

Pam Borgfeldt Crowned Miss Mimosa For '63-64



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In perhaps the most beautiful pageant ever produced at Jacksonville State, Pam Borgfeldt Thursday night captured the eye of the judges to be named Miss Mimosa of 1963-64. First runner-up was Alice Fulwider, and Miss Congeniality was Judy Shanaberger.

These three girls were picked from the top five contestants after a brief questioning period. Also included in the top five were Anita Henry and Vicki Hallman.

In the first phase of the show all the girls displayed their poise, charm, and grace by appearing on the star-studded stage in evening dress. After the ten semi-finalists were picked, these girls appeared in sports wear.

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LETTERMEN THRILL AUDIENCE--A large crowd enjoyed the singing and amusing anecdotes of the Capitol Recording stars, "The Lettermen," Thursday night in a concert sponsored by the Student Government Association. This was the group's second appearance on the Jacksonville State campus.

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Linda Casey, president of the Leone Cole Home Economics Club, will preside. Dr. Houston Cole will introduce the narrator, Mrs. James Sergio, director of the Sergio School of Modeling in Anniston.

Each scene will be introduced by the "Madrigalians", a choral group directed by Thomas Warren which specializes in the singing of madrigals and folk songs.

The first scene, "Pick of the Crop", will feature cotton dresses and the Madrigalians will sing "All Happiness Love Gives to Me" (Hassler). Students modeling will be Kay Doby, Jacksonville; Peggy Hinds, Sarah Arterberry, Anniston; Tonye Hamrick, Carla Choate, Birmingham; Glenda Phillips, Duke; Patricia Prater, Gadsden; Bobbie Garrison, Sylacauga; Joyce Shedd, Holly Pond.

The second scene, "Magic in Wool", will feature the Madrigalians in "Come Now Let Us Be Joyful" (Vecchi), and students modeling will wear wool suits and coats. Models include Barbara Mann, Glencoe; Billie Ann Bush, Birmingham; Kay Love, Piedmont; Harriett Moore, Rome, Ga.; Karleen Rogers, Bowdon, Ga.; Joyce Gartman, Nancy Cunningham, Nancy Anderson, Carolyn Burkhalter, Mary Moon, Gadsden; Ann Sewell, Linda Casey, Jan MacConchie, Jacksonville; Gayle Dick, Anniston; Kay Housch, Summerville, Ga.; Linda Anderson, Sylacauga; Sandra Smith, Weaver; Wanda Prater, Oxford; Sundra Ingram, Lineville; Patricia Williams, Glencoe; Nadine Mattox, Ashland.

The third scene, "Stepping Out", will be introduced by the song, "All Ye Who Music Love" (Donnati), and the following models will show basic

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The closing scene will be "Twilight Time" with the models wearing party dresses. The Madrigalians will sing "The Silver Swan" (Gibbons). The models will be Cecelia Campbell, Blountsville; Betty Luker, Glencoe; Janine Maxson, Birmingham; Virginia Cash, Patricia Vann, Gadsden; Sue Lackey, Anniston; Jeraldine Adams, West Point, Ga.; Judy Berry, Arab; Sandra Phillips, Oxford.

Members of the Madrigalians are as follows:



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Ushers will be members of the Urshers Club and usherettes will be Linda Naylor, Crossville; Martha Dark, Goodwater; Glenda German, Talladega; and Linda Smith, Gadsden.

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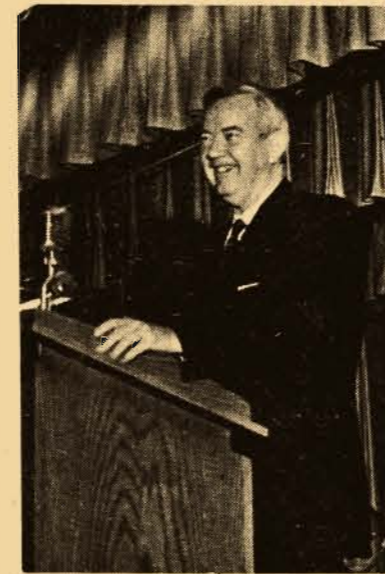
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President Cole introduced the Senator as the Alabamian who has exercised more influence in national and international affairs than any other man in history of our state. Sparkman, who is assistant chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and has frequently acted as its chairman, spoke on some current aspects of foreign affairs.

Senator Sparkman said that the greatest threat to the world today is the terrific destructive power held by two of the great powers of the world, the Soviet Union and the United States. Around these two powers the nations of the world, have gathered into two camps, though there are a few breakaways, such as France and Red China.

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SENATOR SPARKMAN

any of you realize how near we were to an all-out nuclear war in October of last year." He told of being present with other leaders when President Kennedy held a briefing concerning the Russian missiles that were being moved into and set up in Cuba; they were shown the proof. Then came the confrontation between Khrushchev and Kennedy.

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was a strong and powerful man. When Khrushchev moved into Cuba "Kennedy gave him understanding that he would be responsible for a nuclear war." Khrushchev backed away, saying that the U.S. was not a paper tiger, but a "tiger with nuclear teeth." Said Sparkman, "Khrushchev was very glad to get his missiles out of Cuba."

In speaking of the test-ban treaty signed last summer, Senator Sparkman, who was present at the signing in Moscow, said "It is one that either country can get out of easily, but it is important because it is the first step by the major nations of the world toward arms control."

The proposal for a test-ban treaty had been made by Eisenhower in 1958 and renewed by Kennedy in 1962. Earlier in this year Khrushchev hinted that he would welcome a "limited" ban. The treaty is limited, in that we did not get on-site inspections, but, Sparkman said, "We'll soon have an adequate system by which we can know what's going on in all places of the world at all times."

According to Sparkman, Khrushchev was pushed into a ing by two things. The Russian people are demanding more consumer goods and to provide them he must divert resources away from military production. The second factor is the Red Chinese threat. Red China, now at ends with Russia, is working on nuclear weapons, and this, Sparkman says, is a "real threat that has pushed Khrushchev into a greater desire for co-existence with the free world."

Sparkman put in a word for the wheat sale to Russia, saying that it is a chance for us to sell 150-200 million bushels of surplus wheat. He emphasized the fact that the sale is being done by the typical American free enterprise system, by private dealers.

Our friends have been trading with the Russians for years. But, said Sparkman, "We were selling wheat to West Germany; West Germany

Tony Normand , Randall Cole To Attend Texas Conference

For the second consecutive year, Jacksonville State will be represented at the Student Conference on National Affairs held annually at Texas A & M, College Station, Texas. At a recent meeting, the Student Government Association selected Tony Normand and Randall Cole to attend the ninth annual conference to be held Dec. 11-14.

The conference brings together students from around eighty colleges and universities in the United States, Canada and Mexico to explore timely national and international issues. It studies the impact of world problems and attempts to grasp their complexity rather than offer solutions.

Discussion on this year's topic, "U. S. Monetary and Fiscal Policy," will be led by seventeen college professors outstanding in this area of government. Also scheduled are four keynote speakers, their names not yet announced. Last year President Lyndon Johnson, at that time vice president, was among the guest speakers.

Tony Normand, vice president of the SGA, and Randall Cole, editor of the Collegian, are both pre-law students, majoring in political science. Tony is a junior from Tarrant and Randall is a junior from Fort Payne.

Delegates to last year's conference were Gerald Waldrop and Bobby Clotfelter.

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Editorials

Society Offended, Not Democracy

Two weeks after that warm, sunny, November Friday in Dallas, it is still hard to believe that John Fitzgerald Kennedy is dead, and that he died by the thrust of an assassin's bullet. Citizens of the United States and people around the world would have marveled with disbelief that such an "offense to democracy" could occur in modern America. Democracy has unjustly suffered a devastating blow.

For the events of November 22 were not an offense to America's democracy, they were an offense to America's society. Amid the sadness, anger, and disbelief of that tragic day, the machinery of the greatest government in the world made the transformation from one president to another without seriously endangering the country's security. This is no offense to democracy. As Senator Sparkman pointed out so eloquently in his speech here Monday, few nations of the world could have

accomplished such a feat.

Several times before in the history of this nation, the vice president has had to assume the duties of the chief executive, but never before have these duties been so complex, so all-embracing, and so crucial to the fate of mankind. And yet the complex government changed hands on November 22, 1963 seemingly as smooth as the simple government of 1841 did with the first death of an incumbent president, William Henry Harrison.

So in our expressions of regret, and our designation of blame for the President's death, let us look with pride and confidence upon the constitutional government which has once again brought us through bitter tragedy, and as always, has preserved our freedom and our democratic way of life. At the same time, let us reaffirm our allegiance to that great government and our loyalty to its eternal preservation.

Sparkman On Pay Raise

There is now pending before the Congress a bill which would raise the salaries of many federal government officials, including congressmen. Representatives and Senators now receive \$22,500 a year; the proposed raise would give them \$32,500 per year. Lots of people have become concerned over this measure, and with some justification.

We asked Senator John Sparkman for his views on this bill and we were given a pretty good case for a pay raise--though the Senator says the proposed increase is too much and he would not vote for it.

Senators and Representatives have many expenses that other people do not have to meet, such as the expense for having to maintain two homes, one in Washington and one back home. And because we expect them to be with us as much as possible it is necessary for them to make frequent trips between Washington and their home state. Too, charities of every description call upon them and expect liberal contributions.

Senator Sparkman pointed out to us that this past year he has made fifteen trips between Alabama and

Washington, and these trips are not paid for by the government. He said that for the past three years he has had to dig into his personal funds in order to meet the expenses he incurs as a Senator.

We agree with Senator Sparkman that the idea of raising salaries of congressmen is sound and the raise is needed, but that \$10,000 is too much of a raise. Maybe they would do well to cover a larger amount of their expenses by reasonable expense accounts; the public probably would feel little resentment over this. The public may even be willing to support a pay raise if the congressmen would eliminate the abuses they have been guilty of, such as taking selves, family, friends and chefs on vacation trips abroad at taxpayers' expense.

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Jacksonville State's A Cappella Choir

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was processing it into flour and selling it to Russia. She was getting the profit."

Senator Sparkman left the audience with these thoughts for this time of worry and concern: "I believe in our country. I looked over the different crises during the time I have been in Congress--recovery from the Great De-

pression, war in Europe, Pearl Harbor, when Franklin Roosevelt died--we never lost faith. We had confidence we would win. Through crises we survived, because we had confidence in our land.

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Holiday Programs Planned

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It is interesting to note that in this talented group of forty-two, only one-fourth of its membership are music majors. The choir is a campus wide organization open to any student. The members are chosen through auditions at the beginning of each semester. The conductor of the group is Bayne Dobbins. Mr. Dobbins attended LSU, where he received his BS and Master of Music degrees.

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We could, of course, say that he was a great and good man--but it is not necessary for anyone to say that. We could say that he was a man whom the world held dear--but everyone knows that too. We could say that he was a man who sought to eliminate hate and prejudice from our lives--but a thousand others have said that. We might say of him that in order to erase hate he was willing to be hated himself--but this, to, has been said. We might compare him to Lincoln or Franklin Roosevelt--

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But still we feel that compulsion to add our own tribute to the Man.

With deep humility and full sincerity, recognizing our own insignificance, we believe that the most respectful thing we could say to his memory--the only eulogy we could write--is to call him by the name and title he wore:

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Marcia Edmonds, Grant; Rose Golden, Oxford; Eleanor Heckert, Birmingham; Theresa Kiser, Piedmont; Mary Jane Lee, Harpersville; Jan MacConchie, Lani Mainland, Loretta Smith, Jacksonville; Sara McEwen, Rockford; Virginia Peoples, Oneonta; Wanda Sloman, Paula Whitten, Horton; Josephine H. Smith, Ohatchee; Helen J. Swann, Ashville; Elizabeth R. Tullis, Fort Payne; Donna Cheryl Watkins, Lanett; Kathleen Donaldson, Gadsden; and Mary Rutland Thompson, Anniston.

'63-'64 Student Directory Now On Sale

THE 1963-64 STUDENT COLLEGE DIRECTORY is now being printed and should be ready for distribution this week. Greatly improved, more useful than ever, the directory comes just in time to provide addresses of students and faculty often needed during Christmas holidays.

The quantity is limited this year and with increased enrollment only about one-third of the student body can secure a copy.

Copies can be reserved by members of Phi Beta Lambda. This useful publication sells for only 50¢.

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Jimmy Brookes, Gadsden, was installed as president; Larry Payne, Gadsden, vice president; Lane Warren, Albertville, secretary, and Wayne Clotfelter, Gadsden, treasurer.

The chapter is composed of 38 students and meetings are held every two weeks. The purpose of the organization is to promote democracy, leadership and the Christian mode of living. Members also take part in community drives such as the Christmas appeal for needy families.

Miss Martha Crawford, Birmingham, was elected as current "Sweetheart of Circle K".

Christmas Ball

Annual Christmas Ball will be Dec. 16 in Leone Cole Auditorium, beginning at 8:30 p.m. A dance band has been engaged for the semi-formal affair. Admission, \$1 (single), \$1.50 (couple).



A traditional pie in the face for SGA Pres. Waldrop by V.P. Normand who sold more Lettermen tickets.

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Future plans call for the choir to appear on Channel 13 during the Christmas holidays for a special show. Also in the making are plans for a Spring Concert tour.

SGA Discusses Campus Thefts

In its regularly scheduled meeting Dec. 3, the Student Government Association authorized a loan of \$15 to the Junior Class to be repaid in February. Junior Class President John Mann reported that recent events had interfered with a planned money-making project, preventing the class from paying a pending obligation. It was for that reason, he said, that the request for financial assistance had been made.

In other business, the student body's legislative assembly discussed the recent thefts which have plagued the campus, and discussed measures to check their spread. Members were harsh in their denouncement of such a deplorable situation, and were eager to see some positive action taken.

Also within the course of the meeting, which was presided over by Vice President Tony Normand, a committee was appointed to confer with the cheerleader squad in hopes of clarifying the relation between the squad and the SGA.



The Collegian

Administration, Faculty, Students Comment On President's Death

DEAN LAWRENCE MILES, ADMISSIONS

On my way back to the campus after President Kennedy had been shot, a song kept running through my mind. Extremely popular during the early days of World War II, it was a bright, happy song about a big, bright, and happy one of the United States.

Remember "Deep in the Heart of Texas"?

How bitter that one of the greatest tragedies of this half century should occur within the borders of this state! How sad that the beating, pulsating heart of Texas, the big heart, should be mortally wounded by such a malevolent crime! Texas is America and all America with her in our loss. John F. Kennedy was not your president nor my president; he was our president, for he belonged to all the people. All presidents do; in that belonging, we are his responsibility as he is ours. This is why it was so necessary that no Texan set the sights of the lethal weapon, that no American squeezed the trigger, that no member of our great family sped the bullets on their inexorable course.

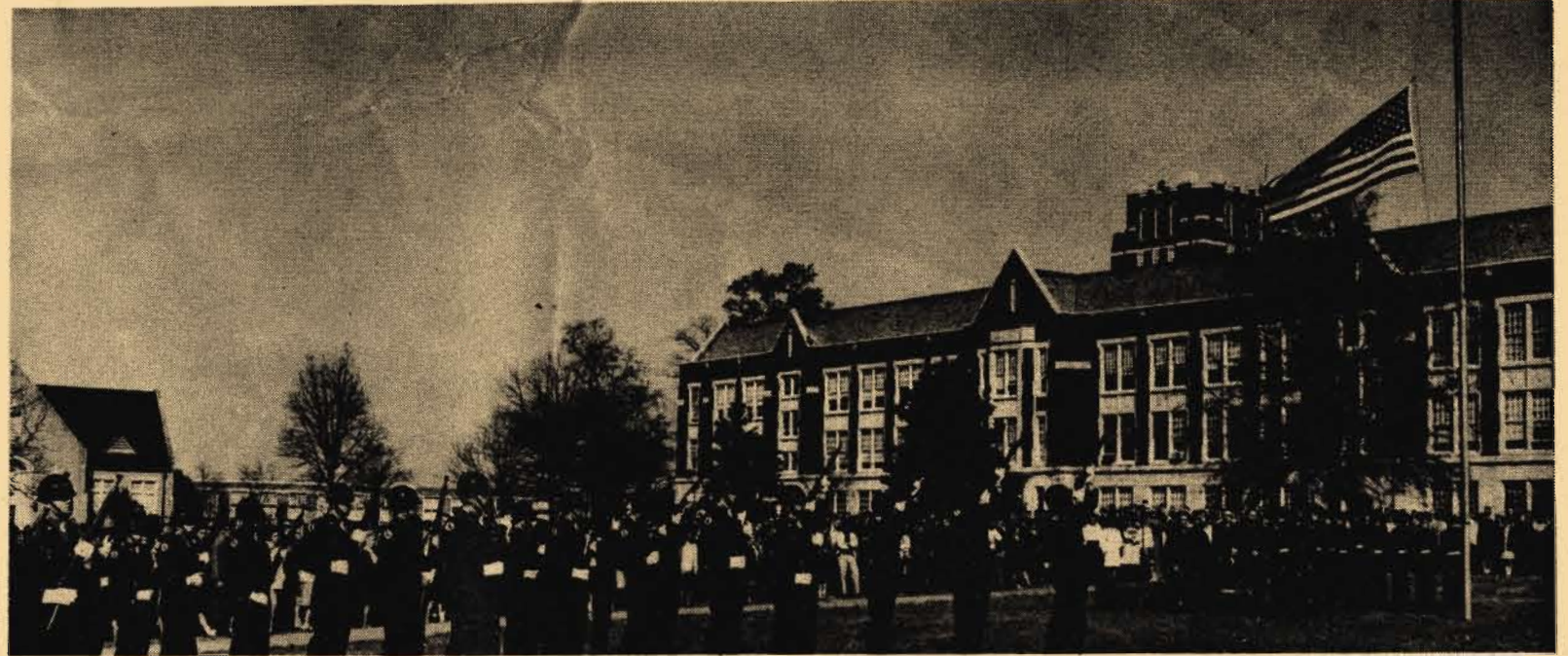
However sad our lot, we are buoyed by the knowledge that President Kennedy did give much of significance to America. His family loyalty and love, much in the Old World tradition, set a shining example for many in America who have watched their families drift farther and farther apart. America desperately needs to get back to the idea of the "kitchen table" family; President Kennedy, his wife and children, for all their elegant surroundings and elegant manners, gave this picture to the country. In times of crises, his articulateness and ability to communicate provided confidence to those who listened. An exponent of beautiful language and of the cultured mind, this Pulitzer Prize winner lifted the written and spoken word to heights of respect it had not generally known. He moved smoothly in a world of grace and charm, for he was a graceful man in action and so gave to the youth of America an image they could well strive to imitate.

An objective evaluation of President Kennedy's administration and his impact on history must await the test of time. The eternal flame at his grave, however, will shine brightly through the years, and I believe historians will write his name in capital letters to be etched deeply in the hearts of all Americans.

DR. EDWIN VAN KEUREN, PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE:

News of the tragic and untimely death of John Fitzgerald Kennedy at the hands of an assassin hit America with the force of an emotional atomic bomb. Shocked, stunned, and unbelieving, the feelings of Americans have run the gamut of all human emotions. Outrage, sorrow, sympathy, concern, apprehension--these are but a few of the emotions that have gripped all of us. High on the list of emotional response seems to be that frustrating question, Why? Why should one so young, so able, so filled with the highest hopes and aspirations for America, be so brutally removed as our leader? Only God in his infinite wisdom knows the answer to our question.

The words of Abraham Lincoln, spoken just a century ago at Gettysburg, seem appropriate now, when he said, "It is for us the living to be here dedicated to the unfinished tasks before us." We now have a new leader. May all true Americans unite behind our new leader to the glorious fulfillment of these tasks.



MEMORIAL SERVICE--A memorial service was held last Monday on campus for the late President Kennedy. A large gathering of students participated in the service, which was organized by interested students, and presided over by SGA vice president, Anthony Normand. Dr. Cole,

Dean Montgomery, and Lt. Col. Brock made brief remarks, the group joined in singing "My Country 'Tis of Thee," and the Pershing Rifles Unit fired a 21-gun salute.

The Day The President Died

by CHARLES LYBRAND

It was a normal Friday and I had just finished a normal lunch in the college cafeteria and was on my way to Luttrell Hall to visit a friend who lives there. The week was over and I had but one more class to go before I could give up the ghost and begin a week-end of rest and absolute laziness. Thanksgiving was on its way and my thoughts were delicately edged with the expectancy of the upcoming holiday.

Entering Luttrell and mounting the stairs I smiled at myself as I began to think of a good joke which I had been planning to tell my friend Michael. As I opened the door of the second floor landing, sounds of a radio bulletin crackled in my ears but I paid no attention to them, for I was trying to concentrate on the joke. As I walked down the hall the sounds became louder, and something within me made me listen to snatches of them as I passed the open doors from which they issued.

"...I repeat, Ladies and Gentlemen--the President HAS been shot."
The president of what? I

thought to myself. Certainly not Kennedy! No, I dismissed that possibility right off. Then what? And I heard the announcement again. I hope I shall never have to face such a blow again in my life. I had heard it, standing there, alone, in the hallway. People were running in and out of rooms and asking "What?" and "Who?" as fast as they could and not waiting for answers. In Michael's room I found him packing his clothes and another friend sitting at the desk reading. I had not fully realized what I had heard until I said to them, "The President has been shot." And then, with the fact that I had been the one to tell them, there began weighing on my brain a monstrous heaviness that was slowly pushing the truth into my mind and making me accept it.

Michael said something about hearing a boy say it in the hall a moment ago. With this he started for the radio and preceded to turn it on. Just as he did, the announcement came bursting out once more, ugly and unavoidable and frightening. The weight slipped and plummeted into my senses with a dull thud of

pain.

"Oh God!" I said.

"That's the sort of thing that starts wars," I heard someone say.

I saw Randall Cole, editor of the Collegian, going by the door; I ran to him, not knowing what to say and yet wanting to say something. I felt as if some great and magnificent miracle must be worked and that mankind was now being weighed in the balances for all times. The fear had turned to insecurity.

"Have you heard?" I stopped Randall. He turned to me with his deep, now dazed, eyes and scarcely stood a moment before starting on down the hall. He called back that there was a bulletin on television, now, which was telling all about it. Everything began to whirl about me--people with surprised faces looking like something out of a novel or motion picture--unreal and, as yet, not completely sure of what to do. I had hoped Randall would say it wasn't true; would say he would live or that it was a mistake.

The faces of those people gathered around the television set, where we had all gathered to hear it said over and over again, as if to make

lions of prayers went up from a nation now stopped in its tracks.

I had to leave before the word of his death came and go to my 1 o'clock history class. On the way I passed, on the street between Bibb Graves and Ayers Hall, a group of worried people standing transfixed by a car whose radio blared out the latest reports. It still seemed unreal to me.

As I left the history lecture, one hour later, I met a young man with a transistor radio held closely to his ear. Someone asked him what I had found myself incapable of asking. "Yes," he answered, "he died 30 minutes ago." Everyone was silent, not knowing what to say and possibly not wanting anything said. Slowly we all began to walk away.

I had planned to stay on campus that weekend, but I was so filled with a feeling of dread I could not muster the courage to face those two days alone. I went home... home where I could listen to anything which might follow with some sense of security.

Now, as I try to visualize those faces and those comments which milled around me in such confusion on Friday, it recurs to me that I have no understanding

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Campus Reaction The Death

News of the tragic and untimely death of John Fitzgerald Kennedy at the hands of an assassin hit America with the force of an emotional atomic bomb. Shocked, stunned, and unbelieving, the feelings of Americans have run the gamut of all human emotions. Outrage, sorrow, sympathy, concern, apprehension--these are but a few of the emotions that have gripped all of us. High on the list of emotional response seems to be that frustrating question, Why? Why should one so young, so able, so filled with the highest hopes and aspirations for America, be so brutally removed as our leader? Only God in his infinite wisdom knows the answer to our question.

The words of Abraham Lincoln, spoken just a century ago at Gettysburg, seem appropriate now, when he said, "It is for us the living to be here dedicated to the unfinished tasks before us." We now have a new leader. May all true Americans unite behind our new leader to the glorious fulfillment of these tasks.

A Special Report On Campus Reaction The Death Of President John F. Kennedy

MRS R.K. COFFEE, DIRECTOR NEWS BUREAU

The period of mourning following the death of President John F. Kennedy, in our opinion, was the occasion for much soul searching among citizens of this country. We do not agree with those who blame his death on differences of opinion held by people of the South and other sections of the country where his policies had been subjected to derision, but we do agree with the thought suggested by Henry J. Taylor, a columnist for the Scripps-Howard newspapers that "bestial violence which stalks this world could strike down the President of the U.S. in any cheering city...that an assassin can be found in any land".

Regardless of all that, we feel that every heart in this country has been touched, and we hope has had a rebirth of loyalty to this country that will undergird an effort to stop the trend toward weaknesses that could destroy us.

We hope that the character of the nation has been strengthened because of the experience and that determination has been aroused among us to revive those qualities which have made us a great country. Personally, we hope we will be better citizens in the future than we have been in the past.

TOMMY MORRIS, PRESIDENT JUNIOR CLASS

Shock, disbelief, and a horrible feeling were the first impressions that I had when I learned of the assassination of President Kennedy. Regardless of his different political views, he was a brilliant man who loved this country and who fought for his beliefs.

I was greatly shocked to learn that some students and adults have expressed happiness over the President's death.

Who is to blame for this hatred which showed its ugly face on Nov. 22 in Dallas? Is it the fault of teachers, parents, ministers, or us, ourselves, who are to blame for the spreading of hatred. I think that it is partly the fault of each group. Perhaps the tragic assassination of President Kennedy will cause each of us to examine his own life to see if he is a spreader of hate and violence.

EDDIE BROWN, PRESIDENT FRESHMAN CLASS:

The first thought that came into my mind was of unbelievable shock. To think in a free, civilized nation such as ours, in an age of space and sophisticated progress, our President could be assassinated was beyond my immediate comprehension.

DR. J.W. SELMAN, PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE:

I am shocked at the assassination of the President, an event which I did not believe would ever occur again in the history of the U.S. It is difficult to believe there is any American so disloyal to the country as to shoot the President.

and another friend sitting at the desk reading. I had not fully realized what I had heard until I said to them, "The President has been shot." And then, with the fact that I had been the one to tell them, there began weighing on my brain a monstrous heaviness that was slowly pushing the truth into my mind and making me accept it.

Michael said something about hearing a boy say it in the hall a moment ago. With this he started for the radio and preceeded to turn it on. Just as he did, the announcement came bursting out once more, ugly and unavoidable and frightening. The weight slipped and plummeted into my senses with a dull thud of

"...I repeat, Ladies and Gentlemen--the President HAS been shot."

The president of what? I

Campus Mourns President In Flag Pole Assembly

Students and faculty at Jacksonville State College gathered around the flagpole Monday morning to hold a memorial service for President John F. Kennedy.

The exercises, originated and organized by the students, was presided over by Tony Normand, Birmingham, vice president of the Student Government Association.

The Rev. Charles Howard, pastor of the First Methodist Church, led the invocation, after which Lt. Col. John A. Brock, professor of military science, spoke for his department. He said that the military had lost not only its President but also its Commander-in-Chief--a war hero in his own right, and he suggested that the best way to honor him is to carry on the traditions of which he was so proud.

Dr. Theron E. Montgomery, college dean, said that Presi-

JIM STRICKLAND, PRESIDENT COMMUTERS:

The assassination of President John F. Kennedy was a disastrous event. His death brought grief not only to America, but to the entire world. Even though we did not agree with him sometimes, his courage, enthusiasm, and distinctiveness made him a brilliant man and a great American.

DEAN WILLMAN, DEAN OF STUDENTS:

While I felt a keen sense of loss of our nation's leader, my immediate and persisting feelings were for Jacqueline. The tremendously shocking experience of having her mate expire violently before her very eyes, this life's blood ebbing out in her comforting arms, is, even now, something that almost over-powers one's emotions. Added to this, the necessity of telling the children, and the heroic devotion which she displayed in the demanding hours and days which ensued after the assassination, certainly compels one to deep admiration and sympathy for a wonderful wife and mother.

It is always sad to see a human being in the very apex of worldly achievement have his life snuffed out, but thus ended the life of John F. Kennedy.

had turned to insecurity. "Have you heard?" I stopped Randall. He turned to me with his deep, now dazed, eyes and scarcely stood a moment before starting on down the hall. He called back that there was a bulletin on television, now, which was telling all about it. Everything began to whirl about me--people with surprised faces looking like something out of a novel or motion picture--unreal and, as yet, not completely sure of what to do. I had hoped Randall would say it wasn't true; would say he would live or that it was a mistake.

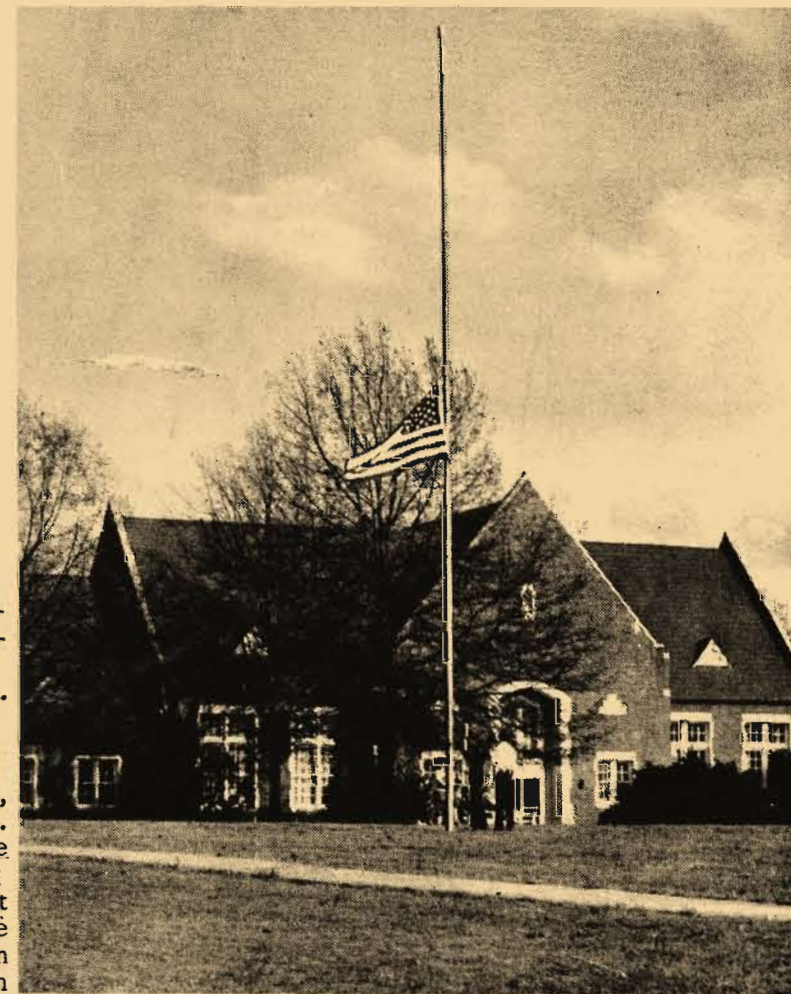
The faces of those people gathered around the television set, where we had all gathered to hear it said over and over again as if to make sure of it, were solemn and quiet--unlike any I have ever seen.

Most just sat and shook their heads or smoked with nervous and pale fingers trying to wait calmly while, in Dallas, a host of doctors wrestled with a black angel and fought desperately to save the President's life while mil-

one hour later, I met a young man with a transistor radio held closely to his ear. Someone asked him what I had found myself incapable of asking. "Yes," he answered, "he died 30 minutes ago." Everyone was silent, not knowing what to say and possibly not wanting anything said. Slowly we all began to walk away.

I had planned to stay on campus that weekend, but I was so filled with a feeling of dread I could not muster the courage to face those two days alone. I went home... home where I could listen to anything which might follow with some sense of security.

Now, as I try to revisualize those faces and those comments which milled around me in such confusion on Friday, it recurs to me that I saw no outstanding frowns of anger or embittered threats. No one seemed to be aching for revenge--most were, as I was, just plain empty. There was no precedent for this in our lives, and we did not know how to take it. God help us...may we not have to face such an emptiness, such a hopeless feeling of disparagement, again.



FLAG LOWERED--Moments after the news of President Kennedy's death reached the campus on Friday the flag was lowered to half staff. It will fly in the position throughout the thirty-day mourning period.

SPORTS

Editor's Corner

ED NOTE: Although our southern climate doesn't lend itself well at all to the true winter sports I feel that there is something for all of us in Mr. Corey Ford's satirization which follows. Then too, perhaps some of the northern students will gain sort of a feeling of home from his very vivid descriptions of snow covered mountains and iced lakes. At any rate, in "Yankeeland" it is considered a sport so I'll pass it on to you. "Winter Leaves Me Cold" from Sports Illustrated by Corey Ford.

It isn't so much the winter. You can always survive the zero months by crawling under the covers at the first flurry of snow in December and staying in bed until the latter part of March. No, it's the outdoor-sports enthusiasts who make the annual ordeal so hard to bear. I mean this snow cult that has swept the country lately. Anyone who doesn't spend his weekends on skis is a social pariah. The ski rack on top of the car has become a status symbol.

All of which leaves me cold. Snow is bad enough without getting it down my neck. Why break my leg at 40 degrees below when I can fall downstairs at home? You arctic athletes are welcome to your chilblains, frostbitten ears and postnasal drips. I'll take my ice in a highball, thanks, and please shut the door behind you when you go out.

My theory is that this current winter fad is the work of a gigantic secret lobby sponsored by the ski-resort people, the motel people and the airlines people who import Alpine yodelers for the season. Strong support to the conspiracy is given by the makers of crutches, splints, wheelchairs and pulleys for traction cases, not to mention the Liniment Compounders League and the National Association of Morticians, who pay off their overhead each year by renting their hearses as emergency ambulances at the foot of the ski slopes. The plot is aided and abetted by the oil companies, the tire-chain manufacturers and the producers of automobile antifreeze. All of them join in the annual sucker song: 'Come north and enjoy the wonders of winter.'

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Meet The Gamecocks

by James Hubbard

CHARLES AYERS

Charles Ayers, a sophomore here at Jacksonville, is another of the Gamecocks that "burned up" the courts in high school, and it looks as if he's going right on in college.

Charles hails from Ranburne, Alabama where he attended Ranburne High School. There is no doubt that his name will be remembered there for many years to come. He was the captain of the football, basketball, and baseball teams his senior year. He played all of these sports four years. He attained his greatest honors at basketball. He received All-State honorable mention and was voted as the most valuable player in the tough Cheaha Conference. While a senior, he was named as Most Athletic, Best Sport, and Best All Round.

Charles is best known for his style of shooting from the outside, but he is also very effective under the boards. His six foot, three and one-half inch height helps him out. Charles is a definite asset to the team and will continue to be one for the remainder of his career. Coach Roberson has high hopes for him. He is already making quite a name for himself on the hardwood.

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JIM LEONARD

Jim Leonard, who is known to his friends as "Bouncer", is one of the stalwarts on this year's basketball team. Jim is by no means a stranger to the game of basketball. His high school record is proof enough of this fact. While attending high school in Calhoun, Ga., his home town, he earned All-State honors two years. He also received the tremendous honor of being elected to the Dell Magazine High School All-American team. This is an honor received by only a select few in the entire United States. Jim also starred in track and football at Calhoun High. His ability in the various sports led to him being named as Most-Athletic in his class.

"Bouncer" is six feet, six inches tall and weighs one hundred and ninety-five pounds. It would seem that with Jim's height that his only value would be under the basket. Although he is very adept under the hoop, he is also very dangerous from the outside. This ability from all parts of the court makes him doubly dangerous to the opposition.

Jim was red-shirted last year because he was a transfer student from Auburn. He was a valuable member of the Auburn five before we were fortunate enough to get him.

Upon graduation Jim plans to teach and coach. He is majoring in physical education and minoring in geography.



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SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS--From left are the sophomore class, first row, Mary Ann McCurdy, Huntsville, secretary; Nelda Doss, Bessemer, treasurer; Beverly Wagler, Birmingham, reporter; second row, Larry Payne, Gadsden, vice president; John Mann, Cedar Bluff, president; John Ray, Wetumpka, Martha Ann Moore, Trafford, SGA representatives; Billy Isom, Arab, social chairman.



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What's so romantic about cold weather, when you come right down to it? It is far more pleasant to view a female in a bikini on a nice sandy beach than to contemplate one bundled in a fleece-lined parka and four layers of sweaters. If you lean forward to kiss a girl, a spark of static electricity leaps from nose to nose and makes your eyes water.

How can you propose to someone whose features are frozen so stiff she can't move her lips to say yes?

As for me, I'm through with winter. Robert Frost can stop by woods on a snowy evening if he wants to, but I have miles to go before I sleep---and they're all south.

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Rifle Team Post Several Wins

by Charles Couch.

The rifle team of Jacksonville State College has begun a season of matches with the teams of other colleges and has been quite successful. Their success has been due to the fine coaching afforded them by Sgt. Phillips and Maj. Owen of the Jacksonville State ROTC Department and to a

great amount of desire and ability. Since rifle matches are not a spectator sport the members of the teams and the team itself go without the notice it deserves as a varsity team of JSC.

Rifle marksmanship is a highly competitive and exacting sport which requires as many hours practice per week as any other sport if one is to excel.

The better firers on the team are Herbert Griffin, Kenneth Abbott, Jerry Keener, and Tom Jopfi. Of course there are eight other firers on the team who are very important also.

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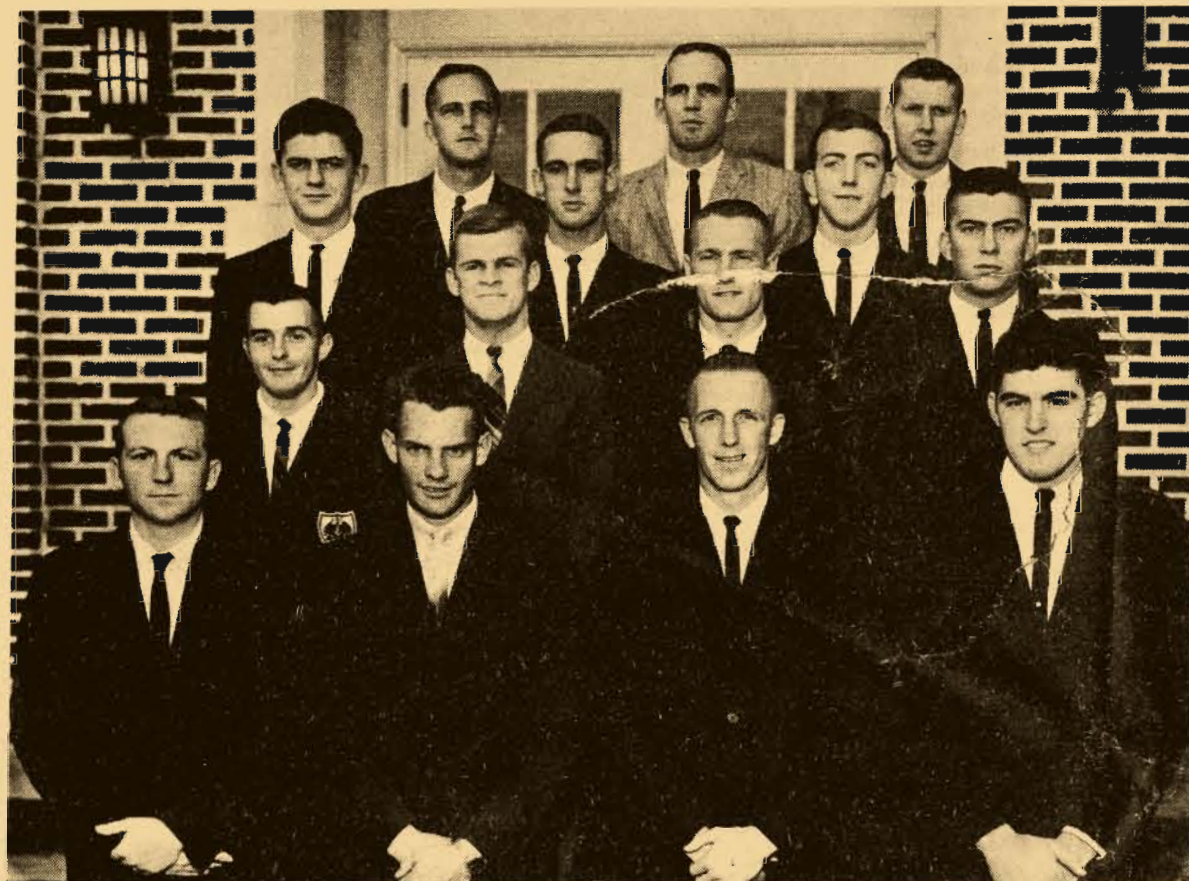
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FRESHMAN CLASS OFFICERS--From left are officers of the freshman class, Eddie Brown, Odenville, president; Ann Sherrill De Cook, Anniston, vice president; Joan Thrasher, Gadsden, SGA representative; Suzanne Russell, Anniston, social chairman; Judy West, Selma, secretary; Sheryl Smith, Montgomery, SGA representative; Jane Reynolds, Gadsden, treasurer.



JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS--From left are officers of the junior class, first row, Tommy Morris, Anniston, president; Johnny Castleberry, Trussville, vice president; Janice Russell, Birmingham, secretary; second row, Ron Adams, SGA representative; Janice Arnold, Gadsden, treasurer; Ira Joe Crawford, Boaz, SGA representative; Gail Waldrop, Gadsden, social chairman.



JSC 1963-64 BASKETBALL TEAM--First row: Windell Nix, Sr., Scottsboro; Rodney Shirey, Jr., Ft. Payne; Mitchell Caldwell, Sr., Dadeville; Mark Washington, Sr., Odenville (student coach). Second row: Claude Washington, Sr., Springville; Barry Mitchell, Fr., Columbus, Ga; Ronnie Harris, Sr., Geraldine, Charles Ayres, Soph., Ranburn. Third row: Roger Pate, Jr., Attalla; Henry Mathis, Jr., Rome, Ga.; Ernie Bagley, Soph., Birmingham. Fourth row: Wayne Ray, Sr., Anniston; Jim Lenard, Jr., Calhoun, Ga.; J. L. Bellamy, Sr., Gadsden.