

Mobile Favorites 2001

Collected by the BMD 101 class, November 2001

Entertainment

Blue Planet: This is my favorite place because of several reasons. One some of my friends own it and I get free or discounted drinks. I also enjoy the deck outside over the street. (*Andy*)

Downtown: I like to go downtown to be with my friends and go to Bayfest. (*Janet*)

The Garage: The Beer. (*Neil*)

Ladd Stadium: It is a football stadium. I enjoy football as a pastime, but only watching. (*William*)

Midtown Bistro: A bar with restaurant in midtown with a nice atmosphere and jazz music on Wednesday to which he contributes. Although it looks like a dive from the outside, inside, the atmosphere is like a bar or jazz club in, say New York or London, and they feature and encourage jazz music, my favorite! (*Frank*)

Movies: nothing else to do. (*Virtaj*)

Monsoon's: Bar on Dauphin Street. Popular for college students. Great Hangout. They have bands come in and play. A lot of people go there on the weekends. It is a fun place to hangout with your friends. The back room has a pool table. People can play pool while they listen to the bands. (*Kathryn*)

Miscellaneous

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception: Architecture, atmosphere, downtown (city) area. (*Patricia*)

Greek Orthodox Church / Greek Festival: Beautiful church has many different things to experience, such as great food. (*Jaret*)

His lab: because that is where I always am. (*John*)

USA Biomedical Library: He has to spend a lot of time there to study, its resourceful and is a good place to get away from the fraternity house. (*Grant*)

Personal Services

Artrageous Salon: At Airport and Cody Road. It's a nice place to be pampered. (*Angela*)

Outdoors

Bellingrath Gardens: gardens. (*Mary*)

Bon Secour National Refuge - Gulf Shores: He helped preserve Bon Secour. Many different habitats including beaches and sand dunes, scrub forest, fresh and salt water marshes, fresh water swamps, and uplands. Many endangered species can be seen there. (*David*)

Botanical Gardens: Off of Museum Drive. It has beautiful fern gardens, herb gardens, azalea bushes, camellias, and it is very quiet and green. It has little pathways to walk. It is near Langan Park. (*Barbara*)

The Causeway: Enjoy going to watch the wildlife. (*Paul*)

Dauphin Island Sea Lab: Take I-10 west to the Dauphin Island exit. Enjoy the drive south. Walk on the beach to the west of the island. Have an ice cream cone at the corner store. Head east to the end of the island and tour the Estuarium and Sea Lab. Take the ferry (by foot or by car) to Fort Morgan and return. All in all, a nice way to spend the day. (*Barbara*)
My family likes the beach and estuarium. (*Charles*)

Mobile Delta: It's like going to the Everglades. There is lots of wildlife like aquatic plants, flowers, birds, deer, otters, and wild hogs. He likes to sit in his canoe and watch all of the wildlife. (*Allen*)

The wetlands: Located across from the library, the wetlands are a great place to see a variety of plants and avian fauna. (*Jon*)

USA Campus: Woods behind USA. Quiet, distraction-free, away from people. (*Norris*)
USA Nature Walk: The USA Nature Walk is a heavily wooded area with much shade. There are many different varieties of flora and fauna making for interesting experiences. The nature Walk is somewhat secluded which allows one to leave behind the troubles of the day and just get away. (*Jon*)

Bike path/trails behind USA campus near Health Services Building. Paths and trails through the north woods on the USA campus. Ideal for jogging, walking the dog, and relaxing. These trails are also used by USA Cross Country for meets and ROTC for training. (*Johannette*)
USA Campus is one of the prettiest places in Mobile. USA is filled with potential and has a bright future. (*Dale*)

Recreation

Battleship: The battleship is a large military warship that is located in Downtown Mobile. The reason it is her favorite place is because it is an example of America's strong military and symbolizes a part of the freedom of Americans. (*Cindy*)

Cottage Hill Park: I like it because I go there everyday. (*William*)

Dog River: He likes to sail on Dog River with his friends. Dog River is in southern Mobile. Good place to hang out with friends and go sailing. (*Jared*)

Matthews Park: where I watch my son and grandson play Dixie baseball. (*Sterling*)

Mitchell Center: watched many basketball games. (*Sterling*)

USA IM fields: Has a passion for all types of sports. Enjoys the competition and loves winning. Spends lots of good times here practicing, playing, and coaching all AED/BMD intramural games. (*Virtaj*)

USA Rec Center: A great place to relax, and get to know others at the college. There are 2 basketball courts, 7 racquetball courts, 6 ping-pong tables, and a pool table. It may seem like a poor choice for a good place in Mobile but for the last 2 years it has sure helped me cool off after tests and classes. (*Ben*)

Relaxation

Any Golf Course: ...loves to play golf. At any course in the Mobile area you might see him having fun. (*Jerald*)

Barnes and Noble: Great study atmosphere with access to coffee, books, and socializing. Wonderful place to go on the weekends when you have nothing better to do, but don't want to feel like a "home place" nerd by going to the library. (*Amy*)

The Bayway at night: driving at night listening to music looking at the stars. (*Chris*)

Books-a-Million: A bookstore located on Airport Boulevard. It has lots of books and great places to study. The reason it is her favorite place is because of the tranquil and serene environment. It is a great place to get some hard-core studying done.

Carpe Diem: Quiet atmosphere, good place to drink cappuccinos and study. (*Kathryn*)
It's a coffee house that hosts poetry slams very often. (*Janis*)
A coffee house on Old Shell Road close to Springhill College. A great place to get not only various types of coffee but also many other assortments of drinks. The coffee house has a soothing environment and it's great to just go there and relax. And if you want to study there, you can as well. (*Kimberly*)
Coffee shop which is a great place to go and study. (*Priti*)

Carpe Diem (continued):
Because he likes the coffee and it has a pleasant atmosphere. The place looks like an old house and classical music is played while people enjoy their coffee. (*Sidney*)

Dauphin Island: quiet, beach. (*Nancy*)

Fairhope Pier: I choose the Fairhope Pier because I am not familiar with Mobile. This pier is friendly, relaxing, pretty, very scenic, and it reminds me of happy family times. It also reminds me of the time I first fell in love because that was where I first fell in love. Seeing the sunset is very pretty and on the 4th of July, they have a fireworks show and all the sailboats are out in the water and when the sun goes down you can see the boats and it's just very pretty and calming. (*Connie*)

The Fisheries: Because it is so peaceful and beautiful. (?)

Gulf Shores: Once a semester we go down and get a condo to get a break from all the studying. (*Virtaj*)

Municipal (Langan) Park: I love it there because it is relaxing and I can go there to get away from the stresses of school and everyday life. (*Tonya*)
It is a park with a pond, birds, grass and trees. I like to go there because it is a great place to eat lunch. (*Jennifer*)

It is a wonderful place to go see birds and spend quality time with friends. (*Nadia*)
Lots of people on weekends. Art gallery and outdoor art exhibits. Ponds with ducks.

An area to play disk golf or Frisbee golf. Plenty of shade for reading and relaxing. (*Jason*)

Very spacious and attractive park. Wonderful features of nature. Swings to play on during the day. Open pond full of ducks. Can be a great place to visit if you want to get away from the everyday city life. Plenty of shade to relax in and have a beautiful picnic. (*Gary*)

It gives a great selection of events to go to and watch like the theatre and charity runs. (*Gary*)

I go there to study and it's peaceful, relaxing place. It's happy. (*Sheena*)

I can go to this area at anytime and sit and meditate on the Word of God. It is so

peaceful and refreshing there. I can read, relax and get my thoughts in life. It's like a wide-open natural prayer closet for me.

(*Karen*)

He likes the park because it is a peaceful and quiet release. He says it is also a great place to study because as a BMD student a lot of studying must be done. (*Cliff*)

She enjoys going to the park because it is so beautiful, and the wonderful atmosphere allows her to relax. (?)

Very quiet, pretty, nice lake with ducks, peaceful. (*Jerrold*)

Springhill College: The campus is pretty and quiet, even though you must watch out for bad drivers in large sport utility vehicles. It is near my house, and it's fairly well landscaped. There's a really good view from the balcony by my wife's office, and you can see the whole city from there. (*Roger*)

Restaurants

Atlanta Bread Company: Broccoli soup on Wednesdays and Wisconsin cheese soup on Fridays. (*Ashley*)

The Bakery Café: On Dauphin Street. The atmosphere is usually more upscale than the rest of the "usual" restaurants, but not snobby or elitist. The food and service are excellent. The food is a little more expensive than other places, but it's worth it. (?)

Big Time Diner: A restaurant set in a 50's motif where the cheeseburgers are great. It's where I meet up with my friends and hangout. (*Luan*)

Billotti's: (An Italian restaurant.) It is a lot of fun. It is cheap. Has very good food. (*Amy*)

Copeland's: Located on the corner of Airport and Hillcrest. He liked the restaurant because the service is very good and that the New Orleans style food is excellent. (*John*)
Copeland's is a great restaurant with wonderful food and a great atmosphere. (*Hampton*)

Dreighton Place (downtown in the Antwerp Building): Upscale piano bar type setting; very good cocktails and food. Food ranges from seafood to club sandwiches. Moderately priced. (*Terry*)
Restaurant in downtown; cigar bar; used to be a pharmacy and soda shop; the original fixtures are still used (bar=old drugstore shelves) - gives a classic look; ceiling=dome, detailed molding. OH! - good food! (*Teresa*)

El Giro's: Authentic Mexican atmosphere. Best quesadillas and frozen margaritas in town. (Cindy)

Foosackly's: Has the best chicken tenders in all of Mobile. The Foosackly's sauce is the best to go with the chicken tenders. (Keri)

Guido's: It's a small café with fab food and a wine selection to write home about. As a bonus the menu changes daily. (Jason)

IHOP: The International House of Pancakes has a very upbeat atmosphere and great food and service. A very good break from studying. (Ami)

The IHOP is her favorite place to stop and eat at in Mobile because she never gets a chance for breakfast at home. (Michelle)
Restaurant on Airport Boulevard; blue roof; serves breakfast, lunch and dinner - 24 hrs a day and seven days a week; has the best pancakes; favorite (pecan cakes); the best place to go at 3:00 a.m. for breakfast and hot coffee; a study place too!!! (David)

Japanese Steakhouse: It's lots of fun. They make the food right in front of you. This helps you to meet and make friends with lots of people. It's a fun place to go. (Patricia)

Justine's Courtyard: my favorite restaurant. Downtown dining, very good, but a little costly. (Sterling)
Great food! Nice atmosphere for good dining. (Jim)

Los Rancheros: Exotic cuisine. (Allan)

Nan Seas: Great seafood! Nice view of Mobile Bay. "Dress down." Sit outside and enjoy the view and sounds of the bay. My wife is not a seafood lover and she enjoys this "place" and that's reason enough. (Thomas)

Oyster House: Whenever I have out-of-towners visiting, I always take them out to eat for at least one meal at the Oyster House located directly on Mobile Bay. The Oyster House serves up "authentic" Gulf Coast seafood in a casual, homey atmosphere. After (or before) dining you can drive your guests to the USS Alabama Battleship for a bit of local history. (Nicole)

P.G.'s Deli: Located down Hillcrest on the right from Airport directly before you reach Grelot. It is a locally owned deli with great sandwiches and a comfortable, small atmosphere. (Michael)

Picklefish (downtown): It is a cool restaurant. It has good food/pizza. It is kind of retro. (Elizabeth)

Downtown bar and restaurant. Smaller setting better for small groups of people. (Jim)

They have the greatest pizza in the whole world. (Matt)

Picklefish (Old Shell Road): Service is good as well as the food. He enjoyed the "laid back" atmosphere of the restaurant. (Carl)

It has a relaxed atmosphere. (Becky)

A great place to eat. Good pizza, great atmosphere. (Jim)

The Pillars: a formal restaurant. (?)

It is a restaurant located on Government Street in Mobile. It is her favorite place in Mobile because she loves the nice atmosphere of the place. (Ameina)

Old house with hardwood floors and high ceiling, nice people workers and good food. Intimate, rooms have fireplace. (Kathy)

Pillars is a restaurant with a romantic intimate atmosphere giving the diner the feeling of never leaving one's own home. This place is an old, yet elegant house with several rooms with just the right number of tables and chairs with a fireplace in each

room. With great service with a smile and great food to make you feel that you live in that house with your own workers - well, just until you receive the check. So if you're up to have a romantic or even a special night, just know that it may put a slight pinch in the pocketbook. (?)

Quartorze: It's a restaurant downtown off of Conception Street. It has great food. (Nicole)

Ruby Tuesday: She loves the salad bar and she doesn't have to wash up/cook or clean up afterwards and it's healthy for you! (Barbara)

Ruby Tuesday has good service, and it stays open late. Many students go there, so it is not unusual to bump into friends. She has had many good memories while hanging out at Ruby Tuesday's, most of which are from her freshman year. Besides the social aspects, she goes for the food; Chocolate Tall Cake, her favorite dessert, happens to be served at Ruby Tuesday's. Three Ruby Tuesdays: near Airport and Hillcrest, Dauphin Street near RR tracks, Bel-Air Mall. (Rubina)

Ruth's Chris Steakhouse: It seems like a really great place to go out to eat. (Barbara)

Sabor A Mexico: bar with singing. Mexican restaurant with great food and a fun atmosphere. In addition to the wonderful food, Tuesday and Thursday nights are \$1 margaritas. They also have a Mexican band

on Tuesday and Thursday nights too, and they take special requests! (Rachel)
He likes the food. (Shawn)

Spanky's: Good seafood. Everyone needs to try their food. (Stacy)

Subway (on Old Shell): It offers good food, great variety, and (best of all) close proximity to the UCOM building. (Fuh)
It is not fattening fast food, it's pretty healthy, and it's close by. (Felricia)

Taco Bell on Airport Boulevard: Taco Bell is a cheap fast food restaurant that serves Mexican/Spanish food. The University takes all our money so we are forced to eat at cheap fast food restaurants and not at places like the Olive Garden and Copeland's. This Taco Bell is open late so it is convenient, and the food is good. (Elizabeth)

Tony Roma's: They have the best ribs in town. Also a skillet brownie. Consequently, it is the best place to eat. (Eric)

Wan Fu: This Mongolian barbeque has an assortment of Chinese foods, salads, and raw meats and sauces that are prepared while you are there. It is a fairly decent sized restaurant and it is relatively inexpensive. It is located on Airport Boulevard. (Joe)

Wentzel's Oyster House: Restaurant with excellent food, especially oysters. Very good atmosphere. Just a fun place to go. (Paul)

Shopping

Barnes and Noble: lots of books and loves to read, quiet. (Amy)

Bel-Air Mall: I like this mall because it's big and it has my favorite stores in it like Express,

because they have such nice shirts that are always on sale, Gap because they have cool belts and pants, even though they are still high even when they are on sale. I also like

Bel-Air Mall (continued): Auntie Annie's because they serve the best pretzels in the world. *(Amy)*
Loves to shop. You could see her at Gap, Express, or Limited. Anywhere you see her you can bet she is having fun. *(Aisha)*
Because of all the people and shopping. *(Jim)*
Good place to shop. *(Ashie)*
The best mall because it contains a better selection of stores. *(Priti)*
The mall contains many stores for shopping. The mall is a social meeting place for young and old. Not only can you get your shop on, but you can eat too. *(Nicole)*
The mall is a great place to get everything done at one time. You can socialize, shop and eat in one place. *(Danny)*
He likes to shop and watch people. *(Jerrold)*

Book Nook: used bookstore, volumes and volumes of books. *(Sam)*

Discount Bunny Bread Store: I love Bunny Bread and it's cheap here. Not to mention they sell honey buns, doughnuts, and other sweets. The women at the counter are always cheerful and ask me if I'm doing

good. I always tell them, "Yes, now that I'm at the Discount Bunny Bread Store!" *(Amy)*

Winn Dixie: I picked this store because my wife always comments on how often I go out to the grocery store. I go just about every day to get green bananas. I like bananas that re in between green and yellow. I can get pistachio nuts for cheap, and I stock up on the occasional apple pie. The lines at the cashier are never long. I don't like waiting in line; I never buy more than 10 items at a time. *(Bob)*

Satori Sounds: It is a music store that has all kinds of music. It is a small house, and an intimate place. *(Kanishka)*

Super Walmart: She liked Super Walmart because it was opened 24 hours and she could go there at 2 or 3 in the morning. Also, she likes Walmart because there is always someone at the checkout line. It is located on Schillinger Road. You can see people you normally don't get to see. *(Jeanne)*
He enjoys the variety of items and he likes browsing for hours. He especially likes the candles. *(Jerrold)*