



Tuition rates to increase

Fall 1976 will find the tuition at Jacksonville University going up from \$225 a semester to \$250 a semester. The dorm rates will also be increased: The \$72 rooms will be increased to \$100, the \$100 ones to \$150, and the \$150 Sparkman rooms to \$200.

Dr. Ernest Stone, president of the university, said JSU is still the "cheapest in the state" among four-year institutions and the dormitory rates will still be among the cheapest in the state.

Stone explains the increases as due to the utility cost increase and the water cost increases.

In the last 18 months, Stone

said, the increase in electricity rates has been 45 per cent and the water rate increase has been 60 per cent in the last two months.

"The increase in utilities will be several thousands more than we'll be getting in fees," said Stone.

Daugette Hall, which has been leased by the military this year, will be used exclusively by students next fall, according to Stone. He added it will probably be for girls only and the rates will be \$100 or slightly more.

"Every penny will be spent for student welfare," said Stone. He added that this means that the instructors' salaries have not and will not be increased.



ALBERT



HOLLINGS

More students expected for minimester SCOAG

Approximately 250-300 high school delegates are expected to converge on the Jacksonville State University campus for the 11th annual Student Conference on American Government (SCOAG), May 7, 8 and 9, according to the director of the conference, John Robinson.

The high school students are coming from across the state of Alabama and from Georgia for the event.

The conference will be highlighted by the speeches of Speaker of the House Carl Albert (D., Okla.) who will deliver the keynote address on Friday, May 7 in the Student Commons Auditorium, Sen. Fritz Hollings (D., S. C.), and State Sen. Sid McDonald of Arab.

Sid McDonald is serving his first term in the Alabama Senate. The 34-year-old president of Brinelly Mountain Telephone Co. has also served two terms in the Alabama House of Representatives from Marshall County.

McDonald is concerned with Alabama youth. He has been called the champion of public education in colleges and universities.

He is a graduate of the Alabama Business School.

This year's theme for SCOAG is "Youth's Role on America's Bicentennial."

The high school students will converse with college delegates from Jacksonville State in discussion groups on various topics relevant to today's political scene.

This year's SCOAG is following the precedent set by last year's conference. Again this year high school students from Georgia are being invited to the event.

SCOAG Director Robinson took over a job begun by another "I just walked into it. I really didn't know what I was doing at first. But now I feel it's going to be the best SCOAG ever."

Among other problems he faced was having SCOAG moved from February to May. However, according to Robinson, the move will allow more high school delegates to come to the event due to the availability of more dormitory space.

Speaker Carl Albert's and State Sen. Sid McDonald's speeches on May 8 will be open to the public.

Robert Smith has willingness to be involved

By DEBBIE SKIPPER
Editor

Last October many students here at Jacksonville State got their first glimpse of Robert Smith when he introduced comedian Robert Klein to them for the first of the Lyceum Committee presentations.

The connotation of Klein's description of his reception by Smith at the airport in Birmingham doesn't quite seem to fit the character of Robert Smith. According to the 33-year-old comedian, Robert greeted him an hour late with, "Aw, Rawbert, everything's gonna be awright."

There's too much of a sense of slowness in this salutation that doesn't seem to fit the very active chairman of the Lyceum Committee, Mr. Robert Smith.

The philosophy Robert has about life perhaps reflects more aptly than anything else the extent to which action plays a part in his life.

"You get out of life what you put into it, and that's why I can't stand sitting around doing nothing."

It is obvious from his involvement in the student life of Jacksonville State that he lives this philosophy everyday of his life.

The 21-year-old Birmingham native came to Jacksonville State in the fall of 1973. It just took him until his second semester up here to get involved. Now a junior, Robert has behind him a list of achievements that are evidence of his boundless energy and willingness to get involved.

Robert has served in the SGA Senate two years. He has chaired three successive blood drives and is now chairman of the Lyceum Committee. He also serves on the Elections Committee and has been involved with the Student Conference on American Government (SCOAG) for this his second year. In SCOAG 1973, he held the position of deputy

assistant to the executive director. This SCOAG he will serve as executive auxiliary director. He is also a member of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity and a junior class favorite.

Robert says the reason he is so active in student life is because "I like interesting things, things that keep me busy, keep me occupied."

As chairman of the Lyceum Committee, Robert says he has "tried to get students opinions on the kinds of people to bring." He adds, however, that that is just part of effectively doing a job in which you have to work with people.

"I've tried to satisfy different groups of people. I think this is evident from the people I've gotten so far and the subjects they've spoken on." He says these persons are at opposite ends of the pole.

Besides his work as Lyceum Committee chairman, Robert has been actively involved in the blood

drive. He has served three successive times as chairman of that committee.

Robert says he likes to chair the blood drives because he gets to help people out when he is doing it. "I like to help people as much as I can, and that's one of the best ways I know of helping."

Perhaps, too, Robert recognizes the importance of giving blood, for he has himself had many brushes with death. One such "brush" came last spring when Robert was campaigning in the SGA elections for treasurer. While putting up posters, he fell from the roof of the car he was riding atop as the car went forward. He was seriously injured and spent two weeks in Baptist Medical Center.

Robert says about the accident, "It made me want to take life a little more seriously. It made me want to live everyday as if it were the last."

The accident would he says, "I'm too involved probably have made him with living my life right now think about his future but as (See ROBERT, Page 3)



Robert Smith



Dr. Willman

Wild Willie has many interests

By KEM MCNABB
Staff Writer

Dr. Leon Willman is a dedicated, sincere professor who teaches counseling and guidance, mostly on the graduate level. He spends much of his free time in mines searching for rough rocks and gems, which are often made into jewelry by his father who also lives in Jacksonville.

Dr. Willman has even written two books. His interest was so strong that he began making a card index of the different rock sources he knew of. The index grew so large that he made it into a catalogue of gem and mineral locations. He had his compilation published and sold several thousand copies. It became so popular that he wrote Vol. II, which was about four times as long as Vol. I and has sold several hundred of Vol. II. He called them "Gem and Mineral Localities of S. E. U."

Geology has been a big

interest to him, and he began his "career" in an oil "patch." His "first" in Alabama was in Tuscaloosa where he was briefed on an assignment for the U. S. Geological Survey. He then went to Tennessee to measure the radioactivity in rocks for the Atomic Energy Commission.

Although not exactly a wild young man, he acquired the nick-name "Wild Willie" from his coworkers in the field.

Before long, he grew tired of his work and decided to again attend school. He did so and it didn't take him too long to get his degrees and begin teaching.

When he came to Jacksonville, he was employed as the Dean of Students for eight years and later became a full professor of education. Somehow through his transactions his nickname was carried on to his students who seem to tremendously enjoy his wit.

Wild Willie must have been slightly so even before he got

the name because when he was an undergraduate he and some of his buddies swiped a two-hole out-house for their fraternity. They had no way to haul it so they simply "borrowed" a truck without the owner's knowledge.

A little too late they found the truck to be incapacitated so they pushed the john-loaded truck for two miles. The next day a detective visited them and gave them until noon the next day for the return of the "privy." They reluctantly did so with the same borrowed truck.

Dr. Willman concluded saying that the students he graduated with were more ornery than the undergraduates at Jacksonville.

As a man and a teacher, Dr. Willman enjoys helping people to help themselves, being of service to others, but not to the point of their dependence on him. He believes in the maintenance of a balance in life. "Enjoy every aspect of life that you

can." This balance involves studious effort in school and a well-rounded social life.

Dr. Leon has always believed that "learning should be as pleasurable as possible" and still allow one to "get in your good licks on the meat of the subject matter." For this reason he teaches informally, including as many field trips as possible.

Wild Willie gets much delight when his previous students become successful "community members." He has taught several who have become guidance and mental health workers, gone on to get their PhD's. Some are even teaching at West Point.

Dr. Willman and his wife are proud of their two daughters, Susie and Ann. Susie, the oldest, has recently married Harold O'Bryant, the men's gymnastic coach at JSU. As a family they have enjoyed hiking, traveling, swimming, camping and sailing. They have taken their camping trailer to the Smokey Mountains, Canada, Maine and other such places.

Although the family has been happy, they have suffered many crises. Dr. Leon is very appreciative to the community people and to the administration here, for they have all been so very kind and compassionate to them during these times.

He feels a warm, "family" feeling with all of the members of the education faculty because they get together with dinner parties, cook outs, tennis games and such, all of which they thoroughly enjoy as friends. The main reason he is so physically active is that he is convinced that good shape helps one stay intellectually sharper.

Wild Willie is an interesting, vivacious person, easy to talk to and get along with. There are few people as well liked and respected as this individual.



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Dance marathon great success

By DAVID FORD
Staff Writer

Somewhere on the campus of JSU there are nine tired couples with very sore feet. These couples were the participants in the 36 hour dance marathon held April 2 and 3.

The purpose of the marathon was to raise money for the National Epilepsy Foundation. Mr. Hal P. Smith, coordinator of the event termed it a great success.

So far \$2,000 has been raised and contributions can still be made by contacting Mr. Smith in his office, 216 Merrill Building.

Those responsible for the marathon's success of course include the nine couples. Special thanks should also be extended to Jacksonville merchants for donating contributions and prizes.

Sponsors for the marathon were the SGA, Phi Beta

Lambda, and Alpha Tau Omega. WLJS-FM kept the couples dancing by providing the music and also helped in raising funds by broadcasting throughout the 36 hours.

The idea of a dance marathon was fostered by the National Epilepsy Foundation and has been used quite successfully for the past two or three years.

Local marathon winners now have the option of competing in the national

marathon.

Jax State's winner, Lee Rhea Johns and Teddy Smith, who were sponsored by Zeta Tau Alpha, can be easily spotted. They are the ones donning the bicentennial corn pads.

Students who can't wear these attractive pads shouldn't despair though. Mr. Smith has good news. The marathon is scheduled to become an annual event. When asked about the

competition, Lee said, "It was an experience. I made a lot of friends."

Nine couples, all of whom lasted the entire 36 hours, provided a good start for the function. Next year though, let's increase that number. After all, the more couples we have, the more money we can raise for research on epilepsy. Epilepsy could strike in your family. Think about it.



Marathon winners Teddy Smith and Lee Rhea Johns.

Students tour department

On Tuesday, April 6, Mrs. Judy Jones, a French teacher from Munford High School brought 10 students to Jacksonville State University for an introduction to the Foreign Language Department.

These students toured the

department and were entertained by Spanish guitar music played by two Jax State students. They were also served a typical Spanish dessert called "flame." This dessert is similar to a caramel custard.

The Language Department recently entertained a

group from Hokes Bluff and Glencoe High Schools.

The department enjoys these visitors and the professors feel that their visits contribute to the enrichment of the department. These visitors seem to have a good time, according to George Teague, head of the foreign language department, and the language department plans to invite more groups from surrounding areas next fall.

Robert

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developed a respect for other people and that he's come to learn a great deal while here at Jacksonville State University.

"I've learned that life can be rough at times, but you just have to learn to live with it. You have to think of the good points instead of the bad."

Robert says it depresses him to watch other people get depressed.

"I like to watch people laugh. I like to watch them smile. One of the saddest sights for me in the world is when someone's down and I can't do anything about it."

Recently Robert has shown another facet of his personality, dignity in defeat.

Robert likes to overcome obstacles, to meet challenges. "I love challenge. Everyday's a challenge."

"If I can't meet a challenge I'll admit it and

then find one that I can. If there's any chance that I can meet the challenge, I won't give up."

Perhaps these words sum up the character of Robert Smith more than any first-hand descriptions. But one such description could go like this: He is a young man

of energy and enthusiasm who wants to find in life what will bring him the most fulfillment, what will help him to grow and to learn and to develop into a concerned and an involved person.

He appears to have made a good start.

to look that far in advance." He does say what he wants out of life "is to live it comfortably and to the greatest extent."

He feels he is getting the most he can out of life at this moment, "by getting involved in as much as I can without overdoing it. I never try to do what I don't know how to."

But not knowing how to do something doesn't stop Robert from wanting to learn. "That's one reason I like to say busy. You learn more by doing things. Experience is the best tool of learning."

One area where he feels he is continually growing is in his work in the SGA Senate. He feels strongly that the SGA should be a "means for all students to voice their opinions on things and how they think things ought to be. But there aren't enough students who want to say what they feel."

"I just wish," he adds, "that more people would come out and say what they think instead of complaining about things to the people who aren't in a position to do anything."

He takes note of the ever-present battle between fraternity and independent which has occasionally spilled over into the proceedings of the Senate.

"I think that people shouldn't look down on other people just because they're in a fraternity or because they're not in a fraternity."

"It really upsets me that there are some independents who see a guy with a fraternity shirt on and say they hate him just because he's fraternity or that there are some Greeks who will say 'Well, those independents are crazy anyway.'"

"I think they need to develop mutual respect."

Robert feels he has

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By
**Billie
Napper**

Joe Cool is up for grabs

In thinking about the last five years, there's been a lot that I've learned. And there's been a lot I haven't learned. One thing I haven't learned yet is why that squirrel that runs around in front of Bibb Graves doesn't have any hair on his tail. And I still don't understand why the computer classified me as an "other" under race. Or why the parking lots on campus don't have lights. Or why the lights in the parking lots aren't ever turned on. Or they're turned on in the afternoon and turned off after dark.

Things I have learned include committing a federal offense if I ever decide to commit a crime because federal institutions are nicer than state institutions. I've

also learned not to use "nice" because it's a gray word. And I've learned that one of the campus police keeps losing things—like his pistol, his walkie-talkie, etc. And I've learned that I have very little patience with obstinant pigeons.

And I'm still learning things. I've discovered that **THEY lied to me. They said, "Go to college. Get a degree. You'll get a job."** HA! Two-hundred applications later, **I've yet to find someone who is hiring at present.**

In leaving this university (I hope), I would like to leave a few things besides this university. To all those people who can't laugh at themselves, I leave my sympathy. If you can't laugh at yourselves, you can't

really laugh at anyone else.

I would like to leave a few hundred parking spaces, but I can't figure out how to do that. Of course, that probably wouldn't be the right thing to do because then commuters, residents, and faculty wouldn't have anything to gripe at each other about.

To the P. E. instructor who was down on me because I wasn't a P. E. major or minor I would like to say **may your birdie fly north for the winter, your cock feathers molt, and your tennis balls all die.**

I would like to leave automatic alarm clocks to all the apathetic students on campus so they could wake up and see what is happening, but I can't afford

6,000 clocks. Besides, that would mean that the clock factory would have to work overtime.

To all the students who are shy about their writing, I would like to leave the suggestion to take Advanced Comp. It's a fantastic course even if you don't plan to write for a living. It's really a lot of fun. And working on the Chanticleer and the Mimosas isn't a bad idea either.

I would like to leave Joe Cool to someone. But I can't find anyone who would take him.

And to everyone else, I would like to say, "Thanks. I've enjoyed it." And may your college experiences be as great as mine have been.

demonstrations! Can you believe it? Of course, you have to realize that was way back in the days when freshmen were forced to wear beanie's and go on rat-run. And the dorms had curfew. And the professor's word was law.

Campus events

The final Appeals Court for this semester will be held Thursday, April 15, in Glazner Hall at 7 p.m.

WLJS is now taking applications for disc jockeys for the mini-mester and summer. Applications can be made at the radio station in Bibb Graves.

The IM Swim Meet and innertube basketball games which were postponed from

last Thursday will be held today, Monday, April 12.

The Black Student Union is presently a talent show, that will be given at Leone Cole Auditorium on April 12, 1976 at 8 p.m. An award and cash prizes will be given as incentives. There will also be a dance following the talent show.

Admission is 75 cents for students with ID cards, \$1 for general public and children will be admitted free.

Film Reviews

'Hindenburg' mystery dramatized

By VICTOR McCARLEY
Features Editor

A new type of disaster film is now on the screen involving the story of "The Hindenburg," the air ship which mysteriously burst into flames while attempting to land at an air force field in New Jersey.

The film stars George C. Scott, Anne Bancroft, Burgess Meredith, Roy Thinnes, Joanna Moore and Robert Clary. There you have it, the list of stars as long as your arm. The film plays upon your ability to believe it.

George C. Scott stars as a special intelligence officer for Hitler assigned to the Nazi air-ship, Hindenburg. It is well acted and a very demanding role. Scott portrays the rough-and-ready character very well.

His assistant on the air-ship Hindenburg is Roy Thinnes. He is depicted as a ruthless gangster agent.

Others were portrayed as guests and crew members. The plot revolves around a hypothesis that the Hindenburg was destroyed as a result of sabotage: (It is possible that it was sabotaged by a resistance agent.)

The film makes use of the actual black and white footage depicting the air-ship as it was destroyed. However, to make its point very clear, parts were spliced into the original print making it impossible to tell what happened and what was the product of the writer's imagination.

"Dramatic" is what I would call the film as it is actually a who-done-it until the saboteur is discovered.

Beautiful scenery and ocean footage make portions of the film really enjoyable. There are some breath-taking scenes of ice-bergs as they float in the water.

I would leave it up to you to see this film. I neither en- (See HINDENBURG, Page 5)

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Joe sets trend

By BILLIE NAPPER
Staff Writer

The other day when I went to Chat 'em Inn I noticed Joe Cool waving his arms around like he might be having a fit. Against my better judgment, I went over and asked him what was going on.

"That crazy English professor," snapped Joe. "She must not know anything. She gave me an F on this paper. She CLAIMS I misspelled some words, so she failed me. Can you imagine the nerve of her. Telling me I can't spell. I tried to explain to her that

it's that guy Webster who can't spell. Who does she think she is?"

"Well, Joe, there are certain words that give everyone problems. Which word is it?"

"First off, there's vidio. And then there's grammer. Or how about embarassment?"

"Uh, Joe, it's video."

"Just look at this. She even marked pronunciation as being misspelled."

"I believe the correct spelling is pronunciation."

"But it was a noun. And when you pronounce a noun, it becomes pronunciation, not pronunciation."

"I can see your reasoning, but I'm afraid it's wrong, Joe."

"Lissen. I'm just marching to the beat of a different drummer. You know, like that guy Emerson said."

"That was Thoreau."

"Yea, well, whoever. Anyone, I'm probably the next genius in the field of English, and they're just too dense to understand that I am setting a trend in spelling and punctuation."

"Until you're an authority on the subject, I guess you'll just have to follow the rules."

"And just look at this. I wrote her a note to tell her I was just practising, and she even marked that!"

"Joe, didn't you have spelling in elementary school?"

"Yeah. We had those spelling bees. But those things never interested me."

"Why not?"

"Well, they always made me sit down early. Over such

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Hindenburg

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joyed immensely nor disliked the film. It has its good points and its bad ones but they just about equal out.

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Bo Bridges, Blythe Danner and Andy Griffith team up to present a new comedy-western, "Hearts of the West."

Bridges stars as a hopeful writer who takes the hard way around trying to prove it. He enrolls in a non-existent writing school in the west, falls in love with a secretary, and gets a job as a stunt man in a western film company. (It almost stunts him!)

Andy Griffith stars as one of his fellow stunt men who is old and worn and "knows-the-ropes." He is secretly a very successful writer himself. He neither encourages nor discourages the young man concerning his idea.

Blythe Danner stars as the secretary Bridges falls in love with. She does a very good job in her part and we'll probably be seeing more of her in other films.

It is a humorous film and an enjoyable one as well. There are many laughs as well as a serious side to the plot. It shows struggle, determination, heartbreak and triumph as the old western movies once did.



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Goodwin, Lee Wooten, John Robinson, Jay Dill, Robert Smith, Janet Colvin and Lee Rhea Johns.

Dodd hosts odyssey hour

By P. J. MOSS
Music Review Editor

Your host for the Odyssey Hour is Tomm Dodd. A freshman majoring in business, he is known as "Chip" Whitehead to his friends.

After graduating from Mountain Brook High School in Birmingham, he worked as a veterinarian's assistant and later as a VW mechanic. He sang with three rock bands and was manager for two other ones. These groups included "White Lake" and

"Antiquity" of Birmingham. Having lived in Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina, Tomm likes Alabama best of all because of its scenic beauty. However, at the close of the minimester, he intends to thumb his way across the states to California for the summer.

Henry Gross, Nazareth, Montrose, and Led Zeppelin are among Tomm's favorite recording artists; but, he likes most everything from Top 40 to progressive. He

prefers to introduce the musician's total musical personality on the Odyssey Hour. Wide World of Music at Century Plaza in Birmingham is Tomm's sponsor.

"WLJS is going to be dynamite when it gets on its feet." A major problem is lack of funds. Tomm would like to see the SGA support the station more, since it is a form of student entertainment. WLJS does not receive releases directly

from the record companies because of its small wattage. Most of the records have been brought in by the DJ's themselves. Therefore, WLJS needs financial aid in order to improve the station.

In Tomm's opinion, you've got to be totally committed if you're going to work with a radio station. One must keep an open mind concerning all types of music. You shouldn't play only the music that you like. He thinks DJ's shouldn't talk excessively during programming because listeners do not want to hear them run their mouths.

"Working with the station is like a sport," Tomm says. "You have to learn to work together." He suggests that students comment more on their likes and dislikes of the station. Also, since WLJS is an educational station, it is required to broadcast a certain amount of educational material each week. Students should submit papers of this nature . . . anything from drug abuse to social problems.

SGA continues drive for voter registration

The Senate continued its plans for increasing student voter registration in Jacksonville.

It approved two motions by Steve Woods, chairman of the Voter Registration Committee. One was to send a resolution to Rep. Tom Shelton asking him to sponsor a bill in the state legislature to get the city elections moved from August to the last week in September.

The Senate approved a motion by Wood to send a memorandum to Dr. Stone urging him to speak to Shelton and use his influence to get the representative to sponsor this bill.

In other business the Senate approved two motions by Sindo Mayor acting on the approval of the new SGA president, Mike Humphries. The Senate approved the appointment of Joan Tanner as the new executive assistant of the SGA, replacing Beth Ann Chaney. It also approved the appointment of Susan Kelley as parliamentarian for the next Senate.

The Senate in other business

—approved a motion by Steve Lybrand that the amendment passed by the Senate March 29 concerning altering representation in

the Senate not go into effect until the spring of 1977. The Senate voted to amend the constitution to eliminate class officer representation.

Incident reported

By BILLIE NAPPER
Staff Writer

Students in Dixon Hall and the surrounding area were awakened by two warning shots fired by a Jacksonville Police officer at 12:50 am Thursday morning. While patrolling the parking lots on foot, one of the campus police officers spotted someone in the part of the Maintenance Plant that is under construction. The officer radioed for help. One of the officers who responded to this call fired the warning shots after he told the suspect to stop and the suspect ran. The officers who had approached by the back of the building called for assistance when they heard the shots.

When it was discovered that the suspect was a student here at Jax State, his ID was taken and he was taken back to his dorm, Salls

Hall. The city police were informed that Chief Murray and Dean Edwards would take care of the matter.

According to Chief Murray, the student was charged with trespassing. The city police officers felt that the suspect should have been charged then and taken to jail, instead of to the dorm. The suspect supposedly had tools in his jacket pocket which could be considered burglary tools under the Alabama state law.

Conviction of the suspect under the trespassing charge would be easier to prove than the second degree burglary charge.

According to Sidney Pugh, a full-time student at Jax State as well as a police officer, "If it had been anybody but a student, they would have been charged and taken to jail right then."



Geography team studies maps

Pictured above is the geography team which will be taking a trip through the southcentral and southwestern part of the United States.

Geography trip planned

This minimester 16 persons will test their endurance in the Southcentral and Southwestern United States Geography Field Trip.

The trip, which was conceived and will be directed by Dr. Howard Johnson of the geography department, will be not only a test of the travelers' endurance of the physical elements while camping but also a test of their endurance of each other for four weeks.

Beginning in Jacksonville, the 15 students, mostly majors or minors in geography, and Dr. Johnson will travel to Arkansas and on to Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada and California. Then will begin the trip back and a revisiting of Arizona, New

Mexico, Texas, and two new ones, Louisiana and Mississippi.

And the sites to be not only seen but explored and studied? Well, there's the Mississippi River Valley, the Arkansas River Valley, the Tahlequah Indian Village in Oklahoma, the Osage and High Plains, the Museum of the Plains, the Sante Fe Trail, the Navajo Reservation in Arizona, the Grand Canyon, Hoover Dam, Death Valley, the Mohave Desert, the Carlsbad Caverns, and many, many more sites.

According to Johnson, the students will receive six hours credit. He added that they have already earned six hours credit in classroom time alone in preparation for the trip.

This is the first such trip taken by a team of geography students led by Dr. Johnson. The last two years he has taken his students to Puerto Rico.

Johnson went out last August to check out part of the route. He said that each site chosen for the trip has some special quality, whether it be a physical speciality or a cultural one.

The students going on the trip are Bruce Smith, Terrence Lynch, Kathleen Elliot, Greg Jones, Hassan M o h a m o u d, Holly Glasscock, Janet Boone, Ricky Treece, Sam Phillips, Joe Begeron, Chip Prickett, Pam Haynes, Beth Davidson, Lisa Baldwin and Evelyn Johnson.

Jax State stings Livingston Tigers

By CARL PHILLIPS
Sports Writer

Jax State, extending its baseball winning streak to 14 games, stung the Livingston University Tigers twice, 6-3

and 9-0. JSU coach Rudy Abbott noted later, "It was the first time this year we had a complete effort from our entire team."

Physics department to offer ground school

Students at JSU will have the opportunity to take a Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) approved ground school during the minimester. The purpose of the course is to prepare for the FAA exam given at the end of the semester.

Contrary to the norm, most students pass the exam after completing this course. Professor MacRae, instructor for the course, feels that the success rate is due to the academics environment. Although the pace is fast, students seem to have better retention of the material.

Another advantage to taking the course, besides

the three hours elective credit, is that some aviation schools give discounts to the students. The cost to obtain a private pilot's license can be cut to about half of the national average.

Professor MacRae stresses that this course is open to pilots as well as non-pilots. Several advanced pilots have taken it as a refresher course.

Completion of the course does not require that the student take flight instruction. However, if the decision is made to obtain a license, students have two years after this course to take instructions.

Abbott continued, "We did everything we were supposed to do to win tonight. We had good pitching, outstanding defense and tremendous hitting.

"This may sound funny, but we're going to have to play better than we did tonight to have a chance in our conference. We've got a seven game road swing coming up and it will be very important for us to continue to play better than we have been."

In the first game, the Jaxmen pelted Livingston hurler Carey Wright for five

runs in the second inning—two from a home run blast by Wayne Ragland.

JSU also scored a run in the sixth on consecutive doubles by Ragland and Sonny Mosley.

The first game winner, Mike Lamb, walked two, allowed six hits and struck out four.

Homers accounted for six runs in the nightcap. Ricky McCoy scored three runs, while Roger Mayo brought in two and Mosley tallied once.

Also hitting for Jax State were Butch Lanier, with a double and three singles,

McCoy also with a double and a single, and one single each from Larry Bowie, Sammy Davis, Stuart French and Mosley.

Gamecock pitcher Steve Gamble fanned four, gave up six hits and walked one for the win.

The Jaxmen are now 17-4 overall and 6-0 in the GSC East. The Tigers are 4-2 in the GSC East and 15-6 overall.

Game 1			Game 2				
	R	H	F	R	H	E	
JSU	6	8	0	JSU	9	14	0
LU	3	6	0	LU	0	6	0

Jax golf team defeats UNA

By BECKY WATTS
Sports Writer

The Jax State Golf team hosted the University of North Alabama on Friday, April 2. With a low score of 310, Jax State defeated the North Alabamians who tallied with a score of 75 and Brock Brascho and Danny Weeks with a score of 77.

The Golf team will play

their last home match on Friday, April 9, when they host West Georgia College from Carrollton, Ga.

After finals, the Golf team will participate in the Gulf South Conference Tournament. To do their part in helping Jax State obtain the Gulf South Conference trophy has been the goal of the team since the beginning

of the season.

This trophy is given to the college with the top points in all areas of sports. The Golf team has not previously contributed any points toward this trophy.

However, expectations are high for the number of points to be contributed by the Golf team this year

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Pot decriminalization not increasing usage

By RICHARD TRUBO
Pop Scene Service

The decriminalization of marijuana, an unlikely prospect at the beginning of the decade, has become a growing reality. And although the penalties for possessing and smoking marijuana have lessened, there is not yet any definitive evidence that its usage has increased.

Legislatures in Alaska, California, Maine, Ohio and Oregon have all enacted statutes to make the marijuana laws less stringent, for adults, by adopting a citation system for minor violations.

But possession of any amount by those under age 18 is still cause for arrest. "The new law applies only to adults," emphasizes Mike Carroll, deputy district attorney for Los Angeles County. "We hear that juveniles have been told by their peers that it's OK to smoke marijuana now. But that's wrong. Just like before, juveniles can be arrested and taken to juvenile hall."

Spokesmen for organizations like the Marijuana Reform League (MRL) and the National Organization for Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML) are hopeful that other states will pass similar legislation in 1976.

"The Marijuana Reform League considers the new laws steps in the right direction," comments Steve Mandell, president of MRL. "They lessen the crime and make intrusion by the government far less onerous than it used to be."

In California, whose new law went into effect on New Year's Day, possession by an adult of an ounce or less of marijuana is now a misdemeanor, subject to a citation similar to a traffic ticket and a maximum \$100 fine. Possession of more than one ounce, or possession for sale or for "dealing", remain felonies.

California law enforcement officials say that statistics have not been compiled yet to indicate whether marijuana usage and/or arrests have increased in recent weeks under the new law. In previous years, California has led the nation in marijuana suits.

In other states that enacted decriminalization laws earlier, no signs of increased marijuana use is apparent. In Oregon, the first state to eliminate jail penalties for the possession of small amounts of marijuana, use of the drug has stabilized. According to a survey by the Drug Abuse

Council, a nonprofit independent agency, there is actually a one per cent decrease in the number of adults admitting marijuana use now.

Mike Carroll comments, "The new (California) law is being enforced. And I think that the \$100 fine that it carries is somewhat of a deterrent against marijuana use. Drivers don't speed because they're afraid of getting fined, and likewise, I'm sure there are many people to whom a \$100 fine is serious enough to keep them away from marijuana."

In fact, some marijuana offenders who have already been brought into court under the new statute have received less than the maximum \$100 penalty.

"In Los Angeles County, some judges are giving \$100 fines, but some are giving only \$25 fines," reports Carroll. "It's up to the discretion of the judge. Some judicial discretion exists not only with marijuana law, but with traffic and all minor misdemeanors."

Law enforcement agencies are employing different methods to determine whether an individual has less or more than an ounce of marijuana. Officers of the Los Angeles Police Department are equipped with tiny, portable scales that can roughly determine the weight. If that scale indicates that the amount is over an ounce, it is weighed again on a more sophisticated scale at the station house.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department has equipped each of its officers with small metal cans that can hold nearly two ounces of marijuana, offering a "margin of safety" when the measurements are made in the field.

"If the quantity of contraband doesn't fill the can, then the individual is issued a citation," remarks Lt. Frank Bridges of the narcotics division of the sheriff's department. "If the quantity exceeds the top level of the can, he will be arrested and taken into custody."

"If the marijuana is in cigarette form, we've determined that about 70 cigarettes equals one ounce. So to give a little leeway, we've added 30 cigarettes to that number to make it 100. If an individual has over 100 cigarettes in his possession, he will be arrested."

New statutes in other states are similar to those in California, with only slight variations. In Ohio, for example, the law prescribes a maximum fine of \$100 for possession of less than 100 grams (about 3.5 ounces). In

Maine, less than 1 1/2 ounces calls for a \$200 maximum fine under the citation system.

However, several states have appeared reluctant to join the decriminalization movement. Recent decriminalization bills have gone down to defeat in various stages of the legislative process in Arizona, Florida, Illinois, Iowa, Maryland, Minnesota, Nevada, New Hampshire and Texas.

In Congress, a national decriminalization bill, sponsored by Rep. Edward Koch (D-N.Y.) and Sen. Jacob Javits (R-N.Y.), has

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silly things as saying d-o-u-n for down or s-h-a-k-e-y for shaky. Or a-k-t-s for ax. They were just totally ridiculous."

"The only thing I can see for you to do is take remedial spelling."

"I AIN'T TAKIN' REMEDIAL NOTHIN'! The Joe Cool has no problem with spelling. I know. I'll write The Joe Cool Dickshunary. After all, it's all those other turkeys who can't type."

failed to pass in each of the last three years.

But Sen. Birch Bayd (D-Ind.), a proponent of decriminalization, contends it is not in the best interest of the U. S. to spend the 600

million tax dollars each year to arrest 500,000 young people for possession of small amounts of marijuana. Citing FBI statistics showing large increases in more serious crimes, Bayh has

said, "In view of the failure to nationally curb violent and serious crime, I believe it is time to seriously reassess our priorities."

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Kappa Delta Epsilon, the Education Honor Sorority held its initiation recently in which 70 new members were inducted. These girls are majoring in education and must have at least a 2.0 average. The new officers for 1976-77 were also installed. They are: President, Dianne Dobbins, vice president, Vicki

Mitchell; secretary, Lou Smith; treasurer, Reba Gardner; chaplain, Renee Wilkins; historian, Janice Elkins. The organization is sponsored by Dr. Charlotte Thornburg and Ms. Margaret Holland was the guest of honor at the ceremony.

After six years Oliver returns

By P. J. MOSS

Wearing a patchwork shirt and jeans, he walked into Chatem, grinning like he was merely one of the students. Having just completed an interview with the radio station, he prepared for his coffeehouse concert. The man is Bill Oliver Swafford, known to the public as "Oliver," who returns to us after six years.

Beginning his program with a song entitled "Midnight Bus," Oliver went next into "the finest glory train song I've ever heard" called "Silver Engine." He explained that he had written a lot of songs about the scars that love left, but that he had composed a positive love song, "Our Time," which he dedicated to his wife. The following song concerned the afterlife. It is what he termed as a "swing druge" called "Dancing Like Fred Astaire." He sang a very unusual love song about romance between a couple of muskrats, "Muskrat Love," made popular by "America." One of the most liked songs of the evening was the one from the movie "The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie," appropriately titled "Jean," which was Oliver's first gold record. Although there is very little demand

for a jazz waltz these days, he sang "Bluesette." "If you've ever eaten at a Howard Johnson's, you've heard this," he remarked.

A prison showbusiness tune written by Merle Haggard called "Since I Made the Prison Band" was sung. Oliver elaborated on country and western music a bit and said that "a C & W singer is the only one who can walk into a men's room at a truck stop and wear lavender pants and matching top and get away with it." Before giving himself and the audience a break, he sang a song about a fellow who found the "handle" to life but wouldn't give up his secret sauce: "The Elusive Happy Man" or "Catch Me If You Can."

An old Rolling Stones song called "Ruby Tuesday" was performed and he told that "Ruby" was used to connote prostitution in England and Tuesday was the day that the authorities came around for inspection. Proceeding this was "Neurotica," written by Steve Goodman, "I'm a Beggar," "Your Mind is on Vacation But Your Mouth is

Working Overtime," and "Once You've Been Loved by A Woman, It's Hard to Back to Girls." The audience joined in with clapping on a John Prime tune during the chorus, during which he claimed the from out of the kitchen would come the Vienna Boys Choir in their little leather shorts. "Good Morning Starshine," from the musical "Hair," closed the night's interlude of really good music.

For those of you who didn't make this coffeehouse show, I'd like to say phooey on you because you really missed a great performer. Just ask anyone who went. Maybe he's not in the limelight anymore, but he continues to be a musician of fantastic calibre. Oliver does a lot of nightclub and college show nowadays, so take him in sometime. You'll not regret it.

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