

CHAPTER SIX

Jacksonville State College From 1957 to 1966

The change in the school name was no doubt due in part to popular demand among the students. An editorial in the JACKSONVILLE NEWS during July of 1957 pointed out that students, faculty, and staff had for some time been using the shortened name, and commented further:

Statistics show that 187 teachers' colleges in the U. S. have dropped the word "teachers." Interviews with several of the presidents of colleges which have changed reveal that the change has been a help rather than a hindrance. The enrollment has increased in every instance.

Dropping the word "teachers" would not mean that less emphasis would be placed upon teacher training, but it would mean that the public would become more conscious of the fact that these colleges are not primarily teachers' colleges—that is only one phase of the curriculum. In fact, eight degrees are being offered at Jacksonville now.

With new teachers arriving from various sections of the country to meet the increasing enrollment, the existing faculty wished to welcome and get acquainted with their new colleagues. In the 1957-58 school year, the Faculty Club was organized with Theron E. Montgomery, Jr., as the first president. The club would have a dinner and dance once a year, sometimes at Fort McClellan. The group met in the Faculty Club, which was later removed to make way for the office of the superintendent of the laboratory schools, now located on this site. The first International House on Trustee Circle then became the Faculty Club. Meetings were also held in Mason Hall and other places on the campus. The club and the Alumni Association furnished the house and also provided china and silver to serve large groups. Mary Lowrey, head of home economics, served many dinners and barbecues for this faculty organization.

Following Montgomery, other presidents were E. Thomas Malone, Lawrence Hicks, Mrs. Reuben Self, Mrs. James H. Mozley III, Mrs. J. R. Wilson, W. J. Calvert, Jr., Louise R. Clark, John R. Stewart, Mrs. J. C. Hollis, Harry Rose, and Charles Johnson, who in 1969-70 was the last president of the Faculty Club. Revival of the club has been discussed in recent months.

The JACKSONVILLE NEWS of September 4, 1957,

summarized President Cole's fifteen years at the college. In addition to the new degrees and the introduction of graduate work, the physical plant had increased in value by \$15 million. Enrollment in the fall of 1957 was at a high peak; the 2,374 registered in the fall semester included 664 in the evening session. In English and foreign languages there were fifteen teachers, with fourteen in social science, seventeen in education, eighteen in science, and twelve in fine arts. This did not include the ROTC, laboratory schools, or staff.

Jacksonville State College offered a B.S. degree in education, both elementary and secondary, in music, business, home economics, and physical education; a B.S. degree with majors in biology, business administration, chemistry, mathematics, medical technology, and secretarial science (non-teaching); and an A.B. degree, including a major in music with an academic minor. Pre-professional training was offered in basic engineering, medicine, veterinary medicine, pharmacy, law, and agriculture. The M.S. degree program in education was attracting many students.

Among the twenty-five replacements and additions to the faculty that fall was A. B. Hatch, Ph.D., Yale, in the foreign language department. Hatch had also studied in Heidelberg, Germany, and at San Carlos University, Guatemala. Also new was Anatol von Spakovsky, Ph.D., University of Yugoslavia, born in St. Petersburg, Russia, and speaking five languages, who joined the sociology department. An imminent parasitologist, Emmett William Price, D.V.M. and Ph.D., George Washington University, came to teach science. Others in this impressive group were Frank Lovrich in sociology, Carl E. Walker in business administration, Frances Callan, Arch F. Beckelheimer, Christine Forrester, and Elinor Massoglia in English, Esther S. Baab and Albert Singerman in music, Gordon Mainland, Ph.D., University of Texas, in science, and B. R. Hennes, Ph.D., University of Texas, and George Whatley in history.

Bobby Kennamer of Scottsboro moved into the SGA president's chair in 1957. Ottis Williamson of Gadsden became vice president, and Deloris Haynes, Section, secretary. Since that time, Bob

Kenamer, now a prominent businessman in Jacksonville and Anniston, has been active in the affairs of this institution, supporting athletics, alumni activities, and presently serving as a member of the board of trustees of Jacksonville State University.

The year ended on a sad note, however. During the Christmas holidays, Mildred Johnston, the head librarian, died. Doris Bennett was appointed to head the library at the beginning of the new year.

The JACKSONVILLE NEWS of April 2, 1958, reports the celebration of the Jubilee Year of Jacksonville State College at the alumni breakfast held in the Terrace Room of the Tutwiler Hotel in Birmingham. Professor Reuben Self, resplendent in whiskers and a derby, reviewed the seventy-five years of progress of the college in a clever "state of the union" message, a long amusing ballad written to the tune "Sixteen Tons," made popular by Tennessee Ernie Ford. Only parts of ballad are included below:

Your mater is seated among the hills,
Has moved four times cross vales and rills,
But thru the years of up and down
Has occupied the same old town.

The name of my site, if know you will,
Is the staid old town of Jacksonville,
In time of old, a county seat,
Now an urb, both quaint and neat.

My first abode was near the jail,
And next by the springs that never fail,
But now my beauteous hall display
atop a hill a mile away.

Some come in quest of fine career,
And others a spouse their lives to cheer.
There are those devoted to letters or art
But more are consumed with affairs of the heart.

From '99 'til World War II
Daugette did reign, all know 'tis true.
For a span over four decades
This great man ruled thru suns and shades.

One more exec' we now extol,
Our matchless leader, Houston Cole.
He came to us in '42,
Has ruled with hand both firm and true.

Two more celebs of fancy jeans
We honor here, our vaunted deans.
At first Dean Wood sat on the hill,
Now Theron, bold, asserts his will.

Our faithful teachers, what a clan!
The students love them, to a man.
Matchless service they have given,
Toward lofty pinnacles have striven.

To name a few is not discreet
When all belong to one elite
Of knowledge, truth and light —
So quick of wit, so erudite!

If this old ballad is weak and lame
Then William Calvert is to blame.
He writes the verses in our school
And everything conforms to rule.

—Reuben Self



Malcolm Street receives recognition from Alumni President R. P. Steed.

Self's assistants wore appropriate costumes, and Opal R. Lovett showed slides depicting scenes dating from 1883. The alumni elected Katherine Killebrew of Anniston as president; R. P. Steed of Boaz, vice president; and Solon Glover, business manager of the college, secretary-treasurer.

On January 8, 1958, the ANNISTON STAR described The Order of the Three Keys as a new organization "composed of students who have pledged themselves to raise academic standards and to greater effort, collectively and individually." The first officers of the group were Henry Terry, Springville, president; Norman Alexander, Gadsden, vice president; Sherry Croley, Kellyton, secretary; and Barbara Keith, Fort Payne, reporter. President Cole summed up the purpose of the new order thus: "We want more eggheads and fewer fatheads."

"Scholarship is contagious," said the JACKSONVILLE NEWS of March 19, and went on to report:

Last November students at the college formed an organization called "The Three Keys" . . . Tuesday morning the Elementary School had the initiation of its counterpart — the Key Club. The initiation of these fourth-, fifth-, and sixth-grade pupils took place in the auditorium of Kilby Hall under the direction of Mrs. B. R. Hennes . . . The impressive ceremony began with the scribe, Bill Stone, welcoming the audience and reading the list of charter members from a scroll, and Mike Deerman, the trumpeter, blowing the fanfare . . .

In the jubilee year, Dean Montgomery and Business Manager Glover went to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, as guests of educators there who were sending a group of students to Jacksonville for study during the six weeks' summer session. Forty-one

Brazilian students enrolled in special classes in English and in American history.

Brazil Day in Jacksonville was held on July 14. Among the local people responsible for the successful celebration were H. Y. "Jack" Dempsey, Jr., Jack Boozer, Hazel Johnson, and Essie Longshore. Dean Montgomery presented certificates to the students completing the course, and the Brazil Day account was read by Alabama Congressman Kenneth A. Roberts and placed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

Travis Ivey of Piedmont, who had been blinded in combat during the Korean conflict, joined Crawford Pike of Dadeville, also sightless, to do their practice teaching that year at the Talladega School for the Blind. Both Ivey and Pike were elected to membership in WHO'S WHO IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES. Another impressive senior who did practice teaching with them in the Talladega School was Donna Thrasher of Scottsboro.

Professor Leon D. Willman became dean of students in June 1958. He set up a guidance and testing center in Bibb Graves Hall, and also opened a counseling service for students and student organizations.

New faculty members included two Ph.D's from the University of North Carolina, Margaret K. Woodhouse in history, and Jackson W. Selman in political science, and Arvella Payne, Ph.D., New York University, joined the economics department.

The Southerners, Jacksonville State College's marching band, warmed up for the Golden Jubilee celebration at homecoming. Again the legends, romance, and progress of the school were depicted in pageantry, and beards, old-fashioned frocks, and other reminders were much in evidence throughout Jacksonville.

Students entering the college in the 1959-60 year had more financial assistance available than ever before. In addition to numerous memorial gift scholarships and individual loan funds—some without interest—the National Defense Education Act of 1958 provided loan scholarships for students who planned to teach in the public schools or who planned to study natural sciences, mathematics, engineering, or foreign languages. The Logan-Walker scholarships were available for Alabama students of good character and academic discipline who needed financial help.

These funds were handled by the Scholarships and



The Jacksonville State College band, 1952. The stadium and the band have changed over the years.

Loans Committee, headed by E. Baskin Wright, director of student personnel. Serving with him were Lawrence R. Miles, who had become director of admissions and registrar; Floyd Tredaway, assistant professor of business, and Effie Sawyer, secretary to President Cole.

The college bulletin for this year listed this average cost per student per semester.

16 hours	\$ 40.00
Registration fee	25.00
Books and supplies	20.00
Room and board per semester	196.00
Total	\$281.00

Some incidental fees were added, and the out-of-state fee was \$22.50 per student per semester or summer session. The summer session, with classes meeting six days a week, began on June 5 and ended on July 30.

The top SGA posts were held by Joe Garner from Hartselle, president; Don McMillan, Brent, vice president; and Tressie Smith, Birmingham, secretary.

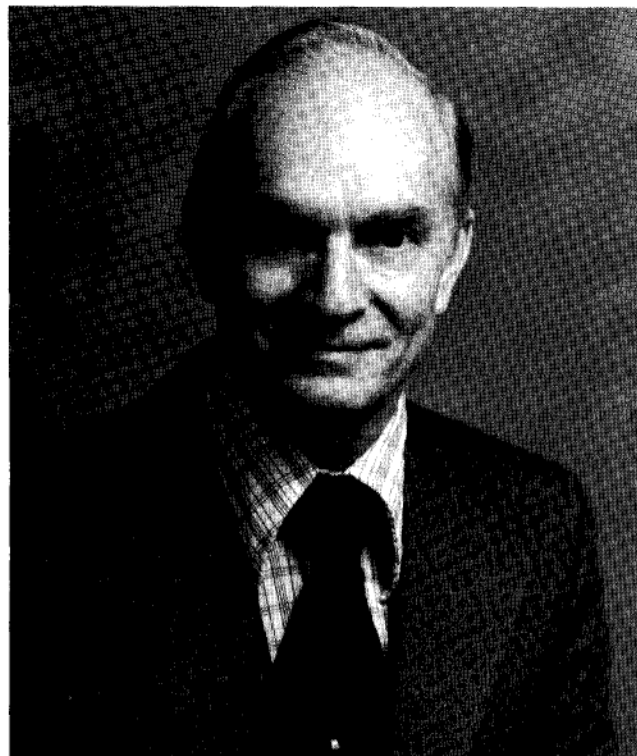
Two outstanding seniors shared the COLLEGIAN'S spotlight in November 1959, Mary Elizabeth Hubbard from Anniston and Joe Bob Lambert from Alexander City. Miss Hubbard, a class beauty, had belonged to the Writers' Club for four years and was an English major. Lambert, captain of the Jacksonville Rifle Team and holder of the Distinguished Military Student medal, was a biology major.

In another issue of the school newspaper, Wanda Roberts and Robert Brooks were honored. Miss Roberts, also a class beauty, had been active in the SGA and was elected to WHO'S WHO IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES. She was majoring in home economics. Brooks, a military student, was director of Freshman Hall, active in intramural sports and a member of the Future Business Leaders of America chapter. Two other popular seniors were Shelby Tankersley of Alexander City and Bill Kinzy from Cedartown, Georgia. Both were physical education majors, and Kinzy a Red Raider halfback for the Gamecocks.

In January, 1960, the school mourned the death of Walter A. Mason, head of the fine arts division. A memorial scholarship has been established for music students in his honor, and Mason Hall is named for this outstanding musician and teacher.

Dean Montgomery announced plans for a two-year self-study and evaluation of the college, one of the first made in the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. Montgomery said that outstanding people would be brought on campus as consultants, and during the self-study a good hard look would be taken at every phase of the college program.

This year SGA officers were Billy Anderson, Vine-mont, president; Wayne Hilliard, Bessemer, vice president; Ferrell Drummond, Roanoke, treasurer; and Catherine Ann Dunaway, Hartselle, secretary.



Ed Fain began working in the business office in 1957, became director of auxiliary services, and served until his retirement in 1980. Fain was responsible for the collection of student loans; the college's default rate on student loans was among the lowest in the nation.

Col. C. W. Daugeette, Jr., of Gadsden succeeded Gen. E. M. Almond of Anniston as chairman of the International House Endowment Foundation at the annual meeting on March 7, 1960.

A new program of teaching French and Spanish from the first grade through college was launched at the elementary school this year, with Denise Aourousseau, a popular International House student from France, as one of the instructors.

At the annual alumni breakfast held in the Tutwiler Hotel in Birmingham, R. P. Steed, president of the association, presented an oil portrait of President Houston Cole to the college. This portrait now hangs in the office of the president in Bibb Graves Hall. Clyde Westbrook, principal of Goodwater High School, Goodwater, Alabama, succeeded Steed as president of the association.

Lucille P. Webb, who served as manager of veterans affairs from 1950 until 1957, returned in 1960 to manage that office and also became secretary to the Student Loan Committee. Jesse Edward Fain of Piedmont joined the business office staff, and his wife, Kathleen, later worked in the admissions office. Ed Fain, who became director of auxiliary services, was a familiar figure at all of the ball games. The Fains retired in 1980 and now live in Piedmont.



Officers and county representatives of the Jacksonville State College Alumni Association. Front row: Mrs. W. H. Cummings, Calhoun County; Hubert Street, Rockford, 1st vice president; Miss Mildred Marona, Gadsden, 2nd vice president; Clyde Westbrook, Goodwater, president; Solon H. Glover, Jacksonville, secretary-treasurer; Robert Dunaway, Clay County; (second row) Charles Boozer, Talladega County; Mrs. Lamar Battles, Mrs. Mary T. Rogers, Coosa County; Jim Frank Clark, Chambers County; Mrs. Frank Robertson, Calhoun; Miss Beulah Allen, DeKalb; A. J. Bailey, Clay; (third row) J. W. Richey, Cherokee; George A. Mitchell, Jefferson; Norman Parker, Etowah; Paschal King, Coosa; Thomas J. Richey, J. K. Gibbs, Marshall; W. R. Black, Tallapoosa; Don Bulger, Talladega; Don Standridge, Cleburne.



The dedication of Patterson Hall. Left to right: President Cole, Gov. John Patterson, Mrs. Albert Patterson, Mrs. Pauline Glass, Mrs. Houston Cole, LaFayette Patterson, Col. Harry M. Ayers. The building is named in honor of the late Albert Patterson.

The school celebrated Governor's Day on April 9, 1960. Governor John Patterson presented academic letter certificates to seven students: Edna Moore Brown, Jacksonville; Wayne Wilkinson, Jacksonville; Ivy Mitchell, Anniston; Shirley Pike, Heflin; Ira M. Sherrard, from Canada; Carolyn June Kerr, Gadsden; and Mary Jim Ingram, Pell City. The news release mentioned that academic letters gave scholars the same recognition accorded athletes who receive letters.

"It was the governor's first visit to Jacksonville—although he did fall in a college swimming pool at the school when he was four years old," the GADSDEN TIMES said.

Opal R. Lovett, teacher of visual aids and past president of the state audio-visual organization, invented a new visual training aid in 1960. Instead of the old flip charts, this new device allowed charts to be pulled out of a rack.

President Cole presented life memberships in the Ushers Club to Charles McCain of Roanoke and James L. Keith of Fort Payne. This group serves as ushers for large events held at the school. Another award winner during this period was ROTC Cadet of the Year, Johnny Van Cleave, a mathematics major.

Professor Emmett W. Price that year received a grant of \$10,800 for research in biology, to study parasites on the gills of marine and fresh water fish, a problem in fish hatcheries.

Under the supervision of Palmer Calvert, the Jacksonville State Mermaids were featured in the annual water show at the YMCA in Anniston on July 21-22, 1960. Catherine Dunaway of Hartselle led the 25-member group.

Howard Whitman, one of the nation's leading writers on human affairs, spoke to the Jacksonville faculty and students on June 20, 1960. His topic, "New Frontiers in Living," took a sharp look at America's position in the world. A series of syndicated articles in the BIRMINGHAM NEWS generated special interest in his talk.

President Cole announced plans for additions to the Ayers Science Hall and the library, as well as a new men's dormitory to be located on the north end of the campus facing the Jacksonville-Gadsden highway. Bids were opened for a new dining hall and chapel, for a building program totaling \$1.5 million.

Zenobia King Hill, a choreographer from Anniston, readied the Marching Ballerinas for the homecoming football game with Troy State College. The members of the 1916-1917 classes were reunited at homecoming. Some of the returning Normal School graduates were Cecil E. Harris; Dr. R. C. Maxwell, captain of the football team; Mrs. Daugette, wife of the former president; O. B. Thompson, president of the class of 1917; and Judge G. C. Brittain, president of the class of 1916.

New faculty members this year included Ruth Sinclair in art, Roland B. Skinner in geography, and Earl R. McCool in psychology. The evening session

at the college was becoming an integral part of the campus, and fewer students were veterans.

The fine arts division, in January 1961, began a series of programs on "What's New in the Creative Arts?" under the direction of Robert B. Cantrick, chairman. Cantrick, Ph.D., State University of Iowa, came to Jacksonville in 1959 as a visiting associate professor of music. The program included discussion of music, performance, and art exhibitions.

The Masque and Wig Guild presented *Arms and the Man* by George Bernard Shaw in February, with William J. O'Sullivan, assistant professor of English, as director.

A conference for the study of educational goals of the 1960s was planned for March 4, 1961, with educators and lay groups from all over the state participating. Frank R. Stewart, state superintendent of education, opened the conference, and the keynote speaker was J. W. Letson, superintendent of Atlanta schools and a former Bessemer school administrator.

Frank R. Stewart, class of 1935, is another Jacksonville graduate who became well known in the field of education. A native of Piedmont, he was a teacher, coach, principal, and superintendent of county schools. Stewart was serving as an army sergeant in the infantry in Europe when he was elected superintendent of education in Cherokee County. He had given his father a power of attorney and the elder Stewart had qualified him for the race. In 1959 he became superintendent of education, and in 1961 was elected president of Troy State University where he served until his death in 1964. His M.S. degree had been from Auburn, and in 1959 that university awarded him the honorary Doctor of Laws degree.

"Deaf Children Learn to Speak," an article in the GADSDEN TIMES of May 21, 1961, noted: "Mrs. Hennes will conduct the fourth annual workshop under the sponsorship of the Calhoun County Crippled Children and Adults Society beginning June 7, for the training of teachers." A photograph of Mrs. B. R. Hennes, speech therapist in the Jacksonville Elementary Laboratory School, and two children who had learned to talk under her direction was shown.

Roy Gibson, a member of the education faculty for six years, retired in 1961 after fifty years as a teacher in Alabama schools. His first job was in a one-room schoolhouse, where he alternated between teaching and attending Jacksonville State Normal School. His wife, Vera Burselson Gibson, retired from the elementary school here, and they moved back to St. Clair County, where he had served as county superintendent of education for seventeen years. Professor Gibson died in 1981, and Mrs. Gibson now lives in Pell City.

Lt. Col. D. J. Coleman, professor of military science with the ROTC unit, left in July for duty in



Dr. David L. Walters of New Bern, North Carolina, took over as the director of the Southerners in 1961, a position he still holds.

Korea and was succeeded by Lt. Col. John Allen Brock. Major W. N. Brown, assistant professor of military science and tactics, also left Jacksonville State College for a new assignment in Germany.

New faculty members in 1961 included David L. Walters, from New Bern, North Carolina, who had a master's degree in music from Florida State University and took over direction of the Southerners and other musical groups; Ria Jane Chiepalich in mathematics, Clyde J. McSpadden in science, Willodean Stephenson in business, and Martha Ann and Mary Alice Whitt and Frank Rainwater, Ph.D., Vanderbilt, in English. Gerrye Clegg left the English faculty to become director of housing and counselor for women, and Pauline Glass, mother of Christine Glass Triplett, joined the staff as director of the new men's dormitory.

As eleven hundred freshmen converged on the campus that year, Dean Montgomery and Registrar Miles commandeered walkie-talkies to keep control of the scramble to provide classes and teachers. President Cole passed on to the freshmen his "7-8-9" formula for success—seven hours of work, eight hours of sleep, and nine hours of other activities and recreation.

Patterson Hall, the new men's dormitory, was named for the late Albert Patterson, attorney-general nominee and vice crusader who was killed by an assassin's bullet in Phenix City, Alabama. His son, Governor John Patterson, his widow, Mrs. Albert Patterson, and Lafayette Patterson, a brother, were honor guests at the dedication.

College Appreciation Day was observed as both Patterson Hall and the new Leone Cole Center were opened. Jack Dempsey, postmaster, was town chairman of the program, and Mayor Frank Casey, County Commission Chairman Dan W. Gray, and Council Members Jack Boozer, Floyd P. Tredaway, O. R. Deason, and Ed Young were also platform guests. Also on hand were W. A. LeCroy, state superintendent of education; J. J. Benson, member of the state board of education; and Floyd Mann, state public safety director. On behalf of the town, Dempsey presented a silver punch bowl and service tray to the college.

At homecoming 1961, 120 Normal School graduates came for the first all-Normal School reunion. In addition to former teachers Ada Curtiss and J. W. Stephenson, some of the SNS graduates attending were Lola B. McCullough, Auburn; Eva B. McCullough, Nashville, Tennessee; Mrs. J. D. Sturkie, Auburn; J. D. Samuels, Sylacauga; Pat Steed, Anniston; and R. F. Samuels, Montgomery. All three of the Treadaway sisters came—Pearl Treadaway Jacobus, class of 1917, dietitian, Decatur, Georgia; Jessie Treadaway Callaham, class of 1925, Atlanta; and Ethel Treadaway, teacher, Decatur, Georgia.

A reviewing stand was set up at the Magnolias from which those who were students before the turn of the century could view the homecoming parade. Among those attending were Mrs. Lee Burton (Mary Ramagnano) and Mrs. Henry Edwards (Annie Stevenson), class of 1892; Emily Goodlett and Mrs. C. W. Daugeette (Annie Rowan Forney), class of 1893; Mrs. M. A. Stevenson (Sabrina Swope), and Mrs. George P. Ide (Margaret Borden) who were students in 1896; Mrs. J. C. Steele (Martha Weir), Mrs. O. B. Myrick (Daisy Ward), Mrs. A. P. Johnston (Mary Reynolds), and Mrs. J. J. Arnold (Gertrude Arberry), all students of the early years of the Normal School. Local alumni who arranged the events for the visitors were Mrs. F. S. Tredaway (Louise Douthit) and Mrs. Homer Weaver (Edith Nolen).

The self-study had been completed, and in October 1961, the evaluation team for the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools arrived on campus, with Rufus C. Harris, president of Mercer University, as chairman.

Following the Southern Association's evaluation in the fall of 1961, there was an additional evaluation of the college by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education, formerly the American Association of Teachers Colleges, in Oc-

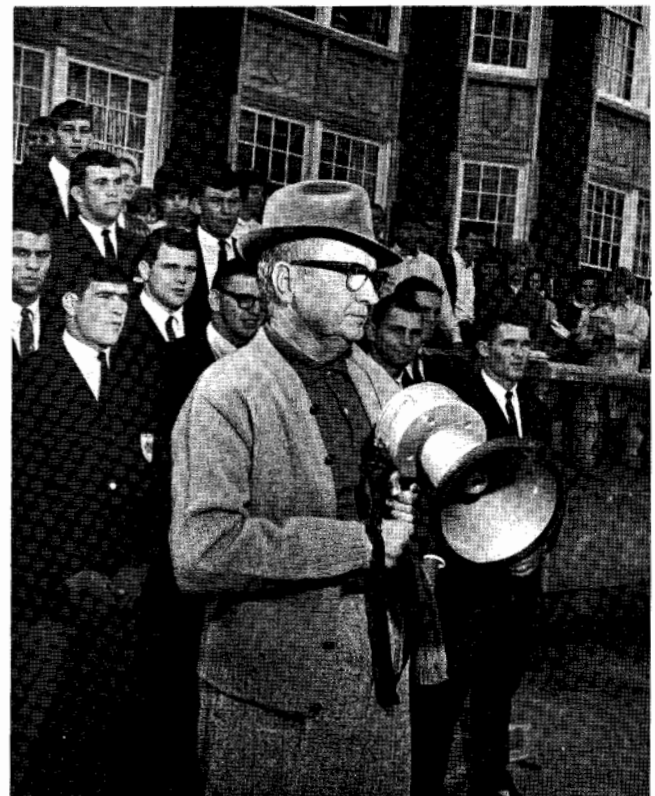


Above — Governor George C. Wallace is shown with SGA officers Mary Ann McCurdy and Gerald Waldrop.

Above right — Senator James B. Allen speaking to a banquet.



Right — When the telegram came announcing Jacksonville State College had become Jacksonville State University. President Cole was called at home. He dressed hastily so he could make the announcement at the pep rally. Finally, he got the megaphone away from Coach Blevins. The dressed-up football players were ready for the challenge.



tober, 1962. To be accredited, an institution must apply voluntarily, and meet the standards established for the preparation of teachers. The Teachers Education Council at Jacksonville State College had begun the self-evaluation three years before the NCATE board's visit and had merged into the self-study program for the Southern Association visitation.

The year 1962 ended with a tornado in December. The twister took the roof off the new Leone Cole Center and did considerable damage to Hammond Hall, which was being remodeled at the time. Students and faculty formed a mop brigade and worked all night trying to save the floors and the equipment in the new building. Trees were uprooted and much damage was done at the stadium.

The state of Alabama had just been through a historical political campaign, and George C. Wallace became the fiftieth governor of Alabama on January 14, 1963. Increasing college enrollments were requiring more state funds.

In addition to expansion of the physical plant, advances were made in the curriculum in the fall of 1963, including extension and expansion of the accelerated program for high school students, which would lead to advanced placement. Selected courses could be taken by these students, and college credit would be given for the work upon completion of a semester's work at the college. Basic engineering and mathematics programs were revised in the light of current trends, and a major in Spanish was added. Opportunities for the evening undergraduate and graduate students were enlarged.

Fifteen new faculty members came to Jacksonville in the fall of 1963. Among them were Martha DuBose Howell, Ed.D., University of Alabama, in the education department; Martha Poindexter Williams in the materials bureau and library; George R. Teague in foreign languages; J. L. Couch in mathematics; and Evelyn McMillan, Ph.D., University of Alabama, in English. Additions to the library staff were Kathleen Rambeau and Eleanor Haywood, while Bayne Dobbins and Carl Anderson joined the music faculty, and William C. Todd and William L. Blair came to teach physical education. Winna Faye Maxwell came to direct the home management house, and Robert W. Foshee, to teach business education.

Randall Cole was editor of the COLLEGIAN in 1963, and serving with him were Todd Holman, Clyde Davis, and William Ellis. Cole reinstated the practice of editorials in the college paper, and today, with a law degree from the University of Alabama, he still listens to problems as a circuit judge in Fort Payne.

In June, a new freshman arrived with his two pet snakes, which he planned to house in his dormitory room. The housemother changed his plans, however, and the infant reptiles were relegated to a jar in the biology department. This biology major-to-be, Bill

Morris, was taking biology and English in the summer session under the accelerated high school program.

The MIMOSA staff that year included some popular campus personalities, Dale Dison, editor, and David Moon, business manager. Some of the others involved were Ron Wheeler, Judy Shanaberger, Wenona Jones, Catherine Burn, Jane Hubbard, Mary Ann McCurdy, Lillian Haber, and Lani Mainland. Many students worked on these productions every year, and this valuable experience has escalated a number of careers. On July 2, 1970, David Moon, class of 1964, landed by helicopter on the front lawn of Bibb Graves Hall to present scholarships in memory of Marvin Anders, one of his history professors, and Geneva Stephens Pyron, who gave him his first job in the business office at Jacksonville.

The COLLEGIAN, on September 27, 1963, announced the dedication of two new buildings: Mason Hall, named for the late Walter A. Mason, and Rowan Hall, named for Carrie P. Rowan, wife of Dr. John F. Rowan and former housemother, who had retired in 1960.

Governor Wallace spoke to an assembly of more than two thousand at Jacksonville that fall, and spent an hour around campus shaking hands with a number of surprised and delighted students.

Students were also involved in a tragic national event. In late November, the following notice was circulated on the campus:

There will be a brief
MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR THE
LATE PRESIDENT,
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
At 11:00 A.M.

Monday, November 25, 1963

Students are to assemble for the service on the lawn between the flagpole and the dining hall.

All Pershing Rifle members and pledges are to meet at the ROTC Building at 10:00 Monday morning in full uniform.

In observance of the President's death, classes will be dismissed during the hours of 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Monday. On Wednesday, November 27, there will be no classes.

At 5:00 P.M. Monday, there will be a Retreat Ceremony with the Scabbard and Blade Honor Guard lowering the Colors.

In 1964, five Jacksonville State College seniors received graduate assistantships: Stanley Martin, of Anniston, at Tulane University to work toward his master's degree in bio-statistics (his brother, Larry, had received a similar assistantship when he graduated from Jacksonville in 1961 and received his master's degree at Tulane this same year); Wayne Dempsey of Jacksonville, Jerald Abercrombie, Blountsville, and Martin L. Devenyns, Huntsville, in mathematics at the University of Alabama; and Alvin Smoake of Jacksonville, in zoology and

entomology at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

Larry Keener's sports page in the COLLEGIAN, February 24, 1964, mentioned the basketball squad.

On behalf of the student body, faculty and administration I would like to thank the departing seniors on the basketball squad. Ronnie Harris, Wayne Ray, J. L. Bellamy, and Mitch Caldwell played their last game before a home crowd against Livingston State and turned in a fine performance to remember long after they have joined the ranks of Jacksonville alumni.

Ronnie Ray Harris, Ed.D., University of Alabama, returned to teach in the physical education department in 1966 and is now head of the department.

Also in the sports news was an editorial in the college newspaper on December 7, 1964.

Saying goodbye is never a pleasant chore, but it is even more regretful to bid farewell to Dr. Salls, our football coach. We realize he will still be around in his new position but he will be missed in his familiar place along the side-lines at Snow Stadium.

Professor Salls joined the education department that year and taught until his retirement on August 31, 1981.

The first session of the Student Conference on American Government, sponsored by political science professors, was held in December of 1964. Tony Normand, SGA president, welcomed high school seniors from twenty-five schools to "the friendliest campus in the South," and then reminded them that "all should never stop giving thanks for the freedom to meet and discuss government unhampered by laws restricting our criticism of the way our government is run."

SCOAG chairman was Randall Cole, who originated the idea for the annual conference. A. W. Bolt had charge of programs, and Bobby Clotfelter was treasurer. Others helping with this affair were Larry Payne, Gail Waldrop, Mary Ann McCurdy, Donna Browning, Barbara Smith, Joe Creel, Ronnie Adams, Leon Morrow, Jim Wilson, and Pat Goodhue.

Usually beginning on Friday and lasting through the weekend, this annual conference attracts outstanding high school students to the college campus. They meet prominent state and federal public officials who discuss the role of the government and the individual's responsibility to become informed about the affairs of the state and nation.

Christmas musical programs by the A Capella Choir had by now become a traditional affair. Under the direction of Professor Bayne Dobbins, the choir still presents programs on campus and in Anniston each year.

Music students also made headlines in January of 1965, when the Southerners went to Washington, D.C., to march in President Lyndon Johnson's inaugural parade. Martha Cole made cookies for the

members of the group who traveled by bus all night.

Governor Wallace rode in a convertible in front of the band and made sure all of the viewers knew he was proud of the Jacksonville State College band. The Southerners was the only band in the parade to get a photograph in the WASHINGTON DAILY NEWS. These were the days of Freddy Pollard of Gadsden, the first student to direct the massed bands on Band Day.

Other students mentioned in the news in early 1965 were Glenda Justice of Ider, Alabama, an outstanding senior in secondary education, and Martha Yancey, a talented soprano, who graduated that year and was selected for WHO'S WHO IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES.

William E. Gilbert, assistant professor of history, was appointed in February, 1965, to serve a three-year term on the editorial board of the ALABAMA REVIEW, a quarterly published by the Alabama Historical Association.

The ROTC unit, under Lt. Col. John A. Brock, professor of military science, and Cadet Colonel A. W. Bolt, was given a superior rating in all activities in March that year, and Mary E. Henderson, secretary to the department, was presented the Army Commendation Certificate for outstanding performance by the Commanding General of the IV Army Corps, an honor she had also received in previous years.

In the spring, the football Gamecocks came under the supervision of Head Coach Jim Blevins and assistant coaches Carlton Rankin and Ken Beard. The spotlight in tennis was on team players John Mann and Herschell Turner.

Head basketball coach Tom Roberson presented Roger Pate and Bill Jones with plaques for being chosen All-Conference basketball players. Pate was second highest rebounder for the Gamecocks, and Jones led the team in total points scored.

Two seniors graduating in May were mentioned in the school news releases: Lani Mainland of Jacksonville, B.S. in secondary education with double majors in mathematics and chemistry and special honors in mathematics, who was selected for WHO'S WHO IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES; and Lamar Holley of Anniston, a major in business who planned to attend the New Orleans Seminary. The Masque and Wig Guild presented *Auntie Mame*, starring Carol Dunkin, Roger Porter, Alice Fulwilder, Dee McCargo, and others.

In June, John Mann became president of the SGA, with Tommy Monroe, vice-president; Mary Jane Baker, secretary; and Randall Wolfe, treasurer. The COLLEGIAN staff included Joe Stahlkuppe, Cary Allen, and Bobby Clotfelter, who was working on his master's degree.

"State government is undergoing a revolution," State Senator Pete Mathews, senate floor leader, told Professor Edwin Van Keuren's political science class and other students, during a series of addresses by Alabama legislators during the summer

session that year. Lt. Gov. James B. Allen also spoke to the students.

Mary L. Lowrey's retirement as head of the home economics department was announced. When she came in 1949, there were about forty students in that department; by 1965, there were 200 students enrolled and a faculty of five trained economists. More than 200 others had already received bachelor's and master's degrees.

History professor Bernard R. Hennes, a Ph.D. from the University of Texas who came to Jacksonville in 1957, died in 1965 after a long illness. Mrs. Hennes donated her husband's library of 350 volumes, including two first editions, to the school library, and other volumes have been purchased from memorial funds.

Dr. R. C. Maxwell, a retired dentist of Chattanooga, Tennessee, presented a thirty-two volume set of rare books to the library. Maxwell, a Normal School graduate, shared the presentation to librarian Doris Bennett with his classmate, Louise Douthit Tredaway.

The enrollment increase in September brought about over-capacity service in the dining hall and crowded dormitories, and the building program was moving rapidly to keep pace. The present Weatherly Hall had been completed, and Liston Crow Hall, dormitory for men, was opened this fall. The building program included a new cafeteria.

The school welcomed a new dean of women, Miriam Jackson (now Higginbotham), who is still in that position. Crowded rooms and a need for study halls added to the usual problems facing a new dean. The rules were changing, and the question of "co-educational TV watching" was under consideration.

Headlining the story "Jax State Has Largest Faculty in its History," the September 20, 1965, COLLEGIAN announced the following new faculty members, many of whom are still teaching or have retired only recently.

In English: Mrs. W. H. Aderholdt, William O. Chitwood, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Coy J. Garbett, Miss Nell Griffin, Samuel O. Hornsby, Jr., Clifford Meyer, Mrs. W. C. Norton, David R. Richardson, and Mrs. Gordon E. Wallace. Science and math: Clarence Angelette, Hubert G. Barry, Howard L. Brewer, Jerry A. Clontz, Miss Flora Clark, Ronald L. Funderburg, Johnny L. Smith, and Troy F. Walker. History and political science: John W. Barham, Ralph Brannen, Miss Josephine Rossiter, Dr. Allen Stokes, and Worden Weaver. Business: Donald R. Beason, John H. Collins, Charles W. DeWulf, Billy Jean Fuller, Colin P. Heath, and Thomas E. Shepherd. ROTC: Col. George D. Haskins, Capt. Thurston E. Pike, Major James B. Tomes, and Capt. John C. Turner. Music: Edward Helms and Miss Rosemary Miniham. Foreign Languages: Miss Margaret Ruth Hicks, George Macioszek, and C. L. Simpson. Education: Dr. Harry E. Rose and Joseph Mark Washington, physical education; Mrs. Don Sowell, home economics.



Miriam Jackson (Higginbotham), dean of women, not only gets along with the women students, but is also a friend of the ROTC cadets.

New staff members included Mary B. Allison, secretary to the dean of students, and Clinton Johnsey, assistant in the registrar's office. Elizabeth Franklin succeeded Nell Screven as hostess in the coffee shop and the latter became bookstore manager.

The college newspaper in October included a photograph of gymnasts Jenny Holcome, Sarah Coker, Jo Ann Nelson, and Barbara Nelson, under the direction of Gene Hanson.

In October 1965 President Cole announced plans to construct a multi-million-dollar classroom building and a library on land purchased from the Martin estate. The property, consisting of 66 acres and located across Pelham Road from the main campus, was purchased from J. Thomas Martin, Jacksonville's postmaster from 1934 to 1957, and his nephew, Joe Martin Morris, of Birmingham. The property was originally bought from the Indians in 1837 and had been in the Martin family more than a hundred years. The stately antebellum home on the property however, had seen happier days, for it had been vandalized and finally burned. Martin Hall is named for the Martin family.

The story of the Martin home was told in the BIRMINGHAM NEWS of March 25, 1969, under "Alabama Amblings" by Jack Hopper. During the War Between the States, a squad of Union soldiers went to the beautiful Martin home to set fire to it. Judge Thomas Benson Martin was serving as a lieutenant colonel in the Confederate Army, but his wife and children were at home when the place was searched. When the soldiers asked who owned the Masonic regalia in an upstairs room, Mrs. Martin replied that it belonged to the local lodge in which her husband was a member. Thereupon, a guard was posted to protect the house.

"Exactly one hundred years after the Yankees spared it, vandals burned the house," the article said.

Receiving the Mr. and Miss Jacksonville titles in January, 1966, as being the two most representative of all students, were John Mann and Barbara Smith. Mann of Dalton, Georgia, was a senior in mathematics, president of the SGA, and a star tennis player, and was listed in WHO'S WHO IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES. Miss Smith, from Roanoke, Virginia, a senior, majoring in secretarial science, was a junior class beauty and an honorary colonel in the ROTC, and had been selected for WHO'S WHO IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES.

Mr. and Miss Friendly were Jimmy Purcell and Mary Jane Baker. Purcell, a business major, was state president of Phi Beta Lambda, a member of the MIMOSA staff and Circle K, and a talented performer and master of ceremonies, and was listed in WHO'S WHO IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES. Miss Baker, a senior with majors in English and history, was elected Miss Homecoming in 1965, and was president of Sigma Tau Delta, national honorary education sorority, and secretary of the SGA.

The seventh dormitory for men was opened in 1966 and named for the late Governor Frank Dixon, who had served in the state's highest elective office from 1939 to 1943. Two of his outstanding accomplishments were removing the state merit system and the pardon and parole system from politics by the setting up of state boards.

A question at this time was "Shall we let Greeks in?" A poll of the students indicated 86.5 percent of the women and 89.6 percent of the men were in favor of sororities and fraternities "because of additional social life, school growth, and creation of school spirit."

Along with this question, Joe Stahlkuppe, COLLEGIAN Editor, dealt with lack of entertainment for students in Jacksonville, which resulted in a large number of students going home on weekends. Numerous suggestions were pursued in an effort to eliminate the "suitcase college" label.

Dean Montgomery announced the appointment of James A. Reaves as associate professor of education. Reaves was scheduled to receive his doctorate in education from the University of Alabama that summer.

Word was received in March that the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare had reserved approximately \$300,000 for the college for construction. Plans were underway to erect a classroom building, library, and student commons, and President Cole said these funds brought the total approved for the year by HEW to \$873,147.

April was a busy month. Religious Emphasis Week featured Dr. Walter H. Judd, a congressman, missionary, and physician, from Washington, D.C.

An entertaining performance for the Festival of Arts was presented by Tom Wheatley, class of 1953, now holding a doctorate. Wheatley, from New York City, gave the Masque and Wig Guild credit "for the opportunity to develop his artistic interest, comparing the college's personality to a parent who seeks to foster and develop a child's artistic growth," the COLLEGIAN reported. Phil McMahan was elected SGA president, and Billy Isom, business Manager of the MIMOSA, was noted as "one of the busiest students on campus."

Making state news were Dean Montgomery and several business students. Montgomery was elected president of Alabama College Administrators. And at the annual convention of college and high school business students held at Jacksonville State College, Pat Davis of Orlando, Florida, a senior, was named Mr. Business Executive, while Sanford Morton of Marion and Alice Walker of Jacksonville were named Mr. and Miss Future Business Teachers.

Degrees were conferred upon 197 candidates in May. In this class was Joe Allen Sims, Jr., of Birmingham, who received a B.S. degree in mathematics and chemistry. Sims was one of fifteen ROTC cadets throughout the nation to be awarded a two-year scholarship for graduate study by the Department of the Army, in his case for the study of nuclear chemistry at Florida State University. He also received the top ROTC award, the Third Army Certificate of Meritorious Leadership.

By 1966 the Jacksonville State College had added courses in practically every department, particularly in French, Spanish, and German. A major in political science was offered leading to a B.A. degree, and new political science courses included Governments of Latin America and Governments of Afro-Asian Countries.

Average costs per student per semester had risen.

Total basic fees (7 or more hours)	\$130.00
Books and supplies (estimated)	40.00
Room and board per semester	260.75
(non-air conditioned)	
TOTAL	\$430.75

Cost per hour for undergraduate and graduate work was \$15.00, and the out-of-state fee was \$75.00 per semester or summer session.

The college's eighty-fourth year began with crowded lines at registration, and the faculty reached 170 in number.

Martha Webster Simpson, with a Ph.D. in French, a minor in German from the University of Grenoble in France, and an unusual ability in art, joined the faculty to teach German. Her husband, C. L. Simpson, was assistant professor of French.

Other additions to the faculty were Christopher H. Horsfield, with an M.A. from Duke University and a Ph.D. from the University of Alabama, in mathematics; Kenneth E. Landers, with M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Auburn University, in biology;

and John Walker McCain, Jr., Ph.D., University of North Carolina, in English. Roland and Charlotte Thornburg returned with Ed.D. degrees from the University of Alabama, and L. G. Sanford, in biology, completed his doctorate in the summer. James A. Reaves had received an Ed.D. degree at the University of Alabama and was appointed head of the Graduate Division to succeed Reuben Self, who had retired.

In the fall of 1966, Jack Hopper, an outstanding journalism graduate of the University of Alabama, who had been a member of the traveling BIRMINGHAM NEWS team that won the Associated Press award for its coverage of the civil rights marches in Selma and Montgomery, joined the staff as director of public relations. Since 1971, Hopper has been administrative assistant to the president and director of public relations.

At homecoming, Mattie Lois Snow (Mrs. Paul Snow), a teacher in Birmingham with a master's degree from Jacksonville, was named Alumnus of the Year. Homecoming Queen was Nancy Seiler, with Jeannie Hicks and Sandra Ivey as alternates.

The Marching Southerners and ballerinas were invited to appear at the Atlanta Falcon-Baltimore Colt football game in Atlanta, and again the band performed over national television.

"The Law and Civil Disobedience" was the principal theme of the third annual SCOAG meeting. Taylor Hardy from Gadsden was chairman of the conference which featured Sander Vanocur, NBC news commentator.

And the highlight of the year came when the Alabama Legislature, through the efforts of Senator A. C. Shelton and Representative Hugh Merrill, designated Jacksonville State College as Jacksonville State University, with a bill passed in the 1966 Special Session of the Legislature and approved by Governor George C. Wallace on August 31, 1966.

In accordance with this act of the legislature, the Alabama State Board of Education designated Jacksonville State College as the Jacksonville State University on November 22, 1966, on the motion of



Jack Hopper and President Cole.

Superintendent A. R. Meadows, seconded by Fred Merrill of Anniston and adopted by unanimous vote.

News reached the campus by telegram immediately, just in time for President Cole to make the announcement at a pep rally for the football team.

Winners of the Alabama Collegiate Conference title for three years, the Gamecocks were headed for the Space City Classic bowl game in Huntsville. Playing on a beautiful Thanksgiving Day to a capacity crowd at the Space Bowl, the newest university in Alabama won over Arkansas A & M with a score of 41 to 30.



Governor George Wallace signs the act passed by the 1966 special session of the Alabama Legislature authorizing the name change from Jacksonville State College to Jacksonville State University. Shown from the left are Fred Merrill, member of state board of education, Representative Hugh D. Merrill, Governor Wallace, and President Houston Cole.