





Top Photo: Aerial view of downtown Mobile. RSA's total investment in downtown Mobile exceeds \$500 million. © TAD DENSON, MYSHOTZ.COM

he Boards of Control and the RSA staff are pleased to present the 32nd Annual Report of the Retirement Systems of Alabama (RSA) for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2007.

The RSA currently manages 21 funds with aggregate assets of approximately \$35.4 billion. During fiscal year 2007, the annualized return for the

fixed income portfolio and equity portfolio combined was 17.46% for the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS), 17.92% for the Employees' Retirement System (ERS), and 14.27% for the Judicial Retirement Fund (JRF), which had the highest equity weighting. TRS assets totaled \$21.7 billion, while ERS assets totaled \$10.3 billion, and JRF assets totaled \$269 million.

The Battle House, A Renaissance Hotel in Mobile opened its doors in May. With the completed upgrade to the Renaissance Riverview Plaza Hotel, it and the Battle House will make up part of the Renaissance Center in Mobile. The Battle House, which originally opened in 1852, closed in 1974 and was vacant until the RSA reopened it earlier this year. The historic hotel is also connected to the new 35-story RSA Battle House Tower, the tallest building in the state of Alabama.

In other RSA real estate news, construction continues on our eighth project, The Renaissance Montgomery Hotel & Spa, which includes a convention center upgrade and expansion, a new 1800-seat performing arts theater, and a 600-car parking deck. The project was completed in early 2008. Additionally, work continues on the new eight-story office building being added to the State Capitol Complex. The 280,000 square foot structure will be the new headquarters for the RSA and is expected to be completed in mid-2008.

During the fiscal year, the RSA provided the bridge financing – our largest industrial loan to date – of up to \$350 million to National Alabama Corporation. This company is an affiliate of National Steel Car of Canada; the new railcar manufacturing plant being constructed in the Shoals will produce 8,000 – 10,000 rail cars per year and employ

Cover and Inside Cover: Originally built in 1852 and closed in the mid-70s, the Battle House Hotel has been restored to all its grandeur. The hotel is connected to the new 35-story RSA Battle House Tower office building. The Battle House Hotel lobby has been featured in an International Renaissance Hotel ad campaign.

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Bottom Photo: David G. Bronner and The Battle House Hotel crest. ⊚ TIM L. PHILLIPS, CCP approximately 1,800 workers. The RSA also provided financing to Raycom Media for its recent acquisition of three television stations and Lincoln Financial Sports from Lincoln National Corporation. Following the closing, Raycom stations will cover over 10.5% of U.S. households with operations in 18 states. Raycom currently owns and operates 37 stations in 17 states. Community Newspaper Holdings, Inc. owns and operates 92 daily newspapers as well as 71 non-daily newspapers and numerous specialty publications across 23 states.

The staff will continue to purchase and develop investments that will facilitate the mission of the RSA. Our aim is to serve the interests of our members by preserving the excellent benefits and soundness of the Systems while providing these at the least expense to the state of Alabama and all Alabama taxpayers. With the continued cooperative efforts of the Boards of Control, the RSA staff, and the Legislature, this goal will be achieved.







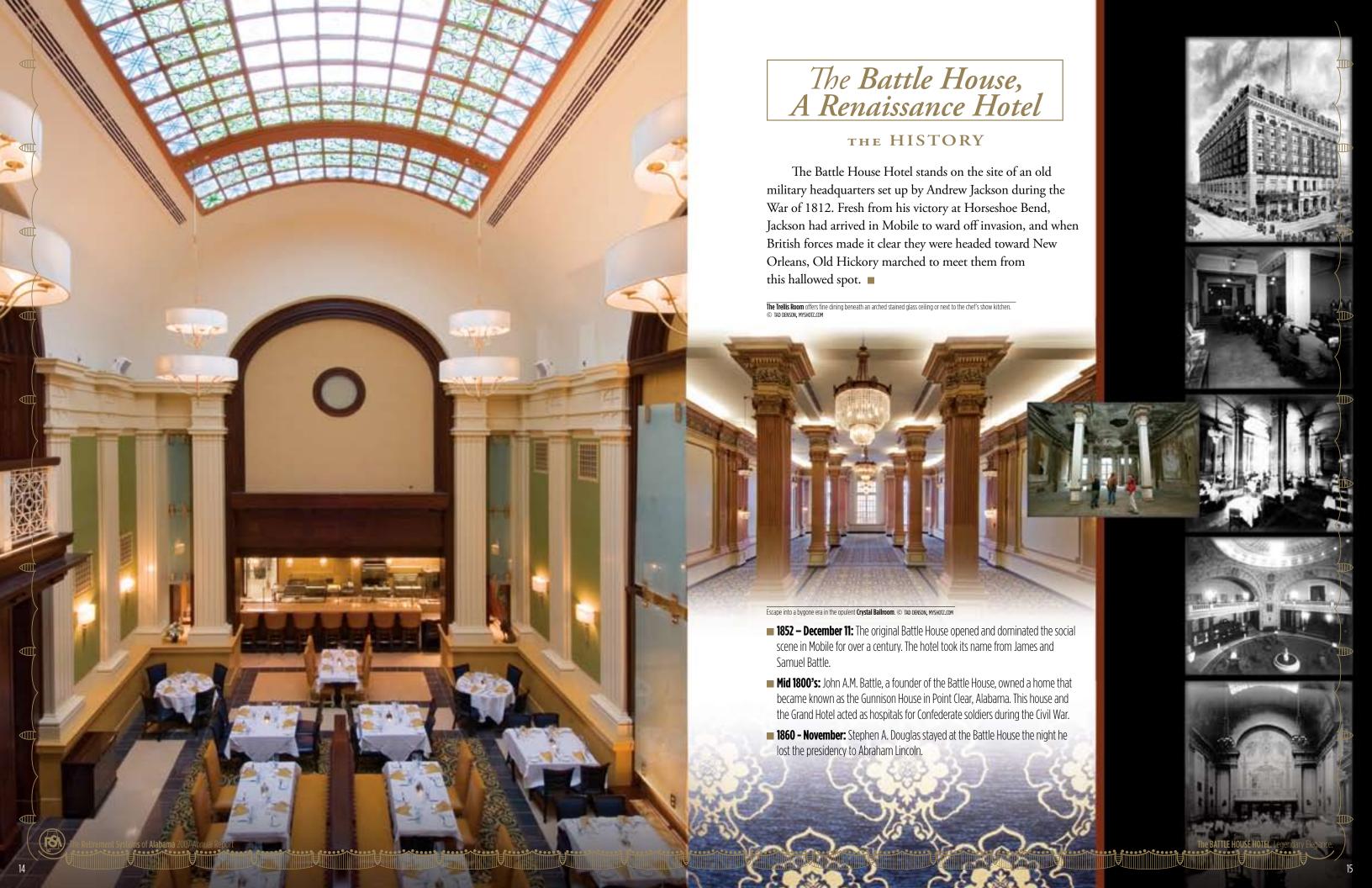














The Battle House, A Renaissance Hotel

THE HISTORY continued

- **1880 November 18:** A National Weather Service station was established at the Battle House Hotel. President Ulysses S. Grant signed a joint resolution of Congress authorizing the Secretary of War to establish a National Weather Service on February 9th, 1870.
- **1900:** Battle House Hotel, designed by Frank M. Andrews, was rebuilt. The seven-story brick structure had accented corners. The first two stories were tan brick massed as stone.
- **1905 February 12:** A fire originating in the north wing destroyed the hotel and caused \$450,000 in damages. All 147 hotel guests were brought to safety by the Mobile firefighters and hotel staff. All that remained of the hotel was a mass of bricks and mortar and twisted iron rods, with the front wall still standing, outlined against the sky like a sentinel, as though keeping ward and watch over the ruins of a stately old pile which clustered recollections of half a century.
- 1908: The current Battle House, designed by Frank Andrews of New York, was erected on the site of the old building.
- **1913 October 13:** President Woodrow Wilson was honored at a breakfast given by the Chamber of Commerce at the Battle House. He dined on squab under glass, fruit compote and other such delicacies.
- **1913 October 27:** Woodrow Wilson etched his name in history by declaring just before WWI that the United States would never again wage a war of aggression.
- **1914 May 14:** L.J. ("Lou") Davis and Dr. Seale Harris held the first meeting of the Mobile Rotary Club in the main dining room of the Battle House. The initial attendance was 34 members but grew to 45 members by year end.
- **1974 October:** By the time the hotel closed its doors, it became a symbol of the vanished glory of Mobile's downtown and historic district.
- 1978 November 17: Furnishings from the Historic Battle House Hotel were sold from the premises.
- 1980: The abandoned Battle House Hotel was the only building still standing on the city block.
- **2001 June 1:** Dr. David G. Bronner, head of the Retirement Systems of Alabama, announces plans to invest \$132 million in downtown Mobile by building the state's tallest office tower and renovating the Battle House Hotel.
- **2002 September 23:** The Retirement Systems of Alabama officially acquires all the land needed for the RSA Battle House Tower project to be built on a city block in downtown Mobile.
- **2003 November 7:** 8,000 cubic yards of concrete were poured within 24 hours for the new foundation of the hotel expansion and tower. This is equivalent to 30 miles of 4-foot-wide sidewalk. The foundation mat is 7 feet 6 inches thick and took 60 cement trucks per hour for 24 hours to complete.
- **2006 September 16:** A Sikorsky S-61 helicopter lowers the upper section of the spire onto the RSA Battle House Tower. The spire is installed in two sections.
- **2007 January 31:** Traffic begins flowing in both directions on Royal Street, something the city agreed to in order to provide improved access to the RSA Battle House Tower complex.
- **2007 May 11:** Date of the official grand re-opening of the Battle House Hotel. A sold out gala with 600 guests was held to benefit five local arts organizations: Centre for the Living Arts, Mobile Ballet, Mobile Museum of Art, Mobile Opera and the Mobile Symphony Orchestra. The event raised more than \$100,000. Guests began staying in the hotel that evening.
- **2007 May 12:** Battle House Day held in the City of Mobile with public tours of the hotel from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. Antique cars lined Bienville Square while bands, dancers and tour guides in historical dress participated in this celebration.

Over its history, the Battle House was visited by such notables as Jefferson Davis, Admiral Raphael Semmes, and Generals Bragg, Beauregard and Taylor. With the Battle House reopening, Mobile's living room welcomes visiting dignitaries, local socialites and others desiring luxury accommodations in Mobile's historic hotel. For more information, visit www.rsabattlehouse.com.

The BATTLE HOUSE HOTEL. Legendary Elegance.

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THE MOONLIGHT BALLROOM



Return to the **BATTLE HOUSE**

from Monday, June 18, 2007 By ROY HOFFMAN

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light, elegant, and clutching a cane. Catherine Wyman, 96, made her way across the lobby of the Battle House on Friday, looking out at the weekend guests checking in to the newly restored hotel. She gazed up at the dome that shone just as it had the better part of a century ago. "It's an emotional experience," she said, "going back 70 years,"

Wyman, whose late husband, Tom, was a "hotel man," as she terms it, was making her first visit to the Battle House since she and Tom had enjoyed a special relationship to the hotel as owners.

From 1937, when they bought the hotel, unseen, while running another hotel in Oneonta, N.Y., until 1944, when they sold it, the Battle House was their life. From the parties that swirled through the hotel's Crystal Ballroom, to the hotel's elegant restaurant, to the lobby hat shop she remembers, the Battle House — an image

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of champagne festivities to many — was, to the Wymans, bread-and-butter.

"We were poor as church mice," Wyman said "and had a string of notes we had to pay off each month. My husband worked like a slave to pay off those notes."

Thanks to an influx of cash during Mobile's Carnival season. Wyman explained — Mardi Gras balls and parties — those notes got met.

Her one responsibility at the hotel, she said, was in helping make decisions about decor. "Not many women," she explained, "worked at that time."

And she had a child to raise.

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The Wymans' elder daughter, Linda, 71, spent her childhood until age 7 at the Battle House. Along with her mother for the weekend visit, she had hotel memories, too — coming home from Old Shell Road School to a domed lobby that was her front yard, and going upstairs to the second

floor, to a hotel room that was home.

Despite the mystique of a childhood spent in a hotel — the children's book, "Eloise," depicted the life of a girl in Manhattan's Plaza Hotel — to Linda, hotel life was a little serious.

"I didn't run, I didn't make noise," she said. Her hard-working father, she recalled, would not

For fun, Linda's mother took her to the neighborhood park — Bienville Square.

There was no kitchen in the room, so their meals were prepared downstairs.

"I didn't learn to cook until I was 30," said Catherine Wyman of her early married years, all in hotel rooms.

Still, Wyman would not trade them for anything, it seems. "I have such happy memories," she said.

There was the balcony of the hotel, where she and Tom had looked out on the passing

cavalcade of Royal Street in the 1930s and 40s. There were the Mardi Gras parades that had rolled right by their front door. There were friends they made, like the broadcast executive Kenneth Giddens and his wife. Zelma, who were with them, she recalled, the night they heard the news about the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

There were full-time residents in the hotel, including two young men — one who played the concertina, another the violin — who were the hotel's strolling musicians; and a "men only" bar and pool room on the first floor, where cigar smoke filled the air.

Close to the railroad lines — the GM&O Station was a short ride away — the Battle House held its own, she recalled, among the competition from the Cawthon and Admiral Semmes hotels and others.

"The Battle House was handsome," she said, "but it was all gray." She did not remember, in walking through the lobby now, the hotel looking as colorful way back when.

How did visitors, in pre-air conditioning days, stay cool?

She laughed. "Ceiling fans."

It was that heat that had first welcomed the Wymans on their first visit South, shortly after purchasing the hotel.

Only in their 20s then, they were already seasoned in the business.

Tom had been born in Wickliffe, Ky., on one side of the Ohio River. Catherine was from Cairo, III., on the other.

There was no bridge near their towns. "It took longer to get there," she recalled of the opposite bank, "than it did to get to New York."

As a young man, Tom took a job as a hotel clerk in the Halliday Hotel in Cairo.

"I came home from college during the deep Depression," she said, "I met this handsome young man who was a clerk at the hotel. The owners had taken him under their wing. He was definitely hotel material. That was his love."

Tom soon had another love.

In 1930, Tom had moved to New York state to work in another hotel, but returned during Christmas week to Cairo.

"On New Year's Day he asked me to marry him," Catherine said. "He was going back to New York that night. I'd never been any further than Chicago or Memphis."

They located a minister. "We got married at 10 o'clock," she said, "We made the 11:30 train,"

Three days later their train arrived in New York. Six years later, Tom heard about the Battle House Hotel being for sale in Mobile, and made his decision. When they had arrived on the Gulf Coast, Catherine recalled how they took off their shoes and ran down to the water.

"We were like excited children." Tom passed away in 1985.

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"He was." she said, "the most handsome

As Wyman toured the Battle House, and recounting her story as well from her hotel room — the sumptuous Presidential Suite on the eighth floor — she explained why this weekend trip to Mobile held special meaning.

So many years had passed since this phase "It's like a dream," Wyman said.

of her life drew to a close. When the Wyma sold the Battle House in 1944, they moved to West Point, Miss., where they owned the Henry Clay Hotel, Tom eventually bought other hotels, too.

Fourteen years after Linda was born, the Wymans had a second daughter, Eloise — now Eloise Portera — who was also along for this weekend. In fact, Wyman assembled 14 members of her family for the trek to Mobile, including grandchildren who had heard her Battle House memories while growing up.

Ironically, Wyman had not even known the Battle House was being restored until reading a news article about it in the Memphis newspaper several weeks ago that compared it to the Peabody Hotel in Memphis. She had immediately started calling her family, inviting them all for a reunion.

She was, as she described it, "on fire," to make the trip from her present home, in Grenada, Miss. to Mobile, and to do so with her whole family.

They had planned other outings over the weekend — down Old Shell Road, out to Dauphin Island. Memories of downtown places, long gone, surfaced too — Hammel's store, Gayfers, the old Metzger Brothers on a nearby corner, and Goldstein's Jewelry, when it was downtown.

But it was the Battle House that, to Wyman. was the heart of her Mobile past.

One granddaughter, Lee Portera, 19, said she had watched her grandmother when they arrived. "I was excited to see her face," said Portera.

The Moonlight Ballroom has been hosting weddings and social galas since 1852.







The Grand Hotel

MARRIOTT RESORT, GOLF CLUB & SPA IN POINT CLEAR

Since 1847, the Grand Hotel Marriott Resort, Golf Club & Spa has maintained a gracious tradition of Southern hospitality on historic Mobile Bay. The Grand

Hotel consistently receives the AAA Four Diamond Award and is a family-friendly historical hotel that is 160 years young and was named a top family resort by *Travel & Leisure* and *Zagat*.

The GRAND HOTEL underwent a \$50 million renovation that was completed in 2006.
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at the Grand Hotel in 1941
and went on to become a legend in the
hospitality industry. He was so popular
that the resort named its most popular golf
package the Bucky Golf Package and the
hotel's lounge Bucky's Birdcage Lounge.
Bucky's Birdcage Terrace has a life size
statue of Bucky Miller sculpted by local
artist Barbara Casey. Bucky passed away on
August 30, 2002, at the age of 85.

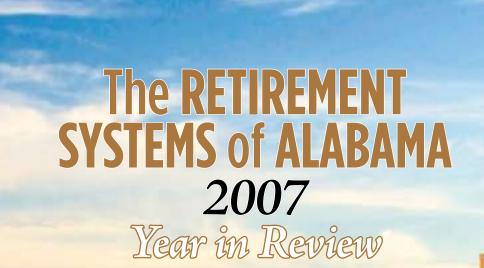


AN IDEAL DESTINATION

The Grand has 405 luxurious guest rooms, 37,000 square feet of meeting space, 550 acres, world class golf courses, 20,000 square foot spa, a croquet lawn, horseshoes, bikes, kayaks, sailboats and eight tennis courts. The hotel was remodeled after Hurricane Katrina in 2006.











The RETIREMENT SYSTEMS of ALABAMA

TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM JUDICIAL RETIREMENT FUND

2007 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITY for 2007

	TRS	ERS	JRF
NEW MEMBERS	14,099	12,110	37
WITHDRAWN MEMBERS	5,072	5,379	7
SERVICE RETIREMENTS		2,047	35
DISABILITY RETIREMENTS	288	223	1
SURVIVING SPOUSES	2	8	1
NEW RENEFICIARIES	779	193	7

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP for 2007

AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2007

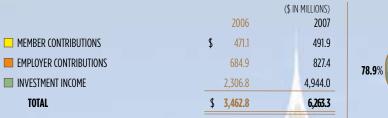
	TRS	ERS	JRF	Total
ACTIVE	134,520	82,532	334	217,386
DROP	4,906	1,891		6,797
RETIRED	64,056	33,701	306	98,063
TOTAL	203,482	118,124	640	322,246

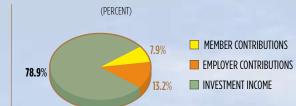
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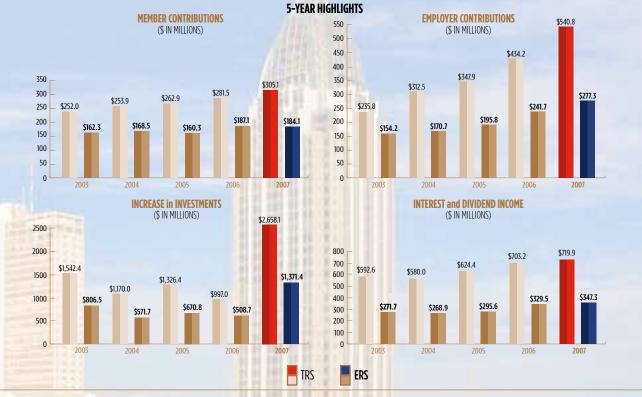
(AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2007: \$ in Thousand

	T	OTAL ASSETS (1)
TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM	\$	21,697,384
EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM		
JUDICIAL RETIREMENT FUND		269.328
ALABAMA CULTURAL RESOURCES PRESERVATION TRUST FUNDS		8,250
ALABAMA EDUCATION FOUNDATION FOR K THROUGH 12		636
DIVISION OF WILDLIFE AND FRESHWATER FISHERIES		14,042
ALABAMA NONGAME WILDLIFE ENDOWMENT TRUST		
ALABAMA UNDERGROUND & ABOVEGROUND STORAGE TANK TRUST FUNDS		5.324
CLERKS' & REGISTERS' SUPERNUMERARY FUND		8.174
ALABAMA SENIOR SERVICES TRUST FUND		
ALABAMA STATE EMPLOYEES' HEALTH INSURANCE FUND		159.712
LOCAL GOVERNMENT HEALTH INSURANCE FUND		48,293
PEIRAF - DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN (RSA - 1)		. 1,069,405
PUBLIC EDUCATION EMPLOYEES' HEALTH INSURANCE FUND		94,663
ALABAMA RETIRED EDUCATION EMPLOYEES' HEALTH CARE TRUST		
PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNT FUND		80,703
ALABAMA MARINE RESOURCES ENDOWMENT TRUST FUND		511
ALABAMA TRUST FUND		932,653
ALABAMA TREASURY FUND		253,267
CHARLOTTE THORN TRUST FUND		6,762
STATE DOCKS PENSION PLANS		
TOTAL ASSETS UNDER MANAGEMENT	\$	35,388,043
CLUDES INVESTMENTS AT FAIR VALUE, CASH, BUILDINGS NET OF DEPRECIATION, AND LAND.	<u> </u>	

REVENUE SOURCES for TRS, ERS & JRF

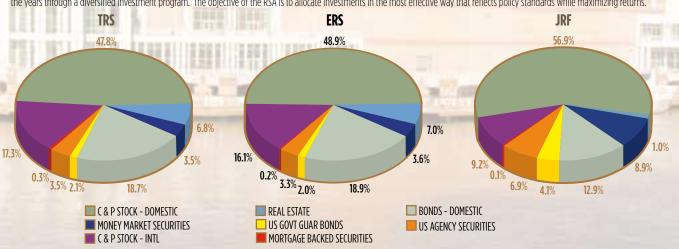






ASSET ALLOCATION

Asset allocation is a strategic long-term decision in the pension investment management process. The RSA is dedicated to preserving the sound financial position it has established over the years through a diversified investment program. The objective of the RSA is to allocate investments in the most effective way that reflects policy standards while maximizing returns.



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RSA CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER / RSA EXECUTIVE BUILDING, Montgomery



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ROBERT TRENT JONES GOLF TRAIL, CAMBRIAN RIDGE, Greenville / ROBERT TRENT JONES GOLF TRAIL, HIGHLAND OAKS, Dothan © MICHAEL CLEMMER



RENAISSANCE RIVERVIEW PLAZA HOTEL / ALABAMA CRUISE TERMINAL, Mobile © TAD DENSON, MYSHOTZ.COM



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RSA TOWER / RSA PLAZA, Montgomery



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As RSA's investments continue to grow and a Constitutional Amendment that was approved by diversify so does RSA's legal work. While the Alabama voters on June 5, 2007. Amendment 798 RSA again won significant court decisions in makes it clear that these trusts are irrevocable and that benefits litigation in state courts, perhaps the most the money in the trusts can only be used for retiree

health care.

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LEGAL, LEGISLATION, COMMUNICATIONS AND FIELD SERVICES

The 2007 Regular Session convened on March 6, 2007, and ended on June 7, 2007. Very little was accomplished during this session as the minority faction in the Senate, consisting of 12 Republicans and 5 Democrats, were not happy with the operating rules that were adopted by the majority, all of whom are Democrats. This prevented passage of a majority of legislation. Both the Education Trust Fund Budget (Act 2007-361) and the General Fund Budget (Act 2007-282) however did pass.

The Teachers' Retirement System (TRS), Employees' Retirement System (ERS) and the Public Education Employees' Health Insurance Plan (PEEHIP) were all properly funded. A funded one-time lump sum payment was granted to both the TRS (Act 2007-296) and ERS (Act 2007-257) retirees to be paid in December 2007. The TRS payment was \$2 per month of service (\$24 per year of service) and the ERS payment was \$1 per month of service (\$12 per year of service).

COMMUNICATIONS / FIELD SERVICES

The Communications Division is responsible for the design, layout, and printing of RSA publications. All division member handbooks, brochures, agency manuals and forms are prepared by the Communications staff. In addition, Communications designs and updates the RSA Web site and oversees the election process for the Board of Control elections.

The RSA Field Services Division is responsible for all educational opportunities offered throughout the state. These responsibilities include scheduling and presenting the Retirement Preparation Seminars for ERS and TRS as well as scheduling the ERS and TRS one-on-one appointments throughout the state. The Field Services employees are on constant standby for making presentations, as well as attending and addressing conferences and seminars.

To protect RSA's assets and the integrity of the market place, the RSA has continued to actively pursue the perpetrators, aiders and abettors

important function of the legal staff is advising

the various RSA divisions on compliance with

state and federal laws and regulations. This helps

avoid unnecessary litigation and ensures that our

members get the benefits to which they are entitled

while protecting against fraud and abuse. During

the past year, the RSA legal staff has provided

advice and guidance on numerous issues in the

areas of benefits, administration, taxation, real

estate, contracts, privacy rights, personnel, etc.

of securities fraud. RSA, as the lead plaintiff for bondholders in the HealthSouth securities fraud class action, has been successful in reaching a substantial settlement with the company and continues to aggressively prosecute claims against HealthSouth's former investment bankers, auditors,

and CEO. Several of RSA's other investments, particularly its developments in Mobile, Opelika, and Montgomery, continue to involve a myriad of legal issues and challenges, including some litigation. Additionally, the legal staff continued to successfully address legal issues which arise on RSA's mature investment development projects and issues relating to potential development projects.

LEGISLATION

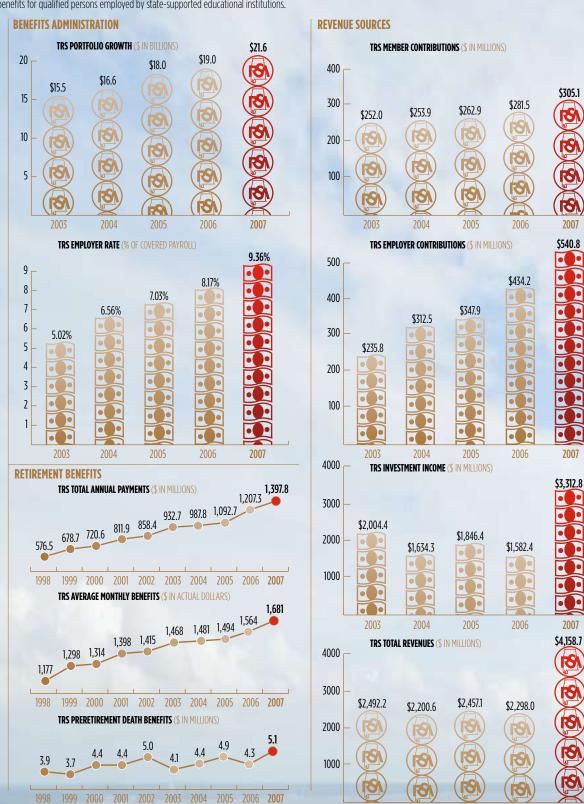
LEGAL

The Alabama Legislature held three sessions in 2007. The Organizational Session began on January 9, 2007, and ended on January 16, 2007. Operating rules were adopted for both the House and Senate.

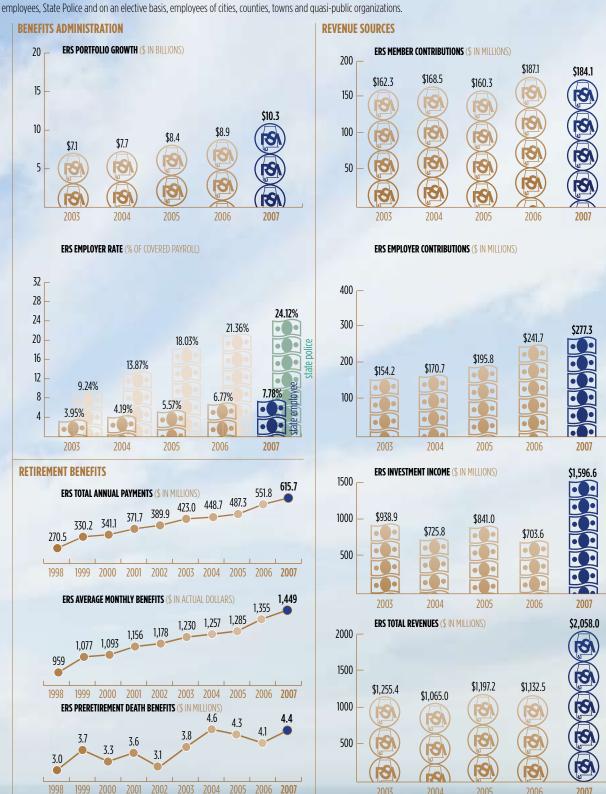
There was a five-day Special Session in February 2007. Both the House and Senate unanimously passed legislation that set up irrevocable trusts to help Alabama pay billions of dollars in future health care cost for retired teachers and retired state workers (Act 2007-16). The Legislature also passed

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benefits for qualified persons employed by state-supported educational institutions.

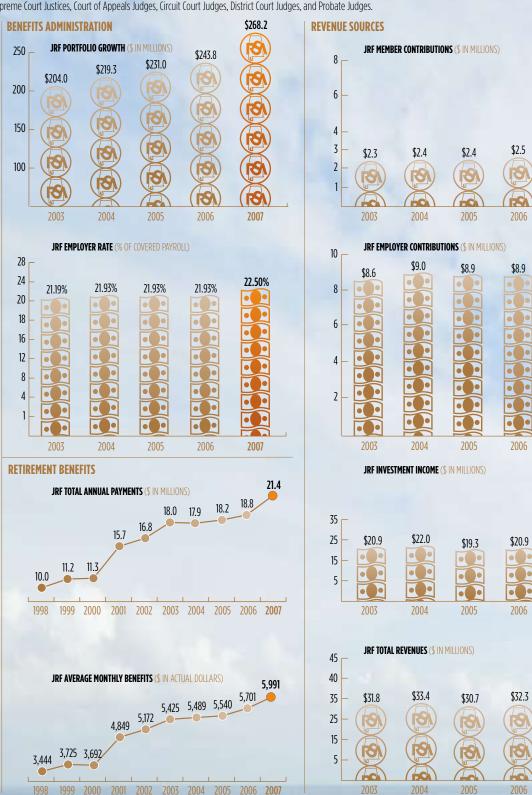


employees, State Police and on an elective basis, employees of cities, counties, towns and quasi-public organizations,



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Supreme Court Justices, Court of Appeals Judges, Circuit Court Judges, District Court Judges, and Probate Judges.



PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNT FUND

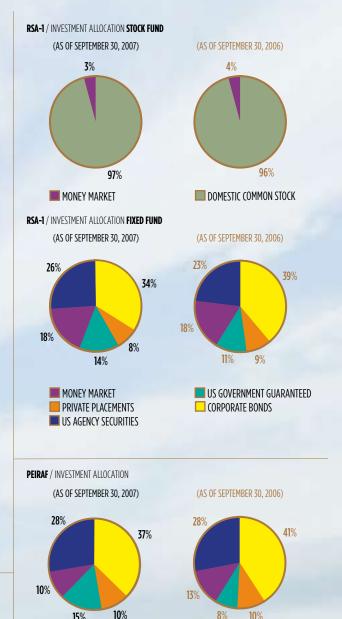
Established in 1986 to allow members of the RSA and certain other eligible public employees to defer receipt of a percentage of their salary, thereby deferring payment of taxes on that income.

12-MONTH PERIOD ENDING	INCOME YIELD* (IN %)	MARKET VALUE CHANGE* (IN %)	TOTAL RETURN* (IN %)	TOTAL ASSETS* (IN \$)	PARTICIPATING MEMBERS
SEPTEMBER 30, 1999	8.84	1.55	10.39	536,609,859	23,490
SEPTEMBER 30, 2000	8.43	-3.24	5.19	586,876,397	24,336
SEPTEMBER 30, 2001 (FIXED INVESTMENT OPTION)	8.34	3.41	11.75	614,039,965	24,938
SEPTEMBER 30, 2001 (STOCK INVESTMENT OPTION)	1.10	-21.09	-19.99	51,080,583	5,291
SEPTEMBER 30, 2002 (FIXED INVESTMENT OPTION)	7.39	-5.71	1.68	625,407,137	25,571
SEPTEMBER 30, 2002 (STOCK INVESTMENT OPTION)	1.42	-18.69	-17.27	47,197,854	5,599
SEPTEMBER 30, 2003 (FIXED INVESTMENT OPTION)	6.18	-1.36	4.82	676,945,292	25,793
SEPTEMBER 30, 2003 (STOCK INVESTMENT OPTION)	1.87	20.01	21.88	62,452,172	5,767
SEPTEMBER 30, 2004 (FIXED INVESTMENT OPTION)	5.63	0.36	5.99	709,604,675	26,057
SEPTEMBER 30, 2004 (STOCK INVESTMENT OPTION)	1.75	11.30	13.05	98,038,346	8,568
SEPTEMBER 30, 2005 (FIXED INVESTMENT OPTION)	6.92	-2.40	4.52	758,012,066	28,379
SEPTEMBER 30, 2005 (STOCK INVESTMENT OPTION)	2.57	9.84	12.41	122,690,568	10,201
SEPTEMBER 30, 2006 (FIXED INVESTMENT OPTION)	6.16	-1.66	4.50	777,937,103	29,520
SEPTEMBER 30, 2006 (STOCK INVESTMENT OPTION)	2.02	8.57	10.59	161,389,754	12,350
SEPTEMBER 30, 2007 (FIXED INVESTMENT OPTION)	6.07	1.89	7.96	866,437,600	31,476
SEPTEMBER 30, 2007	2.05		16.67	714 010 672	
(STOCK INVESTMENT OPTION) *ASSETS ARE VALUED AT COST THE	2.05	13.98 MRED 70, 1008	16.03	214,910,858	14,884

PEIRAF / DEDUCTIBLE EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION PLAN

The Public Employees' Individual Retirement Account Fund (PEIRAF) was established to allow public employees to conveniently and economically receive the fullest benefits offered by the Economic Recovery Tax Act (ERTA) of 1981 as it relates to individual retirement accounts. PEIRAF has operated as a fixed income portfolio since its creation in 1982. Funds are invested in fixed income investments such as corporate bonds, U.S. agency obligations, government national mortgage association securities, and commercial paper.

The Tax Reform Act of 1986 prohibited contributions to deductible voluntary employee contribution plans, such as PEIRAF, for years after 1986. Accordingly, the PEIRAF Board of Control discontinued receiving contributions to this plan after December 31, 1986. However, the



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PEIRAF continues to reinvest the interest earnings of existing PEIRAF member accounts.

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CORPORATE BONDS

PUBLIC EDUCATION EMPLOYEES' HEALTH INSURANCE FUND

hospital/medical plan; Southland National administers the supplemental plans; and Express Scripts, Inc. administers the prescription drug plan.

BALANCE SHEET

AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2007 AND SEPTEMBER 30, 2006				
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		2007		2006
ASSETS				
CASH	\$	2,208	\$	1,080
RECEIVABLES				
PREMIUMS	-	1,815		2,026
INTEREST		563		1,430
TOTAL RECEIVABLES	_	2,378		3,456
DEPOSIT WITH CLAIMS-PAYING AGENT		707		20,393
INVESTMENTS, AT FAIR VALUE	9	92,455	1	292,257
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TOTAL ASSETS	\$	97,748	\$	317,186
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LIABILITIES	M		15	
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	\$	16	\$	12
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS PAYABLE	\$	460	\$	12 440
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS PAYABLE REPORTS CLAIMS PAYABLE	\$	460 15,392	\$	440 17,844
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS PAYABLE	\$	460	\$	440
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS PAYABLE REPORTS CLAIMS PAYABLE CLAIMS INCURRED BUT NOT REPORTED		460 15,392 35,576	\$	440 17,844 52,355
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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND EQUITY

JI	(\$ IN THOUSANDS)
2007	2006
\$ 834,345	\$ 1,011,950
1	10,128
16,404	11,143
452	(58)
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CLAIMS	632,270	845,22
ADMINISTRATIVE	2,199	2,609
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	634,469	847,830
OPERATING INCOME	216,769	185,333
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END OF THE YEAR	\$ 46,304	\$ 246,535
BEGINNING OF THE YEAR	246,535	61,202

900,000		\$735,407	\$784,655	\$845,221	
700,000	- \$666,576	PEEHIP	PEEHIP	PEEHIP	\$632,270
600,000	- PEEHIP	X	PEEHIP	PEERIP	PEEHIP
500,000	PEEHIP	PEEHIP	X	PEEHIP	X
400,000	- 🔻	PEEHIP	PEEHIP	PEEHIP	PEEHIP
300,000	PEEHIP	PEEHIP	PEEHIP	PEEHIP	PEEHIP
200,000	PEEHIP	X	PEEHIP	PEERIP	PEEHIP
100,000	PEEHIP	PEEHIP	PEEHIP	PEEHIP	PEEHIP
l	2007	2004	1	2000	
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007



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WDFX	DOTHAN, AL	172
WFLX	WEST PALM BEACH, FL	38
WPGX	PANAMA CITY, FL	154
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KENTUCKY

■ The Independent, Ashland, KY ■ Times Tribune, Corbin, KY

Richmond Register, Richmond, KY

■ Greenup News-Times, Greenup, KY

Grayson Journal Enquirer, Grayson, KY

Community Newspaper Holdings, Inc.

■ The News-Courier, Athens, AL ■ The Cullman Times, Cullman, AL

Classified Ad Network (CNHI-CAN), Birmingham, AL

 CNHI News Service, Birmingham, AL North Jefferson News, Gardendale, AL

■ The Leeds News, Leeds, AL St. Clair News Aegis, Pell City, AL

FLORIDA

The Branford News, Branford, FL

■ The Jasper News, Jasper, FL

Suwannee Democrat, Live Oak, FL

■ The Mayo Free Press, Mayo, FL

 Americus Times Recorder, Americus, GA Cordele Dispatch, Cordele, GA

The Daily Citizen, Dalton, GA

 The Union-Recorder, Milledgeville, GA The Moultrie Observer, Moultrie, GA

Thomasville Times-Enterprise Thomasville GA

The Tifton Gazette, Tifton, GA Valdosta Daily Times, Valdosta, GA

Lake Oconee Breeze, Milledgeville. GA Dalton Magazine, Dalton, GA

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Tifton Scene, Tifton, GA

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Clinton Herald, Clinton, IA

The Oskaloosa Herald, Oskaloosa, IA

Ottumwa Daily Courier, Ottumwa, IA

 Knoxville Journal Express, Knoxville, IA ■ Pella Chronicle, Pella, IA

ILLINOIS

■ Effingham Daily News, Effingham, IL

Mt. Vernon Register News, Mt. Vernon, IL

■ Shelbyville Daily Union, Shelbyville, IL

■ Times-Leader, McLeansboro, IL

■ The Herald Bulletin, Anderson, IN

Goshen News, Goshen, IN

 Greensburg Daily News, Greensburg, IN ■ The Evening News, Jeffersonville, IN

Kokomo Tribune, Kokomo, IN

The Lebanon Reporter, Lebanon, IN.

The Pharos-Tribune, Logansport, IN

The Tribune, New Albany, IN Rushville Republican, Rushville, IN

The Tribune Star Terre Haute IN

Washington Times Herald, Washington, IN

 Hendricks County Flyer, Avon, IN XI Marketing, Carmel, IN

■ Batesville Herald-Tribune, Batesville, IN

 Highflyer Carmel IN The Zionsville Times Sentinel, Zionsville, IN

KANSAS

Farm Talk, Parsons, KS

■ Glasgow Daily Times, Glasgow, KY

Commonwealth Journal, Somerset, KY

■ The Sentinel Echo, London, KY

■ Wayne County Outlook, Monticello, KY

Morehead News, Morehead, KY

■ Olive Hill Times, Olive Hill, KY

McCreary County Record, Whitley City, KY ■ The Midwest City Sun, Midwest City, OK MASSACHUSETTS ■ The American, Moore, OK

 Gloucester Daily Times, Gloucester, MA ■ Tuttle Times, Tuttle, OK

■ The Daily News of Newburyport, Newburyport, MA Shop N' Swap, Stillwater, OK

■ The Eagle-Tribune, North Andover, MA Stilwell Democrat Journal, Stilwell, OK

 Waurika News Democrat, Waurika, OK ■ The Salem News, Salem, MA

■ Westville Reporter, Westville, OK

Andover Townsman, Andover, MA PENNSYLVANIA ■ Town Crossings, Andover, MA ■ The Tribune-Democrat, Johnstown, PA

■ The Haverhill Gazette, Haverhill, MA ■ The Meadville Tribune, Meadville, PA ■ New Castle News, New Castle, PA

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Garrett County Weekender, Oakland, MD ■ The Danville News, Danville, PA MICHIGAN

The Record-Eagle, Traverse City, MI

 Grand Traverse Herald, Traverse City, MI MINNESOTA

Mankato Free Press, Mankato, MN

■ The Land, Mankato MN

Home Magazine, Mankato, MN

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NORTH CAROLINA

NEW HAMPSHIRE

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 Laurel Leader-Call, Laurel, MS The Meridian Star, Meridian, MS

■ Picayune Item, Picayune, MS

■ The Daily Southerner, Tarboro, NC

■ Stanly News & Press, Albemarle, NC

■ The Randolph Guide, Asheboro, NC

■ Carriage Towne News, Kingston, NH

■ Derry News / Weekender, Derry, NH

■ The Journal-Register, Medina, NY

Niagara Gazette, Niagara Falls, NY

The Daily Star, Oneonta, NY

Albion Advertiser, Albion, NY

Ken-Ton Record, Kenmore, NY

■ The Star Beacon, Ashtabula, OH

The Ada Evening News, Ada, OK

■ Edmond Sun, Edmond, OK

■ Enid News & Eagle, Enid, OK

Pryor Daily Times, Pryor, OK

Chickasha Express Star, Chickasha, OK

 Claremore Daily Progress, Claremore, OK ■ The Duncan Banner, Duncan, OK

■ McAlester News-Capital, McAlester, OK

■ The Muskogee Phoenix, Muskogee, OK

■ The Norman Transcript, Norman, OK

■ The Stillwater Newspress, Stillwater, OK

■ Tahlequah Daily Press, Tahlequah, OK

■ Woodward News, Woodward, OK

■ Show & Tell, Cushing, OK

Pauls Valley Daily Democrat, Pauls Valley, OK

■ TheAmherstRecord.com, Amherst, NY

The Press-Republican, Plattsburgh, NY

Grand Island Record Grand Island NY

■ Tonawanda News, North Tonawanda, NY

Lockport Union-Sun & Journal, Lockport, NY

■ The Star Herald, Koscuisko, MS ■ The Mexia Daily News, Mexia, TX The Newton Record, Newton, MS

Mineral Wells Index, Mineral Wells, TX ■ The Poplarville Democrat, Poplarville, MS

■ The Orange Leader, Orange, TX

Allied News, Grove City, PA

View and Voices, Sharon, PA

TENNESSEE

TEXAS

Johnstown Magazine, Johnstown, PA

Crossville Chronicle, Crossville, TN

Athens Daily Review, Athens TX

Cleburne Times Review, Cleburne, TX ■ Corsicana Daily Sun, Corsicana, TX

Gainesville Daily Register, Gainesville, TX

Greenville Herald Banner, Greenville, TX

Jacksonville Daily Progress, Jacksonville, TX

The Huntsville Item, Huntsville, TX

Shoppers Edge, Enid, OK

Ft. Gibson Times, Ft. Gibson, OK

■ Hartshorne Sun, Hartshorne, OK

Palestine Herald-Press, Palestine, TX

■ The Port Arthur News, Port Arthur, TX

San Marcos Daily Record, San Marcos, TX

Weatherford Democrat, Weatherford, TX

Rockwall County Herald Banner, Greenville, TX

Royse City Herald Banner, Greenville, TX

■ Commerce Journal, Commerce, TX

■ Cedar Creek Pilot, Gun Barrel City, TX

■ The Hubbard City News, Mexia, TX ■ The Parker County Shopper, Weatherford, TX

WEST VIRGINIA

■ The Register Herald, Beckley, WV

■ Bluefield Daily Telegraph, Bluefield, WV ■ Times West Virginian, Fairmont, WV

Morgantown Times, Morgantown, WV Corridor Magazine, Morgantown, WV

Montgomery Herald, Montgomery, WV

■ The Favette Tribune, Oak Hill, WV

Princeton Times, Princeton, WV

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COMMISSIONS PAID REPORT / FISCAL YEAR 2007

	VOLUME OF BUSINESS PRIVATE PLACEMENTS AGENCIES (\$ IN MILLIONS)	COMMISSIONS STOCK TRANSACTIONS (\$ IN ACTUAL DOLLARS)	COMMISSIONS BOND TRANSACTIONS (\$ IN ACTUAL DOLLARS)
A G EDWARDS	\$.	\$ 255,287	\$.
BANC OF AMERICA	50		188,651
BEAR STEARNS	166	526,970	84,631
BELL MICROPRODUCTS	55		
BERNSTEIN		817,843	
CENTENNIAL CAPITAL		15,000	
CITIGROUP	208	812,703	427,114
CNHI	285		
CREDIT SUISSE FIRST BOSTON	70	516,125	159,840
DEUTSCHE BANK	50	91,905	82,066
EMPIRICAL RESEARCH		130,525	
FIRST DISCOUNT		11,250	
GARDNER RICH		15,000	
GOLDMAN SACHS	188	140,031	175,503
HOWARD WEIL	LITTEN HAM VE	125,501	
ISSUER DESIGNATED			175,148
ISI		309,761	
JP MORGAN CHASE	55	675,840	238,566
KEYBANC CAPITAL MARKETS	216		108,969
KEEFE BRUYETTE		134,708	
LAZARD CAPITAL		36,250	
LEHMAN BROTHERS, INC	97	708,692	333,824
MATRIX		48,000	
MAXIM		3,750	
MCDONALD & COMPANY		17,500	
MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH, INC	244	559,546	273,766
MORGAN KEEGAN	2	60,000	2,000
MORGAN STANLEY DEAN WITTER	103	630,049	275,460
NDC SECURITIES, INC		55,000	
NED DAVIS		28,589	
OPPENHEIMER	(27	233,907	200 777
RAYMOND JAMES	623	54,935	209,375
REGISTER CORTS		11,250	
SANDLER O'NEIL		231,962	
SECURITIES CAPITAL		15,135	
SOUTHCOAST		107,842	
SOUTHWEST SECURITIES		13,000	4,000
STERNE, AGEE & LEACH UBS WARBURG	<u>4</u> 20	105,230 38,750	162,460
WACHOVIA SECURITIES	20	75,000	2,000
WISE ALLOYS	30	73,000	2,000
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TOTAL	\$ 2,468	\$ 7,612,836	\$ 2,903,373

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FIXED INCOME ACTIVITY

At the beginning of fiscal year 2007, the Federal Reserve had just ended a tightening cycle that had been active for two years. Prior to this pause, policymakers had lifted the federal funds rate 17 consecutive times with each action constituting 25 basis points. During this time, the Fed's preferred price gauge (core PCE) clocked in at 2.4%, slightly higher than their comfort level of 1-2%. Fed officials subscribe to the notion that as the economy gradually slows, inflation will also drift lower. In the last couple of months of calendar 2006, unemployment was sitting at a five-year low with the ten-year treasury yielding 4.60%. At the October meeting, Chairman Ben Bernanke and the Fed left short-term rates unchanged citing that additional tightening may be necessary and that the risk of inflation was greater than the risk of a slowing economy.

As the end of 2006 drew near, treasury yields rose significantly as any prospect of a near-term rate cut had ceased. In examining the fixed income market, spread product performed very well during this period due to stable credit fundamentals, favorable technicals, and a decline in equity volatility. The Federal Reserve left short-term financing rates steady at both the December and January meetings, marking the fifth consecutive time they had passed on policy change. In late February, investors started to witness what would become commonplace headlines involving sub prime lending. This led to a brief panic within credit markets as volatility showed signs of life and global equity markets fell significantly. This pushed treasury yields lower as risk-averse investors sought safety within government securities. The investment grade and high yield sectors also weakened during this period as growing concerns about mortgage lending began to mount.

At the March meeting, the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) made significant changes in the wording of its policy statement. After previously stating that there had been signs of stabilization within the housing market, they concluded that the "adjustment in the housing sector was ongoing." The committee also abandoned the reference to additional firming. This was in response to signs of slower economic and employment growth. While the U.S. economy had clearly slowed and the tightening bias had been removed, we felt that the Federal Reserve would be reluctant to ease in the near-term on concerns that "inflation would fail to moderate as expected." We were correct in our assessment as Chairman Ben Bernanke and the Fed left monetary policy unchanged at both the June and August meetings. However, there were significant developments during this time that would ultimately lead to action.

In mid-June, Bear Stearns announced the collapse of two hedge funds under management due to mortgage defaults of homeowners with poor credit. This in turn, triggered the "flight to quality" trade into the marketplace leading to a dramatic steepening of the yield curve. In its August 7 FOMC statement, policymakers did acknowledge tighter credit conditions for "some households and businesses", but left the current short-term lending rate intact. A few days later, France's largest bank was forced to halt withdrawals from three of its managed funds. This development caused overnight lending rates to soar. In response, the European Central Bank pumped cash into the financial system in order to stabilize the situation. Policy-making bodies around the globe followed suit, including the Federal Reserve. The following week, the nation's largest home lender, Countrywide Financial, had its solvency called into question. The institution was forced to draw down its entire bank credit facility as it and others were unable to raise capital in the unsecured and asset-backed commercial paper market. The lack of liquidity and accessibility within short-term markets produced the best quarterly performance for Treasuries in five years.

After failing in its two attempts to calm the market by pumping in liquidity, the Federal Reserve lowered the discount rate 50 basis points to 5.75%. This essentially was a precursor that policymakers would lower the federal funds rate no later than the September meeting. At that meeting the Federal Reserve lowered short-term interest rates by 50 basis points, somewhat of a surprise to the capital markets which for the most part were forecasting only a 25 basis point ease. In the statement, the committee stated its concern that current conditions could ultimately produce an economic downturn. Since the Fed's September action, the economic climate has gotten worse. Equity markets have stumbled, interest rates have fallen, commodity prices have soared, and most importantly, the confidence of the consumer, which is such an integral part of the economy, has dropped. Going forward, we feel that the Federal Reserve will be poised to lower rates further in order to regain confidence within the financial system. Until this occurs, we expect that equities will continue to weaken, spread product will underperform government debt, and that the yield curve will likely steepen further.

For fiscal year 2007, the RSA purchased approximately \$1.5 billion in additional securities for the fixed income portfolio. As of September 30, 2007, the RSA's fixed income portfolio had a market value of \$11.2 billion, of which 10.3% was in money market securities. For the fiscal year, the total annual returns for the fixed income portfolios were 15.15% for the TRS and 16.48% for the ERS and 7.16% for the JRF. The five-year annualized returns were 7.71% for the TRS and 7.89% for the ERS and 5.34% for the JRF. The ten-year annualized returns were 6.63% for the TRS and 6.65% for the ERS and 5.51% for the JRF.

LONG-TERM FIXED SECURITIES PURCHASED (\$ IN MILLIONS)

TOTAL	\$ 998.4	500.0	17.9	1,516.3
APRIL THROUGH SEPTEMBER	429.1	185.0	12.2	626.3
OCTOBER THROUGH MARCH	\$ 569.3	315.0	5.7	890.0
MONTHS	TRS	ERS	JRF	TOTAL

MATURITY STRUCTURE

The management of maturities for the bond portfolio is an integral part of the RSA's objective of providing a stable cashflow to meet retirement benefit needs. The RSA has historically structured its purchases in longer-term securities with intermediate call protection or average lives in order to meet its retirement obligations.

MATURITY DISTRIBUTION (IN %)

		TRS			ERS	
YEARS TO MATURITY	2007	2006	2005	2007	2006	2005
0 TO <5	22	23	28	20	21	27
5 TO <15	72	62	57	75	64	58
15 TO <20	2	1	1	1	1	1
20 TO <25	2	5	5	2	5	5
25 TO <30	2	9	9	2	9	9

QUALITY EVALUATION

The RSA continued its long-standing policy of investing in high quality fixed income products. Bond ratings, however, provide only a starting point in the evaluation of the relative investment qualities of a bond. Times have changed dramatically over the past decade and few companies today have a rating of AAA to A. Many companies are now rated BAA or lower.

QUALITY DISTRIBUTION (IN %)

		TRS			ERS	
RATING	2007	2006	2005	2007	2006	2005
AAA	25	25	26	24	23	25
AA	4	3	2	3	3	2
A	7	8	8	7	8	8
BAA	12	17	16	12	17	17
NOT RATED	50	47	48	52	49	48

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EQUITY STRATEGY

After the dust settled, 2007 proved to be quite a good year for the global stock markets. In the same fashion as the three prior years, the first quarter of the new fiscal year proved to be the most linear in terms of returns. The fireworks started going off in late February, mostly in reaction to news that the Chinese authorities were tightening down on the liquidity in their markets through various measures. After that settled down, the markets were again off to the races. The LBO and private equity craze that had been ongoing for 3 or 4 years continued unabated. Almost on que, private equity firms began to file ipo's to go public. This more or less marked the top in the merger mania that had been driven by the private equity shops.

At the same time, the housing market continued to unravel, as more and more evidence of loose lending policies evidenced itself. By the middle of August, the sub-prime lending issues that had been "contained" per the Fed's view earlier in the year had turned into a full blown crisis. The Fed had to reverse course and immediately cut the discount rate, followed closely by a cut in the Fed Funds rate. After nearly a 10% correction in a matter of weeks, the markets reversed course and closed out the year near the highs set in early July. The one takeaway that really stood out for 2007 was how quickly investor sentiment could change from exuberant to pessimistic. Volatility looks like it is back in play for some time to come.

There was very little change within the equity portfolio in the 12 months ended September 30. We did add a roughly 1% exposure to emerging markets when those markets became dislocated in February and August. We have continued to favor the larger capitalization stocks, and that strategy again worked as large caps outperformed small caps for the second straight year.

In review, the RSA equity allocation began the year at roughly 62%, and closed out fiscal 2007 at 63% on average across the three funds. Domestic equities account for 46% of the fund, and international equities are now 17% of the total. For the second year in a row, the large capitalization indices beat the smaller caps. The S & P 500 index was up 16.44%, the S & P 400 Midcap index was up 18.76%, and the S & P Smallcap 600 index was up 14.93%. The MSCI EAFE index was up 24.86%, again outperforming the broad domestic equity indices.

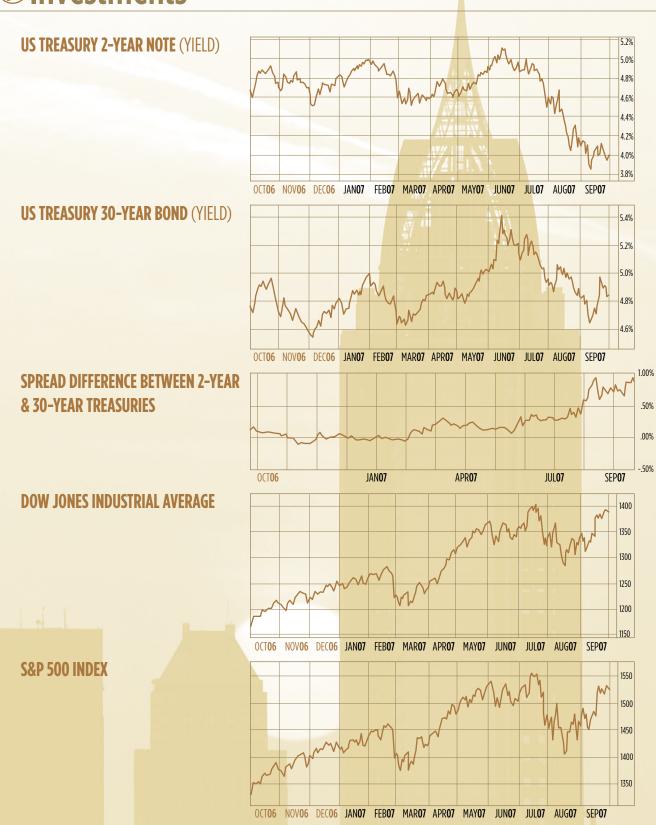
For the year, the RSA domestic equity portfolios increased 16.60%, 16.68%, and 16.89% for the TRS, ERS, and JRF funds, respectively. International equity returns fared better, posting 25.43% for TRS and 25.50% for ERS. The combined total return for the overall equity portfolios were 18.44%, 18.84%, and 17.89% for the TRS, ERS, and JRF, respectively. Three-, five-, and ten-year annualized global equity returns were 15.98%, 17.92%, and 7.99% for TRS, 15.95%, 17.89%, and 7.95% for ERS, and 13.84%, 16.06%. and 7.25% for JRF, respectively.

INVESTMENT RETURNS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2007 (PERCENT)

	1-YEAR	3-YEARS	5-YEARS	10-YEARS	
EQUITY RETURNS					
TRS	18.84	15.98	17.92	7.99	
ERS	18.84	15.95	17.89	7.95	
JRF	17.89	13.84	16.06	7.25	
FIXED INCOME RETURNS					
TRS	15.15	7.66	7.71	6.63	
ERS	16.48	8.07	7.89	6.65	
JRF	7.16	6.49	5.34	5.51	
TOTAL RSA RETURNS					
TRS	17.46	12.46	12.94	7.42	
ERS	17.92	12.35	12.86	7.27	
JRF	14.27	11.08	11.26	6.73	
BENCHMARKS					
S&P 500	16.44	13.14	15.45	6.57	
DJIA	21.67	13.85	15.42	7.87	
MIDCAP 400	18.76	15.63	18.17	11.60	
SMALLCAP 600	14.93	14.29	18.73	9.41	
MSCI EAFE	24.86	23.24	23.55	7.97	
CITIGROUP BIG	5.25	3.95	4.23	6.01	
LEHMAN BROTHERS AGGREGATE	5.14	3.86	4.13	5.97	

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STATEMENT OF PLAN NET ASSETS AS OF SEPTEMBER:	30, 2007 AND 2006		STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN PLAN I
		IN THOUSANDS)	FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMB
	2007	2006	
ASSETS	2001	2000	ADDITIONS
ASSETS			CONTRIBUTIONS
			EMPLOYEE
CASH	\$ 8,102	\$ 9,653	EMPLOYER
			TRANSFERS FROM EMPLOYEES'
RECEIVABLES			TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS
EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS	25,508	23,814	INVESTMENT INCOME
EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS	47,751	38,912	FROM INVESTMENT ACTI
DIVIDENDS AND INTEREST	151,198	154,800	NET INCREASE IN FAIR VALUE O
			INTEREST AND DIVIDENDS
TOTAL RECEIVABLES	224,457	217,526	TOTAL INVESTMENT INCOME FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES
			LESS: INVESTMENT EXPEN
INVESTMENTS, AT FAIR VALUE			NET INVESTMENT INCOME
DOMESTIC EQUITY	10,350,683	9,157,003	FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES FROM SECURITIES LENDI
DOMESTIC FIXED INCOME	5,282,777	4,990,746	SECURITIES LENDING INCOME
INTERNATIONAL	3,735,724	2,967,620	SECURITIES LENDING EXPENSES
REAL ESTATE	1,480,737	1,206,840	BORROWER REBATES
SHORT-TERM	776,563	646,143	MANAGEMENT FEES
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	21,626,484	18,968,352	TOTAL SECURITIES LENDIN
TOTAL INVESTIGATION		10,300,332	NET INCOME FROM SECUR
	2 747 047	1 000 001	LENDING ACTIVITIES
INVESTED SECURITIES LENDING COLLATERAL	2,717,017	1,922,021	TOTAL INVESTMENT INCOM
			TOTAL ADDITIONS
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT LESS ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	62,798	15,875	DEDUCTIONS
TOTAL ASSETS	24,638,858	21,133,427	DEDUCTIONS RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE PAYMEN
TOTAL POSETS			RETURN OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND I
HADILITIES			TRANSFERS TO EMPLOYEES' RETIRE
LIABILITIES			TRANSFERS TO JUDICIAL RETIREME
			ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND OTHER LIABILITIES	3,091	3,603	DEPRECIATION
SECURITIES LENDING COLLATERAL	2,717,017	1,922,021	TOTAL DEDUCTIONS
TOTAL LIABILITIES	2,720,108	1,925,624	NET INCREASE
			NET ASSETS HELD IN TRUST FOR I
NET ASSETS HELD IN TRUST	4.04.040.	¢ 50 000 000	BEGINNING OF THE YEAR
FOR PENSION BENEFITS	\$ 21,918,750	\$ 19,207,803	END OF THE YEAR

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	STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN PLAN NET ASSETS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2007 AND 2006			
)		(\$	IN THOUSANDS)	
		2007	2006	
	ADDITIONS			
	CONTRIBUTIONS			
	EMPLOYEE	\$ 302,272	\$ 278,220	
	EMPLOYER	540,847	434,195	
	TRANSFERS FROM EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM	2,814	3,235	
	TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	845,933	715,650	
	INVESTMENT INCOME			
	FROM INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES			
	NET INCREASE IN FAIR VALUE OF INVESTMENTS	2,589,858	878,743	
	INTEREST AND DIVIDENDS	719,910	703,189	
	TOTAL INVESTMENT INCOME FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	3,309,768	1,581,932	
	LESS: INVESTMENT EXPENSE	5,105	4,947	
	NET INVESTMENT INCOME FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	3,304,663	1,576,985	
	FROM SECURITIES LENDING ACTIVITIES			
	SECURITIES LENDING INCOME	136,869	84,052	
	SECURITIES LENDING EXPENSES			
	BORROWER REBATES	126,966	77,407	
	MANAGEMENT FEES	1,770	1,271	
	TOTAL SECURITIES LENDING EXPENSES	128,736	78,678	
	NET INCOME FROM SECURITIES	0.177	F 774	
	LENDING ACTIVITIES	8,133	5,374	
	TOTAL INVESTMENT INCOME TOTAL ADDITIONS	3,312,796 4,158,729	1,582,359	
	IOTAL ADDITIONS	4,130,723	2,290,009	
	DEDUCTIONS			
	RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE PAYMENTS	1,397,808	1,207,251	
	RETURN OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND DEATH BENEFITS	37,474	36.683	
	TRANSFERS TO EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM	2,406	2,982	
	TRANSFERS TO JUDICIAL RETIREMENT FUND		26	
	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE	9,614	11,325	
	DEPRECIATION	480	462	
	TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	1,447,782	1,258,729	
	NET INCREASE	2,710,947	1,039,280	
	NET ASSETS HELD IN TRUST FOR PENSION BENEFITS			
	BEGINNING OF THE YEAR	19,207,803	18,168,523	
	END OF THE YEAR	\$ 21,918,750	\$ 19,207,803	

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EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT FUND					
STATEMENT OF PLAN NET ASSETS AS OF SEPTEMBER	R 30, 2007 AND 2006		STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN PLAN NET ASSETS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2007 AND 2006		
	(\$1	N THOUSANDS)	FOR THE FISCAL TEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2007 AND 2000	(\$	N THOUSANDS
	2007	2006		2007	2006
ASSETS			ADDITIONS		
			CONTRIBUTIONS		
CASH	\$ 7,190	\$ 5,074	EMPLOYEE	\$ 181,734	\$ 184,144
		With the second	EMPLOYER	277,254	241,750
RECEIVABLES			TRANSFERS FROM TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM	2,406	2,982
	14.600	14 557	TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	461,394	428,876
EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS	14,600	14,553	INVESTMENT INCOME		
EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS	26,083	22,281	FROM INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES	1242	7
DIVIDENDS AND INTEREST	72,215	73,728	NET INCREASE IN FAIR VALUE OF INVESTMENTS	1,249,495	375,025
			INTEREST AND DIVIDENDS TOTAL INVESTMENT INCOME	347,272	329,459
TOTAL RECEIVABLES	112,898	110,562	FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	1,596,767	704,484
			LESS: INVESTMENT EXPENSE	3,725	3,216
INVESTMENTS, AT FAIR VALUE			NET INVESTMENT INCOME	1 507 042	701 200
DOMESTIC EQUITY	5,002,102	4,345,437	FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES FROM SECURITIES LENDING ACTIVITIES	1,593,042	701,268
DOMESTIC FIXED INCOME	2,497,334	2,314,148	SECURITIES LENDING INCOME	58,925	35,407
INTERNATIONAL	1,650,424	1,307,815	SECURITIES LENDING EXPENSES	30,323	JJ,401
REAL ESTATE	720,752	583,690	BORROWER REBATES	54,648	32,567
SHORT-TERM	380,667	328,769	MANAGEMENT FEES	727	504
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	10,251,279	8.879.859	TOTAL SECURITIES LENDING EXPENSES	55,375	33,07
TOTAL INVESTILING	10,231,273	0,073,033	NET INCOME FROM SECURITIES		
INVESTED CECURITIES LENDING COLLATERAL	1 717 677	064 400	LENDING ACTIVITIES	3,550	2,336
INVESTED SECURITIES LENDING COLLATERAL	1,317,633	864,409	TOTAL INVESTMENT INCOME	1,596,592	703,604
			TOTAL ADDITIONS	2,057,986	1,132,480
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT LESS ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	32,044	8,625	DEDUCTIONS		
TOTAL ASSETS	11,721,044	9,868,529	DEDUCTIONS RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE PAYMENTS	615,661	551,793
THE HOUSE	11,721,017	3,000,525	RETURN OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND DEATH BENEFITS	31,829	31,780
LIABILITIES			TRANSFERS TO TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM	2,814	3,235
LINDILITIES			TRANSFERS TO JUDICIAL RETIREMENT FUND	220	133
ACCOUNTS BAVABLE AND ATTER		2.22	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE	7,813	7,850
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND OTHER LIABILITIES	2,193	2,253	DEPRECIATION	298	337
SECURITIES LENDING COLLATERAL	1,317,633	864,409	TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	658,635	595,128
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,319,826	866,662	NET INCREASE	1,399,351	537,352
			NET ASSETS HELD IN TRUST FOR PENSION BENEFITS		
NET ASSETS HELD IN TRUST	¢ 10, 401, 210	¢ 0 001 007	BEGINNING OF THE YEAR	9,001,867	8,464,515
FOR PENSION BENEFITS	\$ 10,401,218	\$ 9,001,867	END OF THE YEAR	\$ 10,401,218	\$ 9,001,867

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JUDICIAL RETIREMENT FUND				1 3	
STATEMENT OF PLAN NET ASSETS AS OF SEPTEMBER	30, 2007 AND 2006		STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN PLAN NET ASSETS		
	(\$ IN	FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2007 AND 2006	(\$ IN	THOUSANDS)	
	2007	2006	11 54 21	2007	2006
ASSETS			ADDITIONS		
			CONTRIBUTIONS		
CASH	\$ 1,136	\$ 1,077	EMPLOYEE	\$ 2,416	\$ 2,338
7			EMPLOYER	9,307	8,916
RECEIVABLES			TRANSFERS FROM TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM	· -	26
EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS	112	112	TRANSFERS FROM EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM	220	133
EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS	316	303	TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	11,943	11,413
DIVIDENDS AND INTEREST	1,364	1,320	INVESTMENT INCOME		
			FROM INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES		
TOTAL RECEIVABLES	1,792	1,735	NET INCREASE IN FAIR VALUE OF INVESTMENTS	25,988	11,215
			INTEREST AND DIVIDENDS	8,500	9,598
INVESTMENTS, AT FAIR VALUE			TOTAL INVESTMENT INCOME	74.400	20.017
DOMESTIC EQUITY	152,778	153,064	FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	34,488	20,813
DOMESTIC FIXED INCOME	64,232	68,108	LESS: INVESTMENT EXPENSE	2	2
INTERNATIONAL	24,752	- 1	NET INVESTMENT INCOME FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	34,486	20,811
REAL ESTATE	2,550	2,494	FROM SECURITIES LENDING ACTIVITIES		
SHORT-TERM	23,880	20,104	SECURITIES LENDING INCOME	1,945	908
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	268,192	243,770	SECURITIES LENDING EXPENSES		
		No.	BORROWER REBATES	1,832	861
INVESTED SECURITIES LENDING COLLATERAL	45,430	25,393	MANAGEMENT FEES	18	7
			TOTAL SECURITIES LENDING EXPENSES	1,850	868
TOTAL ASSETS	316,550	271,975	NET INCOME FROM SECURITIES	٥٢	40
			LENDING ACTIVITIES	95	40
LIABILITIES			TOTAL INVESTMENT INCOME	34,581	20,851
			TOTAL ADDITIONS DEDUCTIONS	46,524	32,264
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND OTHER LIABILITIES	187	160	RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE PAYMENTS	21,356	18,777
SECURITIES LENDING COLLATERAL	45,430	25,393	RETURN OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND DEATH BENEFITS ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE	183 474	45 432
TOTAL LIABILITIES	45,617	25,553	TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	22,013	19,254
			NET INCREASE NET ASSETS HELD IN TRUST FOR PENSION BENEFITS	24,511	13,010
NET ASSETS HELD IN TRUST			BEGINNING OF THE YEAR	246 422	233,412
FOR PENSION BENEFITS	\$ 270,933	\$ 246,422		246,422 \$ 270.022	
SEPARATELY ISSUED, AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE UPON RE	EQUEST.		END OF THE YEAR	\$ 270,933	\$ 246,422

THE RSA BATTLE HOUSE TOWER

A View from the Pinnacle... BACK COVER: Inside the pinnacle of the RSA Battle House Tower.
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