Students Feel High School Education Inadequate

There has been a great deal of talk lately about grades, college preparation, etc. It seems that many high schools have failed to instill a strong storehouse of knowledge in the minds of graduating students. During a recent poll, taken to find out the reason for this situation, we found that some of the fault was with the teachers, some with the administrators, and some with the students.

These questions were posed:
"In your opinion, were the subjects offered at your high school adequate and taught well enough to prepare you for college? What were your strong and weak points in your school?"

We received the following comments:

Richard Belcher—"Overall, they offered very good preparation for Jacksonville, but I didn't take advantage of everything as I should have. My high school was weak in the departments of science, chemistry and biology, but offered English and mathematics. If I had it to do over again, I would take better advantage of what my high school offered."

Donald Moon—"I think the school I went to, since it is a larger school than ours, offered a large variety of subjects to choose from, but the fact that I didn't choose those was enough reason to make me poorly prepared for college. I think it is usually more the fault of the student than the school. I do not know enough to succeed in college. English was my weak subject, but so was my own fault, not my high school!"

Buddy Pitt—"I think a student should go to high school before coming to college, definitely!"

Dart McGriff—"My high school was weak in math, science, and physics. The faculty was all right. The variety of courses was not wide enough to prepare most students for college. As a result, it made no first year in college much harder."

Jimmy Morgan—"In the science department, yes. In the English department, no. I didn't know enough about English to do any work at Jacksonville. If they had encouraged science more, it would have been better. We had good teachers, a good science department, but the thing lacking was encouragement."

Charles Williams—"They offered enough subjects, but they were not taught well. In my school, I never had written a theme until I got to college. We had a good math department, a good science department, but the English department was weak."

Vivian Pollard—"English was weakened (Continued on page two)"
A Second Renaissance

By BILLY ARNOLD

During the Middle Ages, a great weakening of the desire to learn occurred in Europe and eventually cast a dark shadow on other parts of the world. In the year 1957, a second renaissance began, perhaps not in all parts of the world but certainly in the United States. It may be that the revival of learning has not occurred in one of the major countries for the reason that this country has never let the first renaissance pass.

In the past few years the people of the United States have just been sitting back in a relaxed attitude about the need for learning. Some went to school to get an education, but others went just for the fun of it. Today, the former group are the ones to whom the United States is looking for a way of catching up with our rival, Russia.

The new generation is at our high schools and colleges, and that is where we are Seminaries. We are not good at it. We do not feel as well prepared to face the world as the teachers were hard on us to prepare us for life.

Gail Harms—"I think our school program is in a study of American literature. As for science and biology, they were harder at my high school than they were here at college. As a whole, we were better prepared than we thought we would be. We were measured up to the standards of most of the other students." Janece Warren—"I think my high school wasn't as good as this college. When someone failed a test or essay, they really went down. I think the teachers were harder on us to prepare us for life.

Glen Green—"My high school is very good as a whole. However, English was a fairly weak department.

Fred Hollingsworth—"I just didn't take advantage of it. If I had, I might have good science, math, and English departments.

Daniel Henley—"At the time I was going, they didn't have a lab for biology or chemistry. If I had it, I might have had good science, math, and English departments.

Delores Hayes—"My high school had large departments with too many electives. Therefore, I think they didn't do as much. If I had, I think the teachers would have been better off, because that is what I am weak in.

Nelson Allen—"I think there was something lacking. I don't think we were taught through a variety of subjects. Some teachers should not have been teaching. We were taught through a lot of content in science; that department was weak. Not enough math was being offered. The math department was all right.

Constance Southard—"My high school was weak in science. The history department was a little bit lacking.

Helen Edwards—"It seems to me that the teachers were more concerned with social life than teaching. English was our weakest department.

Judy Weble and Sue Hawkins—English and P.E. were the weakest departments with the exception of a few good teachers at our high school.

Joe Ingrand—"I think they were better at my high school than at my college. If I came to college, I was not fully prepared but it was my own fault.

Sandra Davis—"Science was our worst department. The teachers were good but the equipment was bad. There have been some excellent improvements in the new buildings. It was fairly well prepared for college.

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Candid Views Of Jan. Registration

NOW WE CAN SMILE!—That is everybody but Clyde Swiat, a senior from Sylacauga, seemed able to force a smile. Vernon Mattox, Ashland, John Hughes, Madison, and Ralph Stephans, Columbus, Ga., all seniors, came to the Grab to relax, and that's exactly what they did. Evidently, they didn't want the situation as hard as Clyde did.

ALREADY POOFED!—After standing in the long line outside the library, finally they're in and up to the registrar's table. Nothing can stop them now, that is unless classes are closed. Left to right are Gwen Strickland, freshman, and Sandra Denton, sophomore, from Anniston, and Joseph Daniel, Junior from Woodland.

Freshman Student Already Filling Leadership Positions

Do we have a future governor of Alabama on the Jackson-ville campus? Maybe not, but we have a certain student who is making a name for himself in the public's eye. Marvin Henry Kelly, a 19-year-old freshman from Hokes Bluff, is keeping very busy for he is majoring in engineering and also belongs to the Order of the Three Keys.

His past record of achievements is very outstanding. The various honors that he has won as a result of his speaking ability should be commended. Marvin was a member of the 4-H Club for ten years and a member of the Etowah County Conservation Club for four years, acting as president two years of this time. In 1956, he attended the National 4-H Congress in Chicago. In 1955, he became the youngest member of the Etowah County Farm Bureau Board of Directors ever to serve in Alabama. Later, he was a voting delegate to the State Convention of the Farm Bureau of Alabama. At this convention, he introduced a bill which was passed creating an organization for young people in the Farm Bureau between ages of 18-21.

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Mountains, trying to get the new young peoples' club reorganized so that there will be equal representation from all states. The Farm Bureau certainly has a fellow who is interested in his work in the club.

In November of 1957, Marvin went to the national convention which already had twenty-seven states in the program, and succeeded in getting Alabama represented on the committee of 16 people from various states. Now Marvin is national delegate to the Farm Bureau Program.

January 19-21 will find Marvin at Gatlinburg, Tenn., a resort in the Smoky Mountains, trying to get the welcome mat for people who are too young to have the farm bureau, but too old to have 4-H work. Graves.

Commuter's Column

BY WANDA WALTON
Commuters come and commuters go. A few of those who have come into our ranks are Georgia Knecht, Anniston, "Lippy" Thomas, Dallas Quar, and Johnny Floyd from Gadsden; Elaine Broux and Janet Morgan are among those who dropped out this semester.

We'll sure miss those people but let us say "Welcome" to all the new ones. For their benefit, we'd like to give the location of our new Commuters Lounge.

You'll find the welcome mat out in the basement of Ayers Hall, so come on over for a good cup of coffee during your next free period.

The lounge came in handy during exams, didn't it? How about all that new furniture! Several wicker chairs have been made about the art work. Let me say we think it's great and besides, tempera paint will wash off!

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Toastmasters Club Growing Very Fast

BY IRENE GOLDFED
The Toastmasters' Club is an international organization, which has been created with one idea in mind—to give people who are shy and self-conscious in public and who are unable to speak in front of a group, a chance to remedy this handicap. If you honestly want to learn how to speak in public, to think on your feet, and to convince people, the Toastmasters' Club is your answer.

The Jacksonville chapter of Toastmasters' International has been created only recently. We are accepting all males who have the sincere desire to improve themselves as speakers. This notice is put to your attention, so that you may be aware of the opportunity given you.

After we have reached the number of twenty or over, and the date of February 15, admission to the club will be on a highly selective basis; only chosen people will be asked to continue.

If you are interested in the club and wish to have more details of it, contact Jean Thompson, Captain Cain, one of the Goldfield, Pannel Annex or International 4-H Club members. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 20, at 8 P.M., in the president's lounge, Bobb Graves.
Jacksonville Baseball Team
To Open Season In March

By DALE NABORS

The equipment for the complete team has been ordered, and construction work is in progress on the playing fields. Jackson State College will definitely be represented by a baseball team this spring. This information was released recently by Mr. Patric Lovrich, who will coach the new Gamecock baseball team.

Coach Lovrich, who has been in baseball most of his life, is already hard at work preparing for the new season. As a result of his adequate planning, the

Jacksonville State College will be host to the state conference of the Alabama Methodist Student Movement on February 7-8. Approximately 210 students representing other colleges of the state are expected to attend.

Registration and an informal reception for the students and faculty counselors will be held in the Bollinger Hall on Friday afternoon.

In addition to the general sessions to be held in the Clinton Auditorium during the conference, there will be group meetings and discussion topics. A communion service will be held at the First Methodist Church on Saturday evening and the final assembly will be worship service Sunday afternoon.

The inspirational speaker, who will make four addresses, is Dr. Peter Beyer, professor of philosophy at Birmingham University.

In charge of the arrangements for the conference are the Rev. Thomas F. Stevenson, the Wesley Foundation, James Keith, president; and Miss Alma Millican, faculty counselor for Wesley.

Miss Katie Haynes of Birmingham-Southern is chairman of the state conference.

The trouble with the publishing business is that too many people who have half a mind to write a book do so. When given whole-hearted support to the team and the student interest appears to be rather unprecedented in the city and ability and ability of the coach to build the Jacksonville State College Indians to theJaxmen will have that target and perhaps even surpass it. Win or lose, it's nice to see baseball return to Jackson State College.

Methodist To Host Student Meeting

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