-rope.

~ Bill Cosby

A father carries pictures where his money used to be.

~ Unknown

A man never stands as tall as when he kneels to help a child.

~ Knights of Pythagoras

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Nashville, TN 37203
Tel. # (615) 327-3927

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- Donations are tax deductible, financial bequests can be given in your will.
- Each donor will be recognized in the newsletter at the end of each year.



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