George Plimpton

George Plimpton, the journalist who experiences for himself the things he writes about, will be here Nov. 29. His appearance marks the first of the Lyceum Committee presentations.

Carter win seen in optimistic light

By DAVID FORD
Assistant Editor

Jimmy Carter’s election to the presidency evokes different responses across campus. Reactions varied from positive to negative to cautious.

The feeling that the Civil War is over reflects itself in three opinions. One of these comes from a member of the political science department. "I’m elated. It’s the best thing that could happen to the country. In analysis it is the end of reconstruction, which is ironically illustrated by Carter’s victory in the same week as the national television showing of ‘Gone With the Wind.’" He added, "I think he will be an activist president who will accomplish a number of things."

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SGA programs to be cut due to lack of student involvement

Many of the programs that students indicated they wanted on the SGA survey held at registration may be cut, SGA vice president Kerry Sumner revealed at the SGA Senate meeting Monday night, because students aren’t participating in the programs.

Sumner said that due to poor attendance at the movies, the number of movie nights will have to be reduced because the SGA is "losing bad."

Sumner said that of the 5,368 people who attended the Seals and Crofts concert, only 1,265 were students. He added that 87 per cent of the students polled at registration said they wanted to see Seals and Crofts.

"I’m disappointed that the students didn’t participate in something they said they wanted to have," Sumner said.

He added, however, that he was well pleased with how the concert was handled and that Seals and Crofts had been impressed by the professional manner in which the concert was produced.

In other business, Robert Smith, acting chairman of the Liaison Committee, reported that at the last meeting of the Liaison Committee it was decided that students would have to attend classes on Nov. 12. Last year an extra day off had been given for Veteran’s Day, but, according to Smith, this had caused the university trouble from the state.

Other outcomes of the meeting, said Smith, was the approval of a speedreading course, an analytical test, and the introduction of the idea of bringing coolers into the football stadium. This latter was vetoed because the concessions are contracted and the coolers would constitute competition with the concessions, which is prohibited by the contract.

Smith also said that the Liaison Committee had also brought up the question of Gadsden Upper Division people getting in to concerts and games at student prices with a Gadsden ID. It was decided that someone from the Upper Division should form a committee to meet with Charles Rowe, vice president of business affairs, to work out this problem.

The administration agreed to put down mats in Bibb Graves but said that they had done so in the past and the mats had been stolen. Those interested in forming a sports car club should get in touch with Hugh Merritt, the university’s lawyer, for information on the liabilities, Smith said.

In other business, the Senate—
approved a motion by Gayla Brown that a permanent hospitality committee chairman be appointed.

—approved two appointments by SGA president Mike Humphries—Jay Dill and Angela as justices to the Judicial Court.

School of nursing in good shape, says Montgomery

By DEBBIE SKIPPER
Editor

With 66.2 per cent of the nursing students from the Lurleen B. Wallace School of Nursing passing the state board exams the first time, the concern about the quality of nursing school expressed in recent weeks seems unfounded.

In the last state board exams in which JSU nursing students took part, 22 of the 34 taking the exams passed all five examinations the first time. Six failed one of the exams; five failed two exams; and one nursing student failed three exams.

Dr. Theron Montgomery, vice president of academic affairs, said that the rumor that the Lurleen B. Wallace School of Nursing had lost its accreditation had begun when Montgomery received a letter from the State Nursing Board registering its concern that JSU had more than 25 per cent failing all of the state exams the first time.

According to Montgomery, this is natural. Those who fail the state nursing exams may take them over. The concern expressed by the State Board of Nursing does not affect the students in any way, said Montgomery.

The school is advised of certain conditions it must meet.

Although the note of concern expressed by the State Board is not extraordinarily bad news, Dean Mary Margaret Williams, dean of the School of Nursing, is offsetting the number of her students failing the exams by "reinforcement programs." These programs were begun in 1972, three years after Dean Williams was put in charge of the nursing program, on a voluntary basis, but Dean Williams found "the able students opted to take them while those that needed it didn’t take it." Now with the support of both university president Dr. Ernest Stone and Montgomery the reinforcement programs will be required.

The Learning Reinforcement Program is being stepped up, according to Dean Williams. For a three-month period, from now to January, Miss Ann Flynn, nursing scholar in residence, will "devote her time to develop this program." In addition, she will make it available to students who will be taking the state exams in February, so when she leaves the program will have been developed and tested out.

That state board exam consists of five tests: medical, nursing test, surgical nursing test, maternity nursing test, nursing of children test and psychiatric nursing test.

According to both Montgomery and Dean Williams, not one of these areas has been exclusive in regard to tests failed by JSU nursing students. Both say that if there were a specific area to concentrate on, ending the percentage of failures on the exams would be easier.

Montgomery listed four reasons for those who fail the exams: "Some people have not developed the skill and ability to retain learning over a long period of time," said Montgomery.

He added that many students have not had exposure to the type of test which he describes as "reading, thought, analytical test."

Another reason he cited was lack of preparation for the state board exam.

He also puts some of the blame on JSU. "To some extent we did not, throughout their curriculum, prepare them for it."

But whatever the reasons for failure, Dean Williams maintains that 90 per cent of the Lurleen B. Wallace School of Nursing graduates seek employment and get it.

Seals and Crofts performed before a crowd of more than 6,000 at Mathews Coliseum Oct. 29. See review, Page 6.
Homosexuality

Have homosexuals come out of closet?

According to authorities on the subject, there are for every 10 males on that is considered a homosexual. If this holds true there are somewhere between 200 and 300 homosexuals on the JSU campus.

With this large number, you would expect to find homosexuals at every corner of the campus, but according to one homosexual on campus, the number of people “out of the closet” numbers around 50. The term “out of the closet” means a person who has realized he is a homosexual and seeks homosexual companions and regularly associates with other homosexuals. He also patronizes homosexual establishments in larger cities, where homosexual clientele is welcome.

Some of these establishments are bars, parks, clubs, cafes, baths, hotels, restrooms, and also entire areas, which include bars and hotels on beaches. Since there is only one such establishment in this county, homosexuals must travel to larger cities such as Atlanta, which has a large homosexual population. Some popular places, according to one student, is the County Seat and Sweet Gum Head in Atlanta.

The majority of homosexuals here on campus lead a double life, which simply means they “play it straight when around straight friends” and then reverse the role, using homosexual terms, mannerisms, etc., when around homosexual friends. They lead double lives here because the simple reason that this is a small campus and the person would be ridiculed and shunned by a lot of people although some homosexuals do tell straight friends when they become close friends, when they feel like their friends will accept them as a person regardless of their sexual preference.

One student on campus stated that he has suffered no rejection or discrimination, but was perturbed with the stereotype society has of homosexuals. “People stereotype us because the only homosexuals they encounter are those who leave a bad impression on society.” The student also feels that most people are basically bisexual, although most have never had sexual encounters with someone of the same sex.

Another student said, “I feel discriminated against in some ways, but usually I try to make friends with any person who accept the gayness as a part of me. I want to accept me as a person not because I am gay, but because I am a person—I eat, sleep, drink, have feelings and do the things most other people do—I even participate in athletic events. But because I’m a homosexual I feel compelled to keep it secret.” “I also would like to tell all those people who are gay that you are not alone—there are many of us in the US—you are 25 million and that we care.”

Homosexuals on larger universities and in larger cities have homosexual organizations for the social life, but here at JSU homosexuals spend the week visiting, having parties, and participate in their respective interests. (See HAVE, Page 5)

What causes homosexuality?

What makes a homosexual a homosexual? There is no one explicit reason, but some psychological experts say there are several aspects or theories concerning the cause of homosexuality. One is that there is a lack of male hormones in the male. Another is that there could be a lack of evidence to back up this theory. In addition to the previous reasons there is also the theory of the Oedipus complex. Here at JSU as across the nation and the world, homosexuals are not openly discussed and the professional view has changed.

The Board of Trustees of the American Psychiatric Association voted that homosexuality could no longer be considered a mental disorder. The change was passed unanimously by the Trustees on December 15, 1973.

Homosexuals are people and if they are happy as homosexuals, then they are normal, as in the heterosexual world, they too have the same stresses and anxieties, maybe more.

Other countries, mostly Western European countries, have legalized homosexuality between consenting adults. The legalization of homosexuality does not mean that it will be accepted by people, but before society changes its thoughts and views there must first be legal change.

States which have liberalized laws regarding homosexuals are Arkansas, California, Indiana, Iowa, Maine, New Hampshire, New Mexico, South Dakota, Washington and West Virginia. Florida, approximately five years ago, had its sodomy law thrown out of a state court and the legislature thus far has not written a new one.

Generally a common myth is that the male homosexual can be readily recognized as physically effeminate. As stated this is a myth. Actually most are not.
Exploration of life has become greatest goal

Kerry Stewart

By JANET SISSON
Staff Writer

Kerry Stewart’s goal in life is to see and do things that she has never done or seen before. She believes “college people are so afraid to tell their feelings to others. I like to share my thoughts and feelings with others, to include them in my life.”

Kerry is a unique individual. She enjoys sewing (makes her own clothes) crocheting, music and dancing. Her favorite hobby at this time is school.

She also worries sometimes. “I worry sometimes about things that haven’t happened yet but that I know will happen in the future.”

Kerry majors in English and minors in political science. She adds, “I have taken quite a number of special education courses and I really like that type of work. It’s too late to change my major now but I would like to do more work in that area.”

Kerry won the Pauline and Edmund O’Brien English Scholarship of $150. In addition, she has won a poetry contest at Snead State Junior College where she was second runner up.

Kerry has taken a number of special education courses. “I really enjoy helping exceptional children. It’s too late to change my major now but I would love doing more work in that particular area.”

Kerry was born in Davenport, Iowa. She is 22 years old and is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. B. T. Stewart. She has two younger brothers in the fourth and fifth grades, a sister who is a sophomore at Snead and a sister in senior high school. She herself is a senior here at JSU. She is not in a fraternity or sorority.

Kerry has been to Florida and says, “I was really wild about it. I would love to go again.” She would love to visit California and Washington, especially Washington since “a teacher once told me that I should run for Congress.”

She seems to be a quiet, well-adjusted individual who enjoys life best when it is simple. She has coordinated her lifestyle in a fashion that creates peace of mind and true happiness.

Pool place for study with mentally retarded

By SANDRA BOZEMAN
Staff Writer

How would you like to take an early morning swim and really have fun? The swimming pool in the Coliseum is where this experience takes place.

Dr. Gregory Frith, head of the special education program, occupies Friday mornings in the Coliseum swimming pool with mentally retarded children. Every Friday from 8:30-9:30 a.m., Frith and Mrs. Emily Lipscomb, who teaches mental retarded students at Jacksonville High School, work with exceptional children in the swimming pool. This activity is structured to develop the children’s learning process. They grow in a sense of self-awareness and freedom.

Frith states that the children progress in self-expression, and physical activities are good for their muscular strength. The children experience social, emotional and physical growth.

There are ten to 15 special education students who work with these exceptional children. The students are exposed to personalities and behavior characteristics of exceptional behavior. This program offers a chance for the students to overcome their fears in working with mentally retarded children.

The special education students understand that these exceptional children are more normal than abnormal. The children like and enjoy what other children like and enjoy, such as ice cream, sharing moments and, most of all, being loved.

There is a one-to-one ratio in the pool. There are seven children and seven students. Karen Lockland and Debbie Davis are well trained and experienced life guards. Among the exceptional children, there are four boys and three girls from ages 12 to 16. Frith gets in the water and does what the children do. He enjoys seeing the children have fun along with enjoying the fun in the pool himself.

Frith finds it amazing that Mrs. Lipscomb has been teaching for 20 years and has not learned to swim.

“I feel it is important for me not to lose time with these children. It helps me to relate more in class with my students,” said Frith.

The students note a development and growth in the children. The special education class and program gives JSU students a chance to interact with handicapped people.

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Mr. Steele suffers from ignorance

Dear Editor,

A letter by Ricky Steele concerning the Spirit of JSU, appeared in the October 25, 1976 edition of the Chanticleer. It is evidenced by that article that Mr. Steele displays many symptoms of that classical disease known as ignorance. All Steele did was cut down the cheerleaders, the football team, and the Marching Southerners. First of all, I don’t see how Steele can be so critical of these groups, especially since he is not a member of any of them. If Steele is tired of the cheers that he hears when he goes to games, I’m sure that the cheerleaders would welcome any new cheers which he would be willing to teach them, or perhaps if Steele was truly interested in them, or perhaps if Steele was truly interested in the cheers he could try out for the cheerleading squad. I can understand why Mr. Steele is not on the squad. He can’t cheer because he is too busy sticking his foot into his mouth. Wow! His cheers would surely sound garbled. By the same token I can also understand why Mr. Steele is not on the football team. With that foot in his mouth, Steele wouldn’t be able to run many effective plays. Steele seems to be very good at offering his unsolicited advice to the Gamecocks and the coaching staff. It is too bad that Steele is not on the coaching staff. It is doubted that Mr. Steele will ever possess enough knowledge and expertise of the game to make the coaching staff.

Chanticleer really exhibits his limited knowledge with the statements he made concerning the Marching Southerners. To quote Mr. Steele, “Sometimes I wonder if they spend too much time practicing their half-time shows and neglecting to highlight the crucial plays of the Gamecocks.” To start with, due to a new conference ruling this year, bands are not permitted to play while the ball is in motion or the clock is running. I’m sure Steele could have found this out if he would have bothered. The Southerners play as frequently as possible during the game. It is true that the Southerners don’t play as much before half-time, but this is done to conserve the energy that it takes to provide the best and the most professional show possible.

It is suggested that in the future Mr. Steele research the facts a little closer before he makes any comments such as those which he wrote for publication in the Marching Southerner.

What’s Mr. Spencer’s point?

Dear Editor,

In reply to Mr. Spencer’s repeated effort to impress upon us all that he is his own master; I wonder in actuality if he is trying more so to convince himself than we Greeks.

Thank you,

Harry-O

Voting

The key word is active

By BRENDAL TOLBERT

Contributing Editor

Back in September, I promised you a “madcap race for the presidency.” Those who followed the action saw a very tight race which climaxed during the wee hours of Wednesday morning.

Although the voter turnout was better than had been predicted by the experts, many Americans didn’t vote. A surprising number of JSU students didn’t vote, either. There were many lame excuses offered, the most shocking being, “But I’m not registered.” Why would these young adults, who probably advocated the lowering of the voting age, fail to register and vote? No one I talked to had a valid reason, only an excuse.

I’m sure it’s quite cozy sitting here in an insulated campus atmosphere feeling safe, protected from the outside world with its many problems. But let me remind you of the fact that you will leave JSU one day soon. Upon graduation, you will enter a world that’s being shaped now. Just because you chose not to take part in making this decision about your future, don’t mistakenly assume the decision made will not effect you.

I know it’s too late now, but don’t you feel the least bit guilty for not supporting your candidate? If you were for Carter, don’t you wish you and your apathetic counterparts throughout the country had spared him the anxiety of a dead-heat race? If Ford was your man, you should feel directly responsible for his defeat. These two weren’t the only choices. The selection was wide. Now if you just didn’t give a damn, I pity you.

It’s easy to sit around and discuss politics, society, or the fate of this country. We all do it. But it’s also easy to register, vote, and take an active interest.

The key word is active. Without the concern to get actively involved in this country, all those heavy political discussions aren’t worth the hot air they’re filled with.

Whether you agree with the choice made by the voters or not, remember, if you didn’t vote, you forfeited your only chance to be heard. If you voted, I commend you for facing up to the responsibility we all have by attempting to insure our having a government representative of its people.
A nice place to visit, but . . .

(NOCD)—For college students who are contemplating dropping out, want to broaden their horizons, or just want a change, the National Student Exchange may provide a temporary change of scene that puts the college experience into a new light. This innovative program allows students to take a semester or two on the campus of a member school with a minimum of red tape and at resident tuition rates.

A University of Idaho student, for example, spent a semester last year at the University of Massachusetts and came away with a more sympathetic attitude toward urban people as well as a greater appreciation for his home state. A University of Hawaii art student used her year at an eastern university to take advantage of facilities and courses her home campus didn’t offer. And after a semester at Illinois State University, a Maine student says he not only got out of a personal rut but also found great beauty in the flat Illinois corn fields and the people who farm them.

Bette Whorley, who coordinates the exchanges from her office at Indiana University - Purdue University in Fort Wayne, says over 800 students from the 94 member schools in 27 states participated in the program last school year. The only limit on the exchange is geographical balance; openings at the University of Hawaii are at a premium, says Whorley, because typically nearly half the exchange students request the balmy campus as a first choice.

Alcohol creating drug problem on campuses

(NOCD)—There’s a drug problem on the nation’s campuses and it’s as big as ever. The current concern is over the drug alcohol—beer, wine, and liquor.

Like the use of other drugs, alcohol use generally starts before the college years. National Institute for Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) figures indicate that almost 9 percent of people aged 12-17 get drunk at least once a week. A government study says that a third of all male junior and senior high school students, and 20 percent of females in the same group, are moderate to heavy drinkers (consuming from 2-12 drinks a week). One fourth of all 13-year-olds are alcohol users, says the same study.

An NIAAA conference on student drinking was held last year at Notre Dame (a campus which, incidentally, has an on-campus senior pub, a shuttle bus to take underage drinkers across the Michigan border where the legal age is 18, and a student chapter of Alcoholics Anonymous). Participants were told by a U. of Colorado researcher that a survey showed almost one third of college students have drinking problems by their senior year. At the U. of Massachusetts, 26 percent of males surveyed (drink 34 times a week and other data suggest that over 85 percent of all college students are alcohol users.

Alcohol is available, accepted by peers, cheaper than other drugs, and has become legal among lower age groups in recent years (though some states are now making an effort to raise ages back to 19 or 20). And so the choice for college students is not whether to drink, but how to drink. And the emphasis in combating abuse is in education, not control or prohibition.

Both the NIAAA and the Wine Institute have put together packets of ideas being used on campuses to deal with alcohol.

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 usually on weekends they attend clubs and then church on Sunday—yes, church—the Metropolitan Community Church of which there is a branch in Atlanta.

The MCC is a church founded explicitly for homosexuals, but everyone are still growing in numbers. So, you see, homosexuals are everywhere, regardless of city, occupation, race, creed or university campus. It is a fact, however, that homosexuals are more likely to have friends and teachers in the future as they have been in the past and are here at present in the JSU campus.
Seals and Crofts go ‘down home’

By VERONICA PIKE
Special To The Chanticleer

The October 29 Seals and Crofts concert surely will be remembered as the highlight of what otherwise was a disastrous homecoming.

The duo and their trio of background musicians gave a brilliant performance before a capacity crowd at Pete Mathews Coliseum.

Seals and Crofts presented to members of the audience a side of their performing personality many had never seen. They pushed aside their usual quietly serious musical underings to provide space for what they called “down home rock” and R&B instrumentals.

The non-vocal pieces gave them the opportunity to demonstrate what fine musicians they truly are. Their drummer, straight from Frank Zappa, will probably stay with the group, especially after his stunning job on his first night out with Seals and Crofts.

Their guitarist and keyboardist should rank among the best in the business. At the Friday performance, Seals came across as the more serious of the two. Crofts kept the audience laughing with his stage antics, while Seals played the straight role.

The two complement each other. Seals contributes his musical ability through his voice.

Carolyn Willis, who sang with them on their hit record “Get Closer,” was also onstage. In a solo performance, she proved to the audience she was indeed a singer in her own right.

The duo sang many of their hits, yet they left many of their popular songs out of the program. The most obvious absence was “I’ll Play for You.” That song seems to lend itself to the opening spot in their performances.

But the audience didn’t seem to notice the absence, perhaps because they were overwhelmed with the live performance of their solid “hummingbird” and “Summer Breeze.”

Their “down home rock,” complete with hog calls, made the audience see them as the Texans they are, rather than the West Coast natives they usually seem to be.

One surprise in the evening was the opening by Jacksonville State’s own Jimmy Parker. Starbuc, rumored to be the opening act, must have gone to one of the other Jacksonville in the nation. Wherever they were, they were not in Alabama.

Parker was drafted. He performed several pieces—some his own, some standards. Considering he was not prepared for such an audience, Parker’s performance was exceptional.

The only problem with the evening was a small portion of the audience. JSU always has been considered to have courteous audiences who respected performers. Friday night, Parker had to ask the audience to be a little quieter and—when Seals and Crofts first came onstage, they almost were drowned out by those people in the audience.

They obviously were not Jacksonville State students—it least we hope they were not.

Seals & Crofts w/Carolyn Willis

Homecoming Concert

Seals Fiddlin’

Crofts Playing Electric Mandolin

Photos by Mike Self

Carolyn Willis
The NO LEASE REQUIRED article for tax revision, campus, it was a joint (See credit for Image 2x258 to 113x276) most points turned in of recyclable cans and bottles. won the case of beer for the competing fraternities with 2130, Delta Tau Delta 2055 and Alpha Tau Omega 1080. November 10. will be Wednesday, Image 11x332 to 124x404 very pleased and think it's family. Many, many more! Image 11x463 to 123x514 department agreed, "I was workers, making them a Support Personnel Organization. AEA's ESPO unit offers special services for education's support personnel workers, making them a special part of the education family. Many, many more!

Kappa Sig wins sixth pick-up
For the second time, Kappa Sigma fraternity has won the case of beer for the most points turned in of recyclable cans and bottles. Total for their 6th turn in was 2075. Kappa Sigma now holds a strong lead against competing fraternities with a grand total of 10,674 points. Other totals are Kappa Alpha, 6524, Sigma Nu 6515, Pi Kappa Phi 598, Delta Chi 2130, Delta Tau Delta 2055 and Alpha Tau Omega 1080. Only 2 weeks remain in this fall's drive. Next pick up will be Wednesday, November 10.
Player Profile

Barker, Dilorenzo strong assets to team

By DANNA BRIGHT
Sports Writer

Players like Butch Barker and Vince Dilorenzo are a strong asset to JSU football. They give their effort, hard work, dedication, and leadership as building blocks for a team that is capable of winning the conference championship.

Butch, JSU’s effective tight end who played especially well in the Western Carolina game catching a Ralph Page pass in the endzone for Jacksonville’s only touchdown, is serious about his football but is more so about his life. He came to Jacksonville so that his family and friends would be able to see him play, but knowing that here he couldn’t fulfill his desire to play as quarterback.

Through injuries and defection over losses, Butch has stayed with it and not given up. Butch feels it is the little things that have cost the team their losses and they must work harder, especially in their mental preparations, in order to get to the championship. “Coach (Watson) Brown has added a lot to the offense, it’s better balanced. His game plans are great; they’ve always been the right ones. When they haven’t worked it was due to little things, not to his planning.”

Butch is an independent, easy going man who enjoys the company of family and good friends; who would “like to have a place on top of a mountain to stay, get back to nature, and think.” It is obvious that Butch gives of himself totally in all that he does.

\section{Offense is key to Gamecock victory

By JERRY RUTLEDGE
Sports Writer

The Jacksonville State Gamecocks extended their unbeaten Homecoming mark to 31 games with a 24-14 victory over Delta State in a Gulf South Conference contest. The win pushes JSU’s conference mark to 4-1, just one-half game behind conference leaders Livingston and Troy State. Delta State turned a 10-9 Gamecock lead to a 14-10 deficit. Other than the two long passes, the Bandits, led by Keith Martin, Mitch Knox, and Vince Dilorenzo, kept Delta State out of scoring position.

The Gamecocks offense, ineffective for the last three games, provided the key to the Gamecock victory. Behind by four points, 14-10, the ‘Cocks marched 80 yards in eight plays to score the go-ahead points, 17-10. Larry Barnes capped the drive with a one-yard plunge and when Rocky Riddle added the PAT, the Gamecocks homecoming string stood at 31. Lefty Perry returned an interception 46 yards for the final 24-14 margin.

The Gamecocks continue into their conference schedule with their annual “free-for-all” against Troy State here Saturday night.