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"Scottsboro Boys" Pardoned After 80 Years

New College faculty John Miller and Ellen Spears were instrumental in the "behind the scenes" work that finally led to the posthumous pardons of three of the African American young men wrongfully accused of rape in the 1930s. In November the Alabama Board of Pardons and Paroles voted unanimously to issue the pardons to Haywood Patterson, Charles Weems, and Andy Wright. Earlier this year the Alabama legislature passed a formal resolution exonerating all nine of the Scottsboro Boys. Dr. Spears worked closely with Shelia Washington, director of the Scottsboro Boys Museum and Cultural Center and the person spearheading the

pardons effort. With a grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the Ford Foundation, Dr. Spears led a group of students in interpreting the historical places associated with the Scottsboro Boys, leading to a website for the Scottsboro Museum as well as promotional materials about the Scottsboro Boys cases. Professor Miller, an attorney, was key in crafting the language for the legislative resolution exonerating the young men. Quoted in a *New York Times* article, Miller said, "Alabama has worked as hard as anybody has to make sure that, to the extent that we can amend a legacy that is not flattering, we are trying to do the right things now."

Meet John Miller, Assistant Director of New College

A native of Mobile, John Miller earned an undergraduate degree from Duke University. He received an MA in English at The University of Alabama and a JD from UA Law School. Before being

appointed as the Assistant Director of New College, John was an instructor for New College. As a New College instructor, he has taught Creativity (NEW 212) and Cooperation and Conflict (NEW 237). He is currently working on a new

class on law and society. Recently he published two poems: "Jesus and the Twelve Apostles in Baldwin County, Alabama" and "Phronemophobia." Professor Miller likes to use words nobody else knows – like phronemophobia.

John Miller Trivia:

- Plays the drums
- Ran an open-mic night for three years at Duke
- Usually rides his bike to school
- Practiced law for 5 years
- Taught a course on Monsters in Popular Culture

Apple Cider Vinegar Cures Warts, Indigestion, and Tremors

For her New College Senior project, Sarah DeMeo researched the medicinal uses of apple cider vinegar and blogged about her findings. Sarah, a member of UA's Gymnastics Team, first learned about the health benefits of apple cider vinegar from her former strength and conditioning coach, Dr. Travis Illian. She is now as passionate as he about drinking apple cider vinegar daily. You can read

about Sarah's semester journey with apple cider vinegar (including pictures of her boyfriend's shrinking foot warts after drinking apple cider vinegar) at her blog: <http://applecidervinegarremedies.wordpress.com>. On Sarah's blog, former teammate Ashley Priess shares how drinking apple cider vinegar helped alleviate the tremors with which she

began suffering while competing on the Gymnastics team. Sarah hopes to pass along her passion for living a healthy lifestyle and natural alternative to traditional medicine as a Physician's Assistant.

New College Council – Carrying on a Tradition

This year's New College Council continues a long tradition in New College of students creating a community that extends beyond academics. Members of the Executive Council represent the diversity embodied in New College. President Amy Ackerman is a junior from Jacksonville, FL, whose depth study incorporates management, sociology, and

nonprofit management. Vice President Summer Upchurch is a junior from Montgomery, AL, and is pursuing a depth study in Community Arts Management. Secretary John Fleischauer, from Decatur, AL, is a junior studying Emergency Management. Treasurer Ainsley Stewart is from Falls Church, VA, and is a senior pursuing a depth study in Water Resource Management

and Nonprofit Work. Historian Jordan Moore, from Dallas, TX, is a senior studying Marine Biology and Photography. Finally, Freshman Representative Julia Quan is from Huntington Beach, CA, and is studying Korean and Chinese language through cinema.

Have a suggestion for the Council? Email them at newcollegecouncil@gmail.com.

Alumni notes

U.S. Lieutenant Colonel David Ward (NC '91) is a Civil Military Officer with a US Army task force charged with running five bases inside Kabul province, Afghanistan. He deals daily with US multi-national partners (Canadians,

Georgians, Bulgarians, Albanians, Romanians, Brits, French, Turks, Mongolians), US Afghan security partners and civilian leaders. His days are filled with extremes - discussing village humanitarian needs with a tribal leader in a dirt house

in a rural provinces during the morning and then meeting the Mayor of Kabul in a high rise in the afternoon. His primary job is to administer construction projects and humanitarian assistance to the citizens of Kabul province.

Jackson Harris Elected Southern Region Vice President for FFA

As a freshman at UA, Jackson Harris sought one of 30 spots in the University Fellows Experience, a program that fuses high academic standards with a passion for community service. In the interview, he was asked to identify his strengths. His answer? "Well, I restore antique tractors." After a few polite chuckles, Jackson explained what he had learned from participating in his high

school's Future Farmers of America chapter in Eufaula, AL. His passion earned him one of those Fellows spots. Jackson didn't grow up on a farm, but he, with his 10-member tractor team, spent countless hours in his high school's shop restoring every inch of tractors that were manufactured long before any of them were born. Jackson served as secretary and president of his high

school chapter and state vice president of the Alabama FFA. As the Southern Region Vice President, Jackson, a New College sophomore, will have to take a year off from his UA studies. The 6 national officers commit to a year of service to the National FFA organization. In January 2014, he will travel to Japan to promote agriculture and agricultural education to business and industry leaders there.

New College Participates in the 50 Year Celebration of the Desegregation of UA

2013 marks the 50th anniversary of the desegregation of The University of Alabama. New College has or will sponsor a number of events to commemorate this anniversary.

In September Dr. Wilbur Rich, a retired political scientist and author of several books, delivered a

university-wide lecture entitled "Growing Up in Segregated Montgomery."

Also in September New College co-sponsored "Hands on the Freedom Plow: Personal Accounts by Women of SNCC." The event featured Constance Curry and Doris Derby, who spoke about their experiences with the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) in the 1960s.

New College will co-sponsor a photo exhibit of rarely seen photographs from one of the Scottsboro trials at the Paul Jones Gallery from January 10 – February 21, 2014. A reception will be held on February 7 at the Paul Jones Gallery to honor Shelia Washington, founder and director of the Scottsboro Boys Museum and Cultural Center.



Where are they now?

Joel Vanderford, MD (NC 98): "We are now in Kampala, Uganda, I am working for Samaritan's Purse and their Children's Heart Project which brings kids with heart defects, that we cannot do here, to the States to be fixed, as well as,

working in the Pediatric Cardiac ICU here taking care of kids post-op that have their hearts fixed here. My wife is teaching high school science at one of the international schools in town, where our kids go."

Daryl Goldstein (NC 82): " I

am VP of Business Development for Piranha Media, an online marketing agency."

Kali McNutt (NC 2007): "I'm currently Director of External Affairs at the Foreign Policy Initiative, a think tank in D.C."

Upcoming Events

Let us know what you
are doing now:
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January 10 – February 21	“The Scottsboro Boys Trials: The Fred Hiroshige Photographs” Paul Jones Gallery
February 10	*Three Views of Viola – Ladonna Smith, Jessica Pavone, Wendy Richman Bama Theater Greensboro Room, 7:30 p.m.
March 7	*Lonnie Holley Paul Jones Gallery, 7:30 p.m.
April 3	New College Honors Reception New College Student Lounge (TBA)
April 10	Jerry Rosenberg Radio Hour Moody Music Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.
May 3	New College Commencement

*Part of the Sonic Frontiers Concert Series



Do you remember your New College senior project? Here are just a few of the titles of this semester's projects:

Hannah Hatter, “Gaijin’s Guide to Japanese Cooking.”

William Reynolds, “Bent Grass v. Bermuda: A Cost and Performance Analysis for Golf Courses.”

Wright Gatewood, “GOLIGHTLY EP Release Show: A Study in Music and Management.”

Anna Turkett, “Wild Ideas: An Exploration of Zoo Education.”

Matt Hussong, “Augmented Reality: The Dark Side of Unchecked Development.”

Willam Wells, “The History and Diverse Species of the Appalachian Trail.”

Dodge Carter, “The Truth about Fracking: The Media vs. the Oil and Gas Industry.”

Ben Friedman, “Contrasting Missionary Methods in Southeast Asia.”