Thanksgiving thefts raise security questions

BY ERIC WILLIAMS
Staff Writer

The Student Government Association has submitted a petition to the administration of Jacksonville State University stating that the students feel there is a "lack of security provided by this university."

Approximately six thousand dollars worth of property was stolen from five various dormitories over the Thanksgiving holiday.

Jimmy Collins, a graduate student who had $500 worth of stereo equipment taken from his room, felt there was a great lack of security during the holidays. He said he personally talked to an officer involved with security.

"The campus police found the same door in Dixon Hall unlocked in three different instances," said Jimmy. "On all of these occasions the door was simply relocked without an investigation."

Campus police chief, James Murray, said that statement is false.

"A door was found unlocked only once," said Chief Murray, "the building was checked and a window was secured."

The police stated that they are not sure how entrance was gained into the various dorms or who committed the robbery.

The police did find a man taking a shower in the dorms, however, and he was arrested for trespassing and sent to jail. There is no indication that the man was connected with the robberies.

Many students feel that there is too great a chance for thefts as long as the current key system is intact. "The Chanticleer" asked 100 students whether or not they feel security is adequate. Of the students asked, 77 percent said they felt the security was inadequate, while 23 percent felt it was adequate.

"Locks in the dormitories are not changed from year to year," said Dr. Donald Schmitz, director of student affairs. "To do so would cost the university about $10,000."

"Around 100 duplicates of dormitory keys were made last year," said Dr. Schmitz. "That is about the average amount lost each year."

Dr. Schmitz admitted that with that number of keys lost each year, some could easily fall into the wrong hands.

"We entrust so many master keys to students and personnel," said Dr. Schmitz, "that there is a possibility that some of these keys might be compromised."

Chief Murray, however, is not positive that keys were used to gain entrance into the dormitories.

"I feel there's a good possibility that these items were taken before the closing of the dorms," said Chief Murray.

But Jimmy Collins feels otherwise.

"I am a graduate student, and I had classes from 6 to 9 o'clock," said Jimmy. "When I left the dormitory shortly before 6, the counselors were right behind me locking the dorms."

Jimmy also wonders how a truck or a van, which would have been needed to transport the amount of goods stolen, could go unnoticed by the campus police for such a long time.

According to Chief Murray, a truck or a van around the dormitories could not go unnoticed for more than half an hour before being spotted by campus police. However, the thieves seemed to have a pet.

Approximately five rooms in Crow Hall alone were burglarized. In one of these rooms, careful precautions were taken to transport a stereo system valued at $400. The burglars packed the system back into the box in which it was originally bought.

Concern was also expressed regarding the police's method of investigation.

"I had to go to the administration, and Jimmy Collins, "to request that my room be dusted for fingerprints."

"When it was dusted," Jimmy continued, "prints were not taken of either me or my roommate. How can they separate prints if they don't even know which ones are the thieves and which ones are ours?"

When questioned about this, Chief Murray stated that the officers that investigated were professionals and knew their jobs.

"Everyone wants to be a detective," said Chief Murray. "I'm sure that if prints of the occupants are needed, they will be taken."

The administration suggests that students take their valuable items with them on the holiday.

"There is always going to be crime," said Dr. Schmitz. "I do not think, however, that the risk of thefts on campus is significantly greater than anywhere else in Jacksonville."
Wife beating not restricted to ‘lower class’

By ARNETTA WILLIS  
Staff Writer

The battered wife is more and more emerging as a community problem rather than merely a victim of a family rumpus. In February of 1976, NEWSWEEK referred to wife beating as the single most unreported crime and also the most common in this country. It is estimated that over a million women are beaten yearly in the United States alone. In 1972-73, New York State handled over 17,000 domestic disputes cases involving violence. Frequently, conflicts of this nature end in homicide.

Wife beating is not, as many believe, restricted to lower socioeconomic groups but exists, too, in the middle class. In a survey taken in 1974, for example, it was found that 22 percent of college educated men approved of wife slapping.

For years, husbands were considered dominant in the family and wife beating was the husband’s prerogative. Now this has changed. In the state of California, for example, wife beating is considered a felony.

Until recently, many women were afraid to report these beatings. With the recent articles being published, these women find that they are not alone and have begun to seek help. Many women stay with their husbands out of fear; fear that the attempt to escape or seek help will bring on worse beatings by way of reprisal. Another reason women stay with their husbands is simply for the sake of the children.

In the last few years many shelters have been set up across the country for these battered women. In St. Paul, Minn., women, along with their children, can stay at the shelter for at least 30 days without pay. These shelters provide temporary housing and the chance for the battered women to get a new start on life and to deal with the situation at home.

Thus the members of the ensemble learn the art of improvisation which in Dr. Surace’s view “died with Beethoven.” Since Beethoven “music has been a dead art.” American jazz has brought this art back to life again.

Rebirth of jazz showing

By ELEANOR CHAMPION  
Staff Writer

The contemporary musical scene is the setting of an exciting phenomenon: the rebirth of American jazz.

This rebirth is evident here in Jacksonville by the Jazz Ensemble composed of music students and led by Dr. Ronald Surace, associate professor of music.

Dr. Surace is very excited by the recent rebirth of American jazz which he thinks was partially caused by the nostalgic mood created by the bicentennial. The renewed interest in American jazz “has affected TV, films, and even American universities and colleges.

“We don’t have a single course that’s devoted to jazz historically and musically.” Therefore, the students interest in jazz has been absorbed into the new jazz ensemble which consists of about 20 students.

The Jazz Quintet Ensemble has performed at Brother’s. It consists of an established rhythm section—piano, string bass and drums—and various other instruments played by students who are hand picked by Dr. Surace.

A local patron of jazz who asked that his name be withheld said that, “It’s exciting to see the jazz tradition continued and particularly to see it being presented to college students, to personnel from Ft. McClellan, and to town’s people. The setting is perfect.”

Dr. Surace is extremely excited about the ensemble for it provides a “live” instructional experience for the students because it involves improvisation. This means that the jazz musician may play any notes he wants to play, as long as they don’t clash with the chords being played in the background.

Scott Holcombback

“Jazz is a healthy thing. It is the one way for the art of music to survive since the traditional instruments of the past and the new instruments of today are involved. The two come together in a ‘marriage.”

While speaking Dr. Surace stresses the word “American.” Jazz has often been called the only art form to originate in the United States and Dr. Surace is “happy to be part of the main thrust.”

He commented that he had “never (See JAZZ, Page 7)
Infirmary offers medical care for students and staff at right price

By ELEANOR CHAMPION
Staff Writer

Are you dismayed by the constantly rising medical costs? Are you tired of paying ten dollars for a two minute visit with a doctor? Then STOP!!!

As a student or staff member of JSU you have available to you the FREE services of a physician, Dr. Crawford, a registered nurse, Miss Carol Lawler, a licensed practice nurse, Ms. Mary Holder, and three student nurses from the Lurleen Wallace School of Nursing, Jan King, Stephanie Bradshaw, and Julia Gahan.

These services are provided at the Student Health Center, located in Williams Infirmary between Sparkman and Mason Halls. The infirmary houses two modern examination rooms, a pharmacy, a laboratory, a two-bed observation unit and a large waiting room.

In addition to routine medical aid the health center provides premarital examinations followed by birth control counseling, hypertensive screening, physical examinations for students entering graduate school or seeking employment, emergency first aid and referral services.

Dr. Crawford said that the health center's services are "based primarily on acute care." If a case requires "further work the family is contacted" and the center recommends what should be done.

Counseling services are also available to students in the areas of drug abuse, weight control and pregnancy and venereal disease. All student records and information are completely confidential.

The head nurse, Carol Lawler, is a 1976 graduate of JSU. She said, "Counseling is the part I enjoy most. I like working with kids my own age because I know pretty much what they're going through."

There is no charge for the services provided at the infirmary and medication is available from the pharmacy at wholesale prices.

Pictures are scheduled

On Monday, Dec. 5, from 6-8 p.m. pictures for the following clubs will be made in the Student Commons Auditorium. Presidents are requested to announce that a particular organization is ready.

Clubs chartered by SGA but inadvertently left off may also report.

Geography Club, Psychology Club, African Students, Alpha Mu Gamma, Alpha Sigma Theta, American Chemical Society, Baptist Campus Ministry, Afro American Association, Epistatic Christian Fellowship, Gamecock Chicks, Church of Christ Fellowship, Council for Exceptional Children, Delta Omicron, Home Economics, Alpha Eta Epistatic, Student Dietetic Association, Interfraternity Council, Kappa Delta Epistatic, Lambda Alpha Epistatic, Law Club, Masque and Wig Guild, Alpha Psi Omega, drama honorary, Panhellenic, Physical Education Majors, Phi Alpha Theta, Phi Beta Lambda, Sigma Alpha Alpha (student accounting), Tuesday, Dec. 6, 6-8 p.m.: Art Guild, National Art Education Association, Pi Mu Alpha, Phi Mu Chi Beta, Sigma Tau Delta, Sociology Club, Student Alabama Education Association. Catholic Student Union, Campus Crusade for Christ International, First Century Campus Ministries, United Christian Ministry, Circle K, Rangers, Scabbard and Blade, Lyceum Committee, ROTC sponsors, WLJS disc jockeys, Student National Education Association, Student Nurses, Faith Outreach for Christian Ministry, Omicron Delta Kappa.

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The challenge to succeed in a challenging world

(Editor's Note: In last year's Columbia Scholastic Press Competition, the Chanticleer was told to "spread its wings." In keeping with that suggestion, the Chanticleer has invited several prominent citizens to write guest editorials. The following is one in a long series of such editorials.)

By COL. C. W. DAUGETTE JR.

The desire to serve a useful purpose in life is one of the most deeply-rooted human instincts, and the achievement of this objective in reasonable measure is one of the most satisfying experiences man can have.

We all have observed that successful people throughout world history have a common characteristic—a constructive and optimistic attitude toward all circumstances which touch their lives.

Our lives are changing at a rapid, sometimes frightening rate. And while change has always been a part of the human condition, what is different about it now is the "pace" of change. We are met with many more occasions in our lives when we have to adapt ourselves to such rapid changes.

It is our young people of today who will be running the country. They will be responsible for the industrial machine and for the state of our science, our medicine, our education, our defense, etc. But they will have a first rate physical plant to work with—the best that any young people in history have had to start out with. They will be presented with problems and some unfinished business but still with a rich inheritance, namely, a nation built by their strong, energetic forefathers who believed the free enterprise system was worth preserving and the preservation of it had to be worked for.

There are, of course, some things—which we could call them "intangibles"—which never change. For example, if we make the most productive contribution we possibly can in our work and in our daily lives we can look at the future, with its problems and its changes, not fearfully but with great anticipation.

I remember the story about two men, lost on a desert, and in grave danger of dying from thirst. One man said, in despair, "Our canteen is already half empty." But the other man said, hopefully, "We still have half our water left." Both were right; but what a difference in attitude!

In other words, the challenge for success in our changing world could be (to coin an old admonition) "Keep your eye on the

(See DAUGETTE, Page 8)

By MONIQUE GOOREN

At the end of November, all children in Holland look forward to the arrival of Saint Nicolas, the legendary Spanish bishop, who travels by steam-boat all the way from Hispania, so far away, to the Netherlands, where he will stay for three weeks.

His annual visit is celebrated by several activities. First, three hours of television are spent on the debunking of Sinterklaas, as we all use his nickname, and his servants, the Black Jacks. Afterwards we are kept posted about his doings. But long before we have them in our midst, they appear in advertisements, especially those of toys and of luxuries like cigars, wines, perfume. Later on you can't open any magazine without meeting the Good Saint and-or one of his men.

During his sojourn Sinterklaas travels from town to town, village to village. In the night, when all children are asleep, he mounts his grey horse. This animal is so little, that it climbs from roof to root. Thus, his master is able to throw presents, through the chimneys, but look out, only for good children.

Dec. 5 he has his birthday. We really look forward to it. In the evening, after dinner, the entire family gathers in the living room. Suddenly, knock, knock on the window, ringing shrinks the door bell. We jump up, run to the front door, open it and... oh bliss, the whole laundry basket filled with presents. Triumphantly we carry it into the room, where we put it in the middle with everybody around it. The head of the family has the honor of distributing the gifts. That is slow work, for when one receives a present, he opens it and reads the rhyme of Saint Nicolas, that usually hints at a weak quality of that person.

Laughters of recognition follow, and then it's the turn of someone else. This happening often takes a long time. We drink hot chocolate and eat "speculaas" (cake) and "marsepein" (maraschino), the traditional treats.

Sinterklaas has done his job again; the next morning he leaves, by airplane, however. Not even he has escaped modern times. Time has not stood still.

By DAVID FORD, Editor, and SUSAN ISBELL, Assistant Editor

The four student workers at WLJS who have agreed to give up their salary next semester in order to obtain a United Press International machine are to be commended.

Those students obviously see the need for keeping the campus informed of what's going on in the state, across the country, and around the world. The need is not an egotistical one for the radio station; it is an educational need for all of the students.

In terms of public relations, the UPI machine could give area citizens a greater appreciation of the university. In recent ratings, WLJS has proven that its audience consists of both those people on and off the campus. Those ratings might rise even more if the necessary equipment is provided so the news department of the radio station can adequately perform its function.

The university has agreed to give the radio station some money to purchase other badly needed equipment, and now the SGA appears likely to match funds with WLJS to purchase the services of the UPI machine. But the four student workers have shown everyone what true dedication is.

Some other method of acquiring the UPI machine should be sought. It is a disservice to those four workers to have them give up their salaries for a full semester to provide a service for the rest of the campus.

**UPI machine needed**
Mimosa pageant planned

The 1978 Miss Mimosa Pageant will be held Jan. 10, at 7 p.m. in the Student Commons Auditorium. Single women enrolled at Jacksonville State University may compete for the title. Sororities, fraternities, dormitories, organizations, and interested individuals are encouraged to sponsor a contestant.

Entry fees in the amount of $15 should be paid to Jennie Pearson, personalities section editor; Mrs. Lovett, Karen Hinch, Kristy Smith of other Mimosa staff members.

Entry forms and information concerning the pageant will be provided when the entry fee is paid. Final date for entry is noon Jan. 10.
'Team is first,' says Jerome

By LAURA SUMMERLIN
Sports Writer

The only problem that Jerome Coleman had during his freshman season was trying to get people to spell his name right. This season (his second year) there is not much chance that anyone who's even slightly familiar with the Jacksonville defense to not know how to spell JEROME COLEMAN! J-E-R-O-M-E COLEMAN.

Jerome came to Jacksonville in the fall of '76 as a freshman starter in Coach Bobby Mareum's secondary. "I was recruited by other schools such as Western Carolina and Troy," he said, "but I felt Jacksonville to be my best offer." As a freshman Jerome started in nine games (last fall). As for player maturity goes he has come a long way. "I played enough in my freshman year to know that my technique was a little off," Coleman said. "Now I can see that I'm doing the little things right, where as before I was just going through the motions."

Before becoming a starter, Coleman had to prove himself against more experienced players. "I didn't think that I would be starting in my freshman year," he said. "There was a lot of pressure on me but I felt that I could do it. I just got out there and did what I had been taught to do."

Jerome's motivation comes from a need to win. "I love the game of football but more than the game itself I love the feeling of winning," he said. "I guess that's what keeps us all going: The thrill of winning and the agony of defeat."

What makes Jerome Coleman one of the many team leaders is his sense of priorities. "The team is first," he said. "I always want everything for the team to go right. I want to be a leader and to be able to set an example not only for myself but for everyone," he said. "With Troy behind us now I know that we'll win the conference."

Lady Gamecocks win over Alabama-Huntsville

Coach Bon Akers got a fine all-around effort from his Lady Gamecock basketball team as they routed Alabama-Huntsville 106-66 in a Monday contest. The win improved the girls' record to 3-1. The only loss came in a season-opening battle with Shorter College. Coach Akers was understandably happy about the girls performance. "I think we've come a long way since the first game," Akers said. "We have 13 (See GAMECOCKS, Page 7)
Psychology Club plans egg sale on Tuesday

The Psychology Club is proud to announce that they will be holding their annual egg sale on Tuesday, Dec. 6, between the hours of 5:30 and 8:30. Proceeds from the sale will go toward the fund establishing a Psychology Scholarship to be awarded for the next academic year.

Everyone is urged to give their support by purchasing or donating an egg from any club member. Be a participant in this unusual fundraising project and they’ll guarantee your day to be sunny side up!

Freshmen and one sophomore on the team and that’s a pretty young team to be playing. They’ve come along pretty well,” he added.

The Lady Gamecocks are almost entirely different last season. The Gamecocks return only one player from the team of a year ago.

“We had a couple of players to graduate and others left for various reasons,” said Aker.

This is the first year that we’ve given this many scholarships last year, we only had one scholarhiped player and she is the only returner from last season.”

The majority of this year’s players are from Georgia, which has had a fine women’s basketball program on the high school level for a number of years. With the women’s program in Alabama slowly gaining momentum, more and more girls will come from within the state.

If this year’s team were to be described in three words or less, “quickness and depth” would be the most adequate. This was readily apparent in the big win over UAH as several times the Lady Gamecocks swept around, over, and through the opposing players while scoring, even though Coach Aker’s freely substituted, the Lady Gamecocks showed no slack off in ability as the subs played as much class and vigor as the starters.

In the win over UAH, Vickie Holmes led the Lady Gamecocks with 17 points and nine rebounds, while Jill Collins and Renita Stowers shot 14 and 13 respectively. Sharon Armour also performed well, showing superb passing ability while making several spectacular assists.

Gamecocks

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All Psych Club members are reminded that the next meeting will take place Dec. 5, Monday, at 3:30 p.m. in room 217 AH. Everyone is urged to attend. New officers will be elected and the constitution revised. Please be there!

’Cocks defeated by Delta

Bill Jones’ Gamecocks stand 1-1 on the young season, having lost a toughie to Delta State in a bruising 87-85 overtime game in Cleveland, Miss. The Gamecocks came back home two days later to take a narrow 76-72 victory over West Georgia College.

In the season opening battle with Delta, the Gamecocks fell behind early but came back late in the second stanza to send the game into overtime. Point guard Bruce Sherrer tied the game at 78-all with 17 seconds left in regulation to force the extra period, but the combination of fouls and penalty shots thwarted the Gamecocks overtime efforts. Greg Davis, Robert Clements, and Sherrer all fouled out during the extra period while Delta State scored four points on foul shots in the last 15 seconds to ice the victory.

Davis was the high scorer for the Gamecocks, with 28 points and 7 rebounds. Robert Clements and David “Pooch” Thomas were not far behind, scoring 16 and 15 points respectively. Clements pulled down a dozen.

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Jazz

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been able to understand the symphony goes snobishness about Jazz. What’s true of classical music is true of Jazz. The values, the emotional impact, and the spiritual message of both are the same. Both deserve to be heard.”

Just what is American jazz? Certainly it is a kind of music, but “the word is hard to define. It’s not boogie; it’s not bomp. It’s folk music, rock, blues, and bluegrass. It’s a thrilling experience for participant and listener.

“Playing in a jazz ensemble is to me like the sensation of driving an expensive sports car. The excitement is in trying to keep control.”

Perhaps Dr. Billy Taylor, who has a Yale Fellowship at Colgate County and taught at the Manhattan College of Music, put it most effectively when he said, “Jazz is America’s classical music.”

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Christmas holds different meanings

By JANA McWHORTER
Staff Writer

Well, what do you think ... Christmas. What does it mean to you?
I asked this question to some of the students of Jacksonville State University, and it seems that it means quite a number of different things.

Dave Driscoll, station director at WJJS radio station, had an unusual idea about Christmas. He feels Christmas is "Peace, egg nog, boiled custard, Christmas trees, Charlie Brown, December issue of Playboy and the end of the semester."

Quite a few students, hardworking and some not so hardworking, look vastly relieved when Christmas is mentioned because that's a time when you can do just what you want. No studying, no exams, no labs and no early classes.

Just peace.

Lewis Jolly says, "It means food, vacation, family gatherings, Elizabeth and Europe, but not necessarily in that order."

Lenhardt Fite explains, "Christmas is too commercialized. Don Hall sums it up in one word, happiness. One person states bluntly, "Not one darn thing." Elaine Compton declares, "New Year!", and feels that no other explanation is needed. Judy Culbreth feels the romantic appeal of the season, "being with the one you love and rekindling old flames." Kelley Askew feels that it is "going home to George, to mom and good food." Jill Valentine says, simply, "being with my family."

Becky Owen quips, "cuddling up to baby Bacardi."

Christmas is all these things. Seeing your family, your friends, surprises under the Christmas tree, good food, a few extra pounds, stockings, candy, Christmas trees, Santa Claus, reindeer, sleighs, snow, mistletoe, Christmas bells, love, good times. The list is endless ... the season great.

Christmas is a lot of things and no matter how you celebrate or where you go, enjoy yourself because this is the season to be jolly. Drive carefully! Celebrate carefully! Don't be one of the statistics, come back safely! Start the new semester happy and well.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Daugette

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so-called intangibles, our success will then depend upon the continued strength of our free enterprise system which is based on freedom of the individual, individual initiative and rewards that vary with performance. Let's work to preserve it!

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