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January 26, 2017

TODAY: Stadium Tour Sewell Thomas Baseball Field

Host: Betsy Jarnigan

On July 1, 1892, the UA baseball team defeated Sewanee, 6-3 in its first-ever collegiate sporting event. In its history, Alabama baseball has won a combined 29 conference championships, including the years in SIAA, Southern and SEC play, which is more than any sport at the Capstone and more than any current member of the conference has won on the baseball diamond.

Currently, only two members of an SEC school are enshrined in baseball's Hall of Fame as a player, and one of them, Joe Sewell, is a product of The University of Alabama. His name joins that of Coach Frank Thomas on the facility.

Dating back to the spring of 1948, when Alabama hosted Florida, the Crimson Tide teams have competed in the area known as Thomas Fields, officially named in honor of Coach Thomas after his retirement as a football coach from the University. Although Frank Thomas never coached baseball at Alabama, his stellar play as an infielder helped him land a scholarship at Notre Dame, where he became a multi-sport star and a team football captain for legendary coach Knute Rockne.

Coach Thomas also helped launch the career of a young broadcaster, Mel Allen, when Allen was a student at The University of Alabama back in the 1930s. Forever known as the "Voice of the Yankees" and for the innovative TV show "This Week in Baseball," Allen is also honored in Cooperstown as a member of the Hall of Fame and marks the second Alabama alumnus enshrined in Cooperstown.

There have been many other legendary figures in the history of Alabama baseball, including Riggs Stephenson, Frank Lary and David Magadan. Current major-league all-stars David Robertson and Alex Avila have also brought national prestige to the University during the past few seasons, and up-and-coming players such as Josh Rutledge and Jimmy Nelson look to continue the Alabama tradition on the pro level.

After playing at Thomas Field for 30 years, Coach Paul Bryant initiated re-naming the baseball stadium in honor of Joe Sewell and Coach Thomas. In 1978, the facility was razed as a new stadium, and was renamed as of the 1990 season becoming Sewell-Thomas Stadium. The last renovation occurred at the end of the 1990s.

While the stadium was considered serviceable, recent surveys of SEC baseball stadiums ranked the current Sewell-Thomas as the bottom of the conference.

Countdown to Cookoff Saturday, February 11, 2017



15 days

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Coming Up next month...

**Feb. 2 Chris Shinstock from Alabama Power
 (Chili Cook Team Leader)**

Feb. 9 Chili Cookoff Preview by Glen Smith

Feb. 16 TBA

**Feb. 23 Law Enforcement Recognition
 Host: Chief Ken Swindle**

In order to maintain a competitive balance for the team, better accommodate supporters with a more fan-friendly environment, and provide a facility that will encompass the needs of players, supporters, VIPs, workers and the media, a plan of action is being presented to ensure The University of Alabama is at the forefront once again.

The new Sewell-Thomas Stadium looks to be one of the premier baseball facilities not only in the Southeastern Conference, but across all of college baseball. The University of Alabama's rich athletic tradition began with baseball, and a renovated Sewell-Thomas Stadium will once again elevate the baseball program to the forefront of athletics at the Capstone.

Park on the drive leading up to the Coliseum after you turn in off Paul Bryant Drive.

Enter the stadium through Gate 3. Betsy says we will eat at noon and then have a tour of the stadium.



Mark Sullivan	January 27
Milton Collier	January 27
Barry Burns	January 30
Malcolm G. Smith	January 30

Tennis sent these bits of humor:

A woman rolled an elderly man in a wheelchair into my doctor's office. She went to the receptionist's desk while the man sat, alone and silent. I was thinking I should make small talk with him when a little boy slipped off his mother's lap and went over to the wheelchair. "I know how you feel. My mom makes me ride in the stroller too."

As I was nursing my baby, my cousin's 6-year-old daughter came in and was intrigued. I answered her questions and she mull'd it over, then remarked, 'My mom has some of those, but I don't think she knows how to use them.'

While bicycling with my 8-year-old granddaughter, Carol, I said wistfully. 'In ten years, you'll want to be with your friends and you won't go walking, biking, and swimming with me like you do now. Carol shrugged. 'In ten years you'll be too old to do all those things anyway.'

As a pediatric nurse, immunizations are my job. I went in to give 4-year-old Lizzie her shot. 'No, no, no!' she screamed. 'Lizzie,' scolded her mother, 'that's not polite.' With that, she yelled even louder, 'No, thank you! No, thank you!'

Just before I was deployed to Iraq, I broke the news to my 8-year-old son. 'I'm going to be away for a long time,' I said. 'I'm going to Iraq.' 'Why?' he asked. 'Don't you know there's a war going on over there?'

As his wife's graveside service concluded, there was a bolt of lightning and massive clap of thunder, followed by more thunder in the distance. The little old man looked at the pastor and said, "Well, she's there!"

"I've seen and met angels in the disguise of ordinary people living ordinary lives."

-Tracy Chapman, singer/songwriter

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2017 Chili Cookoff Sponsors

These have already committed to sponsoring the **2017 Great Tuscaloosa Chili Cookoff**. Be sure you don't miss the fun. You can cook or eat or both and win prizes for cooking or costumes or in drawings during the event. Don't miss this year's event on February 11 at Bryant Conference Center. *To learn more, contact Glenn Smith or check the website.*

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***David Reynolds (right) with his Capstone Bank Chili Cook team at a previous Cookoff.**

