Oxford man is charged with murder of Donna Tucker; Arrested in Utah

By DAVID FORD
Editor
An Oxford man, John (Steve) Sparks, has been served with warrants charging him with the murder of Donna Tucker and the assault on Howard Mark Martin. The couple was attacked this summer in Germainia Springs Park, just north of the campus.

Sparks was arrested in Salt Lake City, Utah, after reportedly calling Alabama authorities and confessing to the crime. The Alabama authorities called the Salt Lake County law enforcement agencies and told them where Sparks said he was at the time of the call.

A source in Salt Lake City says that Sparks made the call from a bus station and, before police arrived, he made a call to a 9-11 emergency number in Salt Lake City, and told the operator that there was a man wanted for murder in Alabama in that bus station. He then reportedly described himself to the operator. She, in turn called the Salt Lake City detectives who, unaware that police were already on the way, dispatched additional officers to investigate.

That source also says that Sparks apparently panicked when he saw police officers approaching him and ran from the bus station. A detective then chased him on foot. Sparks ran into a pizza parlor, allegedly grabbed an employee of the pizza parlor, and held him at knife point. He then called another call to the 9-11 number, but the operator connected him with the police. Sparks then offered to release his hostage in exchange for an unarmed police officer. The police refused.

Sparks went to a back door of the pizza parlor, released his hostage, then fled through the door. Several policemen were waiting close by and made the arrest.

Salt Lake City authorities charged him with aggravated kidnapping and a judge set his bond at $50,000.

County and state authorities travelled to Salt Lake City and arrested (See MURDER, Page 5)

IFC meets with freshmen; Jeff Parker talks on rush week

On Monday night, Sept. 6, the IFC, Interfraternity Council, met with freshmen guys who were interested in joining a fraternity.

After Jeff Parker, president of IFC, introduced himself to the attentive audience, he briefly talked about rush week. Also serving on the IFC are vice-president, Rush Kelly and secretary, Steve McDonal.

There are nine different fraternities on campus. All white fraternities will rush the week of Sept. 6-9, and black fraternities will rush the following week, Sept. 12-16.

Following Jeff's introductory speech were the various fraternities and their presentations. Each fraternity was represented by their president. These presidents talked about their individual fraternities, and they discussed their unique histories and prestigious (See IFC, Page 2)

Amphitheater to become reality; will hold 1,000

By NANCY WADE
Staff Writer
Last week, university president, Dr. Ernest Stone, signed a grant for $90,000 bringing an SGA and administration dream one step closer to reality. That dream, an amphitheatre for the school, began two years ago.

The amphitheatre will hold "a thousand students" says Jimmy Collins. The stage area will have an acoustical overhang, and behind the stage will be separate dressing rooms and restrooms for men and women.

The exterior wall will blend into the natural woodland surrounding, and there will be a park at both corners of the lot.

The dream began two years ago when Dr. Stone gave the complete corner lot adjacent to the Merrill Building on which to construct an amphitheatre and outdoor park for the students. The SGA, under the leadership of then president Sindo Mayor, took what funds they had, and under the supervision of Jo Maloney and Don Wilkerson, the lot was cleared. David Kokie, a JSU student, did the masonry work on the five tiers. All of the manual work ended in the summer of '76, with the completion of those tiers.

Jimmy Collins then entered the picture as director of the amphitheatre committee. Collins began planning the stage area by asking different departments and some contractors, to get ideas for the project.

The SGA had to abandon any further attempt to build the amphitheatre without the help of a contractor, to assure an architecturally sound public building.

Dr. Stone and the administration let the SGA use David Boozer, JSU's architect, to draw up the blue prints. Because of financial problems, the first blue print was rejected. The second drawing, like the first, was sent to Montgomery, and was accepted by the board of health (approving toilet facilities) and the design was approved as being sound and safe. Boozer, on his own time, helped get the prints accepted quickly.

This summer bids for construction were let. The contract for construction was signed last Thursday, and 10 days from now, the actual construction is scheduled to start.

On the day the contract was signed, Collins said, "The whole design and structure of the amphitheatre is to be built. I have yet to see in Alabama an amphitheatre that can compare with what we will have."
Faculty senate helps improve university

The Jacksonville State University Faculty Senate, organized in 1971, is empowered to make recommendations to the vice president for academic affairs regarding "...academic activities of the university, faculty welfare, administration, scholarship, awarding of degrees, and such other matters as may maintain and promote the best interest of the university." The Senate consists of 31 members of the faculty who are elected to three year terms by the faculties of the various schools of the university.

Three major committees—welfare, politics, and admissions and scholarship—are utilized to conduct research and to draft recommendations which are then debated and acted upon at the monthly meetings of the senate. Officers of the senate for 1977-78 are: President, Dr. Jerry D. Gilbert, political science; vice president, Mr. Robert MacRae, physics; secretary, Dr. Franklin King, instructional media; chairman of the welfare committee, Dr. Mary Martha Thomas, history; chairman of the policies committee, Dr. Jerry L. Smith, political science; and chairman of the admissions and scholarship committee, Dr. John Van Cleave, math.

Subjects with which the Senate has been recently involved include possible changes in tenure policy, student evaluation of faculty, teaching loads, procedures used in certification for graduation, promotion policy, and criteria to be considered in choosing faculty for summer teaching under the recently inaugurated two session summer school. The senate has also been involved in bringing distinguished speakers to the university, including Dr. Richard I. Mason of Tulane University, a recognized authority on faculty governance.

For the 1977-78 academic year, it is expected that the senate will continue to work in behalf of the general welfare of the faculty and also to benefit the university as a whole. In addition to continuing work on projects not completed last year, the senate will attempt to promote, and to recognize, the academic development of both faculty and students.

Plans are also developing to bring about more direct and regular communications with the vice president for academic affairs and the council of deans.

In its relatively short history the faculty senate has contributed significantly to expansion and development of the university community—faculty morale has improved, understanding of the mutual problems of the faculty and of the administration has increased, and a spirit of cooperation has developed between faculty and administration. The present senate membership expects to continue and to increase its role of service to the university.

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IFC

Remember to visit all fraternity houses.

Bruce Barclift, Kappa Alpha president, began the presentations. He invited those interested to stop by the KA house and also tempted their taste buds with rum and bourbon.

Next, Pi Kappa Phi president, Bobby Stewart discussed the background of their fraternity and stressed the importance of visiting all fraternity houses.

Another fraternity representative was Delta Chi. Richard Mann, president, announced that their fraternity is celebrating its 10 year anniversary. He placed emphasis on the pursuit of excellence and the ability to work with other people that is available through the Greek system.

Following these influential presentations was Alpha Tau Omega president, Steve Lawley. Steve enticed the freshmen with statements pertaining to partying and good looking ladies that would reside at the ATO house during rush week.

Next, Wayne Ronald, president of Sigma Nu, spoke about the historical founding of their fraternity, and he also discussed different projects attempted by the fraternity during the year. Delta Tau Delta president, Alan Cash, announced that Tuesday night was Coors night at their fraternity house. Alan said in closing, "While you are partying look at the people you are partying with."

Lastly, Kappa Sigma president, Mike Whirl, repeatedly urged freshmen to visit every fraternity house. Mike also said, "We've used a lot of sweat and a lot of money for rush. The main bolt rests on you guys."

Jeff Parker in closing the meeting facetiously stated, "We are going to turn you loose. We hope you'll be at all your classes in the morning."

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Refrigerator rental big business

Successes in capturing the elusive college student market are not necessarily marked by faddish, flashy products. One of the biggest success stories in this market involves a basic, practical item: a tiny refrigerator for use in dorm rooms.

Collegiate Products of Tulsa is the largest of several companies renting the refrigerators on campus. It has 35,000 units in use on 115 campuses.

University Programs of Chicago serves 90 colleges and universities in 30 states. The rental companies generally obtain contracts with student groups or with administrations who act as on-campus agencies for a percentage of the rental income.

The agent, a student government for example, has a choice of handling the refrigerator rentals for profit as a service to students. A contract is negotiated based on such factors as transportation costs, availability of summer storage space for the units, electric rates and abuse rates.

The refrigerators (usually about two cubic feet in capacity) are delivered to the campus and the sponsoring group is usually responsible for delivering them to dorms or to a central pick-up point. In addition to the two major national firms, several local or regional firms are getting into the act. University Rental Service, for example, is affiliated with a small-town Illinois hardware store but has about 1,000 refrigerators rented on several campuses in this area.

Some institutions such as the U. of Wisconsin-Madison, buy their own refrigerators and eliminate the middle man. UW students will pay a $30.50 rental fee for the coming school year. The large companies' rental charges average $40 to $50 per academic year.

The refrigerators can be purchased wholesale for $75 to $80 each, probably even less for very large orders. Retail prices run from about $100 to $130.

To administrators, an important consideration is the amperage of the unit; some refrigerators use considerably more electricity than others of the same size.

The life of a rental refrigerator is figured to be about five years, but can be much more.

The student government at the U. of Mississippi, which gets a major part of its income from refrigerator rentals, recently took the step of purchasing its own units. University Programs, the company the Ole Miss students have been dealing with since 1969, agreed to sell the refrigerators over a 4-year period. If the 1,100 refrigerators are all rented at the current price of $40 per year, $44,000 will be taken in. Under the agreement, the student government pays $22,000 annually for four years. During that period the students will also have income of about $22,000 each year and, at the end of the four years, will own the refrigerators. Profits in future years will depend on such factors as depreciation, replacement cost, repairs and administrative costs.

Yearbook pictures being made this week

The Mimosa staff has contracted Sudlow photography to do the class portraits again this year. The photographers will be set up in the basement of the Student Commons Building from 8:00 to 5:00 Monday through Friday from September 6-17.

Your responsibility includes making an appointment in room 101 Bibb Graves during the semester in McCluer Chapel. You may choose to get in line and have your picture made when you make the appointment if it is convenient for you. If you wish color and black and white proofs for possible picture orders, you will be expected to pay the small proof fee of 2.00.

The Sudlow company will mail proofs from which you select and return the one you prefer for use in the yearbook by the designated date.

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Who's being fooled

President Carter recently named Federal Judge Frank M. Johnson Jr. as his choice to be the next head of the FBI. I feel that his choice is a lucky one. Johnson is extremely qualified to head the FBI. I feel that he will direct the organization to a proper place in our government, that is, investigating and capturing segments of the criminal sector, rather than digging up the "dirty goods" of a political adversary. It is interesting to note that on the day of the announcement, Governor Wallace was reminded that he had once referred to Johnson as an "interrogatin', scalawaggin', carpetbaggin' liar," and that he had also suggested that Johnson should be given the title president of Alabama. It is interesting to note that it is on that same day, Wallace told reporters that he never meant anything personal by those remarks. That poses a big question. Who is the governor trying to fool? Johnson, or the people of Alabama?... 

No smiles

Have you noticed that President Carter is not smiling as much as he used to? Perhaps the job has gotten serious with him.

Running for governor

At least two Republican Party candidates have indicated that they will run for governor next year. Each section, the Republicans place at least a token name on the ballot, but these two men seem to be serious candidates for the office. This can have no effect on our state government except to improve it. For too long, the Democrats have had a strangle hold on the state that dictated anyone wanting to hold office in the state had to be a Democrat. Even if I decide to vote for the Democratic candidate anyway, it will be refreshing to actually have a choice. It might also be refreshing to have someone there to make other candidates answer questions which need to be answered.

Circle K invites members

If you want something more out of college than just class, or a chance to really do something instead of just talk, or merely just make new friends; we have something for you! The Circle K Club of JSU is all of these things and more. Now what, you may ask, is the Circle K Club of JSU? We are your one and only on-campus co-ed service organization, an extension of Key Club and Kiwanis International, and one of 22 clubs across the state of Alabama. Also, don't stop in Alabama.

Circle K International stretches across the U. S. and Canada. But what we are concerned with here is our own home club in Jacksonville. And is that something to talk about?

Circle K at JSU has just been started and over last year and we're trying to make it the best in the state. If anything needs to be done at JSU they call on us. We provide services for on and off-campus functions and also work independently. Perhaps, you heard of the Valentine Beauty Walk Pageant last February here at Jacksonville State. Well, that was home owned and operated by Circle K.

And we're planning another one for next semester. However, our services don't end at beauty pageants. We are involved in all aspects of student life. We contributed money to the Cerebral Palsy center in Anniston, helped with the special olympics in the spring, and helped you helpless freshmen at fall registration. Aren't you glad we've been around?

Well, we are, too. Everyone agrees that Circle K is one of the best organizations a college could have and a person could be in. Now, if it sounds like being so good and helpful could get boring, forget it! None of us are angels, but we do agree there is work to be done and if we don't do it, who will?

JSU has rules, too!

In case you haven't noticed, everything has certain rules which must be followed. Following are a few rules you need to watch if you plan on using some of the facilities on campus.

1. Twenty-four hours notice is the minimum amount of time required for scheduling any facility.
2. Any event that requires heavy equipment (i.e., ramp, risers, etc.) must be scheduled in Leone Cole Auditorium.
3. Any group scheduling a building on a regular basis relinquishes their hold on that building if they fail to meet the appointment more than one time.
4. No group can reserve any facility more than 14 consecutive days.
5. No facility will be cleared for outside groups when school is not in session.
6. The president of a student organization (except SGA) may reserve a facility.
7. The fee for outside groups using facilities will be $20 for non-profit groups and $50 for profit groups.
8. All scheduling of events begins in the Public Relations Office.
9. All dances or concerts in Roundhouse or Cole Auditorium have a 12 p.m. curfew.
10. Events scheduled for the Student Commons Auditorium must end by 10:30 p.m. (except movies).
11. Exact time facility to be occupied must be specified on form. This includes decorating and set up time.
12. If party has not shown 30 minutes past specified time, they don't get in one-get in Circle K.

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WHAT IS THIS... EXISTENTIAL HIDE-AND-SEEK?

Murder

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questioning Sparks served him with warrants charging him with the attacks on Ms. Tucker and Martin. A Salt Lake City judge then raised his bond to a total of $50,000. Calhoun County Sheriff Roy Snead told reporters that after local authorities returned from Utah he did not know how long it would be before Sparks would be returned to Alabama. An extradition hearing was held for him in Utah. His attorney demanded that he be given a psychiatric examination. However, the source in Salt Lake City says that state law requires such an examination. He also said that the examination was for a period of 30 to 90 days, but was usually 90.

Snead says that he does not know how long it will be before Sparks is returned, or whether Utah authorities will prosecute him first.

Rules

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14. All groups having a dance or concert must have a minimum of two security policemen.

15. Scheduling of Roundhouse from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. must have approval of Dr. Montgomery.

16. Rehearsal for Step-Sing will be limited to one dress rehearsal in Leone Cole Auditorium. Other practices must be worked out in smaller facilities.

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In Saturday Upset

By RICKY BRAGG
Sports Writer

Head Coach Jim Fuller's fighting Gamecocks edged past the Catamounts of Western Carolina 21-16 Saturday night, and the congratulations can go to hefty 5-10, 235 pound noseguard, Merrill Dillard.

With the Gamecocks desperately hugging a fragile 14-10 lead, the fired up Catamounts found themselves in possession of the football on their own 29, following a fumble by Jax State's Bobby Ray Green. On a first and 10 situation, Western Carolina quarterback Keith Scoggins was dropping back to pass when Dillard bulled through the offensive line, reached out, slapped the ball out of the quarterback's hands, and then recovered the fumble on the 15 yard line.

Two plays later, sophomore tailback Billy Vining, carried the ball over two yards out to put the Gamecocks ahead 21-10, obviously the turning point in the game.

In his first performance as a starting quarterback, Green led the team 66 yards in 12 plays for the game's first touchdown with 4:05 remaining in the second quarter. Junior Jere Wright scored the first touchdown of the 1977 season by forcing his way into the end zone from three yards out.

The young Gamecock defense performed admirably during most of the first half giving the offense the opportunity to put even more points on the board before the half. In the longest drive of the night, Green moved the “Big Red Machine” 80 yards in 12 plays climaxing on a six yard scamper into the end zone by Green himself. Rocky Riddle, the Gamecock kicking specialist, successfully booted his second PAT of the night through the uprights, and the Gamecocks had an unexpected 14-10 lead.

Then Scoggins, an excellent passer in anybody's book, moved the team up the field deep into Gamecock territory, then ruffled a pass to all-American Darrell Lipford for the Catamounts' first score late in the second quarter.

Jacksonville offense, which had put on quite a show in the first half, seemed to fall apart in the third quarter. In the opening kickoff, Jerome Coleman fumbled on the Gamecock 35. Four plays later Western Carolina's Steve Claxton kicked a 34 yard field goal to cut Jacksonville's lead to four with 13:05 left in the third quarter.

When the Gamecocks offense died on the next return of downs, Western Carolina, riding its new found momentum, carried the ball to the Gamecock II yard line. Three plays later in a fourth and one situation, the Catamounts ran into a brick wall reinforced by "Red Bandita" Keith Martin, Mike Baxter, Greg Robinson and Dillard.

Green almost put some points on the board on the next sequence of downs, but then fumbled after moving the ball across the field to the Carolina II.

Then Dillard decided it was time to take matters into his own hands by taking the football out of the quarterback's hands and falling on it on the Catamount II. Vining scored two plays later to give the Gamecocks a comfortable 14-10 lead.

Western Carolina did manage one more score on a Scoggins to Lipford pass late in the fourth quarter, but the Gamecocks rode out the few remaining minutes, making the final score 21-16.

Vining topped JSU's rushing attack with 68 yards on 16 carries, while Green connected on six of 12 passes for a total of 70 yards. Fuller's comment after the ball game was much of what most people who saw the game expected. "We didn't play well, but what you go out there for is to win the ballgame and we won the ballgame."
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