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## Mathis presents money

Jacksonville State University's scholarship received money on behalf of JSU is Pete Brooks, director of the an early Christmas present recently. B. J. Mathis, left, alumni affairs office. Mathis attended JSU in the early presented a check for \$1000 to be applied toward the 1950's and played football with Connell. He is currently Jodie Connell General Scholarship Fund. Accepting the employed at Goodyear and resides in Gadsden.

Effective June 30, 1986

## Montgomery resigns office

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This information was released at press time. A complete follow-up will appear in the January 10, 1985 edition.

By JAN DICKINSON  
AND GREG SPOON

The Jacksonville State University Board of Trustees met yesterday to report their findings from an investigation prompted by an August letter from a group of faculty members alleging "diversion of public university funds to WJSU, harassment of faculty and staff, budgetary irregularities, and alienation of the local community, legislators, and professional community." The letter, signed by nine faculty members who make up the executive committee of the Jacksonville State Education Association, asked the board to conduct a full investigation.



## Montgomery

relationship with the private business community. It will also enhance the opportunity for the University to go forward and complete its plans for the School for Occupational Technology and to establish a research park for the location of business and industry contiguous to the University.

This additional eighteen months will also provide the University with an opportunity for me to serve my term as President of the Gulf South Athletic Conference, which will expire on June 15, 1986. In this capacity, I will be able to enhance the complete athletic programs of Jacksonville State University as we broaden the horizons and the scope of the Gulf South Conference and its expectations of member schools.

This additional time will also be used to complete the implementation of the School of Communications. Much remains to be done in this area with the identification of a Director, the completion and renovation of Self Hall, and the multitude of details necessary to completely integrate WJSU television into the University community for the benefit of our students, faculty and staff."

When asked whether a committee to find a replacement would be appointed, Colonel Clarence Daugette, chairman of the board, said, "We've already appointed one."

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Board member Pete Mathews said, referring to the allegation of misappropriation of funds, "During our intensive hearings, not one 'centilla' of evidence was ever presented that in any way substantiates the allegations that there have been any misappropriation of funds at Jacksonville State University."

At the final session yesterday, the Board accepted the resignation, effective June 30, 1986, of Dr. Theron Montgomery as president of Jacksonville State University.

Montgomery read a statement in which he said, "The next eighteen months in office will provide the University with an opportunity for me to complete my term as President of the Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce. Fulfilling this responsibility will allow the University to further solidify its

## Council passes Ord. 217

By GREG SPOON

The Jacksonville City Council met Monday night, December 11, and among other items, passed the recommendations of the noise ordinance study committee.

Discussion into the matter continued for almost an hour and a half. Councilman Ed Jordan, one of the members of the committee, moved to adopt the ordinance. Mayor John Nisbet then informed the council that the city attorney Grant Paris, had submitted three recommendations for consideration.

Paris' recommendations are as follows:

(1) Section 19-6 (b) (8) refers to city or university sponsored "band or music festivals." feel the intent of the committee was to exempt events such as band day, band contests, choral festivals, and the like, but the term "music festival" has been used to describe such events as the Woodstock Music Festival. I suggest that this section be amended to exempt a city or university sponsored "band, orchestra, or choral festival." This wording tends to more accurately convey the intent.

(2) Because of the limited statutory authority of the Fire and Police Committee, I feel that some of the recommended provisions of Section 19-7 (E) encroach upon the discretion of the City Counsel and would be violative of the Alabama law. I would suggest the

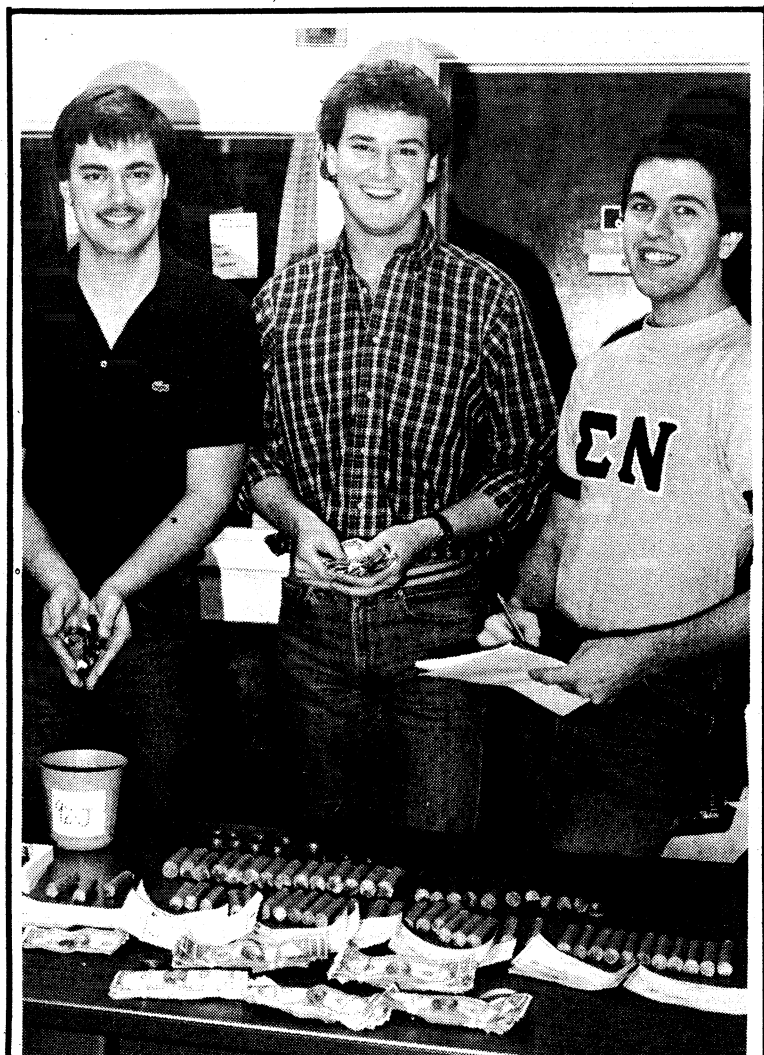
following:

"(E) Persons who apply for a variance shall apply in writing to the Police Chief no sooner than ninety (90) days nor later than thirty (30) days prior to the tentatively scheduled event. The Police Chief must either grant or deny the request for a variance within seven (7) working days. If the Police Chief denies a request, the applicant may appeal to the City Council. The Council must consider and rule upon the appeal at its next regular scheduled meeting, provided, however, that said appeal must be made in writing and delivered to the Mayor's office not less than three working days prior to the meeting at which the appeal is to be considered. The Police Chief shall immediately cause a report to be forwarded to the Mayor's office of any decision on such variance request."

3. Section 19-8 (B) concerns abatement orders and, because of the use of the word "shall", requires the police to issue an abatement order rather than a citation if the offense is the first such offense that day and occurs prior to a certain hour. This "requirement" fails to take into account the following:

a. A repeat offender who creates a disturbance at 8 p.m. each night. The only recourse the police would

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## Marathon participants

Jacksonville State University students who participated in the recent 30-hour radio marathon to raise money for cancer research were still counting pennies early this week. Station manager David Carns, center, said approximately \$2100 was raised for the cancer research program at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. JSU disc jockies Rich Daniel of Dallas, Ga., left, and Richard Couch of Oxford, right, broke the station's old record of 24 hours for the charity. Fellow DJs collected cash donations at roadblocks and Couch and Daniel took pledges by phone.

# DeLorean to lecture soon

Former auto industry magnate John DeLorean is planning to join the campus lecture circuit soon.

Once General Motors' "golden boy," DeLorean recently was acquitted of charges he smuggled cocaine to raise money to bail out his foundering DeLorean Motor Company.

Supporters insist he was set up and framed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Now DeLorean is booked tentatively to give seven lectures to tell his side of the story, says Bill Stankey of New York's Greater Talent Network agency.

"John has agreed in principle to the tour, Stankey says. "We're waiting for him to okay the dates.

The initial tour dates include "primarily colleges," but Stankey thinks there are only a few schools that can afford DeLorean's \$12,000 to \$15,000 speaker's fee.

If he finalizes the schedule,

DeLorean's first post-acquittal lecture is Nov. 27 at Michigan's Schoolcraft College.

"He has a natural involvement with the Detroit area," says Pat Newman, Schoolcraft's coordinator of student activities. "He started his career here.

DeLorean gained auto industry prominence in the mid-sixties as the creator of GM's Pontiac Firebird, and later established his ill-fated auto company in Ireland.

Newman expects good student and community response to DeLorean.

"There are lots of people who want to come see the famous," he contends.

"People are very interested in how he got into his situation with the FBI.

DeLorean has told his agent the lecture will detail the FBI's surveillance of 90,000 business people, Newman says.

Greater Talent's Stankey con-

firms that DeLorean's "corporate espionage" topic covers government investigation of private business.

"Government scrutiny of foreign and U.S. companies is a brand new thing," he adds. "It elicits a lot of interest.

Stankey admits DeLorean's drawing power depends on "a certain mystique, and the public's fascination with people in the public eye.

If DeLorean confirms the tour, he will join politician John Anderson, Watergate figure G. Gordon Liddy, "gonzo" journalist Hunter S. Thompson, and Chicago Seven co-defendants Abbie Hoffman and Jerry Rubin, billed as "Yuppies vs. Yuppies: Sixties Idealism vs. Eighties Realism," as a major draw on the campus lecture circuit this season.

## Special Services works for all

By JAN DICKINSON

Special Services. The name implies a branch of the armed forces to some people. To others, it is simply a meaningless title for an unknown or empty office. In direct contrast to that, the Special Services Office of JSU is an integral part of the administration of JSU. The office, located on the fourth floor of Montgomery Building, is rarely quiet. In fact, the analogy linking special services with the armed forces is apt, since Director Claude Gaddy serves as the field general over the myriad services that come under his supervision.

As far as the duties of personnel who work in the special services office, the collection of student loans is the primary job of Ms Johnson, Ms Cathy Nabors, and Ms Nancy Humphrey. "Our basic job here deals with student loans, says Johnson, "but to work here you have to be a jack-of-all trades." Besides interviewing outgoing seniors about their student loans, all three women take turns in making student I.D.s, as well as selling tickets for all JSU athletic events. "We issue identification cards not only to students but also to faculty and staff", says Nabors. According to Gaddy, Special Services not only sells tickets to football, basketball, and baseball games, but is held accountable for each one of those tickets.

Ever wonder who to go to when you need to use a campus auditorium for a speaker, dinner, or other event? "We're the ones to come to when anyone wants to use campus property, such as classrooms and auditoriums," says Gaddy. He adds, "We not only schedule the use of campus buildings, but also set up the necessary chairs and tables." If a speaker is to appear, special services must see that a podium and sound system are available. If a movie is showing in the TMB auditorium, special services arranges for the screen to be lowered.

Other campus services that come under the watchful eye of Gaddy are the mail center, managed by Ms Carol Farrell; the campus bookstore, managed by Gary Smith; the print shop, managed by Ms Gloria Patterson; the Anders Hall recreation room, managed by Ms Juanita Fisher; the PBX room, which handles the present campus switchboard and will house the new campus telephone system once it is installed; and all campus building custodial services, which include pest control and the cleaning of buildings and grounds.

Cooperation is the key to the smooth operation between all these services. As Gaddy says of all his personnel, "It makes my job easy when they all work so well together."

## Ordinance

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have is to repeatedly issue abatement orders, no citation could ever be written.

b. An offender who fails to abide by the abatement order creates the situation where, for a second time in one night, an officer must confront a possibly hostile and intoxicated crowd.

c. Were it not for the requirement for the abatement order, a violation occurring prior to the specified time would not necessitate a confrontation between the police and the offenders, in that the warrant could be issued the next day when emotions have cooled and crowds have dispersed.

d. The requirement for the abatement order destroys any incentive on the part of potential violators to exercise self-restraint. In essence, the provisions say that, prior to the specified hour, one can be as noisy as one wants to be until the police come and issue an abatement order. By analogy, if the police were required to issue "warning tickets" to first offense speeders, many people would drive at excessive speeds until they received the warning. In fact, the noise ordinance situation is even more critical because each day would require a new abatement order under the recommended provisions.

Therefore, I suggest that the word "shall" be changed to "may" in

Section 19-8 (B).

Items one and two were approved as amendments and passed by the council. The third, dealing with the words shall and may, received considerable discussion.

Paris was adamant about changing the phrase... "in lieu of issuing a citation of violation, shall issue an order requiring abatement of any source of sound alleged to be in violation... "to" may issue a citation."

The council changed the opening line of the abatement order from "Prior to 10 p.m. on Sunday through Thursday and 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday to read, "Between 7 a.m. - 10 p.m. on Sunday through Thursday and 7 a.m.-11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday" to clarify the time when abatement orders shall be given. Paris pointed out prior to 10 p.m. and 11 p.m. could, technically, be in the early hours of the morning. The issuance of abatement orders was intended to be restricted to "daytime hours" between 7 a.m. and 10-11 p.m. so the council voted to clarify the wording.

Later, the council voted to leave the word shall in the abatement order with the understanding that the present system which has been worked out between the university and city police is continued.

The council and mayor again commended the committee and expressed its thanks for the work.



Cathy Nabors, Lynda Johnson, and Nancy Humphrey...just three of the many hard working people affiliated with Special Services.



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# Defaults low

By JAN DICKINSON

Because of the diligence of three women and the honor of students here, the default rate loans made to JSU students is one of the lowest in the state.

According to Claude Gaddy, director of Special Services, JSU has one of the lowest, if not the lowest default rate on student loans of all major universities in Alabama. He should know. Special Services is responsible for the collections of these loans. A quick look at one wall of the Special Services office on the fourth floor of Montgomery Building says it all... Nine large filing cabinets line that wall, each on filled with individuals files on every Jacksonville student who has ever received a loan, whether a National Direct Student Loan (NDSL), Federal Nursing loan, State Nursing loan, or a Logan-Walker loan. But it's not just Gaddy who must deal with those loans every day. Three hard working ladies, Lynda Johnson, Nancy Humphries, and Cathy Nabors keep the outer office of Special Services buzzing.

Many students coming to JSU wouldn't be able to continue their education without some extra help. That help comes from the Financial Aid Office. According to Ellen Canada, assistant director of financial aid, the loan process begins when a student fills out two forms; a JSU student financial aid form and a Pell Grant application. The returning results students understands his privileges, such as deferment or cancellation of the loans, and his obligations of repayment, says Nabors. She continues, "We receive a list of graduates each semester and check our files against those names." She adds, "We send students a letter requesting them to schedule an exit interview, and it should be made at least one week before they pick up their cap and gown." It's up to each student to make the appointment and then show up on time. The bookstore has a list of students who must schedule the interview. Those who try to pick up their cap and gown before the exit interview is conducted are reminded of their responsibilities. "The exit interview is the last contact we have with the student before he graduates, commented Gaddy. "We are required by the law to perform 'due diligence' in collecting loans, and the exit interview is considered a part of it.

**"We resort to outside help only if we have no contact with the person in six months to a year"**

As for the default rate on student loans, JSU has one of the lowest in the state. "The default rate for NDSL loans is two percent right now, says Gaddy. "It varies from quarter to quarter, according to the economy, but for the past two or three years, it's never been much higher than it is now." According to a Birmingham News story from January, 1982, JSU's default rate was 1.16 percent, absolutely the lowest in the state. Considering the toll the recession has taken on jobs and businesses, it seems that a two percent default rate is exceptional.

It's not easy to escape an obligation such as a student loan. According to Johnson, who handles most of the Federal Nursing loans, "We're required by law to make three separate contacts with the graduate before his grace period runs out." Although legal help is not usually required in the collection, Humphries says, "We talk to our lawyers in Birmingham almost daily. We resort to outside help only if we have no contact with the person in six months to a year." If no contact is made in two years, the Department of Education steps in, and other federal agencies become involved in the collection. "At one time, we had problems with loan recipients declaring Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1978 now prohibits a person from including a student loan in the declaration."

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Amy Mason, left, welcomes poet Susan Herport, right, to JSU.

## Herport addresses club

By JAN DICKINSON

Speaking to a crowd of over seventy-five students and faculty, nationally published poet Susan Herport stated, "Gerald Stern is a hard act to follow, but I'll give it a try", referring to the reading given by the internationally known poet who spoke on campus just last November.

With a sheaf of poems in one hand, the Pennsylvania native read the dozen or so poems, most of them new, to a captive audience in the Merrill Hall auditorium on Wednesday, December 5.

In talking with Herport after the reading, she was asked about her feelings toward poetry. "I am a writer of words, not of lines, as some poets are. The line breaks come later in revision for me." She explained, "I am

more interested in the rhythm and sound of words." To Herport, individual words, not clusters, give poetry its rhythm.

Herport is not a 'confessional' poet, not as Robert Lowell or Anne Sexton were. "I think we all go through stages in writing where we write confessional poems" she said, "but not all my poetry is like that."

Herport's poems are mostly about the men in her life. In commenting about the differences between male and female poets, she said, "Women are doing things in poetry that men have already done - but it's a new frontier for us." She continued, "Men are more in touch with their emotions than they used to be. Even though women have always been more emotional, men are not as afraid to show their emotions in poetry now."

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# Announcements



## Alpha Xi Delta

The newly elected officers of Alpha Xi Delta for 1985 are as follows: President, Karen Lindsay; Vice-President, April Hammon; Membership Chairman, Kim Cook; Panhellenic Delegate, Jill Gilliam; Pledge Educator, Melissa McDonald; Treasurer, Amy Smith; Assistant Treasurer, Pam Hutcheson; Quill Chairman, Kathy McKinney; Recording Secretary, Andy Walton; Corresponding Secretary, Chanda Charles; Journal Correspondent, Kim Garris; Historian, Kim Knowles; Chaplain, Rebecca Frost; Marshall, Beth Campbell; and Ritual Chairman, Jayne Sisson.

Alpha Xi Delta supported the 92 J radio-thon for Cancer Research at UAB by pledging \$100. They also actively participated in the Jump-Rope-for-Heart here on campus. The Alpha Xi's have been working hard to support these charities yet have taken time for some fun. Their annual pledge formal was held Friday night, November 30 at the Holiday Inn in Oxford. The evening began with hors d'oeuvres followed by dinner and ended with an awards presentation.

## Kappa Alpha

Homecoming was the start of a great fall semester for Kappa Alpha Order. The KA float won the second place prize in the Homecoming parade, which provided \$300.00 in prize money. A party at

homecoming, included Alumni, parents and also brother pledges and little sisters. Many brothers worked diligently to make this a huge success.

The KA brothers and pledges also had a brotherhood retreat which was held at Guntersville Lake. This gave the pledges the time to get to know KA and the brothers in it.

The fall little sister rush was very successful. The KA southern gentlemen feel that all the little sisters will uphold its image of southern belles. All of the little sisters have given their total support in all of the KA activities.

The KA halloween party was a blast, as always. Everyone was dressed for the occasion.

The KA Running Rebels football season finished with 4th place record of 3-4. Injuries set KA back, but none were serious. The football team was headed by coaches Greg Middlebrooks and Mike Denise.

The KA volleyball team was a huge success. The team was coached by Mickey Lay and assisted by Michele Picard, a KA little sister. The volleyball team won the Greek Championship.

Steve LaFollette has done a fine job this semester for the Muscular Distrophy Association. Steve has raised \$449.70.

Community projects played a major role in KA this fall semester. Kitty Stone Elementary School was assisted with their Halloween carnival; brothers and pledges went to the youth attention center in

Anniston, and also to Six Flags and to work as volunteers.

## Students Commission

The JSU Military Science Department will commission seven Military Science students as U.S. Army Second Lieutenants in a ceremony to be held at 10:00 a.m., December 21, in Rowe Hall.

Among this fall's commissionees are two Distinguished Military Students (DMS). The students designated as DMS are in the top fifty percent of their university graduating class, top third of their Military Science class and have no weakness in physical performance, leadership ability or technical knowledge. The students who have been designated were recommended by the Professor of Military Science and confirmed by the Vice President of Academic Affairs.

This fall's commissionees and their branches are James H. Brown, II (DMS), Adjutant General Corps; Thomas D. Cash, Armor; Paul R. Newman, Chemical Corps; David T. Shepherd, Ordnance Corps; Joyce D. Torto, Adjutant General Corps; John D. Tubbs, III, Quartermaster Corps; and John M. Walker (DMS), Air Defense Artillery.

The guest speaker for the ceremony will be Colonel Ronald S. Durian, Commander, Training Brigade at Ft. McClellan.

All members of the campus community are cordially invited to attend the fall commissioning ceremony.

## Womanless wedding raises money for charity

A "Womanless Wedding" was sponsored by the sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha November 14 in the Leon Cole Auditorium. Admission was \$1.00 and the proceeds were given to Association for Retarded Citizens. The Womanless Wedding was a mock wedding ceremony in which all participants were male. The event was coordinated by Service Chairman, Marti Hamilton.

Special thanks go to all the gentlemen who were a part of the service. The bride and groom were Greg Yardlett and Steve Mattiola. The minister was Lane McLaughlin and best man was Dalton Smith. Maid of Honor was Mark Weaver and the brides maids were Jim Ackley, R.D. Funderburg, Erv Sherer, Josh Selby, Randy Fair, and Steve Tinney. Groomsmen were: Terry Lay, Jeff Lewis, Allan Mauldin, Leslie Thorton, Todd Homan, and Matt Sherman. Other participants were Steve Martin, Spenser Woodall, Eric Isbell, Steve Capizzi, John McManaway, Steve Camp and Barry Sams.

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## Personally Speaking

### Awareness Week reminds us all of responsibilities

President Ronald Reagan proclaimed the week of December 9-15 as National Drunken and Drugged Driving Awareness Week. This proclamation could not have come at a better time of year.

Just a few weeks ago, Thanksgiving Day officially kicked off the holiday season which ends with New Year's Day.

Reagan's move comes at a time when citizen's groups such as MADD, SADD, and others are forming to push for legislation determining the alcohol/drug related problems on the rise today.

Statistics clearly show that teenagers and adults in their early twenties constitute over forty percent of the total alcohol-related fatalities in this country. The emphasis on raising the legal drinking age from nineteen to twenty-one is at the forefront of the support groups' minds.

They believe raising the legal age will reduce the number of accidents and fatalities each year.

Legislators have taken the role of responsibility one step past that of the drivers. Bar owners are seeing nowadays that they too have a defined responsibility for their customer.



**GREG SPOON**  
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Several cases, and some rather close to home, have been tried in which an establishment owner was held responsible for tragedies resulting from a customer's excessiveness.

The public opinion of permissiveness is on its way out-if it is not already out. It is being replaced with a strong opinion of prosecution on the part of public and angry private leaders.

Many students and faculty who read this will probably brush it off as another "busy body do-gooder" trying to preach about the evils of the bottle. Nothing could be further from the truth.



No one is preaching about the pros and cons simply that if one does (over)indulge sooner or later one is likely to be caught or killed. Now which of those choices will you make? Neither one sounds too promising when given serious thought.

Those of you planning to really tie-one-on sometime during the holiday season, should think twice. Heavy police patrol during New Year's Eve is a fact. Don't get caught with your alcohol level up.

If you drink to excess, have a sober person drive you home. You can go back the following morning and retrieve your car rather than driving and running the risk of being retrieved from your car.

President Reagan couldn't have reminded us about driving safety at a more opportune time. Take heed and remember what could happen to you.

Everyone of us is a vital part of this university. Don't risk not coming back after the holidays. Have an enjoyable time and remember, "Drunk driving makes people die too soon."

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



"WE VOTED FOR FOUR MORE YEARS OF TRIMMING HIS TREE."

College Press Service

## Attendance Faculty must adhere to policy

By WENDY EDEN

Why should universities go to the trouble to adopt an official university attendance policy if departments and professors refuse to acknowledge the established guidelines.

Attendance policies have always been controversial regarding too lax and too harsh rules. Jacksonville State falls into a medium category that describes most larger colleges and universities. A student may miss up to ten cuts on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and up to seven cuts on Tuesday and Thursday before being automatically dropped from class.

Overall this policy seems fair since it requires attending seventy-five percent of the total course meetings. Somehow, though, some teachers and department heads have decided to increase attendance requirements by decreasing student cuts allowed in their own classes or departments. This not only shows a

breakdown in university communication, but provides grounds for a potential scandal.

The University Handbook, which publishes the policy publicly, states that a student at JSU must attend 75 percent of his or her classes in order to pass and receive a grade that counts. How can professors justify failing a student who overcuts the policy in effect when other professors fail to call roll or adopt their own personal attendance policy?

As long as students do not abuse the policy by over-cutting, professors should stay within the "law" of the school, when it comes to their end of the deal. No one should be penalized by the disgust of a professor over attendance when the source of the problem is the student's fault. Frequently students must reschedule classes to fit into their major or minor program described in the JSU handbook. Why should the published attendance policy be an exception?

## Drug abusers need help

By C. MAROLLAS

There is no question that drug abuse is widespread. From the ghettos to the middle class suburbs, to the high class exclusives, drugs have reached campuses and schools throughout the country. Now the drug abuser can be white or black, rich, poor, a good student, a poor student, happy, sad, young, old, girl or boy. There is no such thing as a typical drug abuser anymore. The only thing we can say, the only generalization we can make is that the drug problem is a people problem. Drug abuse is just a symptom -- a symptom of an underlying problem which is the cause of any self-defeating behavior. That makes the use of drugs per se, a secondary cause.

Through the years there have been enough displays of self-defeating behavior. Now drug abuse is the "in" symptom of the day, everyday. In the fifties we had the street gangs with symptoms displaying mostly stealing and violence. During the sixties the need for freedom and from the establishment kind of political independence created another kind of violence widening the generation gap. This was the hippie era with its radicals and communes. Surprisingly when the drugs came on the scene, we were unprepared mainly because of the temporary forms of the other symptoms and found ourselves unable to handle the drug abuse problem. Today, after at least twenty-five years of controversy, it is time to understand that the drug problem is still with us and is here to stay forever as the alcohol problem evolved a long time ago and is with us still. If we understand this, then the next step needs to be a concentrated effort to keep it under control.

The traditional style of drug prevention in the past has been unsuccessful because it has been treated the same

as any other social problem. "Education through information with emphasis on what can happen to you if you don't listen" has not been enough. This approach has failed with other softer problems such as cigarette smoking and practicing car safety. Now, how can we expect it to work on drugs? "You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink." The best interests and just intentions do not necessarily mean behavioral change. In fact, the Stuart Study at the University of Michigan indicated that students involved in an informational program had a higher incidence of drug abuse than a group of students with no "formal" drug problem.

People need to want to change, to have alternatives open to them and in fact have an opportunity to develop a procedure, a rationalization which will permit them to fully recognize and totally explore the alternatives. Yes, we need to see drug abuse in the context of its relationship to human behavior and use an approach which has been successful in curbing other kinds of self-defeating behaviors such as delinquency and school dropouts, among others. We need to recognize drug abuse as a situation that likely requires orientation to counseling. We must turn our attention to the underlying causes in our society, the family and the total environment. Before we can prevent drug abuse, we must simply find what precipitates such behavior. After an extended research among students of different levels the following causes of drug problems have been identified: rejection by parents, academic failure, inability to make friends, neglect by peers and teachers, worry, feelings of frustration and worthlessness.

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# Fort branch offers educational opportunities

By MATTIE KIRBY

Educational opportunities for persons living in or near the Anniston-Jacksonville area are excellent. A person wishing to further his education doesn't have to leave the home area to attend college. Many colleges, branches of colleges, junior colleges, and vocational schools are located in the Anniston-Jacksonville area. These schools meet the vast needs of the community.

Fort McClellan is an Army post located between Anniston and Jacksonville. A good rapport exists between the military community and the civilian communities. Federal money, in the form of salaries and housing rentals, does much to boost the economy of the area.

Because residents of the Fort and surrounding area are very

educationally oriented, officials have realized that the military, while serving their country, need an opportunity to further their education. So in January 1976, the Fort McClellan branch of Jacksonville State University (JSU) was established. The main goal of this branch is to meet the needs of the Fort community. This branch offers service members and their families the opportunity to attend college. "It assures sufficient availability of educational resources for military students on post," says Dr. Maxine Rose, Director of Educational Services, at the Fort's JSU branch.

Although the primary focus of the branch is the military personnel, civilians are welcome. Military personnel receive first priority for admission and enrollment in the classes. Second priority goes to

civilian employees of the Department of Defense. Adult dependents, military reservists and guard members, retirees, and community civilians are admitted on a space-available basis.

"We have an open admission policy," comments Dr. Rose. To be admitted to the undergraduate program, a student must have a high school diploma or have passed the GED. For admission to the graduate program, a student must have a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution. Transfer students must not be under academic or disciplinary probation at the last institution they attended. Doctoral-level students must meet the admission requirements of the Auburn University Graduate School.

The Fort McClellan branch, through JSU, offers courses leading to the baccalaureate, master's, and

doctor's degrees (in certain areas). All of the core courses for the baccalaureate degree are offered each term. Also offered are upper-level courses in law enforcement, business, the humanities and social sciences, and science and mathematics. "Graduate courses in political science and law enforcement are offered each term," adds Dr. Rose. Additionally, Auburn University and JSU each offer one doctoral-level education course each semester. This course is applicable to the joint doctoral program being administered by the two universities.

Courses are taught in the evenings to meet the needs of the military and working force. Usually classes are scheduled between 5:00 and 9:30 p.m. Each class is 1-1/2 hours and meets twice a week. Classes meet on Mondays and Wednesdays or Tuesdays and Thursdays, except for laboratory science and graduate courses. These require special scheduling. A student may attend six 3-hour classes each term if he schedules a class for each time slot between 5:00 and 9:30 four nights a week.

Registration for classes held at the Fort branch is conducted at the Army Education Center. The dates for registration are announced on the front of the class schedule booklet. Students may also register on campus at the college of their major during this time. Fees for the branch are the same as for campus: \$35 per credit hour for undergraduate students and \$43 per credit hour for graduate students. Anyone taking 12 hours or more pays only \$400. This does not include textbooks, of course.

The 468 students presently enrolled in classes at the Fort branch show an increase of more than three times the number two years ago. Records of 1982 indicate an enrollment of 155 students. It is presumed that all students attending are working toward a degree. The proportion of military to civilians attending is 50:50.

All classes are taught in the Army Education Center, building 328, Fort McClellan. The center houses six classrooms, but additional rooms are available in the Military Police and Chemical Schools as needed. Each college on post is assigned classroom space for daytime and evening classes.

On the first and third Wednesday of each month, the JSU Center administers the GED test, a high school equivalency exam to civilians and military personnel. This test costs the applicant \$20 and takes about 7-1/2 hours to complete. During the past year, 503 tests were given. Dr. Rose says that this is one of the most sought-after services the center provides.

According to Fall 1984 records, the branch has 27 teachers. This shows a tremendous growth compared to the 12 teachers starting with the college in 1976. Many of the instructors also teach on campus. The appointment of these instructors originates at the departmental level on campus.

The Fort center has many advantages. It is convenient for military and civilians living or employed at Fort McClellan. It serves as a beacon for goal-oriented students. Counseling by professional personnel is available to the students. Tuition assistance is also available. A carefully planned and coordinated schedule allows maximum participation in the program. An entire degree may be completed by attending on-post evening classes. The out-of-state tuition is waived for military and their dependents. This waiver is a major advantage for military personnel and their families. It enables them to pay the lower in-state resident fee, regardless of their official place of residence. Parking is no problem. The branch has its own parking lot. Other lots are located near or adjacent to the school. Since the classes are held after regular working hours, all lots

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# Even the White House sees recession next year

By JACK ANDERSON

WASHINGTON-Another recession is coming, and "Reaganomics" won't stop it, according to some of the administration's own economists. They predict privately that a downturn could come as early as next summer.

What will be the cause? The economists fear that the huge annual deficits and the bloated national debt will bring the economic recovery to a halt.

"The full impact of the \$180 billion to \$200 billion deficits probably will not be felt until the beginning of 1985," predicts one internal government analysis seen by my associate Michael Binstein. "At that time a short recession may begin, but it is not expected to change the generally optimistic five-year outlook.

"Other events, which now seem less likely to occur but remain a concern, include shocks to the oil market, a worsening of the international debt problem, or a major change in the international value of the dollar.

Some economists believe it's already too late to avert a 1985 recession. They describe the economy as being between a rock and a hard place. Here's how they explain the problem: If the government doesn't take bold action to shrink the budget, a recession will certainly occur. But if government spending is cut or taxes are raised enough to bring the budget down to earth, this could cause such a shock to the economy that it, too, would trigger a recession.

One thing is becoming clearer every day: President Reagan's campaign assurances that economic growth alone will cure the deficit problem simply are not supported by the evidence.

"It was rationalized," states another administration report, "that the economic growth resulting from the tax and spending decisions would lead to higher incomes, which in turn would boost tax receipts sufficiently to wipe out...most of the deficits. It became evident, however, that the results were not quite turning out that way.

What is the solution? Walter Mondale wanted to raise taxes to reduce the deficit. His call for higher taxes contributed to his crushing defeat at the polls. The message from the voters was loud and clear enough to discourage congressmen from voting for a tax increase next year.

Congress has a disposition to regard taxation as the solution for all fiscal ills, and the voters had every reason to register their disapproval. Over the past 35 years, median family income has increased 7.6 times, but the taxes on that income have shot up an incredible 246.4 times. Clearly, the cause of the calamitous public debt has not been too little taxation but too much spending.

President Reagan, meanwhile, cut taxes without any significant reduction in spending. He has blamed Congress for rejecting his spending cuts. He has never changed the view he brought to the White House four

years ago: that the federal government is too large, too cumbersome and too wasteful.

In the language of an internal White House memo, the president is determined to take "concrete steps...to bring runaway deficits under control." He believes "both the functions and the spending of the federal government must be curbed.

A presidential commission, headed by the indefatigable Peter Grace, has uncovered enough waste and maladministration in the federal apparatus to wipe out the deficit and balance the budget. He has formed Citizens Against Waste, with myself as co-chairman, to oppose the horrendous misspending of the taxpayers' money.

Our band of crusaders are unsalaried and non-partisan, with no one's axes to grind. We do not take a stand for or against any government program. We are opposed only to wasteful and inefficient administration. Behind almost every inefficiency, of course, there is a covey of bureaucrats who gain from its continuance. And they are adept at hornswoggling Congress.

Meanwhile, just the interest alone on the national debt has become the fastest growing element in the federal budget-growing faster even than Medicare and Pentagon expenditures. These loan charges have already reached \$111 billion a year and will exceed \$214 billion a year by 1989-unless the federal government's spending habits are changed.

Footnote: You can join Citizens Against Waste by telephoning 1-800-USA-DEBT or by writing P.O. Box 1000, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, D.C., 20044.

STRICTLY PERSONAL: What's the latest on the thousands of Cambodians who have fled from their Vietnamese-controlled homeland to refugee camps in Thailand next door?

Their situation is worse than ever, and it pains me to report that U.S. government isn't helping. The Thai government, which has been left to handle the Cambodian refugees almost singlehandedly, is threatening to ship perhaps 20,000 back across the border. The Thais say they can't afford to take care of the Cambodians, and that Western countries have been slow to accept the hapless refugees as immigrants.

So on the grounds that many of the Cambodians are not political refugees at all, but have fled merely in hopes of bettering themselves economically, the Thais plan to send them back to the tender mercies of the Vietnamese puppet regime. And the United States is quietly supporting this coldblooded move.

As I've reported, though, there is indisputable evidence that Cambodian dissidents are subjected to the worst kinds of imprisonment and torture. That's the primary cause of the mass exodus.

And even if some of the Cambodians fled for economic reasons, they would surely be subject to reprisals if they are sent back.

## Barton writes

Dear Editor:

A recent released independent poll, paid for in part by Alabama Trial Lawyers and Alabama Education Association, shows in part that 22.5 percent to 50 percent of the people polled gave Governor Wallace, Lt. Governor Baxley, Attorney General Graddick and former Lt. Governor McMillian a negative rating; from fair to poor. What else could they expect this poll to show? The tax payers of Alabama have constantly been financially raped by many of our present and past leaders. Yes, financially raped.

In the past six years, over 300 million dollars of new taxes, disguised as enhancement measures, have been placed on the citizens of this great state. We have to be the most tolerant people in the world.

While we have been abused with added gasoline taxes, court costs, inspection fees, increased cost of

vehicle tags, and many other taxes too numerous to mention, many of our liberal **Montgomery** bureaucrats supported every **gambling and liquor law that was** introduced. Maybe these bureaucrats are giving odds that the citizens will get drunk on election day and forget these taxes. They have another thought coming. If we, the voters will take a stand in '86, the irresponsible bureaucrats disguised as elected officials that **tolerate alcoholism** and gambling can be voted out of office. As mayor for six years, I realize it takes taxes to operate; however, I am positive that state government can be operated more efficiently without added taxes, in any form.

Thank you Mr. Editor for allowing me to share my comments with your many readers. I welcome all responses.

Sincerely,

Larry H. Barton  
Mayor



## Season reminds us of safety

By Melinda Gallahar

How often does the average person think about his or her safety? Usually not until his or her personal safety is threatened and then it is only for a few minutes until the initial shock wears off. Lately many students have been faced with the possibility of their personal property's (for example a car) being damaged and or serious injury to themselves.

Does the analogy below sound remotely familiar?

While cruising on Pelham in your new red Datsun that Mom and Dad gave you last weekend, the light ahead is green and you slow down to make a legal left turn off Pelham into the parking lot of TMB. You are still on Pelham and starting to enter the parking lot when a huge green Ford LTD makes an illegal right turn onto Pelham from the Trustee Circle, the driver obviously ignoring the **DO NOT TURN RIGHT ON RED** sign. Or you are crossing Pelham from Roebuck Waters Street and the same thing happens.

How many times has this happened to you? Two or three times in one day? This analogy actually happens every day in front of TMB. The only thing that changes with each occurrence is the size and color of the cars involved.

Similar occurrences happen elsewhere on campus everyday. Traffic hazards appear in numerous forms from crazed drivers ignoring traffic signs and or signals to shrubbery blocking the commuter's views at intersections.

Ignoring traffic signs at parking lots is a hazard to both the driver and pedestrians. Students rushing to class often fail to read traffic signs designating entrances and exits, causing traffic to back up while the commuter goes on his merry way. Traffic signs in parking lots were placed there to help the traffic flow smoothly. Much of the traffic problem is due to the fact that most commuters totally ignore the traffic signs in parking lots and on Pelham.

Another problem is the shrubbery at every intersection at Stone Center. The shrubbery enhances the building but is a traffic hazard. The shrubbery is too large to be at intersections. A driver must pull out into the road to see if the way is clear to turn. Often the driver pulls out and another car will screech to a halt, blow his horn and give the other driver a look that describes exactly what he is thinking. Why must the shrubbery at these intersections be so large? Smaller shrubbery would enhance the building and make driving safer at Stone Center and at other locations on campus?

Safety is an important issue that is ignored until it is too late. One can gamble once too often with his life or personal property before the odds strike back in unbelievable force afterwards causing the victim to think twice before taking another chance with his or her life. Remember your life is not the only one that you hold in your hands when you get into a car. Others depend on you. Think of both yourself, other drivers and pedestrians. Each life is priceless.

## Fort

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near the school are vacant. Security is excellent. A sergeant is on duty in the building at all times.

Since the establishment of the branch, enrollment has increased tremendously. This increase has caused some problems, however. The program has outgrown its present facility. "We have some noise and space problems that we will have to live with until a new facility is built, says Dr. Rose. "A new education center, on the drawing boards for 1991, will solve most of our problems, she added.

This branch offers contracts for non-credit career enhancement seminars for civilian personnel at Fort McClellan. Additionally, it administers a contract for educational and testing services at Fort McClellan. This JSU contract generates revenues of \$287,618 over a 3-year period and utilizes the services of 13 professional educators and staff members in a daytime program at the Army Education Center.

Other services available are academic advisement, tuition assistance, VA benefits, research

grants, ID cards (upon request), textbook sales, Graduate Record Examination (GRE), Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT), College-Level Examination Program (CLEP), and Pell Grant forms and schedules.

Through its Fort facility, JSU has the opportunity to reach a large number of students with a wide variety of interests from all over the world. The curriculum encompasses all levels of educational development from basic freshman subjects through doctoral courses.

the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs in cooperation with faculty members in the psychology department.

J.S.U. has many religious outlets to provide some kind of help; however for some students religion is not the answer. Professional psychologists experienced in the field of counseling are the only answer for these students. For the well-being of many students, a counseling service professionally staffed is mandatory. A service of this nature on the J.S.U. campus is not a luxury but a necessity. Whether steps to develop such a center come from the SGA or staff and faculty, the time is now.

## Drugs

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A good drug intercept program, or any other counseling assistance for that matter, must assist the development of a positive self-concept which will lead abusers away from the destructive alternatives to a positive way of life. Now because of the significant numbers, not only of students who are only drug abusers but also of individuals who are in one respect or another troubled, a need has arisen for a counseling service on every campus.

Why can we not establish such a center on this campus now? It could be easily directed by existing personnel in CDCS and the offices of the Dean of Student Affairs and

# How do you perceive welfare?

By ANDY GOGGANS

The stereotypic image which has been associated with the poor of this country is, to a certain extent, unjust. In the traditional view they are condensed into a single group of undisciplined lazy crooks. This view has been widely accepted because the most visible recipients are of black urban and biracial rural underclass. The contemporary thought is that, these people have failed to be full citizens of the American capitalist society. Even with the changing of terms used to apply to the recipients this does not aid in giving them the self-confidence necessary to achieve a more positive character and self image.

the true. For example virtually anyone who loses a job, by no fault of his her own, may receive unemployment benefits, regardless of his her station in society. Aid for dependent children is also an example of this.

Since the depression of the 1930's the number of ADC families has risen from 274,000 to 3,312,000. This is an increase of over one thousand percent. There are several alternatives to the current problems with the social welfare programs in this country. One such alternative is the restructuring of the bureaucracy involved with distribution and classification of recipients.

With the passage of the Social Security Act of 1935, Americans accepted a small form of socialism. However, since then we have been indecisive as to what will come next. Many now feel that we should not let government extend itself into the private sector any farther, yet government is the only primary source which has taken any action at all in regards to the welfare of the people. The Preamble to the Constitution says, "...to provide for the common defense and promote the general welfare.... Has government carried it too far or not far enough? This question can only be answered in regards to the individual interpretation of the Constitution.

Many people forget that most of the public assistance programs are only temporary and they fail to realize that welfare recipients are impoverished people, not a stable solid class. This is not the case at all. The major problem with social aid programs is that they have become a large bureaucracy, making the system all the more unequal. Instead of issuing aid on a need basis to all, it has become an acquired skill to receive aid. According to David Street, "To an increasing extent, receiving aid has come to mean that one has been diagnosed as poor.... However, this is not always

## Christmas is a time of joyful celebration

By JAN DICKINSON

Christmas break is practically here; all that's left to do is pass final exams. Then it's home for the holidays, or at least to a reasonable facsimile. Students too far from home for travel are usually invited to stay with friends from school, for no one wants to be alone at Christmas.

Christmas is a time of joyful celebration. It's a time to gather with relatives and dear friends, a time to enjoy each other at our leisure. Whether one's religion includes the gift of Christ to the world or not, we all celebrate the love between us by giving gifts to one another. Traveling great distances just to be with someone is a gift in itself, for the presence of children and grandchildren at Christmas is sometimes the best gift one can give to an older person.

Christmas is also a time of remembrance and even sadness. We can look back at previous times and remember those who aren't with us anymore. But the sadness is soon replaced with happy memories of those friends and relatives. And future memories are made only by the happy times of the present.

Perhaps the 'goodwill' of the season influences us all, for Christmas is a time of forgiveness. Mending fences is easier at Christmas; even a Christmas card can soften the hardest heart. The pleas of a smiling stranger with a bell and bucket to "help the needy" are usually met with a few coins. At any other time of the year, he would be easily ignored.

Love, remembrance, and forgiveness. These are all embodied in the spirit of the season. Before they immerse themselves in parties, students should remember what Christmas truly is. Don't lose the meaning of Christmas in the rush for fun.

## In passing.....

The Chanticleer staff would like to say thank you to our "additional" staff members, the Journalism 303 class, for their immeasurable contributions to the newspaper this semester.

The class learned about and wrote countless articles for publication. They deserve a pat-on-the-back for their dedication and hard work.



# ENTERTAINMENT

## A Cappella choir spreads cheer in concert series

By MARTHA RITCH

The twenty-second annual Christmas concert by the A Cappella Choir followed in the tradition of awe inspiring vocals set off by narration of the Christmas story. Conducted by Bayne Dobbins, the



Accompanists

choir gave three separate concerts; December 7 at The First Baptist Church of Jacksonville, December 9

at the First Presbyterian Church of Anniston, and December 10 at The First United Methodist Church of Anniston.

The program began with a processional of the spirited "Joy to the World." Fifteen selections followed, each set off with the narration of Rissie Ide and Leon Willman, whose voices were as angelic as the choir itself. Several pieces were familiar and standard Christmas carols. However, they were performed and directed with such a special touch it was as if they had never been heard before.

"Shepherd Boy" and "Come Celebrate" were, in fact, premier performances. "Shepherd Boy" was written by a former JSU student and a Cappella member, Renee Silas. Her talent was often recognized during her years here and it is a pleasure to know she hasn't left completely. The other premier composition was written by Dobbins himself.

The choir consists of nearly one hundred members. With that many powerful voices together, a certain amount of loudness is expected. But



A Cappella choir

The A Cappella Choir spread holiday cheer with their musical talents in a series of Christmas time concerts held at area churches.

they also have the control to sing quiet enough to clearly detect a phone ringing from somewhere back in the church. This was proven during the last concert.

Soloists were sopranos Amanda Bynum and Denise Webb. Soprano April Sprouse, alto Kelly Bean, tenor Billy Johnson and bass Jim

Gordon made up the quartet. The nine member instrumental ensemble was made up of three trumpets, Carl Jesse, Audrey Van Besmmesteyn and Richard Selby; two French Horns, Scott Shores and Brenda Wood; two trombones, Phil Guice and Ricky Crawford; Jerry McEver on tuba and Chris Moore on timpani. All but three of these

players were also a part of the choir. The annual performances by the A Cappella Choir always strike up the spirit of Christmas and capture the hearts of the many who attended one or more of the concerts. Although the layout of the program is similar from year to year, the spirit is rekindled and the spine chilling emotion never grows old.

## Nationally acclaimed guitarist to pluck tonight



Norman Blake and the Rising Fawn String Ensemble

By WENDY EDEN

Norman Blake and the Rising Fawn String Ensemble, a bluegrass band of a different caliber, will perform tonight at Gadsden's Chestnut Station.

Blake, who heads the stringed trio, plucks the guitar and mandolin, while his wife Nancy plays the cello and friend James Bryan bows the fiddle. The names may not be familiar, but Blake is no new musician from Rising Fawn, Georgia. His talents have shown up on the albums of Bob Dylan, Kris Kristofferson, Joan Baez and the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band.

It's been a long time since the 46 year old musician quit school to join a bluegrass band that played on Knoxville's WNOX's "Tennessee Barn-dance." From there Blake appeared on the "Grand Ole Opry," and later recorded two records with a group. While in the army, Blake's bluegrass band, the "Fort Knobbe Mountaineers", was voted best instrumental group of the Caribbean command, while Blake received best instrumentalist.

He received recognition in the late 1960s for his instrumental performances on Dylan's "Nashville Skyline" and Kristofferson's "Silver Tongued Devil and I." After working with Baez, and Johnny Cash, Blake put his solo career into drive and by the mid 70s was known as an accomplished guitarist nationally.

His songs are precariously hung between classical and country, and though fiddles are most noted from the hill country, Blake taps his sound from as far back as the fiddling traditions of the British Isles. His music does reflect the Georgia - Tennessee up country that he calls home, through Blake's distinguished country voice.

"Home in Sulphur Springs," was the first of a series of Blake's solo albums that include "Fields of November," and "Whiskey Before Breakfast." Norman Blake and the Rising Fawn String Ensemble record on an independent label, since big company labels would not be able to give Blake the amount of control he wishes over his talent.

Blake's wife, Nancy, was a classical cellist before meeting and marrying him. Most of their time is spent on the road playing for crowds ranging from small club dates to 15,000. Bryan, who met Blake in 1974, is originally from Boaz, Alabama.

Gadsden's Chestnut Station is hoping to offer North Eastern Alabama a variety of entertainment, considering the size of the town and club. Tonight's show, with the professional picker, will consist of two performances. One at 8:00 p.m. and the second at 10:00 p.m. Tickets will be \$5 for each show, with reserved seats available.

Norman Blake and the Rising Fawn String Ensemble will appear at Gadsden's Chestnut Station tonight at 8:00

and 10:00 p.m. Admission will be \$5 for each show.

# Reviews

## Panama City band wins over crowd with upbeat tunes

BY ERIC KEY

"Ten cent beer, here we come." "Hey, there's a band tonight. Who are they?" Familiar quotes and questions that made it through the front doors at Brothers Bar December 3rd and 4th. The sign outside read "Arrogantz." No one had heard of them before, but after Monday night the name would long be remembered.



Arrogantz

Dime beer began at nine o' clock and at about nine thirty five, dry ice began issuing from the dimly lit stage. The band exploded with "I Got a New Girl Now," first off in the set. They continued on through the night with songs from Van Halen, U2, Huey Lewis, the Romantics, the Cars, and many more. After the third set, the band decided to call it a night, but by now devoted fans said no. After about three minutes The Arrogantz returned for the first encore, only to find that amid all the confusion, someone had taken guitarist Duane Brewer's effects pedal. The band and the audience were somewhat perplexed; but the show went on without any trouble and ended with a vengeance. The effects pedal was returned later that night.

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The Arrogantz originate from Panama City Beach, Florida and have played all over the southeastern part of the United States. They are especially interested in playing Fraternity parties and at clubs on college campuses. Members include John Parker, Dale Parker, Duane Brewer, Jeff Murphy, Doug Blanton and sound and light technicians Jimmy McIntyre, Charlie Jenkins and Brad Jespersen.

If you missed The Arrogantz this time around. Watch for them next time they're around. It's a show you'll not want to miss.

## Julian Lennon's album attempt is mix of emotions

BY WENDY EDEN

Julian Lennon doesn't write his diary entries on paper. He publishes them in the grooves of an album so they can be bought. His style is fresh though, and his debut album Valotte has cranked out the top ten single "Too Late to Say Goodbye" in England, and is currently moving up the American top forty chart with the title track.

Despite being the son of John Lennon, the kid has talent, and the album proves just that. Valotte is large step from the eleven year old Julian Lennon that played drums on Lee Dorsey's 1974 hit "Ya Ya." He has now mastered vocals, bass, keyboards and percussion in addition to his drumming talent, and he is ready to prove his ability.

His first release from the album that was recorded at the Muscle Shoals Sound Studios in Alabama and N.Y., is a ballad typical of his

father in style and content, yet misleading when buying the album. The song is named for the French chateau Lennon made the demos at for his 1983 deal with Charisma records in England. Simple, slow, and pleasurable, the vocals set "Valotte" off from the album's other songs. "We stick together 'cause we're strong," sings Lennon, while Justin Clayton, a childhood friend and Carlton Morale's guitars reach for notes and meaning, while continuing to fit into the comfortable mood of the tune.

"O.K. For You" is the turning point of the album's mood. The upbeat guitar based tune lacks equal substance. "I don't need you anymore," sings Lennon in the "life after a break up" tune, that ushers in several similar in meaning.

Jean "Toots" Thieleman, known for his latest harmonica work on Billy Joel's "Tender Moments," adds his mastery to "Too Late For Goodbyes." Although the lyric content is based on a girl leaving the song is an Upbeat English tune, given an almost Island fast reggae beat of drums.

In "On The Phone" and "Well I Don't Know" Lennon mingles death and music. "All my friends are dead and gone," sings Lennon in "On The Phone," which consists of a swinging blues beat carried by guitars and background vocals. The trumpets save the song from lack of meaning.

The lyrics in "Well I Don't Know" are just a little stranger. Here

Lennon seems to be feeling the presence of the dead while he sings, "There's just something that I have to ask. Have you become a part of me? Is there life after death for me?" On the record sleeve written under the "thanks to" column is "and my father...." It is evident that the murder of his father, John Lennon, helped in the birth of Valotte

Two more songs worth mentioning are "Lonely" and "Let Me Be." Michael Brecker sets off the slow guitars in "Lonely" with a saxophone intermission. The slow piano combined with guitars of "Let Me Be" creates the illusion of a cross between Super Tramp and Paul McCartney.

Overall Lennon's music is fresh. Despite the over abundance of relationships and death in his lyrics, they do work and prove a point. Valotte is an intriguing album that message cannot be heard simply over the radio.

## The Cartoons draw energy from more than songs

By WENDY EDEN

Some bands hit the stage and perform their songs with the gusto that the original band members they are copying would convey. Then every once in a while a band like Huntsville-based The Cartoons comes to town.

Even Bono, lead singer of U2, would be proud of Brett Jockell's lead vocals on "Pride (In the Name of Love)." There is more than the basic stage energy that can slide other bands through a set successfully. The Cartoons have an intense music devotion that is mixed with the dramatic climax of the bands they sing.



The Cartoons

Don't get it wrong though. The Cartoons are not just a copy band. Amidst the Inxs, REM, Fixx, and Police, were original tunes, such as "So Close, So Far," and "It Was a Very Good Year," that held their own and showed definite signs of a heavy English influence.

The original band began four years ago under the organization of guitarist and lead vocalist Brett Jockell. After several band member turnovers, The Cartoons now consists of keyboardist Laura Germany, who has been with the band for three months, bassist and vocalist Jeff Robertson, and

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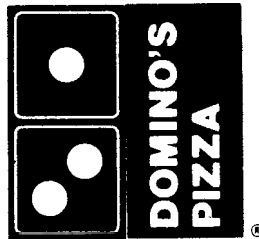
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drummer and vocalist Tom Lucas. "We cater to college towns," said Jockell, while retuning his guitar. The Cartoons, according to Jockell, hit most of the small club circuits in Alabama, Tennessee, Mississippi, and Georgia. The turnover of musicians has been the biggest set back for the nontop forty band. "It has really hurt us, but new members give us something to write about," added Jockell.

Between the Psychedelic Furs, the Cars, A Flock of Seagulls, Big Country, and a few fantastic Producer's tunes, The Cartoons hope to excel as a band. Jockell has his priorities right on the cue for the band's success, though. "The biggest mistake a band can make is setting goals. Sure, we want to excel, but a lot of people get lost on ambition," commented the lead guitarist.

Despite singing a few minor protest songs, typical of the English musical movement, Jockell does not believe in exploiting songs. "I stray away from love songs when writing original tunes, for that very reason. Songs should come from the politics of the soul," voiced Jockell.

The crowd pushed closer to the stage, while the night grew on. It was the second set of the night and still the musician's exuberance jolted off the platform and into the waiting audience. To heck with finals. Bands like this one aren't heard or seen every day. And where does Jockell think The Cartoons are headed for, despite shallow goals? With a wink and a smile, replied Jockell, "To Hell."

### Eddie Murphy is obvious star in new comedy

BY MARTHA RITCH  
WENDY EDEN

"Beverly Hills Cop," tests Eddie Murphy's ability to conjur up laughter, while in the process of offending the regimented police department of Beverly Hills.



Murphy

After witnessing the death of a long lost, somewhat shady friend, Detroit police officer Axel Foley (Eddie Murphy), sets out westward for vengeance and adventure. Foley's dull green Nova cruises down Rodeo Drive amidst Porsches, Cadillacs and convertible Mercedes, and lands at the ritziest hotel in Hollywood. Looking very out of

place and posing as a Rolling Stone reporter about to interview Michael Jackson, Foley ends up with the most elaborate suite available.

The investigation begins in an art gallery run by another old friend, Jeannette Summers (Lisa Eilbacher), who was also an old friend and coworker of the deceased. Their boss, Victor Maitland (Steven Berkoff), turns out to be the wealthy villain. The course of the movie is then spent with Foley avoiding the watchful eyes of the Beverly Hill's police department and trying to uncover Maitland's involvement with the death of Mickey (James Russo). Then the trouble begins.

Eddie Murphy's role is typical of the old Saturday Night performer. The audience is on the edge of their seat, not only due to the suspense, but in anticipation of the next Murphy one liner. Murphy does well with a script that is a mixture of "Sharkey's Machine," "48 Hours," and "Trading Places," and proves once again that there is life after SNL.

Judge Reinhold, who stars as Detective Rosewood, portrayed the typical "do good" rookie cop. Reinhold, formerly "Brad" from "Fast Times at Ridgemont High," took a break from his "no shoes, no shirt, no service," attitude and brought a naive interlude to the fast paced comedy.

Lisa Eilbacher, the token female sidekick, added more than just long legs and blank stares. Eilbacher is not new to film, either. She was the weakling cadet in "An Officer and a

Gentleman," who couldn't make it over the wall.

Despite the supporting characters, Eddie Murphy remained the

obvious star. Through chase scenes, pranks, and bloodshed, Murphy prevailed and made the movie a possible blockbuster.

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# Merry Christmas

From  
The  
JSU Bookstore  
Staff



# Cooks enjoy Christmas cooking

By WILLODEAN McMURRY

Christmas is a season of traditions, a time of giving, a time of family togetherness, a time of merriment. Perhaps because all three blend so well in holiday eating, special foods top the list of Christmas traditions around the world. Almost every country has its own holiday dishes, which say "Merry Christmas" every time you eat.

In the United States, traditionally young or young women are invited to help in the kitchen. The hostess usually has a list of special dishes to prepare, and the guests help in the preparation. This is a time for the family to get together and enjoy the holiday.

make fudge and a cookie called Dingbats--this is made with rice Krispies, dates, milk, margarine and confectioner sugar--the family loves this," she explained.

Scott Morris, nursing student and his wife Linda, also a student, look forward to certain foods that come around only at this time of year. Scott said, "The favorite Christmas cake is mince pie. We have one every other day in the year. Also, I like to eat a turkey during the holidays. It is a special time for the family to get together and enjoy the holiday."

This time of year is the Wassail Bowl. This is a cheering drink made from ale and cream boiled with whole cloves. Long ago the English women included lunches of venison, sucking pigs, a bear's head, turtle doves, and partridges, along with great roasted sirloins of beef. Finally comes the dessert of blissing plum pudding, garnished with mince pie and holly. Plum pudding still runs high on the English menu, but the other Christmas fare follows pretty much the same pattern as ours.

neighboring Germany, Austria, and Russia--sweet and rich, filled with fruits and nuts. Small bits of sweet yeast dough, treachered in brown sugar-butter syrup and studded with raisins and sliced almonds are piled high in a tall cake pan. When the coffee cake is served, a boss cheer high spouting cheer. The cake is pulled up the little hills of the kitchen and then your hostess.

Germany has plenty of other of our favorite foods. Mince pie, plum pudding, and holly are all popular. They are all made with the same ingredients as our own. The only difference is the way they are prepared. The Germans use a lot of spices and herbs in their cooking. This is a time for the family to get together and enjoy the holiday.



## Christmas Punch

- 2 - 46 oz. Cans Orange Juice
- 2 - 46 oz. Cans Pineapple Juice
- 1 Cup Sugar
- 2 Tsp. Almond Flavoring

Mix and chill. Prior to serving, Add 1 quart Ginger Ale.



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THANK THE JOURNALISM 303  
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SECTION LAYOUT THIS YEAR.**



# Cultural variety in Christmas noted

By RENE SWAN

Christmas, no matter how it is celebrated, is still the most popular festival in the world today. In the United States, the magic of Christmas is Santa Claus and his elves involved with their toy-making to give to the good little boys and girls around the world. Children wait eagerly for Santa to bring their toys on his sleigh pulled by eight tiny reindeer (and when Rudolph is needed it's a foggy night). Santa places the toys beneath the beautifully decorated Christmas tree on Christmas Eve.

Almost all of the decorating activities and leaving are done long before Christmas. Every home in the neighborhood serves out its own family of toys, or specially prepared and/or baked cakes, to its children. There will be fewer than 100 people at Christmas day.

Some of the customs of Santa Claus are to visit the children of the house on the night of Dec. 24. In some areas, the children of the house are left alone on Christmas day.

was revered on The Christ Child's birthday. Martin Luther created the first decorated Christmas tree as legend has it. As he was walking home one night, his thoughts centered on Christmas. He looked up and saw the stars twinkling through the trees. This gave him the idea of attaching candles to the branches of his Christmas tree. From that time on, people put lights on their Christmas trees. Long ago, the tree



In Germany Santa Claus is much like ours except maybe his coat is a little longer and his shoes may be a little different. January 6 is Saint Nicholas day. Children place their boots in front of the door and they hope that Santa will put sweets and gifts in them. In addition to Saint Nicholas there is an Advent Santa who comes each Sunday for four weeks before Christmas. For the children who misbehave, branches from trees are said to be left in the place of gifts. In northern Germany, Santa is known as Knecht Ruprecht. He has a long beard and is dressed in fur. All other children of Germany know Santa as Hebnickel. He brings handfuls of coal to children who misbehave. Christmas Eve, the tree is not put up until 12:00, and the gifts are distributed by the morning. Children who are dressed up, or used with, especially enter through the open window after the tree is up. The gifts are put with Christmas Eve gifts.

where we hold church services." Claudia explained that dishes in Chile are based on a lot of meat—mostly grilled. All types of fresh vegetables are served at this time also.

In Chile, we usually go to church on Christmas Eve, and after we go home we have a big supper. After midnight we open our presents, but when children are young, they are sent to bed to give Santa a chance to come overnight. Christmas is a mixture of the religious and the commercial. Under the Christmas tree or somewhere in the home there is usually a nativity scene. Christmas is commercialized there, too. The things which are advertised are the things that the kids ask for. Claudia said.



Jon Danielsson of Iceland explained that in his country there are 13 Santas who come to visit the town—one each day before Christmas. They differ from our Santa in that they all walk to town. "We have Christmas trees exactly like those here in the United States, and we celebrate exactly the same," he said. The only exception is that instead of turkey being the traditional dish, reindeer is.

No matter how you say Merry Christmas around the world: Feliz Navidad (Argentina, Spain), Boas Festas (Brazil, Portugal), Frohliche Weihnachten (Germany), Kate Christougena (Iceland), Pylig Navidad (Mexico), Aveant Noel (France), Bonne Natale (Italy), Godefrids Jul (Denmark), Jul (Sweden), Jul (Norway), Jul (Finland), Weiborok Szent Miklos (Hungary), Kink Miklos (Czech Republic), and Jul (Denmark). The only exception is the English word "Merry Christmas" which is used in the United States.



**SOUTH AMERICA — Feliz Natal (Navidad)**

**SOUTH AFRICA — Happy Christmas**

**FRANCE — Joyeux Noël**

**SPAIN — Feliz Navidad**

**MEXICO — Feliz Navidad**

**GERMANY — Frohliche Weihnachten**

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From Portugal, Francisco Pinto says, "We have the traditional Christmas tree decorated the same way that it is in the United States. A nativity scene is sometimes placed under the tree. The traditional food is turkey served with potatoes."

**ITALY — Buon Natale**



## FEATURES

# Ben Kirkland: more than a controller

By GREG SPOON

The definition of **comptroller**, according to the dictionary, is simply controller. That impersonal word in no way describes Ben Kirkland who is our "controller."

Mr. Kirkland has been at Jax State since 1972. He was hired by Dr. Ernest Stone as the director of accounting. Three years later, in 1975, he was elevated to his present position as university comptroller.

Kirkland, a native of Abbeville in South Alabama, has had a varied past. After graduation from high school at age seventeen, he entered Auburn University as a journalism student. He worked for the **Columbus Ledger-Enquirer** as a copy boy and sports writer. Not being overly enthusiastic about college at that time, he joined the Air Force at eighteen and became an aviation cadet at nineteen. In 1954, when he was twenty years old, he received his wings.

Kirkland spent twenty years in the Air Force. He flew during the first ten years and worked as a budget officer and data processor during the second ten years.

In 1967 Kirkland received his undergraduate degree from the University of Nebraska-Omaha and received his master's degree in education administration from Pepperdine University. He added that he obtained his undergraduate degree by attending night school for thirteen years.

When asked why he came to Jacksonville to settle down, Kirkland answered, "We liked the town and people. I had a job offer, and we knew we belonged here. The Lord was leading me here frankly and I've never regretted the decision." The Kirklands have two children—Alan, who is a senior at the University of Alabama and Mary, who is a freshman at Samford in Birmingham.

Kirkland and his wife, Ruth Mary, are involved in church and community activities. He is a deacon at the First Baptist Church and has served as the Chairman of Deacons two times. He has also been Superintendent of Sunday School. Both Kirklands are members of the Heritage Association and have held the office of vice-president.

Mrs. Kirkland is a free lance artist. He said he enjoys helping her and they travel to various places for her to display her works.

One surprising fact about Kirkland is his interest in golf. Because of his devotion to his work and church, he rarely has time to play anymore. He said, "A few years ago when I played regularly I had a six handicap."

His other interests include reading and attending plays. Kirkland lists Louis L'Amour, James Michener and R.B. Thieme among his preferred authors. Thieme is the pastor of the Berachah Church in Houston, Texas. Kirkland says Thieme writes some worthwhile Christian literature.

As one student put it, "He always has a smile on his face and words of wisdom to offer."

Mr. Kirkland said about the office personnel, "They're the best. They are as efficient and effective as any office I've ever worked in." He said they recognize their first responsibility is to the students and then to the faculty and staff. "We are cognizant of that fact," he added.

It is evident that the business office personnel work closely to insure operations run as smoothly as possible. According to Kirkland, the business office is responsible for student billing, receiving and receipting all revenue, purchasing, and preliminary budget reports.

The dictionary may say that **comptroller** means controller, but Ben Kirkland goes beyond the role of a controller. He is available for students who have special needs whether they be financial, personal, or academic. The door to Ben Kirkland's office is always open. As one student put it, "He always has a smile on his face and words of wisdom to offer."



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Ben Kirkland, university comptroller, dazzles students with a smile and offers words of wisdom.

## Campus decorates to spread yuletide cheer

By KELLY WILLIAMS

For one month out of the year our school colors change from red and white to green, blue, gold, and silver in celebration of the happiest time of the year.

Normally drab dorms, offices, and classrooms have blossomed with holly, mistletoe, poinsettias, and fir trees. Tinsel and twinkling lights remind us of the First Light of the World.

Scene changing is noticeable on campus as evidenced by the following:

Hardee's chose green wreaths centered with red bells to accent the dining area, reminding us of "The Bells on Christmas Day."

The campus bookstore has bright displays of wrapping paper, bows, cards, and ornaments to sell to students who shop early or who will be staying on campus during the holidays.

Every office in the Stone Center is decorated with a "Merry Christmas" bow designed and made by Gail Childs, an office employee in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. Childs said, "I made the bows so that teachers and students would get in the Christmas spirit."

The most notable decoration on campus is the gift from Germany — the Christmas tree.

The main office of the SGA is beautifully decorated with a tree of lights, bows, and garlanded with silver tinsel. Red accordion bells and green trees complete the Christmas atmosphere.

The Special Services Office tree in TMB is lovely with red, blue, and green bulbs and gold tinsel.



Dr. James Reaves' office has a large decorated tree and Michelle Champagne, his secretary, is enjoying a red poinsettia on her desk.

The Business Office has one of the largest trees and the room is accented with red garlands.

Note - worthy campus holiday

happenings have almost been too numerous to mention.

The A Cappella Choir's performances of Bach's "Christmas Oratorio" were December 7, 9 and 10 at various local churches in Jacksonville and Anniston.

Bach wrote his masterpiece in 1734. It follows the text of Matthew and Luke in the Bible.

All the sororities and fraternities planned and enjoyed Christmas parties, along with most other club groups. The office staffs in all their decorated offices got together to complete the atmosphere by sharing all kinds of rich goodies.

The English department members enjoyed an outgoing luncheon which they are famous for. The festive occasion was scheduled from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. at which time they went into session for the final faculty meeting of the year.

Christmas is the happiest and busiest time of the year for Christmas all over the world and JSU is no exception. Students look forward to happy family parties and exchanging gifts. The bright decorations on campus help to unite our feelings of joy as we start celebrating Christ's birth.



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Gail Childs pins up bows at Stone Center to give the Christmas spirit.

# Kristezko voices pros and cons about America

By MATTIE KIRBY

Kenneth Richard Kristezko, better known as Ken, is a familiar around JSU. You have undoubtedly seen him riding his bicycle on campus. If you frequent the library, you are sure to have seen him there. Ken spends more time at the library than he does in Crow Hall, the dormitory where he lives.

Ken is from Kornwestheim, West Germany, a small town located about 4 miles from Stuttgart. He attended schools and worked in West Berlin. Wanting to start a new life, Ken and his wife came to the United States. They planned to attend Berkeley University in California. While visiting friends in Indiana, tragedy struck. Their car was hit by another vehicle. This accident ended their plans for a new life and was the beginning of an ongoing nightmare for Ken. Ken's wife was killed and he was hospitalized in a large Indianapolis hospital. "Because of my unemployment, citizenship, and no insurance, I was transferred to a veteran's hospital and then to Birmingham," Ken said. Thus, a mere happenstance planted Ken in a foreign land, among strangers, with no friends or kindred.

Having gone through such a turmoil, it would seem that Ken would become cold to a society that has caused him such grief. But Ken is a charming, loving, and witty person. He is most interesting to talk with and he welcomes any opportunity to express his feelings and ideas.

Ken says communication with other students is very difficult. He feels like an outsider. "The only students I communicate with," he says, "are the adults or the international students. When we pass each other, we can pretty much see it in each other's eyes." Ken's desire is to become involved and be accepted in American society.

What does Ken think about America? He says, "There is no country like America on the entire earth. America is the land of opportunity. Here in America I can be whatever I want to and succeed, if I work at it." Ken also says that American women show a lot of heart and this makes them beautiful. He feels women are more sincere than men. This quality attracts the males. "To me," Ken says, "the American male is always on stage or acting out a part—not really letting his true self show."

"America is the heart of the world and you have to keep it healthy. I see many things here in this country that are going bad—politically, economically, and the way people are; this affects Germany and the whole world. If you have a disease, the body tries to fight it, to combat it. I feel like a white blood cell. I'm going to do my share too."

Ken is a romantic. English literature is Ken's favorite subject, especially the romantic period. "I

identify myself with that period. That is how I would like people to be with more feeling and emotion," he says. "In literature, the English words are simple. They represent life because all your ideas, dreams, thoughts, and communication depend on them. That is why I chose English as my major," Ken added.

To Ken the English language is an art. "I learn with emotions. Words are like a woman's kiss or a woman's fragrance. I don't look at the language as something mechanical or like math. To me the language is alive. It sinks into my subconscious very well. I like words. I sleep with them and I'm conscious of them everyday and I'm always trying to improve," Ken says.

When Ken started here, he wanted to live in the International House with other foreign students and meet people who were a little more polite and more serious about their studies. However, because of his age, Ken was not accepted in the International House. Ken says since he has met some of the foreign students, he understands why he should not live at the International House. "I would feel a little alienated," Ken said.

How do American schools compare with German schools? "Here it is very easy," Ken explains. "You are treated more like children. I mean if you are absent from class a day, you have to give the professor



Kenneth Kristezko, German student

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an excuse and at the same time you are supposed to be an adult. It is your responsibility to go to class and if you don't, it will hurt you only. You can choose whatever you want to take or be all you can in the USA.

But, in Germany you are programmed. German students may be required to take three or more languages; whereas, here a student only has to take one foreign language. (See KRISTEZKO, Page 18)

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Holidays

# Judy shares her philosophy on aging

By JUDY FETNER

A few days ago I entered my 35th year of life. I was asked, "What's it like to be 35...and a student?" I hadn't given the idea much thought before then, but the question made me really stop and think about my experiences since I've been at JSU. You see, I've told so many people that I didn't start to live until I turned 30. I was somewhat slow at growing up--not physically or mentally, but rather at coming to terms with what my life meant and what I really wanted to do with myself for the next 30 or so years.

Just before my 30th birthday I became very depressed, partially because I'd grown up thinking that 30 was "old" and partially because I really felt as though I was stuck in a rut and was unsure as to how to begin to dig my way out. Returning to college had crossed my mind but only fleetingly. I had 2 sons and a good full time job. I had been 10 years since I'd finished junior college. I didn't think I was dumb, but 20 years was a long time and the thoughts of returning to college scared the hell out of me so I, more or else, pushed the idea into the darker corners of my mind.

A few months later some young people that I worked with as a Big Sister brought the subject up again. They encouraged me to return to school to study my favorite subject--psychology. They felt that I'd done so much for them and that I should pursue my interest so I could help

others in a professional capacity. I made every argument in the book--what about my kids, my job, my parents, and most important, where I would get the money to cover the cost of today's college education. They argued right back until I agreed to do some investigating into the matter. What I discovered came as a shock, to say the least. Not only was I eligible for various forms of financial aid, but I was being switched to second shift on my job. This gave me an opportunity to go to school and keep my job, but my kids' welfare was still a big concern for me.

I decided it was time to discuss the idea with my daddy, my best friend and ally up to that point in time. My dad's reaction was so intense and unexpected that, for the sake of not being censored, I'll just say he was very upset. He came up with all the same arguments I'd made earlier plus a few extra ones. After more discussions and a few angry words, I mad up my mind. I'd been accepted at JSU and I was going to attend classes in the mornings and work 8 to 10 hour shifts at night while my parents took care of my boys. When I was going to study hadn't been determined at that point, but I had to give it a try. Too many people had said that I'd never make it.

By a strange twist of fate, I came to JSU in the fall of 1981, not as a part time student, however, but full time. I'd been laid off from my job. I moved into Daugette Hall and tried

to make major adjustments in my life. The main one was trying to live on little more than \$200 a month after being used to \$400 and much more a week. I cried at the first few weeks because I missed my kids, even though I went home every weekend. I was also scared to death. I attended my classes and returned to my room where I read and studied for endless hours. As the semester proceeded, I made friends, the majority much younger than I except for one. Neta was an R.A. at

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Daugette and she and I became very close in a short period of time. You see, we had much in common and she helped me in so many ways. We laughed and we cried; we talked about religion, politics, and the changing world; we even shared our favorite poetry and books. Neta was 56 at that time and I had just turned 32. I came to love and respect that lady so very much. We are still close. I hope our relationship will never change. All my hard work during that first semester paid off well. I made 4 A's, 1 B, and 1 C. I had proved myself to myself and to the world that I could make it at college. Yes, I was very pleased. I had competed with young people just out of high school or junior

college and I had succeeded. I had met many new people and made several good friends.

The second semester proved to be easier even though I took some very tough courses. I knew how much I needed to study to make the grades I wanted, and I was enjoying my learning experiences. A few girls in the dorm started asking me to go out partying with them, so we had a lot of fun on "Ladies' Nite" at Drayton's (Katz now) and at the Red Rooster. I still didn't go out often because my studies demanded so much of my time and energy, but the times I did served as a welcome break. It was on one of these nights out that semester that I met a guy who would later become my husband although I never would have suspected it at the time. I did not come to college to find a husband, but rather to get a good education. It just happened that way. (That was April 1982 and we didn't get married until June of this year.) We had a lot of fun together as we became good friends. Our friendship turned into love sometime during the long summer that followed, but we did not discuss marriage until much later. I had too many other things occupying my mind and I was afraid of marrying again after a bad first marriage several years earlier. I convinced him to enroll for classes in the fall of 1982 when I was looking forward to my last semester.

On November 9, 1982 my daddy

died suddenly, a month and eight days before I was to graduate. Needless to say, I came very close to "losing it." My daddy and I had become very close after he had to start dialysis a few years earlier. I had to face reality and accept the fact that he was human and I could lose him much too easily. When I did lose him, I went into a state of shock. I functioned through the arrangements, the funeral, and the first few weeks afterwards because I had to be strong for my mother and my boys. When the full impact of my grief hit me, I lost all my motivation, my concentration, and a large part of myself. I just didn't care anymore. My way of handling that grief was slow and painful. I graduated in December of 1982 with a B.S. double major. I started to work the next semester own my graduate degree. The demands of graduate school kept me too occupied to dwell on my pain. I didn't do very well that semester, but I kept trying. Each day became a little bit easier, but I'll never stop missing him.

During the summer of 1983 I audited a drawing class just to find

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## Gifts at Christmas can be smelly

By KELLY WILLIAMS

As you contemplate giving "Good Smelly" for Christmas presents this season, think on this thought: that bottle of Eau de Toilette could literally smell like an old toilet.

Everyday we are confronted with a smelly problem. It is a source of annoyance men and women have that lingers on and on and on...

Remember when you splash on your favorite perfume or aftershave to turn someone on, you are turning a lot of people off. Let's look at some famous ads and see what they could really mean to the smeller after the smellee has doused himself herself with about six ounces.

Too much Jungle Gardenia can make you smell like Tarzan when he has been swinging through the vines all day with Cheetah.

One manly scent "Brings out the beast in my man. Have you ever smelled the cathouse at the Birmingham Zoo?"

"Cachet is different on every woman who uses it. And you better believe it

Have you ever been stuck on an elevator with the woman trying to be different? You usually start hyperventilating about the fourth floor and end up trying to stuff her down the elevator shaft.

"Blue Jeans. Who wants to smell like an old dirty pair of Levi's?"

"Wear it when you're bold. Wear it when you're shy. Musk by English Leather will speak for you. Yes, it speaks--echoes at about 6,000 decibels. Dior's men perfume--Eau Sauvage--"Virile Discreet." Have you ever smelled a discreet savage? A savage by any other scent is still a savage.

Dior's women's perfume--Dioressence--Smouldering. Smells like an old catalytic converter is a 1932 Edsel.

"Stetson. It sounds manly and cowboyish. But who wants to smell like a greasy, sweaty old cowboy hat that the horse just drank out of. Oh, well, John Wayne did it; but, he always took it off around ladies instead of putting it on.

Ambush--A surprise attack. Something smells, but it ain't perfume.

"Babe" Ever smelled a baby. It isn't always a pleasant experience.

Windjammer--Fragrance of the High Seas. So's salt, dead fish, and sea sickness.

"Canoe--cheaper version of the above.


"Skinny-Dip--Bare-ly a fragrance.

Bijan. "It's a comfort to know not every man will be wearing it. Dirty Socks???"


1000 de Jean Patou. "So rare--each flacon is registered. So are ships, horses, cows, and dogs. "Just smell, Little Darlin', I'm wearing AKC.

Rigaud--When your eyes tell you you're in a room, but your scent tells you


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# Meehan's traits equip him for task

BY WILLODEAN MCMURRY

From Connecticut to Texas, to Birmingham, Alabama. This was the geographical path that William Meehan, life took before he came to JSU.

Mr. Meehan attended high school in Birmingham. From 1968-72 he was a student here. After completing his studies he returned to Birmingham where he taught 7th and 8th grade biology in a private school.

Continuing along the same line of teaching, Mr. Meehan returned to his college alma mater where he taught biology 102, human anatomy and physiology.

One of Mr. Meehan's jobs in his present position, assistant to the vice president of academic affairs, is to work with the University's retrieval program, designed to help students return to the university after they have been suspended as a result of academic problems.

This particular assignment takes a special kind of person. The student who, for whatever reason, have experienced the humiliation of academic probation are embarrassed about re-entry. In addition to letters of recommendation from former professors, they must go through Meehan's office in working out all the details involved in the reinstatement process. Exercising patience and kindness and making use of his personality, he uses a low-key charm that puts them at ease. He almost makes them feel as if he has been there himself. In effect he helps them find faith in themselves again.

On the other end, Mr. Meehan works with the accelerated program for high school students who have completed the 10th grade and can

meet the requirements for taking college courses while they are still high school students.

Is there life outside the University for Mr. Meehan? Indeed. He is an equestrian.

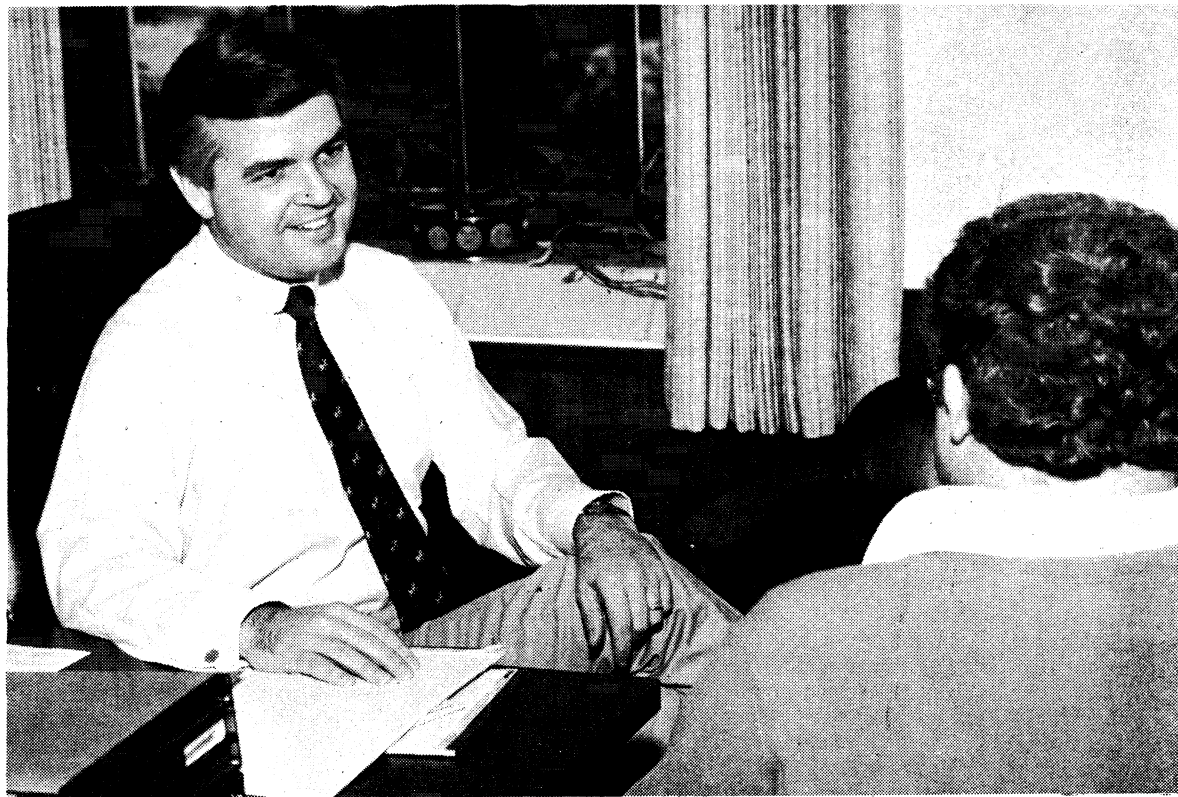
Not only is he a lover of horses but so is his whole family. He said, "My parents gave my sister and me a choice of a swimming pool or a horse, and we took the horse."

Mr. Meehan explained "In 1977 I went to the bank and took out a loan to buy a more Rosie - whom I still have. She is three-fourths thoroughbred and one-fourth Percheron, a breed of large, fast-trotting draft horses from France."

**"Mr. Meehan does not sugar coat any problem that might come up. He is well educated, very articulate and comes across as a friend, as well as advisor."**

Shortly after acquiring Rosie, he was involved in an accident while riding her, ending up with a crushed leg. Rosie was taken to his parents farm in St. Clair County where she now resides and looks forward to her master's visits on the weekends and holidays.

Among Mr. Meehan's many duties he serves as faculty advisor to the Interfraternity Council. Steve Camp, a member of Kappa Sigma said, Mr. Meehan stood behind the students when the problems came up because of the noise ordinance. He



Meehan engaged in what he does best - figuring out a student's problem.

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accompanied the students on the march to City Hall.

Camp continued, "Mr. Meehan does not sugar coat any problem that might come up. He is well educated, very articulate and comes across as a friend, as well as advisor."

Dr. James Reaves, Vice President for academic affairs, naturally has close working ties with Mr. Meehan. He stated, "You could not find a more professional man than Bill Meehan. His first concern is the student. You might find this hard to believe, but I'm sure there isn't a person on this campus that doesn't

like him. Anything you hear about him is positive. He is a person who is highly respected.

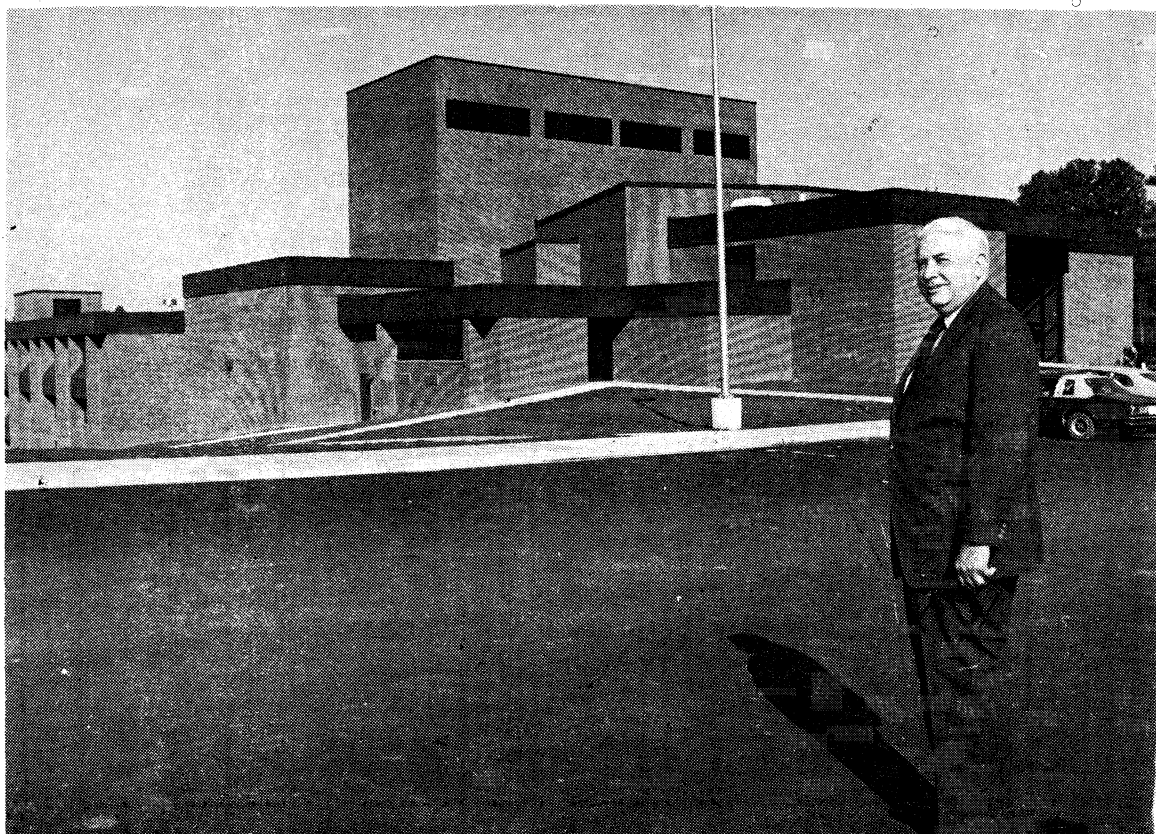
The Meehans live in Jacksonville, in fact, close enough to the University to walk to work, which he confessed, he rarely does.

Meehan's professional associates, the students with whom he works constantly as they deal together with academic goals, fraternity men whom he advises in IFC, and his personal friends respect him for the kind of person he is. Though he exceeds confidence and charm, he is never presumptuous. Making people feel comfortable and worthy

seems to be his goal from day to day. He always listens carefully when people talk to him and agrees if possible. He can be firm though and make a person feel good at the same time. Perhaps the job he does found him because students need guidance from a professional who possesses these qualities.

Mr. Meehan and wife Mona have been married three years. Mona is a former employee of the university, having worked in the admissions office before she became a sports wear buyer for Wakefield's. "So far the only grandchild my parents have is Rosie, the horse," he said.

# Ernest Stone: an educator at heart



Ernest Stone, president emeritus

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By ANDY GOGGANS

Ernest Stone, a Dekalb County native, was raised in modestly humble surroundings and has achieved more than many of his peers who had the same, if not more of a chance.

He was born the son of a farmer and spent much of his childhood working on the small family farm. Yet, he made a point of attending school. Ernest began his education at Kilpatrick school, which provided him with his first nine years of schooling.

After finishing the ninth grade, Ernest, though his family was not affluent, went to the Gaylesville Academy for one year. Gaylesville, at that time, was a private boarding school. He then went to Albertville High School for a year before returning to Gaylesville Academy, where he graduated in 1930.

Ernest, once he had received his high school diploma, came to Jacksonville State Teachers College that fall. It was the beginning of the "Great Depression" and tuition, for him, was 'only' sixty dollars a year. Of course, this included room and board also.

During his stay at Jacksonville State Teachers College he lived in Forney Hall, which was the only boys dormitory then. He attended classes on the old campus for three months before it was moved to the present location. According to Ernest, "We moved here in one old truck, three 1-horse wagons, and five 2-horse wagons."

When he first enrolled at Jacksonville State Teachers College, there were about 350 students, and the largest entering freshman class (175) up to that time. He attributed this to the "Great Depression" and said, "I think Jacksonville would not have been as big as it was if we had been living in affluent times."

After just over two years, Ernest received his degree in elementary education. He had a double major in English and social studies, but the school offered only degrees in education then.

In the fall of 1933, Ernest returned home to become principal of Kilpatrick Junior High School where he started the first student government association on the junior high school level. He also put in a board also. (See STONE, Page 18)

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you're in a garden." A well grown Southern garden usually smells like 4-12-12 fertilizer, chicken litter and stink bugs.

Ombre Rose-The one fragrance that will make you forget all others. A dead skunk in the middle of the road can do that too.

"Charles of the Ritz makes life a little softer and sweeter. So do Downy and Saccharin. Men, you could want to start wearing panty hose if you splash on too much of Broadway Joe's Brut.

"My man wears English Leather or nothing at all. Wear nothing at all. You could get more dates. On second glance, wear the aftershave. White Shoulders-The best the world has to offer. What if you are black or red or yellow?

"Drop by drop Jovan has brought more men and women together. Skunks only attract other skunks.

"Whisper" should have been named "Shouts. Too much and the whisper becomes a shout.

"Chanel 5" always sounds like where the late night news is.

"Polo" Imagine smelling like a sweaty Prince Charles. Joy-The costliest perfume in the world. Generic Evening in Paris.

"Wild Country. Mules, barns, and manure. Oh, well, so much for getting back to nature. As we continue on the trend of getting back to the bare essentials, names will digress to the barest of essentials and people will pay exorbitant amounts for natural scents. Next Christmas we may be asking for these. Canoe and Windjammer become "Inner Tube. All you can afford if you can't find C and J. Smells like a pit stop. Grey Flannel becomes "Polyester Print. Never loses its scent. Wash and Wear forever.

Hai Karate become "Mud Wrestle. Get back to earth-waller in it.

English Leather becomes "Burlap" and smells like old taters. Joy becomes "Depression-The scent of the Times. Kind of like banana sandwiches or bread and water or it could have no scent (cent) at all.

Wild Country becomes "Barnyard. Reminiscent of chicken droppings and pig troughs.

Sauvage and Brut becomes "Sasquatch. For smelly people with big feet. Musk becomes "Polecate. A scent that is not for everyone, but will smell exactly the same on everyone. Yet, it sets you apart from the rest.

Blue Jeans becomes "Cut-Offs. A cheaper version. Stetson becomes "Baldhead.

Chaps, Hombre, and Ambush become "Gunfight at the OK Corral. Smells like gunpowder and is reminiscent of the way the Clantons felt after meeting the Earps-a rather deadly scent.

Sophia becomes "Mohammed Ali. It speaks for itself. Skinny Dip becomes "Fat Fanny's Favorite Fragrance" Do not use sparingly-use a-bun-dantly

We could go on and on and smell on and on...just remember when you put on that extra splash you could change the very essence you are trying to achieve.

In summary, whatever happened to Old Spice, Bay Rum, Lavender Sachet and Lemon Verbena? All the men's fragrances have to have bold earth names. Who needs a savage animal from the wild country who plays polo while wearing a cowboy hat. There must be a country song in there somewhere. Keep looking for the fragrance of the future-Truck Driver-smells like diesel fumes and little white pills.

Just buy vanilla flavoring, bay rum, and cooking sherry. At least it won't go to waste. Heck, you can always drink it.

The above views or rather scents as smelled by this reporter are hers and do not reflect all the scents of this paper. Have a Merry Odoriferous Christmas

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out if I could draw. My older son can draw quite well, and I wanted to know if he "got it" from me. I made a wonderful discovery about myself-I can draw quite well, too. It never ceases to amaze me how many talents a person can have and never develop and use them.

Everything proceeded rapidly for the next several months as I continued my graduate studies and learned more and more about myself.

Then in April 1984 Frank and I decided to get married. The wedding took place in June. Now I have to balance a marriage, work, home, and school. It's challenging, but fun. He's working so I can finish in May 1985. It hasn't been easy, but we both are giving it our all. He hopes to complete his schooling later, a little at a time. He's been good to the kids and they are adjusting to our marriage.

This semester I had my first clients for my practicum. You are talking a whole new ballgame there.

What advice do I have for older students? First, I guess I'd say not to be intimidated by all the 18, 19, and 20 year olds. Sure, you're older, but you're

than they are, but you've experienced more of what life has to offer. Therefore you are more sure of yourself and much more determined. Secondly, I suggest making several friends from the younger age group. You can learn from them just as they learn from you. I've heard many older students make comments on not being able to relate to younger people for various reasons. I see life as a challenge in which you must learn to accept each person as a unique individual with his/her own contributions to make to society. Life is continuous learning experience, but we can either drift through it or we can go out and grab whatever she chooses to throw at our feet. Sometimes it's only by sheer daring that we discover our potential.

College is a challenge for all age groups. Whether or not it becomes a memorable experience is up to each person. We are free to choose and choose we must. As one of my favorite psychological theorists, Erik Erickson, so aptly said it-The ability to accommodate oneself to changing circumstances is a mark of maturity." Thus we all continue to grow. And that's how it feels to be

**KRISTEZO (Continued From Page 15)**

language, and sometimes none." Ken says the textbooks here in America are much better than those in Germany. The editing and format are very good. This makes learning easier and more enjoyable for the student.

Ken sees things that we as Americans take for granted. Such things as freedom of education,

working opportunities, and personal rights that everyone in America have are cherished treasures to Ken. He feels it is sad how little the young American students think of education. "When asked why they attend school, some students can't give a reason of their own," Ken added.

JSU has become Ken's home away

from home. The community reminds him of Europe. The architecture, the brick buildings, the trees, and the scholarly atmosphere of JSU attracted him to this area. "I would like to make my roots here," he says.

We have opened our classroom doors to many foreign students. Let us now open our hearts.

**STONE (Continued from Page 17)**

program of large unit planning, as opposed to the old method of day by day.

He served there as principal for three years before assuming the job as principal of Crossville High School, a position he held for the next seven years.

While serving as principal of Crossville High School, he instituted, along with the help of others, the "core curriculum program. One portion of this program was what Ernest called preventive health. This consisted of obstacle courses for the boys and girls to run and also a community involved program. He firmly believes in the advancement of individuals in all aspects of their lives, and as he said, "I would go to Parent Teacher Association meetings and plead with people to send their children to high school."

He then became Superintendent of Dekalb County Schools. A position to which he was elected by the Dekalb County School Board.

After serving as Superintendent of Dekalb County Schools for one year, he, in 1943, joined the United States

Navy. He said, I volunteered because so many of my school boys were being drafted. Ernest stayed in the Navy until the end of the World War II.

In January of 1946, he came back to Jacksonville, where he assumed the position of Director of Extension and Superintendent of Laboratory Schools, a job he would hold for twenty-one years.

Ernest then went to Montgomery to serve in his newly elected capacity as State Superintendent of Education. He was the last man to hold that office as an elected official. In the election he had carried sixty-five of the sixty-seven counties in Alabama.

He was State Superintendent of Education for four years, after which, he returned to Jacksonville State University, this time as President of the University.

When Ernest retired as president, on June 30th, 1981, he had been in education for thirty-eight years.

Ernest Stone has throughout his life been a key factor in the upgrading of education on all levels in Alabama. He has implemented so many things in his career as an educator that it would be futile to attempt to list more than this small offering.

Today Dr. Stone enjoys retirement with his wife Kitty who is the retired director of the Jacksonville Elementary Laboratory school which was subsequently named the Kitty Kitty Stone Laboratory School in her honor. They both enjoy gardening and the opportunity to visit their son, Major

Bill Stone, and his family which includes the three grandchildren-Staci, Steven, and Jeffery. Bill is married to the former Sandra McCurdy, also from Jacksonville.

The Stones naturally take much special interest in their grandchildren's school and sports activities. We believe that having his grandsons become Gamecocks is one of Ernest's fondest dreams.

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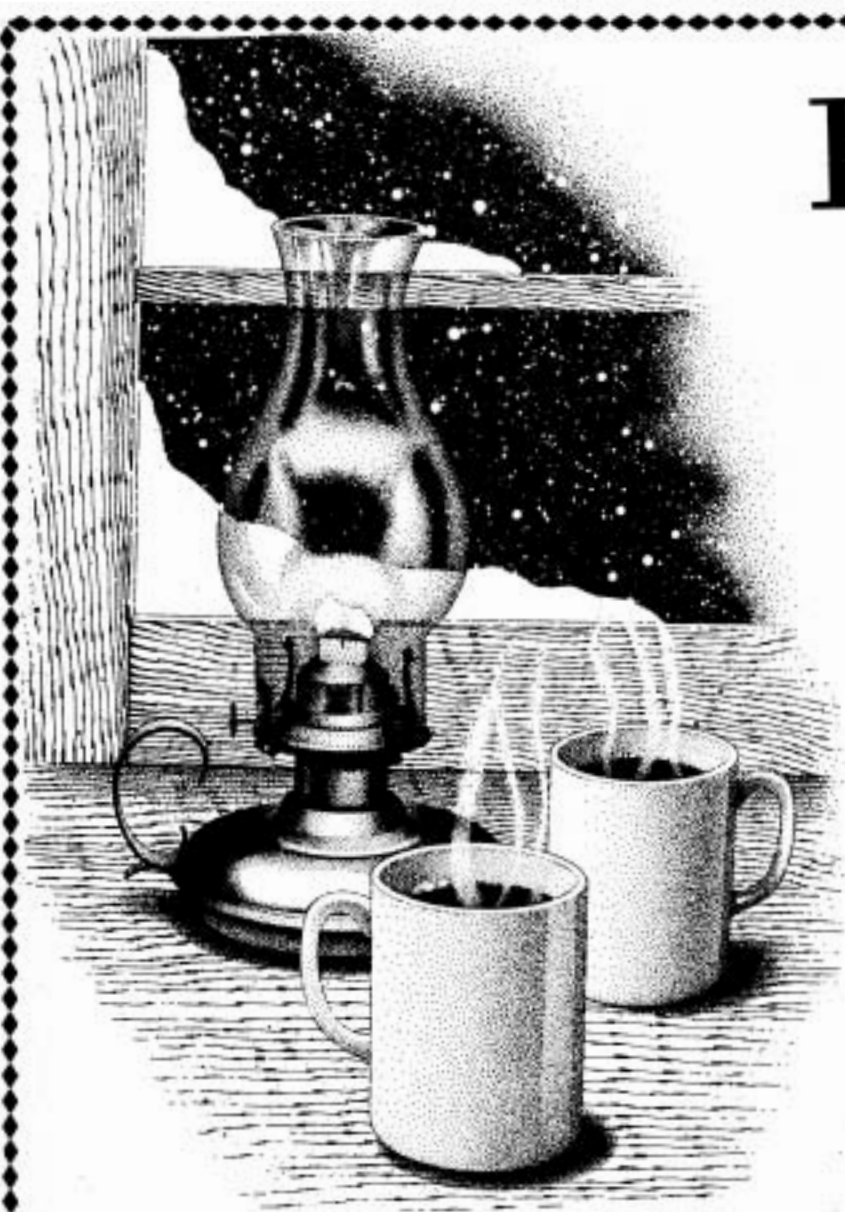
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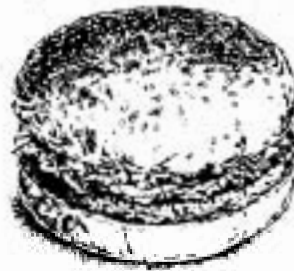
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## SPORTS

# Jax State shoots down Troy

## Gamecocks win over Trojans, 98-79

**BY STEVE CAMP**

For twenty minutes it was a classic battle, but the Jacksonville State Gamecocks took control in the second half to post a 98-79 victory over arch rival Troy State last Monday night in Troy, Alabama.

The Gamecocks finished their initial conference road trip of the season with a 2-0 Gulf South record. Jacksonville had downed Valdosta State two nights earlier.

"Our seniors had something to prove in this building tonight," said Jax State's Bill Jones following the victory. "They had suffered close losses here before. Winning here on their final trip in was important to them."

Jax State took advantage of superb performances from seniors Earl Warren and Robert Guyton. Warren tallied 24 points on the night and scored ten of the team's first 12 points in the crucial first two minutes of the second half.

Guyton, the Gamecocks' leading scorer for the season, found himself in foul trouble in the first half, but the senior forward rallied with eleven points in the final twenty minutes to finish with seventeen.

Robert Spurgeon had by far his finest night of the year adding 16 points to the total while Melvin Allen chipped in with the same number.

The bench squad was led by the nine points of freshman Kelvin Bryant.

Junior center Keith McKeller was the ruler of the boards for the Gamecocks. He once again was in double figures in rebounds and added nine points.

The Trojans were led by forward Dennis Garrett. The transfer from Gadsden State Junior College led Troy's attack with 23 points.

The true deciding factor of the contest was not Jax State's offense, but their defense against one player and rebounding. The Gamecocks were able to almost totally neutralize Troy State's leading scorer, Andre Hills.

Hills, who had been averaging twenty-four points a game, was held to only eight points before he fouled out. With Hills gone, Jacksonville was able to smother whoever had the hot hand for the Trojans and in turn shut down their offense. Jax State was also able to pull 50 rebounds on the night to the home team's 39.

But the Gamecocks were hurting, no questions about it. The squad's top substitute, Pat Williams, went out with a severely sprained ankle in the opening half and was unable to return.

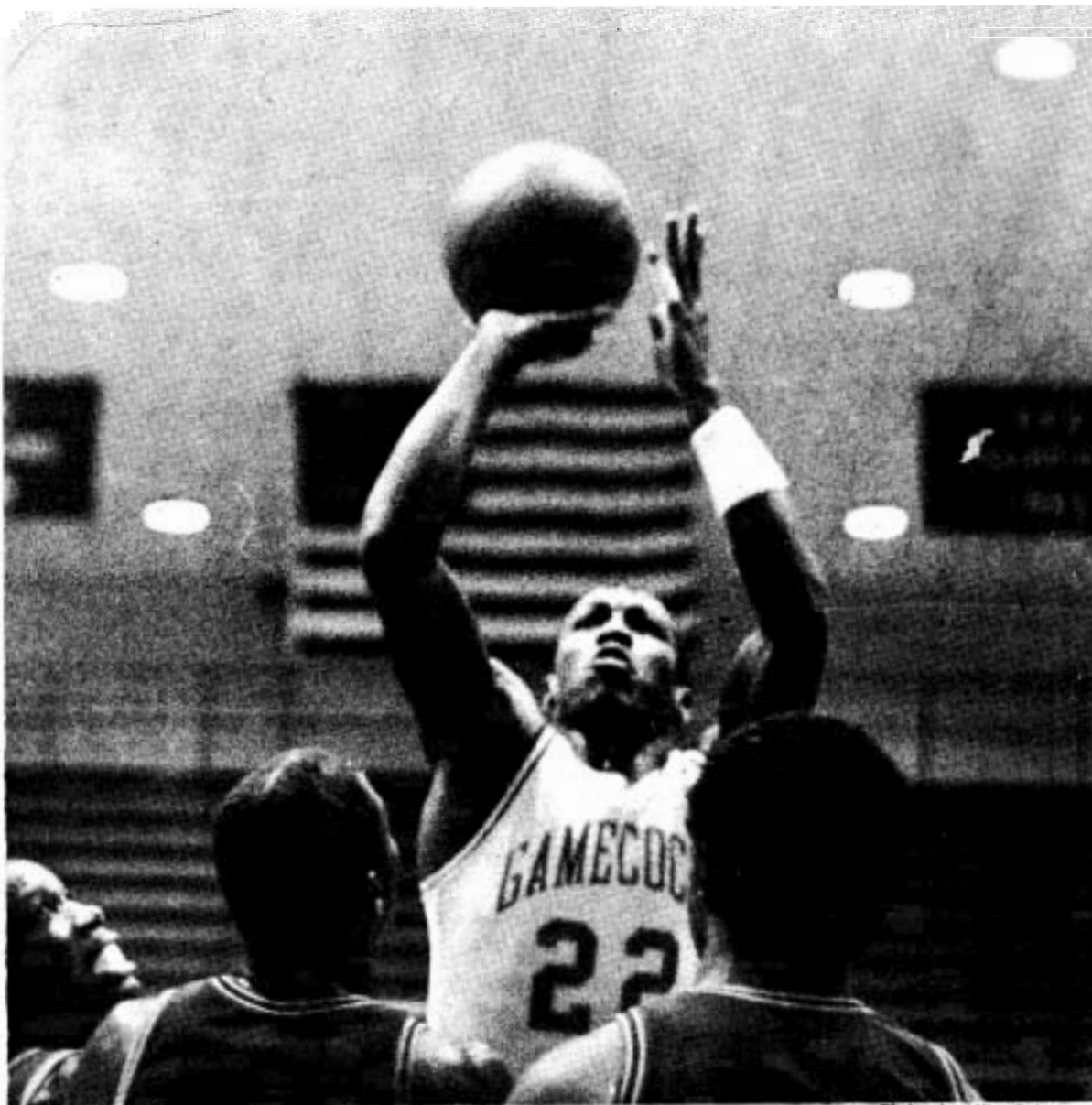
Starting forward Robert Spurgeon, feeling the effects of the two games in three days, played the contest on a pair of sore knees. Jones could use Spurgeon only in short spurts down the stretch due to his leg ailments.

Earl Warren received an elbow in the face and suffered a slight muscle pull in his leg in the second half. All but Williams finished the contest, though others were playing with pain.

"Our kids are tired, no doubt. The first five laid it on the line tonight, especially Spurgeon," praised Jones afterward.

The ball game opened on a quick pace as Troy State boarded the initial four points. Jacksonville then spent the next sixteen minutes trying to catch the streaking Trojans.

(See TROJANS, Page 22)



Junior College transfer Pat Williams pumps in two. He was injured against Troy and may be questionable for this weekend. Photo by Mike Roberts

## Jacksonville fall semester intramural champions

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Runner Up and Little Sister Champion: Kappa Sig Little Sisters  
Runner Up and Sorority Champion: Phi Mu

SOCCER: Champions: Nigerian Bombers  
Runner Up: Jacksonville Jets

# In the Gulf South Conference Cocks burn the Blazers

BY STEVE CAMP

Despite numerous fouls and less than quality play for a good part of the game, the Jacksonville State Gamecocks defeated the Valdosta State Blazers in Valdosta, Georgia, by the count of 84-64.

The victory was the first conference win of the season in as many tries and Jax State's fifth straight win of the year.

The difference in the ball game came at the freethrow line where the Gamecocks hit on 28 of 35 attempts. The Blazers had but seven chances from the charity stripe, converting on only four of those tries.

"We did a good job from the freethrow line," said Jacksonville Coach Bill Jones following the game.

"That is a key for us if we are to win in this conference, especially on the road."

The high number of foul shots came as a result of some tight officiating. No one needed to instruct the referees on how to use their whistles as they called 23 personal fouls in the opening half alone.

Jax State was paced offensively by the 21 points of guard Earl Warren. He was followed by teammates Robert Guyton with eighteen and the 15 points of sixth man Pat Williams.

Center Keith McKeller and guard Melvin Allen each added twelve for

the Gamecocks.

It was the play of Warren and Williams which kept Jacksonville afloat in the first half. The back court tandem combined for 22 of the 36 first-half points for the visitors.

McKeller and Spurgeon each picked up a pair of quick personal fouls and were lost for most of the opening twenty minutes. Guyton, the Gamecocks' leading scorer, had trouble getting started.

*"We did a good job from the freethrow line.*

*That is the key for us*

*to win in this conference*

*-Bill Jones-*

Jax State clung to a slight lead for most of the mistake-laden first period. But at the 7:20 mark, Valdosta opened up a 21-17 advantage and threatened to increase the margin while Jacksonville had two key starters on the bench.

But the Gamecocks rallied with ten unanswered points to take the

lead for good around the six minute mark. The Blazers took advantage of Jax State mistakes to claim the final six points of the half and cut the difference to 36-33 at the break.

In the final half Jacksonville was able to rebound and play a better brand of basketball. Valdosta did a good job of slowing the game down at the beginning of the final twenty minutes, but it was to no avail.

The Gamecocks played their best half court game of the season. Using a controlled attack, they boarded 48 points in the final half.

Robert Guyton heated up after the intermission, and behind his twelve points in the half, Jax State gradually pulled away. Keith McKeller sank a pair of freethrows with no time remaining giving Jacksonville a 20-point final cushion at 84-64.

Stated Bill Jones, "There are no patsies in this league anymore. Anytime you go on the road you're looking uphill and Valdosta was no exception.

The win marked only the second time in six tries that Jacksonville State was able to earn a victory in the Physical Education Complex at Valdosta.

With the loss, the Blazers dropped to 3-4 on the young season.



Photo by Mike Roberts

*Goin' up in a crowd*

Gamecock center Keith McKeller takes it to the basket.

## Trojans

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The opening half saw a variety of events. There was a near scuffle under one of the baskets at about the ten-minute mark and both benches came close to clearing. The affair carried a slight resemblance to a hockey game under the boards.

For the opening fifteen minutes it looked as if Troy might be able to run away with it. Both teams were running the floor, but while Jacksonville was being forced to work for points, the Trojans were bombing from everywhere in the building with deadly accuracy.

But as swiftly as it had begun, the pace of the contest slowed to a crawl when the Gamecocks took the lead for the first time at 38-37 with 3:58 remaining in the half. Troy went to

a slowdown and the score stood at 42-41, Jax State at intermission.

As they had done in the beginning, Troy State reeled off six quick points when play resumed grabbing a 47-42 advantage. Only the play of Earl Warren kept the Gamecocks close as he pumped in 10 points in the opening four minutes of the half.

It was then that the rest of the team took over. Jacksonville edged back to a 56-50 lead with 14:50 remaining.

At the 12:46 mark, Andre Hills picked up his fifth foul and was done for the night. That spelled the beginning of the end for the Trojans.

Jax State began pulling away at the midway point of the half as Troy's shooting went stone cold.

When Dennis Garretts fouled out at the four-minute mark, the Trojans were history.

With the victory, the Gamecocks snapped a two-year losing streak in Troy's Sartaine Hall. More importantly, it left Jax State with a perfect conference mark after one of the season's toughest road trips.

The defeat dropped Troy State to 6-2 on the year. It was their second defeat in a row following Saturday's 78-72 loss at the hands of West Georgia.

Jacksonville ran their record to 6-1 with six consecutive victories. The Gamecocks are slated to take one Armstrong State in Pete Mathews Coliseum this Saturday before breaking for the holidays.

## Women's gymnastics for January

January 11	University of Rhode Island Georgia College Auburn University	Home	7:00 p.m.
18	University of Minnesota	Away	7:00 p.m.
19-20	Swiss Miss Classic (Wisconsin) Air Force Academy Winona State University of Wisconsin	Away	7:00 p.m.
26	University of Alabama	Home	7:00 p.m.

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From the stands

## Why Brigham Young isn't no. 1

I was reading the Auburn Plainsman when I came across a piece in it by a sports writer named Paul Sullivan. He was giving his reasons why Brigham Young shouldn't be the nation's number one football team.

Sullivan has a few good points in his argument, some of which I share with him. Along with those, I have a few others of my own.



**Steve Camp**

**Co-Editor-in-Chief**

Let's look at what has made the polls pick Brigham Young as their top team in the country. There is but one thing - the Cougars' 12-0 record.

Is being undefeated the only requirement? If so, why wasn't California State-Fullerton number two when they were 11-0?

But anyone who knows the quarterback takes the snap from the center is smart enough to see the reasons why they shouldn't hold the coveted top spot. First of all, look at their schedule.

When you look at the combined records of Brigham Young's opponents this season, you see why the nation's sports fans are in a rage. The Cougars faced a row of teams who have posted a 54-78-1 mark over the season.

The only notable teams BYU played this year were Baylor, the University of Pittsburgh and the Air Force Academy. When you look closer you see that Air Force is average at best, and everyone knows what happened to Pitt this season.

Air Force is the only bowl team they faced this season, a squad going to the coveted Independence Bowl.

The rest of the Cougars' opponents come from the Western Athletic Conference, one in which several Division II teams could be competitive. Playing teams such as San Jose State and Hawaii obviously do little for BYU's national credibility.

But BYU is in a bowl, and only good teams make it to bowl play. That means they will get some competition, right?

Wrong again. If you haven't noticed yet, good teams aren't the only ones who make the bowl scene these days.

Playing in the Holiday Bowl this year against Brigham Young will be Michigan, a team with a 5-5 record that made post season play only on their name. The Wolverines fell victim to such foes as Purdue and Michigan State and slid to an embarrassing tie for seventh place in the Big 10.

When God came up with college football, I'm sure he didn't mean for the national championship to be decided in a contest before New Year's Day.

Yes, BYU does have a perfect record, and yes they may become the first college team ever to win 13 games in a single season. But they still don't get enough respect needed to be on top because they are shackled in the WAC.

If the Cougars do drop out of the number 1 slot, they won't be the first from their conference to have done so. A few years back Arizona State held an undefeated record after the season was over, but the polls picked Oklahoma (10-1-1) as the National Champion.

That was the one thing which drove the Sun Devils out of the WAC and into the PAC 10. To be the best team, they realized they had to play real teams.

Let's look at the possibilities which could come to pass. Brigham Young must first beat Michigan. At first glance, you may label it as a push over. But BYU has a one-faceted offense. Bo Schenbeckler proved against Miami his squad is capable of stopping one part of their opponent's attack.

If Brigham Young loses, that leaves Oklahoma in line for number 1. But the Sooners can't be sure of an Orange Bowl victory over Washington yet.

Florida steps up to "Numeral Uno" if Oklahoma falls. The Gators are unable to go to a bowl game which in itself will be a mark against their being champions.

So, who would that leave?

If indeed there is anything good which could come out of Brigham Young being crowned National Champions, it would be the heated argument for a playoff system. The media and fans both have been calling for a definite way to determine a champion and this could be the year the NCAA is forced to take action.

When December 21, rolls around, the nation will probably be pulling for Michigan to come up with a miracle. Brigham Young fans will be cheering for the Cougars. Who they really need to be cheering for is the people who vote on the Associated Press and United Press International polls.

## Complete men's gymnastics schedule

January	11	Naval Academy Slippery Rock	Away	6:00 p.m. (Annapolis, Maryland)
	12	William & Mary College	Away	3:00 p.m.
	26-27	Bulldog Invitational (University of Georgia)		Athens, Georgia
February	2	Georgia Tech	Away	2:00 p.m.
	9	University of Georgia	Home	2:00 p.m.
	16	Radford University William & Mary College	Away	2:00 p.m. (Radford, Virginia)
	23	North Carolina State	Home	2:00 p.m.
March	2	Georgia Tech	Home	2:00 p.m.
	8	Radford University	Home	7:30 p.m.
	10	Regional Championships (Georgia Tech)		Atlanta, Georgia
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