SGA 're-schedules' Oliver for Feb. 22

What? Bill Oliver appearing at JSU! Yeah, I’ve heard that before! But it’s true—at least that’s what the SGA assures us. And who knows? They’re probably right. Haven’t you heard the old saying, “The third time is the charmer.”

Twice scheduled to appear before without doing so, Bill Oliver, famous for the recordings “Jean” and “Good Morning Starshine,” has once again been scheduled to appear—this time for Feb. 22 at 8 p.m. in Leon Cole Auditorium. Admission is $1 students, $2 general admission.

Apply now
for position as editor of a JSU publication

Candidates for editor of The Chanticleer and The Mimosa for the 1977-78 academic year need to file applications with Mr. Jack Hopper, chairman of the communications board, by 4:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 28. Applicants may be filed in the public relations office on the second floor of Bibb Graves Hall.

Students applying for the editorial positions are required to maintain a 3.0 GPA.

Applicants for editor of The Mimosa must have taken journalism 304 and worked on the newspaper staff one year. Those applying for editor of The Chanticleer must have taken journalism 303 and worked on the yearbook staff for one year. Applications are due.

The loss of these senators increases to 13 the number of Senate seats and vacancies that must be filled by election of new senators. The other four senators either resigned or were no longer in school. The Senate approved a motion by Pat Long to put off the election to fill these vacancies until the general SGA elections March 29 for officers and April 5 for senators owning to the shortness of time.

In other business, the Senate approved a motion by Jimmy Collins to look into the delay form residents have experienced receiving their mail. According to students owning to the dorms because the mail is only delivered at 3 p.m. because that is when the monitors go on duty.

 Senators expells eight senators

Eight senators were expelled from the SGA Senate Monday night after failing to respond to a summons to appear before that body to explain their two or more absences from the Senate meetings. Removed from the Senate were John Robinson, Lee Heness, Janice Potts, Kathy Glass, Alan Goodwin, Tim Conrad, Ann Boatwright and Faye Scott.

The Senate also passed a motion by SGA president Mike Humphries to allow Fidelity Life Insurance Co. the right to solicit for its product on campus.

Third time a charm?

Senate expells eight senators

By Kem McNabb

“I don’t know her grounds for opposing either of these bills . . . I have every intention of forcing the bill through over Mrs. Quarles’ opposition as a contested local bill, if necessary. This is a very difficult maneuver,” said Shelton, “and it has been done only a very few times since I have been in the legislature.”

The other bill, also opposed, concerns Shelton’s proposal that would allow the county road commission employees to do work on private property (with pay).

Sen. Teague feels that the bill requiring food to be sold with beer is “too restrictive”; neither does he agree with the road bill. These bills have been in the legislature.

Despite opposition from Rep. Don Holmes, who lives in Eastaboga, said, “I think it’s fair enough . . . it’s his district.” (Referring to Shelton’s change).

Nevertheless, Sen. Teague doesn’t see any need for a change. “Rep. Shelton saw the need to remove the limits” and it was his decision. “It’s my opinion,” says Teague, “that evidently, someone in the restaurant business is losing customers.”

If Shelton decides to take a referendum before the people, it’s possible that it will have to be passed by the House and Senate. If this is the case, Teague will still contest in the Senate. He called Shelton’s bill “bloody legislation.”

Shelton

Pushing liquor law charge despite opposition

Ms. Brackett concurred with Ron Bearden that the reason for mail thefts and consequently the discontinuance of mail being delivered to the dorms was because “dorm directors aren’t doing their job.”

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(See SENATE Page 5)
JSU solid as a rock $$$-wise under Dr. Stone

By STEVE JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Don’t worry about Jacksonville State University. It’s probably just as solid as the last name of its chief executive—Dr. Ernest Stone.

DR. DAVID MATTHEWS, president of the University of Alabama, was recently worrying (in newspaper) about some upper-lip-stiffening financial difficulties his school expects to face in the not-too-distant future (fiscal year beginning Oct. 1, to be exact).

But Stone fails to see any real $$$ problems for JSU.

“No, I don’t know why he (Matthews) made that statement,” the good doctor tersely remarked. “I guess he knows his own business.”

“We (JSU) are not expecting a surplus, ourselves, any time soon,” Stone continued. “But we do anticipate that with good conservative administration and a tight belt, which has been our policy in the past, that we will make it all right.”

THE BIGGEST PROGRAMS underway at JSU at the moment, according to Stone, include the completion of the Performing Arts—Classroom Complex ($1 million), the new field house combined with the renovation of Paul Snow Memorial ($1.5 million), and the construction of a Military Science building.

Revenue to cover the above programs, and others like them, rolls into JSU from four major sources: (1) state legislative bond issues, (2) federal funding, including Appalachian funds, (3) gifts, and campus auxiliary income.

But it’s the state that forks over an estimated 75 per cent of JSU’s operational needs on an annual basis, according to Stone.

“In preparing our budget for the coming year, we asked them (state legislature) to appropriate the funds for what we have earned,” said Stone, referring to the widely-accepted weighted-credit-hour-production-formula.

“But WE ARE NOT going to get it. We expect to be approximately $2 million short from what we truly earned.”

“No, this is not a case of unfair treatment on the legislature’s part; nor is it something new. We were prepared for it—percentagewise, the effect will be about the same for almost every body (other institutions).”

The weighted-credit-hour-production formula is a system employed by the Commission on Higher Education for determining the distribution of its appropriations. There is a notable difference in the cost per hour produced when comparing an advanced graduate-level course to freshmen English I. Formulas and by plugging data into the formula, a valid estimate of an institution’s weighted-credit - hour - production earnings may be obtained.

“Overall, everybody will receive more revenue than last year, however, if the legislature approves what we have proposed,” said Stone, speaking as a member of the 10-member Governor’s Select Committee.

BECAUSE THE FEMALE partner may not suspect that she has VD, it is crucial that the male refer her to medical authorities.

The Health Center’s treatment is one-time affair, consisting of four injections of penicillin, accompanied by probenecid. This treatment has no charge whatsoever.

This is now research being done on VD, but progress is slow. Researchers have found it very difficult to isolate and study the germ because it does not easily live outside the human body.

Unless some type of immunisation is discovered, the only way to eradicate the problem will be to have a public well-informed on cause and effect of this dangerous disease, and to take positive steps in identifying and treating it.

Bloodmobile rolling its way to J’ville State

Wednesday, March 9, the bloodmobile will be rolling up to the Student Commons Auditorium here on campus for the Spring Blood Drive.

A plaque will be awarded to each dormitory, sorority, and fraternity which shows the most interest and has the largest number of donors and attempted donations.

Donors will be received from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Students may sign up for both their dormitory and Greek organization, if they belong to one. KA, which has charge of the drive is hoping for a big turnout.

“Let’s show that we are the friendliest campus in the South and that we do care about other people and fine organizations like the Red Cross,” said a KA spokesman. He added, “Good luck and may the best dormitory, sorority, and fraternity win.”

From WLJS news

WLJS news has begun a program where we choose Student and Teacher of the Week. This program is a serial type and occurs weekly. The idea came from PJ Moss and Clark Miller, who co-ordinate the program. The program is designed to promote interest among faculty and students and to also assure JSU that we at LJS are working for their best interest.

Our first teacher of the week was Myrtice Fields, of the music dept. Ms. Fields has a very interesting background. She has made recordings with Bobby Goldsboro and has sung backup for Dr. Hook, Marvin JSU music dept.

The first student of the week was Tony Thrower. Tony is from Oxford and is a freshman here at JSU. Tony is concentrating on Banking and Finance and hopes to become a banker and someday a real estate agent.

WLJS presented the second Teacher of the Week title to Marvin Shaw of the art dept. Mr. Shaw is one of the most popular teachers here at JSU. He is a former art teacher at the College of the Ozarks in Branson, Missouri. Mr. Shaw is a member of the Governor’s Select Committee. Mr. Shaw is a member of the Governor’s Select Committee. Mr. Shaw is a member of the Governor’s Select Committee.
What can I do?
Sit in your room and be apathetic
. . . or go out and ‘do your own thing’

By GILBERT SANDERS
And SUSAN ISBELL
Staff Writers

“How can you blame the student body for being apathetic when there are no activities in this institution that would promote student interest?” This was a student expressing his view on a long discussed issue on campus; the issue of student apathy. It sounds intelligent. But is it true?

Some students interviewed actually seemed to find something “to get into” rather than sit in the room complaining, “There’s nothing to do.” It seems to be an unwritten law on this campus that Mondays and Tuesdays are mostly spent studying but as room as Wednesday rolls around one gets a whiff of weekend air andhursts or down to the nearest disco, the disco in this case being “My Brothers Run” where the D.J. can be heard saying things like “All Miller beer free.” And after the clientele has drunk a keg of free beer, it moves up to the comfortable price of 25 cents a mug. After you’ve drunk a dollar’s worth of free beer and another dollar’s worth of 25 cent beer, you’re not too much interested when the D. J. says “One more keg of 25 cents beer going fast.”

But suppose you’re one of the non-drinking students and beer doesn’t appeal to you in the least. Why don’t you get in touch with the student who says she studies on week nights and also attends Bible study; you might find it good for the psyche, as well as the soul.

“If you’re on this idea and still can’t find anything to do, why not get away for the T.V. and enroll in one of the intramural sports program one student said she participated in.

You say you’re not very athletically inclined because of your weight problem, but you can sing. Well you can kill three birds with one stone by joining the student who goes to choir practice, and spends time at the organ. He plays and just loves the organ. (You two might be made for each other.)

‘YOU MIGHT BE’ one of those students who loves to eat but hates to gain weight. Well, if you join one student interviewed, you can “eat your cake and have it too.” This student said she “goes out for snacks and occasionally studies,” and after she’s gained weight doing this, she goes to parties and dances in the disco.

Still looking for something quieter and more peaceful than carousing all weekend? Well, why don’t you try to find the student whose idea of a perfect day is “playing tennis, entertaining company, and watching Carol Burnett.”

It’s Friday, and you still haven’t found what you’re going to do? Well, how would you like to be “a rhinestone cowboy riding off on a horse in a star-spangled rodeo?” If you’re interested in this see Pat Branch.

If you still haven’t found exactly what you want to do and it’s Saturday night, slip on your red dress and dancing shoes if you’re a male leave your red dress at home, and walk down Pelham Road and check out the Greeks. Don’t be surprised if you see a purple and gold house rocking off its foundation with music and hear people inside talking about not raising the foundations but tearing the roof off.

If this is too heavy for you, walk on down to the Delta Chi Frat house. The reason we recommend these is because last weekend music and people’s laughter could be heard coming from the frat houses and as they say, “where there’s smoke there’s fire.” If these frats don’t please you, you’ve got the choice of any other frat, they all party.

But if Greeks in general don’t do it for you, and you still can’t find anything to do and if you’re a male, you might find the girl in Daugette who, when asked what she did on the weekends, replied, “I do everything I can, and everything I can’t do I don’t.”

And by the way, the student who said this institution offered no extracurricular activities failed to make any of the weekend parties. Why? Because no one told him about them.

Pickett, Hatcher loans to be discussed Friday

Students receiving Pickett and Hatcher Educational Loans are requested to meet with a representative of the company on Friday, Feb. 26, between 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

The meeting will be held in the Financial Aid Office, located on the fourth floor of the Student Commons Building.

Anyone interested in securing a loan from this company should also attend.

These loans range up to $750 per semester and are not restricted to income levels of the applicant or his family. While the borrower is enrolled he pays two per cent interest semi-annually.

After the borrower leaves college he begins to repay the principal and the interest increases to 6 per cent.

“Today is the best con-federal loan we know of,” said Larry Smith, Financial Aid Director. “We strongly recommend that students who have been turned down for federal loans look into this as a source of funds to continue their education.”

The Pickett and Hatcher Educational Fund is a non-profit, noncommercial vocational trust fund based in Columbus, Ga.
Dr. Cox responds to caller’s ‘hang-ups’

Note to an anonymous caller: On February 11, you called again to complain about the articles in—and writers for—The Chanticleer. Your objections before were that football is sinful and that the Ballerina performances are indecent. This time you spoke generally of "masstard and radicalism," specifically of articles concerning homosexuality and birth control. You also questioned the intentions and ability of the student reporters and faculty advisors.

As an advisor to The Chanticleer, I would like to respond now, since you chose to hang up before I had an opportunity to express myself.

1. To the matter of sinfulness and indecency: Both terms become fairly difficult to define if one extends coverage to football games and Ballerina dancing. Most of us find such performances entertaining displays of discipline requiring teamwork and considerable dedication.

2. To the matter of radicalism and the student writers' intentions and ability: Ms. Skipper and Mr. Ford have consistently encouraged students of widely divergent political persuasions to join the staff. That few conservative students have come forward is genuinely regrettable. Ms. Skipper will graduate from this university in the spring with honors in English and Political Science and is one of the best students I have ever seen. Mr. Ford, besides being a fine student, is a veteran.

3. To the matter of what you called "masstard": The advisors for this publication believe fervently in the First Amendment. We believe that it is an important document not because it allows for praise of incumbents, the adulation of the status quo, or agreement with our prejudices and opinions. We don't need it, as someone has pointed out, to talk about flora and fauna. It is a precious document because it guarantees others the right to say things that may baffle us, irritate us, anger us or even outrage us. That was the right denied to Germans under Hitler, Italians under Mussolini, and Russians under virtually everyone. It is the first right denied men when democratic government falls.

I ask you to consider this response. Further, I would encourage you to make reference to the first use of the "hang-up" in The Chanticleer last fall for a clear statement of the advisor's roll, limitations, etc. The editors and staff of The Chanticleer welcome your opinions and will publish them, provided they are in writing and signed.

—Clyde Cox

Criticism of comments of ‘Roots’

To whoever it concerns:

Your statement, "This movie was definitely slanted to reveal the worst possible treatment of blacks slaves by their masters," explicitly denotes that you were being ironic. Also, that you are a bias white traditionalist. The movie "Roots" is repulsive in its presentation of punishment administered to black slaves. The movie did not disclose the "worst possible treatment." The movie "Roots" was a conscious exploitation of sporadic instances of mild punishment disclosed to the public. And your preposterous statement, "I realized the shame blacks during the period of more apparent servitude. Blacks during the period of bondage were victims of circumstance. Bondage from the very inception was as new to the Blacks as it was to the rest of the people who did not theorize the concept of Slavery. So, how can there be "shame?", or what "shame?" The unscrupulous Blacks that commented on "Roots" should be ashamed and any others who would respond in such an unprofessed manner. They disclosed a lack of perception about the history of Blacks during the more apparent days of servitude.

The unscrupulous person who made the statement that, "slaves were regarded as property. Owners used black women for their own ends, but often these women did not object too strenuously because it put them in a favorable position," deserves no better than the name given. It is explicitly apparent that Blacks were looked upon as chattels. The most significant fact of the "Triangular Trade" was the exploitation of Blacks as chattels for the trading of molasses in the West Indies. During the more apparent days of servitude life for Blacks meant suffering numerous sacrifices, which whites did not have to make. Black women submitting to the white men for sexual purposes was one of these sacrifices that HAD to be made. There was no such thing as rape of a black woman. It is simplistic in your absurd remark that Black women were promiscuous. You should have been a Black woman during those days of more apparent servitude.

In the future if comments are going to be made about similar movies or pictures the exercise of common sense is long enough.

By Charles D. Wright
Energy crisis

Pretty good joke but nobody’s laughing

By HERB CASH
Staff Writer

The energy crisis is just a joke. When students at Jax State were asked how they reacted to the current energy shortage, they replied in unconcerned tones with answers that at best were shallow.

One young man said, “There is no energy shortage; the oil companies just want to raise their profits.”

Another student replied that she was concerned about the energy crisis but guessed she would just pay the higher prices and not worry. A few students mumbled something about conservation, but, when asked what they did to conserve energy, none of them had a definite answer.

The current warm weather trend has dissolved the memories of cold classrooms and icy showers. No one seems to be taking seriously the shortage of energy—a problem that will reshape American life styles.

Blizzards and freezing weather have turned everyday life into a struggle of endurance and survival all over the nation. Industries have been closed, leaving many jobless. In parts of the country, 200 or more inches of snow have already fallen. In Preston County, W. Va., the people are freezing, the temperature in their homes staying in the 20s because there is no heat. Here in Jacksonville it has been too cold in the library to study. The teachers offices in Pannell Hall were said to be even colder.

The nation is in the grips of an energy crisis, a chronic shortage of natural gas. The U. S. has struggled through two world wars, the great depression and Watergate. Can it withstand the energy crisis?

What is taking place in America today is not the energy crisis but another warning of the energy crash to come. The time is coming when fuel will not be in short supply: it just won’t be.

The present shortage of natural gas is severely crippling the U. S. The government and its wealth of regulations covering the selling and distribution of natural gas sets higher prices for the fuel when reserves are low. The natural gas industry, it has been charged, is a profit maximizing, purposefully keeping reserves low in order to charge higher prices.

The record cold weather has increased residential demand. Industrial demand has increased this year because of the nation’s recovery from recession. All this adds up to a vastly greater demand than was expected; consequently, reserves have been drained.

What happens now? Well, the natural gas industry will receive a 100 per cent increase in profit for at least the first quarter of the business year. The government has devised a bill that does nothing to relieve the crisis situation. It only juggles the shortage by diverting the flow of natural gas from west to east. Industries will remain closed.

This chapter in the energy crisis could have been avoided. The energy crisis cannot be prevented unless alternative sources of energy are developed. The era of cheap available fuel is ended.

Child abuse causes instability

By CAROL DAVIS
Staff Writer

“Karen had blood-red bruises up and down her body. At first I thought she’d taken a fall or been in an accident. At five years of age, kids tend to manage a few bumps and scraped knees. But so many?” said one JSU student who worked with children this past summer. “When I asked what had happened, Karen replied, “My mommy spanked me.”

The “discipline” had been harsh enough to raise ugly welts and cause bruises which took over a week to fade.

Was the discipline merely strict or was Karen, a 5-year-old child, abused?

Vincent J. Fontana, a leading authority in the study of child abuse says, “It is a tragic commentary on the mental and moral health of our country that the most common cause of children’s deaths today is physical abuse by their own parents.”

Any injury which is nonaccidental can be labeled physical abuse. It may be a result of harsh punishment, cruelty or torture. Children have been beaten, strangled, drowned or suffocated. They’ve been locked in freezers, kicked, had paper stuffed into their nose and throat and been held over an open flame. Injuries have been inflicted by a hair brush, flyswatter, baseball bat, pool cue, rubber hose and sticks.

According to Dr. Vincent D. Francia, director of the children’s division of the American Humane Society, 300,000 cases annually is a light estimate of the extent to which abuse occurs in the U. S. Parents who were abused during their own childhood tend to repeat the pattern with their own children. This results in a never-ending cycle which unless broken can severely impair the psychological stability of countless individuals—parents and children.

Many people remain afraid to become involved in an abuse case. Centers which deal with child abuse and neglect cite lack of involvement, coordination and cooperation as the major obstacles before them. Parents who are abusers and the children they abuse may be crying out for help, but unless someone responds to their plea there can be no relief.

The Senate also approved a motion by Ron Bearden to charge the insurance company a nominal fee of $10 for soliciting on campus.

The Senate also learned Monday night that Dr. Ernest Stone, university president, had assured acceptance of a final proposal for the finished construction of the amphitheater and that Saga Food Service had scheduled the appearance of Three on a String, a bluegrass group, for March 7 in Leon Cole Auditorium. An admission fee of $1 will be charged for students with IDs that are nonmeal-ticket holders and $2 for nonstudents.

The spring blood drive was announced for March 9 in the Student Commons Auditorium. SGA treasurer Van Hall gave a report to the Senate on the SGA conference held in Florence Feb. 12. Hall said he “didn’t pick up any hard ideas on how to make the SGA go,” but added that the conference had “broadened our concept of how the SGA can operate.”

Among the ideas he thought worthy of adopting at Jax State was an SGA book exchange to lower the cost to students of buying books and selling activity cards for $5 or $10 which would allow a student to get in free to all functions—concerts, movies, coffee houses.
By NANCY WADE
Staff Writer

The Big Oak Boys’ Ranch is a dream becoming a reality through the help of Jacksonville students.

In April, 1974, Rowan County Chapter of the University of Alabama Alumni Association gave $8,000 to John Croyle to establish Big Oak Ranch. Now with money and much labor, the vision of someday being able to house 80 boys will be a reality.

Big Oak Boys’ Ranch is located six miles from JSU between Alabama 41 and 17, just off Green Valley Road between Southside and Glencoe.

The Big Oak Ranch became a common project of young people in the area. Mitchell Knox, a JSU student, recalls a few difficulties that Croyle had getting the ranch ready for the boys.

“When I worked on Big Oak Ranch, we were tearing down the old chicken coops and finishing up the boys’ dormitory. The contractor who was supposed to finish working on the dormitory went bankrupt, soo John Croyle (an All-American defensive end for Alabama from 1971-74) and John Hannah had to do most of the work themselves.”

Knox sums up his feelings when he says, “You just can’t go on physical beauty alone. You have to look at the love people on the ranch have for each other. When you sum it all up, Big Oak Boys’ Ranch has to be the most beautiful place I’ve ever been.”

Most students work over the weekend railing fences, clearing stumps and helping to renovate old buildings like an old nursery quarters moved to the site. One weekend a group of girls went out to clean out this building which can be used for office space.

Mr. and Mrs. Faucette are the house parents. They provide the boys a homelike atmosphere tempered with love and discipline. Boys from 6 to 14 are referred to the ranch by the Department of Education and Security.

“These are typical boys,” says Mrs. Faucette who is interested in giving the boys stability that will enable them to be healthy emotionally. Big Oak Ranch is a ministry still in its infancy where young people can have eight boys. Currently the Faucettes have been assigned four.

Students who have volunteered their help are Jan Green, Mike Worel, Ricky Grammer, Pat Branch, Tim McDow, Mitchell Knox, Gary Ransee and others. Through all of their efforts the Big Oak Boys Ranch once a vision and dream is becoming a reality.

For any further information write or call: Big Oak Ranch, Route 8, Box 294, Glencoe, Alabama 35906, 852-6777.

Jimmy Carter

Rise was unique ... and honest?

By MARK CARDWELL
Staff Writer

No one needs to be told that the election of Jimmy Carter was at least somewhat unique. Anytime a man can ascend from total obscurity to the office of the President, it must be recognized as a major accomplishment. There are, however, numerous opinions on the means by which the ascension was made.

Opinions range from “How could a man so honest and forthright fail?” to “If one promises everything to everyone, how can he miss?”

According to Dr. Peter E. Robinson, chairman of the JSU history department, Jimmy Carter’s campaign promises have been compiled into a volume of no less than 110 pages. In so many promises some must be rhetoric. Of course, there is a certain amount of rhetoric in every political speech. Who can say how much is too much?

MAJOR STRESS WAS placed on the importance of having a president that is not part of “the Washington crowd.” Carter says that being an outsider will give him the edge in that he has no ties to the established bureaucracy on Capitol Hill and will be in a better position to identify with the general public. But, there are those who believe that it is important to have someone in office who understands the bureaucracy and knows how to work within it, because regardless of who is in office, the bureaucracy will still exist. Many think Carter lacks the skills necessary in dealing with an organization such as our congress. Without agreement between the President and Congress, there can be little action.

The question, “Amnesty: yes or no?” is no longer an issue, but according to Dr. Robinson, it may create problems in the future because some draftres in any future war will interpret it as meaning they have a choice of whether or not they will accept the selective service invitation.

Whether or not one voted for Jimmy Carter is now irrelevant (except as justification for an occasional, “I told you so”). We have the future to consider. Will JC be successful in carrying out his program of reform?

In the Washington bureaucracy has become a sick in the eye of not just a few Americans since Watergate. Carter has promised us that things will improve. How much improvement can we expect?

IN THE OPINION of Jerry D. Gilbert of JSU’s political science department, “very little, because there are too many vested interests.”

Congress would have to approve any major reform and its hands are tied by a myriad of special interest groups.

National defense is a very important issue for which Jimmy Carter has expressed concern. According to Carter, we should “reduce our dependence on nuclear weapons and eventually eliminate them all.” This says Jerry Gilbert, is not a completely feasible idea because we are far out of nuclear power by Russia and the Eastern bloc countries. “The knowledge that we each have the ability to destroy the other is the only thing that has kept us out of war.” If nuclear weapons were eliminated, this deterrent would no longer exist.

Energy is a problem that will receive a high priority in the Carter administration’s list of programs, if only because there is tremendous pressure from the public in this area. Dr. Robinson sees the present attitude on energy as establishing an atmosphere for change, and for this reason believes there will be much progress made during the next few years.

Forces in the US are lower than in most other industrialized nations of the world. For example, Europeans pay between $1.60 and $2.25 per gallon for gasoline. Obviously, this is a desirable situation on a personal level. But is it in the best interest of our country as a whole, considering the scarcity of fuel? It is not a balanced situation, according to the law of supply and demand.

Many issues in addition to the ones mentioned above need attention. Hopefully, Jimmy Carter will be able to deliver what many people expect of him. There is little chance though,that the US will become a utopia during our lifetimes. Possibly, we will be able to take a few steps forward.

Seminar set on homicide

Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. in Brewer Hall, Room II, Mr. Kangus, a criminal investigator from Ft. McClellan, will be showing slides and giving a talk on homicide. This is sponsored by LAE (Lambda Alpha Epsilon), a Professional Criminal Justice Fraternity. Everyone is invited.

By Mark Cardwell

Communication board to meet

The communications board will meet March 1 at 3:30 p.m. in the gold room in Ribb Graves Hall. The new editors for The Chanticleer, the university newspaper, The Monitor, the university newspaper, and The Chanticleer will be selected along with the new student manager for WLJS, the campus radio station.
Jones, Jaxmen gunning for NAIA

By DAVID ELWELL, Sports Writer

For a man who really didn't plan on being a coach, Bill Jones has been quite successful.

Jones took over the head coaching job at Snead State Jr. College when the basketball coach became ill. For Jones that interim assignment led to head coaching jobs at North Alabama for two years and now his third season at Jax State. All of Jones' teams have produced

Bill Jones contemplating game strategy

winning records and this year has been no different with the Gamecocks in the heat of the Gulf South Conference race plus having a good chance to be a participant in the NAIA district 27 playoffs.

A lot of people thought that Jones and his assistant Randall Bean would be suffering through a long rebuilding because of the loss of six of the top seven players off last year's team. With only 6' 10" center Robert Clements back, Jones and Bean went to work and recruited Greg Davis and Greg Yarlett from Middle Georgia Jr. College, Al Lankford from Lee High in Huntsville, and turned 5' 7" walk on named Bruce Sherrer who is one of the tops in assist in the GSC, into the quarterback of the team.

"When we came here we didn't have time to recruit so that left us with a year when we would not have many experienced plays around and this is the year," remarked Jones.

The Gamecocks started the season in fine form by winning the Citrus Invitation Tournament, which in its 21st year is one of the most prestigious small college tournaments in the South. Then inconsistency set in and Jones' boys lost close ones to Troy and Livingston, and big losses to Southeastern and Chattanooga.

"We had troubles with our play after the tournament, but we have played real well in our last seven games, and I hope we are peaking for the NAIA Playoffs because that's where it really counts," stated Jones.

If there has to be a key for the team it has to be Robert Clements, who with an average of 16.2 rebounds a game leads the NCAA Division II in rebounding.

"Robert is a super player. His competitiveness and intential drive, make him a joy to coach," Jones added.

"Bruce Sherrer is the same way. He makes up for his lack of height with his aggressiveness and take charge attitude.

When asked about the two transfers from Middle Georgia, Jones couldn't help but grin. "It's nice to see Greg Davis playing like we know he can. He has the talent to be one of the best players to ever play at JSU and Greg Yarlett's shooting comes in handy when the opposition double or triple teams Robert Clements." 

Al Lankford has been a surprise to everyone except Jones. "I thought he would start for us this year and he has done a super job." Add the bench with his players like Kent Boulton, Ron Blair, Terry Gamble, Alfred Phillips, and David Thomas and you have quite a team.

Next season the Gamecocks should be one of the top teams in the Gulf South, but the conference will be tough as it was this past season. With only one senior on the team, Jones has two scholarships to use in recruiting this year.

"We have two 6' 16" boys in Georgia, and we think we can sign at least one of them, plus we would like to sign Eric Stringer from Oxford. We think he would fit into our system real well." 

Has the season had any disappointments for Jones? "No, not really, but I have been displeased with our attendance. When I came here we averaged 1,800 a game now it's up to 2,500, but that doesn't even fill the coliseum halfway. I think people don't realize that you just play better with a big crowd." 

"Part of the problem is that we don't get much coverage in the Anniston Star, Jacksonville News, or the Chanticleer. Nor do we get much support from the SGA. I don't remember too many times when our next home game was posted on their marquees. Really it goes back to the lack of community support, not just the basketball team but the whole college.

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17, is Mrs. Ogle Kennedy. Mrs. Kennedy is a geography teacher and is from Anniston. Mrs. Kennedy is well known for her part in the development of the Kennedy Burger, which can be purchased from Chat-Er Inn.

The second student of the week was Sharon Thornton of Anniston. She is a member of the Phi Mu sorority and is studying Marketing and the most cordial teachers around. He has done many things during his lifetime, but the one that was most interesting was that he built Management. Our teacher of the week for the week of Feb. 10 a life size chair out of toothpicks and glue."

The student of the week is Jeff Mayo. Jeff is from Gadsden and is a freshman at Jax State. Jeff should be a senior at Gadsden High School now but he graduated early and is a 17 year old freshman. Jeff plays an active part in the Baptist Campus Ministry. He also is well learned in guitar and song.

If you ever feel that you are being watched, you may be. So don't be shocked if somewhere, somehow, someone walks up to you and picks you for student or teacher of the week.

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Gamecocks hit road for finale

By JERRY RUTLEDGE
Sports Editor

The Gamecocks have finished up their home schedule and have embarked on a season-ending string of road games. The Gamecocks are presently 13-9 overall and 7-5 in Gulf South Conference play. The Gamecocks played in Louisiana on Friday and Saturday against Nicholls State and S. E. Louisiana, respectively. They play U. N. A. in Florence on Feb. 25, and finish the season the next night against U. T.-Martin.

In their final two home games, the Gamecocks took a tough 89-83 conference win over Delta State and lost 82-72 to small college power UT Chattanooga.

JSU 89-Delta State 83
Robert Clements scored 21 points and snagged 21 rebounds, but it was the clutch free throw shooting of 5-7 guard Brucer Sherrer which lifted the Jaxmen to a 89-83 victory over the visiting Statesmen.

The game was close all the way as the Gamecocks could muster only a two point lead at the half, 36-34. The Gamecocks continued to hold their small lead most of the second half until 3:46 to go in the game when Keith Parker tossed in a pair of free throws to give the Statesmen a 76-74 lead.

The Gamecocks regained the lead a few moments later and with 1:16 left, held a one point lead, 86-75. Then Sherrer went to work. With exactly one minute to go, he scored on a twisting, driving layup which brought the crowd to its feet. He proceeded to put the game away as he scored six additional points on free throws.

UTC 82-Jax State 72
The Gamecocks took on one of the best small college teams in the nation, UT Chattanooga, and came out on the short end of a 82-72 decision.

The Mocassins took the lead in the early going and never fell behind again as they led one point by 20 points. But the Gamecocks never quit, cutting that 20 point margin down to five with 5:16 to go on a jumper from the corner by Brucer Sherrer.

The Mocs finally put the game out of reach as they scored the next seven points to take a commanding 12 point lead.

The Gamecocks were led by David Thomas' 19 points. The Mocs were led by William Gordon who had 21 points, and All-American Wayne Gordon who had 20.

Campus calendar

Lambda Alpha Epsilon (LAE) will have a meeting Feb. 24, 1977 at 3:30 in Brewer Hall.

Phi Beta Lambda will have a meeting Feb. 24 in Room 101 in Merrill Building at 6:30. Don't forget the paper drive is still in progress. You will find boxes for your papers in Merrill, Bibb Graves, and the Student Commons Building.

Monday, Feb. 21, a concert will be held in Leon C. Auditorium. The band who will be playing is Pegasus and is sponsored by Sigma Nu. The time of the event will be from 8:00-12:00 and admission is $3.00 at the door.

The SGA will charter a bus to the JSU-UNA basketball game on Friday, Feb. 25. Cost will be $6.00 per person roundtrip. Bus will leave at 4 p.m. from the Tennis Courts in front of Student Commons Building.

KA looks to the past

In the "Great Southern Tradition", of Kappa Alpha, the brothers have announced the beginning of their first annual "Old South Week." The festivities begin Monday, Feb. 28, at 4:30 p.m. with Dr. Ernest Stone accorded KA's 24, at 7:30 a.m. of Secession from the university at the fraternity house.

The events are open to JSU students. A lawn party will follow. The highlight of the afternoon will be a look into the past, with brothers and pledges dressed in Civil War uniforms and little sisters attired in antibellum dresses.

Then on the following Wednesday a series of festivities will begin for the members, such as a cookout consisting of a pig roast. Friday a shareholders ball which includes an old fashioned hayride and party will be held.

The highlight of the week-long activities will be KA's spring formal held at Point Aquarius and on Sunday, March 6, at 4:30 p.m. KA will pledge its allegiance back to the university—the formal ending of "Old South Week."