

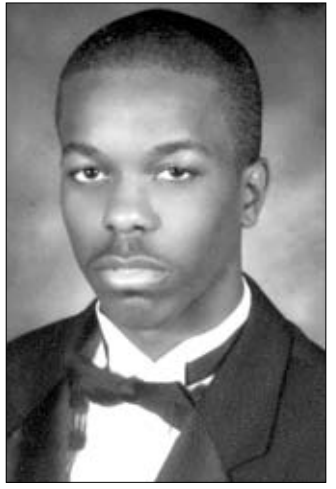
Students get anti-drug message at SCES



GILBERTOWN — Frank Andrews, (seated on left) Drug Education Consultant, visited Southern Choctaw Elementary School on Thursday, February 22, to talk to students in grades K-6 about alcohol, tobacco, drugs, violence and related behaviors. Social worker for the Choctaw County School System, Tikisha Brooks-Graham (standing), was instrumental in putting together the visit. Graham also spoke to the students about the problems associated with alcohol and drug use.

Choctaw Sun photo by Dee Ann Campbell

Philon accepts two Xavier scholarships



Phillip Philon

CINCINNATI, Ohio — Southern Choctaw High School senior Phillip Philon has accepted both a Presidential Scholarship and a Buschmann Award from Xavier University in Cincinnati, OH.

He will graduate from SCHS in May where he is president of the Student Government Association, president of the Beta Club, JROTC Battalion commander, and is Varsity Mascot.

He plans to major in biology/pre-med.

All incoming freshmen are evaluated for Xavier's Honor, Presidential, Schawe, and Trustee scholarships and award levels vary. The Buschmann award is based on a student's record in high school.

Xavier University is a private university located in Cincinnati, Ohio, providing a liberal

arts education in the Catholic, Jesuit tradition. Founded in 1831, the university is the sixth-oldest Catholic university in the nation.

Phillip is the son of Randy and Delois Philon of Silas.



Lassiter wins Wax Company Scholarship

MONTGOMERY — During the recent 64th Annual Alabama Cattlemen's Association Convention and Trade Show, Kellee Lassiter of Silas was presented the Wax Company Scholarship. Kellee is a sophomore at Auburn University where she is majoring in Ag Economics and Elementary Education. Kellee volunteers as a member of the Alabama Cattlemen's Association Beef Team, and is a member of the AU Young Farmers Ag Council and the Block and Bridle Club. Upon graduation, she plans to work in the agriculture industry before beginning a career in Elementary Education where she can teach with a strong emphasis in agriculture. Funded through the sale of ryegrass, the Wax Company Scholarship is awarded each year to the youth of Alabama's livestock industry that demonstrate outstanding academic and leadership qualities. The scholarship is awarded through the Alabama Cattlemen's Foundation.

Pictured at LEFT are ACA President Max Bozeman and Kellee, who is a graduate of South Choctaw Academy in Toxey.

Submitted photo

UWA to hold Preview Day for prospective students

LIVINGSTON — The University of West Alabama invites prospective students and their families to campus Sat., March 17 for the University's annual spring Preview Day.

Designed to inform high school and community college students about all aspects of the 172-year-old institution, the day will start with lunch at noon at the Bell Conference Center, followed by tours of the Livingston campus.

Preview Day is being held in conjunction with Super Tiger Day, which features home tennis, softball and baseball action, in addition to the spring football game. Complimentary tickets to the UWA-University of Alabama-Huntsville baseball game are available for Preview Day participants and guests.

For complete information, contact the Admissions Office at 1-888-636-8800 or visit www.admissions.uwa.edu.

**Black History Program
Southern Choctaw High
Wednesday, 1 p.m.**

Iraqi Fulbright Scholar to lecture at University

LIVINGSTON — Rounding out the 2007 Fulbright Lecture Series, The University of West Alabama welcomes Dr. Lahay A. Hussein Al-Damee, visiting Fulbright Scholar from Iraq. A sociologist, Hussein's interests include the social conditions of women in the Middle East with a special emphasis on women in Iraq. She will present a lecture entitled, "Development of Veil Use in Iraq," on Thursday, March 15, at 6 p.m. in Brock Y-Hall on the Livingston campus. A reception in her honor will be held prior to the lecture from 4:30-5:45 p.m. in Webb Hall Parlor.

The fourth Fulbright Scholar to visit UWA as part of the lecture series this spring, Hussein comes by invitation of the College of Liberal Arts. She is an Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of Baghdad in Iraq's capital city. She received a bachelor's degree in sociology from the University of Baghdad. Hussein received her master's degree and her doctorate in sociology from the University of Utah, with her dissertation focusing on gender inequality in Iraq. Through the Fulbright program, Hussein is currently teaching at Dickinson College in Carlisle, PA. A member of several professional organizations and the author of numerous academic journal publications, she has also written an "Introduction to Sociology" textbook to be published in Iraq.

Hussein is one of approximately 800 foreign scholars chosen this year to lecture, conduct research and participate in seminars in the United States through the Fulbright Scholars Program. Scholars from Brazil, China and the Ivory Coast also lectured at UWA as part of the 2007 Fulbright Lecture Series. Admission to Dr. Lahay A. Hussein Al-

Damee's lecture is free and open to the public. For more information, please call (205) 652-3892.

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PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING

NHF-0008(505) and NHF-0008(529)
SUMTER COUNTY

The Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) will hold a Design Public Hearing in York, Alabama on Tuesday, March 27, 2007 between the hours of 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the Hightower Center on First Avenue in York.

The purpose of this meeting is to present the location and major design features concerning these projects. The Hearing will include the Four Laning of US-80 from US-11(SR-7) to just East of the proposed interchange with SR-17.

A formal presentation will not be made. Accordingly, interested citizens may schedule attendance at their convenience during the above stated hours. Citizens attending this meeting will be provided with project information by viewing visual displays and through informal discussions with ALDOT personnel. A copy of the environmental document will be available for public inspection.

The meeting will afford the public an opportunity to express their comments about these projects verbally through informal discussions with ALDOT personnel and/or in writing on the registration and comment form. Written comments may also be submitted by mail within 10 days after the meeting to Mr. Jerry Holt, Division Engineer at the address below. A tape recorder will be available for anyone desiring to make a recorded statement concerning the projects.

Persons with disabilities who may need special assistance should contact the ALDOT Division Office, 129 Grove Hill Avenue East, Grove Hill, Alabama 36451 or call (334) 275-4103 at least one week in advance of the meeting.

Public attendance is urged and input is solicited.