

# Welcome, High School Seniors

JACKSONVILLE STATE

## Collegian

Welcome, high school seniors, many plans have been made for your enjoyment while you are on the Jacksonville campus. Today is your day for fun and entertainment.

Among the activities on the schedule are:

ROTC Review in College Bowl at 11:00 o'clock. From 1:00 until 2:00 there will be physical education exhibitions in and around the gym. These exhibitions will be directed by Mrs. W. J. Calvert, head of the P. E. department.

From 1:00 til 5:00 all dormi-  
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## Spectacular Growth Of College Cited

### McManus Wins As SGA Prexy; Dormitories Under Cole Guidance Nale Takes Vice-Presidency

### Campus Has Grown By Leaps And Dormitories Under Cole Guidance

By Lawrence Miles and Solon Glover

Under Dr. Cole's guiding hand Jacksonville State College has grown by leaps and dormitories, for during his fourteen-year tenure we have seen a growth in the insurable value of the school plant by over six times what it was in 1942. The

significance of this increase is that many major additions and new buildings of all classifications have been erected. Among the major additions since Dr. Cole's tenure began are an annex to Daugette Hall, a new high school building and auditorium, an annex to Kilby Hall, the President's Home, a music building, a home economics management house, a home economics foods laboratory and nursery, a new men's dormitory, a completely renovated building to house the ROTC unit, an ROTC indoor rifle range, nine apartment buildings for married students, the Dora Wood Home Economics Cottage, a vocational agriculture building, two new central heating plants, a multi-purpose building, a new athletic field and bathhouses, Ayers Hall, the International House, and Pannell Hall and Annex.

To assure the student of the best facilities available, Dr. Cole has taken extreme care to maintain all properties and has been very faithful to his program of physical-plant preservation.

As further evidence of his never-ending hopes for Jacksonville, Dr. Cole is even now studying preliminary plans for an additional dining hall, three new dormitories, a student union and administration building, a fine arts building, a maintenance warehouse, additional physical education facilities—including a swimming pool, and additional parking areas, curbs and gutters, white-ways and streets.

Realizing, however, that the growth of the physical plant is but an outward manifestation of the growth of the school, Dr. Cole has given his full attention to strengthening the real foundations of the college. Curricula have been added and others brought up to date to cope with the changing times. Outstanding artists have been brought to the campus to give the students an opportunity for enrichment of their lives outside the classroom. Programs such as

James McManus has been selected by the student body to succeed Edward Davidson, graduating senior, as the next president of Jacksonville's Student Government Association. McManus won the election held on April 10, and will take office this summer.

McManus, a graduate of Randolph County High School, edged out Garland Ward in a run-off election. Merle Wade and Buford Howard were eliminated in the primary election held on April 3.

Three other new SGA officers also will take office this summer. They are Billy Nale, vice-president; Ann Brothers, secretary; and Ellis Morris, treasurer.

Nale, Gadsden, the new vice-president, defeated Ray Pruitt. Miss Brothers, Gallant, won her office over three other candidates, Myra Richey being her opponent in a special run-off election. Ellis Morris, Roanoke, defeated Joe Methvin in the race for the office of treasurer.

This year found more candidates running than in previous elections and, more students also participated in voting than ever before in the history of the school. In the primary election 683 students voted; in the run-off there were over seven hundred students voting.

German Officer Speaks To Club

The Social Science Club met on Tuesday, March 29, in Bibb Graves with Joe Methvin presiding. Hans Struth introduced a German captain stationed at Fort McCellan who told a little of his life and occupation and then answered questions previously submitted by the students.

Later the meeting was adjourned to the lounge where refreshments were served and the new members were sworn in. Our new members are JoAnn Chestnut, Dorothy Wheelles, Ed Meyers, Gloria Wise, Hugh Williamson, Bill Taylor and Frank Sample.



DR. HOUSTON COLE

### "H. M. S." Pinafore Jax Musical Success

By Lucy Durham

The Music Department of Jacksonville State College presented Gilbert and Sullivan's comic opera "H. M. S. Pinafore" April 9 and 10 at the Leone Cole Auditorium.

The musical comic opera takes place on the quarterdeck of the "H. M. S. Pinafore" off Portsmouth, England.

"H. M. S. Pinafore" is the love story of Josephine, daughter of the Captain of the ship and her secret love for Ralph Rackstraw, one of her father's seamen. The Captain has promised Sir Joseph Porter, K. C. B. First Lord of the Admiralty, his daughter's hand.

After Sir Joseph arrived on board and pleaded his love, Ralph Rackstraw and Josephine revealed their love for each other, despite the differences in their rank in society, and elopement is planned for night fall.

Later Buttercup, who secretly loves Captain Corcoran, Josephine's father, warns him of an event that only time will fulfill. Captain Corcoran says that if he ever married again it would

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NEW SGA OFFICERS—Newly selected officers are, left to right, Ellis Morris, treasurer; Ann Brothers, secretary; Billy Nale, vice-president; and James McManus, president. The group will take office in June.

## Long-Standing Mimosas Being Killed By Blight

By Thann Pennington

Fascinatingly beautiful, the delicate wispy blossom of the Mimosa which encircle the tree; graceful and lovely the branches which spread out their beauty for all to see . . .

In many Southern states the beautiful Mimosa adorns lawns, campuses, parks, and other frequented places. Many people consider it the most beautiful of all flowering trees.

Some twenty-five years ago, the Mimosa lent some of its loveliness to the "Scenic Campus of the South" as a number of the trees were transplanted there. Miss Mary Forney, teacher and landscape gardener at Jacksonville State, personally chose the trees and had them brought from a friend's home, known as "Mimosa Hall," in Atlanta, Ga. Only recently had the site of the college been

moved to its present location, and the setting out of trees and other shrubbery was a major task which called for careful consideration and planning.

The Mimosa thrived remarkably, adding greatly to the enchanting beauty of the campus. Each year they grew as the college grew, becoming as much a part of Jacksonville State's heritage as the buildings themselves.

Years passed, then a strange blight attacked the trees. Tests were run, experiments made, experts consulted only to conclude that the trees were being seriously damaged by the disease.

A letter from the Auburn Experiment Station to Dr. James Wilkes, head of the biology department stated: "There is a disease of Mimosa, a type

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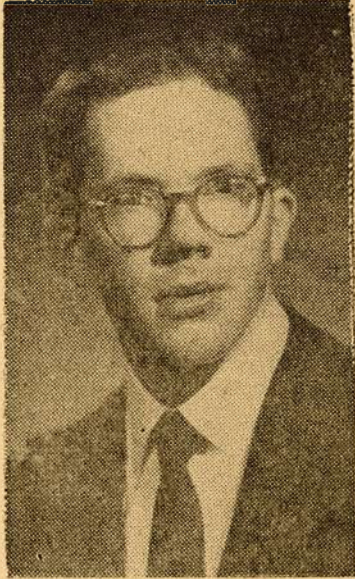
# Hughes New Mimosa Editor

Officers for the 1957 Mimosa were elected by the student body on April 3. The offices filled were editor, business and circulation managers.

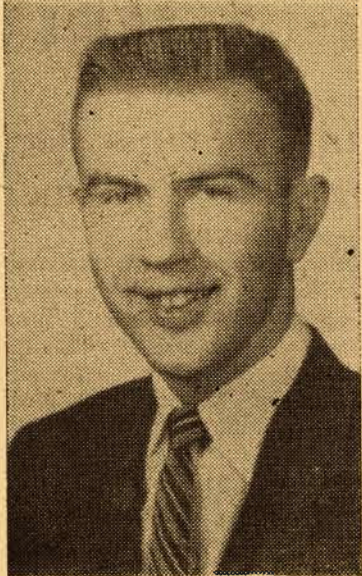
John Hughes, a junior from Madison, was selected as editor for the publication. John is a chemistry major and has had experience in newspaper and yearbook work both since coming to Jacksonville and during his high school years.

Business manager for the coming year will be Etheridge Killion, a junior from Blountsville. Killion has chosen business as his field and had selling experience before coming to Jacksonville.

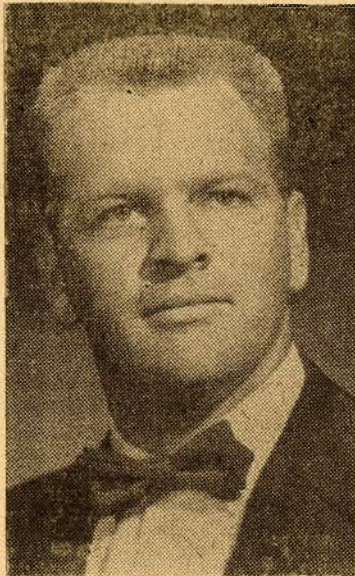
"Bubs" Bains of Albertville was the student's choice for circulation manager. "Bubs" is also a business major.



JOHN HUGHES



WILLIAM BAINS



ETHERIDGE KILLION

## Jax Homemakers Attend Conference

By Lucy Durham

A group of students from the home economics department attended the Alabama Home Economics Association's convention for college clubs, April 6-7 at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

After a brief business session a luncheon was served in the Student Union banquet room. Miss Katherine Cater, dean of Women at API, spoke on "College Life—A Means of Personal Growth".

Friday afternoon the group divided into three discussion groups. These were: "Opportunities for Personal Growth in College", "Developing Relationships with Other People", and "Achieving a Professional Point of View". After the discussion period the groups toured the campus and enjoyed a tea at the Home Management House.

Irene Mulyil from New Delhi, India, told those attending the dinner at Smith Hall about the marriage customs of the various religions of India. The remainder of the evening was spent in a tour of the educational television station and a square dance for the girls from the nine different colleges represented at the convention.

At the meeting Saturday morning reports of the discussion groups were given and new state officers were installed. Ann Brothers is state parliamentarian for 1957.

After coffee served by the Omicron Nu, the presidents of the college home economics clubs and Mrs. Virginia Moore, president of the Alabama Home Economic Association, presented a panel discussion on "How Home Economics Clubs Provide for Personal Growth". Regina Miller, president of the Leone Cole Home Economic Club, represented Jacksonville State on the panel.

Those attending from Jacksonville were: Peggy Wright, Regina Miller, Lucy Durham, Jane Collins, Arabadella Johnson, Bess Marshall, Mildred Baswell, Jean Bonner, Sybil Brittain, Iris Baugh, Ann Brothers, Ann White, Jo Harris, Ann Watson, Vivian Pollard, and Miss Avaline Patton, advisor.

### DR. WILKES ATTENDS SCIENCE CONFERENCE

Dr. J. C. Wilkes, counselor for the Alabama Academy of Science attended the state meeting at Alabama College recently in Montevallo.

Accompanying him were Mrs. Floyd P. Tredaway, teacher of science at the Jacksonville High School, and several members of the high school science club: Joe Crews, Bill Gardner, Wayne Wilkinson, Carolyn West, Jeanette Martin and Ernestine Haskew.

Dr. Wilkes has organized three science clubs recently among high school students in an effort to interest more students in science and engineering.

### MR. MILES ATTENDS REGISTRAR'S MEETING

Lawrence R. Miles, registrar at Jacksonville State College, will attend the Alabama Association of Registrars and Admission Officers at St. Bernard College Saturday.

Mr. Miles is vice-president and acting head of the association since the resignation of the president.



"GEM OF THE HILLS"—Betty Smith, junior from Cedar Bluff has been chosen as the "Gem" for April. Betty's pretty black hair contrasts perfectly with the white blossoms of the Dogwood tree.

### SENIORS

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tories and buildings on the campus will hold open house so that you may visit and see the living quarters of the students and the classrooms. You may also see the places where the students spend their leisure hours—Chat'em Inn and the Grab. The ROTC building will be open for your inspection and transportation to this building will be furnished between the hours of 1:00 and 3:00.

At 2:00 o'clock a varsity tennis game will start between the University of Chattanooga and Jacksonville. Also at this same time you may see the musical comedy "H.M.S. Pinafore", if you should prefer this type of entertainment.

The biggest event of the day for most is the intra-squad football game put on by the "Fighting Gamecocks." The Gamecocks are the "Refrigerator Bowl Champions of 1955." During the half-time of the game "Miss Spring Festival" will be crowned and her court of high school girls will be introduced.

The girls selected by the stu-

dent body to preside over the gaiety this year is Miss Freda Cartledge. Freda is a junior from Cedar Bluff.

Another big event will be the supper this afternoon. A long standing custom of "Festival Time" is to serve supper on the college green. The food is always good and plentiful.

At 6:00 o'clock, after everyone has a chance to rest and eat, there will be a variety show in the Leone Cole Auditorium. Also at 6:00, a dance will be held in the gymnasium, with music for the event furnished by the college band. The dance will last until 9:00 o'clock and will bring the day to an end.

The Ushers Club will direct tours around the campus this morning and afternoon. If you have any questions about the school or campus these boys will be glad to answer them.

On behalf of the students, faculty, and administration, the Collegian wishes to welcome you and hopes that today is a great and interesting one for you. We hope you like the school well enough to join us as students next year.

**THE BAND OF THE YEAR!**

**RALPH MARTERIE**

AND HIS **DOWN-BEAT**

**ORCHESTRA**

Playing His Famous Mercury Record Hits!

**"CARAVAN" and "PRETEND"**

Ralph Marterie and his famous orchestra, selected as the headline band for 1955 by the Billboard Magazine, selected as America's number one band by Cash Box magazine, and voted top place band by college students, will visit Jacksonville for a one-night appearance on May 15. The occasion will be the Senior Ball. Fine music will be furnished from 9:00 to 1:00.

Marterie, virtually unknown three years ago, is today the leader of the most popular dance band in America's colleges.

The unique honor came to Marterie's band recently when the editors of Down Beat felt the nation was ripe for a dancing boom again, comparable to the one in the '30's on the crest of which Benny Goodman, Glenn Miller, Harry James, and the Dorseys rode to immortality. The magazine decided to launch a nation-wide "Get Em Dancing Again" campaign. The campaign involved heavy promotional activity on the part of ballroom managers, record com-

panies and the major talent agencies to make the country dance-conscious. Spearheading the drive was the poll of college campus leaders to determine the favorite band of the smart set of American youth.

Don't forget the date, place and time. The Jacksonville State Gymnasium, May 15, 9:00 til 1:00. Advance tickets will sell for \$4.00; tickets at the door will be priced at \$5.00.

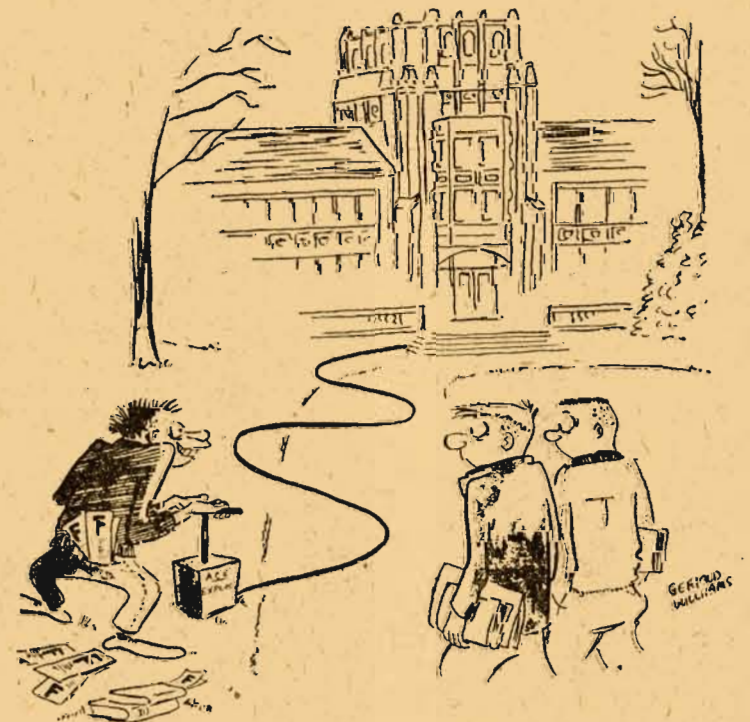
### PLIGHT OF MIMOSA.

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of blight, which is killing many trees in the state. There is no known control for the disease."

The news was very disheartening, yet the trees lingered on. Gradually they have been disappearing until today, only a few remain around Bibb Graves Hall. Memories of the trees will not be quick to fade however, the school yearbook will ever serve as a reminder of them—The Mimosa will live on.

## Campus Humor . . .



# Formal Dedication Of Thomas Ayers Hall Held; Ayers' Achievements Listed

The new science hall at Jacksonville State College was dedicated Tuesday morning with appropriate ceremony in the lecture room of the building. The small auditorium was filled to capacity with friends of the Ayers' family from Anniston, Jacksonville and other places. Dedicated to the memory of Dr. Thomas W. Ayers, missionary, physician and newspaper publisher, the building will commemorate Dr. Ayers' distinguished life in the field of science and his humanitarianism.

The program included the invocation by Dr. Henry Edmonds of Birmingham; a sketch of Dr. Ayers' life by Miss Maude Luttrell of the English faculty; the dedicatory address by Dr. Monroe F. Swilley, Jr., pastor of the Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church of Atlanta; brief remarks by Col. Harry M. Ayers, son of Dr. Ayers; and the benediction by Dr. Billy H. Adams, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Jacksonville. Dr. Houston Cole, president of the college, presided.

Miss Luttrell reviewed the highlights of Dr. Ayers' life, telling of his love for both journalism and medicine, and of how they vied with each other throughout his life. Although he graduated from the Baltimore College of Physicians and Surgeons, and was Southern Baptists' first medical missionary to China, Dr. Ayers also edited newspapers in Georgia and Alabama. He edited the Jacksonville Republican here, and later took it to Anniston, changing the name to the "Anniston Republican." Later it became the "Anniston Hot Blast" and still later "The Anniston Star" now published by his son, Col. Ayers.

In China, Dr. Ayers carved out a place for himself among the Chinese and a monument was erected in Hwang Hsein, where he lived, to honor him. It was not molested by the Japanese when they occupied China in later years. Dr. Ayers was decorated by the second and third presidents of the Republic of China: Yuan Shih-kai and Sun Yat Sen, and also by the International Red Cross.

Dr. Swilley, who knew Dr. Ayers personally, emphasized the spiritual side of his life, pointing out the great values which influenced his life. "When I think of Dr. Ayers, I think of a saga of service, an epic of idealism, and a drama of devotion", Dr. Swilley said. He exemplified the qualities of sincerity, integrity, unswerving convictions, no deceit or guile, and "he went about doing good, demonstrating the highest values of his faith." Dr. Swilley concluded with Tennyson's "Crossing the Bar."

Col. Ayers was called upon to make a few remarks at the conclusion of Dr. Swilley's address. He paid tribute to the builders of this college and cited its growth over the past 50 years. Calling attention to the fact that there was only one building when he came here around the turn of the century, Col. Ayers said there are more people on the science faculty today than there were on the entire faculty in those days. He also told of the beginning and subsequent growth of the International House Program, and stated that although it had a humble beginning, as

many great movements do, "its shadows are cast to the far reaches of mankind."

Col. Ayers paid tribute to his father, and also to his brother, Dr. Emmett Ayers, who "would be in China now were it not for the Russians and Communists." He told of a recent conversation with Carlos Romulo of the Philippine Islands, who predicted that the old China will return. "China has been over-run many times, but has always come back. It may take longer this time because communism has gone down to the grass-roots, but what is taking place in Russian now will take place in China, and it will become a great civilized country and democracy that Sun Yat Sen conceived."

Members of the Ayers family present were introduced by Harry Brandt Ayers, grandson of Dr. Ayers. They included Col. and Mrs. Ayers; Dr. and Mrs. Emmett Ayers, Winter Garden, Fla.; Mrs. Lucy Ayers Pittman, Birmingham; Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Lyman, Asheville, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. William Lyman, Rome, Ga. Col. Ayers Dr. Ayers and Mrs. Pittman are children of Dr. Ayers, and the Lymans are children of another daughter, Goldie.

Col. Ayers presented a portrait of his father which is now hanging in the lecture room. He is dressed formally and is wearing the decorations presented to him in China.

## KAPPA DELTA EPSILON INVITES NEW MEMBERS

In a recent meeting of Kappa Delta Epsilon, seven girls were elected to be invited to join this semester.

At the March 28th meeting the members of FTA were present to hear Miss Luttrell talk about good qualities of teachers. This was a very interesting and informative talk and we all left the meeting determined to develop, the best that we could, those qualities which make good teachers.



DEDICATION OF AYERS HALL—Miss Maude Luttrell, faculty member of the English department, tells of Dr. Ayers many achievements.

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## June's Jottings

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I am sure that all of you have noticed the sure-signs of Spring which have been seen around the campus the last week or so. The cherry trees in full bloom, the grass turning green, leaves appearing on the trees, football players grunting and groaning from Spring training and, of course, couples seen everywhere you look.

The old saying, "Spring is a time when the young man's fancy turns to what the girls have been thinking about all winter," seems to hold especially true for the Jax State campus. Who can blame the folks for being hit by the love-bug, though? It would be pretty hard to resist on these beautiful moonlit nights we have been having lately. Some of the guys and gals who have given in to the mood of Spring are: Bill Skinner and Weegie Burroughs, Ann Parker and Larry Lydia, Libby Mercer and Billy Billingsly, "Coosa" and Peggy

Coleman, Barbara Leach and Gus Unga, Jean Bonner and Bob Jackson, Ann White and Buddy Davidson, Frankie Smith and "Dub" Hicks, Martha Terry and Joe Roberts, Bill Jones and Mildred Baswell, Mary Durham and Sonny Roberts, Robert Campbell and Vera Durham, John Hughes and Mary Ann Milam, Walter Green and Jessie Hutcherson, Hazel Forbus and Charles Perry, Carolyn Brown and Robert Finley, Rosemary McCullen and "Dadio"!!!

Better late than never with this good news—Donald and Jean Murphy were married over the Christmas holidays. We're sorry we missed you earlier. Best of luck to you both.

Carol Miller and Jim Harden became engaged March 17. My, at the girls that are taking advantage of "Leap Year"!!

Carolyn Windsor and Bill Hester were married on March 17. The seventeenth of March seemed to have been a busy day for "cupid".

Ray Lewis and Margaret Me-hurg took that big step and were married March 18. The couple is now residing in Montgomery. We wish the best for a wonderful couple.

I was talking to Lyndol Bolton the other night and it seems as though he has gotten himself engaged to a very pretty girl from Talladega. Congratulations.

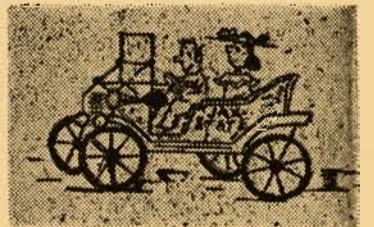
Barbara Schrimcher and W. H. Ashburn are planning on a June wedding. Leap year is really working out for some people.

Jackie McDaniel and Billie Naylor make a very nice looking couple.

Guys and Gals were really hopping to that rhythm and blues at the pre-election dance April 2. The crowd that attended seemed to have had a marvelous time.

Students having classes in Ayers Hall April 3 enjoyed the beautiful flowers and were impressed with the nice gifts presented to various classrooms. Even Dr. Strickland looked different in his decorated class room.

The Junior Prom was a big success. The girls and boys looked and felt as though they had been touched by "Miss Springtime." The girls were attired in gay printed party



## Commuters News

By Sari Ransom

Election time brought the same old promise to the commuters. They are being given another lounge.

It is sun-tan season and Noojin insists that the sun shines in his back yard—everyday.

The mayor has a new car.

Major Mays discovered that "E's" are not given for effort.

Mrs. Causey had a nice time when she attended AEA.

Miley Baker needs a car battery and any donation will be appreciated.

Ask Hugh Watson what you must do if you are driving along and come to the railroad crossing and a train is clipping along the rails and you discover your brakes are not working.

Mrs. Lindblom enjoyed her trip to Oklahoma.

I think it is encouraging that Joe is still "dimpling" even though he lost his election.

Francis Cobb and Trudy McCord insist that modern household appliances do not permit the devil to make his workshop in the home. So there, Mr. Bennett.

Davis has a new name—Drip. You see he is dating Faucett.

Phil Powell looks swanky in his red and black Ford.

Maxine Johnson is on a diet—during lunch hour that is.

"Bing", go ahead and fuss about news being brief, but everybody has been too busy to do anything except cook, drive, and study—you get more broken homes that way!

## DELTA OMEGA HOLDS PLEDGE INSTALLATION

Delta Omega Chapter of Delta Omicron, National Music Sorority, had its pledge service and installation service Monday, April 2. The new officers were Carol June Johnson, president; Mrs. Vivian McCollough, first and second vice president; Jo Ann Chestnut, secretary and treasurer; Annette Hillel, chorister and chaplain; Carma Jo Ray, warden and historian. The new pledges are Erin Woodruff and Pat Richards. Refreshments were served following the two services.

frocks. My how different everyone looks when they're all dressed up. Jimmy Simpson's music also fitted in the mood of the dancers, it was gay and springy!!

In the past few weeks I've noticed a number of smiling faces. I wonder why??? of course, I know, it's election time. May the best man win.

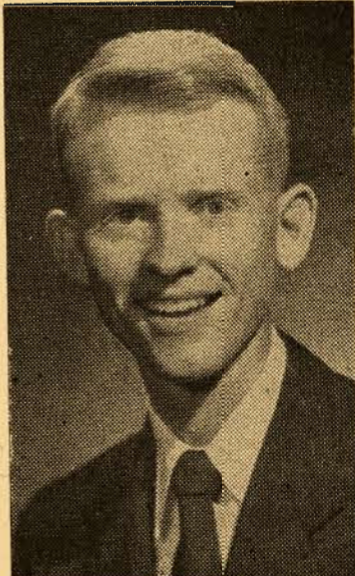
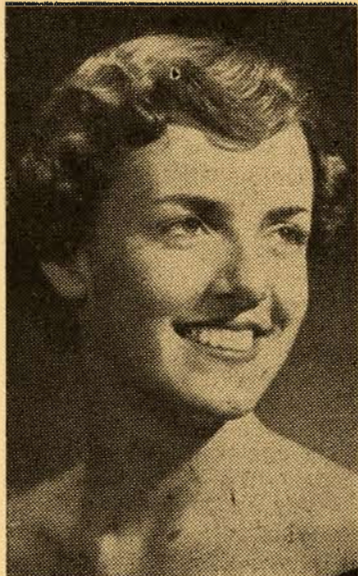
We wish to take this opportunity to thank Meredith Sanders and the staff for the wonderful job they did on the MIMOSA. IT's a beautiful book and we know that a lot of hard work was put into it.

The Grab looked like a "political hall" with all the posters on the wall and the campaign speeches going on. It isn't so crowded any longer as most of the students are sitting around on the campus, enjoying the beautiful weather.

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See you next month with the latest!!

## Friendliest Campus Students



SELECTED OF FRIENDLIEST COUPLE—Carolyn Baker Gadsden junior, and Ellis Morris, junior from Roanoke, were selected as the "friendliest students of the year", by the student body.

# EDITORIALS

## Little Cooperation Among Students On Jax Campus

A few weeks ago the future officers of the SGA and of the "Mimosa" appeared on the stage in the Leone Cole Auditorium and gave their campaign speeches. This was an occasion when all seats should have been filled. Instead, the place was half empty.

This is true every year, not only at the program featuring the candidates, but also at most of the home football and basketball games. It is becoming a bit disgusting hearing students complain about different situations around the campus when they show no interest until something fails to go their way.

Place yourself in the shoes of some of these people who ran for election and who had to speak to an auditorium only half-filled. Certainly they were nervous and frightened to appear before a large group, but at least they had the nerve to get on the stage and tell the people in the audience what they thought.

Achievement awards winners have been selected after a three-month delay. A better procedure for selecting these winners is badly needed, and this problem is being discussed at this time. Many hard workers are often overlooked by the method now used.

Take a look at some students who have been outstanding workers this year.

## Report To Voting Students

Having survived two weeks of campaign speeches, "back slapping," and ear-to-ear smiles, you probably are a little weary of hearing about S.G.A. However, the past month was quite an important one, not only in the outcome of the elections, but also in the council meetings.

Two class representatives elected last month to fill vacancies left by "Weepy" Wooten and Raymond Warren, are Ray Anderson, senior, and Virgil Nix, freshman. They have already begun to take an active part in discussions and work, and are certainly valuable additions to the council.

The SGA owes a note of thanks to Sue Galloway for her part in raising the flag every day. Her sense of duty rates

Martha Terry and Joe Craig are good examples; so are the class presidents. These people have tried hard to do their jobs, and have done them well; however, none were given achievement awards. This is a bad reflection on the method now used for selection of candidates, or else, it is reflection on the committee set up to select the eligible candidates.

A few words of wisdom to the new SGA officers . . . read the student handbook; ask questions of outgoing officers; and acquaint yourself with your new job before moving in. It will help you to do a good job; possibly save embarrassment later on. You are going into your office with a clean record and the students have great confidence in you. Work hard and think clearly and things will always go your way. Good luck and congratulations for winning. Congratulations to those candidates who lost also—you tried to do a service for the students and for the school and you should be respected for your interest. It is often the students who are not elected that prove to be the hardest workers in the future. Don't give up your beliefs; fight harder to convince the students that your ideas are good and can be of value to them and the school.

among the highest on the campus. Thanks, Sue.

Freda Cartledge was elected Miss Spring Festival. She is a sophomore class representative, and was the S.G.A.'s candidate for queen of the holiday.

Two motions were presented and underwent prolonged discussion at the meeting on March 13, but they were not passed. One was a motion made by Betty Smith that the president be granted power to appoint a standing committee to investigate any issues he might see fit to turn over to it. This committee would report its findings to the council, and would function for the remainder of the semester. Some council members pointed out that the president has power granted by the constitution to appoint committees, and also that every member of the S.G.A. should not be shifted to a single committee.

The other motion failing to be carried was one made by Joe Methvin. He moved that parking space be marked off in front of the science hall.

The candidates for S.G.A. offices and for the "Mimosa" staff attended the March 27 meeting. They got a good idea of a heated discussion when Evelyn Rice, representing the cheerleaders, proposed that cheerleaders be elected this Spring rather than in September. She stated that an early election would be beneficial to the students in that students would have known the candidates all year, and would have a better idea who would make the best cheerleaders; cheerleaders would have ample time to practice and to get uniforms, and would be better prepared to stimulate school spirit next fall.

Bob Crosby made a motion that cheerleader elections remain in the fall, and the vote was tied. If you feel that the election should be held this spring, express your opinion to some S.G.A. council member. You see by the vote that the issue was left dangling in the air.

## Editor's Comments



A recent letter received from Harper's Magazine expresses its opinion concerning the overcoming and lack of teachers in today's classrooms.

The letter reads:

Teachers colleges would object, but young women graduates of all colleges should be drafted to teach school in order to meet the desperate teacher shortage, says John Fischer, editor-in-chief of Harper's Magazine.

A lot of the girls wouldn't like the idea, Fischer says, but "more violent objections might come from the mandarins of the teachers' colleges."

"Publicly, they would complain that the scheme would downgrade their professional standards," he writes in the April issue. Privately, they would fight hard against anything which might loosen the present stranglehold of the teachers' colleges on our education system. But the only visible alternative seems to be forty pupils or more to a classroom—a degree of overcrowding which damages professional standards at least as much. In the end, the learned doctors probably would have to along—or come up with a better idea.

"If they have a better one, lots of people are waiting to hear about it."

The suggestion to draft other college girls was originally made in a letter published in the New York Times. Fischer, seconding the idea, says the national security depends as much on education as on weapons of war.

"Already we are falling far behind the Russians in the production of scientists, linguists, and mathematicians—a failure which could easily prove just as dangerous as a lag in turning out jet bomber or guided missiles," he writes. "To put the argument on the crudest possible grounds, better education is vital to the national security; and so far we have no blueprint for getting it. The various federal aid-to-education proposals would help cure the shortage of classrooms, but would do very little about the lack of teachers.

"It should not be impossible to work out a practical scheme for drafting women college graduates for a six-month course in basic training for teaching, plus eighteen months' service in the school. Such a system would not, of course, produce first-rate teachers—but second rate teachers are better than none at all."

Mr. Fischer has stated his idea very well; however, one cannot help wondering if perhaps he did not forget a few details. Teachers' colleges go to a great deal of trouble preparing future teachers in every way so that our nation can keep abreast of other countries. Second-rate teachers would, most likely, turnout second-rate scientists and mathematicians.

Second-rate teachers could also turn out some very mixed-up graduates in a psychological sense.

The only true way to get first-rate teachers and to solve the pressing question of education is to pay the American teachers a salary which will assure them of a fairly decent living. Why teach when there is so much money offered in other fields?

Teachers and teachers' colleges are doing their share. Why shouldn't American publications join with them in their fight instead of writing destructive criticism?

## Int. House Schedule Lists Many Miles Travel In State

Few students realize the job being accomplished by the international students here. Often times one may hear that a foreign student is absent because he is making a trip. These trips give the foreign students a chance to see Alabama, and at the same time they give Alabamians a chance to see the fine international program that is being carried on at Jacksonville.

These trips have carried the Jacksonville students to Gadsden, Huntsville, Goodwater, Heflin, Anniston, Haleyville, Birmingham, Bessemer, Centre, and Sylacauga. On these trips twenty-nine programs have been presented and have been enjoyed by many people. All of this has been crowded into six months time. Groups who have enjoyed the international entertainment include Rotary Clubs, religious organizations, study clubs, garden clubs, Exchange clubs, Kiwanis clubs,

and various other organizations.

The group appeared in a film shown on Christmas Day by WBRC-TV of Birmingham. The film was titled, "Christmas Around the World."

The International House calendar still shows at least three more appearances. At home they will entertain high school guests during "Spring Festival", and then they will appear before the Decatur Rotary Club. Still later, they will travel to Mobile for the state convention of Alabama Federated Women's Clubs.

Everywhere the students go they leave a good impression. The international program is one of the best ways possible to establish lasting world peace and friendship.

A man is getting old when he inspects the food, and not the waitress.

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**SPOTLIGHT**

**Mimosa Editor's Activities Are Very Widely Spread**

Everytime a 1956 MIMOSA is opened, Meredith Sanders is "spotlighted". As editor, she did a mighty fine job, and one can hear only praise for the yearbook.

Meredith is certainly an extraordinary person. Her sense of humor—as dry as hay—is a constant source of merriment.

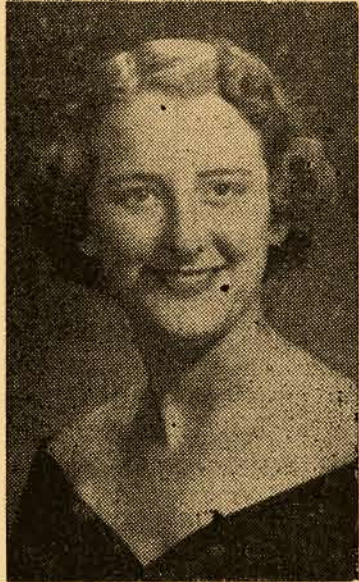
Everyone, especially one who has worked on an annual staff, knows that editing a yearbook is one of those jobs classified under "next to impossible." Yet, Meredith not only saw to it that the MIMOSA went to press on time, but she went about the whole ordeal in such an organized, efficient manner that few people even realized the yearbook was in the making. She would simply say, "I've got to go to work," and even with a math major and sociology minor, she didn't gripe about having too much work to do. If her staff had difficulties or disagreements, she certainly didn't broadcast it on the campus.

One of her most outstanding qualities is her generosity—she is unselfish of her time and personal possessions. She is keenly interested in people and is eager to lend an understanding ear to personal as well as mathematical problems. She knows how to get things done without confusion; she can work effectively with a group or alone, and when a project is started, Meredith will see it finished to the very best of her ability.

A native of Pinson, our honorable senior graduated from Tarrant High School. There she was associate editor of the "Wildcat," her school yearbook. She was a member of "Y

Teens", 4-H Club, FTA, YWA, and the music club.

Meredith is a member of Kappa Delta Epsilon, honorary education sorority, an SGA representative, a member of the BSU, and YWA. She is active in the intramural sports program, participating in basketball, volleyball and softball. Just in case things get dull, she



**MEREDITH SANDERS**

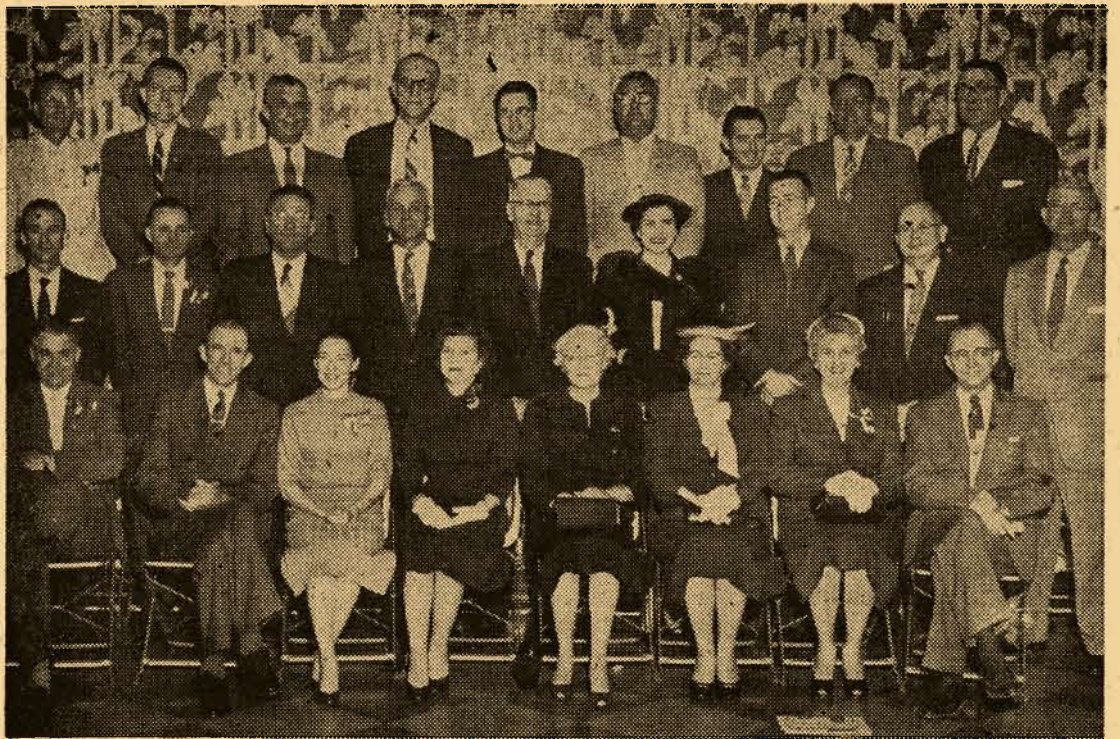
plays tennis or rides horseback. "A little of all kinds of music" is good, says Meredith, and just to prove she knows where-by she speaks, she can play the piano and the violin.

During the two summers she has worked as an architect's secretary, and this summer Meredith plans to live at home while attending school at Howard College. She will graduate here next January with a B. S. in secondary education.

the one life we have by beginning again, by reorientation, by adopting the forward look.

Can we begin? Since the Ethiopian cannot change his skin nor the leopard his spots does it follow that human nature is unalterable? On the contrary, human life is always changing. The teacher marvels at the changes wrought by the years and by training on his pupils. The educational enterprise is based upon the concept of an alterable human nature. The basic task of religion is to transform and to upgrade human life. Christ presented a gospel of change, of beginning again. He changed and still changes human life. Mary the sinful became Mary the wholesome. Peter the vacillating became Peter the Rock. Thomas the doubter became Thomas the believer. Philip the cynical became Philip the devoted. No, we do not have to remain as we are.

How can one begin again? First, one must be dissatisfied with himself. He must have a sincere desire for a better life. He must reorganize the traits which made up his personality about a new center. New purposes, new affections, new desires must dominate his life. The story of the Great Stone Face is more than beautiful fiction. Thomas Hardy's portrayal of a life energized and transformed by a gleaming purpose is more than poetic fancy. One who would change his life must uncloak a new store of purpose to guide his pathway.



**JACKSONVILLE ALUMNI OFFICERS**—Elected to guide affairs of the Jacksonville Alumni Association for the coming year are, left to right; (front row, Solon Glover, secretary-treasurer; J. Wiley Honea, DeKalb; Mrs. James Haywood, Calhoun; Miss Mary Burdette, Randolph; Miss Lois Kirkland, Etowah; Mrs. R. C. McCulley, Talladega; Mrs. Elizabeth Shores, Etowah; L. P. Camp, Jefferson; (second row) Clyde Westbrook, Coosa; Hoyt Roberts, Cherokee; Bemon Lyon, Marshall; Lem Lovvorn, Randolph; M. G. Satterfield, Clay; Miss Katherine Killebrew, Calhoun; John P. Deason, Clay; Malcolm Street, Anniston, president; H. J. York, Lincoln, first vice president; (third row) Curtis Rosser, Cherokee; S. C. Doss, Tallapoosa; N. F. Nunnolley, Talladega; George Mitchell, Jefferson; A. H. Wallace, Tallapoosa; H. C. Weir, Shelby; Easton Cobb, Calhoun; J. H. Bookdoldt, Chilton; W. W. Elliott, Shelby. Mrs. Leslie Blocker, 2nd vice-president, was not present.

**Freshman News**

By Kay Kirkland

Spring has come in full force and "Spring Festival" is just around the corner. Here and now, we of the freshmen class wish to extend our heartiest welcome to you who will be visiting our campus. Make the most of your day here, and let us help you in any way we can.

If you are contemplating attending school here next term, get acquainted with some freshmen and learn their opinions of Jacksonville. We freshmen can best tell you what you can expect in your first college year. Use us!

Congratulations, new SGA officers! As a class we stand behind you. We backed you as freshmen during the elections, and we'll back you as sophomores as you do your part to help improve Jacksonville State next year.

Another semester has almost gone, and our term of freshmen will be ended. I think that we can well be proud of the record we have made. Almost every organization has been added to by our freshmen representatives, and many of our members have made names for themselves in various ways. Yes, we have been successful freshmen. All we can add is, **Keep it up!**

In addition to a sincere desire for a changed life, there must be effort and struggle. If one desires to be accomplished in some art he must practice and discipline himself. The best things in life are not free—they are costly and involve sacrifice. They good life is more than wishful thinking.

The final ingredient in a transformed life consists of the acceptance of a free gift—the saving Grace of Christ. There must be a transforming process from within which only the cleaning Spirit can effect. It is necessary for one to partake of and to identify with this Spirit.

Is not the above a portion, at least, of the meaning of Spring? Is not spring a symbol of beginning again? Is not Easter a symbol of His beginning again?

**Three Types Of Freshmen**

By Garland Ward

You freshmen have probably heard that everybody who can stick it out for four years at college will wind up with two chickens in the pot and a swimming pool in the backyard.

Of course, plenty of you are not thinking about that sort of thing at all. You don't give a flip for moving up to the car of cars or anything like that. You look at college in a different way.

Basically, we find three prevailing opinions held by incoming freshmen concerning their college careers. We peg freshmen as follows:

The Idealist: This type believes that college is the door to the highest chamber of man's mind. He's determined to steer clear of the booze halls across the state line and the pool halls in town. He's interested strictly in the study hall and the long haul.

For four years, he plans to spend his time bent over yellowing volumes of knowledge. Then emerge from his cocoon and set the intellectual world on fire. You may laugh now and think he's got a lot to learn, but you just wait.

The Cynic: There isn't a thing you can tell this type about college. Do you need an education to get any there? Naw. That's for the guy without a brain who uses it as an excuse.

The 'cat' knows it's all a racket. Buttering up the right people is what counts. He's got connections and he knows how to play the middle against the ends.

What is he in college for? For laughs, man, for laughs.

The Pessimist: College scare the pants off this guy. He wonders how he got out of high school in the first place.

He remembers the good old days when he was in high school. The old gang is broken up and everybody is gone off in a different direction. This guy isn't thinking about A's at all. He just wants to pass.

None of these types has exactly the right slant on college,

**Books Borrowed, Seldom Returned**

By LEON McCLUER

The Associated Press recently carried an item about a suit for recovery of loss because some books were borrowed and never returned.

When the case was called the judge threw it out of court with the comment: "If keeping borrowed books were a crime practically every lawyer in this jurisdiction should be in jail."

Be that as it may, I wish the borrowers of some books would return them. Some books have far more meaning to the owner than they could ever have to anyone else.

A copy of "Singing Sands and Silver Sea" was borrowed or taken from office in B. G. H. I would gladly give two copies for the return of the old one. The disappeared copy contains the autographs of several friends, among them some who are deceased and others who are no longer in America.

Other books of personal interest are:

By The Big Waters, Creative Personalities (Volume 5 and 6), Not Minds Alone, Alabama History by Miller, That Something, A Naturalist's Rambles about Home. The last three are long since out of print.

I have a copy of "The Marshes of Glen" which was handed to me by a student who asked, "Have you ever seen this?" The student left school and the book, which did not belong to him, has no name in it.

How about having a "Return Borrowed-Book-Week?"

but all of them are partly right. College, for many, is the spring board to success—intellectual and material. It is true that a little buttering in the right place may be possibly influential to your grade and it's true that a college is a complex institution that appears confusing to the beginner.

What is college like? What is Jacksonville State like? After a while you'll form your own definition. In the meantime, keep an open mind; don't worry and be yourself.



**A MEANING OF SPRING**

Dr. Reuben Self

In the economy of nature we discover processes similar to spiritual growth and fulfillment. Seasonal variations, for example, point up the universality of change in nature and in life. Spring, the season of renewal, is a particular example of beginning anew, of new growth, of the emergence of beauty and productivity following a season of decline and inactivity.

There are many spots in human life filled with decline and decay. People experience failure, defeat and frustration. These bleak spots are the occasion for disappointment, disillusionment, declining hopes and lowered aspirations. The human spirit at such times has a need for renewal—new purpose, new hope, new energy, new insight, new growth.

How can the problem of beginning again ever be resolved? If, like Bridey Murphy, we could have more than one life—one for practice and one and one for keeps! But we cannot discard previous mistakes as we crumple and destroy notes in preparing a manuscript. We cannot have two lives. We can only change

## Gym Is Beautiful For Junior Prom

By June Nicholson

The theme of the 1956 Junior Prom held April 4 was "April Showers" and it was carried out with large silver raindrops suspended from the ceiling and also fastened to the walls. The focal point of the leadout was a black background painted with silver raindrops. The backdrop was surrounded by a white picket fence. In the middle of the fence was a white arch. The fence and arch had green ivy and pink honeysuckle woven into them. The whole effect was one of beauty and leisure so very typical of the Old South.

The fine orchestra of Jimmy Simpson's was in the corner opposite the lead-out, and the band also had a black backdrop with silver raindrops.

In another corner was a very lovely pond with lawn furniture placed around it. The realistic effect of the water was obtained through the use of aluminum foil.

Myra Richey, Ottis Williamson, Bob and Jim Dyer and a great many more are certainly to be congratulated on the fine job they did with the decorations. A large number of people worked both night and day to prepare the gym for the dance, and everyone there agreed that their efforts certainly paid off tremendously in the pleasure of others. The Junior leadout was introduced by Joe Conyers, master of ceremonies. Those taking part in the leadout were Freda Cartlidge, Miss "Spring Festival," escorted by Jim Dyer, chairman of the worker's committee; Sue Welch escorted by Richard Tankersley of the worker's committee; Regina Miller of the worker's committee, escorted by Wayne Washam; Bebe Harvey, escorted by Bill Harris of the worker's committee; Alice Fay Blake, reporter, escorted by Ed Blake; Peggy Payne, class beauty, escorted by Bill McCarthy; Mac Crichton, secretary-treasurer escorted by Bill Gann; Jean Collins escorted by Ted Wilson,

it may require them to learn to use materials the library provides; and for still others, it may mean only that they discover the reward that practical and aesthetic knowledge brings—knowledge profitable and interesting, that adds joy to every day living, and supplies many of the answers to the mysteries of life.

The joy of reading does not come to each at the same age, nor does it come without effort. "Going steady" with books is not always in direct relation to knowledge. Effort supplies the necessary equation. Charles Laughton, the eminent actor and avid reader, says that he did not discover the joy of reading until he became a college student. So it is that we enjoy books as we know books, whether we discover that fact early in life or later.

Since man is required to know so much more than in time past, libraries and librarians are assuming a much more vital role—in schools and elsewhere. Libraries become the storehouses and laboratories for people who study in any area of knowledge. Materials are organized so that individuals can find information for themselves or trained librarians may help them in locating it.

Any library is a place for people with a purpose, not the gadfly type who hovers and whispers and calls attention to himself. Its purpose for being is not to exist as a meeting place, nor a hall of entertainment. Rather it is a place for concentration, for reading and study, for meditation. It should create an atmosphere for receiving what the library facilities are able to give.

Librarians feel duly blessed that they may have a part in making available a wealth of good and other materials, that they are privileged to work so closely with the most important aids to education, and that they may serve those who are sincerely interested in improving themselves.



PRINCIPLES IN "H. M. S. PINAFORE"—Among students chosen to play the leading roles in the Gilbert and Sullivan "H.M.S. Pinafore" at Jacksonville are, left to right; Bill Veazy, Gadsden; Alan Mason, Jacksonville; Dean Fetner, Lineville; Richard Jones, Gadsden; and Pat Richards, Anniston.



Greetings, students!

We welcome you to the library and encourage you to avail yourselves of the services that libraries offer, whether you attend college or choose a vocation that does not require further formal education.

Today, more than ever before, there is the need for people to study and to read widely. Libraries are the one centralized agency that provides the means for developing ones mind. True, machines are replacing men, but only where brawn is needed instead of brain. Operation of sensitive, delicate machines require men and women with superior intellect. Intellect is producing the means of technological progress, and this progress is so rapid that one must study to keep abreast of the advances.

Lyle M. Spencer, President, Science Research Associates makes these statements: "We meet the problems of technical existence by having individuals who are interested in improving themselves. Reading is a main route to self-improvement whether your purpose is to get a better job, to become a better citizen, or just to keep up with the world and the interesting people in it. It is the reading man who will reap the profits of this era."

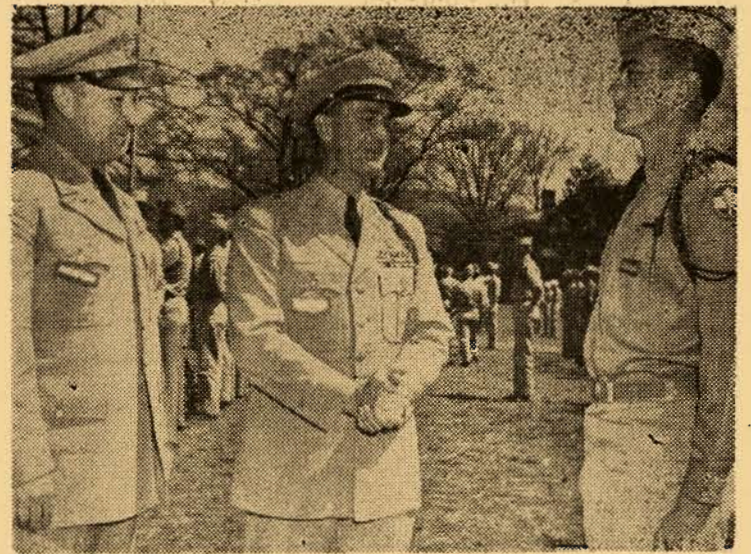
These statements are those of a man who holds an important position in the very spearhead of modern progress, who has the opportunity to observe the men and women who are leaders and producers. Libraries provide the open door for those who would accept the challenge and who seek through their own efforts to rise above the average, to become a part of the stream of progress.

The average citizen should be better informed today than at any time in the history of our country. The complexities of world affairs so affect our national and local government that each voter should understand the forming of events in order to choose leaders and to help make decisions affecting our living as human beings.

Technological inventions are providing leisure time in which we either become participants or inebriated watchers of mass entertainment. It is the opinion of many thinkers that TV and like entertainment serve only to awaken latent interest—that they, if not accepted for what they are, destroy motives and become weakening influences in the intellectual development of the individual. These means should serve to awaken interest in the study of the original and not substitute for it.

So in the final analysis the individual, after having been given direction, is left to his own devices during the greater part of his life in finding whatever means is necessary for improving himself. We believe the library provides many of these means.

The road to self-improvement is not easy. It requires discipline, perseverance, an unwavering purpose, and above all an unshakable faith in man's ability to attain. For some it may mean literally teaching themselves to read well—the library can supply books to improve reading skills, for others



MILITARY INSPECTION HELD—Jacksonville's ROTC unit was inspected by an army inspection team on Friday, March 30. The unit received a very high rating.

## Ramblings Of The Corps



By Dillard Staggs

The annual federal inspection, by the Third Army Command, is finally over and everyone in the department is breathing a sign of relief. It appears, although not official, that Jacksonville received an outstanding rating on everything in the department.

Colonel Greer, Chief Inspection Officer, made the statement on the drill field that the review was the best he had ever seen ROTC Cadets participate in. All of the inspecting officers were well pleased with everything especially the problem in which the junior attacked the hill beside Daugette Hall.

## SOUNDINGS RELEASE IS DUE SOON

Step right up, everybody! Step right up! Get your order in for a copy of "Soundings" right away. Don't delay. You may be sorry if you forget to buy one.

vice-president of the class; and Sybil Brittain, escorted by President Ottis Williamson. Sybil Brittain was presented a beautiful bouquet of red roses by Dr. Harold Strickland, junior class sponsor.

The Junior Class of 1955-56 is certainly to be congratulated on staging a wonderful evening of entertainment which was thoroughly enjoyed by all those who attended the Junior Prom. Many thanks, Juniors, for a grand evening of fun.

The boys participating in this experience were very enthusiastic about the problem and the inspecting officers were impressed with the attitude shown by the students.

The National Society of Scabbard and Blade, "B" Company, 9th Regiment, has initiated 12 new members into the company.

The new members include: Jerry Cole, Joe Currie, Charles Jolley, James McManus, John Denman, Robert Henson, Floyd Mayes, Clarence Oaks, Lesley Oden, Ted Wilson, Joe Anglin and Fred Casey. Congratulations to the new members.

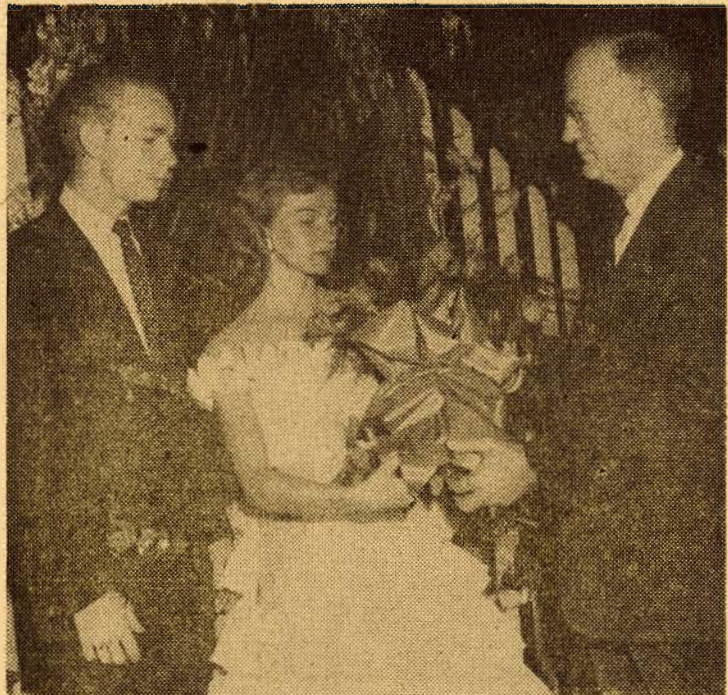
Plans are being discussed for the annual party for all advanced ROTC students. The party this year would be the best ever as a great deal of enthusiasm is being shown in the preparations. This party will take place sometime in May.

What is "Soundings"? It is a book published annually by the Writers' Club of Jacksonville College. Contained in it are stories, poems, and essays written by members of the Writers' Club, students just like you. You probably have a friend in the club who has made a contribution to "Soundings". You owe it to him to buy one, but you also owe it to yourself. The quarter you spend for it will be a quarter well-invested.

The representatives from the Writers' Club from whom you may order your copy are: Mohammed Boutaleb, Merle Wade, Jerry Hamilton, Dan Smith, John Roberts, Gloria Wise and Kay Kirkland. Any of these students will be glad to add your name to the list.



COLLEGIAN SPONSORS SOCK HOP—A Sock Hop held in Chatem Inn and sponsored by the Collegian was enjoyed by a large group of students. Music was furnished by Frank Meeks and his record player.



**JUNIOR PROM LEADOUT**—Dr. Harold Strickland, junior class sponsor, presents a bouquet of roses to Sybil Brittan, escorted by Ottis Williamson, junior class president.

## Summer Plans Revealed In Recent College Bulletin

Summer school plans at Jacksonville State are being revealed in a bulletin just off the press, according to Registrar Lawrence R. Miles.

The summer session will begin on Monday, June 4, with two days for registration. Classes start on Wednesday and Thursday is the last day for registration and course change. The session will end on Friday, July 27, with graduation.

A full curriculum will be offered with a workshop course in music education for elementary education majors. Practice teaching will be offered for eight weeks in the laboratory schools. Students may earn credit in all curricula during the summer session.

Courses for the summer session, which has grown to be an

important factor in modern education, are designed to provide courses for securing, extending or renewing teacher certificates; for work toward college graduation; to enable high school graduates to begin their college work without waiting for the fall semester; and to provide practical workshop experience for teachers in the elementary school.

The summer workshop courses are organized in such a way as to bear a high degree of relationship with the problems of local systems. Supervisors in this area are consulted in the planning, and they frequently assist in directing the program.

Enrollment is expected to be about the same as in previous summers.

(added 1947), a B.S. in Music Education (added 1947), a B.S. degree in Health & Physical Education (added 1948), a B.S. in Business Education (added 1949), a B. S. in Business Administration and Economics (added 1950), a B. S. degree in Vocational Home Economics Education (added 1951), and a B.S. degree in Medical Technology (added 1954). Too, the pre-professional program in engineering, agriculture, medicine, dentistry, pharmacy and law came into being under the present administration and has become a vital part of the program of the school.

The blossom of promise of 1942, then, has ripened into a beautiful flower under the tender care of Jacksonville's foremost educator and president, Dr. Houston Cole. The fruits are evident in the capable Jacksonville graduates, who help spread the fame of the college from the grass roots to the large urban centers. The constant ring of hammer and roar of machine is a reminder, however, that Dr. Cole does not intend to rest. His is an ever forward look. Today's results are tomorrow's blueprints. There is no better engineer anywhere than Dr. Cole to read these blueprints into mortar and brick and into spirit and character.

## Wig Society Announces Play

The rascal villian with the fierce mustache, the pure but persecuted heroine, the manly hero—they are all in the Masque and Wig comedy melodrama coming May 3rd.

Dick Jones, a graduating senior from Gadsden, will be seen as a fabulous villian, who stops at nothing to gain his objectives. Robbie Waller Moskot, Greenville, winner of past awards, will star as the heroine. Her hard-hearted young husband, Hilary, will be played by a freshman, Jerry Hamilton, from Rainbow City.

Erin Woodruff from Alexandria, who will be remembered for other stage performances, acts as a trained nurse, in love with the villian. Richard Nordman, who has had leading parts in other plays given on the campus, will be seen as a dignified butler.

Nell Smith from Fort Payne plays a leading role as a hypocritical sister. Others in the cast are as follows: Lavoy Stewart, Mary Dickson, Robbie Simpson, Gloria Wise, Helen Robinson, Anniston; Dub Hicks, Blountsville.

"For Her Child's Sake" promises an entertaining evening for all. This comedy, directed by Mrs. Ralph Lindsey, will be given at Leone Cole Thursday evening, May 3rd.



**WILLIAM E. GILBERT**

### MR. GILBERT TO SPEAK FOR HISTORICAL ASSN.

William Gilbert, member of the Jacksonville faculty in the department of history, will speak at the Alabama Historical Association Annual Convention in Montgomery on April 20-21, at 10:3. Mr. Gilbert will appear with Dr. F. F. Lund, president of Alabama College for Women, and Dr. James Doster of the University of Alabama.

The subject of his speech will be: "Bibb Graves as a Progressive."

Attending the conference with Mr. Gilbert will be Dr. Emmet Fields and Mr. J. M. Anders, also members of the history department.

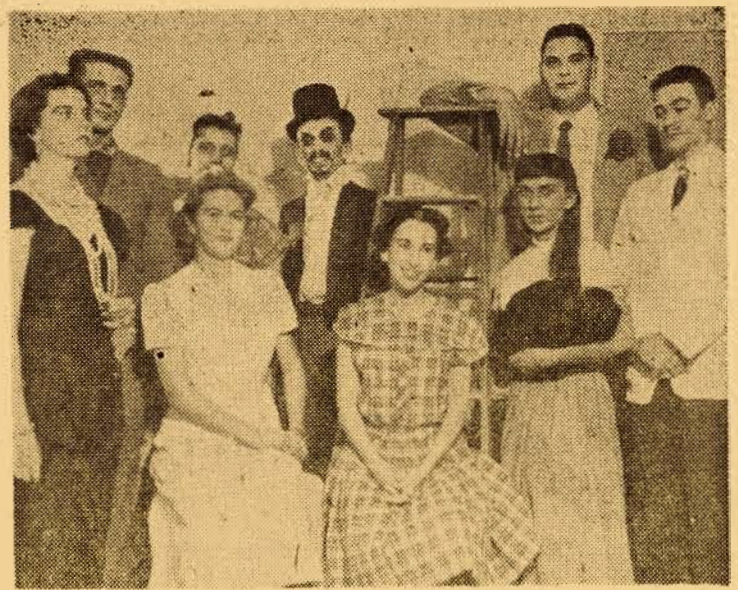
### "H.M.S. PINAFORE"

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be to Little Buttercup, but rank also keeps them apart.

Captain Corcoran tells Sir Joseph that love lowers all ranks, and he is making plans for his daughter to marry Sir Joseph when Dick Deadeye brings word of the planned elopement. While they are on the quarterdeck they hear the wedding party approaching and hide.

Sir Joseph comes on deck and orders Ralph Rakestraw to be



**MASQUE AND WIG CAST FOR NEW PLAY**—Jacksonville's Masque and Wig will present "For Her Child's Sake" on May 3. Above are some of the members of the cast.

### DAVIDSON BEATS JAX TENNIS TEAM 6-1, APRIL 2

Jacksonville Gamecocks' tennis team played its first game of the season Monday, April 2, with Davidson College of North Carolina. Davidson won 6 to 1. Charlie Grisham and Gerald Johnson, playing doubles, were the only winners for Jacksonville. Jax players are: Larry Lyda, Fred Smith, Charlie Grisham, Gerald Johnson, and Malcom Sanders.

Davidson is highly rated through out the South for putting out—good tennis teams. Davidson is coached by Mr. Dick McKee, Jacksonville by Mrs. W. J. Calvert Jr.

chained and put into the ship's dungeon. He then laughs at Josephine because her lover has been locked up. Suddenly Little Buttercup confesses that many years ago there were left in her care two babies; by mistake their identities were reversed, and Captain Corcoran was really Ralph Rackstraw and Ralph Rackstraw was really Captain Corcoran, not just a common sailor.

Sir Joseph says he can't marry the daughter of a common sailor, but since Captain Corcoran was just a common seaman he could marry Little Buttercup. Sir Joseph then turned to his sister. There was great happiness for Josephine and Ralph Rackstraw because she was no longer a Captain's daughter and he was now the Captain of the H.M.S. Pinafore.

The "H. M. S. Pinafore" was directed by Mr. Walter Mason. The cast included William Veazey as the Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph Porter K. C. B. First Lord of the Admiralty; Captain Corcoran, Commanding H. M. S. Pinafore played by Bill Jones; Dean Fetner as Ralph Rackstraw, seaman; Richard Jones as Dick Deadeye, seaman; Alan Mason as Bill Bobstay, boatswain; Nora Jean Collins as Josephine, the Captain's daughter; Erin Woodruff as Little Buttercup. The sister, cousins, and aunts were LaRue Morris, Betty Alverson, Helen Robinson, Sybil England and Phyllis Norton. The sailors of the H.M. S. Pinafore were DeWitt Self, Robert Mange, Jerry Harrison, Charles Howell, DeLeath Rives, and Clayton Arrington.

The orchestra was made up of James Rayburn, George Broom, J. Eugene Duncan, John Finley and Jack Cox.

"Hey," cried satan to a new arrival, "you act like you own this place."

"I do," was the reply, "My wife gave it to me before I came here."

### Gamecock History

Go GAMECOCKS! How many times did you shout that last football season as you watched our team romp to victory? The name "Gamecocks" is synonymous with the Jacksonville State College football team, and has been for about nine years. Before this time, the Jacksonville football players had been called by the name "Eagle Owls" and sometimes referred to as the "Teachers". Their colors were purple and white or blue and white. Neither was considered official.

The school year of 1947-48 brought changes in several ways. Coach Don Salls was added to the staff, a new football stadium was built, and the entire football program began to get a new look.

A majority of the team members in '47 were veterans of the very recent World War II, a tough bunch and confronted with a tough schedule. It was left up to these boys to decide on a new name and colors for the Jax football team. Coach Newman, of Jacksonville High School, was a member of this group and related a very amusing story concerning the decision.

Confronted with the problem of finding a new trademark for themselves the boys naturally conferred in little groups together. A left-end, E. C. (Baldy) Wilson, now coach at Glencoe High School, had the strikingly different hobby of raising fighting game roosters. Thinking of his pet diversion, he proffered the name "Gamecocks". A group of boys from Guntersville and Collinsville, still remembering old alma matters, wanted to make the new colors red and white, like their former high school colors.

"Baldy" saw his chance and came forth with a very practical suggestion.

"Boys, if you'll swing the vote for "Gamecocks", I'll see that your colors win."

That was all that happened. No opposition was offered either nomination, and the vote was unanimous for both of them.

So, because of a group of typical football guys who knew what they were doing, we find ourselves every football season sitting in the grandstands, waving red and white streamers and shouting "Go, Gamecocks!"

In a recent English Competence Examination, Henley Lett of Alexander City, was apparently upset.

While the class was receiving instructions and asking questions, Henley raised his hand and asked, "Can this be written in English?"

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## Second Guessing

By Bob Crosby

### First Intra-Squad Game

Jacksonville State fans were thrilled by the first intra-squad game between the Reds and the Whites on the 12th of April. While the Reds won the game 18 to 6, the Whites showed very good spirit and their defensive play was exceptional. The running of 'Shorty' White was a thrill to all who watched. "Blackie" Blackburn, a new man in the Gamecock uniform, also showed to be a fine running back. Carl Harrison's passing at the quarterback spot showed great promise. There were several times when Carl rolled out with the ball and no one but Carl knew where the ball was. Sam Black and Sherry White looked mighty good on the receiving end of the passes.

### The Red Squad

The Red Squad, the winner of the contest, had Billy Hicks doing his always fine running and found Chester Skates running the ends and throwing some passes. Keahey, one of the new boys from the University of Alabama showed the fans that he could move around when he found a small hole. Perhaps the biggest surprise of the evening was the passing and running of Freddie Casey. On several occasions Casey went back to pass and there was no one open and instead of eating the ball, Casey would turn on the speed and be gone for a lot of yardage. Freddie's two touchdown passes showed that a lot of work has been done in that field.

### Intramurals Going In Good Fashion

Spring is here and the boys are on the softball field. The yell of "play ball" is in the air and the usual comments to the umpire can be heard. One softball player was heard saying, "Did you see my long hit? The pitcher had to back up to catch it." What kind of answer is expected to a question of that sort? The girls not to be outdone by the boys, have taken over the gym and are in the midst of volleyball.

### Good Swimming Instruction Scheduled For Summer

There is a rumor in the air that the physical education department has a good program of swimming instruction planned for the summer session. Mrs. Calvert or Horace Pope can give you full details. They are interested in offering a program in life saving as well as swimming lessons. Whether or not this can be offered is dependent upon the number of students desiring to enroll. If you are interested please see one of the above people right away.

### Fishing Weather Makes For Cut

Wonder if the fine weather we are having lately is causing many students to cut classes. Haven't heard of any large fish getting away yet. Understand that Dick Townsend has had a few days. How big was the one that escaped Dick? Why doesn't someone organize a field trip for fishermen. This could be scheduled for some day when the students have only five or six classes and an all-day affair could be planned. With the classes excused of course. Sorry, I was only dreaming. Of course, though, spring picnic is due to arrive before too long. Wonder if Crystal Springs has any fish?

### Some Sports Missing This Year

There haven't been any marble games around the campus this year as last when George Sizemore and Erman Ogburn were playing as partners. Wonder what happened to the "Keepers League"? Well, things aren't what they used to be when we were freshmen.

### Congratulations To Mayes

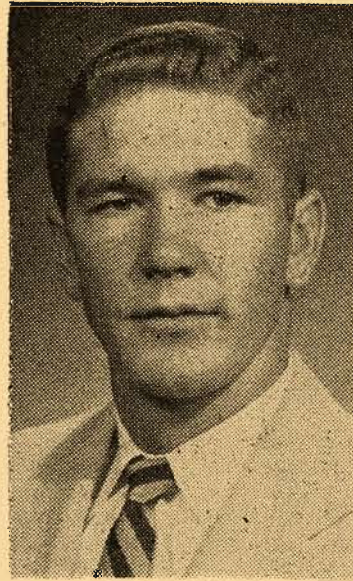
Congratulations to Buddy Mayes for being selected captain of the basketball team for the coming year. Best of luck for another fine year.

## Mayes Selected Basketball Captain

Coach Tom Roberson has revealed that Floyd "Buddy" Mayes, a senior, will captain the basketball team for the coming year.

Mayes has played basketball at Jacksonville since coming here in 1953. His high school ball was played at Murphy High School in Mobile.

Fans may wonder how a good ball player like Mayes came to Jacksonville from as far away



FLOYD MAYES

as Mobile. The answer to this is that both his mother and father came here, and he has two sisters that are graduates of JSC. Another fact might be that he was born in Albertville.

As for "Buddy's" ability as a basketball man, one look at his record will show that he is a good shot from outside the defense or can drive in and shoot. He is just as good on the defense as on offense and often steals the ball from the opposition unless they stay awake during the game.

### 1956 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Sept. 14	Wm. Carey,	Home
Sept. 21	C'nooga,	There
Sept. 29	Pending	
Oct. 6	Livington	Home
Oct. 13	Troy	Home
Oct. 20	Austin Peay	There
Oct. 27	S. Georgia	Home
Nov. 3	Maryville	There
Nov. 10	Florence	There

## Preview Of 1956 Gamecocks

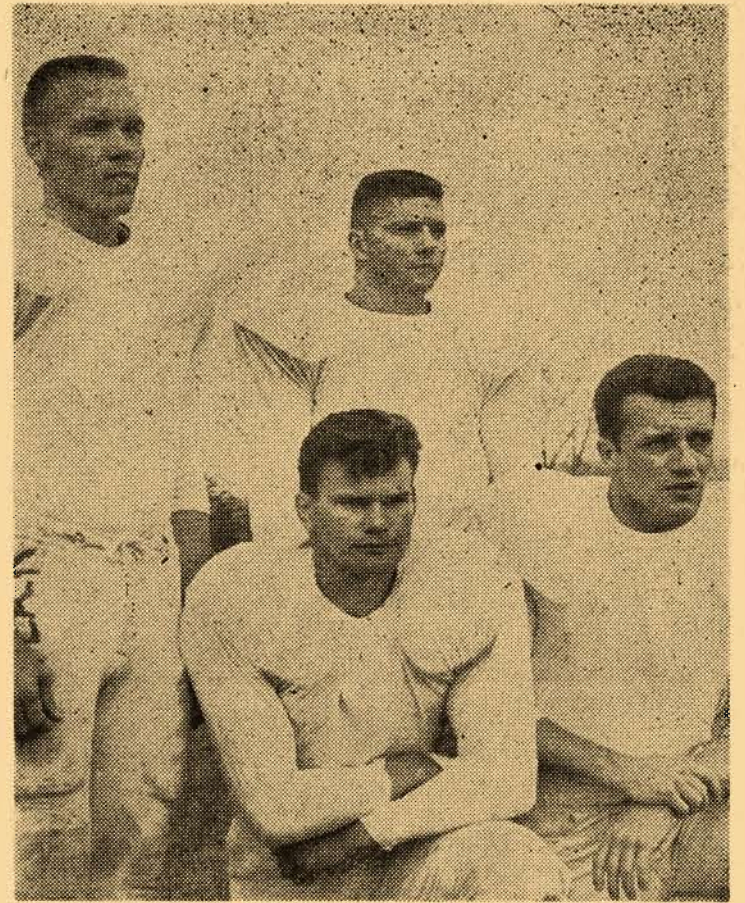
By George Carbonnie

Jacksonville's Gamecocks will have their annual Red and White intrasquad game this afternoon at 3 o'clock. The squad had not been divided at the time this article was written.

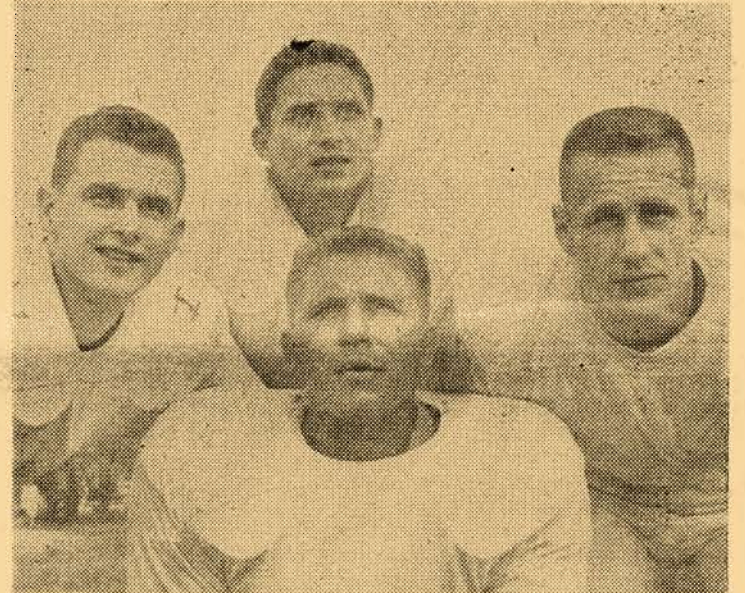
Looking at the squad, Chester Skates, Wayne Keahey, and "Blackie" Blackburn have been eyeing the left-half spot. Left-half position seems to be improving tremendously with the power of Skates and Blackburn, and the speed of Keahey. This group will be hard to stop.

At fullback, you find Billy "Tank" Hicks, Jerry Albright, Venoy Jolly, and Billy Conutt. All the boys seem to be in fine shape and have been showing great determination during the past weeks of practice.

Philip "Rabbit" Smith, Bob Skates, and "Shorty" White, will be at the right-half slot. These boys have been working hard and have shown great power as well as speed. Might mention here that Bob and Tom Langston, Bill Carson,



SENIOR GAMECOCK LINEMEN — These boys will be playing their last year for Jacksonville next season. They are, from left to right, Sam Black, end; Alex Mandli, guard; Dean Akin, end; and Johnny Johnson, center. Joe Roberts, also a senior guard, was not available for the picture.



SENIOR GAMECOCKS IN BACKFIELD — Four of the six senior backs pause for the camera. They are: left to right, Venoy Jolley, fullback; Carl Harrison, quarterback; Chester Skates, fullback moved to left-half; and "Shorty" White, right half-back. The other two senior backs are Billy Hicks and "Rabbit" Smith.

Chester Skates are brothers.

Fred Casey, Carl Harrison, Jack Miles, and Roberts are the quarterbacks. At practice these boys have shown promise of being able to hit their ends on pass plays. The lack of a good passing quarterback hurt the team last year in the Florence game and perhaps in the bowl game.

In the center position will be such fine boys as Johnny "Jobie" Johnson, last years starting center; Don Standridge, another returning letterman; Jerry Cofield, and Joe Curry. These boys can well deal misery to opposing backs and linemen.

Joe Roberts, Alex Mandli Jimmy Luttrell, John O'Bar, and "Trigger" Phillips are the guards that will be seeing action in the line. These boys all have power, speed and experience to spare.

The tackle positions will be just as tough this year as they were last year if not tougher. Here you'll find Mack Carson, Tom Langston, Bill Carson,

Huey Brown, and Jerry Cole. The opposition will have to stay on the alert against these boys.

Sam Black, Dean Akin, Ray Burgess, Gerald Grogan, Hershell O'Dell, and Sherry White are at the end positions. Most of these boys are returning lettermen and some have experience in service ball.

This game should provide some good entertainment and give everyone a good look at the new Gamecocks. Remember while you watch these boys that their chances of going to another post-season bowl is good. The question was asked of Coach Salls, "What do you think about the bowl chances?" His answer was, "We still have a long way to go yet". A quick look at the schedule shows him to be right.

A professor, annoyed by his clock—watching students put this sign on the clock.

"Time will pass—will you."