



HAWKS BASEBALL 2010 Media Guide





Quick Facts & Media Information

Quick Facts

Location:	Rome, Ga.
Founded:	1873
Enrollment:	2,900
President:	Dr. Harold E. Newman
Athletic Director:	Bill Peterson
Nickname:	Hawks
Colors:	Royal Blue and White
Affiliation:	NAIA Division I
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Team Information

2009 Record:	18-31
2009 SSAC Record:	7-20
2009 SSAC Finish:	9th
Position Players Returning/Lost:	3/6
Pitchers Returning/Lost:	4/4

Baseball History

First Year of Baseball:	1969
All-Time Record:	1,126-823

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Message from the Director of Athletics



Bill Peterson
Director of Athletics

Dear Hawk Family:

It is my great pleasure to welcome in another exciting season of Shorter College baseball.

A year has passed since last season, and our Hawks and Lady Hawks athletic teams have completed what is arguably the best year in the history of Shorter College Athletics. As always, our goal is for Shorter to be recognized as an outstanding option for student-athletes who are looking for academic excellence, spiritual growth, and a challenging athletic experience.

In conjunction with this goal, we have been blessed with the best in both student-athletes and coaches; whether in competition, in the classroom or in the community.

During the past year, thirteen of our teams finished the year in the NAIA Top 25 for their respective sport, and at the conclusion of the year, Shorter placed 33rd in the nation out of nearly 300 NAIA member schools in the NACDA Director's Cup.

In addition, we graduated a record number of student-athletes and celebrated our first team national championship. Most importantly, we continued to see great growth among both our coaches and athletes in their Christian walk of faith.

In just its fourth year, our football program won its first-ever conference championship and earned its first berth into the NAIA National Playoffs. We also saw our highly respected head football coach, Phil Jones, receive the prestigious FCA National Coach of the Year Award.

Women's basketball player Whitney Tucker was named the national winner of the Emil S. Liston Award, an annual award presented by the NAIA and Daktronics recognizing a male and female junior basketball player based on scholarship, character and playing ability.

Softball standout Becca Thomas garnered the SSAC's most prestigious honor, the 2008-2009 SSAC Female Honor Student-Athlete of the Year. Along with men's soccer player Kyle Timberlake, Becca was also honored as one of Shorter's two Student-Athletes of the Year.

Justyna Mudy won our second individual national championship in the last two years and became the first Lady Hawk to ever win a national championship.

Our student-athletes and coaches continued to shine recording all-time highs in the following areas: 75 graduating seniors, 74 all-academic and all-conference selections, 16 NAIA Scholar-Athletes, six conference championships and one national championship and eight Coach of the Year selections. What a year!

While we are proud of what has accomplished in the 2008-2009 school year, both our coaches and student-athletes are even more excited about what the future may bring.

The growth and accomplishments of the past decade have put this program in position to move into the most successful era ever of Shorter Athletics. For that to happen, it will require a great effort on all of our parts as well as a tremendous amount of teamwork. It will also take great faith, unbelievable enthusiasm and a champion's perseverance. Nonetheless, I am confident it can be done.

We appreciate your continued support and we look forward to another exciting year in 2009-2010.

Go Hawks!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bill Peterson', written in a cursive style.

Bill Peterson
Shorter College Director of Athletics

2010 Shorter Baseball Schedule

<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Time</i>
Feb. 2	at West Georgia	Carrollton, Ga.	1:00 p.m. ET
Feb. 6	at Savannah School of A.D.	Savannah, Ga.	12:00 p.m. ET
Feb. 8	at USC Beaufort	Beaufort, S.C.	2:00 p.m. ET
Feb. 12	Truett-McConnell	Robert H. Ledbetter	2:00 p.m. ET
Feb. 13	Truett-McConnell	Robert H. Ledbetter	1:00 p.m. ET
Feb. 16	Reinhardt	Robert H. Ledbetter	1:00 p.m. ET
Feb. 23	at Bryan	Dayton, Tenn.	4:00 p.m. ET
Feb. 26	Auburn-Montgomery *	Robert H. Ledbetter	2:00 p.m. ET
Feb. 27	Auburn-Montgomery *	Robert H. Ledbetter	1:00 p.m. ET
March 2	at Truett-McConnell	Cleveland, Ga.	1:00 p.m. ET
March 5	at Southern Wesleyan *	Central, S.C.	5:00 p.m. ET
March 6	at Southern Wesleyan *	Central, S.C.	1:00 p.m. ET
March 9	at Reinhardt	Waleska, Ga.	1:00 p.m. ET
March 12	Emmanuel (Ga.) *	Robert H. Ledbetter	2:00 p.m. ET
March 13	Emmanuel (Ga.) *	Robert H. Ledbetter	1:00 p.m. ET
March 16	Mid-Continent	Robert H. Ledbetter	1:00 p.m. ET
March 19	Berry	Robert H. Ledbetter	2:00 p.m. ET
March 20	Berry	Robert H. Ledbetter	1:00 p.m. ET
March 23	Tennessee Wesleyan	Robert H. Ledbetter	1:00 p.m. ET
March 26	Southern Polytechnic *	Robert H. Ledbetter	3:00 p.m. ET
March 27	Southern Polytechnic *	Robert H. Ledbetter	2:00 p.m. ET
March 29	at Tennessee Temple	Chattanooga, Tenn.	3:00 p.m. ET
March 31	Taylor University	Robert H. Ledbetter	2:00 p.m. ET
April 6	Atlanta Christian	Robert H. Ledbetter	1:00 p.m. ET
April 9	at Brewton-Parker *	Mount Vernon, Ga.	6:00 p.m. ET
April 10	at Brewton-Parker *	Mount Vernon, Ga.	1:00 p.m. ET
April 13	at Talladega	Talladega, Ala.	12:00 p.m. ET
April 16	Lee *	Robert H. Ledbetter	2:00 p.m. ET
April 17	Lee *	Robert H. Ledbetter	1:00 p.m. ET
April 20	Talladega	Robert H. Ledbetter	1:00 p.m. ET
April 22	at Faulkner *	Montgomery, Ala.	2:00 p.m. ET
April 22	at Faulkner *	Montgomery, Ala.	7:00 p.m. ET

Home games in **bold** played at the Robert H. Ledbetter Baseball Complex

* denotes Southern States Athletic Conference Game

Baseball Hawks armed and ready to rebound in 2010

By Matt Green and Jim O'Hara

SOMETIMES, THE BEST way to conjure up motivation is to look within and build on personal adversity.

Equipped with a roster loaded with 10 seniors and with visions of last season's challenging campaign fresh in their minds, the 2010 Shorter Baseball Hawks are poised for a strong season, one that could put the program back in the top tier of a deep and talented Southern States Athletic Conference.

"[Last season] was a frustrating year in that was an error-prone year," Shorter head coach Matt Larry said about his team's 18-31 overall record and 7-20 mark in the SSAC last season. "We hit the ball well and we had a pretty good earned run average, but the errors killed us."

All told in 2009, the Hawks, who hit a solid .320 as a team, committed 124 errors in the field, hindering any momentum they gained at the plate offensively. Still, Larry believes that the veterans who return this year can put the program back into the forefront with their experience and leadership.

"We had a number of games where we were one or two runs from winning, but the mistakes we made were costly," said Larry. "It was a wake-up call for the team and for the ten seniors we have coming back. This year we will be a much stronger team because of the adversity we had to go through. It's a big foundation we have to build on."

- INFIELD -

Shorter has a solid list of infielders returning this season, with a majority of the talent being seniors. Back for his fourth year as the mainstay at shortstop is Scott Morris, a Cartersville High grad who hit .292, scored 31 runs, drove in 19 runs and led team with six homers in 2009.

Morris, who garnered 2009 SSAC All-Academic honors, will be counted on for big offensive numbers in the middle of the lineup in addition to solid defense.

Joey Taylor, another fourth-year senior, also returns to the Hawk infield. Taylor, who hails from Griffin, Ga., hit .325 in 2009 and adds depth to the infield with his ability to play any position.

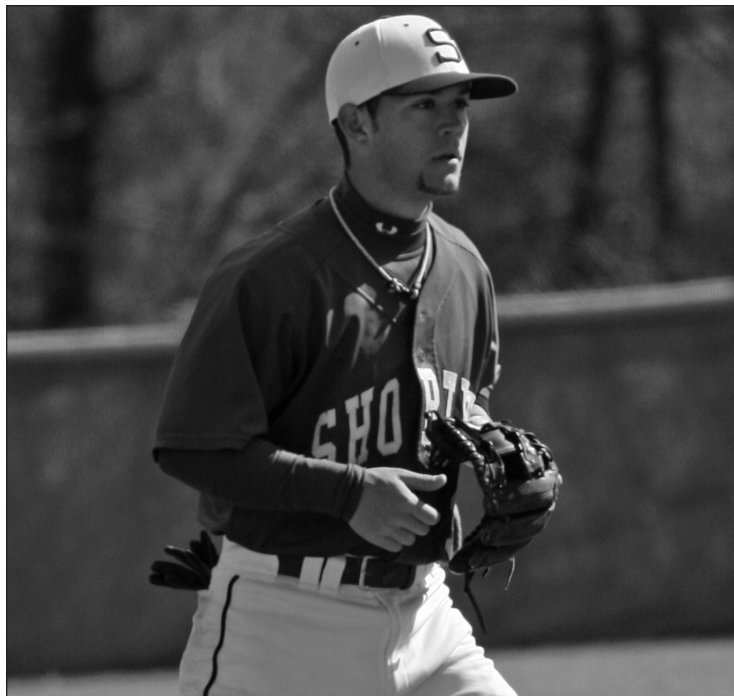
Senior Clint Harrison, a native of McDonough, Ga., figures to see action in the infield as well. Harrison, a SSAC All-Academic selection in 2009, will be featured at both second and third base.

Blake Chapman returns in 2010 to compete for playing time up the middle, while figuring to earn opportunities at third base as well. The hard-nosed junior from Joplin, Mo., enjoyed a productive fall season from the left side of the plate and may also need to turn in some crucial innings on the mound.

Last season, Chapman posted a 5-6 record with a 5.65 earned run average and 40 strikeouts in 63.2 innings pitched.

Solidifying the middle of the infield is newcomer and Dunwoody, Ga., native Kurtis Robinson from David Lipscomb University. The switch-hitting sophomore transfer is poised to add both defensive and offensive depth.

The Hawks must rely on a trio of talent at first base to replace senior Will Davis, who is redshirting in 2010 after suffering a late-season injury in 2009.



Senior shortstop Scott Morris will anchor the Shorter infield in 2010 and possess the power (6 HR in 2009) to lead offensively as well.

Senior Joseph Brooks, and juniors Matt Johnson and Shannon Houston will compete for time at first.

The left-handed Brooks – who hit .250 in 2009 – had a solid fall season at the plate and is considered a defensive specialist who also has the ability to play in the outfield.

Johnson, an SSAC All-Academic honoree, possesses one of the strongest bats on the team and will be counted on heavily from the left side of the dish. After hitting .298 in 2009, Johnson makes the transition from third base to first this season and will likely see time in left field to help bolster the defensive lineup.

Houston, a big swinging right-handed prodigy from Armuchee, Ga., will split time between first and designated hitter this season. Houston, who hit .333 with a .504 slugging percentage in 2009, also delivered 15 doubles and tied for the team lead in RBI with 35.

Also adding depth to the infield are redshirt freshmen Jed Gurley, from Jefferson Co. High, and Tony Dobson out of Henry Co. High.

Behind the plate, the Hawks start the season with a pair of senior backstops, Ross Ballard and Tyler McIntosh – each of which possess a wealth of experience.

Ballard sat out the 2009 season after suffering a season ending arm injury after hitting .387 in 2008. Hailing from Hutchinson, Kan., Ballard looks to pick up where he left off two seasons ago.

McIntosh started in 36 of his 49 appearances last year and will compete again this season for a starting role.

Junior David Anderson rounds out the list of experienced catchers, having seen action in 2008, but redshirting for the 2009 season. Anderson, who prepped at McEachern High School, will also battle for time behind the plate.

- OUTFIELD -

The Hawks outfield will need to fill several holes from 2009. Gone is big hitting outfielder Patrick Langley, who led the team with a .415 batting average, 41 runs, 71 hits and 16 doubles, while driving in 33 runs on the way to being named Shorter's only All-SSAC performer.

Also departed from last season's roster is hard hitting Gustavo Bonilla, who hit .391 and had 34 RBI in 2009, as well as current senior Jake Broome, who played through a torn labrum all last season. His off-season surgery to repair the injury is forcing him to redshirt in 2010.

Broome was second in batting average last season for the Hawks, finishing at .397 with 56 hits, four doubles, three home runs, and 23 RBI, while being named to the SSAC All-Academic team and earning Shorter's Champion of Character Award.

Broome was also awarded CoSIDA ESPN the Magazine Academic All-District accolades where he was the only NAIA representative on the District 3 first team list, placing among athletes from NCAA Divisions I, II, and III.

Adam Pilate is the only returnee in the outfield after seeing action in 46 games in 2009.

Pilate, from Sylacauga, Ala., will serve as the unit's senior leader, and is poised to show off his speed both defensively and on the base paths where he led the team with 11 stolen bases last season.

Several new faces will assist Pilate in the outfield.

Chattanooga State transfer Garrett Burgess, who prepped at Northwest Whitfield High School, will also put in work on the mound this season.

Burgess showed great athleticism in the fall with his powerful bat and strong arm, and his offensive prowess will be relied on heavily in the lineup.

Fleet-footed Clint Harkins, a Dalton High grad and the legacy of

Kendall Harkins who played for Shorter from 1975-79, transferred in from Gordon College this fall and exhibited his raw talent in the outfield. His live arm may also result in his serving a dual role as a pitcher for the Hawks in 2010.

Others that figure to compete for playing time in 2010 are senior Shane Smith, junior Bart Butler, sophomores Austin Roberts (Pepperell High School) and Trice Riddle (North Forsyth High School), and freshman Adam Thurman from Cartersville High School.

Butler and Smith could get opportunities in left, while the speedy sophomores, who had tremendous campaigns with the junior varsity team in 2009, will fight for action on the varsity squad in 2010.

The left-handed throwing Thurman will get opportunities in right and left field this season, as well as some possible innings on the mound.

- PITCHING -

Shorter is charged with rebuilding the pitching staff after losing key starters from last year's squad.

Starters lost on the bump include J.P. Griffin, who led team with 46 strikeouts and was ranked No. 3 in the nation in walks allowed per nine innings (1.11), and crafty left-handed throwing Dustin Bowers, who boasted a 4.83 earned run average. Bowers also earned SSAC All-Academic honors for the second year in a row, while majoring in Biology.

Both Griffin and Bowers led the team in innings pitched, racking up a combined 238.2 innings of work in their two years with the Hawks.

Gone by way of graduation is Garrett Raiden, who saw action in 12 games in 2009 in a relief role.

Among those young arms who remain from last season's pitching staff that are more than eager to step their games up this season are Matt Kirksey and Chad Hodges.

Kirksey and Hodges got the call out of the bullpen early and often last year and delivered. Kirksey led the Hawks in appearances, pitching in 15 games and compiling a 2-3 record with a 5.61 ERA, a pair of saves and a solid 33 strikeouts in 33.2 innings.

A southpaw for the Shorter's mound corps, Hodges posted a 2-3 record with a 5.19 ERA in 2009.

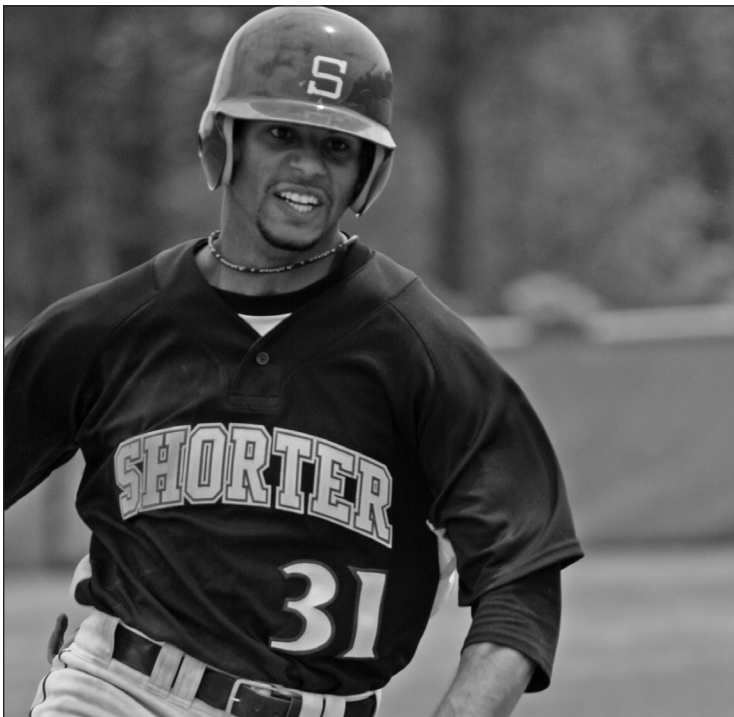
The arrival of several transfers for the 2010 campaign may make the rebuilding process a bit easier.

Tim Day, a junior right-hander from Australia, joins the Hawks after a strong performance last year at Central Arizona Community College, where he was 4-2 in 14 appearances, pitched 25 innings and boasted an anemic 1.44 ERA.

Junior righty Brick Carter, who is the tallest Hawk at an imposing 6-foot-7, comes to Shorter from Iowa where he was 3-3 in nine appearances at North Area Community College. Senior right-hander J.D. Price, who saw action at Southern Arkansas last year, carries an arm packed with velocity.

Rounding out the army of transfers is Lee Verweel, a 6-5 lefty who played at Cumberland University last season, and former Adairsville standout Zeke Owens, a junior right-hander by way of Snead State (Ala.) Community College.

Other notables that could see mid-week action are fourth-year senior right-hander Andrew Livingston out of Baxley, Ga., and freshmen Loston Lee of Macon and Morgan Tebbets of Johns Creek.



Senior Adam Pilate is the lone returnee to the Hawks' outfield, and hopes to improve on his team-high 11 steals in 2009.



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2010 Shorter Baseball Roster

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David Anderson	C	6-2	215	JR	Powder Springs, Ga.	Colby Luther	P	6-1	190	FR	Menlo, Ga.
Ross Ballard	C	5-8	190	SR	Hutchinson, Kan.	Matt McClain	INF	5-9	145	JR	Buchanan, Ga.
Sam Ballew	OF	6-1	170	SO	Hiram, Ga.	Jacob McDonald*	INF	5-10	175	RS SO	Baileyton, Ala.
Austin Berry	C	6-1	180	FR	Smyrna, Ga.	Tyler McIntosh	C	6-0	175	SR	Wynne, Ar.
Joseph Brooks	OF/1B	6-0	205	SR	Albertville, Ala.	Scott Morris	INF	5-8	160	SR	Cartersville, Ga.
Jake Broome*	OF	5-8	165	RS SR	Lindale, Ga.	Kyle Newell	P	6-2	205	JR	Marietta, Ga.
Garrette Burgess	OF/P	6-1	200	JR	Dalton, Ga.	Zeke Owen	P	5-10	175	JR	Adairsville, Ga.
Bart Butler	OF	5-8	155	JR	Demopolis, Ala.	Jacob Perlmutter	INF	5-9	165	FR	Johns Creek, Ga.
Brick Carter	P	6-7	220	JR	Iowa City, Iowa	Adam Pilate	OF/P	6-1	180	SR	Sylacuaga, Ala.
Jim Bob Carver	P	6-2	175	FR	Clayton, Ga.	Sean Piper	C	5-11	165	SO	Marietta, Ga.
Blake Chapman	INF/P	6-1	180	JR	Joplin, Mo.	Will Potts	C/OF	6-0	170	FR	Dallas, Ga.
Beau Dahlke	P	6-0	175	SO	Albertville, Ala.	J.D. Price	P/INF	6-0	170	SR	Mount Calm, Texas
Will Davis*	1B	6-0	214	RS SR	Cartersville, Ga.	Lucas Pruett	INF	6-0	185	SO	Centre, Ala.
Tim Day	P	5-10	180	JR	Panorama, Australia	Chandler Puryear	P	6-1	240	FR	Chattsworth, Ga.
Tony Dobson	INF	5-7	190	FR	McDonough, Ga.	Trent Rayburn	OF	5-9	160	FR	Rome, Ga.
Josh Ensley	P	6-2	200	FR	Chattsworth, Ga.	Trice Riddle	OF	6-0	175	SO	Cumming, Ga.
Ryan Evans	P	6-0	215	FR	Rockmart, Ga.	Hayden Roberson	P	6-0	170	FR	Cedartown, Ga.
Mike Fletcher	P/OF	6-0	185	SO	Silver Creek, Ga.	Austin Roberts	OF	5-7	155	SO	Silver Creek, Ga.
Jacob Forest	C	5-10	195	FR	Dallas, Ga.	Kurtis Robinson	INF	5-10	180	SO	Norcross, Ga.
R.T. Gill	INF/P	6-2	195	JR	Douglasville, Ga.	David Sanders	INF	5-9	165	FR	Cumming, Ga.
Seth Gordon	INF	6-0	180	FR	Cedar Bluff, Ala.	Shane Smith	OF	6-0	180	SR	Fort Payne, Ala.
Jed Gurley	INF	6-0	165	FR	Jefferson, Ga.	Trent Stamey	INF	5-9	190	FR	Armuchee, Ga.
Jeff Hammond	OF	5-9	175	FR	Spring Garden, Ala.	Clint Stanley	INF	5-8	175	FR	Rocky Face, Ga.
Clint Harkins	OF/P	6-1	185	JR	Dalton, Ga.	Ben Stell	P	5-9	170	SO	Douglasville, Ga.
Clint Harrison	INF	5-6	140	SR	McDonough, Ga.	Joey Taylor	INF	5-9	160	SR	Griffin, Ga.
Matt Herod	C	5-10	170	SO	Adairsville, Ga.	Morgan Tebbets	P	5-10	175	FR	Johns Creek, Ga.
Chad Hodges	LHP	6-1	200	SO	Kissimee, Fla.	Adam Thurman	OF/P	5-10	175	FR	Cartersville, Ga.
Shannon Houston	1B/DH	6-2	250	JR	Armuchee, Ga.	Taylor Toadvine	P	6-1	160	FR	Rome, Ga.
Brandon Johnson	INF	5-7	150	SO	Acworth, Ga.	Lee Verweel	P	6-5	215	JR	Ontario, Canada
Matt Johnson	INF	6-1	195	JR	Temple, Ga.	Josh Watson	P	5-8	145	FR	Fayetteville, Ga.
Tyler Jones	INF/C	6-2	185	SO	Kennesaw, Ga.	Zack Whitener	P	5-10	165	FR	Taylorville, Ga.
Matt Kirksey	RHP	6-2	190	SO	Rome, Ga.	Eric Wright	P	6-0	160	SO	Silver Creek, Ga.
Loston Lee	P	5-10	165	FR	Macon, Ga.	<i>* denotes redshirt</i>					
Andrew Livingston	P	6-0	190	SR	Baxley, Ga.						

*Good Luck Shorter Hawks!
Here's to another successful season!*



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Southern State Athletic Conference Tournament
April 29 - May 2, 2010

Schedule Notes

The Shorter College Hawks' 2010 home baseball schedule includes 27 games at the Robert H. Ledbetter Baseball Complex.

The 2010 schedule features the Hawks playing six teams ranked in the NAIA Top 25 Poll.

Shorter opens up on the road at NCAA Division II University of West Georgia as part of a four-day road trip to Hilton Head Island to take on Savannah College of Art and Design and the University of South Carolina at Beaufort.

The 2nd Annual "Striking Out Breast Cancer Game" - a not for profit fundraiser to support The Breast Center at Floyd Medical - will be take place on Feb. 13 against Truett McConnell College. March 13 marks the first-ever Military Appreciation Day, where the Hawks will take on SSAC foe Emmanuel College while wearing camouflaged jerseys that will be auctioned off after the game to help raise money for this benefit.

The baseball team will host a fundraiser on March 20 during its game with cross-town rival Berry College to benefit Mallory McElhane (Mal's Pals) and to raise funds for mitochondrial disease research.



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Coaching Staff



Matt Larry

Head Coach • 7th Season • Career Record: 141-177 • Shorter College, 1993

Matt Larry enters his seventh season as the head baseball coach at Shorter College after a nine-year tenure as the assistant coach for the Hawks' baseball program. In six seasons at the helm, Larry has guided the Hawks to 141 victories.

A native of Stone Mountain, Ga., Larry attended Clarkston High School where he was selected to the Dugout Club's East All-Star team in 1988.

He played two years at Dekalb Junior College as a catcher and finished up his collegiate baseball career at Shorter in 1992.

At Shorter, he was a member of the 1991 Georgia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championship team under head coach Mike Sansing and in 1992, helped the Hawks to a District 25 runner-up finish and 36 victories while playing for head coach Ricci Lattanzi.

Larry earned All-Conference and All-District honors as a senior catcher following the 1992 campaign.

Larry was the architect behind Shorter's 1998 and 2003 Georgia-Alabama-Carolina Conference (GACC) championship teams and in 2004, launched Shorter's first-ever junior varsity program.

In 2006, Larry was awarded the Georgia Dugout Club Coach of the Year honor after guiding the Hawks to a 34-23 overall record.

Each year, Larry gives countless young men the opportunity to excel both as athletes on the baseball diamond and in the classroom as students dedicated to earning a college degree.

Since 2004, Larry has directed the baseball program to a near 100 percent graduation rate and an overall team grade point average of 3.25 or better.

Last season, Larry's Hawks boasted seven Southern States Athletic Conference (SSAC) All-Academic Team honorees, two NAIA Scholar-Athletes and one ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District recipient in current Hawks' senior, Jake Broome.

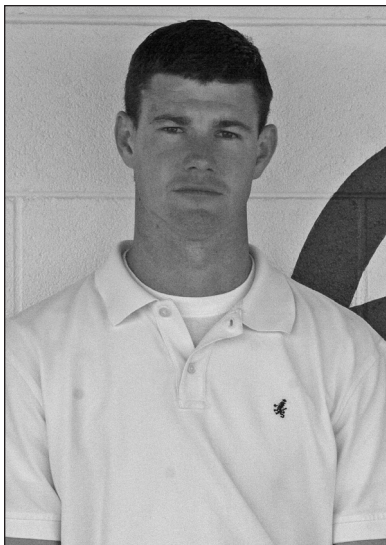
Larry's tireless efforts on the recruiting front continue to keep Shorter competitive both on and off the field in the SSAC.

Larry earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Shorter in 1993 and began his coaching career in 1994 as an assistant with the Hawks. He earned his Master's in Education from Jacksonville State University in 1998.

Larry is married to the former Brig Bagley of Rome, Ga., and they have two children: a daughter, Alivia (10) and a son, Bagley (5).



Coaching Staff



Lee Bryant

Assistant Coach • 1st Season • Bluefield College, 2006

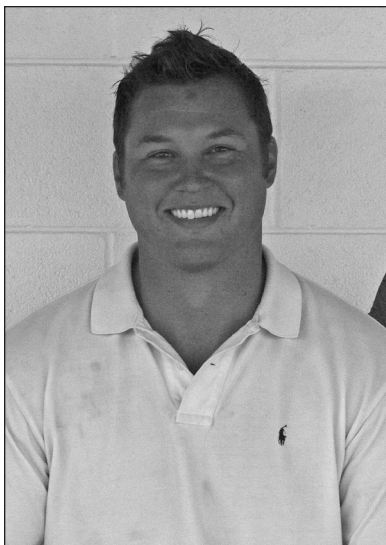
Lee Bryant enters his first season as assistant coach on the Shorter College staff and his fourth year coaching overall. His primary responsibilities include recruiting as well as overseeing the pitching staff both at the varsity and junior varsity level.

This past summer, Bryant served as pitching coach of the Staunton Braves of the Valley Baseball League, helping lead the Braves to their first pennant in five years. Last year, Bryant served as head assistant, recruiting coordinator and pitching coach for Volunteer State Community College in Gallatin, Tenn., who went on to win the Region VII championship - their first title in 10 years. Before his tenure at VSCC, Bryant served as pitching coach at Bishop John J. Snyder High School in Jacksonville, Fla., and Central Florida Community College in Ocala, Fla.

Bryant is a native of High Springs, Fla., where he played multiple varsity sports at Santa Fe High School. He spent his first two seasons of collegiate baseball as a relief pitcher at Florida Community College at Jacksonville under head coach Christopher Blaquiere. While at FCCJ, Bryant led the team in appearances and saves in his sophomore season.

After a brief stop at the University of North Alabama, Bryant finished his college playing career at Bluefield College in Virginia, where he graduated in 2006 with a Bachelor of Science degree in History, Social Science and Exercise Sports Science.

Bryant is currently working on his Master's of Science degree in Psychology from the University of Phoenix and resides in Rome, Georgia.



Josh Clendenin

Assistant Coach • 2nd Season • Stetson University, 2008

Josh Clendenin returns for his second season as graduate assistant for the Hawks. His responsibilities include serving as the hitting coach, working with the catchers and recruiting.

Clendenin hails from Atlanta, Ga., where excelled on the diamond for Harrison High School. While at Harrison, Clendenin was selected to the All-District, All-County and All-State teams as a catcher. Clendenin was the team captain, team Most Valuable Player and was voted as the team's best defensive player in 2004 while also being selected to play for Team Georgia.

Out of high school, Clendenin signed with College of Charleston in Charleston, S.C., and was instrumental in helping the Cougars to the Southern Conference championship in 2005. In 2006, Clendenin graduated from Okaloosa Walton Community College and was elected to the All-Conference, All-State and All-American teams from his catcher position. An Academic All-American as well, Clendenin led his team in several offensive categories with a .421 batting average, seven home runs, 16 doubles and 57 RBI.

For his final two seasons of eligibility, Clendenin attended Stetson University in DeLand, Fla., where he started at catcher and helped the Hatters to an Atlantic Sun Conference championship in 2007 while earning Academic All-American honors in both seasons.

Clendenin is currently working towards his Master's in Business Administration at Shorter and resides in Rome.

Coaching Staff



Andy Henderson

Assistant Coach • 6th Season • Jacksonville State University, 1997

Andy Henderson returns for his sixth season as an assistant coach on the Shorter College staff. Henderson's primary responsibilities include coaching the Hawk hitters and catchers and assisting with recruiting efforts.

Before coming to Shorter, Henderson served as the head baseball coach at Pepperell High School from 1997-2001, where he guided the Dragons to their first state playoff appearance in 17 years and to three playoff berths in four seasons.

Henderson is a native of Newnan, Ga., where he was a key member of the Newnan High School State Group AAAA championship team.

After graduation, Henderson played three seasons of baseball at Southern Union Community College under Coach Joe "Jabo" Jordan, earning Defensive Player of the Year honors as a redshirt freshman and Most Valuable Player accolades as a sophomore. He continued his collegiate career at NCAA Div. II Jacksonville State University where he ranked second in the nation in doubles as a junior and earned All-TAAC honors as a catcher.

Before coaching at Pepperell, Henderson coached at Jacksonville State as a graduate assistant. He is married to the former Suzie Schmucker of Newnan, Ga., and they have three children: twins Ben (10) and Chris (10) and a daughter, Megan (6). Henderson resides in Silver Creek, Ga.



Trevor Miller

Assistant Coach • 2nd Season • Shorter College, 2008

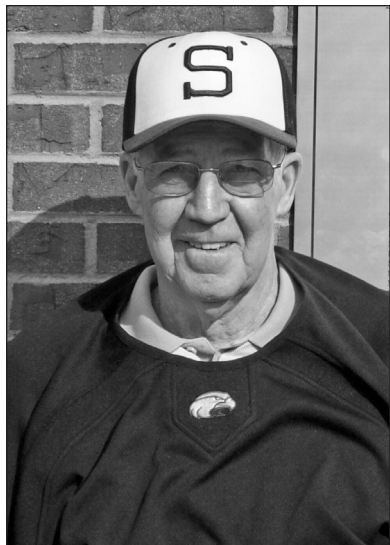
Trevor Miller is set to begin his second season with the Hawks' baseball program in 2010. As a graduate assistant, Miller is charged with coaching the infielders, conducting team study halls, running weight training sessions, recruiting and serving as the head coach for the Shorter junior varsity squad.

A native of Westlock, Alberta, Canada, where he was a standout baseball player at R.F. Staples Secondary as a middle infielder, Miller played collegiately at Independence Community College in Independence, Kan. From ICC, Miller played out his final two seasons of eligibility at Shorter College as a third baseman and first baseman.

While at Shorter, Miller led the team in RBI and earned back-to-back SSAC All-Academic honors.

Miller is currently studying for his Master's in Business Administration at Shorter and resides in Rome.

Support Staff



Ronnie Dempsey

Volunteer Assistant Coach • 7th Season • Auburn University, 1964

Ronnie Dempsey enters his seventh season as a volunteer assistant coach on the Shorter College baseball staff. His primary responsibilities include assisting with the infielders and outfielders while also helping to coordinate community relations events.

A native of Rome, Dempsey attended West Rome High School where he was a three-sport letterwinner in baseball, basketball and football. After graduation from West Rome, Dempsey attended Darlington Prep School for one year and earned several scholarship offers to continue his athletic career, including an offer to play football for The Citadel.

Dempsey ultimately chose to continue his baseball career at Auburn University, where he played for legendary coach Erk Russell and graduated in 1964.

Dempsey returned to Rome following his graduation from Auburn and became a real estate broker and co-owner of Memorial Gardens of Rome for 40 years, eventually retiring in 2008. Dempsey has been a prominent figure in high school and youth baseball and has been inducted into the Georgia ASA Softball Hall of Fame after playing for B & S Construction for over 20 years.

Dempsey is married to the former Jean McCaughey (Shorter, 1979) and has two sons, Ron, Jr. and Clift (Shorter, 1991). Dempsey is also the proud grandfather of ten grandchildren.



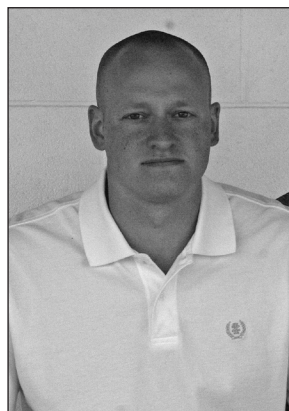
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Bus Driver



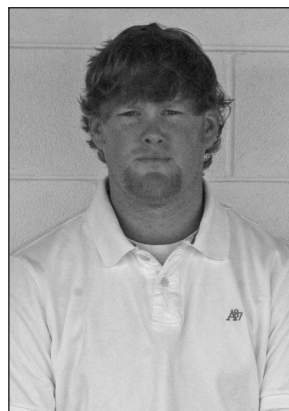
Loni Beth Jones
Team Photographer



Gustavo Bonilla
Student Assistant



Dustin Bowers
Student Assistant



J.P. Griffin
Student Assistant

Support Staff



Aaron Werner

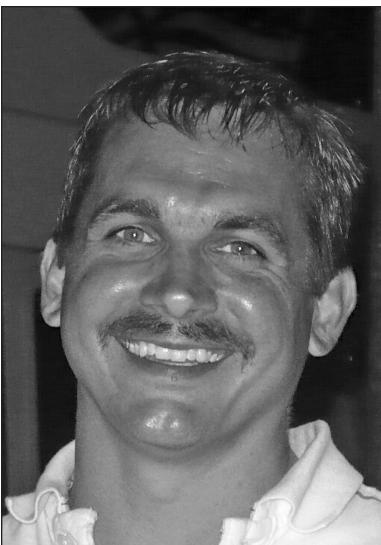
Team Chaplain • 1st Season • Liberty University, 1994

Dr. Aaron Werner, the Dean of Shorter's Religious Development and an Assistant Professor of Philosophy & Religion, will work with the Hawks' baseball team for the first time in 2010. Dr. Werner earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Liberty University in 1994 and later attended The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary where he earned a M.Div. in 2002 and a Ph.D. in 2007.

Occupationally, Dr. Werner has pastored at churches in Florida, Kentucky, Arkansas, Indiana and California, including the 16,000-member First Baptist Church of Springdale, Ark. He has also held various secular jobs such as a professional SCUBA diver, EMT, collegiate NCAA Div. I track and field coach, high school math and science teacher and commercial lobsterman.

Athletically, Dr. Werner is a competitive cyclist for the Harbin Clinic / Rome Velo Cycling Team. Recently, he competed in an Ironman 70.3, a triathlon that consists of a 1.2 mile swim, 56 mile bike and 13.1 mile run. In college, Dr. Werner competed in the decathlon and was ranked as one of the best in NCAA Div. I in the event.

Dr. Werner and his wife, Kathy, have four children, all girls.



Donnie Slade

Team Chaplain • 2nd Season • Shorter College, 1994

Donnie Slade returns for his second season as the chaplain for the Hawks' baseball squad. Prior to his time with Shorter's baseball program, Slade served as the chaplain for the Rome Braves, and currently spends time counseling several members of the Atlanta Braves.

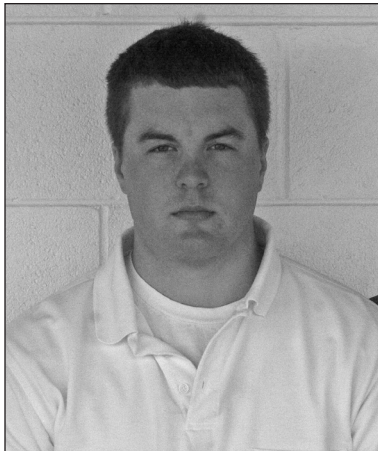
Slade is a 1990 prep graduate of West Rome High School where he lettered in four sports. He continued his baseball career at Shorter and graduated in 1994 after majoring in History and Political Science and minoring in Religion.

After graduation, Slade enrolled in the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C., and upon returning to Rome, helped start The Church at Northside, where he served as children's pastor for 10 years.

He currently works as the Pastor to Families and Children at Life Church in Rome and is also Director for KidzBlitz Live, which is America's premier family event that targets elementary aged kids while engaging individuals of all ages.

Slade and his wife, Christy, who serves on the creative arts team and is also in family ministry, reside in Rome and have three children, Trip, Ty and Taylor.

Senior Profiles



#9 • Ross Ballard

Senior • Catcher • Bats: R • Throws: R

5-6 • 190 • Hutchinson, Kan. • Nickerson (Labette CC)



Career: Came to Shorter from Labette Community College... Ballard returns to the lineup after sitting out the 2009 season with an injury... Will look to earn time behind the plate for Shorter in 2010... In his last healthy season with the Hawks in 2008, Ballard hit .387 with one double and four RBI.

High School / Previous College: Played four seasons of baseball and wrestled for four years at Nickerson High School in Kansas... Reached the state tournament twice on the diamond and won a state baseball title at Nickerson... Ballard's Legion squad was a three-time state qualifier... Also qualified for the state tournament twice as a grappler.

Personal: Born November 5, 1986... Son of Mick and Bonnie Ballard... Has one brother, Jay (28)... Majoring in Business.

Favorite Movie: *Bull Durham*

Favorite Meal: Fried Chicken

Favorite Book: *My Side of the Mountain*

Favorite Athlete: Paul O'Neill

Heroes: My Parents

Preferred Superpower: Flying

Hobbies: Music and sports

Would Most Like to Visit: New York

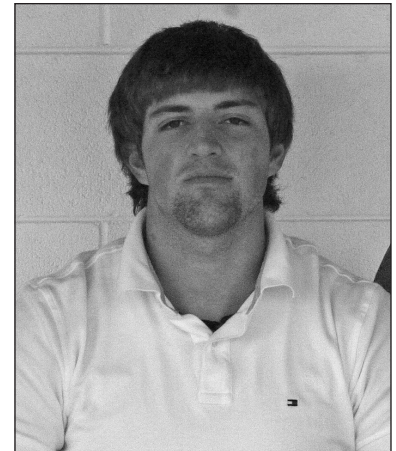
Favorite Cartoon Growing Up: Woody Woodpecker

Describes Himself As: Independent

Senior Profiles

#33 • Joseph Brooks

Senior • Outfielder / First Base • Bats: L • Throws: L
6-0 • 205 • Albertville, Ala. • Albertville (Snead State)



Career: Brooks will vie for time at first base for the Hawks in 2010... The lefty made 20 appearances in 2009, hitting .250 with one double and four runs batted in.

High School / Previous College: A four-year football and baseball standout at Albertville High School in Albertville, Ala... Was named to the All-Region team three times in baseball and once in football.

Personal: Born February 13, 1987... Son of Tim and Denise Brooks... Has one brother, Justin (28)... Majoring in History.

Favorite Movie: *The Sandlot*

Favorite Meal: Steak

Favorite Book: *Beyond Belief*

Would Most Like to Meet: Michael Jordan

Favorite Athlete: Chipper Jones

Hero: My Dad

Preferred Superpower: Reading Minds

Hobbies: Playstation

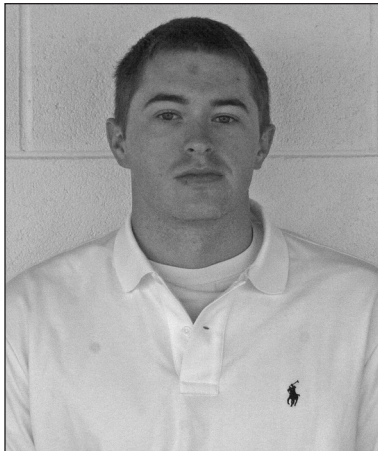
Would Most Like to Visit: Australia

Favorite Cartoon Growing Up: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles

Describes Himself As: Quiet



Senior Profiles



#12 • Jake Broome

Senior • Outfielder • Bats: R • Throws: R
5-8 • 165 • Lindale, Ga. • Pepperell



Career: Broome will redshirt in 2010 while recovering from a shoulder injury... Broome has been one of the Hawks' most consistent players over the past three years, appearing in 115 games with a career batting average of .341... Has hit four career home runs and driven in 35 runs... Has committed just nine errors in three years as an outfielder... In 2009, Broome hit a career-best .389 in 45 appearances while also posting career-highs in doubles (4), homers (3), RBI (23) and slugging percentage (.479)... Was named to the SSAC All-Academic team and was also honored as an ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District winner.

Personal: Born September 6, 1987... Son of Steve and Connie Broome... Has one brother, Matt (20), and one sister, Melody (18)... Majoring in Accounting.

Favorite Movie: *Old School*

Favorite Meal: Steak and Potatoes

Favorite Book: *The Bible*

Would Most Like to Meet: Brett Favre

Favorite Athlete: Derek Jeter

Hero: Peyton Manning

Preferred Superpower: Invisibility

Hobbies: Fishing, working out, playing Call of Duty

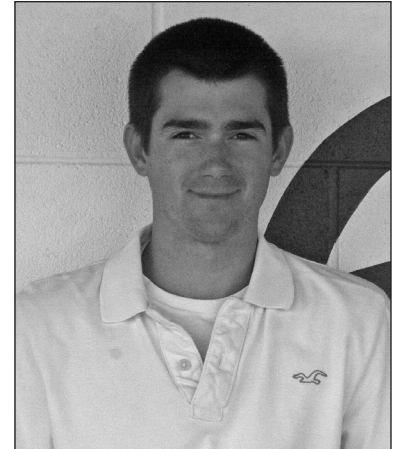
Favorite Cartoon Growing Up: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles

Describes Himself As: Quiet, determined, respectful, and motivated

Senior Profiles

#11 • Clint Harrison

Senior • Infielder • Bats: L • Throws: R
5-6 • 140 • McDonough, Ga. • Union Grove (Truett-McConnell)



Career: Harrison figures to see time in the Hawks' infield rotation at second or third base during his senior season in 2010... A SSAC All-Academic selection in 2009, Harrison made 22 appearances while driving in one run.

High School / Previous College: Harrison played four years of baseball under coaches Vic Gongola, Allen Franklin and Casey Wrye at Union Grove High School in McDonough, Ga... Came to Shorter from Truett-McConnell College where he played in 2007 and 2008.

Personal: Born April 3, 1988... Son of Scott and Leigh Harrison... Has one brother, Will (18)... Majoring in Sport Management.

Favorite Movie: *Shooter*

Favorite Meal: Pizza

Favorite Book: *Built to Win*

Would Most Like to Meet: Brett Favre

Favorite Athlete: Derek Jeter

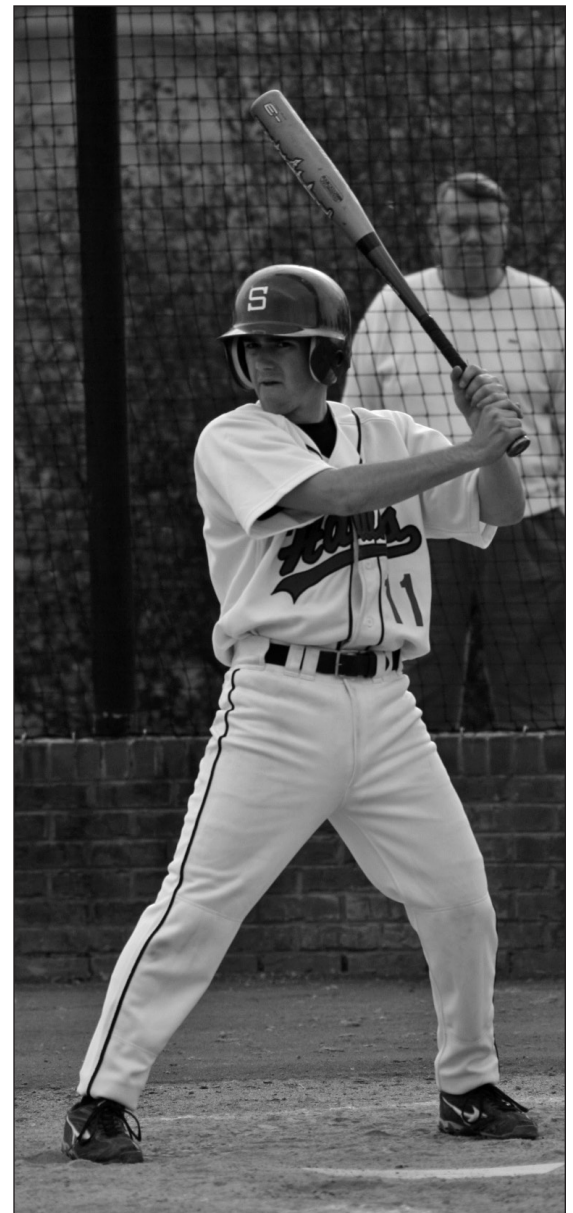
Heroes: My Parents

Preferred Superpower: Super Strength

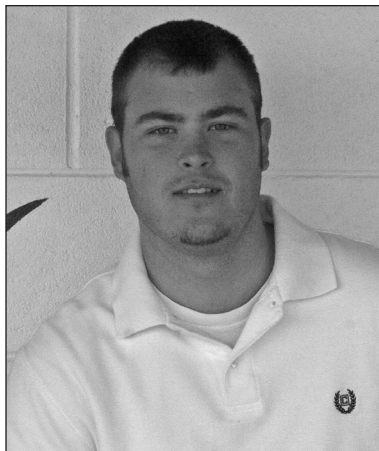
Hobbies: Hunting, fishing, golf

Would Most Like to Visit: Australia

Favorite Cartoon Growing Up: Tom and Jerry



Senior Profiles



#14 • Andrew Livingston

Senior • Pitcher • Bats: R • Throws: R

6-0 • 190 • Baxley, Ga. • Appling County



Career: Livingston hopes to earn time in the Hawks' bullpen rotation after making one appearance in relief in 2009.

High School / Previous College: Played four seasons of varsity baseball at Appling County High School for Coach Jeremy Smith... Earned All-Region honors in his senior season after posting a 1.80 earned run average.

Personal: Born April 4, 1988... Son of Ricky and Carla Livingston... Has one brother, Joseph (16)... Majoring in Middle Grades Education.

Favorite Movie: *Remember the Titans*

Favorite Meal: Steak and Baked Potato

Favorite Book: *The Bible*

Would Most Like to Meet: John Smoltz

Favorite Athlete: Ken Griffey, Jr.

Heroes: My Parents

Preferred Superpower: Flying

Hobbies: Playing sports and watching sporting events

Would Most Like to Visit: Australia

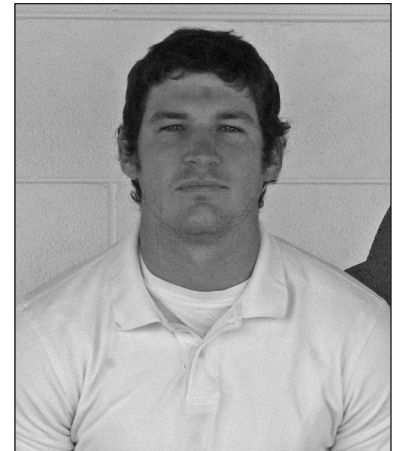
Favorite Cartoon Growing Up: Rugrats, Doug

Describes Himself As: A people person with humor and brains

Senior Profiles

#2 • Tyler McIntosh

Senior • Catcher • Bats: R • Throws: R
6-0 • 175 • Wynne, Ark. • Wynne (Labbette CC)



Career: McIntosh is a prime candidate to start behind the plate for the Hawks in 2010... Made 36 starts behind the dish for Shorter in 2009, hitting .193 with a pair of doubles, two home runs and 10 RBI.

Personal: Born September 28, 1987... Son of Eugene and Lisa McIntosh... Has one brother, Scott (23), and one sister, Samantha (20)... Majoring in Sport Management.

Favorite Movie: *Bull Durham*

Favorite Meal: Chicken and Dumplings

Would Most Like to Meet: John Wayne

Favorite Athlete: Johnny Bench

Hero: Shane Smith

Preferred Superpower: X-ray Vision

Hobbies: Sports, hunting, fishing

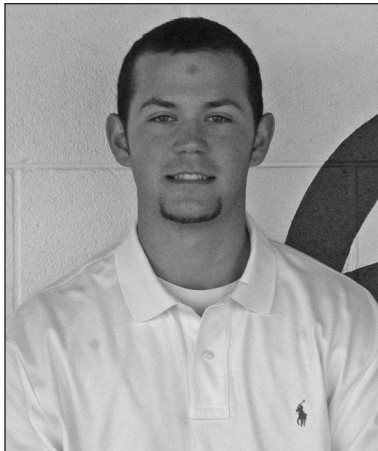
Would Most Like to Visit: Montana

Favorite Cartoon Growing Up: Ed, Edd & Eddie

Describes Himself As: Hard working



Senior Profiles



#3 • Scott Morris

Senior • Infielder • Bats: R • Throws: R
5-8 • 160 • Cartersville, Ga. • Cartersville



Career: Morris has been a staple in the Hawks' infield for his entire career... Has seen action in 120 games in his Shorter career, including a career-best 46 appearances in 2009... For his career, Morris is batting .296 with seven homers, 14 doubles and 38 RBI... Hit .292 in 2009 while setting career-highs with six home runs, 19 RBI, nine doubles and 42 hits... His six home runs tied for the team lead... Stole six bases in seven attempts in 2009 and has been successful on 16 of 17 career stolen base attempts.

High School / Previous College: Was a four-year varsity player at Cartersville High School, where he was part of a squad that won three straight region championships.

Personal: Born February 2, 1988... Son of Margaret Morris... Has two siblings, Josh (30) and Morgan (25)... Majoring in Business.

Favorite Movie: *The Hangover*

Favorite Meal: Chili and Mashed Potatoes

Favorite Book: *Juiced*

Would Most Like to Meet: Megan Fox

Favorite Athlete: Tiger Woods

Hero: My Mom

Preferred Superpower: A Growing Superpower!

Hobbies: Playing all sports, Xbox, Call of Duty, Guitar Hero

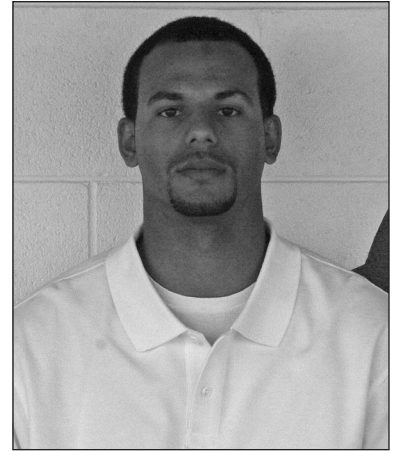
Would Most Like to Visit: Japan

Favorite Cartoon Growing Up: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles

Senior Profiles

#31 • Adam Pilate

Senior • Outfielder / Pitcher • Bats: R • Throws: R
6-1 • 180 • Sylacauga, Ala. • Sylacauga



Career: Pilate is the only returning outfielder and figures to serve as the unit's senior leader this season... Turned in a solid junior campaign in 2009, hitting .254 with 13 RBI and a team-high 11 stolen bases.

High School / Previous College: Played four years of football and baseball at Sylacauga High School... Was a four-time All-Academic selection, a two-time All-County honoree in baseball and also served as team captain.

Personal: Born September 12, 1987... Son of Tommy and Jane Pilate... Has one sibling, Patrice (26)... Majoring in Sport Management.

Favorite Movie: *Boyz n the Hood*

Favorite Meal: Meatloaf

Favorite Book: *To Kill a Mockingbird*

Would Most Like to Meet: Derek Jeter

Favorite Athlete: Albert Pujols

Hero: My Grandfather, Ralph Forbus

Preferred Superpower: Flying

Hobbies: Fatherhood

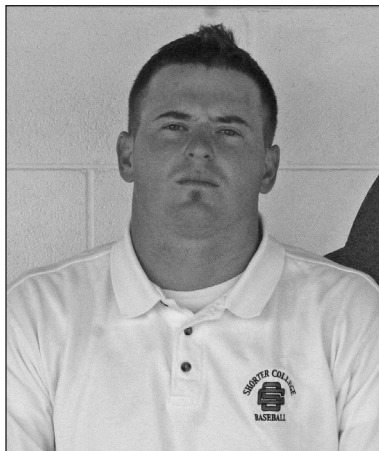
Would Most Like to Visit: Jamaica

Favorite Cartoon Growing Up: Tom and Jerry

Describes Himself As: Competitive



Senior Profiles



#35 • J.D. Price

Senior • Pitcher / Infielder • Bats: R • Throws: R

6-0 • 220 • Mount Calm, Texas • Homeschool (Southern Arkansas)



Career: Price comes to Shorter College after playing three seasons of baseball at Southern Arkansas University under Coach Chris Ratke... Could see plenty of action on the hill for Shorter with his live right arm... Was an Academic All-American at SAU in 2007 and part of the GSC championship team in 2009.

High School / Previous College: Played four seasons of baseball for Coach Chuck Hendrix.

Personal: Born December 19, 1985... Son of John and Randi Price... Has three siblings, Erin (28), Cassie (13) and Jossie (10)... Majoring in Business Administration.

Favorite Movie: *For the Love of the Game*

Favorite Meal: BBQ

Favorite Book: *Intruder in the Dust*

Would Most Like to Meet: Fred Ickler

Favorite Athlete: Josh Beckett

Hero: Nolan Ryan

Preferred Superpower: Night Vision

Hobbies: Hunting and fishing

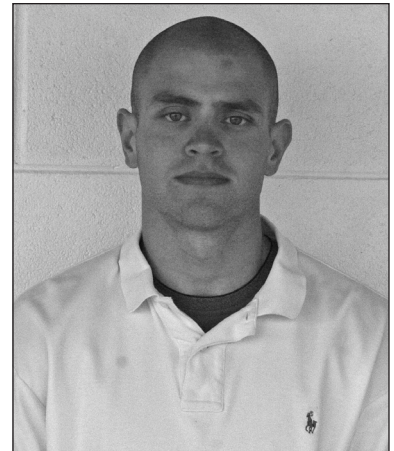
Favorite Cartoon Growing Up: Tom and Jerry

Describes Himself As: The outdoor type

Senior Profiles

#20 • Shane Smith

Senior • Outfielder • Bats: R • Throws: R
5-10 • 175 • Fort Payne, Ala. • Fort Payne



Career: After enjoying a successful season with the junior varsity in 2009, Smith will battle for playing time in left field during his senior season in 2010.

High School / Previous College: Was a three-sport athlete at Fort Payne High School in Fort Payne, Ala... Played four years of football, four seasons of baseball, and two seasons of basketball.

Personal: Born March 10, 1986... Son of Robert Smith, Lisa Smith and Amanda Sargent... Has five siblings, Crystal (21), Brandy (20), Blake (19), Boo (19) and Jacey (7)... Majoring in English.

Favorite Movie: *Tombstone*

Favorite Meal: Coffee Cake

Favorite Book: *Harry Potter*

Would Most Like to Meet: Wilt Chamberlain

Favorite Athlete: LeBron James

Hero: Boo Smith

Preferred Superpower: Shape Shifter

Hobbies: Playing video games and eating

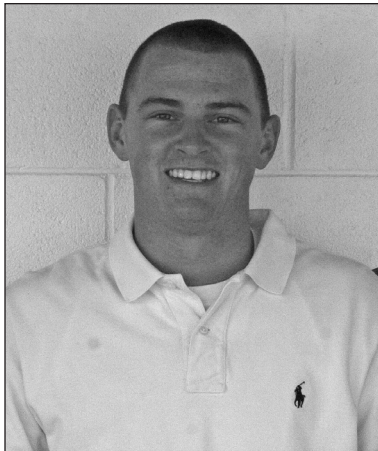
Would Most Like to Visit: Acapulco, Mexico

Favorite Cartoon Growing Up: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles

Describes Himself As: Well-rounded



Senior Profiles



#4 • Joey Taylor

Senior • Infielder • Bats: R • Throws: R
5-9 • 155 • Griffin, Ga. • Griffin



Career: A versatile member of the Hawks' infield, Taylor hopes to improve on a fantastic 2009 campaign in this, his senior season... A career .336 hitter, Taylor appeared in a career-best 45 games in 2009 while hitting .325 with 39 hits, three doubles, two triples and 10 RBI... Stole five bases in 2009.

Personal: Born May 28, 1987... Son of Barry and Diane Taylor... Has two siblings, Harold (28) and Beth (26)... Majoring in Sport Management.

Favorite Movie: *Dumb and Dumber*

Favorite Meal: Homemade Meals

Favorite Book: *Mind Gym*

Would Most Like to Meet: Kobe Bryant

Favorite Athlete: Matt Ryan

Hero: Cory Rossi

Preferred Superpower: Flying

Hobbies: Golf and ping pong

Would Most Like to Visit: Australia

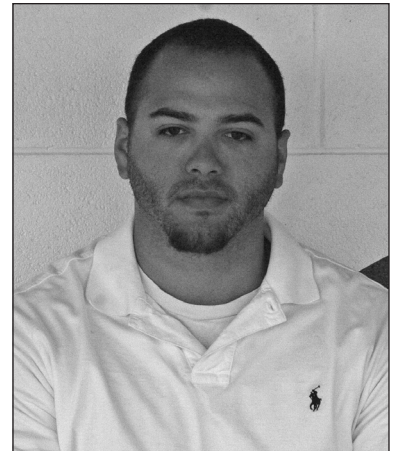
Favorite Cartoon Growing Up: Popeye

Describes Himself As: A handsome young man with a brilliant mind

Senior Profiles

#22 • Will Davis

Senior • Infielder • Bats: R • Throws: R
6-0 • 215 • Adairsville, Ga. • Cartersville (Cleveland State)



Career: Davis will redshirt during the 2010 season... Enjoyed a successful junior season in 2009, batting .263 with a team-high 35 RBI... One of three Hawks to reach double figures in doubles (10) while also hitting a pair of triples.

High School / Previous College: Played four years of football and baseball at Cartersville High School... Was a three-time All-State performer in baseball and a member of the state runner-up and state championship teams at Cartersville.

Personal: Born December 19, 1987... Son of Bill Davis and Ginger King... Has two siblings, Sarah (32) and Tinsley (30)... Majoring in Sport Management.

Favorite Movie: *Tombstone*

Favorite Meal: Chicken Parmesan

Favorite Book: *The Yankee Years*

Would Most Like to Meet: Hank Aaron

Favorite Athlete: Albert Pujols

Hero: My Dad

Preferred Superpower: Invisibility

Hobbies: Hunting and playing baseball

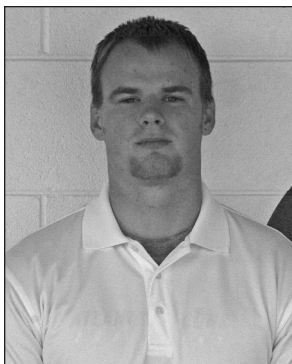
Would Most Like to Visit: Hawai'i

Favorite Cartoon Growing Up: Doug

Describes Himself As: Outgoing

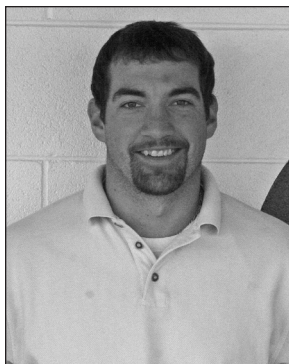


Player Profiles



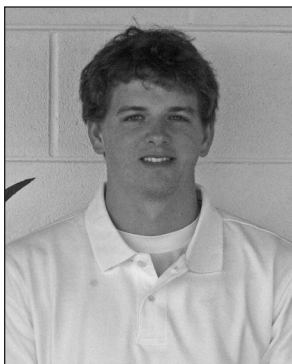
David Anderson

Junior
Catcher
6-2 • 215
Bats: Right
Throws: Right
Powder Springs, Ga.



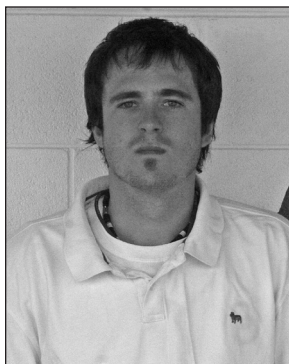
Blake Chapman

Junior
Infielder / Pitcher
6-1 • 180
Bats: Left
Throws: Right
Joplin, Mo.



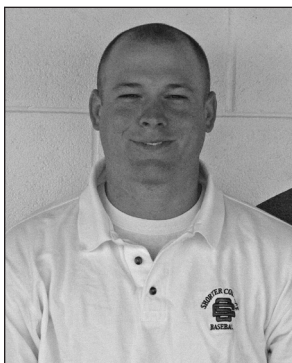
Garrette Burgess

Junior
Outfielder / Pitcher
6-1 • 200
Bats: Right
Throws: Right
Dalton, Ga.



Tim Day

Junior
Pitcher
5-10 • 180
Bats: Right
Throws: Right
Panorama, FC Australia



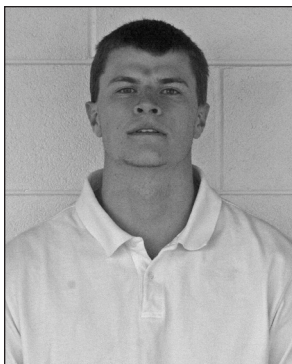
Bart Butler

Junior
Outfielder
5-8 • 155
Bats: Right
Throws: Right
Demopolis, Ala.



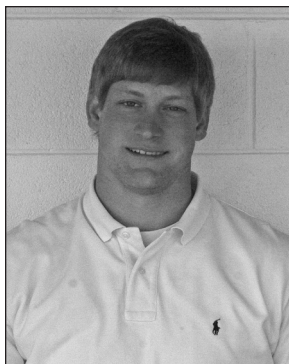
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Junior
Infielder / Pitcher
6-2 • 195
Bats: Right
Throws: Right
Douglasville, Ga.



Brick Carter

Junior
Pitcher
6-7 • 220
Bats: Right
Throws: Right
Iowa City, Iowa



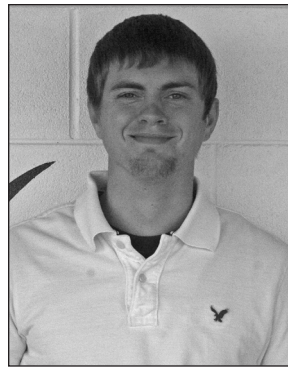
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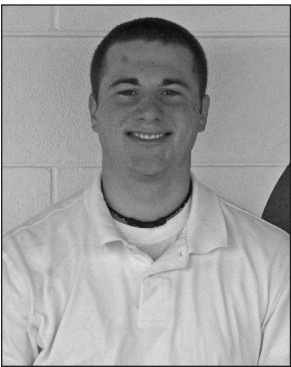
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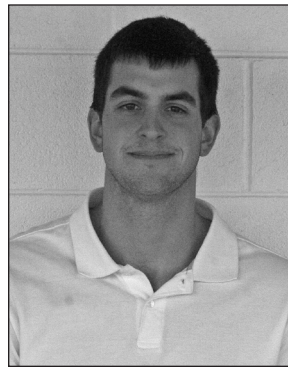
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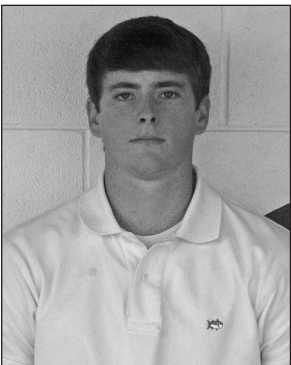
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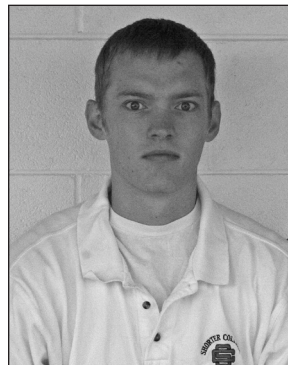
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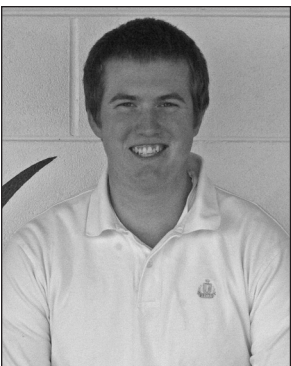
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Pitcher
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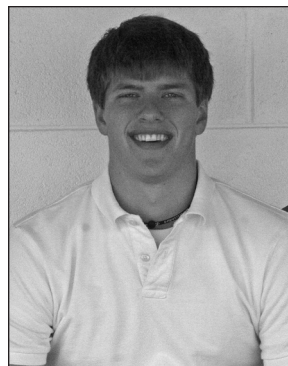
Matt McClain
Junior
Infielder
5-9 • 145
Bats: Right
Throws: Right
Buchanan, Ga.



Sam Ballew
Sophomore
Outfielder
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Bats: Left
Throws: Right
Hiram, Ga.

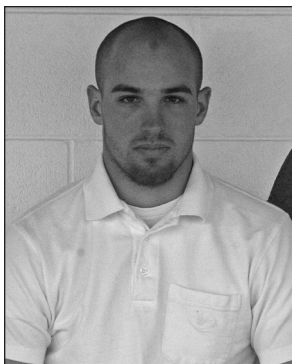


Kyle Newell
Junior
Pitcher
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Throws: Right
Marietta, Ga.

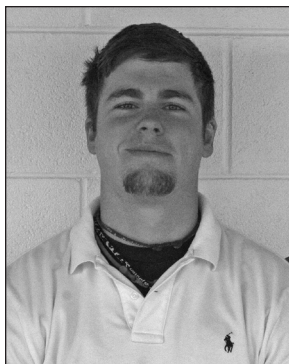


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Pitcher
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Throws: Right
Alberville, Ala.

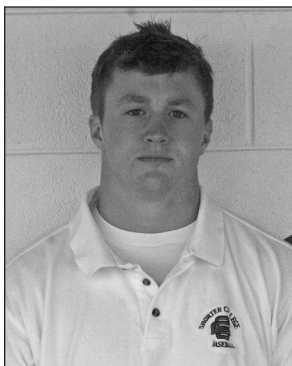
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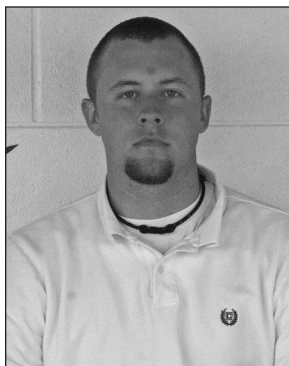
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Sophomore
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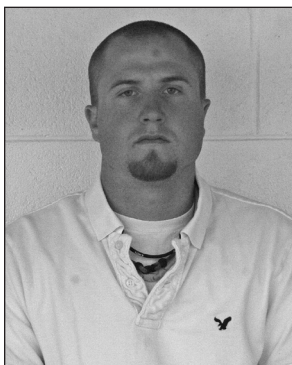
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Sophomore
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Throws: Right
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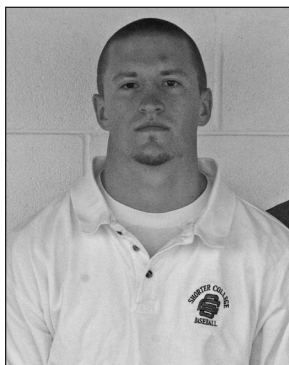
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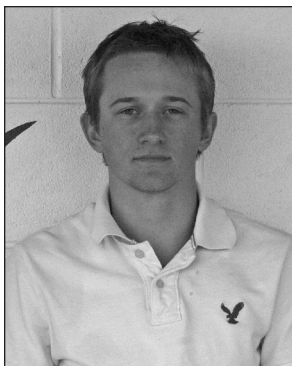
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Throws: Right
Rome, Ga.



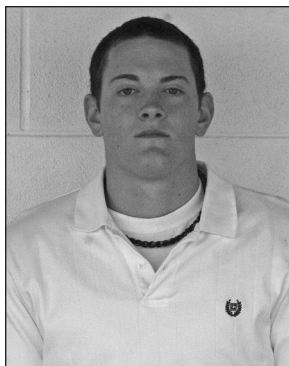
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Sophomore
Pitcher
6-1 • 200
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Winter Haven, Fla.



Jacob McDonald
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Infielder
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Bats: Switch
Throws: Right
Baileyton, Ala.

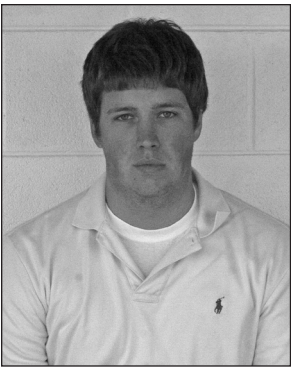


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Infielder
5-7 • 150
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Acworth, Ga.



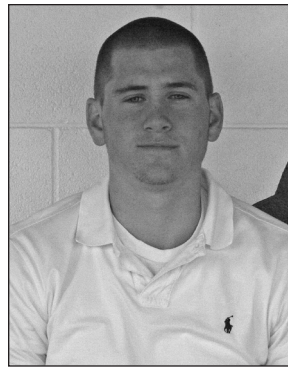
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Catcher
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Throws: Right
Kennesaw, Ga.

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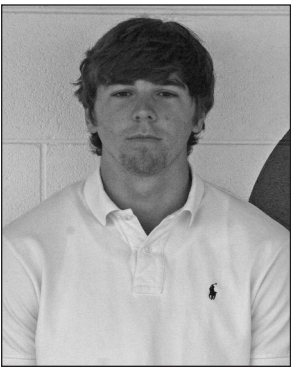
Lucas Pruett

Sophomore
Infielder
6-0 • 185
Bats: Right
Throws: Right
Centre, Ala.



Ben Stell

Sophomore
Pitcher
5-9 • 170
Bats: Right
Throws: Right
Douglasville, Ga.



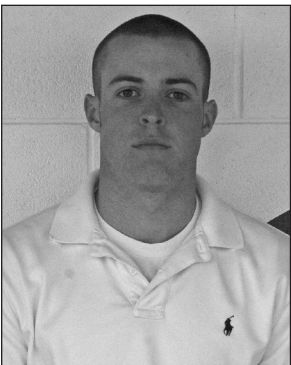
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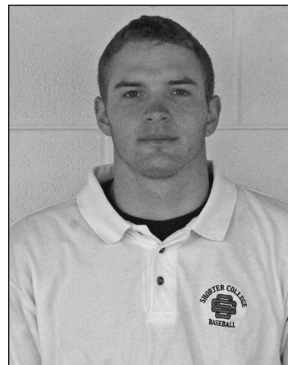
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Pitcher
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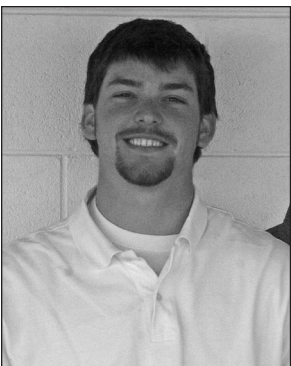
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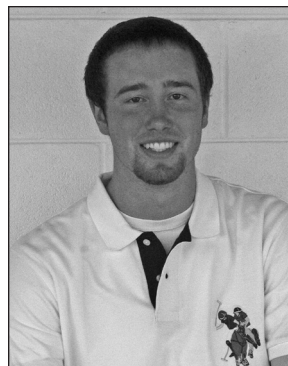
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Freshman
Catcher
6-1 • 180
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Smyrna, Ga.



Kurtis Robinson

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Infielder
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Throws: Right
Norcross, Ga.



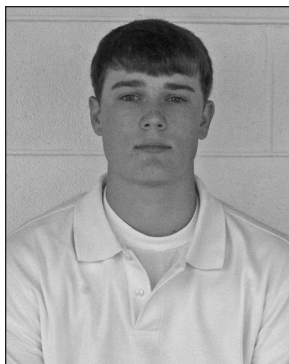
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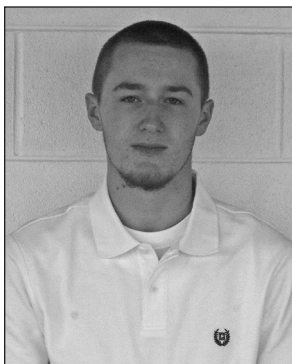
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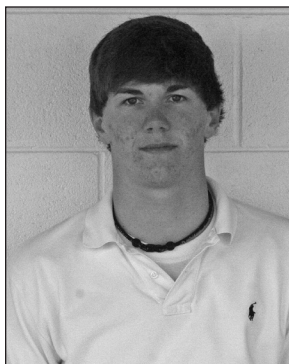
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Infielder
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McDonough, Ga.



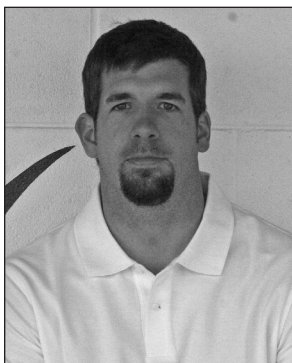
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Infielder
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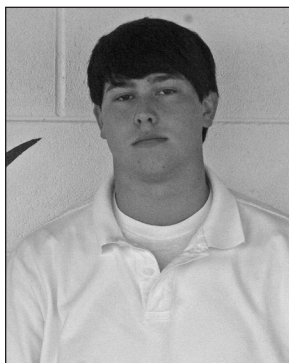
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Pitcher
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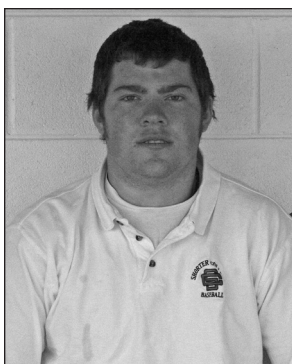
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Infielder
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Bats: Right
Throws: Right
Jefferson, Ga.



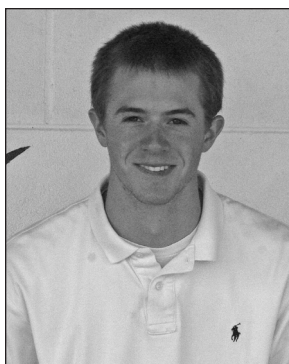
Ryan Evans
Freshman
Pitcher
6-0 • 215
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Throws: Right
Rockmart, Ga.



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Freshman
Outfielder
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Bats: Right
Throws: Right
Spring Garden, Ala.

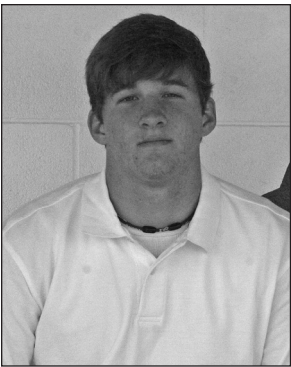


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Freshman
Catcher
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Dallas, Ga.



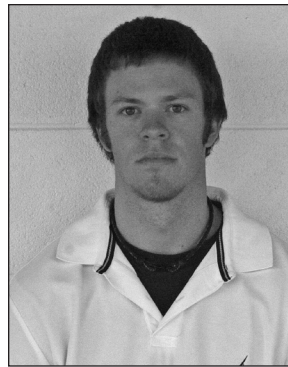
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Freshman
Pitcher
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Bats: Right
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Macon, Ga.

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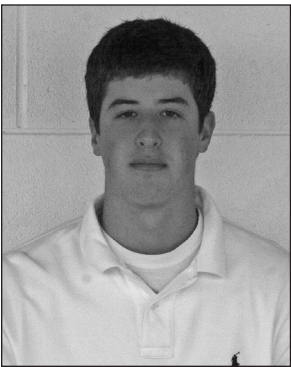
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Freshman
Pitcher
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Throws: Right
Menlo, Ga.



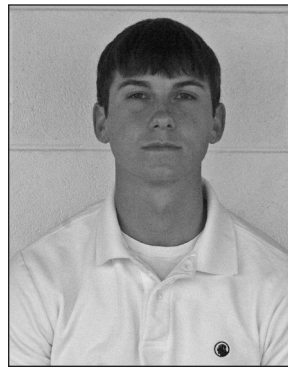
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Freshman
Outfielder
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Throws: Right
Rome, Ga.



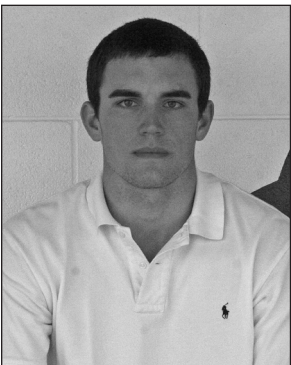
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Infielder
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Johns Creek, Ga.



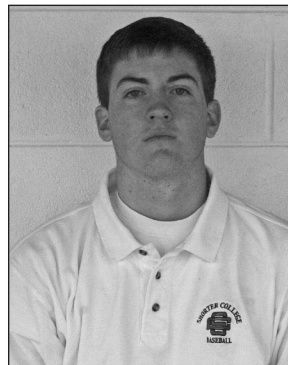
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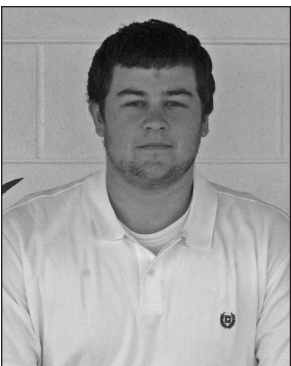
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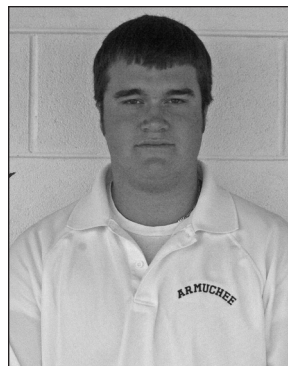
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Freshman
Infielder
5-9 • 165
Bats: Right
Throws: Right
Cumming, Ga.



Chandler Puryear

Freshman
Pitcher
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Bats: Left
Throws: Left
Chattsworth, Ga.



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Freshman
Infielder
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Bats: Right
Throws: Right
Armuchee, Ga.



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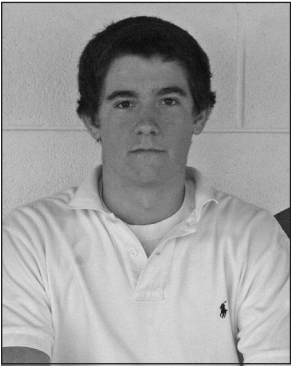
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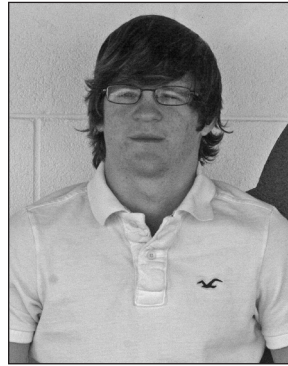


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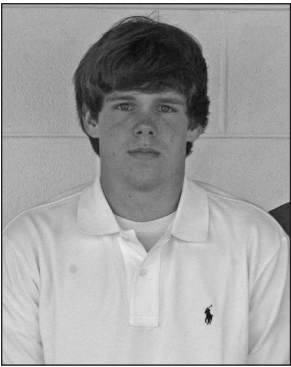
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Infielder
5-8 • 175
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Rocky Face, Ga.



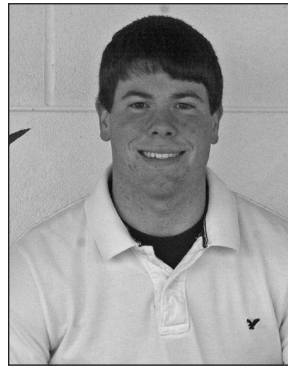
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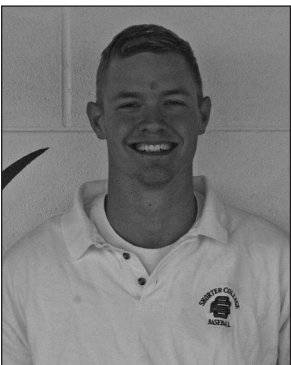
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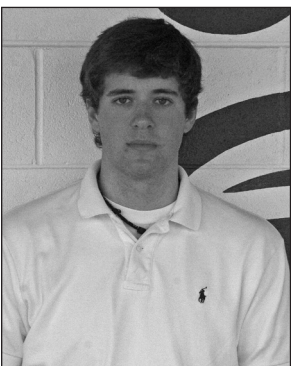
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Freshman
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Taylorsville, Ga.



Adam Thurman

Freshman
Outfielder / Pitcher
5-10 • 175
Bats: Right
Throws: Left
Cartersville, Ga.



Taylor Toadvine

Freshman
Pitcher
6-1 • 160
Bats: Left
Throws: Left
Rome, Ga.

2010 Southern States Athletic Conference Opponents



Auburn-Montgomery

Brewton-Parker College

Emmanuel College

Faulkner University

Shorter College
Feb. 26 • 2 p.m.
Feb. 27 • 1 p.m.

Mount Vernon, Ga.
April 9 • 6 p.m.
April 10 • 1 p.m.

Shorter College
March 12 • 2 p.m.
March 13 • 1 p.m.

Montgomery, Ala.
April 22 • 2 p.m.
April 22 • 7 p.m.

School Information

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Founded: 1967
Location: Montgomery, Ala.
Enrollment: 5,275
Nickname: Senators
Colors: Orange, White & Black
President: Dr. John G. Veres III
AD: Steve Crotz

Founded: 1904
Location: Mount Vernon, Ga.
Enrollment: 1,050
Nickname: Barons
Colors: Navy Blue & Orange
President: Dr. David Smith
AD: Sheila Simmons

Founded: 1919
Location: Franklin Springs, Ga.
Enrollment: 800
Nickname: Lions
Colors: Navy Blue & New Gold
President: Dr. Michael S. Stewart
AD: Mike Bona

Founded: 1942
Location: Montgomery, Ala.
Enrollment: 1,200
Nickname: Eagles
Colors: Royal Blue & Grey
President: Billy Hilyer
AD: Steve Crotz

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Contact: Ryan Bartels
E-mail: dorand@mail.aum.edu
Office: (334) 386-7525
Fax: (334) 386-7277

Head Coach

Head Coach

Head Coach

Head Coach

Name: Q.V. Lowe
Alma Mater: Auburn, 1964

Name: Greg Mullins
Alma Mater: North Florida, 2001

Name: Aaron Brister
Alma Mater: Harding, 1996

Name: Patrick McCarthy
Alma Mater: Freed-Hardeman, '99

Team Information

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SSAC Preseason Rank: 3rd
2008-09 Record: 37-23
Conference Record: 18-9

SSAC Preseason Rank: 4th
2008-09 Record: 27-28
Conference Record: 8-19

SSAC Preseason Rank: 8th
2008-09 Record: 15-39
Conference Record: 2-25

SSAC Preseason Rank: 5th
2008-09 Record: 33-22
Conference Record: 16-11

Last Year

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Last Year

Game 1: L, 16-5
Game 2: L, 7-2
Game 3: L, 6-5

Game 1: L, 14-3
Game 2: L, 11-9
Game 3: W, 9-4

Game 1: W, 16-5
Game 2: W, 9-3
Game 3: L, 10-13

Game 1: L, 13-3
Game 2: W, 10-3
Game 3: L, 12-1

2010 Southern States Athletic Conference Opponents



Lee University

Shorter College
April 16 • 2 p.m.
April 17 • 1 p.m.

School Information

Founded: 1918
Location: Cleveland, Tenn.
Enrollment: 4,012
Nickname: Flames
Colors: Maroon & White
President: Paul Conn
AD: Larry Carpenter

Sports Information

Contact: George Starr
E-mail: gstarr@leeuniversity.edu
Office: (423) 614-8442
Fax: (423) 614-8443

Head Coach

Name: Mark Brew
Alma Mater: Trevecca Naz., 1994

Team Information

SSAC Preseason Rank: 2nd
2008-09 Record: 53-14
Conference Record: 20-7

Last Year

Game 1: L, 6-2
Game 2: L, 11-2
Game 3: L, 6-2



Southern Poly State Univ.

Shorter College
March 26 • 3 p.m.
March 27 • 2 p.m.

School Information

Founded: 1948
Location: Marietta, Ga.
Enrollment: 4,800
Nickname: Runnin' Hornets
Colors: Green & White
President: Dr. Lisa A. Rossbacher
AD: Karl Staber

Sports Information

Contact: N/A
E-mail: N/A
Office: N/A
Fax: N/A

Head Coach

Name: Matt Griffin
Alma Mater: Southern Poly, 1998

Team Information

SSAC Preseason Rank: 1st
2008-09 Record: 53-10
Conference Record: 21-6

Last Year

Game 1: L, 9-2
Game 2: L, 11-1
Game 3: L, 4-2



Southern Wesleyan Univ.

Central, S.C.
March 5 • 5 p.m.
March 6 • 1 p.m.

School Information

Founded: 1906
Location: Central, S.C.
Enrollment: 632
Nickname: Warriors
Colors: Royal Blue & Gold
President: David J. Spittal
AD: Chris R. Williams

Sports Information

Contact: Derek Schmitt
E-mail: dschmitt@swu.edu
Office: (864) 644-5304
Fax: (864) 644-5903

Head Coach

Name: Mike Gillespie
Alma Mater: So. Wesleyan, 1993

Team Information

SSAC Preseason Rank: 6th
2008-09 Record: 15-35
Conference Record: 12-17

Last Year

Game 1: L, 10-9
Game 2: W, 3-2
Game 3: L, 10-9



2010 SSAC Preseason Poll
(First Place Votes)

1. Southern Poly State (5)
2. Lee University (2)
3. Auburn-Montgomery
4. Brewton-Parker (1)
5. Faulkner University
6. Southern Wesleyan
7. Shorter College
8. Emmanuel College

2009 SSAC Final Standings
(Final NAIA Ranking)

1. Berry College (4) *
2. Southern Poly State (5)
3. Lee University (10)
4. Auburn-Montgomery (RV)
5. Faulkner University
6. Reinhardt College *
7. Southern Wesleyan
8. Brewton-Parker
9. Shorter College
10. Emmanuel College

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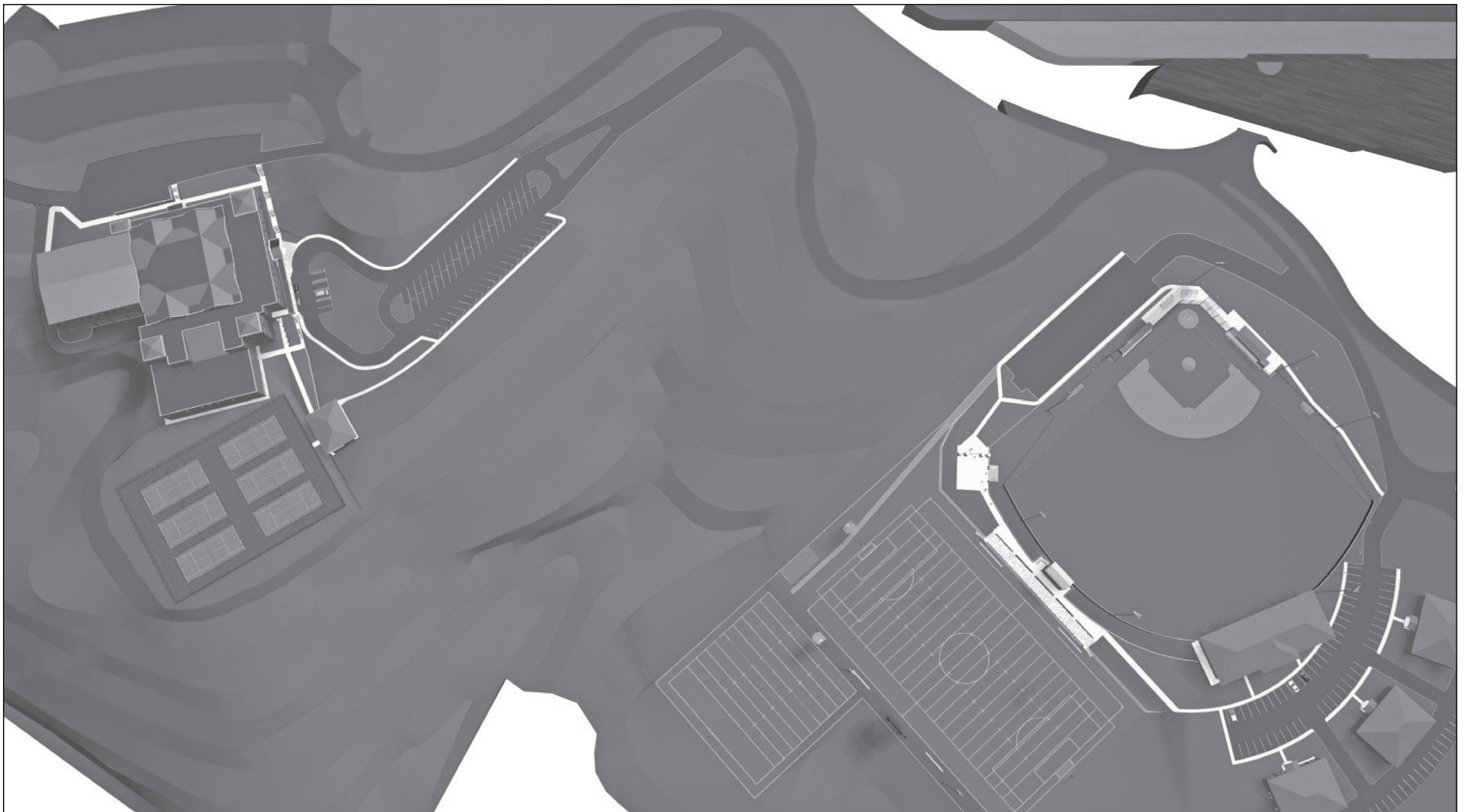
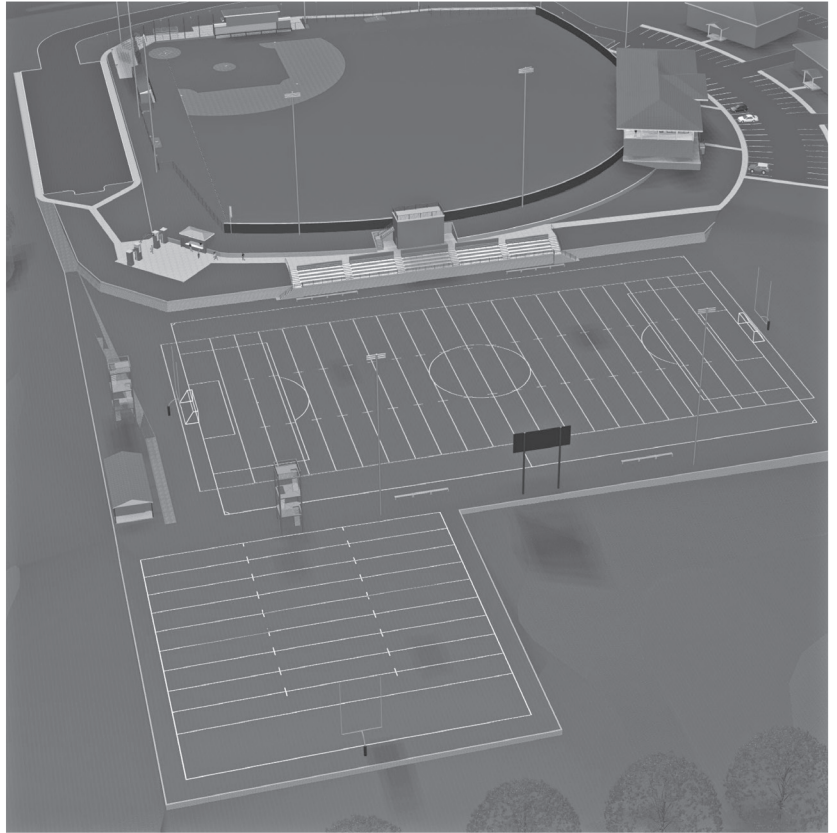
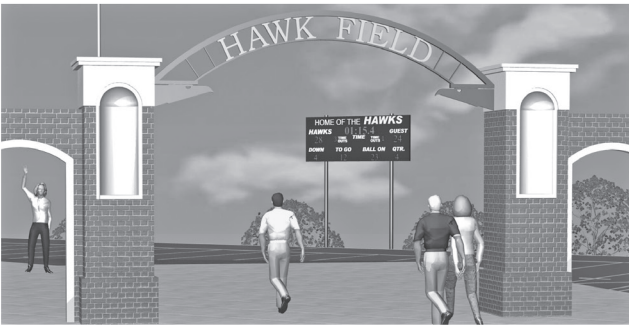
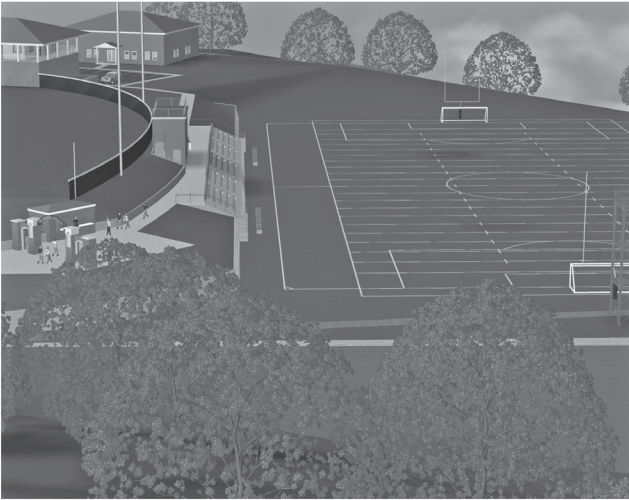
Robert H. Ledbetter Baseball Complex



Built in 1999, the **Robert H. Ledbetter Baseball Complex** is home to the Shorter College Hawks' baseball team. The Hawks began play here on Feb. 9, 2000 and have since expanded the field to include a pitcher's bullpen area and a netted batting cage. The American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA) awarded the Ledbetter Complex the ABCA/Turfcare Outstanding Field Maintenance Award in 2006. Each year, the award is given to one college in the United States that has shown outstanding maintenance program in both infield and turf care.



Future Athletic Facility Plans



Community Relations

Beyond Baseball: Shorter Hawks Baseball in the Community

The Shorter College baseball program creates a winning team off the field by building a strong bond between itself and the community. Each year, the baseball team logs more service hours and makes more community appearances than any other team within the Southern States Athletic Conference. Last year the Hawks contributed 165 volunteer hours in addition to donating to various community organizations. Everyone associated with the Hawks' Baseball Family contributes to making a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

Local School Involvement

Visiting local elementary schools is an ongoing tradition for the Hawks. Every year, the team takes time to read books to elementary students in the community while giving the children the opportunity to meet the baseball players and Harry the Hawk. One occasion had players, coaches, and Harry visit Westminster Christian Academy for its annual Halloween Festival. Players and coaches assisted in fun activities such as face painting, pin the nose on the pumpkin and arts and crafts. This was a fun and exciting event for everyone, especially the children who got to meet potential role models, while giving the team a chance to give back to the community.

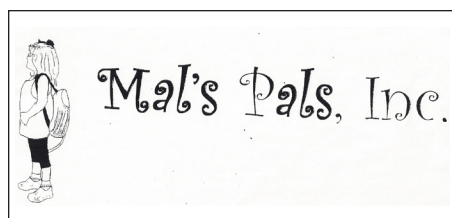


Mark Whitaker Fund

In March 2008, good friend and Shorter graduate Mark Whitaker was diagnosed with End Stage Liver Disease and is currently fourth on a liver donor list. Mark was the voice of the Shorter Hawks' baseball team from 1990-94 and is a long time supporter of Shorter College and its athletics program. Since his diagnosis, the Shorter baseball program has been supporting him, his wife Dana, and his two children, Taylor (14) and Bryce (11), by purchasing "Liver Strong" bracelets that benefit a matched fund for Mark used specifically for post-transplant expenses. This fall, the baseball team was able to show Mark and his family more support by having all contributions and concession stand sales go directly to his cause during the 16th Annual Alumni Baseball Game. The team sold wristbands and t-shirts during the game – both of which are currently on sale during all home games or by contacting Mark at markbwhit@aol.com. For more information about Mark, or if you wish to donate, please visit his Caring Bridge® website, a 501(c)(3) non-profit web service that connects family and friends during a critical illness, treatment or recovery, at www.caringbridge.org. Enter "markbakerwhitaker" on the left side of the page or visit www.gatransplant.org/Client/mwhitaker.

Open Door Home

Open Door Home is an organization that provides safe, warm, and loving opportunities for under privileged youth in the community who have been neglected, abandoned, or abused. The Hawks' baseball team supports local charitable organizations during the holiday season by volunteering and providing monetary gifts to serve those less fortunate. This fall, the Shorter baseball and softball teams, alongside Shorter Director of Athletic Development, Rachel Rogers, Director of Foundation Relations, Stephanie Graves and Director of Special Events, Mallory Jones, sponsored an evening event with the children of ODCH at the Winthrop-King Centre during a Shorter volleyball match. During the game, all were able to enjoy fresh pizza while receiving gifts to take with them. The group had an opportunity to play a volleyball game between sets. For more information about Open Door Home, or to get involved, visit www.opendoorhome.org.



Shorter Baseball and Mal's Pals, Inc.

On March 20, 2010, the Shorter baseball team will host a fundraiser to help support former Shorter baseball player, 1994 alumnus and Shorter College Director of Admissions, Patrick McElhaney and his family in an effort to raise money for his two daughters who have been diagnosed with the rare and incurable mitochondrial disease known as Leigh's Disease. Every 30 minutes, a child is born who will develop a mitochondrial disease by age 10. Right now, there are no known cures for mitochondrial disease. Due to the devastating effects of mitochondrial disease on key body parts such as the brain, muscles, heart, and lungs, many children will not survive their teenage years. Is there hope?

The answer is a resounding YES! The McElhaney family is inspired by your love and friendship, by your concern and support, and by your participation in helping them raise money to continue funding very necessary research that takes them one step closer to a cure for mitochondrial disease. Please show your support as the Hawks take on cross-town rival Berry College on this memorable day. There will be Mal's Pals merchandise on sale in the concession stand during the game to help raise money for the McElhaney family.

Community Relations

1st Annual Military Appreciation Game

This season includes the first-ever Shorter Hawks' Baseball Military Appreciation Game when the Hawks take on SSAC foe Emmanuel College in a benefit to thank those who are serving or have served our country. During this event, Shorter will wear camouflaged jerseys and supply their opponents and umpires with camouflaged wristbands to show their support as well. After the game, all jerseys will be auctioned off to those who wish to show their support for the United States Armed Forces.

2nd Annual Hawks' Baseball Mr. Shorter Pageant

The 2nd Annual Mr. Shorter Pageant held on April 1, 2009 in the Shorter College dining hall was a not for profit event that raised money to benefit the Boys & Girls Club of Rome. The participants included several members from the Hawks' baseball team and required the participants to be judged in the categories of talent, beauty and interview. This successful event, held in conjunction with Celebrate Shorter, drew over 100 spectators and had several distinguished members of the Shorter faculty and staff as judges. Last year's Mr. Shorter Pageant crowned Fred Christopher of the men's basketball team, with baseball's Joey Taylor earning the first runner-up title. The 3rd Annual Mr. Shorter Pageant will be held this year on April 7, 2010.

Baseball Hawks Kids Club

In its fourth year of existence, the Baseball Hawks Kids Club offers an opportunity for youngsters to be a part of the Shorter baseball family. If you are 13 years of age or younger, you can join the Hawks Kids Club! The club was developed to let kids in the community come out and meet the baseball players and Harry the Hawk. Benefits include an authentic Baseball Kids Club t-shirt, free entrance to all Shorter athletic events, and game day opportunities to be captain for the day. Game day captains will assist the coaches and players during pre-game practice and act as team captain during the umpire's meeting at the plate. For more information, or to become a member of the Baseball Hawks Kids Club, contact Coach Trevor Miller at (706) 233-7510 or by e-mail at miller_trevor_baseball@hotmail.com.

Shorter Hawks Baseball Camps

Each summer, the Shorter Hawks hold baseball camps for kids 5-13 years old stressing the importance of fundamentals. Because of Shorter baseball's drive to help in the community, the camps donate over \$600 of free summer baseball camps to various organizations and schools. For more information, contact Coach Matt Larry at (706) 233-7510 or by e-mail at mlarry@shorter.edu.

Harry the Hawk

The Shorter Hawk baseball team is often accompanied in the community by team mascot, Harry the Hawk. Harry has been with the team for over six years and is a centerpiece in the community while also serving as the face of the Hawks' baseball team. Harry has had numerous appearances throughout the community where he "flew by" numerous elementary schools, charity benefits and other non-profit organizations in Rome. To have Harry and some of the Shorter baseball players visit your next event, please contact Josh Clendenin at (706) 233-7510 or by e-mail at joshcofc123@aol.com.



Shorter baseball, YMCA holds youth t-ball clinics

HAWKS SPEND TIME TEACHING THE GAME TO AREA KIDS

By Matt Green

Sept. 22, 2009

Rome, Ga. -- Collegiate and professional athletes have the unique opportunity to use their status to not only reach out to the communities in which they compete, but also have a positive impact on the lives of those who reside in those communities.

The Shorter College baseball team is making this concept a reality.

On Tuesday and Thursday evenings, the Hawks host the YMCA/Shorter Baseball T-Ball Tykes clinic at the Robert H. Ledbetter Baseball Complex located on the Shorter College campus.

The clinics feature two, 45-minute sessions each day and are designed to help 3-4 year old boys and girls learn the basic fundamentals of baseball.

“We focus on throwing, fielding and hitting - all of the fundamentals of the game,” said Shorter head baseball coach Matt Larry. “It’s great having our guys come out and volunteer and we want to make sure that our players not only teach the game, but also learn to appreciate the innocence of the game.”

The first session begins at 5:30 p.m. and wraps up around 6:15 p.m. with the second group coming in at 6:30 p.m. and finishing at 7:15 p.m.

Youngsters first get a chance to work on their throwing mechanics with detailed instruction from the Shorter players before moving to hitting stations off the tee and fielding drills, where they learn the basics of catching ground balls.

This is the second year that the Hawks have hosted the clinics after beginning the program last spring. Larry says that his staff and players plan to continue the building tradition this spring as well.

“We really enjoy putting this on,” he said.

About 15 players from Shorter’s roster volunteer to help with the clinics, a nice break from fall workouts that have already started on the Hill and a chance to share some of the skills that they learn on the diamond themselves.

“This is a very rewarding experience to share our knowledge of the game with kids who can one day use the lessons they learn here as they progress in their own athletic careers,” said Hawks’ assistant coach Josh Clendenin, a former diamond standout at Stetson University who is beginning his second season on staff. “We really enjoy seeing these kids enjoy themselves and also seeing their parents have a good time watching them play.

“It’s just a great opportunity all around.”



SC Baseball participates in Drug Free Awareness Day

HAWKS PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL RED RIBBON WEEK AT LOCAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

By Chris Severt

Nov. 12, 2009

Rome, Ga. -- This year, the Shorter College baseball team took the time out of its busy schedule to participate in Garden Lakes Elementary National Red Ribbon Week.

This special event was held in honor of Enrique Camarena, a D.E.A. agent who lost his life in his fight against drugs. For his heroic actions, the entire week was dedicated to promote a healthy drug free lifestyle.

On the final day of Red Ribbon Week the players participated in the Red Ribbon Week Parade at Garden Lakes Elementary School.

The parade was a one mile walk around the lake near Garden Lakes Elementary and each player was assigned a grade level with which they walked during the parade.

Following the parade, the players visited classrooms where the kids had the opportunity to ask them questions.

Joey Taylor, a senior Hawks' infielder, was one of the players who visited Garden Lakes Elementary.

"It's great to be able to give back to the community," said Taylor.

"Hopefully we made a difference in young kids lives by teaching them that drugs are not the way to go and showing them that staying in school and making good grades, using teamwork, and the importance of respecting others is the right way."

Later that same day, members of the Hawks traveled to Westminster Christian Academy to attend Westminster's Fall Festival held annually around Halloween time.

The players assisted with carnival type games for kids ranging in age from one to four.

Head coach Matt Larry is a big supporter of community work and highly encourages his players to be involved in the community.

"It is very important for our players to be involved in the community," said Larry. "Having the opportunity to speak to kids about the importance of education and being drug free is very important to our program."



Baseball Hawks aim to aid breast cancer awareness



SHORTER BASEBALL WILL ONCE AGAIN PUT ON "STRIKING OUT BREAST CANCER" EVENT

On Saturday, Feb. 13, the Shorter College baseball and softball teams, as well as the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority, will team up with The Breast Center at Floyd Medical and the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Foundation to host the 2nd Annual "Striking Out Breast Cancer" game, a not for profit fundraiser to support breast cancer awareness.

Last season, the Hawks were able to raise \$5,000 for The Breast Center during the event and look to exceed its contributions this year.

The Shorter Hawks will host Truett McConnell College in a 12 p.m. double header at the Robert H. Ledbetter Baseball Complex.

The Breast Center will be on site with its Mobile Mammography Coach with state-of-the-art mammography equipment and clinically trained screeners.

Come watch the Hawks and show your support as they take the field on this memorable day with all donations and proceeds going towards breast cancer research and treatment. T-shirts and pink Shorter Baseball hats will be on sale during the game.

Hats and shirts are also available through order by contacting Coach Matt Larry at mlarry@shorter.edu.



Hawks team up with SCORE International efforts in DR

BASEBALL HAWKS LEND HELPING HAND IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

This past fall, just days before the Thanksgiving holiday, seven Shorter College baseball players and one assistant coach took part in an outreach mission trip to the Dominican Republic in coordination with SCORE International.

Hawks' assistant coach Trevor Miller and players Ben Stell, Bart Butler, Matt Kirksey, Matt McClain, Brandon Johnson, Joseph Brooks and Colby Luther took time away to represent Shorter and its baseball program in the Dominican after working hard over the summer in offseason fundraising efforts to raise money to fund the trip.

This marked the first time that Shorter's baseball program had sent players to the Dominican Republic, but it was not the first trip for SCORE International, which has been in existence for over 25 years and was founded by former Tennessee Temple head basketball coach, Ron Bishop.

In those 25 years, SCORE has visited 20 different countries and involved thousands of athletes, ranging from high school to the professional level.

This year's event included over 190 men and over a dozen women. The trip began with a devotional by Pastor Dudley Rutherford of the 10,000-member Shepherd of the Hills Church in Porter Ranch, Calif. After a morning prayer, five buses transported the men and women to various baseball fields where they hosted free clinics for more than 6,000 Dominican boys ranging from ages 7-18.

Many of the 6,000 children who participated in the camps were without shoes, hats and baseball gloves, and in order to assist with the efforts, the Shorter players contributed gloves, bats, helmets, catching gear and hats to the local children.

"The life lessons we took from interacting with the children were far greater than anything we could have given or taught them," said Miller.

Along with teaching the game of baseball in morning sessions, the players participated in other mission activities during the afternoons, including orphanage work, minor construction on nearby villages, food distribution and various painting projects.

The afternoon trips touched each player in different ways – spiritually, personally, and even physically – especially when they were bombarded by groups of excited local children.

"Our short time in the Dominican Republic was one of the most amazing experiences of my life," said Stell, a sophomore from Douglasville. "Every day, we worked with hundreds of different kids, each of which had one common love: baseball. It was humbling to see the joy that came about in a child's eyes when we would give him something as simple as a hat or a baseball."

Johnson, a sophomore from Acworth, Ga., was also touched by the experience.

"I never realized the impact that this trip would have on my life," Johnson said. "Baseball was important to all of us, but Christ was even more so."

Shorter's representatives felt extremely lucky to have had the opportunity to step away from the diamond and really take time to understand how fortunate we really are.

"This was a great opportunity for these young men to visit an underprivileged country and see children and young men eager to learn a sport that their country so dearly cherishes," said Shorter head coach Matt Larry. "I am very proud of these guys and the effort they put forth to help."



Hawks' "Meet the Team Dinner" a home run with fans

Annual event provides players and coaches a chance to mingle with program supporters, families and friends

FOR ONE NIGHT in 2009, Shorter College baseball fans, friends and supports were awarded the opportunity to spend a special evening with the Hawk baseball squad.

The 2nd Annual Shorter Baseball Meet the Team Dinner, a player-run event, was a big hit with everyone involved with the Shorter baseball program and provided a relaxing evening that served as an opening day of sorts for the 2009 season.

The program was held in conjunction with the annual Shorter College World Series the previous fall, where the players competed against one another to score bragging rights and earn the opportunity to be served by their teammates at the dinner.

Former Atlanta Braves' pitcher **Blain Boyer (top left, next page)** and former Shorter Hawks' standout pitcher **Cliff Flagello (bottom right, next page)** served as the evening's keynote speakers, giving the crowd in attendance and the Hawk players and interesting insight into their personal careers as well as inspiring words for the upcoming season.

Several events highlighted the evening, including a silent auction that preceded the dinner and a raffle drawing for \$5,000 won by **Connie Broome (bottom left, next page)**.

The underclassmen were introduced and each of the Hawk seniors, including **Garrett Raiden (top right, next page)**, was given the opportunity to address the audience.

Freshman Brandon Johnson provided the closing prayer.

This year's Meet the Team Dinner, scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 30, 2010, will follow a similar format.

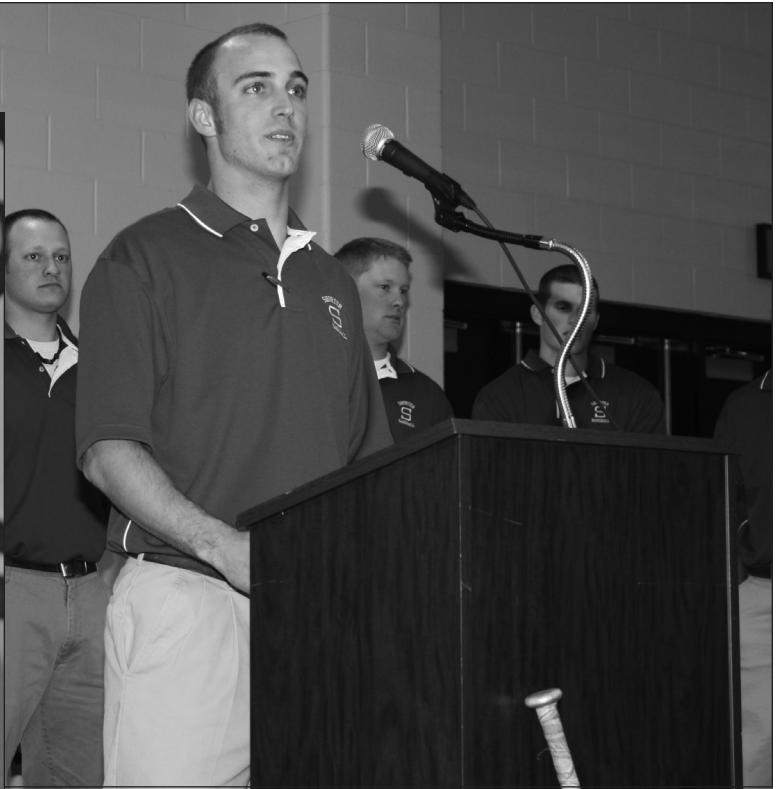
The evening is set to begin with a silent auction at 6:45 p.m., and the invocation by Mr. Rick Johnson, who serves as team pastor for the Shorter softball team, Initial Director of WinShape Camps at Berry College and Character Education Instructor at Shorter College.

A steak dinner will be followed by the introduction of the 2010 baseball family by head coach Matt Larry and comments by the 2010 senior class.

Former Shorter baseball player Drew Startup will introduce the keynote speaker, his brother and current pitcher for the San Diego Padres' AAA affiliate, Will Startup, who starred for the University of Georgia in the early 2000s.

A senior Hawks' baseball player will deliver the closing prayer, concluding a night that is sure to be memorable for all involved.





2009 Results / Standings

<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Result</i>
Feb. 4	West Georgia	W, 8-4	March 26	Shawnee State University	W, 8-6
Feb. 7	@ Savannah College of A.D.	L, 11-5	March 29	@ Reinhardt College *	L, 5-2
Feb. 7	@ Savannah College of A.D.	L, 5-4	March 29	@ Reinhardt College *	W, 5-4
Feb. 9	@ USC-Beaufort	L, 8-7	March 30	@ Reinhardt College *	W, 8-3
Feb. 13	Cumberland College	W, 5-2	March 31	Tennessee Temple	L, 8-7
Feb. 14	Cumberland College	L, 8-5	March 31	Tennessee Temple	W, 6-3
Feb. 14	Cumberland College	W, 13-3	April 3	Brewton-Parker College *	L, 14-3
Feb. 17	@ West Georgia	L, 14-4	April 4	Brewton-Parker College *	L, 11-9
Feb. 20	Talladega College	W, 11-1	April 4	Brewton-Parker College *	W, 9-4
Feb. 21	Talladega College	W, 7-1	April 6	@ Emmanuel College *	W, 16-5
Feb. 21	Talladega College	W, 11-1	April 7	@ Covenant College	L, 5-2
Feb. 24	Atlanta Christian	L, 12-1	April 7	@ Covenant College	L, 12-11
Feb. 24	Atlanta Christian	L, 4-1	April 9	@ Lee University *	L, 6-2
March 6	Southern Wesleyan University *	L, 10-9	April 11	@ Lee University *	L, 11-2
March 7	Southern Wesleyan University *	W, 3-2	April 11	@ Lee University *	L, 6-2
March 7	Southern Wesleyan University *	L, 10-9	April 14	@ Emmanuel College *	W, 9-3
March 10	@ Tennessee Temple	W, 9-8	April 14	@ Emmanuel College *	L, 13-10
March 10	@ Tennessee Temple	W, 7-3	April 17	Faulkner University *	L, 13-3
March 15	@ Berry College *	L, 5-0	April 18	Faulkner University *	W, 10-3
March 15	@ Berry College *	L, 10-0	April 18	Faulkner University *	L, 12-1
March 16	@ Berry College *	L, 6-4	April 21	@ Talladega College	W, 11-5
March 17	@ Tennessee Wesleyan	L, 12-1	April 23	@ Auburn-Montgomery *	L, 16-5
March 20	Southern Polytechnic State *	L, 9-2	April 24	@ Auburn-Montgomery *	L, 7-2
March 21	Southern Polytechnic State *	L, 11-1	April 24	@ Auburn-Montgomery *	L, 6-5
March 21	Southern Polytechnic State *	L, 4-2	<i>* denotes Southern States Athletic Conference game</i>		

School	SSAC			Overall							
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	GB	Home	Away	Neutral	
Berry College	22	5	.815	46	16	.742	---	25-8	14-4	7-4	
Southern Polytechnic State	21	6	.778	53	10	.841	1.0	25-5	17-1	11-4	
Lee University	20	7	.791	53	14	.791	2.0	34-3	14-7	5-4	
Auburn-Montgomery	18	9	.667	37	23	.617	4.0	19-12	13-9	5-2	
Faulkner University	16	11	.593	33	22	.600	6.0	16-10	14-10	3-2	
Reinhardt College	11	16	.407	29	23	.558	11.0	20-14	8-7	1-2	
Southern Wesleyan University	10	17	.370	15	35	.300	12.0	10-16	5-17	0-2	
Brewton-Parker College	8	19	.296	27	28	.491	14.0	14-12	10-14	3-2	
Shorter College	7	20	.259	18	31	.367	15.0	11-13	7-18	0-0	
Emmanuel College	2	25	.074	15	39	.278	20.0	5-13	3-17	7-9	

2009 Statistics

Batting	GP	GS	AVG	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OBP	SF	SH	SB	SA
Langley, Patrick	47	47	0.415	171	41	71	16	0	5	33	102	0.596	10	1	10	3	0.448	1	6	3	4
Bonilla, Gustavo	45	38	0.391	115	32	45	6	0	6	34	69	0.600	23	5	20	2	0.500	3	3	7	7
Broome, Jake	45	42	0.389	144	35	56	4	0	3	23	69	0.479	12	5	16	1	0.451	1	0	4	4
Hornback, David	42	31	0.360	114	26	41	5	0	2	25	52	0.456	2	3	14	3	0.383	1	5	5	5
Williams, Tyler	10	4	0.353	17	1	6	0	0	1	2	9	0.529	1	0	6	0	0.368	1	1	0	0
Houston, Shannon	47	43	0.333	141	27	47	15	0	3	35	71	0.504	19	9	32	1	0.441	1	0	0	0
Taylor, Joey	45	36	0.325	120	22	39	3	2	0	10	46	0.383	10	5	14	2	0.400	0	2	5	8
Barnes, Cody	27	18	0.313	48	2	15	2	0	1	7	20	0.417	9	3	13	1	0.450	0	3	0	1
Johnson, Matt	23	12	0.298	47	5	14	3	1	0	9	19	0.404	2	0	4	1	0.327	0	0	1	1
Morris, Scott	46	45	0.292	144	31	42	9	1	6	19	71	0.493	10	10	25	3	0.376	1	15	6	7
Davis, Will	45	42	0.263	156	19	41	10	2	0	35	55	0.353	3	6	20	4	0.296	4	2	0	0
Pilate, Adam	46	23	0.254	59	21	15	0	0	0	13	15	0.254	11	9	12	1	0.438	1	1	11	16
Brooks, Joseph	20	7	0.250	28	2	7	1	0	0	4	8	0.286	3	0	5	0	0.323	0	1	0	0
Chapman, Blake	30	23	0.200	35	2	7	2	0	0	4	9	0.257	4	0	14	0	0.282	0	1	0	2
Mcintosh, Tyler	36	34	0.193	83	3	16	2	0	2	10	24	0.289	9	1	29	1	0.277	1	4	0	0
Harrison, Clint	22	12	0.162	37	5	6	0	0	0	1	6	0.162	3	0	3	4	0.225	0	2	1	1
Griffin, JP	13	11	0.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	0	0	0	0	0.000	0	0	0	0
Fortis, Alex	7	4	0.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	0	0	0	0	0.000	0	0	0	0
Butler, Bart	15	0	0.000	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	0	0	1	0	0.000	0	0	1	1
Bowers, Dustin	12	11	0.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	0	0	0	0	0.000	0	0	0	0
Kirksey, Matt	15	2	0.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	0	0	0	0	0.000	0	0	0	0
Raiden, Garrett	14	0	0.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	0	0	0	0	0.000	0	0	0	0
Hollingsworth, Seth	14	1	0.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	0	0	0	0	0.000	0	0	0	0
Hodges, Chad	12	3	0.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	0	0	0	0	0.000	0	0	0	0
Livingston, Andrew	1	0	0.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	0	0	0	0	0.000	0	0	0	0
Fletcher, Mikey	1	0	0.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	0	0	0	0	0.000	0	0	0	0
Total:	49		0.320	1464	278	468	78	6	29	264	645	0.441	131	57	238	27	0.384	15	46	44	57
Opponents:	49		0.336	1498	345	503	97	4	39	315	725	0.484	112	66	228	18	0.394	20	26	56	74

Pitching	ERA	W	L	GP	GS	CG	SHO	CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	AVG	WP	HB
Bowers, Dustin	4.83	3	6	12	11	4	0	0	0	63.1	93	54	34	12	33	18	1	6	0.348	1	9
Hodges, Chad	5.19	2	3	12	3	1	0	0	0	26.0	24	23	15	19	13	5	0	1	0.245	5	2
Kirksey, Matt	5.61	2	3	15	2	0	0	0	2	33.2	42	27	21	7	33	10	0	4	0.288	1	3
Chapman, Blake	5.65	5	6	14	12	2	0	0	0	63.2	83	54	40	14	40	10	2	13	0.302	0	15
Griffin, JP	5.68	4	5	13	11	5	0	0	0	65.0	95	59	41	8	46	16	0	8	0.328	4	11
Pilate, Adam	7.23	0	2	6	4	0	0	0	0	23.2	36	27	19	6	17	10	0	0	0.346	3	2
Morris, Scott	7.36	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	7.1	11	7	6	2	5	0	0	1	0.333	0	2
Hollingsworth, Seth	7.76	1	3	14	1	0	0	0	0	29.0	52	30	25	8	16	8	1	1	0.382	5	7
Raiden, Garrett	7.82	0	1	12	0	0	0	0	0	12.2	18	18	11	9	10	4	0	1	0.316	1	4
Bonilla, Gustavo	9.00	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1.0	1	1	1	0	2	1	0	0	0.250	0	1
Fletcher, Mikey	9.00	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.0	3	4	3	3	2	0	0	1	0.273	1	1
Davis, Will	12.60	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	5.0	6	8	7	8	4	0	0	1	0.300	0	2
Fortis, Alex	17.58	0	1	7	4	0	0	0	0	14.1	21	29	28	15	8	8	0	2	0.344	4	5
Total:	6.58	18	31	114		12	0	0	3	347.2	488	344	254	111	229	90	4	39	0.324	25	65
Opponents:	5.62	31	17	111		9	1	2	7	353.2	455	271	221	135	238	71	3	27	0.316	15	54



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Year-by-Year Results / Postseason History

Year	Record	Head Coach	Year	Record	Head Coach
1969	5-5	Unknown	1990	34-20	Mike Sansing
1970	0-15	Doug Rogers	1991	39-13	Mike Sansing
1971	20-8	Doug Rogers	1992	36-19	Ricci Lattanzi
1972	26-5	Doug Rogers	1993	30-21	Ricci Lattanzi
1973	25-5	Hamp Alexander	1994	27-26	Ricci Lattanzi
1974	38-10	Hamp Alexander	1995	37-14	Ricci Lattanzi
1975	39-6	Hamp Alexander	1996	32-24	Ricci Lattanzi
1976	34-13	Hamp Alexander	1997	17-32	Ricci Lattanzi
1977	27-18	Hamp Alexander	1998	27-22	Ricci Lattanzi
1978	29-21	Hamp Alexander	1999	26-20	Ricci Lattanzi
1979	26-18	Hamp Alexander	2000	28-24	Ricci Lattanzi
1980	31-21	Hamp Alexander	2001	26-25	Ricci Lattanzi
1981	42-13	Hamp Alexander	2002	25-23	Ricci Lattanzi
1982	37-10	Hamp Alexander	2003	24-21	Ricci Lattanzi
1983	23-23	Hamp Alexander	2004	18-31	Matt Larry
1984	31-20	Hamp Alexander	2005	27-31	Matt Larry
1985	28-27	Hamp Alexander	2006	34-23	Matt Larry
1986	27-30	Hamp Alexander	2007	28-28	Matt Larry
1987	34-28	Hamp Alexander	2008	16-33	Matt Larry
1988	26-20	Hamp Alexander	2009	18-31	Matt Larry
1989	29-22	Mike Sansing	Totals	1,126-823	40 Seasons

Postseason History

Year	Record	Head Coach	Accomplishment(s)
1971	20-8	Doug Rogers	GIAC Conference Champions
1973	25-5	Hamp Alexander	GIAC Conference Champions
1974	38-10	Hamp Alexander	GIAC Conference Champions / District (Region) 25 Champions
1975	39-6	Hamp Alexander	GIAC Conference Champions / District (Region) 25 Champions
1976	34-13	Hamp Alexander	GIAC Conference Champions
1977	27-18	Hamp Alexander	GIAC Conference Champions
1980	31-21	Hamp Alexander	District (Region) 25 Champions
1981	42-13	Hamp Alexander	District (Region) 25 Champions
1991	39-13	Mike Sansing	GIAC Conference Champions
1998	27-22	Ricci Lattanzi	GACC Conference Champions
2003	24-21	Ricci Lattanzi	GACC Conference Champions

All-Time Player Honors

All-Conference / All-District

Greg Hopkins.....	1971
Lloyd DeFoor.....	1971, 1972, 1973
Lamar Wright.....	1971, 1972, 1973
Ken Kizzah.....	1971, 1972, 1973
Johnny Dean.....	1971, 1973, 1974
Junior McGinnis	1974
Jimmy Farrer	1974
Vaughn Robbins.....	1973, 1974, 1975
Pete Summers.....	1973, 1974, 1975
Rusty Johnson.....	1975
Bob Bruck.....	1975
Malcolm Fain.....	1975
Robert Long.....	1975, 1976
Lewis Pierce.....	1976
Zane Holland.....	1974, 1975, 1976, 1977
Randy Hawkins.....	1975, 1976, 1977
Keith Smith.....	1977
Ricky Robbins.....	1977
Kendall Harkins	1977, 1978
Bob Fitzgerald	1977, 1978
Doug Massingill.....	1978
Eddie Wilson	1978
Stuart French.....	1978
Randy Bowen.....	1979
Rick Nelson	1977, 1978, 1979, 1980
Pat Marky	1979, 1980
Byron Orr	1980
Preston Cash.....	1979, 1980, 1981
Joe Hackett	1980, 1981
Steve Green	1981
Tim McGowan.....	1981
Steve Turner	1981, 1982
Jacin Bagwell.....	1981, 1982
John Colantuoni	1981, 1982
Tobin Davidson	1982
Warren Gibson.....	1982, 1983
Larry Barnes.....	1983
Chris Holsonback	1981, 1982, 1983, 1984
Jeff Brannon.....	1984, 1985
Adam Teague.....	1985
Shane Pendley	1987
Steve Bennett	1987
Dave Vincent	1987
Scott Parrish.....	1987
Jeff Dover.....	1987
Todd Wofford	1988, 1989
Greg Payne.....	1988, 1989
Matt Larry.....	1992
Bryan Hamrick	1992, 1993
Brent Higdon.....	1993
Marc Brzozoski.....	1995
David Koczka.....	1995

All-Conference / All-District (cont.)

Clay McInnish	1996
Todd Cherry	1998, 1999
David Holbrooks.....	2000
Brian Roundtree.....	2001
Drew Startup.....	2003
Devin Porter.....	2006
Kyle Donovan	2007
Cliff Flagello.....	2007
Patrick Langley.....	2009

All-Region / All-Area

Lamar Wright.....	1973, 1974
Johnny Dean.....	1974
Vaughn Robbins.....	1974, 1975
Bob Bruck.....	1975
Zane Holland.....	1975
Randy Hawkins.....	1975, 1976
Bob Fitzgerald	1977, 1978
Rick Nelson	1980
Preston Cash	1979, 1980, 1981
Joe Hackett	1981
Steve Green	1981
Chris Holsonback	1981
Steve Turner	1981
Jacin Bagwell.....	1981
Tobin Davidson	1982
Warren Gibson.....	1984
Scott Parrish.....	1987
Brian Roundtree.....	2001
Drew Startup.....	2003
Devin Porter.....	2006

Professionals

Junior McGinnis	Minnesota Twins (1974)
Lamar Wright.....	California Angels (1974)
Johnny Dean.....	Pittsburgh Pirates (1974)
Pete Summers.....	Pittsburgh Pirates (1975)
Rusty Johnson.....	Pittsburgh Pirates (1975)
Vaughn Robbins.....	Pittsburgh Pirates (1975)
Malcolm Fain.....	Minnesota Twins (1975)
Robert Long.....	Pittsburgh Pirates / Seattle Mariners (1976)
Randy Hawkins.....	San Francisco Giants (1976)
Eddie Wilson	Atlanta Braves / Texas Rangers (1978)
Jacin Bagwell.....	Pittsburgh Pirates (1982)
Preston Cash	Atlanta Braves (1982)
Scott Parrish.....	Houston Astros (1987)
Toy Hooper.....	Pittsburgh Pirates (1990)
Marc Brzozoski.....	Colorado Rockies (1995)
Cliff Flagello.....	Baltimore Orioles (2007)

Baseball All-Americans

**LAMAR WRIGHT
(1974)**

Wright led the NAIA in strikeouts with 172 in 1974. He was drafted by the California Angles in 1974 and reached the Class AAA level.

**ZANE HOLLAND
(1975)**

Holland went 9-2 on the mound in 1975 with an earned run average of 1.15. He walked only 15 batters in 94 innings and hit .293 at the plate.

**VAUGHN ROBBINS
(1975)**

Robbins led the Shorter Hawks in hitting for four consecutive seasons and closed out his Shorter tenure with a career batting average of .375.

**BOB FITZGERALD
(1978)**

Fitzgerald broke the NAIA single-season home run record with 25 bombs in 1978 and led the team that season in nearly every offensive category.

**JOE HACKETT
(1981)**

Hackett pitched 177.2 innings in 1981 while fanning 209 batters in the process. That mark still stands as the NAIA record for strikeouts in a season.

**TOBIN DAVIDSON
(1982)**

A 6-foot-6 right-hander who transferred to Shorter College from the University of Tennessee, Davidson pitched over 150 innings for the Hawks in 1982.

**WARREN GIBSON
(1984)**

A speedy, 5-foot-10 outfielder from local East Rome High, Gibson posted a career batting average of over .300 and recorded over 40 RBI in his senior season.

**DREW STARTUP
(2003)**

Startup led the Shorter Hawks with a .333 batting average, .524 slugging percentage and .428 on-base percentage in his senior season on the Hill.

**DEVIN PORTER
(2006)**

Porter hit 14 home runs and posted a .370 batting average in 2006. He led the Hawks with 59 RBI and an impressive .696 slugging percentage.

Shorter College President, Dr. Harold E. Newman



Shorter College is proud to be “A Christian College Committed to Excellence in Education.” Through our traditional programs in Rome and our adult-degree classes in Atlanta and Rome, Shorter is a place where the mind and spirit intersect through intentional study and dialogue.

Recent years have brought growing recognition for our successes as an educational institution. In 2007, for the seventh consecutive year, U.S. News & World Report ranked Shorter among the South’s top baccalaureate colleges. We are also part of the Princeton Review’s lists as a “Best Southeastern College” and a “Best Value College.”

Our faculty, staff, administration, Board of Trustees, and Board of Visitors are working hard to ensure that the college’s brightest days are ahead. I encourage you to become involved in Shorter College’s exciting future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Harold E. Newman".

Dr. Harold E. Newman, President

Dr. Harold E. Newman became Shorter College’s 18th president on January 26, 2006. Dr. Newman brought extensive knowledge of and a deep love for Shorter College to his presidency.

He served the college as provost for 20 years under four presidents and had served as interim president since January 1, 2005.

A classically trained musician, Dr. Newman holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in music from Furman University, a Master of Church Music in piano performance from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and a Doctor of Education from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

There, he majored in curriculum and instruction with collaterals in higher education and educational administration and supervision.

Dr. Newman and his wife, Brenda, have two grown daughters: Cindy and Kathy.



Director of Athletics, Bill Peterson



Bill Peterson is in his third year as Director of Athletics for Shorter College, having set a clear course for making Shorter one of the top athletic programs in the country.

Since being named Director of Athletics on March 26, 2007, Peterson has made the desire for overall excellence the cornerstone of Hawks Athletics. His decisions and expertise have produced a wave of firsts in a number of programs, while also allowing Shorter College to achieve its highest National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) Directors' Cup finish (21st in 2007-2008) in the history of the school.

Numerous sports have reached never-before seen levels of success. Volleyball won the team's first-ever South States Athletic Conference (SSAC) title in 2007. Men's cross country captured back-to-back SSAC championships in 2007 and 2008 in just its second and third years of existence. Softball has enjoyed three consecutive conference championships and three straight trips to the NAIA National Tournament. Football captured its first-ever Mid-South Conference Western Division championship in just its fourth year as a program in 2008, consequently earning its first berth into the NAIA National Playoffs. Men's track and field won its second straight Mid-South Conference crown and a fifth-place finish at the 2009 NAIA Outdoor Nationals in St. Louis, while the women's track and field squad enjoyed its first league outdoor title and a seventh-place finish at nationals in 2009. Women's basketball has produced two straight 20-win campaigns while men's basketball has won 34 games in the last two seasons.

The Hawks have burst onto the national scene under Peterson, as cheerleading captured the school's first-ever team national championship in 2008-2009 and Justyna Mudy brought Shorter its first female individual national championship by winning the 3,000 meter steeplechase at the 2009 NAIA National Outdoor Track and Field Championships.

Peterson continues to push the Shorter athletic program to national prominence. In January 2008, the NAIA announced that Peterson, Shorter College and Rome-Floyd County, Ga. had successfully been awarded the bid for the 2008 and 2009 NAIA National Football Championship to be held at the Hawks' home facility, Barron Stadium. In 2009, the SSAC Men's Basketball Tournament was held at Shorter's Winthrop-King Centre, and the SSAC softball tournament was held for the second consecutive year at the Alto Park Softball Complex, home of the Lady Hawks.

Not only does Peterson expect excellence on the field and court, but he does so in the classroom as well. In 2008-2009, 16 student-athletes were named National Scholar-Athletes, and 74 were named to conference All-Academic teams. In 2007-2008, Shorter's men's soccer program boasted the highest team grade-point-average in the nation.

Prior to taking the helm of Hawks athletic program, Peterson served three years at his position of recruiting coordinator for the Shorter College football team. He came to Shorter from Mount Paran Christian School in Kennesaw, Ga., where he served as head baseball coach. In 2005, he led Mount Paran to a school record 24 wins and a berth in the state finals while being named the *Atlanta-Journal Constitution's* Coach of the Year. Prior to coaching, Peterson was President and Co-Founder of Horizon Medical Products (HMP), a publicly traded corporation headquartered in Atlanta.

Peterson played collegiate football at Texas Lutheran College where he was a member of the 1974 NAIA national championship team, coached by the legendary Jim Wacker. He finished college at Florida State University in 1978 with a degree in Accounting.

His father, Bill Sr., is credited with bringing the professional passing game to college football. He coached at Florida State from 1960-1970, at Rice University in 1971 and the Houston Oilers of the National Football League (NFL) from 1972-1973.

Peterson and his wife, Joanna, have four children: Will, Molly, Ben and Sam. Will was a senior tight end for the 2008 Mid-South Conference champion Shorter football team.

Hawk Nation



Rachel Rogers '04
Director of Athletic Development

Dear Shorter Friend,

Incredible things are happening on the Hill, especially in the Athletic Department, as we continue to grow and bring championships home. I encourage you to “Catch the Spirit” and be a part of Shorter’s future.

First of all, thank you for your interest in Hawk Nation. This program is designed to help off-set athletic operating costs, assist in growth and development of our student athletes, and to promote school spirit both on and off the Hill.

Hawk Nation is destined for success, and I hope you will help jump start this wonderful new program by joining now!

Over the past few years, Shorter Athletics has reached new milestones, from winning conference and national championships to being nationally ranked within the NAIA. In addition to those achievements on the playing field, Shorter Athletics has established itself as a Christian athletic program.

Shorter coaches strive to put Christ first, emphasizing their role in helping develop Christian young men and women. While Hawks athletics is committed to excellence, its true purpose is to serve as a platform to share the gospel.

Your PRIDE and support of Shorter Athletics demonstrates to others what an outstanding institution we have. Your commitment to Hawk Nation makes an immediate impact on the lives of our student-athletes and the future success of Shorter Athletics!

I look forward to receiving your commitment and welcoming you into the Hawk Nation family.

Go Hawks!

Rachel Rogers



The Bullpen Club

Mission:

To help provide the necessities to run a successful baseball program at the highest level of NAIA baseball. The Bullpen Club is committed to organizing fundraising events and to sponsor other subsidiaries within the Bullpen Club while maintaining the mission of Shorter College.

MLB Circle (\$2,500 and above)

Includes coaches lunch, gift from the Athletic Director, admission to the team banquet, autographed team ball, Hawks fleece pullover, name recognition at the Robert H. Ledbetter Baseball Complex, media guide recognition, rally towel, window decal and bi-weekly newsletter.

Triple A Circle (\$800)

Includes admission to the team banquet, autographed team ball, Hawks fleece pullover, name recognition at the Robert H. Ledbetter Baseball Complex, media guide recognition, rally towel, window decal and bi-weekly newsletter.

Double A Circle (\$400 and above)

Includes autographed team ball, Hawks fleece pullover, name recognition at the Robert H. Ledbetter Baseball Complex, media guide recognition, rally towel, window decal and bi-weekly newsletter.

Single A Circle (\$100 and above)

Includes Hawks fleece pullover, name recognition at the Robert H. Ledbetter Baseball Complex, media guide recognition, rally towel, window decal and bi-weekly newsletter.

Rookie Circle (\$60 and above)

Includes name recognition at the Robert H. Ledbetter Baseball Complex, media guide recognition, rally towel, window decal and bi-weekly newsletter.

The Bullpen Club would like to extend a special thanks to its members:

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Rookie Circle

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Brandon Whitener

2010 Camp Information

Daily Camp Highlights: There will be three special day camps for youngsters between the ages of 5-14. Fundamentals that will be stressed to include pitching, throwing, catching, hitting, fielding, base-running, and team concepts, as well as baseball game strategies. Each group will be instructed in stations run by qualified coaches and college players. Once all stations are completed, the campers will come together for team concepts and will be separated by age to play in a controlled scrimmage game.

The camps will be kept small so that INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION is stressed. The camps are held Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon each day - rain or shine. Facilities are available at the Winthrop-King Centre on campus for inside instruction should the weather become inclement.

Facilities: The camp site is the Robert H. Ledbetter Baseball Complex, located on the Shorter College campus. The College's baseball field will be used during the camp. Pitching machines, batting cages and videotapes will be used as instructional tools by the camp. Each camper will receive a camp t-shirt and a videotape showing the camper hitting, pitching and fielding.

Enrollment: In order to maintain the highest quality of instruction, each camp is limited in size. One of Coach Matt Larry's goals is to work personally with each camper. Large camps of hundreds of campers cannot accomplish the kind of personalized instruction that is an essential part of the Shorter College Baseball Camp philosophy. EARLY ENROLLMENT IS ENCOURAGED. Applications will be processed on a first come, first served basis.

What to Bring and Wear: Recommended: glove (with name on it), baseball shoes with rubber cleats (tennis shoes are okay), cap, drinks (in plastic containers only), protective cup, baseball pants (shorts may be worn), bat (with name on it). Water and restrooms are available on-site.

Video: The Shorter Baseball Camp will be providing DVDs for children highlighting their pitching and hitting skills. The cost of this DVD is included in your registration.

Discounts: Special discounts are available for teams. Other discounts are available for more than one family member, attending more than one session, and Baseball Kids Club membership.

2010 Shorter Hawks Baseball Camp Application

Complete and mail (with camp fee check of \$95) payable to:

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Upon submitting this application for baseball camp, I, the camper and parent or guardian whose signature appears on this application, do hereby assume complete responsibility for any and all injuries or death that may occur during camp. I relieve all liabilities from the camp staff and Shorter College. The camp has my permission to use its best judgement in the care of the camper.

Parent / Guardian Signature: _____ NO REFUNDS AFTER MAY 31, 2010

National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics

The purpose of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) is to promote the education and development of students through intercollegiate athletic participation. Member institutions, although varied and diverse, share a common commitment to high standards and to the principle that participation in athletics serves as an integral part of the total educational process.

The NAIA embraces the concept of the student and recognizes the importance of the individuality of each member institution, the value of the conference and regional structure, and the benefits of membership in a national association.

The NAIA supports gender equity. Gender equity is an atmosphere and reality where fair distribution of overall athletic opportunity and resources, proportionate to enrollment, are available to women and men, and where no student-athlete, coach or athletics administrator is discriminated against in any way in the athletics program. That is to say, an athletics program is gender-equitable when the men's sports program would be pleased to accept as its own the overall participation opportunities and resources currently allocated to the women's sports program and vice versa.

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The NAIA has 50,000 student-athletes participating at nearly 300 member colleges and universities throughout the United States and Canada. Divided into 14 regions, the NAIA offers 23 championships in 13 sports.

Since 1937, the NAIA has continued a long tradition of pushing the envelope and making a positive difference in the lives of students, coaches and parents. The Champions of Character program is the latest cutting-edge addition to the NAIA's proud history of innovation.

Through Champions of Character, the NAIA seeks to create an environment in which every student-athlete, coach, official and spectator are committed to the true spirit of competition through the five core values: respect, integrity, responsibility, servant leadership and sportsmanship.

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NAIA at a glance

- Nearly 300 member colleges and universities
 - 23 national championships
 - 650,000 student-athletes over the years
- First to include black colleges and students in championships
 - First to include women in national championships
- First to develop system-wide character initiative with substantive programming

Rome's Historic Shorter College

Conceived in the mind of educator Luther Rice Gwaltney, the Cherokee Baptist Female College opened for students in 1873. As pastor of Rome Baptist Church, now First Baptist, Gwaltney encouraged the active participation of church members in the establishment of a school for young ladies.

Because of the generous contributions of Alfred and Martha Shorter, in 1877 the college was renamed Shorter College. Originally, the college was housed in Victorian structures located on Shelton Hill, near Clock Tower Hill in downtown Rome.

By 1910 a new vision of a "Greater Shorter," and contributions from the J. L. Bass family and the J. P. Cooper family made the relocation of the school to its current site a reality.

A significant innovation in the history of the college came in the early 1950s when school administrators and trustees made the decision to recruit the first male students. The "Girl's Creed" had to be abandoned, a dormitory for men constructed, new sports teams created, fraternities initiated, and very different rules of conduct established.

Under the leadership of President Randall Minor, the Georgia Baptist Convention was given control over the election of trustees; new faculty were hired, many of whom are still familiar faces on campus; a new administration building and student center, a new library, and a fine arts building were constructed; and the first African-American student graduated from the college.

In the 1990s, Shorter continued to lead. International programs, the establishment of the School of Professional Programs in the Atlanta area, the creation of the Hugh Davis Center for Ministry Education and the offering of an MBA degree program in business represent only a few developments.

Under President Larry McSwain, Shorter celebrated its 125th anniversary, dedicated the Winthrop-King Centre; converted the old gymnasium into the Fitton Student Union; and constructed the Bass

apartments, the J. Robert Eubanks Welcome Center and the Robert H. Ledbetter baseball field.

In 2003, U.S. News and World Report named Shorter one of the Best 25 Southern Comprehensive Colleges and one of the Top 10 Best Buys among Southern Comprehensive Colleges.

Dr. Harold E. Newman was named Shorter's president in January 2006 after having served as provost for 20 years and as interim president for one year. Under his leadership, the college continues to receive significant recognition. During the 2006-2007 academic year, Shorter was ranked for the sixth consecutive year among the South's best comprehensive colleges focusing on bachelor's degrees.

Shorter also was ranked for the third consecutive year as a "Best Southeastern College" and a "Best Value College" by the Princeton Review; Shorter was one of 300 colleges nationwide selected for the Colleges of Distinction guidebook.

Also, in the fall of 2006, Dr. Carmen Acevedo Butcher, scholar in residence and a graduate of Shorter College, was named the 2006 Georgia Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education.

Campaigns for new facilities and programs are planned, which include a new library wing, science facility, and performing arts center.

Shorter continues to pursue its mission to inspire students to make commitments to lifelong learning, personal

spiritual values, responsible citizenship, community and societal leadership and global awareness.

The Mission of Shorter College is to provide quality higher education, enabling and encouraging student commitment to active lifelong learning, personal spiritual values, responsible citizenship, and community and societal leadership in a global context.





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