



“Walking Tall”

It all began in 1970 when Mr. George Priester donated the land on which Andrew Jackson Academy would someday stand. Construction was begun in March of 1971 and was completed the following August. Grades one through twelve held classes for the first time on August 24, 1971.

A first-rate kindergarten, added in 1972, became the “baby” of Mrs. Leila Inabinet. Until the kindergarten building was completed in December of that year, the children met in the room which now houses the Academy’s library. This library was acquired in 1977 by purchasing the library materials of Bamberg’s Carlisle Military School which, in that same year, closed its doors forever.

Andrew Jackson Academy’s basketball program was begun in 1972 when Mr. William Carroll Hiers and Mrs. Marsha Hughes organized girls’ and boys’ varsity teams. And this was only the beginning!

In 1974, a brand new gymnasium was erected on the southern end of the campus, and Mr. Hallman Sease began coaching the Confederate baseball team. The fall of 1975 brought with it the beginning of what was to become a “winning tradition” at Andrew Jackson Academy. Coach Louie O’Gorman led the Confederate football team through the first of many successful seasons, and the state championship title was finally brought home in 1978.

Only the undying dedication of the men, women, and children of Andrew Jackson Academy has made possible the continuous progress that the school has enjoyed over the past decade. Outstanding among these people were the members of the school’s first Board of Directors. They were: Mr. Daniel Chassereau; Mr. J.D. EUBANKS; Mr. H.W. Herndon; Mr. Carl L. Kilgus; Mrs. C.K. Kirkland; Mr. Norman F. Kirkland; Dr. James A. McMillan; Mr. Fred D. Sease; Mr. J.W. Wilson; and Mr. R.P. Ulmer. These devoted leaders, and those who have followed in their footsteps, were able to successfully and solidly establish this proud academy on a foundation of loyalty, honesty, and dignity, a foundation on which it still stands today.