WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS!

It’s a great day at Miles College! The Golden Bears of Miles College defeated Albany State University by 20-17, Saturday, Nov. 12, at Clark Atlanta University Panther Stadium in Atlanta, Ga., claiming victory by winning its first Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Division II Championship. For the complete story see “CHAMPIONSHIP” page 8.

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Reknown actress Robin Givens set to teach at Miles College in Spring. See “Givens” page 6.

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Dear Mileans:

Indeed, this is a great year at Miles College. The beginning of this scholastic year was filled with new and exciting news. The staff and I were ecstatic to bring this fall semester to The Milean. As we embark on the closure of the semester, we would like to start by saying that we are striving to improve the quality, relevance and interest level of this newspaper.

It is truly an honor and privilege to serve as the editor-in-chief of The Milean. As always our goal is to keep the Miles College family informed of the activities and accomplishments of the faculty, staff and students of the academy. We want to give information on upcoming events, use surveys and polls on changes of campus activity.

In the words of our illustrious President Dr. George T. French Jr., we always want to uphold culture, class and civility in all that we do. As every student progresses through his or her matriculation at Miles College, we want them to keep in mind that with hard work and dedication anything is possible. The sky is the limit. We are minutes away and miles ahead. We are Miles College.

Respectfully,
Shaughnessy Moses

SHAUGHNESSY MOSES
Editor-in-Chief

The salad bar is available to all students during lunch and dinner hours at the Cafe. (RIGHT) Senior Brandy Gillespie prepares a waffle during breakfast hours. Also, students have a wide range of vegetable options: okra, cabbage, baked potatoes and many others.

**The New, Improving student Cafe**

**BY SHAUGHNESSY MOSES, THE MILEAN**

The Miles College cafeteria is making extensive, healthy changes in the diet and selection of the food as well as new staff and leadership for the 2011-2012 scholastic year.

In previous years, students have complained about the food in the cafeteria. This year, Gourmet Services, the company that provides the food, brought in a better variety and new taste. With this new taste, there is a healthy initiative.

Most students were cautious at first about the healthy initiative, thinking that the food would not be of good taste.

Joshalynn Green, a returning sophomore and mentor, said: “At first I thought the food would be the same, but this year I am actually enjoying the food selection. There is more to choose from, and it tastes really good.”

Now, students have the choice of getting the main course meal as well as choosing side dishes such as pasta, mixed vegetables, baked potatoes and much more. Breakfast offers the choices of fruit, donuts and waffles. There is a wider variety for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Kevin Stewart, the previous director of the cafeteria, has risen to a higher position and will soon be working with other students and faculty to get involved with the yearbook efforts. For more information, contact Baptiste or Dean Knight at 929-1000.

**Yearbook Brainstorming Underway**

**BY LATOYA PICKENS, SPECIAL TO THE MILEAN**

Miles College Division of Communications Chairperson Bala Baptiste and Dean of Students Griena Knight are working with students to publish a yearbook in 2012.

With it being approximately 10 years since Miles College published its last yearbook, the current students and alumni are excited about the idea.

“As an alumnus of Miles College, I would be one of the first to purchase a Miles College yearbook,” said Serena Robertson, a 2003 graduate of Miles College. “I want my children and grandchildren to see my college roots.”

Like most, some students want a yearbook to cherish memories while others, simply, want the yearbook to commemorate their time in college.

Senior Computer Information Science major Chanice Gray expressed her excitement about the possibility of a yearbook.

“It would be a good idea for Miles to have a yearbook. You get to see people that you have never seen before,” she said. “It is important to know who’s in your class.”

Now that technology is the way of the world, students and alumni are expected to have the option of accessing yearbooks online, according to Baptiste.

“There will be a small press run online through a website for the yearbook,” he said. In terms of cost, Baptiste explained that he and others want to ensure that all students and alumni interested in purchasing the yearbook will find that it is affordable. The yearbook will cost around $50.

Both Knight and Baptiste encourage students and faculty to get involved with the yearbook efforts. For more information, contact Baptiste or Dean Knight at 929-1000.
Year of the Golden Bear

BY MICHLENE BILLY, THE MILEAN

Here, at Miles College, school spirit is displayed tremendously through faculty, staff and alumni. The college’s pep squad, Student Government Association and various organizations, all help to rally the student body. Semester campus tours spark excitement for incoming freshman.

This 2011 fall semester was a great time for students to show their school support, through a winning football season and eventful semester. The purple and gold tradition of Miles has paved the way for new generations of Mileans to walk across.

There are mixed opinions about how school spirit is not displayed well amongst students, as well as incoming freshman over the last few years. But this year just might be the infamous “Year of the Bear.” A new stream of improvement and physical appearance of the school are key ways to help the student body get excited for the upcoming year, even before the games and activities start.

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“You may think you are going to the doctor for a regular check up one day, and then the next day you are fighting for your life, wondering what will happen to your kids, your husband if you die unexpectedly from one of the most deadly cancers in the world. Any normal person would prepare for the worst, but A. Jean Dickerson prepared to fight.

Dickerson is an administrative assistant in the Counseling, Advising and Testing Center at Miles College. As a proud breast cancer survivor of almost eight years, she knows first-hand the experience of fighting, just to live.

“I could not even stand to hear the word cancer at first,” said Dickerson. “But now I have overcome it.”

When first diagnosed, she said it was like a routine mammogram. Then the unexpected happened.

“They sent me to a nurse right away. It was her that told me I had breast cancer,” Dickerson explained. “I went to the doctor by myself that day, so I called my family immediately. I just broke down in the car. From then on, my family declared that they would never let me visit my doctor alone again.”

Dickerson, as well as thousands of others, experienced grueling procedures while getting treatment for breast cancer.

All support is needed during this time. Additionally, awareness of the situation is just as important as support.

In an effort to increase awareness and support of Breast Cancer Awareness, the Miles College Counseling, Advising and Testing Center held its 6th annual Passionately Pink series of events in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Events took place October 3-21.

The events provided information to students about breast cancer and showed tremendous support to those with breast cancer, celebrated the women who have survived and remembered those who lost the battle.

Events included a breast cancer awareness walk at Albert J.H. Sloan Stadium, Breast Cancer Awareness Survivors Day and National Mammography Day, where everyone was encouraged to wear pink in support. Also, pink ribbon were available for persons to pin on their shirts to demonstrate more support.

Working at Miles College for over a decade, Deleon Fancher Jr. has served as the Counseling, Advising and Testing Center’s head coordinator for breast cancer awareness for the past six years. He is very passionate about this topic, stating that everyone has a family member or friend that has been “touched by breast cancer in some way.”

Many agreed with Fancher, as most students wore pink or displayed the breast cancer ribbon on their shirts throughout October. He always pushed the overall mission of this awareness which is to

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The Beautification of Miles College

By Shaughnessy Moses, the Milean

Catherine Lavender Vaughans could not have written it more perfectly in the Miles College alma mater, “Miles, the home of Southern beauty.” Since the beginning of the scholastic year of 2011, Miles College has made numerous steps to transform the campus into a beautiful atmosphere.

In May, the College made six major steps to beautify the campus. Under the leadership and vision of President Dr. George T. French Jr., the campus is undergoing an extreme makeover like none other.

Setting the tone of the new school year, the football field was turned into a state of the arts stadium for the family of Miles College and visitors to enjoy. This 30-day project was the first major improvement of the institution. Along with the football stadium, the track surrounding the field was repaved and repainted shortly after.

The third and fourth step to beautifying the home of the Golden Bears was the landscaping of Alumni Hill and adding a waterfall across the driveway from the Learning Resource Center. These few changes set the tone for greater advances to come.

Mileans were thrilled to have improvements, but it was not until the fifth step of this project where the people were stirred up with excitement. The installation of the Miles College Golden bear near the south gate was a hit.

“I was shocked to see the bear when it was first placed on the hill,” said Christin Hackett, a graduating senior at Miles College.

“It definitely adds to the campus and sets the tone for the new school year.” The bear not only represents the College’s mascot, the Golden Bear, but it represents strength and a fearless attitude toward opponents and future goals of the academy. To illuminate this symbol of greatness, the sixth step was adding lights around the bear, leading to the main campus.

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He was the overseer of all of the projects, starting with the football stadium.

“My main goal is to transform a barren sight to a grassy and vegetative environment,” said Jenkins.

Thomas Brown, assistant plant director, works closely with Jenkins to make sure that the goals are “sought out and accomplished”. Both Brown and Jenkins expressed that this is not the end for physical alterations and improvements of the campus. Signs will be dispersed over campus that will encourage the Miles College community to keep the campus beautiful by not littering.

“There will be a redesigning of the landscaping theme; the waterfall will be modified along with the lights in due time,” Jenkins shared.

In the words of President French Jr. people will now look at the institution and say, “That is the beautiful campus of Miles College.”

Miles College Remembers Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth

By Shaughnessy Moses, the Milean

A civil rights activist and longtime reverend, Fred Shuttlesworth was a direct symbol of hope and prosperity for Miles College and the African-American community.

For more than four decades, Shuttlesworth fought alongside Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., not only in Birmingham, but across the nation for the rights of blacks. He survived numerous beatings, bombings and attacks in this effort but never gave up or lost his fire for equality. His death was celebrated on Monday, October 24, at Faith Chapel Christian Center in Birmingham, Ala.

At least two dozen people attended the funeral to pay respects in the name of Miles College. President Dr. George T. French Jr. sent for student government association representatives and other student leaders, including Miss Miles College and her court and several organizational presidents and representatives.

A number of faculty and staff shared memories on that, also.

Towards the end of the five hour funeral, President French stood to make an announcement about a new scholarship that will be in Shuttlesworth’s name. He went on to share how it was Miles College students that stood along with the activists in efforts to influence change. This announcement was done in honor of the late Shuttlesworth to assure the audience that his name would not be forgotten on the campus of Miles College.

Office of President assistant Diane Cottrell shared details about the scholarship and noted that other scholarship specifics are still being worked out along with the help of the City of Fairfield Mayor Kenneth Coachman.

“This scholarship will be for new students and the recipient will be rewarded $10,000,” said Cottrell.

The student leaders present at the funeral were honored and touched by the funeral service. The leaders were able to see and hear many celebrities and politicians speak highly of Shuttlesworth and send condolences to his wife and family.

“Shuttlesworth grew up right here in Birmingham,” said Talisa Cummings, first attendant to Miss Miles College. “This gave me a sense of encouragement by letting me know that if I work hard and fight for what I want, I can do and become anything I want in life.”

The spirit of Shuttlesworth lives on at Miles College. Creating a scholarship in memory and honor of the civil rights activist was a sign of appreciation the school has for his contributions to the school and the state of Alabama.

Shuttlesworth dedicated most of his 89 years of living to help someone else. Miles College wants to continue his trend.
Miles College A-Team: Raising Retention

BY SHAUGHNESSY MOSES, THE MILEAN

The President of Miles College, Dr. George T. French Jr., put together an A-Team, or blitz team, of students and faculty to help raise retention rates in summer 2011.

With the help of his administrative cabinet, this elite group was formed to not only think of reasons why retention rates were not where they should be but brainstorm new ways to reach the students.

Some students of the A-Team were the Student Government Association President Ashley Edwards and Miss Miles College 2011-2012 Shaughnessy Moses. Yolanda Duff-Newsome, an instructor in the Division of Education, was one of the faculty members that was chosen to help increase expansion.

Another A-Team student, Bianca Moore, said: “I am thrilled to be a part of a team or group of people that is striving to make Miles better. Hopefully, we will be able to reach a lot of students and find ways to get prospective students to Miles.” Moore also serves as president of the Honors Curriculum at the College.

The goal of this blitz team was met by calling at least 60 to 100 prospective students each night. This call was to first congratulate students for being accepted to the institution and let them know that they had a few simple steps to complete their process.

A typical student would need to send in their final transcript via fax or mail from his or her previous high school, turn in medical records and send in test scores.

Students who did not take the American College Test or the Scholastic Aptitude Test were still encouraged to come due to on-campus testing. Ramsey Hall administered on-campus testing throughout the semester to see where the student stands academically and what classes he or she should take.

“We do not want to discourage any student from coming to Miles because of test scores or medical examinations,” said Edwards. “This year the students will have an opportunity to get medical examinations on campus. Showing them that Miles is truly a family and that we will be willing to work with any student to persuade them to come to Miles.”

The blitz team lasted for two weeks. At the end of this effort, hundreds of students were contacted, leading to one of the biggest overflow seasons of incoming freshman and transfer students. All coordinators of the team and those who helped make this happen were thrilled at the results.

An A-Team coordinator, Kourtney Abernathy, expressed to the students and faculty that she was truly proud of everyone and that this team truly made a lasting impression to the students as well as its leaders.

“This was not an easy task, and without the help of this blitz team, none of this would have been possible,” she said. “We are excited about what this school year will bring.”

Q: How has the culture changed at Miles College? A: Miles College is a great institution. In the sense of culture, Miles is moving in a new pace. We have enforced more rules and regulations as far as campus life goes and taking part in leadership workshops. We are taking all measurements to improve the culture at Miles, and it is working.

Q: How is the SGA working with administration to make things happen? A: The Student Government Association is extremely close with administration. For example, I had a problem with security and the very next day Miles College President Dr. George T. French Jr. asked me how he could improve security. He listened to what I had to say and soon after, he had more police on duty on foot patrol and created a “Stop the Violence” campaign.

Q: How are students responding to the changes being made? A: For the most part, Mileans are on board. The SGA is always telling students about the new changes, and they are very excited to see what is in store.

Q: What do you think about the new landscape of the school? A: The landscaping is really improving the aura of the campus. President French is always talking about keeping our campus beautiful. The president wants to “Go Green,” and we are quickly approaching this idea. The Bear is a good touch, and since we are in the process of beautifying our campus, it is getting the students excited.

Written by Shaughnessy Moses
Robin Givens helps through service, teaching

BY CELICIA RODDEY, SPECIAL TO THE MILEAN

Robin Givens gives back to the City of Fairfield in more ways than one, as leader of a two-day workshop and a new addition to Miles College faculty.

Miles College President Dr. George T. French Jr. announced at a press conference on Oct. 19 that Givens will be the college’s artist-in-residence of the theater department of Division of Humanities.

However, Givens’ gift of giving to the city did not begin there. She along with the Alabama Chapter of Links Inc., provided “Art of Living” acting workshops at the college Sept. 17-18.

The “Lights, Camera and Action” workshop was organized to raise hope adults and children of the city.

For two days, the doors of Miles College opened up to give Fairfield residents of all ages the opportunity to be both educated, enriched and entertained.

“It’s for everybody, but for blacks it’s a tabeo on going to therapy,” said Givens, leader of the acting workshops. “You get to express your inner feelings and issues but hide behind a character.”

Programs such as the “Art of Living” workshops are not made available to low income families very often, nor middle class.

Givens led workshops for the weekend during the “Art of Living” event. The event ended with a showcase performance on Oct. 18, as the children and adults compiled their acquired skills and displayed them for an audience. After only two short days, it was evident that the presence of Givens, the skills learned as well as a positive atmosphere, was the recipe for success.

Givens made it clear that when she was growing up, there was no program like this available. “The American Academy of Dramatic Arts…I attended at age 10…didn’t have a program like this,” she said.

Givens’ advice to other actors and actresses...

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Vintage Trends, at Lower Costs

BY MICHELENE BILLY, THE MILEAN

Retro Glasses. Checkered bow ties. Colored denim blazers. These are amongst the newest trends of the year that has made its way onto the campus of Miles College. 80’s 3D shades, bulky wristbands, and letterman jackets are also trends that are popular. Some trends maybe new, but it will always re-appear, even decades later.

Vintage is the new wave or fashion, mixing the old with new. From dresses, to pants, shoes and accessories, being vintage can also serve as some form of individuality. One can actually achieve the look of “California casual,” or “Soho Chic” at a place no one would ever think of going. The thrift store is surprisingly a place where one can buy five or six outfits for under $20. Being a college student means broken pockets. So incorporating style and cost is a number one factor in student life.

Gia Booker knows this process first hand, so she takes shopping at the thrift store and turns it into a crafty project. “I usually would buy something from the thrift store, and add and take away things from it, and make it my own personal style,” said Booker. “I save a lot of money, and it’s a great hobby, so I benefit from it.”

Using the way that one shops and turning it into a statement about who you are shows great care for image, uniqueness, and versatility on campus. Sean Chavez incorporates his style with his personality, defining who he is without saying one word. “I basically try to incorporate my own trends and styles and not copy anyone else,” explained Chavez. “But my style has changed slightly due to the economy, but that hasn’t stopped me from presenting myself as a person who is different, and has style, without even doing a lot and buying really expensive things.”

When students are in need of new clothes or accessories, the mall is the first place a student would run to, especially if he or she would want to look great. Buying brand named labels would be like buying the brand itself, which means you are coming out of your pocket extra. “I love shopping at the mall, but a lot of times I can’t even afford the things I like to wear,” said Shahanica Gales. “I go to places like Plato’s Closet, so I can buy brand named, 2nd hand clothes that are gently used…not to mention the prices are basically cut in half.”

A college student has to understand and learn the ways of the trade, especially when it comes to saving and spending money. Next time you decide to look for a new snapback, or a pair of ripped denim jeans, the place to go is just right under your nose.
Shaughnessy Moses is
Miss Miles College 2011-2012

By Michelene Billy, The MILEAN

“...goal that I will strive for greatness,” said Shaughnessy Moses, a native of Indianapolis, Ind.

Set in the purple and gold colors of royalty that Miles College brandishes as representation of its eminent standard, Shaughnessy Moses flashes the winning and confident smile that got the attention of the student body and earned her the title of Miss Miles College 2011-2012.

Given the honor and the title on April 5, through an elaborate pageant ceremony presented by Miles College, Moses, with joyous tears, described her feeling of becoming Miss Miles College on that night. “It is surreal,” she said. “It is truly a blessing, and I am forever grateful.”

Fast forward a couple of months, as the new school year approaches. Moses has just been crowned at her 2011 Homecoming Coronation. Moses shared her goals, ideas and plans for the school year.

Moses said as Miss Miles College she plans on bringing a lot of educational, as well as entertaining and fun events throughout the school year. “Miss Miles College is what you make it,” she explained. “I am glad that the students saw enough in me and believed that I would be able to effectively represent the school.”

“Expand Your Horizons: Dare to be Different,” is Moses’ platform. The new and unique platform includes martial arts training courses, Zumba for students (a new exercise course), and dance sessions: ballet, jazz, tap, hip-hop, etc. Moses also wants to expand her platform by giving her attendants a time to share great ideas with the students, as well.

“Also, I want to change things up by having my attendants put together and host events under a platform of their own,” she said.

Some students can find it hard to balance outside and leisure activities with the demand of maintaining the quality academic standard. To manage the tasks of Miss Miles, and keep grades up, Moses said, “I will definitely have to keep a calendar…I came here to get a degree first!”

Some reportage was done by Latoya Matthews, an 2011 graduate of Miles College.

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colleges in the state of Alabama. Over the years Stewart has made connections with the students and most were afraid of his rumored departure. The students were pleased to hear that he would be staying around a bit longer.

The new director of the cafeteria, Wesley Williams, is thrilled to be a part of the Miles College family. With his warm smile and hard work, he has already helped tremendously to improve the quality of the food and productivity of the cafeteria.

Williams shared with the incoming freshman that he will work hard to directly work with the Student Government Association in any way possible and that he is expecting a great year.

During freshman orientation in the middle of August, Gourmet Services made a presentation on the upcoming changes in the cafeteria, informing the students on how to differentiate between healthy and unhealthy food selections.

Michael Childress, the S.G.A. vice president, said: “The changes in the diet and selection of the food will not only promote healthy living as a college student, but also help to rid the cliché statements about ‘freshman 15.’”

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was, “It’s not always important to be in the front of the camera. We need to learn all trades of the craft.”

The Alabama Chapter of Links Inc. found it vital to put time and money into hosting Givens and the “Art of Living” workshops, due to the uniqueness it provided for local residents. Exposure to this weekend of workshops gathered families together for an exclusive craft and the excitement of meeting a celebrity they may not have imagined to meet by way of Fairfield.

Milean and workshop attendee Natrisha Spencer said: “It’s exciting to have someone of high stature like Robin (Givens) here. This is the type of thing that students and residents have been waiting for.”

“To see how happy and motivated the kids were made me feel motivated to inspire organizations I’m a part of to put forth an effort to continue bringing projects like this to the Fairfield community,” Spencer added.

As a role model for many women, Givens offered, “It took a while for me to accept myself…I would love to give women a sense of confidence at a faster rate and help them discover themselves earlier on in life as an aid in exuding that confidence”.

Givens in conjunction with the Links and Miles College created an atmosphere that Fairfield had never seen.
Miles College defeats Albany State, winning SIAC Championship

BY CELICIA RODDEY, JULIUS FAIN AND JASMINE SMITH, SPECIAL TO THE MILEAN

Veni Vidi Vici! They came, they saw, and they conquered! The Miles College Golden Bears have taken college football by storm from a powerful season to a win at the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Championship game against Albany State University, Saturday, Nov. 12, in Atlanta, Ga.

The Bears’ road to success was a test of hard work and dedication at its best, ending the season with a record of 7-4.

History was made on Oct. 27, as the Miles Golden Bears beat Stillman College 9-7, winning Miles College a spot in the 2011 SIAC Football Championship as the Western Division Champs. Miles College students, faculty and staff all witnessed this triumph, as many traveled to Tuscaloosa, Ala., to support the team.

Vershona Hughley, a biology student at Miles, said: “I don’t even like football, but the excitement of the teams’ season even inspired me to drive and see the game. It was great to see Miles so united.”

A sea of purple and gold also filled the stands at the SIAC Championship game held at Clark Atlanta University Panther Stadium. Students showed spirit and support like never before. Ruben Hayden, a student who attended the championship game, said, “The atmosphere was awesome…it was a nail biter, but we pulled it off.”

“I was proud to be a part of that historic moment,” added Hayden.

Many attribute this year’s success to the leadership of the Golden Bears head coach, Reginald Ruffin. This is Ruffin’s first season as the Golden Bears head football coach. With more than 10 years of coaching experience, Ruffin previously served five years as an assistant coach at Tuskegee University, where he served as the defensive coordinator and linebacker coach.

Yovaris Hudson, a freshmen tight end on the team, said, “Coach Ruffin was serious and he wanted his players to be serious, about winning.” After such a strong season, the Bears may look forward to relaxing and recapping the season. However, the Golden Bears are invited to play in the 13th Pioneer Bowl, which will take place Dec. 3, at the AJ McClung stadium in Columbus, Ga., against Johnson C. Smith University.

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A YEAR TO REMEMBER. Miles College President George T. French Jr. and wife, Mrs. Joyce French, celebrate the SIAC Championship win on Nov. 12 against Albany State University with head coach Reginald Ruffin, alongside Miles Golden Bears’ running back Jordan Lewis.
The Dark Side of Facebook

BY JESSE JONES, THE MILEAN

What is the first thing that comes to mind when you hear “Facebook?”
Those are the common uses of Facebook.
Facebook has more than 750 million active users, with 50 percent of those users logging on any given day. Facebook is the leading social networking site with Twitter close behind, as reported by eBizMBA.com, an eBusiness knowledge database.
Facebook’s mission is to give people the power to share and make the world more open and connected. Most Facebook users may look and feel that Facebook serves its purpose. But there are others that might not.
Passionette Peters, a senior biology major, feels that Facebook can be used as a tool for advice, for some.
“Maybe the person doing the talking is just in need of some advice,” said Peters. “If you do talk about [someone], make sure it’s anonymous.”
Some people might possibly be “anti-advice-seekers” when it comes to using Facebook.
Ashley Turner, sophomore criminal justice major, said she used to vent on Facebook but realized it wasn’t doing her any good.
“That’s stupid, because all you’re doing is putting [everyone] in your business, said Turner. “And nobody is laughing with you; they’re laughing at you. And they’re helping you spread it.”
Similar to Turner, others feel that venting on Facebook is both good and bad.
Nicholas McKinney, freshman majoring in Theatre, said venting via Facebook is both good and bad.
“(Facebook) is good, because it helps some people kind of vent their frustrations,” said McKinney. “It’s bad because everybody doesn’t need to know what you’re going through and half of the people don’t really care. So I’m kind of neutral on the Facebook thing.
Users’ actions on Facebook can also cause them to lose their job. The page attracts users that vent about how they feel toward getting fired because of their carelessness and silly mistakes.
Facebook is often expected to take the blame for its users losing their jobs and sometimes their significant others. On Facebook’s principle page, their second principle goes as follows: “People should own their information...should have the freedom to share it with anyone they want, and take it with them anywhere they want,
including removing it from the Facebook Service...”In simpler terms, Facebook is not responsible for what you say and who you say it to.

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educate, learn consequences of ignoring, tests, precautions and study about early detections of breast cancer.
Dickerson also supports the effort because she knows exactly what it is like going through breast cancer.
Dickerson had the love and support of family and faculty. But it was only the beginning of the battle. What hurt, even more than the chemotherapy for Dickerson, was losing her hair. At that time, she wore braids.
She said: “Just the thought was horrifying. My daughter had already bought me a wig, but I was still scared at the thought I was going bald. My daughter came to spend some time with me, and helped me take my braids out. My hair fell out right then. But I still didn’t want to stop the chemo. I was prepared for the worst.”
But the most horrifying thing was wondering what would happen to her kids, she said.
Dickerson’s kids meant the world to her, more than life itself.
Just the thought of her husband having to raise her children alone completely crushed her heart.
“I thought about who would help my husband raise them,” she said. “Who would teach them the morals and values I was taught? Who would give them that unconditional love that a mother should?”
But after all of the worrying, sickness and weakness from the cancer, Dickerson was placed in remission. She continues to fight for those who are fighting breast cancer themselves and gives that person a gleam of hope that she needed during her own battle.
“I have encouraged people with breast cancer,” she recalled. “I’m also grateful to be here, to see my kids grow and have babies.”
Dickerson explained: “I used to think: Why me? I am a child of God; I live right and do everything by the book. Now, I know why. It is only a battle. You either win it, or lose it. And I’m proud to say: I won.”

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Success never sleeps.
Golden Bears MVP and junior starting quarterback, David Thomas, said: “Discipline was one of the big differences from last year to this year. Coach even made sure we would go to class.”
Miles College is enthusiastic about the success of the team and continues to support them in all they do. President Dr. George T. French Jr. even arranged for a victory parade in honor of the team’s accomplishments this year. The parade took place in downtown Birmingham on Thursday, Nov. 17, 2011 at 11 a.m. between 18th Street South on Powell Avenue and proceeded up 20th Street. The parade was supported by staff, students and faculty as well as all campus organizations and was followed by a campus wide-cookout.
A recipe for success has been created. School spirit, an experienced coach, hardworking players and dedication have cooked up a winning season for the Miles College Golden Bears. With these ingredients, Miles is sure to have many winning seasons to come!