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Dear Alumni,

Our annual Gupton College Alumni Reunion is just a few weeks away, and I hope that you are making plans to join me here in Nashville, on August 5th and 6th. I'm looking forward to seeing you and to enjoying a great time together. This year we will be honoring the Class of 1960, as they celebrate their 50th year. I hope to see as many members of this class at the reunion as well.

This year, I am especially excited about our entertainment at our Saturday Night Banquet: Kurt Bass and Jason Sanders will be playing. Kurt is the son of *Danny Bass '78* and nephew of *James Robert Bass '60*. Their group is called Generation Four. Kurt and Jason's Great Grandfathers played together, so that is a fitting name. I've heard

these guys, and they are good! I know that you will enjoy them.

My time as President of our Alumni Association will be coming to an end. I have enjoyed serving as the President of our Association. I want to express my appreciation to the other officers for their efforts and support. I want to especially give a tip of the cap to Opie Padgett for his work on the newsletter, and to Morris Moore, without Morris we'd be in bad shape!

Finally, I want to remind us all, that more than anything else, our College, needs our support,

through our participation in the Alumni Association. Let me encourage you to make plans to attend the Reunion. I know that you'll enjoy the reminiscing, and renewing acquaintance and friendships, and I know that you'll make some new friends as well. Come and be a part of this great time, I'll see you there!



Alumni President
MR. JEFF MURPHY

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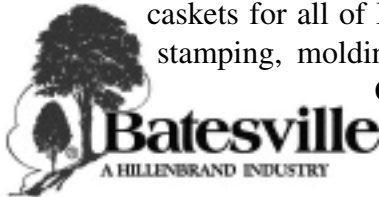
WILBERT VAULT HOSTS GUPTON STUDENTS

As always, Danny Hurt and staff spared nothing while providing over 60 John A. Gupton students a fabulous lunch buffet at the Holiday Inn at Vanderbilt on May 18, 2010. 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 Danny Hurt and all the Wilbert Vault team for taking the initiative to invest in the future students and the marketing program.



BATESVILLE CASKET COMPANY HOSTS GUPTON STUDENTS

The Marketing class of each summer semester gets a special treat in visiting the Batesville Casket Company, Manchester, Tennessee assembly plant. Students were shuttled to Manchester courtesy of Batesville on Thursday, June 17th, 2010 and treated to lunch at the plant. Students were then given a presentation of the operations of the Manchester plant, which consists mostly of 18 and 20 gauge steel caskets for all of Batesville Service Centers. Students were given a tour of the plant: from stamping, molding, painting, hardware, interiors, and final inspection. John A. Gupton College would like to express our gratitude to Batesville Casket Company and their staff for the opportunity to allow students firsthand knowledge of the merchandise they manufacture.



AURORA CASKET COMPANY HOST GUPTON STUDENTS

John A. Gupton College Marketing and Merchandising class took a trip to Aurora Casket Company, Aurora, IN on June 24th, 2010. Aurora Casket Company provided students with transportation on a tour bus and were treated to a buffet style lunch. After lunch, the students took a tour of the manufacturing plant gathering a different viewpoint of casket merchandising and marketing concepts from another leader in casket manufacturing. John A. Gupton College offers sincere appreciation to Aurora Casket Company and their staff for making students welcome in Indiana.



A FEW QUOTES FOR THE SEASON

"The summer night is like a perfection of thought." ~ Wallace Stevens

"I prefer liberty with danger to peace with slavery." ~ Author Unknown

*"May the sun in his course visit no land more free, more happy, more lovely, than this our own country!"
~ Daniel Webster*

EDITOR'S RECENT READING PICKS

QBQ! The Question behind the Question is a motivational book giving us all the answers to the QBQ; this book is definitely recommended for college students, colleagues and people looking to improve their business skills.

Riven, is a motivational and inspirational book centered around the lives of two people who never seem to make an impact on the lives they touch, until they meet one another, and each find something in themselves worth living or dying for.

Alumni News

ALUMNI REUNION

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 10:00 am enjoy breakfast sponsored by Aurora Casket Company and Batesville Casket Company. The business



meeting will be held at 10:00 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, there 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 \$139.00 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.

In Memory Of Alumni Friends and Family

MS. WANDA ANN CORNATZAR, age 78, died Sunday, May 2, 2010 at Humboldt Nursing Home. Ms. Cornatzar was the grandmother of *Clayton White '08*, of Replogle-Lawrence Funeral Home in Median & Lawrence-Sorensen Funeral Home in Jackson, TN. She is also the mother-in-law of Kenny Perry, licensed funeral director for Replogle-Lawrence Funeral Home. Graveside services were held Wednesday, May 5, 2010 at Rose Hill Cemetery in Humboldt, TN.



MR. HURT

MR. TOMMY HURT died Wednesday, April 21, 2010. Tommy has worked with Wilbert Vaults of Tennessee in Jackson for several years. He has served an Honoree alumnus since 1998. Along with his son, Danny Hurt, have been big alumni supports for many years. He also served as President of the Tennessee Funeral Supply Sales Club twice, first 1978 -79 and then again 1999 - 00. Tommy is the father of Danny Hurt, Wilbert Vaults of TN in Nashville, TN. Visitation was held 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM Saturday, April 24, 2010 at Arrington Funeral Directors, with Funeral Services held 2:00 PM Sunday, April 25, 2010 at Arrington Funeral Directors Chapel in Jackson, TN. A Graveside service was held Monday, April 26, 2010 at 12:00 Noon, Petit Jean Mountain State Park Cemetery, Morrilton, AR.

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

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	310 Railroad Ave.	Princeton	KY	42445	60	NCA
Gallimore	John C.		Gleason	TN		60	NCA
Hayes III	Charles Phillip	Box 387	Elba	AL	36323	60	
Hizer	James T.	410 North West	Somerville	TN		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 386	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		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		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		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.

College News

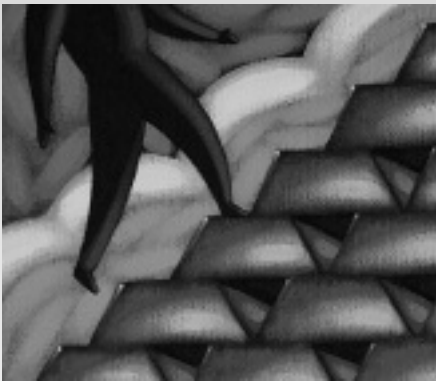
GUPTON STUDENTS ATTEND 107TH ANNUAL TFDA CONVENTION

The Tennessee Funeral Directors Association and the Tennessee Funeral Sales and Supply Club recently held its 107th annual convention on June 6th & June 7th 2010, at the Embassy Suites in Murfreesboro, TN. Students were granted free admission to the exhibit hall and each student was required to visit 10 booths in order to receive credit for attendance. This approach gives students an opportunity to meet, greet and learn innovative products and services of suppliers. We wish to express extreme gratitude to Bob Batson, Dawn Elliot, and the members of TFDA/TFSSC for all their continued support.

JOHN A. GUPTON COLLEGE Top 10% Spring Semester 2010



Brittney Barlow	Bartlett, Tenn.	Kallie Bennett	Waverly, Tenn.
Janelle Cook	Holladay, Tenn.	Christina Davidge	Bell Buckle, Tenn.
Paula Davidson	Oneida, Tenn.	Dalton Dyer	Lexington, Tenn.
Hugh Glidewell	Nashville, Tenn.	Molly Hallowell	Lexington, Tenn.
Monica Jennings	Clarkrange, Tenn.	Richard Kittell	Franklin, Kentucky
Robert Romine	Dickson, Tenn.	David Trivette	Nashville, Tennessee



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WE ARE STILL SHY OF MEETING OUR ENDOWMENT GOAL FROM LAST YEAR'S CHALLENGE FROM JEFF & STEVE MURPHY AND THE INDEPENDENT GROUP. PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO SUPPORT THE COLLEGE IN MEETING THIS GOAL. ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTABLE PROVIDED YOU MEET THAT DEDUTION.

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