THE NAMES WERE THE SAME - first names that is - of the Jacksonville State University Miss Mimosa Pageant winners here Thursday night. Clutching loving cups and roses are (left) Miss Mimosa Sharon Carlisle and runner-up Sharon Herman. Miss Carlisle will be featured in the 1968 JSU yearbook. (See story page 3)
Empty chairs

It is a sad situation when any member of any club or organization fails to support it with his presence at meetings. It is a sad time indeed, when not enough members attend to make a quorum.

Although the JSU Student Government Association is the most important single student organization on campus, there have been times this semester when not enough elected members came to make a quorum.

The Chanticleer can fully see where non-members might not have enough interest in the SGA to attend meetings (though they should); but elected SGA members who consistently miss meetings is another thing. Some elected members don’t even bother to send a proxy delegate to meetings when they miss.

It seems that the simple answer to this problem would be to do what the SGA constitution says--

Section 5 of the SGA constitution reads:--

"All members of the Student Senate shall be expected to attend all members of the Senate. Any member who shall miss more than two (2) regularly scheduled meetings during the semiconductor season that is satisfactory to the majority of the Senate shall automatically forfeit any office that he might hold within the Student Government Association or in his respective class."

There is no new legislation needed on this matter. We have the rules. Now it needs to be enforced.

Voting age

Alabama, which, according to many state politicians may be the last bastion of states’ rights, has been presented a challenge to protect these rights or see them usurped by the Federal Government.

Bobby Harris of Alabaster recently observed his 21st birthday. Now he wants to vote in the 1968 presidential election.

Under Alabama law, according to the Jefferson County Board of Registrars, no person desiring to vote must present himself in person to the board.

PFC Harris is serving with the U.S. Army in Pleiku, Vietnam and will not be home in sufficient time to register to vote.

Harris has been called on his country to place his life in jeopardy serving in a combat zone in defense of his flag, while many of his classmates in our own region, at age 21, to vote, how does an outmoded state law deny a constitutional right?

The youngsoldier should have been allowed to register and begin preparing to vote three years ago when he registered for the draft at age 18.

The last Alabama legislative session attempted to lower the voting age to 18, but strong opposition downed the proposal. As a result of the lack of legislative action on the 18-year-old vote, how many 18, 19 and 20-year-old Alabamians will die for their country without having had a voice in choosing the leaders who sent them into combat?

Or facing the issue at hand, how many 21-year-old soldiers such as PFC Harris will be placed in a similar position?

Should Harris take his case to court (Federal Court), it might be possible that the federal court section laws would be declared as a part at least, unconstituctional. No doubt a federal judge’s ruling would determine the personal appearance provision of the registration law a procedure conducive to segregation, since only by personal appearance can the race or a registrant be definitely ascertained.

The 21-year-old private has presented the issue. The Chanticleer urges the Alabama Legislature to meet it squarely and take a long hard look at our election laws before it is too late.

Should a federal general election be enacted or Federal Court decree on Alabama election law is issued--screaming that states’ rights have been usurped will be of little use.

Letters to the editor

Dear Editor:

I was disappointed to read that our SGA voted not to support a resolution of Amicurus Curie (friend of the court) in the Troy State College vs. Garry Dickey case. I therefore urge the student body to declare to their SGA representatives that they are in favor of such a resolution.

I also urge the Chanticleer to take a definite stand on this issue.

--Ray Sims

(Editors’ Reply: A committee consisting of Lynn Cock, Joe Ragsdale, Larry Smith and Norman Brown was named by the SGA to study the Dickey proposal following an initial defeat by the SGA voice. The committee reported findings to the Dec. 11 meeting of the SGA. The committee suggested that the Dickey proposal be modified when it was clear that it would set no precedent. It would permit only to entering a writ of Amicus Curiae on behalf of Dickey as his case entered the Federal Court of Appeals in New Orleans in February. It was proposed by the reporting committee that it be made clear that the proposal was solely that of the SGA and did not represent the JSU administration.

After suggesting that the proposal be signed with the provisions attached, a vote was taken and the resolution to support Dickey was defeated. At the point where the SGA had been called to order, an SGA officer suddenly realized a quorum was not present even though the meeting had been called to order and business was being conducted. The vote was void. The Dickey issue is expected to be brought up at tonight’s SGA meeting. The Dickey case is complicated. The Chanticleer has made every effort to follow the case and support Dickey in his struggle against the censorship of Troy State College (now University), the Alabama Board of Education and the State of Alabama.

Dickey’s case essentially involves freedom of the press.

When Federal Judge Frank Johnson ruled that the state could not censor a college paper, even though it paid for its publication, he in effect freed all student newspapers from administrative control of editorial policy. Of course the ethics of journalism, good taste and responsibility will always apply.

Troy, the Board of Education and the State of Alabama have appealed Judge Johnson’s decision. The fact that Dickey could be barred from attending a state institution or university if a higher court reverses the present decision is of little consequence to anyone but Dickey who is now enrolled at Auburn.

A reversal would be a major defeat for the constitutional right of freedom of the press.

How does all this affect JSU? Right now it does not, because the JSU administration does not (and to my knowledge never has) restricted the Chanticleer to printing only things which they wanted printed. If Dickey’s case, on the other hand, is reversed by a higher court, then all student publications would be subject to heavy censorship.

Still, however, I do not believe the present JSU administration would use this law to censor anything written in good taste. However, future officials of JSU might have other ideas. It is because of this that we back Garry Dickey’s case. --ed.)

To the student body of Jacksonville State University:

Many thanks for your generosity and thoughtfulness in presenting a Christmas party for those whose father’s were overseas at this holiday time. It was a pleasure to attend the event and all your gifts and efforts are greatly appreciated. It was a happy occasion.

Mrs. James Barry

Dear Editor:

I would like to make a few comments about the quality of the university’s newspapers concerning the editorial, special features and sports pages during the past year.

The editorial page has come up to a standard of excellence that has shown hard work and diligent study. The end results have been concise and accurate reports of the subject matter.

The special features section has left a little to be desired, but toward the last, it showed promise of coming up to a more acceptable standard.

I believe the sports section has shown more improvement than any other part of the Chanticleer.

Accurate reports (with the exception of the Chattanooga score) with good commentaries have made the sports page more interesting.

In closing, I would like to extend congratulations to the staff of the Chanti-

--Jim Royal

Dear Student Body:

This is a sincere thank you from the Nelson fam-

(See LETTERS, Page 4)
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JAX ROTC cadets receive army awards

Col. George D. Haskins, professor of military science, has released the names of 16 students who have been selected to receive scholarships in the ROTC program. The scholarship is for the time being will remain in Avera Hall which is the new ROTC building.

The names of students in advanced ROTC who will receive the scholarship include:

JAMES D. BRYAN, William J. HARRINGTON, William J. HOYT, and William J. MCCARTY, Jacksonville; Grady McBRIDE, Gadsden; William L. McCANN, Huntsville; Charles T. PICKETT, Weaver; Stephen SIMONS, TALLADEGA; Terry CARR, Bynum; and Harry HIXON, Anison.

MARTIN SCIENCE HALL

The biology department for the time being will remain in Avera Hall which is the new ROTC building.

The 1,000 student positions added to Martin Hall will be filled and another classroom needed as JSU’s enrollment increased. JSU’s enrollment increased.
Lee Evans trio coming on Jan. 12 to open Jax entertainment season

Student oriented jazz and folk music events are scheduled for the January and February Jacksonville Big question is answered

To the student who asked (in big red letters on the side of plywood construction barriers at Ramona Wood Library) "By the way, who is Pete Matthews? - we have the answer.

Rep. Pete Matthews of Clay County was the first appointment made recently by Gov. Lurleen Wallace to the JSU Board of Trustees. Rep. Matthews is a two-time letterman from Jax State and is a former president of the Alumni Association.

But when Matthews won the state, his alma mater's baseball field named in his honor last year, the student who chose to remain anonymous, showed his concern in JSU and, at the same time, displayed his sign-making ability.

Now he knows who Pete Matthews is.

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Community Concert Association programs. Internationally known jazz pianist, Lee Evans, and his trio will appear in Leon Cole Auditorium Jan. 12 at 8 p.m. Folk singers Addis and Croft, "Explorers in Song", are to be at the same time and place on Feb. II.

Due to his popularity with the students when he appeared at Jacksonville Trust Voices haunt me now wondering where to turn, shouting, screaming. Trying to escape his false concern.

Confident, reassuring, gentle. His voice called out to me. When Charles saw his mother in the movie during ROTC class, he could hardly wait to get home.

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TERRY HARRIS

Senior Terry Harris of Jacksonville State University has won not one, but two of the highest honors a Gamecock football player can earn.

Harris, who doubled as a defensive back and a flanker on offense, has been selected both permanent captain and most valuable player for the 1967 football season at Jacksonville State.

It is believed that this is the first time in JSU history a football player has earned both honors, as JSU players vote on both awards.

Harris made honorable mention on the Associated Press Little All-American squad this past season for his outstanding play on defense and broke one career record in pass receiving and tied a game mark for the most passes caught.

Harris intercepted 13 career passes in three seasons at Jacksonville and caught 43 passes for 768 yards. The 768 yards was a new career record for most pass receiving yards.

Harris' top game as a pass receiver came against Tennessee Martin when he snagged nine tosses to tie the one game record set by Bubba Long in 1966 against Delta State.

Terry, a 160-pound senior from Emma Sansom, of Gadadens, hopes to play pro ball after graduation. Harris was selected game captain eight times in 10 games this past fall.

Lettermen told at JSU

Coach Jim Blevins announced the 1967 Jacksonville State University football lettermen here this week and freshmen and sophomores dominated the list.

First and second year players made up 20 of the 35 gridders earning letters.

The Lettermen:

FRESHMEN -- Don Hudson, Jimmy Hubbert, George Pennington, Charles Sandlin, Chris Wanzer, Donnie Reaves, Jimmy Rhodes, Wayne Martin and Sonny Harwell.

SOPHOMORES -- Don Gales, Al Harrelson, Jimmy Jackson, Tony In -

(See LETTERMEN, Page 7)
I - four and one half inch,

Miss Lorraine Webb, is a sophomore major from Centre. Miss Kathy Caldwell, Gloria Shaw, Nancy Prather, Susan Vance and Cathy White.

The committee observed the lock on the ballot box was not secure and in fact had to be forced open for counting of the ballots, so no key could be found. At many times during the election, Miss Coates, in Babb Graves Hall, was attended by only one person, said the committee.

"Because of the potential voting irregularities and the closeness of the count, there is no doubt a runoff would be in the best interest of the candidates," said Smith. Minosa Editor Jeff Hamrick said Thursday night that a runoff would not affect the election. There are two major candidates, Barry McCardell and Miss Friendly are annually among the top features in the JSU yearbook.

On the advice of SGA sponsor Dr. Jackson W. Hearn, the committee of SGA representatives have been dealing the task of deciding whether a runoff will be scheduled. A runoff in the event no candidate receives a majority is required by the SGA constitution for political offices, but so distinction is made for honorary title elections.

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The annual JSU Christmas party for orphans and children of Vietnam servicemen was the greatest success yet. An estimated 2,500 students contributed gifts or donations with which gifts were bought for 279 children. What promises to be a good cage year got off to a start as basketball games seemed some weeks to be scheduled nightly.

In the meantime, a steady flow of pictures continues to pour from Opal Lovett's dark rooms. Featured this week are at bottom of page on left, freshmen class officers (from left), Don Martin, president; Doug Davis, vice president; June Godfrey, secretary; David Pope, treasurer; Jean Deppersmith, SGA representative. On the right are senior class officers, from left, Nancy Simmons, SGA representative; Don Hilliard, president; James Boyd, secretary; Joe Serviss, vice president; Shelia Rayfield, treasurer.

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Basketball Time
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