



Senior Ball Scheduled For Tonight

Miss Lucille Branscomb Is Honored By Huntingdon

Montgomery, Ala. — Miss Lucille Branscomb, head of the Business Education Department and Director of Aviation at Jacksonville State College has received the highest honor given each year at Huntingdon College—the Alumnae Achievement Award—which was presented to her on May 5 by the National Alumnae President, Mrs. Thomas D. Russell, at the college's annual May Day Festival and homecoming.

As the award winner for 1956, Miss Branscomb received an engraved silver tray and her name has been placed on the Achievement Award plaque in the college administration building.

Known throughout the state and nation for her contributions to education in business and recognized as a pioneer, holding responsible positions in both fields. She has won many state and national awards for her educational leadership and patriotism.



MISS LUCILLE BRANSCOMB

SGA News

BY MARTHA TERRY

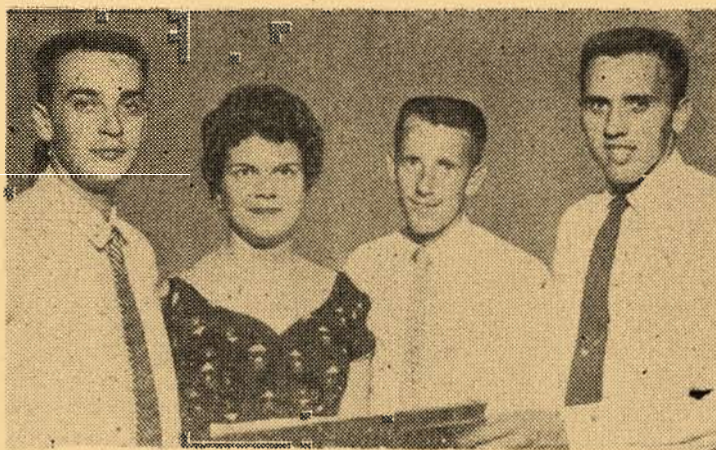
(NOTE: The council has met three times since the last report. Most of the topics you will read about in this article have been discussed pro and con at more than one meeting.)

Your elected officers—Tommy McManus, Billy Nale, Ann Brothers, and Corky Morris—have been present at meetings since their election. They are getting a first hand idea of the work they will do next term.

Ratting of freshmen has received considerable attention at the past meetings. The council seems to feel that a conservative ratting period would be well received by both freshmen and upperclassmen. Joe Craig served as chairman of the Committee on plans for freshman ratting, and he was assisted by Phyllis Norton, Sybil Brittain, Sherry Crowley, Bob Crosby, Tom Freeman, and Ophelia Conway. This committee consulted colleges and universities which are successfully carrying out a program of "ratting", and selected the rules they felt could be put into operation here. Edward Davidson said it would be up to the new council to decide whether or not to "rat".

Davidson suggested that the SGA serve refreshments to visitors on our campus during Spring Festival. One idea led to another, and we really noticed for the first time how dull and bleak our meeting

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DANCE COMMITTEE—Seniors who have served as committee chairmen for the Senior Ball featuring Ralph Morterie are left to right, Richard Nordman, bid sales; Phyllis Norton, decorations; Gerald Johnson, class president; and Walter Paige, class vice-president.

Big Schedule For Summer Is Released

The 1956 Summer Session promises to be a banner semester. An increase in enrollment over last year's 895 students is expected. This year more and more freshmen have indicated they are going to begin their college work with the summer session and our campus should be thronged with these wide-eyed youngsters.

Returning school teachers and those working off shortages for certificates will comprise the majority of the students. For many of them the summer of 1956 will mark the end of a long, hard road when they get their degrees in July. Time out to help support their families, time out for severe illnesses, and time out to raise their own families kept most of these men and women from earning their degrees in the usual span of years. Now, however, the long struggle will be over and the coveted sheepskin won forever.

The popular shortened summer session begins on June 4 with registration. Registration continues through June 5. The famous (or infamous) English Competence Examination will be given on Wednesday, June 6 at 8:00 a. m. Commencement will be held on July 27 at 6:00 p. m. in College Bowl.

The Elementary and High School Laboratory Schools will operate the full eight weeks during which a student may earn as much as six hours of directed teaching.

A music workshop designed to help those interested in elementary education will be conducted at the Music Hall.

A variety of courses to please all students will be offered. For a chance to get ahead of the pack and to double-time on your march to the \$64,000.00 Question, we recommend your coming to summer school. After it's all said and done, the successful students can show as much as ten semester hours of his credit whereas the vacationer may have nothing but a blustered back.

Attend Senior Ball Tonight

Degrees To Be Conferred On 144 Candidates May 25

Graduation exercises will be held at Jacksonville State College on Friday, May 25. Dr. I. J. Browder, superintendent of the Gadsden City Schools, will deliver the baccalaureate address. President Houston Cole and Dean T. E. Montgomery, Jr., will confer degrees upon 144 candidates. The exercises will be held in College Bowl.

Candidates for graduation are as follows:

B. S. in Elementary Education — Mary Perkins Bacon, Annise Ruth Cain, Anriaton; Lillian Ridgway Beville, Guntersville; Darel Q. Blackwell, Ruth W. Waddel, Fyffe; Norma M. Boozer, Faye Kidd Cox, Travis Buford Edmondson, Lucille C. Holingsworth, Joyce A. Lee, Otila Rogers Rhodes, Eileen Machen Wallace, Albert Waymon Webster, Jacksonville; Charles H. Worthy, Weaver; Lois S. Maxwell, Bessemer; Jeanette Weathers Wright, Wedowee.

Pauline S. Bryant, Seabro; Lonnie F. Daniel, River-view; Elzadie Smith Handley, Flat Creek; Lettie Jean Harris, Titus; Neva Minor Huddleston, Dadeville; Frances Button Johnson, Grant; Harry Norwell, Fort Payne; Jewel J. Powell, Dora; Alverene Smallwood, Lacey Springs; Martha Jean Terrell, Albertville; Juanita Ellis Turley, Cleveland; Alice Clark Egle, Lineville.

B. S. in Secondary Education — Raymond Dewey Baird, Danold Bulger, Pat Bulger, Charles Williams Solley, Sylacauga; Roy J. Bailey, Trussville; George Brewer Beasey, Kenneth L. Brown, Martha Sue Brown, Bonnie Lou Deerman,

Evelyn Byers Douthit, Lamar W. Howell, Harris, Edward Love, Sybil Parris Parker, Jacksonville; Martha Louise Blackmon, Edwin Lewis Deupree, Carolyn Sue Fite, Marion Horace Jones, Charles F. Miller, Anniston.

Herston P. Bonner, Martha Knowles Bullock, Nancy Jean Burroughs, Harold L. Guatney, Martha Jane Logan, James Dowell McDaniel, Johnny Rodin Mackay, Richard Nordman, Patricia Vines Parsons, William P. Roest, James M.

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Music Sorority Has Guest

Delta Omega Chapter of Delta Omicron national music sorority at Jacksonville State College had as a guest this week Mrs. Roxie Beard Petzold, national vice-president.

Mrs. Petzold spoke to the members on the work and accomplishments of the sorority to students who are eligible for membership, and a large and interested group was present.

The local chapter served refreshments to the group, after which a meeting was held of chapter members:

Martha Allen, Heflin; Jo Ann Chestnut, Gadsden; Annette Hilley, Heflin; Carol June Johnson, Guntersville; Vivian E. McCullough, Anniston; Phyllis Norton, Centre; Carma Jo Ray, Piedmont; Naomi Stanley, Centre; Miss Olive Barnes, faculty adviser; Erin Woodruff, Alexandria; and Pat Richards. Mrs. B. H. Adams is alumnae advisor for the chapter.

Collegian Picks Top Ten Students Of The Year

MARTHA TERRY

A versatile, senior is Martha Terry, from Springville. As secretary of SGA and Associate Editor of the Collegian, she has fulfilled her duties to the letter, often doing even more than her share of work. There was the job of raising the flag which one seemed to want. Martha volunteered to serve as official flag raiser. Dependability is a word almost synonymous with the name Martha Terry.



A history major and a biology minor, she found her place as a member of "Who's Who In Colleges." Her accomplishments fail to overshadow her personality, though. As modest, as humble as the most unaccomplished person, Martha has influenced many on this campus to work to the best of their abilities. A rare combination, friendliest student of the month, alternate senior beauty, a wonderful all-round person is our Martha Terrys.

If her past any indication, this girl has a successful future ahead of her.

JOE CRAIG

Joe Craig's presence on the SGA as vice-president, has given the organization security and stability. He is naturally endowed with an executive manner, and is in every way a gentleman. Whenever necessity called, Joe easily assumed the duties of the president. He has devoted his enthusiasm and energy to all work assigned to him, and he is almost always one of the first to raise his hand when there is call for volunteers.



Joe is chairman of the Awards Committee, "Freshman Rattling," is chairman of the Election Committee. He sold tickets to the Bowl game and worked in the information booth. He put his muscles to work helping paint the SGA room.

A Distinguished Military Student in ROTC, Joe is on their dance committee; an active "J" Club member, he helped with initiation; a member of the Ushers Cub, he is frequently seen in the traditional navy suit assisting at assemblies and other functions; a graduating senior, he helped collect articles to be raffled to pad the class treasury.

MEREDITH SANDERS

Meredith is the editor of the 1956 *Mimosa*, and what an editor she proved to be! She was assisted by an excellent staff of division editors, circulation and business managers, but the ultimate responsibility for the annual rested on her capable shoulders. With the exception of the business and circulation managers, which are elective officers, the selection



of the staff was Meredith's responsibility. She worked with her staff in such an efficient and well organized manner that it was hardly evident that a yearbook was in the making.

Meredith began collecting material for the annual as early as the '55 Spring Festival. By sending copy to the publisher last summer, she made it possible for us to have the full color picture of Bibb Graves Hall on the front page.

She set up the picture-making schedule in such a way that every student had an opportunity to appear in the annual.

Meredith has shown an unselfish spirit by working on a committee to criticize the workmanship of the *Mimosa* with the objective of improving next year's yearbook.

Miss Sanders is a member of the SGA, Kappa Delta Epsilon, and the Intramural Sports program.

BILLY HICKS

It takes a superior intelligence, keen ambition, determination and a strong back to follow Billy Hick's schedule. Our star fullback works at night at the Republic Steel Plant in Gadsden, and attends school during the day. He is working on a double minor in history and sociology and a major in P.E. He is an active "J" Club member. In January, Billy was chosen as the "Most Valuable Player" in the Refrigerator Bowl Game between the Gamecocks and the R. I. Rams. Billy led the Gamecocks to victory.



Billy, Becky, and little Beck live in the veteran's apartments.

LOUISE STANTON

Louise is one of those rare creatures that can handle a dozen jobs simultaneously, and still give each one the attention called for. She is vice-president of the International House Program, and participates in all its activities and programs, and has traveled with members of this group throughout Alabama.

Louise attended the Kappa Delta Pi Convocation in Stillwater, Okla., and the F. T. A. Convention, in Auburn, where she served on a panel discussing subjects related to the field of teaching.

A member of Alpha Mu Gamma language society, Louise planned their banquet and the initiation of new members.

In the life of this energetic senior, religious activities are highlighted. She is a regular attendant at church, and recently went to the Westminster Fellowship Synod Conference at Mobile, where she served on the nominating committee.

The Omni-Ala, Synod of Alabama Student Publications, has published several articles from Louise's pen.

Abercrombie Hall is well represented in the SGA by Louise, and she is Mr. Anders' capable secretary.



How she manages to find time to be a substitute teacher in social studies and mathematics at the high school is her secret, but she does teach several classes each day, and "people who know" say that she rates among the best of teachers.

WILLIAM JACKSON

Progress of the International House Program has depended to a great extent upon William Jackson, president of the program. Bill is responsible for planning programs and practices of songs, and dances, and speeches to be presented throughout the state. He has been master of ceremonies for over 25 programs presented before Alabama civic groups.

Bill is treasurer of the Senior Class, and helped sell stock in the Senior Ball, for which he is publicity chairman. He is a member of the Masque and Wig and was assistant business manager and military editor of the '56 *Mimosa*. He serves as parliamentarian for the Social Sciences Club. A member of Alpha Mu Gamma and Scabbard and Blade, he has helped plan and decorate for three dances.

After graduating with honors, Cadet Major Jackson, Battalion S-3, a Distinguished Military Student, will receive an Infantry Commission.

Evidence of Bill's scholastic ability is shown by his appearance in "Who's Who," and on the dean's list. He has been awarded a scholarship to study Admiralty Law at the Tulane University. The Alabama State Committee on Fulbright Scholarships recommended Bill to receive a government grant to study one year in France. He received a letter of Appreciation from President Cole.

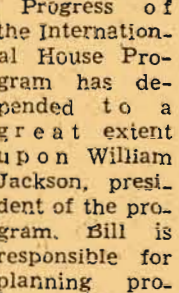
CALVIN SMITH

Calvin served as business manager of the 1956 *Mimosa*. He is a member of Scabbard and Blade, military honor society; a member of the Future Business Leaders of America, and is a graduating senior. After graduation he will receive a commission as a second lieutenant in the Armored Cavalry. Calvin is also one of five students at Jacksonville who is an associate member of the American Accounting Association.

Calvin is a graduate of Vincent high school. He entered Jacksonville in the fall of 1952, and chose business administration as his major, selecting accounting and economics as his minors.

While serving as business manager of the *Mimosa*, he established a new record in selling more advertising than has ever been sold by any other business manager of the *Mimosa*. This enabled the staff to produce a better and bigger annual, and still have funds for use on the production of next year's publication.

Calvin says that he has little



choice as to what he will do for the next two years—Uncle Sam has already offered him a job and there was no chance of turning it down; however, after his two years of military service Calvin plans to enter upon practice for a Certified Public Accountant certificate.

GERALD JOHNSON

President of The Senior Class, Gerald Johnson, has effectively organized the class in making preparations for the Senior Ball and other class activities. He was in charge of the giant raffle sponsored by his class, and his untiring efforts made it an overwhelming success. During the past year he has been responsible for our college ring sales.

Gerald is quite versatile in extra-curricular activities. He is a member of the tennis team, a cheerleader, a ROTC Cadet Major, and a Pannell Hall participant in intramural football.

A member of the SGA, he has been outstanding in his work. He was chairman of the Spring Festival decorations committee, and worked long hours in helping decorate the new council room. He was in charge of getting an orchestra for the ROTC dance, and was voted one of the friendliest senior boys.

CHARLIE GRISHAM

One of the mighty Gamecocks, Charlie Grisham helped win the Refrigerator Bowl Game in January, and the regularly scheduled games of the past season.

He is president of the "J" Club, a member of the Ushers Club and the tennis team.

Charlie was awarded the "Most Valuable Player" trophy for intramural football and also for the county district tournament. He was selected to appear in "Who's Who."

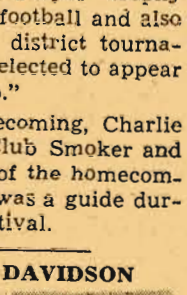
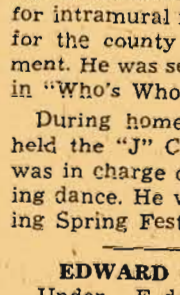
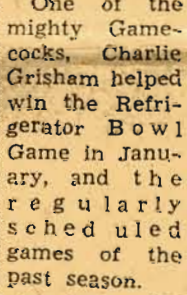
During homecoming, Charlie held the "J" Club Smoker and was in charge of the homecoming dance. He was a guide during Spring Festival.

EDWARD DAVIDSON

Under Edward Davidson's leadership as president of the S. G. A., the organization has worked effectively as a unit to sponsor several activities for the students, to carry out routine duties, to improve the constitution, and to make any changes that would be of benefit to the student body.

"Buddy" as he is familiarly known, spearheaded the action which led to re-locating the council meeting place in Ayers Hall, and he led members in painting and redecorating the new council room.

The seemingly insignificant duties of the president really add up to a mountain of never-ending "things to do", and "Buddy" has been busy all year.



There are all sorts of meetings to attend, people to contact, errands to run, and small but numerous tasks to perform.

Much of "Buddy's" work has been the planning of dances and programs, organizing and working with committees, keeping the washing and candy machines in working order, planning Spring Festival and the School Picnic, and overseeing the operation of Chat-Em Inn. "Buddy" also arranged for bus transportation to football games.

"Buddy" has worked diligently and untiringly for and with the students. A more earnest servant of the campus would be difficult to be found.

GRADUATION

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Tolson, Gadsden; Llewellyn Bradley, Mayden; James Edward Butler, William B. Evans, Woodville; Gail Delores Case, Shirely Elise Childers, Birmingham.

Stosel S. Cole, Dadeville; Robert D. Coley, Lonnie Jackson Mitchell, Jr., Ralph E. Parnell, Munford; Martha Joyce Collins, Talladega; Betty Pearl Cryar, Edward D. Davidson, Dorothy Ann Orr, Albertville; Andrew William Curley, Fruit-hurst; Thomas Jasper Freeman, Henegar; Murray C. Gregg, Hamilton; Charles Louis Grisham, Oneonta; Frances Kerr Hanson, Gene Hanson, Wedowee; Peggy Jean Henley, Renfroe; Charles Austin Hodge, Rock Mills.

William B. Howell, John R. Kirpatrick, Charles Larry Oswald, Charles Burton Pollard, Piedmont; William Dewey Huddleston, Lanett; Donzer Grady Loosier, Jr., West Point, Ga.; Walter Webster Medlock, Marvin C. Webb, Boaz; James Alexander Moore, Jr., Martha Lawrence Terry, Springville; Shirley Dunn Pelz, Houston, Texas; Thomas J. Richey, Rainsville; Billy Louis Roddam, Pinson; Bettye J. Sims, Oxford; Louise Stanton, Tarrant; Shirlee B. Williams, Hammond, Ind.; James Byron Yates, Virginia Lester Yates, Daviston; Albert Ray Woodham, Albany, Ga.; Billy Hyde Oden, Joppa.

B. S. in Music Education—Richard A. Jones, Robert Michael Watford, Gadsden Shirley Huff Scarbrough, Talladega.

B. S. in Vocational Home Economics Education—Medba Copeland Bailey, Gadsden; Betty Peak Hardman, Ider; Betty Walker Kelly, Katherine S. Stevenson, Jacksonville; Peggy Jean Morrison, Cope-well; Mattie Helen Pittard, Sylacauga; Willardean D. Roddam, Wedowee; Inez Taylor, Piedmont; Mary Jordan Walden, Centre.

B. S.—Earl W. Aldup, Jr., Neal Austin Boozer, Jenneth Ray Davis, Grover F. Ferguson, Donald F. Godfrey, Charles Irvine Kennedy, Rosamond Y. Ponder, Norman Charles Pro-pes, Jacksonville; Ernest L. Birdsong, Joseph L. Conyers, Jr., Shirley Keller Karraker, Gurney T. Landers, Charles Donald Nelson, Gerald Austin Poore, Donald P. Saffield, Arthur Williamson, Anniston.

James P. Bishop, John L. Ford, Gencoe; Gary Franklin Burns, Beverly Page Farmer, Leon Locklear, Jr., Billy George Milam, Larry L. Lyda, Woodland; Billy Carl Crowe, Clam-

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Vacation! Graduation! These two words bring pleasant thoughts of work completed, of relaxation to follow; but after the first glad surge of the spirit comes the realization that these words have other connotations. Nothing is finished, and what has come before only links us with the present and the future.

So the contemplation of graduation and vacation may lead us naturally into a survey of our past experiences. We might take inventory before we plunge into the beginning-again that commencement brings. Several questions come to mind in regard to our individual reading and study habits.

Did you set aside a special time each day to do extra reading beyond that actually required in your classes?

Have you learned how to use the card catalog, the periodical indexes and other special indexes? When you could not find material for yourself, have you always asked someone to help you?

Are you the one who all year thought you'd read those new books, but somehow never found the time, or worse still just never got started? Vacation is a good time to make out a schedule and budget your time for such pleasures.

This was the year you intended to read those ten best magazine articles each month and the time you resolved to read a newspaper daily. If you failed to follow through, start it now.

Have you waited for a time

to start that specialized reading in American philosophy, or the history of your church? Now is the time.

Have you meant to start a hobby like photography or building furniture? Lay the groundwork of reading about it now and the fun of accomplishment will keep you going.

You once had a person who was your ideal. Have you forgotten? When did you check to see how many books had been written about that person, or perhaps by that person?

You have definitely chosen your life's work, but in the hurry of the must-be-dones you have neglected to inform yourself about the fine points that often determine success or failure in a chosen vocation. Why not at this time seek the answers through the experiences of others.

You like poetry but have not appreciated the present-day earlier ones. The extra time that summer brings can afford the opportunity to become acquainted with the writings of these poets.

You realize that your investment in national and world affairs is immeasurable, yet you have not read in this area as you should. Summer days are a good time to begin.

Perhaps you may be one who has not formed the habit of reading. If so, try again, for activities experienced in a time of relaxation often become fixed habits.

The suggestions mentioned above may not appear on your personal survey, but we feel sure that in your quest of knowledge, libraries will be able to supply you with many of your needs, if you will avail yourself of their services.

Wherever you may be this summer, visit the library in your community.

June's Jottings

Here we are again, "folks," with the latest on everything and everybody. It seems as though May is as crazy and mixed up as some of the students around here. One day Daugette Beach is crowded with girls sunning in swim suits, the next day they are seen going to class in sweaters and jackets.

Anyone selling "nerve pills" would really get rich these last few weeks of school as everyone is getting awfully nervous. I know it couldn't have anything to do with finals coming up and graduating seniors wondering if they're going to graduate.

Couples seen together around campus lately are—Ann Parker and Larry Lydia, Libby Mercer and B. B. Billingsley, Martha Terry and Joe Roberts, Jean Leach and Jimmy White, Thann Pennington and Bob Crosby (your own editor), Evelyn Rice and Jimmy Parris, Glenda Thompson and Bob Hans, Frankie Smith and Dub Hicks, Peggy Payne and Bill McCarty, Freda Carlidge and Jim Dyer, Beverly Lockridge and George Broom.

Everyone envies Sue Gallo-way because someone sent her twenty-one red roses on her birthday. I tried to get her to tell me how old she was, but no luck!!!

Jo Deerman is flashing a beautiful ring given to her by Melvin Brouder. We don't know when the lucky day is but know it must be soon because she is a wonderful person. We all wish you the best of luck and happiness to one who truly deserves it.

Betty Cryar is engaged to a boy from Albertville. Best of luck to you two.

Barbara Browning and Kelly Parris will soon say those wedding vows. It couldn't have happened to a better couple.

The new members of S. G. A. and yours truly are looking forward to the convention in Auburn and Livingston the weekend of May 12. We hope to report a wonderful trip.

Say "Brabrara and Libby" did a little blood scare you or did you see a ghost???

Rayburn (Sleepy) White and Bob Rogan are good nurses and I'm sure a number of girls appreciate "their sweetness and loving care" when the "blood-mobile" was here on May 8, 1956.

The Masque and Wig is to be congratulated on the wonderful job they did on the play. Dick (Prod) Jones received the award for best player and he deserved it.

The Baptist "Hillbilly Party" was really enjoyed by all, and everyone looked like real hillbillies, too!!!

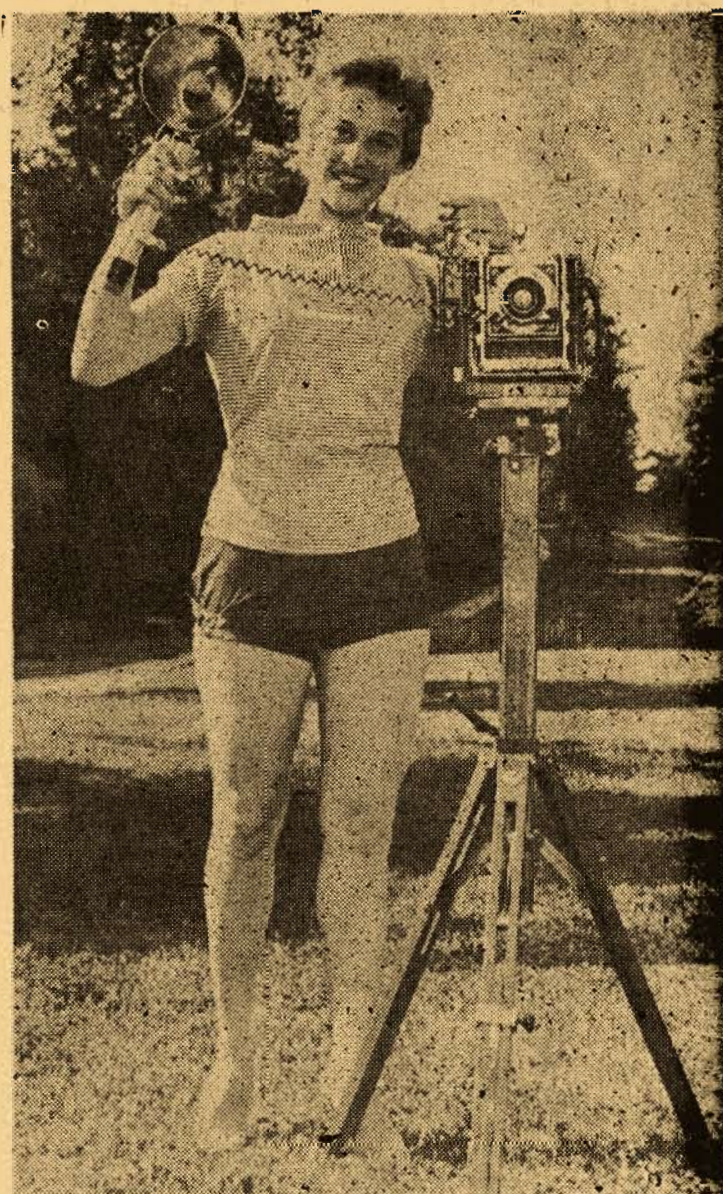
Dr. Strickand must really be doing a good job teaching chemistry as they're working experiments in Chat-em. Know anything about it, Evelyn???

The International House was in Mobile last week-end and reported a wonderful time.

I wonder why everyone is crying in their coffee at the "Pig" lately, Joe, your snions must be too strong!!!

George Sizemore and Jackie Harris visited their "ole Alma Mater" and everyone was really glad to see them again. I know everyone saw Jackie or maybe it was his car they were looking at.

We regret that Betty Watford is going to Germany to join her husband, but she is



"GEM OF THE HILLS"—The Collegian has chosen a pretty freshman for its May issues' "Gem of the Hills." She is Frankie Smith of Fort Payne. She was selected by the ROTC as "Queen of the Military Ball" and is an ROTC sponsor. Just to prove she has brains as well as beauty, she is a biology major.

Masquerade Ball Scheduled May 19

By JUNE NICKOLSON

It seems that this month is really the one for dances, parties, etc. The Saturday following the Senior Ball is going to be a big night for all the guys and gals who are looking for a really good time.

Yes, it's the Masquerade Ball, May 19, sponsored by the S.G.A. Admission will be twenty-five cents with the proceeds going to the Chapel Fund. The College Orchestra will be playing for the dance and a prize will be given for the best costume.

The featured attraction will be the crowning of "Mr. and Miss Jacksonville," so all you out there find yourself a costume; you cannot get in without one, and come on down and join the party. See you there!

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thrilled to death and we're happy for her. But we will really miss her smile and cheerful "hello."

Jack Miles knows just what to do when he has car trouble and has no money. I doubt though that he will give his secret away. Right Jack???

See you later "Gators" with the latest.

Westminster Group Ends Eventful Year

By Geneva Lester

Jacksonville State Westminster Fellowship has had many interesting programs this year. At the first meeting, Dr. Emmett Fields, professor of history, talked to us on the subject "Brotherhood." Then we started a short study of the history of the Old Testament, followed by a study of the prophets.

As one of our programs, the Westminster group went to Anniston to hear Dr. Cummings who gave a report on World Missions.

Several of us attended Spring Conference at Mobile. Thann Pennington, president of Jacksonville Westminster Fellowship, was elected Publicity Clerk of the Synod Council.

Miss Debbie Brewster, a Danforth graduate, visited our campus for a few days. We really enjoyed the fellowship that we had with her. While Debbie was on the campus, she was one of the main speakers at an assembly, the purpose of the assembly being to promote interest in the proposed Danforth Chapel of Jacksonville State College.

As part of our activity for this year, part of our group prepared family night supper on one Wednesday night at the church. Family night supper, a monthly event at our church, is for all the members of the church.

To reimburse Westminster's pocketbook, we cleaned the Education Building of the church.

We are making plans for a picnic at DeSoto State Park on May 12, 1956.

J'ville Librarians Attend Annual State Conference

By Thann Pennington

"Readers, Reading, and Books" was the theme of the fifty-second Annual Convention of the Alabama Library Association held April 26 through April 28 in Sheffield.

Attending the convention from J. S. C. were Miss Mildred Johnston, head librarian of Ramona Wood Library, (who has the distinction of formerly holding the office of President of the Alabama Library Association), and Miss Doris Bennett, assistant librarian of Ramona Wood Library.

Several interesting addresses along the line of the main theme presented by the various distinguished speakers at the convention included: "The Hows and Whys of Emphasizing Adult Education," "Libraries On a Pedestal," "The Responsibility of College Libraries to Develop Lifetime Reading Habits," "What Do People Read," and "A portrait of Plain Americans."

Comparisons and exchanges of ideas on the management and uses of libraries presented one of the most interesting and rewarding aspects of the convention among those present.

In comparison with other libraries over the state we were proud to note that Ramona Wood Library ranks among the best in facilities and material available.

Ramona Wood Library, with its large comfortable reading room, provides a quiet

place for the students to converse and study. The card catalog, volumes of Reader's Guide, and various other indexes are conveniently arranged and placed around the reading room for those engaged in research work and the like. The stacks are neatly arranged and are consistently checked to keep books in order. Large orders for newer and more up-to-date books in the various fields of Social Science, Education, Science, etc. are continually arriving. More and more materials are added daily with the result that Ramona Wood Library is keeping abreast with the best.

Perhaps the "Scenic Campus of the South" will serve as the convening point for a future Alabama Library Association Convention with Ramona Wood Library acting as host.

Discipline is something a man learns his first week in the Army or during his first 6 months of marriage.

Frantic Mother: "Oh, doctor, my baby was playing a harmonica and he swallowed it. What shall I do?"

Doctor: "Be happy that he wasn't playing the piano."

What television hasn't got in entertainment value it makes up for in monotony.



Editor's Comments

Did you ever sit down and try to think of something to write about? Sometimes it seems impossible, and then you look out the window, or light a cigarette, or maybe just let your subconscious mind take over and then suddenly something comes to mind and you start writing. This is the result of such thoughts.

My title for this topic will be "The Younger Generation", or "What is the Younger Generation Like?"

Of course, I'm not what I would term as being old, but I want to write of the teen-agers—the teen-agers who wear pegged pants, drive souped-up cars, and think that belts are made to be used as dog collars. These same teen-agers love to "Bop" and talk of their "twin smitties", "guttled mufflers" and other such "stuff" that I'm afraid I can't remember well enough to quote.

This younger generation seems to be shocking everyone and has everyone wondering what the world will come to.

I think probably the younger generation is just the same as any other, basically speaking. Of course, their hot rods are somewhat faster than the old Model T was, but then they are living in a faster world than that age in which their parents grew up.

In the end they will turn out just as healthy, just as wise, and eventually will wonder what their children will amount to.

After all, who knows but what the child of tomorrow will be asking his dad for the use of the family airplane so he and his date can go to a show or dance a few hundred miles away.

People of the future will more than likely gray just as early as we of today, and there will probably be just as many bald heads.

Anyway, the point is, life goes on regardless, so why worry? Just get your new 200 horsepower car out and load your easy chair and fishing tackle and take off for the ever flowing river, and just as folks did twenty or forty years ago, worry about getting a bite.

It seems to me that too many activities always come up in the last month of school. To give an example, this week and last week seem to be full of dances, parties, picnic, and newspaper deadlines. First there were music activities, Masque and Wig Play Senior Ball, Masquerade Ball, various suppers and parties, picnics and few things that fail to come to mind right now. This is certainly a hectic time with final exams fastly approaching.

The American Red Cross Blood Mobile visited the Jacksonville campus last Tuesday and we certainly did not break any records. This can't be blamed on the students entirely since very few of them knew of the visit until the day before it was made. More publicity should be given to things of this sort, especially since the drive chairman knew of the date several weeks or months ago.

If this seems like a gripe column to the readers—they aren't far from being right. This is a good campus, but unless people who are appointed to head committees and to serve on committees do their work with more care and more speed, then we are going to lose a lot of luster. This applies to students, workers, and faculty members. Those people that have failed because of laziness or because of lack of effort for some other reason know who they are. Do they care?

From the appearance of the last few S.G.A. meetings, and after several discussions with Tommy McManus, president elect of the S. G. A., next year's Student Council, shows promise of a very fine constructive year. Many plans are already being made and the new S. G. A. officers have attended all meetings since their election. I might add that some of these meetings have been very spicy.

A question which has been asked of me many times lately is "why doesn't the theatre in Jacksonville open on Sunday?" This question was asked of the owners and their reply was that if enough students want this they will be glad to accommodate them. They will not; however, open during church hours.

Anyone who has questions considering student affairs or school policies please submit them to some member of the Collegian staff and an answer will be provided if possible. This does not include questions about math problems or pigeons. Try the Science Building for these.



SANCTIFIED IN SPOTS By The Rev. Ed Wilson

Jonah swallowed the whale! Or was it the whale that swallowed Jonah? Do you know any more about the book of Jonah than this? Is it merely a good Sunday School story? What's the message? Dr. George A. Smith has this to say: "And this is the tragedy of the Book of Jonah that a Book which is made the means of one of the most sublime revelations of truth in the Old Testament should be known to most only for its connection with a whale."

And if we ever get around the whale we are frequently stumbling over the historicity of the book. Is it history or is it an allegory? or a parable? We'll let the whale and the history be for now lest we miss the message. And let us accept the witness of our Lord to the truthfulness of the Book (Matthew 12.) And so to see the soul of the reluctant missionary Jonah, whom we have called "sanctified in spots."

Jonah was the son of Amittai from the town of Gath-helper in the region of Galilee, which was probably about three miles northeast of Nazareth. Jonah did his work during the reign of Jeroboam II, in the northern kingdom. This was very near the time of the beginning of the first Olympic games and about a generation before Amos. So it was that: "Now the word of the LORD came unto Jonah the son of Amittai, saying: 'Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim against it; for their wickedness is come up before me.' BUT JONAH ROSE UP TO FLEE."

He fled not for fear of the Assyrians, who were the world rulers from about 900-607 B.C. He fled not for fear that he would fail—rather for fear that he would succeed. For he says: "Therefore I fled beforehand unto Tarshish; for I know that Thou art a gracious God, and compassionate, long-suffering, and abundant in mercy, and repentest Thee of the evil."

Strange—he didn't want any other people to find God's mercy! He couldn't go along with God so he took off in the opposite direction. He boarded a slow boat to China; i.e. to Spain which would take about a year. Jonah felt safe and was soon asleep. Quite a storm arose and the heathen sailors prayed and jettisoned their gear and cargo, but the sea would not calm. Jonah was finally accused of being the cause of the storm and he confessed. The heathen crew redoubled their efforts but the storm would not abate. It is here that the "great fish" which had been prepared enters the story, Jonah was thrown over the side and so to the stomach of the whale. He remained there for "three days and three nights," before he prayed to God in absolute submission. Then the fish spit out Jonah on the shore.

"And the word of the LORD came unto Jonah the second time, saying: 'Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city, and make unto it the proclamation that I bid thee. SO JONAH AROSE, AND WENT UNTO NINEVEH . . .'"

Nineveh was the capital city of Assyria on the banks of the Tigris. It was finally destroyed by the Medes in 612 B. C. and

never rebuilt. This was about a century and a half after Jonah walked its streets. Nineveh was a great city of about three days journey across. When Jonah had gone one day's journey into the city he began to speak his message: "Yet forty days and Nineveh shall be overthrown!"

The effects of that message were wonderful—exactly what Jonah did not want. From the king down to the mules—all put on sackcloth and sat in ashes and fasted. We are told that: "God saw their works." And He reversed their doom.

When Jonah saw this he said whatever angry 8th Century (B. C. people said at such a time) and in effect "I knew this would happen. I want to die!"

Jonah recovered enough to get out of the town and to hope that the destruction would take place anyway. So he built himself a little shelter on the hillside near Nineveh to see the sport maybe. A gourd plant offered Jonah fige shade for his watch. But it happened that the LORD prepared—this time—a worm. Now with his shade gone and the sultry desert sun and wind, Jonah again prays to die. "Art thou very angry," the LORD asks "Jonah for the Gourd?" "Yes, angry to death." "And the LORD said: 'Thou hast had pity on the gourd, for which thou hast not laboured, neither madest it grow, which came up in a night, and perished in a night: and should not I have pity on Nineveh, that great city, wherein are more than six-score thousand persons that cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand, and also much cattle?'"

The story ends there. What the effect was upon Jonah we are not told. Assyria was spared and went on to capture and oppress Israel in about sixty years. This leaves us with a question—What is the message of Jonah?

Does God accept repentance? No. That's not the question. Is God the God of wicked people also? No. That's not the question. Rather is it not the question Should we grudge any man God's mercy? Ask yourself: Have I grudged anyone the message of God's mercy. O have I only been indifferent about the matter. Have I been spotty with my Christianity because the others are black, are of another class, are of another economic system. How does my

Dead Sea Scrolls May Reveal Secrets

Probably the most important discovery (in the world of religion) of the century was the uncovering of the Dead Sea Scrolls. Just what the effect that these scrolls will have on the Bible as we know it cannot be said until the scrolls have been pieced together and translated. This may take up to fifty years of slow work.

The scrolls were first discovered in 1947 by a Bedouin shepherd boy called Muhammed the Wolf. His discovery was made when he idly tossed a stone into a cave on the cliffs near the Dead Sea. The scrolls had been wrapped in linen and coated with a black layer of pitch or wax, and then placed in a large clay jar or vase.

Upon unrolling the scrolls, the boy found manuscripts, inscribed in parallel columns on thin sheets that had been sewn together. Though the manuscripts had faded and crumbled in pieces, they were in general remarkably clear. The character was not Arabic. The boy wondered at the scrolls and kept them, carrying them along when he went.

Months later, and after a great deal of bargaining, the scrolls finally came into the hands of some American and British scholars.

These scholars, the most noted in their fields, began to determine, as near as possible, the date that the scrolls were printed. It was slow work, but finally the approximate date was set between 200 B.C.-75 B. C. This, then, gave proof that many of the prophecies made by early prophets had come to pass. The languages on the scrolls were Hebrew, Greek and Aramaic. (The latter, a Semitic tongue, is generally believed to have been the language spoken by Jesus.)

Scholars hope that these scrolls will answer many questions on the authenticity of the Bible as we know it today.

grudging or indifference to others hearing the story of God's mercy relate to Christ's Great Commission? Have I failed to speak to someone about God's compassion because I think he is as helpless as an Assyrian. Do I need to repent of wickedness, of pride, of history, of bigotry, of prejudice, of running from what I know is God's will for me.

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Record Crowd Attends Spring Festival April 20

Thirty-five Northeast Alabama high schools were represented at the annual "Spring Festival" at Jacksonville Friday, April 20. They came from as far away as Morgan County High School at Hartselle on the northwest to Lanett High on the south to Crossville on the north.

It was a gala all-day outing for the high school seniors who get a holiday from classes at home and become feted visitors here.

This year a new honor was conferred upon the visiting students. Each school was invited to choose a maid to be a member of the court of the "Festival Queen" and they formed a huge semi-circle around the queen and her attendants when the crowning ceremony took place at the half-time of the football game Friday afternoon. Each girl was accompanied by an escort from her school.

Freda Cartlidge of Cedar Bluff, queen of the festival, appeared on the football field accompanied by Gary Gregg, Anniston. Her attendants were Beulah Richey, Fort Payne, accompanied by Walter Paige, Burlington, Mass., and Mary Dickson, Anniston, accompanied by Floyd Maze, Jr., Mobile.

The high school maids and their escorts were: Annette Gilbert, Sam McCord, Alexandria; Patsy Moore, Willard Smith, Ashville; Shirley Humphrey, Charles Bradford, Sylacauga B. B. Comer; Patricia Williamson, Billy Smith, Cedar Bluff; Carol Young, Billy Mack Ganett, Centre; Wanda Owens, Alburn Norton, Hefflin; Phyllis Grigsby, Sonny Faust, Cleveland; Gayla Jo Trussell, Charles Cook; Kat Watford, Jim Connor, Gadsden.

Nancy Chesnut, Don Davis, Gaylesville; Lorada Morgan, Monty Hall, Geraldine; Hulaine Braddy, Bobby Braddy, Glencoe; Nellie Faye Hendley, Bob Jenkins, Hokes Bluff; Maxine Brooks, Raymond Patton, Ider; Barbara Owens, Eldridge Dabbs, Lanett; Rose Street, Bobby Myrick, Southside; Gail Lewis, Gilbert Vanderford, Spring Garden; Shirley Mc-

Curdy, Billy Elliott; Betty Garrison, Tommy Garrett, Vincent; Maretta White, Harvey Shelton, Walnut Grove.

Barbara Hicks, Arnold Johnson, Jacksonville; Jean Cain, Erskine Thornburn, White Plains; Evelyn Palmer, Ray Barnes, Weogufka; Shifty Holt, Brice Morriss, Locust Fork; Sara Jo Mynatt, Wayne Robinson, Attalla; Ina Fay Martin, Carl Smith, Sardis; Carolyn Nance, Gary Ried, Hayden.

A variety of entertainment was presented during the day, beginning with a review of the ROTC at 11 a.m. and ending with a dance in the gym at 9 p. m. Ballroom and folk dancing were demonstrated by physical education students, while a varsity tennis match and an archery show were in progress. The music department gave excerpts from the operetta, "HMS Pinafore", in the auditorium; the art department had a sidewalk "close-line" exhibit; guided tours were conducted in all buildings; and a highlight of the day was the outdoor supper where generous amounts of food and cold drinks were served.

WF Group Attend Mobile Conference

During the week-end of April 6-8, the local WF students attended the statewide conference of Westminster Fellowship. The meeting attended by college and University students from all over Alabama, was held at Central Presbyterian Church in Mobile.

The purpose of the Conference, training students, was carried out in the classes in stewardship, led by the Rev. Ed. Wilson, program planning, and missions. All classes were conducted by Ministers to Students from various state campuses.

Thann Pennington, president of Jacksonville WF, was elected to state office of publicity clerk and editor of Newsletter. State officers were installed at Communion Service.

The meeting was not all work and no play. During free time,

Wesley Foundation Cited For Programs

BY LUCY DURHAM

Another school year is about to draw to an end, also this year's activities of the Wesley Foundation will be closing for a short time.

The program for the past year have included a series on science and religion, programs on different religions of the world and demoninations of Protestantism, and a study of Methodism. Many of the professors and instructors at the college as well as the members of Wesley Foundation and visiting speakers have inspired and enlightened us.

The member of Wesley Foundation this year saw two movies which were helpful in understanding how people in other countries live, work, play, and worship. One of the films was on Japan, which was taken by Miss Millican when she taught in Japan. The other was about the British Islands. This film was shown by a boy who is stationed at Fort McClellan. He took the film while in Great Britain on the Farm Youth Exchange Program.

One of the most enjoyable activities of the past year was the Sunday night supper. All those who helped cook will agree that it is lots of work, but fun. Even the boys took turns planning, buying groceries, cooking, and washing dishes—believe it or not!

Recently new officers for next year were elected. The officers are:

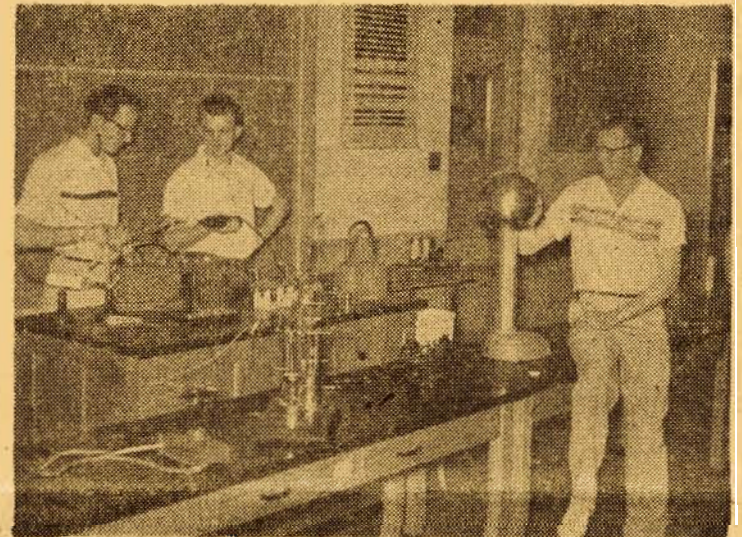
Clayton Arrington, president; Mildred Leatherwood, and Guy Jennings, vice-presidents; Betty Stephenson, secretary; Clifford Black, treasurer; Forrest Faulkner, world Christian community; Horace Acton, editor of the Wesley Messenger; Lucy Durham, associate editor; and Mrs. Rebecca Fagan, advisor.

If you never got around to attending Wesley Foundation and are coming to summer school, plan now to attend Wesley this summer.

there were tours to make of Mobile, and after classes each night there was planned recreation for the whole group. The conference continued through the Sunday morning service.



MISS SPRING FESTIVAL CROWNED—Freda Cartlidge, a sophomore from Cedar Bluff is crowned as "Queen Spring Festival" by Edward Davidson, SGA president. Miss Cartlidge was escorted by Gary Gregg of Anniston.



PHYSIC DEMONSTRATION—This is a typical scene at the Jacksonville physics laboratory. The participants are, from left to right, Ted Wilson, Bill Powell, and Clifton Black.

Dr. L. T. Wilson Is Excellent Physic Department Head

Very quietly and with very little publicity the J.S.C. Physics Department, under the leadership of Dr. L. T. Wilson, has been doing a great service to Jacksonville State and to the field of science.

During the past year, the department has been setting up demonstrations for groups visiting the campus. During the dedication of Ayers Hall, these demonstrations attracted the interest of the visitors. Then again during Spring Fiesta, the department took the opportunity to acquaint students with proceedings in the lab. The experiments have centered around topics the layman is vitally interested in, such as electricity, magnetism, optics, principles of light, and sound.

These experiments have served two purposes. First and most important, these spectators have left with a deeper interest in science, or scientific principles were presented in such a way as to create a more meaningful concept—and this at a time when scientific interest is most vital to United States' present and future development in all fields. Second, it gives the student visitor an idea of the work done here at Jacksonville and the educational facilities available.

Lab assistants—Bill Powell, Clifford Black, and Ted Wilson

—working under the guidance of Dr. Wilson—set up all the demonstrations. Dr. Wilson, in the time that he has been here, has created greater interest among his students in their work in physics. He came to Jacksonville on retiring from the Naval Academy after thirty five years as an instructor. Dr. Wilson, a native of Jonesboro, Arkansas, received his Ph.D. from Harvard, and later taught there. At the time of his retirement he was Senior Professor and Dean of the mathematic department at the U. S. Naval Academy. He and his wife, Dr. Wilson, instructor in mathematics, came to JSC in September of 1951. They both plan to retire after the summer session of this year.

The whole school certainly owes the department a "thank you" for the good work that has been carried on under Dr. Wilson's direction.

John: "Barber, I want my hair parted exactly in the middle."

Barber: "Well, now let's see—there are just thirteen hairs. On which side would you prefer the odd one?"

Joe: "My wife has an answer for every question but one."

Pete: "What's that?"
Joe: "Why she married me."



SPRING FESTIVAL TIME—One of the highlights of the annual Spring Festival when high school seniors of the district visit the campus is the outdoor supper served late in the afternoon on the quadrangle. The scene above is a typical one.

"Ramadan" Or Fasting In Morocco

By Mohammed Bontaleb

Fasting is one of the five basic principles or "pillars" of the Islamic religion. The other four being, (1) the acknowledgement of the Oneness of the Universal God; (2) the prayer, then (3) the regular alms giving and, (4) if possible, the pilgrimage to the Holy Land or Mecca.

It is an old Jewish and Christian custom, also practiced by the Buddhist monks, which Islam adopted with more strict and permanent regulations. One difference is that, our fasting period lasts longer another that it extends daily from dawn to sunset, instead of the sunset-to-sunset Jewish way.

In the Koran, our Holy Book, we are told, "Fasting is presented for you, even as it was prescribed for those before you."

The fasting period, called Ramadan, lasts a lunar month. It takes place in the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, which, unlike the Gregorian one, follows the cycle of the moon. Being also shorter, moves back through the seasons. Last year, for instance, Ramadan started on April 24, while this year it begins on April 12. In a few years, it will arrive during the winter. By the way we are now in the year 1375.

During this month, a complete abstinence is required, of food, drinks, sexual intercourse or any carnal desire. We are not allowed to eat but twice every twenty-four hours: one meal after the sunset—"breakfast"—and another one between 1:00 and 3:00 o'clock in the morning, which we call "Suhoor". At the dawn, we must stop eating.

Usually, these hours are announced by the Muezzins from the minarets. But, lest some far-situated homes should not hear the announcers, a cannon is fired three times.

Almost every day, a hot soup opens our "breakfast" as a good appetizer. Afterwards, people go out, some to their business and others for some light entertainment; others go to pray. But very few go to bed, whereas the majority stays up until the "Suhoor" time.

The cities look more alive during the evening than they do during the day. Meanwhile, from the minarets, we can hear hymns and other songs played on brass horns and a clarinet-like instrument called the "ghitah". The same music is played again later, to wake the sleepers up, and entertain us as we have our second meal. Also, around midnight, a volunteer man passes by the homes of the people who sleep, so that they may have time to prepare their meal. With a little hammer, he knocks gently at the door while he sings some soft tunes.

After the "Suhoor", most of the people do their prayers and go to bed. Some rise early, others late if they have nothing to do in the morning. Many valuable lectures on religion are given by learned scholars.

Who must fast? Every member of the religion, male or female, who has reached the age of maturity. Therefore, children cannot fast. However, for those who are sick, those who are on a long journey, and those among women who are pregnant or in their menstrual term, it is permissible to eat,

providing that they fast later, as many days as they have been allowed to take. Since this duty is left completely to the responsibility and the conscience of the individual, it is a personal affair to decide whether to eat, or to fast, according to his reasoning in regard to the situation considered. For, God is as easy on us when our health is badly involved, as He is severe when we refuse to perform a duty of which we are capable, or try to seek a justification to our failure, abusing therefore of His indulgence. He says in His Holy Book: "And whosoever of you is sick or on a journey, let him fast the same number of other days. Allah (God) desireth for you ease; He desireth not hardship for you; and that you should complete the period, and that you should magnify Alla for having guided you, and that perhaps you may be thankful."

By fasting in this manner, we do not mean just to follow a special way of life different from that of others, nor do we mean to alter the natural aspect of regular days. The purpose, far from being a torture imposed on us by God—which would be contradicting with His promised kindness—stores more advantages than we could realize. As a matter of fact, we should say—purposes; and since they are numerous and most of them come through experience, I am going to mention those that have had more appeal to me from my own practice.

By being hungry and thirsty, many thoughts cross my mind, becoming more significant as I see or feel them in substance.

First of all, I start wondering how I could resist all day long and all the month, while just the day before I began fast, I could hardly do without my meals, the regular ones and those in between. I wonder also how I could see a water fountain or a coke machine without even paying any attention to it, while during ordinary days, I would easily stop for refreshment. Yes, how could you not forget eating and drinking when you simply know that you are not supposed to? Perhaps it sounds not too easy to do, and perhaps it seems to require some imagination, but it can be done when you are used to it and remember that millions of other people are doing the same thing.

The feeling I have from this kind of hunger and thirst is entirely different from that of a regular day. It is not the kind that would send you in front of a well set table, but that which will keep your eyes away from it; not the one that would drop you on the ground, but that which will give you more strength to stand and finish your work; not the kind that would make you discriminate between the foods and waste those you dislike or do not need, but that which will rather oblige you to like any type, to respect it and spare it, simply because you do need. It is not the kind after which, having had plenty to eat, you would hardly think that there are people who cannot afford what you have; it is that kind which intuitively makes you, not only believe and realize this fact, but try to contribute to its remedy. As you can see, it is not even that kind which



WINS MASQUER'S AWARD—Dick Jones, a senior from Gadsden, received the coveted Masquer's Award for his performance in the Masque and Wig play, "For Her Child's Sake". He played the role of the villain.

assures us that what we own is ours, and only ours, but that which forbids us to use it unless we are grateful, and willing to respect it and share it with others in need.

Fasting is also, abstaining from bad talks, bad actions, bad intentions, bad feelings and bad thoughts. It means staying away from companies and spectacles of bad influence; it means avoiding lies, slander, jealousy, selfishness, hate and other harmful attitudes which might spoil the relations between man and man. This stimulates us to try to do good, not only during this particular month, but during all the year and perhaps all our lives, by showing that it is possible if we just will.

Fasting proves to us the importance of the body, the soul and the mind for our lives, and the superiority of the latter two over the former. Therefore, we must take good care of them and make good use of their provisions, and that means the purification of the one as well as of the other. Obviously, behind this, is symbolized the littleness of the material which can be no more than a means, the greatness of the spiritual which is an end, and the sacrifice of the first to satisfy the second.

On the 27th night of this month, date of the revelation of the Koran from God to our Prophet Mohammed, the worshippers fill all the mosques where they remain until the "Suhoor" time. About the holiness of this night, God says: "The Night of Power is better than a thousand months. The angels and the Spirit descend therein, by the permission of their Lord, with all decrees. Peace until the rising of the dawn."

The end of Ramadan opens a new month which is occasion of a celebration called "Feast of Forgiveness".

On the first morning, large numbers of people congregate to a wide open place out of town—the M'sella—where a sermon is heard and long prayers are performed. Afterwards, we dress nicely and pay short visits to friends and relatives. We usually serve hot green tea and different kinds of cookies. We are supposed to shake hands with everybody, even those whom we do not know and simply meet in the street. According to the name of the occasion, we present the greetings with the best wishes and forgive one another—a spirit which is to exist all the time.

Hats Off To Masque & Wig For Their Most Recent Play

By Bob Crosby

The Masque and Wig Guild members and director, Mrs. Lindsey set a high standard of dramatic competence with their recent production of the comedy **For Her Child's Sake** by Paul Loomis.

In spite of the widespread popularity of movies, television, and the radio, the living stage is more than holding its own. People in this area are especially appreciative of wholesome, superior, and challenging plays.

The main purpose of the dramatic club is to give students opportunity for acquiring cultural advantages and for providing means for self-expression. In what other activity are so many self-developing possibilities realized—the unfolding of personality, the developing of leadership, the improvement in voice and diction, the training in art, and the socializing influence?

The Masque and Wig Guild has established a reputation for

doing expert productions. Their repertoire during the last few years has included such plays as **The Little Foxes**, **The Glass Menagerie**, **Gloconda Smile**, and **Night Must Fall**.

Few people realize the expense and the time involved in the production of a long play. We understand that the average cost of a play including the royalty and advertising expenses is around a hundred dollars. Time spent on rehearsals amounts to over a hundred hours for each actor.

Six of the club's most loyal and enthusiastic members will graduate this semester. They are Dick Jones, Richard Nordman, Bobbie Waller Moskot, Phyllis Norton, Wilson Hicks, and Frank McNutt. Congratulations and best wishes to them!

The other members of the club are Neil Smith, Erin Woodruff, Gloria Wise, Jerry Hamilton, Robbie Simpson, Helen Robinson, Lavoy Stewart, Mary Evelyn Dickson, Johnny Humphries, and Wyndol Kelsoe.

Ramblings Of The Corps



BY LEON D. STAGGS

"Presentation of Awards"

Friday, May 11 was a big day for the entire cadet corp. Col. Robert G. Thiering, Chief, Alabama Military District presented the following awards for various achievements accomplished by cadets during the 55-56 school year. They are:

Cadet of the year: Earlon C. McWhorter.

Outstanding cadets of each class: military science I—Jerry W. McNabb; military science II—Charles Y. Hurst; military science III—Fred H. Casey; and military science IV—Paul E. Cothran.

3rd Army meritorious achievement award: Cadet Major Joe H. Craig.

The outstanding company of the battalion: "C" company, commanded by Cadet Captain Jack B. Glenn.

The outstanding platoon of the battalion: "1st" platoon, commanded by Cadet Lieutenant and Paul E. Cothran.

High score marksman: Cadet Wallace M. McDuffie, awarded a new automatic 22 rifle and a plaque, which is given annually by American Legion Post 213, East Gadsden, department of Alabama.

Qualification badges were awarded to the following cadets:

Epert—Cadet Wallace H. McDuffie, Cadet Robert R. Sims and Cadet Jerry C. Sparks.

Sharpshooter—Cadet James M. Boozer, Cadet Howard P. Faulkner, Cadet Ronnie J. Barber, Cadet Felix B. Foster, Cadet Bobby W. Kennedy and

Fasting is to me a constructive law through which we learn self-discipline, respect, economy, gratitude, self-reliance, patience and sacrifice, kindness and humility; through it, we learn to be more human, and, in the best way, to respond without hesitation to God for His gifts bestowed upon us, and go into His communion with sincerity and purity.

Cadet Larry H. Davis.

Marksman—Cadet James I. Clifton, Cadet William T. Day, Cadet Clark P. Gable, Cadet Sanford E. McKim, Cadet Jackie Traylor and Cadet Jesse L. Wadsworth.

During the preceding school year 26 cadets graduated or will graduate on May 25, 1956. Of this number nine cadets received commissions in the Regular Army of the United States of America. The other eighteen cadets have or will receive army reserve commission and serve with the army for a period of the years. The cadets receiving Regular Army Commissions are:

Joe W. Parson, Earl W. Aldrup, Jr., Gene Hanson, Harold E. Stubbs, Norman C. Propes, Lewis T. Leath, Gerald K. Johnson, Joe H. Craig, and Charles W. Solley.

The cadets receiving Reserve Army Commissions are:

Carlton E. Hosmer, Harris E. Love, James H. Watson, Arthur R. Vaughan, Taylor U. Gilbert, John L. Ford, Gary F. Burns, George Keech, Richard T. Ruston, Albert W. Wester, Larry Lyda, William A. Jackson, Jack L. Lull, James A. Moore, Jimmie D. Bulger, Calvin Smith, and Hugh R. Johnston.

The following 36 cadets will attend Reserve Officers Training Corps Summer Encampment at Fort Benning, Ga., from June 23 to August 3. They are:

Jess A. Abney, Sherman T. Baggett, Arthur J. Bailey, Fred H. Casey, Lamar C. Bannister, Robert A. Barnett, Clifford B. Black, Jerry N. Cole, Gene B. Coley, Joe L. Currie, Raymond G. Daniels, James F. Ford, William R. Griffin, William B. Harris, Robert L. Henson, Jr., Timothy G. Hopper, Charles A. Jolley, Samuel F. Jones, Jr., Windell G. Kelsoe, Larry E. Lee, Floyd B. Mayes, Jr., Ellis R. Morris, Clarence B. Oaks, Jr., Robert E. Payne, Kenneth G. Roberts, William S. Powell, Robert E. Rogan, Charles W. Solley, Leon D. Staggs, David P. Stewart, Phillip H. Taylor, Wayne G. Wallace, Ben E. Webb, George E. Wigley and Ted Wilson, Jr.

Freshman Notes

By KAY KIRKLAND

Yes, our siege as freshmen has almost ended. Unless exams and unfinished term papers interfere, soon we'll be fully initiated sophomores. How do we feel about this finished year which we faced so expectantly last fall? I think I can speak for most of us in saying, "If I had it to do over, I wouldn't change a thing." There are a number of Frosh whom I'm sure do not regret this year. These are the couples which the Freshman Class can call its own, including Desma Thrasher and Crawford Pike, Margaret Wright and David Simmons, Shirley Vines and Jody Groll, Mary Durham and Sonny Roberts, Janet Hall and Carr Morley and Bobbie Sims and Norman Padgett. Here is something we can say we have accomplished!

I know some people who are very happy and very sad right about now—the graduating seniors. Oh, how we envy you as you finish, but we still have three more years to enjoy in college, and you do not. Anyway, best of luck and much success to you all.

Since this is my last time to represent my class as freshman reporter, may I say that I have enjoyed very much writing these articles, though they haven't always been what they should have been. Thank you for letting me represent you, and thanks for reading my articles.

SCABBARD AND BLADE

Members of the National Society of Scabbard and Blade, "B" Co., 9th Regiment, of Jacksonville held their annual picnic on May 4 at Pelham Range.

Major Dillard F. Jons, Capt. Lloyd Cain, M/Sgt. Hugh Simpson and Sergeants First Class Cager Nelson and Robert Stephenson from the ROTC detachment were present at the picnic, where a good time was had by all.

Crusader", two poems by Mary Littlejohn Belsler, (Mrs. T. A.) deep in meaning and beautifully expressed,

"Falling in Love", a poem expressing the feelings of many a person toward one he loves, written by Miss Virginia Banister.

These and others are what you'll find in your copy of Soundings, 1956. We leave it up to you to read it and judge for yourself.

MISS BRANSCOMB

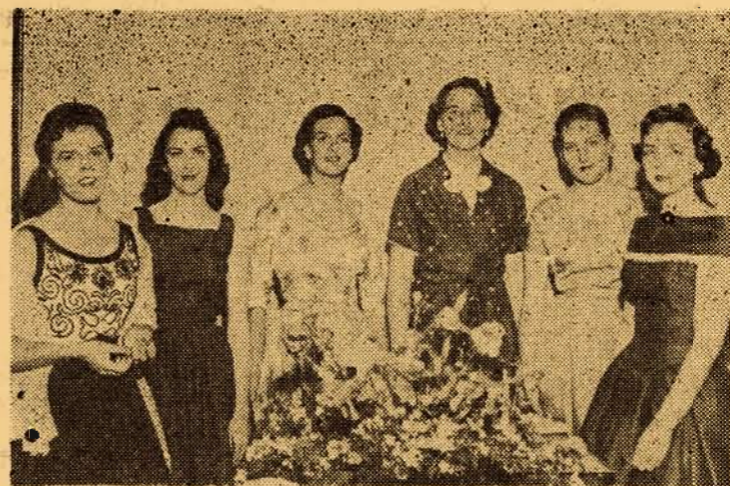
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teaching degrees are awarded annually to business majors, who make up 30 per cent of the enrollment.

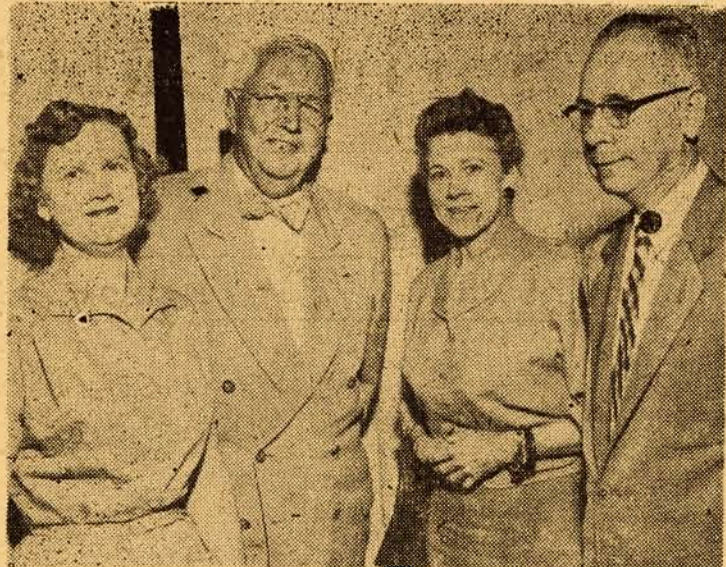
"Her long and effective work to stimulate better business education in Alabama has resulted in many services to business teachers and to students of business," it was stated at the ceremony.

Contributions and Awards in Aviation Education

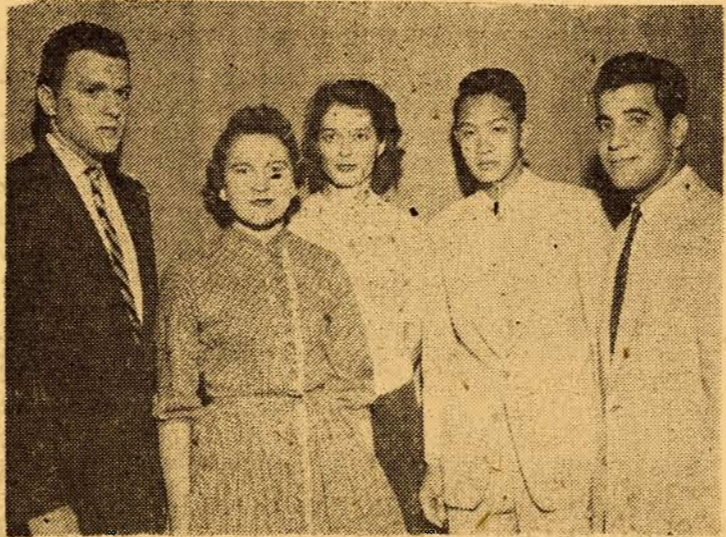
Miss Branscomb organized the aviation department at Jacksonville, and in many Alabama high schools, as well as six Civil Air Patrol Squadron, and has directed the training of more than 2500 youths of aviation education. With the rank of major, she commands the Jacksonville and Anniston Squadrons of Civil Air Patrol. She is the only women com-



HONORARY SOCIETY INITIATES—Students initiates into Kappa Delta Epsilon, national honorary education society for women at Jacksonville, were (left to right), Annie Fuller, Lineville; Bertie Lou O'Donnell, Steele; Carolyn Baker, Gadsden; Meredith Sanders, Pinson; Ann Skidmore, Fort Payne; Joan Hagan, Gadsden.



MENTAL AUTHORITY VISITS CAMPUS—Col. Edward Bullis, noted authority in the field of mental hygiene, was a guest on the Jacksonville campus Wednesday. Left to right are shown, Maxine Blessing, Dawson, a student; Col. Bullis, Miss Callan, from the Alabama Society on Mental Health; and Dr. Boutaleb, Rabat, Morocco.



STUDENTS TO ATTEND SUMMER CAMP—This group of students from Jacksonville will attend Camp Miniwanca at Shelby, Michigan, this summer. The camp is supported by the Danforth Foundation. Left to right, they are Garland Ward, Sylacauga; Geneva Lester, Dadeville; Louise Stanton, Tarrant; Stitaya "Steve" Sirisinha, Bangkok, Thailand; Mohammed Boutaleb, Rabat, Moccio.

GRADUATION

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ton; Rayford E. East, Alexander City; Leonard Joseph Fox, Glenn E. Roebuck, Fort Payne; Taylor Vern Gilbert, Pell City; Wilson C. Hicks, Blountsville; Buman Carter Hulsey, Henegar.

Hugh Roy Johnson, Leonard D. Norton, Piedmont; Thomas James Lampkin, Sulligent; Charles W. Latham, Fred Ray Lybrand, Oxford; Lewis T. Leath, Paul R. Thompson, Albertville; Robert G. McElroy, Attalla; Frank W. McNutt, Manchester; Jean Wadley Morris, Heflin; Walter John Paige, Burlington, Mass; Joe Wheeler Parson, Haleyville; Louis John Pelz, Houston, Tex.; Eugene A. Poland, Lineville; John Allen Power, New Martinsville, W. Va.; Richard T. Rushton, Montgomery; Malcolm Douglas Sanders, Harold Eugene Stubbs, Pinson; William Marion Towns, Onetona; Calvin Smith, Vincent.

Bachelor of Arts—Margery Ann Clark, James N. Elliott, Anniston; Wallace Harris, Roanoke; Bobby L. Hawkins, Union Grove; Wilbur L. Lowery, John B. Nisbet, Jr., Jacksonville; John D. Roberts, Jr., Frank Dale Watson, Odenville; Johann Frederick Struth, Mainz, Germany.

Bill: "When did you first become popular with the girls?"

Jim: "Oh, when I was a freshman."

Bill: "What are you now?"

Jim: "A senior—and a freshman."

Soundings Now On Sale

Do you have your copy of Soundings yet? If you don't make a quick trip to the nearest member of the Writers' Club and put in your bid. The supply can't last forever, and the list of people wanting a copy is getting longer. One look through the book is enough to convince you of the unprecedented value of our 1956 Soundings. Where else for a quarter can you find such a variety of reading matter? Just listen to the list of things you'll find in it. . .

The prose includes . . . the amusing, light-hearted, typically Southern story of MISS ALMA, an old maid chained by the famous novel GONE WITH THE WIND, written by Gloria Wise.

"Lightning Strikes Twice", by Merle Wade, a tense, perplexing story of the murderer who killed for love in two entirely different settings.

"The Search", written in second person, a climatic account of a hunt which ended in tragedy, by Kay Kirkland.

A change to the personal with Mohammed's own story of how he became a full-fledged American, "Initiation," and . . .

"International Understanding," Dr. William Calvert's account of the time he was a bit too sure of his ability to speak French.

Then there is the widely varied list of poetry which includes "The Lovers" and "The

Force General Lucas Beau, national CAP commander. Last year she was awarded the Blue Service Ribbon with Oakleaf Cluster, for 10 years and almost 10,000 hours of honorable and voluntary service in the Civil Air Patrol; and she has been selected by state and national headquarters as "Alabama's Outstanding Woman in Civil Air Patrol."

Other Distinctions

Miss Branscomb has received recognition in newspapers and in national and regional magazines for her work. She has had articles published in a number of business education and aviation magazines, has filled speaking engagements before educational and civic groups in Alabama, New Jersey, New York, Arkansas, Virginia, and Florida, and has appeared on many radio and television programs dealing with business education and aviation.

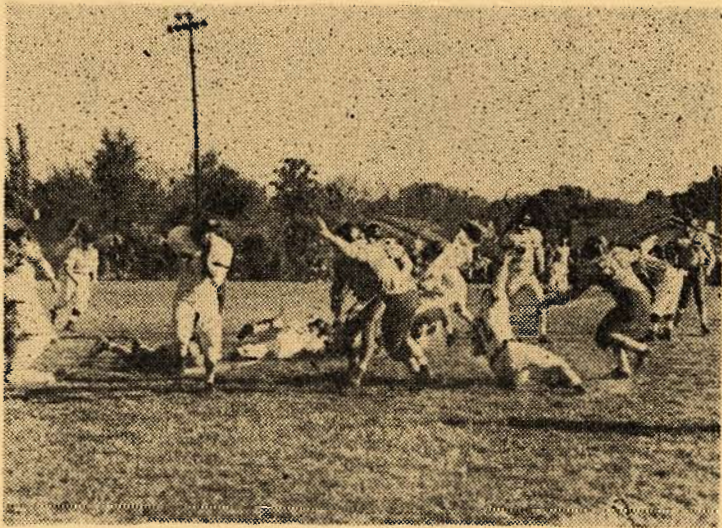
A member of the Methodist Church, she is district secretary of student work for the Anniston District of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and was for years counselor of the Wesley Foundation, Methodist youth group at Jacksonville.

This distinguished educator and advisor was graduated from Huntingdon College with a Bachelor of Arts degree, and has her Master of Arts degree in Business Education from Columbia University, where she has had further graduate study, as well as at the University of Colorado, in both business and aviation education. Before going to Jacksonville, she taught in Alabama high schools and the Montgomery Branch of the University of Alabama, and has held important executive secretarial positions in Montgomery and Birmingham. Among them was the position of secretary to the Alabama State Highway Director and the Director of the Office of Price Administration.

All through high school, college, and graduate school, she has maintained an "A" average, and in college received the highest of all scholastic honors, Tri Sigma. She is a member of six honorary scholastic and professional societies, and the sponsor of two. While in college she held many prominent offices, and was the author of the student government inaugural ceremony, which is still used annually on "May Day" by Huntingdon College.

Miss Branscomb is one of ten brother and sisters. Her home is in Geneva, where she was reared from early childhood by Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Beasley. Her parents were Mr. and Mrs. John Sanford Branscomb, of Union Springs.

Gamecocks Look Impressive In Spring Game



WHITE SQUAD MOVES BALL

BY JERRY BRYAN
(The Birmingham News)

Jacksonville's Gamecocks legged their way through a season last fall on the gridiron which included a single defeat, Florence State. They decorated it with a Refrigerator Game victory over Rhode Island at Evansville, Ind. Those 'Cocks never learned to fly. But come, next season enemies will find trapping them on the ground tough. The "J" Day game which terminated Spring football practice Friday, April 20 saw the birds taking to air. The Reds won, 27-0, and three of the td's were on pass.

A newcomer on the flank, Dean Aiken, 185-pound six-footer from Dadeville, was a deadly pass catcher. He gathered in that trip of touchdown-producing aeriels. Freddie Casey chunked a couple of them and Chester Skates, who was worked at quarterback, threw one.

Both Casey and Skates figured heavily in the success of the passing game along with the expert receiving. For it was not Aiken alone who did spectacular catching. Sherry White, 165-pound, six-foot flankman from Blountsville, also fielded two or three good ones.

Skates once threw a non-scorer to Aiken for 24. But a little later he shot a climax spiral to the big flankman for 25.

Skates and Casey swapped teams at halftime and in the second half Skates fired a long one to Sherry White.

Meanwhile Casey who had thrown White a couple of good ones in the first half really went to work on Aiken in the second. He got off one for 25 to the 20-yard line from where the Whites were penalized 15. When running stalled Casey flipped to Aiken behind the line for the td. That was the third touchdown.

After Casey had thrown to Aiken for 20 to the White 10-yard line in the fourth quarter, Billy Hicks barreled over for a touchdown but the Reds were penalized 15 yards for holding. Casey then took to the air with a td throw to Aiken.

The fireworks were not all in the air in the sparkling game played before a large crowd of high school and college students on Spring Festival Day.

For instance burly Billy Hicks burst through the middle, bounded off a linebacker and ran 53 yards for a touchdown.

And Wayne Keahey, 175-pound Talladega halfback

transferring from Alabama, galloped 40 yards to the White 3 but a clipping penalty enroute cut his gain down to seven yards.

George "Shorty" White, Birmingham boy, and Ed Frank Blackburn, Alabama City boy transferring from Auburn, stuck in a good run or two.

Jerry Washington inseted one for 15.

Joe Roberts kicked two of the extra points for the Reds and teamed with Alex Mandli to turn in a workman-like job at their guard posts.

They had to do it in order to overshadow John O'Barr, former all-state star from Etowah County, who played guard and fullback in high school, and Jimmy "Big Toe" Luttrell, who manned the guards for the Whites. O'Barr has just completed a two-year stretch in the army.

Aiken and White's spectacular pass catching did not blanket some excellent work by big flankman, Sam Black.

Tom Langston, at tackle, was another who showed well in the line.

The game indicated that there will be no letdown in Jax State power this fall and if the aerial game can be gauged on Friday's show the team will be stronger.

SGA NOTES

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room was. How could we invite visitors to the place without hanging our heads in shame? The school paid for paint and the council got busy with paint brushes. The ceiling is clean and white, and the walls are a refreshing green. New drapes (an especial "Thank You" to Sherry Crowley, Sue Welch,

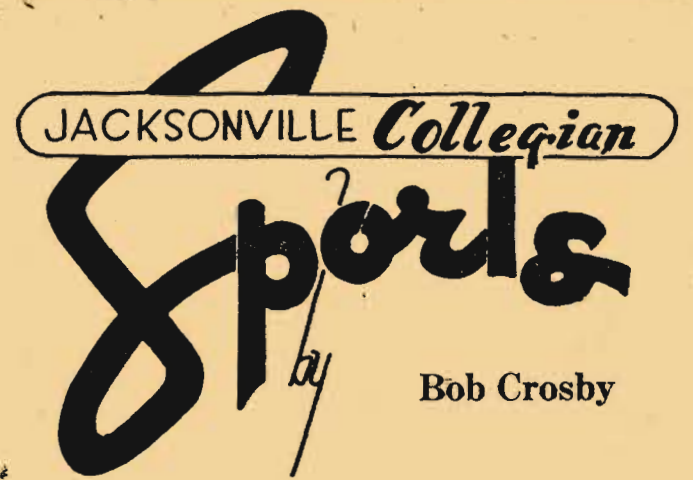
Ophelia Conway, Betty Smith, Iris Baugh, and Ann Brothers) spice the joint up a bit. If we could only manage to get some nice tables and chairs. . .

Sue Welch did a fine job as chairman of the Spring Festival refreshment committee. Gerald Johnson, Virgil Nix, Meredith Sanders, Mack Heaton, Sue Welch, Myra Richey, and Jo Deerman decorated the football stadium with the traditional red and white crepe paper.

After the past few Honor Council (formerly the D. C.) meetings and reports of the council's findings, there has been confusion on the part of students as to what the case actually was, and who was involved. It is absolutely impossible for the four students on the Honor Council to explain to nearly 2000 students exactly what all the facts of each case are. Joe Craig feels that Honor Council meetings should be opened to any interested students, and should be conducted as an open court. He made a motion in the SGA meeting that future meetings be open, and the student council voted in favor of his motion. Several problems immediately pop up when meetings are conducted like open court. Innocent people are involved; the facts of the case might be too unpleasant or too personal to be aired before spectators; there is no satisfactory place to conduct open hearings; a witness might refuse to testify before an audience.

Evelyn Rice has attended the last two meetings. The first she proposed an amendment to the constitution to provide for election of cheerleaders in the spring of each year. She said that cheerleaders elected in the fall do not have enough time to have uniforms made and to practice before the first football game. Bob Crosby made the motion that the election continue to be held in the fall and his motion was carried.

At the last meeting, Evelyn presented a petition signed by 410 students asking that the constitution be amended to change the date of the cheerleader election. However, the constitution states that before an amendment can be voted on by the student body, it must be published in a school publication at least two weeks prior to the election. The COLLEGIAN, our only official student publication, will not be out until



Second Guessing

PREDICTION FOR 1956 FOOTBALL

Turning to my magic crystal ball, and with a little help from the Gamecock's show of power and ability, I predict that Gamecock fans will see another post-season bowl game next year with their favorite team participating. Where Florence used a nine-man line against Jacksonville last year, they may be hesitant to do so this year against the new Jaxmen's passing attack.

THANKS TO A FINE GANG

This is the last chance for the COLLEGIAN to say thanks to the men who have made the sports easy to write for the past four years. The COLLEGIAN wishes all of you a very successful career in the field of your choice. There will always be memories of your fine sportsmanship and outstanding ball playing at Jacksonville.

INTRAMURAL OFFER ENJOYABLE PASTIME

The intramural softball program offers good enjoyment for any spectator who wishes to sit on the sidelines. So far, we have seen good ball playing, comedy, and some tough competition.

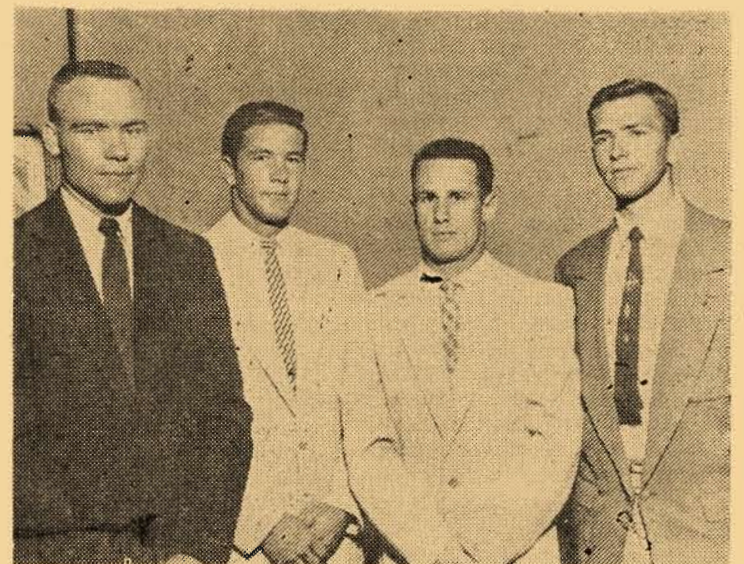
FISHING, GOOD OR BAD?

Funny thing, but there aren't too many fish stories floating around this spring. Your writer has had the wonderful opportunity to sit on the sunny banks of a stream once this year. How many fish? Two. But boy, what food! The two wonderful meals well made up for the lack of fish.

Should any of you big-time fishermen make a record catch or something, be sure to notify this corner and we'll help you spread the word if you reveal the secret of your success.



UNDERSTAND WALDO TRANSFERRED FROM AN ALL BOY'S SCHOOL.



NEW "J" CLUB OFFICERS—Jacksonville's "J" Club has selected new officers for the coming year. They are, left to right, Sam Black, secretary-treasurer; Buddy Mayes, president; George "Shorty" White, reporter, and Don Wilson, vice-president.

exactly two weeks before the last day of final exams. Davidson explained to Evelyn and to the council that it is too late to amend the constitution this semester. As the situation now stands, cheerleaders will have

two weeks to practice and to have uniforms made before the first ball game.

This is the last report on the Student Government Association this year, and also the last one I will submit as secretary of the Association. It's been fun. So long—keep smiling