

## COE Faculty Retirements 2009

With mixed emotions we accepted the retirement this year of three respected professors and one AMSTI specialist in the College of Education. Having faithfully served their departments and the College of Education, their presence among us will be sorely missed!

**Dr. Fran Andrews, Professor/Chair Emerita.** Dr. Andrews was on the faculty in the College of Education from 1992 until her retirement in 2009, teaching courses in Food and Family Dynamics, and serving as Chair of the Department of FCS (1992-2009). Dr. Andrews made significant contributions to the development of the dietetics concentration of the Family and Consumer Sciences major, as well as provided solid leadership as the department chair. She continues to represent the university well as an advocate for Family and Consumer Science both in the state and nationally.

**Ms. Vickie Gord, AMSTI Math Specialist.** Ms. Gord came to the University of Montevallo as the very first AMSTI Math Specialist in March, 2006. She has worked tirelessly serving literally hundreds of elementary math teachers during her years with AMSTI. She helped develop the elementary portion of AMSTI here at our site as well as statewide. She has been an integral part of the development of collaboration between the AMSTI program and the College of Education. Vickie was instrumental in developing partnerships with area businesses that helped to support AMSTI-UM endeavors. As she retires, Ms. Gord will continue to support AMSTI and the University of Montevallo and will always be an advocate for inquiry-based, hands-on learning in every classroom.

**Dr. Jack Riley, Professor/Chair/Dean Emeritus.** Dr. Riley was on the faculty in the College of Education from 1991 until his retirement in 2009, teaching courses in early childhood and elementary education, as well as teacher leadership. He served as Chair for the Department of Early Childhood and Elementary Education (1991-1995), Chair for the Department of Curriculum and Instruction (1995-1996), Dean for College of Education (2004-2007), and Dean for Graduate Studies (2007-2009). Dr. Riley made significant contributions in planning and implementing innovative ideas in the elementary education program, in directing the Teacher Leadership program, and in leading the college as a whole. He is an advocate for education and for the University of Montevallo in many professional organizations and state agencies.

**Dr. Paul Vaccaro, Professor/Chair Emeritus.** Dr. Vaccaro was on the faculty in the College of Education from 1997 until his retirement in 2009, teaching courses in Kinesiology and serving as the Department Chair for Kinesiology. With expertise in exercise physiology, Dr. Vaccaro made significant contributions to the development of the health promotion degree program and contributed significantly to the success of Kinesiology majors in being accepted to graduate school. He continues to represent the university as a supporter of Kinesiology both locally and nationally.