Schmitz clarifies university’s dorm policies

The dormitories at Jax State were given the once over Monday night when Dr. Don Schmitz, dean of Student Affairs, told the SGA Senate of developments in the dorm key situation, delivery of mail to the dorms and the enforcement of the rule against cooking appliances in the dorms.

In reference to the front door key situation at women’s dorms, Schmitz said that results of a survey of 853 women dorm residents revealed that 83 percent wanted the front door locked at some time or another, 47 percent per cent at 2 p.m. Only one dormitory, he said, voted a majority to keep the doors unlocked altogether.

Schmitz said that since the survey showed a vast majority of women dorm residents did not wish to leave the doors unlocked all night, he would recommend to university president, Dr. Ernest Stone, that “the university buy combination locks for dormitories” which would allow residents to open the door by punching out the combination.

He saw some drawbacks to this plan, including the possibility that the combination might be given out. “But as I see it, they’re invited guests then,” said Schmitz.

Among the advantages he saw to the system were that it would stop residents from throwing trashcans and broom handles in the front door to keep it from closing and locking and would enable the university to change the combination as often as necessary for a fraction of the cost it took to change locks and duplicate keys under the key system.

The Senate voted to approve SGA treasurer Van Hall’s motion to endorse using combination locks in women’s dormitories.

Schmitz also responded to the question of mail delivery at the dorms. He said the post master had contacted his office due to student complaints he had received (See SCHMITZ, Page 5).

ROTC camp has openings

Sophomores at Jacksonville State University still have time to enter the school’s Army Reserve Officer’s Training Corps (ROTC), according to L.t. Col. William F. Rickett Jr., professor of military science at Jacksonville State University.

This week ROTC basic camp at Ft. Knox, Ky., still has openings for the sessions beginning May 31 and June 20. This camp replaces the first two years of ROTC instruction students might have missed on campus during their freshman and sophomore years.

Basic camp students are paid about $500 for the six weeks of training, and are paid up to $2,500 during their junior and senior years if they elect to continue in the military science program. Additionally, students attending basic camp can compete for full tuition scholarships which are awarded each summer.

L.t. Col. Rickett emphasized that there is no military obligation incurred by students attending the basic camp. They have the option of leaving at anytime if they feel the training is not for them.

Those students who elect to continue the military science (See ROTC, Page 7)

Dr. Bennett: JSU’s ‘German’ teacher

By LEN FYFE

Staff Writer

The present and only teacher of German at Jacksonville State University is Dr. Veldon Bennett. He is a heavy-set, dark-haired, middle-aged, gregarious former inhabitant of Utah. He was born at the little town of Meadow in central Utah almost 40 years ago, where his father, Ivan, had a farm and a crossroads general store.

Before he gained an interest in German language and was impressed by the customs, culture and people.

“...as a music major at Brigham Young University from 1952 to ’53. In 1953 he was sent to West Germany as a missionary for the Mormon Church. His field of operations for the Church of Latter-Day Saints carried him from Bielefeld in the north to the Bavarian cities in the Southeast. During his two-and-a-half years in the Federal Republic was spent in the military....”

“We played at many festivals, some time or another, ‘The freshy-baked’ band. The ‘freshy-baked’ means the same thing as the English newly-wed,” he recalled.

While at Wiesbaden Base he joined the regimental band because of his experiences with the orchestras while in college.

“Since this was seen as a means for improving U. S.-German relations,” he explained, “we played at many festivals, parades, and ball games. Once we were in a parade at Mainz, at the children’s Karneval—sort of like a kid’s Mardi Gras—and were dressed as clowns. This was because back then Mainz was a stronghold of the KPD (German Communist Party), and we didn’t want to give them a chance to heckle us. The clown suits were our disguises, so to speak.” At this time he got married.

He said, “I became acquainted with my future wife while on a blind date in the States. A few months later she came over to Wiesbaden where we were married at the Standesaum, the city marriage bureau.”

THE OFFICIAL who conducted their ceremony failed to speak English but just couldn’t. “Right in the middle of the ceremony we heard a rousing march out in the square. When we went outside, we were greeted by the band and about several hundred people who were trying to see what was to happen.”

Bennett then was given the baton and led them in an encore of the piece. “The next day I read the local German newspaper where an article was entitled ‘Freshly-Baked Married Man Conducts Military Band.’ The ‘freshly-baked’ means the same thing as the English newly-wed,” he said. A few days later the Bennetts had their marriage confirmed at a ceremony in the Mormon temple at Bern, Switzerland.

He returned to the United States and resumed his college studies but now majoring in German. While he was a senior he was employed as a teaching assistant. In 1962 he went to work at the University of Montana at Missoula, and remained there for five years.

“Then,” he continued, “I moved to Salt Lake City to teach as an associate at the University of Utah. There I received my doctorate.”

IN 1971 HE APPLIED for a job interview at a medium sized University in Northeast Alabama.

“I came here to Jacksonville because of the charm of the Southern people and the job opportunity available. I was entranced with the friendliness of the people and the green landscape. When we were situated in Utah there was a narrow strip of irrigated land about six miles long. There was a Wasach Range of the Rockies to the east and a sort of alkali desert to the west, and there was very little greenery especially in the summer when even the mountain vegetation dried up,” he explained.

Bennett said that his two sons had a hard time at first adjusting, but because of their religious affiliation found quickly new acquaintances among Mormons in the vicinity.

Bennett has very definite views on the role of the humanities and their present-day treatment: “I find it unfortunate that...” (See BENNETT, Page 2)
Involvement
Too many students sittin' around doin' nuthin'

By HERR CASH
Staff Writer

People continually hear about the fun of college life, the fond memories, the lasting experiences. The college years are supposedly the most exciting and rewarding years of life. So why do so many Jax State students sit around their rooms doing nothing to do? It's because they are not involved. Group involvement is the key to living meaningful college years. Jacksonville has a number of groups ready and willing for students to get involved. One such group is the various Greek social organizations on the campus. Fraternities and sororities provide entertainment, a social education and many civic projects in which to get involved. If Greek social organizations are not your thing then there is the business fraternity, Phi Beta Lambda, and the music fraternity, Phi Mu Alpha. Phi Beta Lambda will sponsor their annual dance marathon in Leon Cole Auditorium April 1 and 2 with proceeds going to the cancer drive.

Phil Mu Alpha will sponsor their usual excellent spring concert featuring Woody Herman on March 18. The Baptist Campus Ministry and the United Christian Ministry are two groups that provide for student involvement in choirs, luncheons and special courses of study as well as in many other ways.

The JSU Black Student Union (BSU) offers still another way into campus activities. Every year the BSU sponsors a Black History Week. This year it included a showing of "Roots," special displays, individual talents and a program concentrating on Africa with African food being served.

There are many groups on the JSU campus that merit involvement. Remember it is easy to sit on the outside and criticize. It is hard to get involved and really become committed. Involvement is hard, but rewarding.

PBL seminar will feature Anniston bank president

Harold Musk, president of the First National Bank of Anniston, will speak at the third Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) seminar March 2, at 2:30 p.m. in Room 101 Merrill Building.

Musk graduated from Citadel and attended Georgia Tech. He came to Anniston from Charleston, S.C., where he was employed at the South Carolina National Bank.

Musk is a member of the Anniston Chamber of Commerce and director of the State Chamber of Commerce. He is very active with young people and works on the Council of Boy Scouts, the Council of Girl Scouts and is involved with Junior Achievement.

Other of his activities include the United Way, the Board of Trustees of the Memphis School of Banking and the Anniston Industrial Development Board. The seminar is open to the public. Musk's subject will cover career opportunities in banking.

Placement office has... jobs!

By CAROLYN RAGLAND
Staff Writer

According to Ms. Gwen Westbrook of the JSU Placement Office, the following jobs are available in business: Sears in Gard- ald, someone to train for management position; New York Life in Birmingham as a salesman. There is also an opening in the shoe department at Wakefield's (in Anniston) on a part-time basis.

These are the only jobs available at this time in business. Ms. Westbrook says, "There are two companies coming in for interviews, on March 9, Goodyear Tire and Rubber will be here and on March 10 Goldkist will be here to interview for positions." She further states, "We can't tell when there will be more jobs; right now business jobs are not very good."

Bennett

(Continued From Page 1)

...so many colleges gave in to student demands that foreign language requirements be dropped. I feel much like Dr. Perry, the professor of classical studies at the University of Alabama, who comments that students wanted to get out of school mainly because they wouldn't have to crack open another book again, and that they could call themselves educated.

"IT IS EQUALLY unfortunate that students and others have this unhappy attitude toward foreign languages and the rest of the humanities. The prime goal seems to be getting a job, rather than getting an education." He feels that JSU has an excellent and congenial foreign language staff and says that he plans to expand the Germanic language program and enrollment as much as humanly possible...

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Developing the mind leads to a fuller life

By BILL BRADDOCK
Staff Writer

We get so overwhelmingly caught up in the mainstream of life (rut) that we need to step back at some point and take an objective look at people, life and most important—our relationship to them.

When in the rut, we just glide along, never asking why we do things and if what we are doing is worthwhile. But if we stop and think, then we either justify our behavior or change our attitude about areas of life in general. Thus we change with the times, consequently preventing a greater degree of future shock. If we do not change, we become sterile, stagnant, prejudiced, ignorant and insensitive. Such qualities and attitudes make us bad news for the people we are in contact with daily.

IN FORMULATING OPINIONS and ideas about life, we should begin to probe inside ourselves and ask why we think and act as we do. Also, we should begin reading a wide variety of literature and having long discussions with people, who have had similar or different experiences, for even the dull and ignorant, too, have their interesting views on aging. She believes that such qualities and attitudes make us bad news for the people we are in contact with daily.

For example, many young people have reservations, for even the dull and ignorant, too, have their interesting views on aging. She believes that such qualities and attitudes make us bad news for the people we are in contact with daily.

Some positive characteristics shared are that we continue gaining knowledge, insight and understanding. Also there are the possibilities of guiding a younger, less mature person through trying times, conflicts and problems. An older person has developed a greater degree of understanding and compassion from having lived through trying experiences himself and can thus help cushion the trip for someone less experienced. Some undesirable characteristics, of course, are the approach of death. These, too, are inevitable and we must begin to accept them as part of life and living.

FROM READING, having “heart-to-heart” discussions and generally learning, we can begin and hope to continue gaining insight, putting into the right perspective life’s mysteries. For that is what much of life is to most college students—a mystery. In addition, we can learn to live fuller and more enjoyable lives through self-development of our minds.

Letters

Student computerization in effect

Editors:
After spending the past three years at this University, it has become apparent that the people we pay to teach us do not know the meaning of the word...instructor.

After undergoing a recent examination it became abundantly clear, that the “instructor” could care less what the individual student thought of the material, how it was evaluated, or the overall impressions of the writers and theories.

Increasingly I find that students are mere video-playbacks. The “instructors” on exams want little robots to mimic text and notes. The human element has been eliminated from this so-called University. There is no room for personal expression on an exam and this is exactly the place it should be.

What is more important, replaying the textbook or an individual’s right to freedom of interpretation? The point is often raised by ‘instructors’ that the formalized test aids in fast and easy grading. To this I answer, Bull, I am here to learn, not to make things easy on people I employ. I feel that the “instructors” should provide the information and then let the students interpret that information. One can especially see where this would be more beneficial in such departments as English, political science, sociology, psychology and law enforcement. This system of allowing students freedom of expression on exams is education, what we have now is memorization. Memorization is only short term knowledge, and serves no real function. If the people hired to teach would realize the full potential of the word, and guide the student through material placing emphasis on the individual this would be a far more rewarding system. Minute facts, dates biographies and personalities have a place, but not as the dominate factor in a lecture, text assignment or test.

Memorization material is a characteristic of high school. But maybe this is, as some have stated, an overgrown high school. It is truly a shame to hear people say that they have learned very little at Jacksonville, but it is a fact. The blame for this cannot lie, entirely with the student, but must be shared equally with the “instructors” and the oppressive administration.

I can only hope that some day the “instructors” at this University will become teachers instead of sim-peton textbook readers.

Sincerely,
Mark St. John
+Editor: Try for once to show a little journalistic fairness and print this letter.

I feel that many people feel the same way I do, and maybe something will be done. Thank you.

(See LETTERS, Page 5)
Family unit changing but still too vital

By MARK CARDWELL
Staff Writer

What is happening to the family unit in the U.S.? According to Mrs. Carolyn B. Dunaway of the Sociology Department, it is disintegrating, to an extent. Many existing attitudes toward marriage and family are being questioned, and changed, but the family will never cease to be an important element in our culture.

The family plays a definite part in the growing process of a child but not to the extent that it once did. Where the family once was the major source of education for the child, it now only supplements the education received in public school systems. Religion is no longer taught so much within the family as it is by the church indirectly, and protection from harm is now guaranteed by the law of an organized society, rather than by the strength in numbers of the family.

Many people are now seeing marriage as a means to satisfy their personal needs, rather than as “the thing to do.” The view is not without drawbacks, though, according to Dr. R. W. Libby of Syracuse University. “Romantic stereotypes and deeply ingrained preconceptions pave the way for severe disillusionment.” A person cannot step into the institution of marriage expecting it to be an automatic way to the “ideal” life. It should be a process rather than a static state. As Mrs. Dunaway puts it, “Every relationship is always getting better or worse. Let it be sure that you insur that it goes in the right direction.”

The Women’s Liberation Movement is also a factor in the changing family. As more women gain financial independency, they are realizing that there is more to life than being a housewife and mother, regardless of what our society has implied in the past. There are many doors, in all walks of life, that are just now being opened to women.

As the general level of education in the U.S. rises, it influences change in the family. Minds broaden as young adults gain more insight into human nature and more exposure to different lifestyles. As minds broaden, the belief that “mine is the only way” is giving way to more open-minded views on the subject of child-rearing. Children are being allowed more freedom to learn for themselves, under the guidance, not control, of their parents. Many parents are finding it effective to have fewer, but concrete, rules. A child can function well within specific guidelines, but may become confused if there are definite rules for everything he does.

If a child is brought up under open-minded conditions, he will probably be seen in his own methods of raising a child, if he becomes a parent. At any rate, he will probably realize that his may not be the only “right” way. Open-minded does not necessarily mean permissive,” or “liberal,” it merely indicates a realization that there are usually more ways than one to accomplish a given goal.

There is little chance that the family unit will cease to exist. Though it has lost some of its functions of old, it remains the on stronghold in our society of that very important guiding force called love. To the family is where one can always go for that love, affection and encouragement that is so very helpful in overcoming the everyday obsolesce of life.

If people see the family as “automatic happiness,” they will probably be disillusioned and may find themselves confronted by a divorce situation. If they are willing to work at it, they will probably find the family to be one of the most, if not the most supporting factor in their lives.

Victims protest

Dear Editor,

The conditions of JSU’s dorms have deteriorated to the point where trivial matters prevail over the basic physical needs of its residents.

For instance, the gestapo type tactics employed by dorm directors who authorized by higher-ups threaten and repress in public school which invade the privacy of those who have rented rooms in the dorms. It is certainly an invasion of privacy to bring the privileged few with pass keys open a locked door.

over the past few months about packages and pieces of mail that were missing. After a postal inspection revealed that mail was often left in a mail bag in the center of the lobby, the post master ordered the university to come up with different system or “federal indictments would be brought down on students (mail theft).”

Schmitz said the only alternative his office could come up with was to have the dorm directors pick up the mail and deliver it to their dorms. He added that he had started a crackdown to see that the mail was delivered at a reasonable time. The dorm directors must sign for the mail and at what time they picked it up. They then must call Student Affairs to say when they picked the mail up. If the mail is not picked up by 3 p.m., they will be reprimanded.

In connection with this mail delivery problem, the Senate passed two motions by SGA president Mike Humphries—that dorm directors be required to pick up the mail preferably before noon and have it distributed to the counselors for distribution in individual rooms by 3 p.m. and that the SGA send to whatever appropriate Post Office official a recommendation for more mail boxes to be placed at appropriate avenues on campus for convenient mailing.

The Senate also approved a motion by Jeff Brassart that the SGA recommend to the post master of Jacksonville that JSU be made a substation or branch of the Post Office. (This motion has been made before with no results.)

Clarifying the university’s stand on cooking appliances in dormitory rooms, Schmitz said he had instructed his dormitory directors and counselors to conduct room checks to see for cooking appliances. Where found, the resident will be told to remove any such appliances. If a second room check reveals that the appliances have not been removed, the dorm resident will face disciplinary action from the appropriate dean, including possible expulsion after disregarded warning.

The recent crackdown, said Schmitz, is due to the results from an inspection of Sparkman Hall where he said the carpet has been burned, in some cases severely.

He added that due to an old English tort law if a person is killed in a fire resulting from a cooking appliance because the university failed to follow the rules, the dorm director of the dorm, the counselor of that floor, the dean of men (or women), the dean of Student Affairs, the president of the university and the Board of Trustees of the university would all be sued. Liability could then have to be determined.

Schmitz said he has been advised by his office that his office can legally be searching a without a search warrant and that a resident need not be present while the search is being conducted.
Larry LouVola is in the service business

By CAROL DAVIS Staff Writer

"Good Things are Happening Under our Roof" may hold true for places other than the local Pizza Hut. The Gamecock Cafeteria for one. Before last fall had you ever heard of a Happy Thursday or a Halloween Costume Party being held at a cafeteria? The chances are, no. And what about the Bluegrass Night to be held on March 7 with Three on a String entertaining. Now does that sound like any way to run a food service for college students?

Larry LouVola, manager for Saga Food Service at the Gamecock Cafeteria, must think so. Since August of 1976 he's been responsible for meeting the needs of students who have meal tickets, listening to their complaints and trying to improve the services offered.

LouVola commented, "Since the first day I started working I've been in the service business. My family was in the business. I had been in Educational Television which was a form of service. Therefore, listening to people's complaints isn't unfamiliar.

"SOMETIMES PEOPLE DON'T evaluate their criticisms. For example, a lot of students don't realize how their attitudes change in the course of a semester. At the beginning of a semester, school is fun and students are excited. That's positive. As the semester wears on, there's more pressure and tension. That's when the negative feelings come in. So I don't mind, but understand this change. It's predictable."

An active Food Committee consisting of students from Beta Beta, Beta Gamma, Beta Sigma, Pat Long and Marian Slaughter has recently been organized. They keep their ears open for both positive and negative comments and act on any complaints that are handled.

Another attempt to keep in touch with students is by attending all SGA meetings. LouVola said, "If there are any difficulties we discuss these. If there aren't any, we talk about this also. And a lot of times I just sit and listen."

Although much time is spent here on campus meeting the demands of the job, LouVola still finds time to spend with his family. This May he will have been married 16 years to his wife, Carolyn. They have two daughters. Michele is 11 years old and in the fifth grade at Jacksonville Elementary School. Five-year-old Stephanie attends kindergarten at the Jacksonville Presbyterian Church.

ORIGINALLY FROM Pennsylvania LouVola worked in radio and television at WQED which happens to be the first educational TV system in the nation. Eleanor Roosevelt and Johnny Carson were among the celebrities he met while there.

"Then I went to work for Hilton Hotel Corporation where Educational Television was not a lucrative endeavor at the time," LouVola continued. "After that I joined the Navy, I was afraid of a crisis in Berlin at the time and knew my draft number was up. I didn't want to be guarding the wall. The day I joined my draft notice arrived in the mail."

During his three years in the Navy, he spent time at the Cuban blockade of the 80's, on a mine sweeper in the Caribbean and then on an aircraft carrier in the North Atlantic. Discharged in January of 1966, he returned to Hilton Hotels and then on to Saga Food Service where he's been for the past 10 years.

Larry LouVola has been the manager of the Gamecock Cafeteria for the past seven months. "In the past we just did a recap of what's in store, then maybe everyone should buy a meal ticket and hang out at the cafeteria. Just to be sure they're not missing anything."

Math tutors are available

By NANCY WADE Staff Writer

The study room, 22 Martin Hall, is a place where students come and receive help on math 10, 110, 122, 122A, 141, 142. Students flock in to ask the little Einsteins of math about the world's most mind boggling word problems.

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The tutors Connie Large, Marcia Criner, Ted Cox, Lynn Mosley and Lena Melton, blend so well with the rest of the students needing help that they're not easily recognized as the Einstein figures. But don't let this fool you. They come popping out of the woodwork when they hear your cry of despair.

Don't ever feel you're bothering the tutors by asking for help; that's what they are paid for. This carefully selected group is funded by University Aid and Work Study Programs.

The main thrust of the tutor program," explained Dr. Horstfield (chairman of the math department), "is to help the student who has poor math background."

"Horstfield supervises the tutor program."

The study room offers a total of 22 1/2 hours of free tutoring during the week to all students. Each tutor (See MATH, Page 8)

Man Who Came To Dinner' humorous

By RON MITCHELL

Anyone who attended the SU Drama Department's production of "The Man Who Came to Dinner" expecting to see some great revelation or involved plot was greatly disappointed. Instead they witnessed a delightfully funny and most enjoyable play.

With a few exceptions each act presented in his way a few moments of humor.

The entire play takes place in the living room of Mr. and Mrs. Grosboy. Their home, a show place for many strange events and unusual happenings, is like many homes in a small Ohio town of 1939. Might have been when a man who came to dinner, falls, fractures his hip and is required to remain in the Stanley home for several weeks. That is if the man who came to dinner was)

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Criminal justice fraternity, will present a seminar today at 7 p.m. in Brewer Hall Room 11A. A criminal investigator from Ft. McClellan will be showing slides and giving a talk on homicide.

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By STEVE JOHNSON  
Staff Writer  
Jacksonville State University travels to Huntsville tonight to compete in the NAIA District 27 basketball playoffs for the third straight year.

First round opponent is UAH.

"I won't say a 13-11 record is a world beater by any means," said the Gamecocks' Bill Jones. "But I think this has been a good year for us, overall, considering our inexperience."

Tickets for tonight's JSU-UAH struggle set to tipoff at 7:30 p.m. in Huntsville's Von Braun Civic Center will be on sale at the door.

"This has been a hard year for us," said Jones. "It has had its ups and downs and it has been a rebuilding one from the start. We didn't set our goals real high, but we were fortunate enough to have won the Cirrus Tournament earlier this year and now we are proud to have a shot at the NAIA."

Teams participating in the NAIA District playoffs are chosen each year by the Dunkel Power Rating System. The top four of Alabama's 14 rated institutions are selected for the playoffs annually. The top rated team this season was UAH.

Jax State made the playoffs when second-rated Troy State dropped out of the NAIA race in favor of the NCAA. JSU was rated fifth in the state this season.

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The Gamecocks win the NAIA District and advance to the Nationals in Kansas City, Jones said he would be willing to call the 1976-77 season a success.

Jax State at present has two potential teams: The International House team and the African Student Organization team.

It is going to be a "tug of war!"

Both teams have openly boasted of their belief to win. No one can accurately evaluate the competency of the players of either team. It is only going to be proved on the field.

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The Stanley children, Richard and June, and their daughter, Mimi Todd, quickly became friends with Whiteside who tells them to follow their dreams against the wishes of their parents.

Donna Bennich portrayed Nurse Freen, Whiteside's private nurse, who after working for Whiteside for one month decided to go to work in an ammunition factory and help destroy the human race rather than try to save it.

Dr. Wayne Claer failed the play by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman. The set and light design was done by Claer Ward.

The Food Committee at J.S.U. is sponsoring a Bluegrass Concert

MARCH 7, 1977
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**ERA: equal rights, responsibility**

By KEM McNABB
Staff Writer

Dr. Mary Martha Thomas, associate professor of history at Jacksonville State, expresses her opinion of the Equal Rights Amendment by saying, "The ERA can be said to deal with human equality; it is a movement for individual rights and civil liberty. It is simply a way of saying that sex is not a permissible factor in determining the legal rights of human beings... the whole idea comes from two fundamental judgements, the first being that women can no longer be relegated to inferior positions and the second that we (U. S. citizens) believe in individual rights, and that an individual should be judged by his or her merits. What we have done in the past was to apply one set of laws for women and one for men..."

In some school systems, there were literally two pay scales; one for women and one for men," said Mrs. Thomas. "Women were thought to be earning 'pin' money; not support for themselves or family... School systems no longer have dual systems, but despite that, the gap between what men earn and what women earn, has been widened in the last few years. Today, women earn an average of 56 per cent of what men earn. We've gone backwards. A few years ago it was as high as 62 per cent and in 1900 it was 50 per cent." Dr. Thomas, who was "instrumental in writing articles and helped organize a meeting to publicize the ERA two or three years ago,... feels that "the legislation needs to be looked over, deleting or changing any laws that apply to the sexes differently. Equality before the law... The ERA is usually identified with women but can be applied to men as well," said Thomas. "For example, in the protective labor legislation, there have been laws that have protected women and perhaps they should be extended to men."

Dr. Thomas continued, "When women ask for equal rights, they must also assume equal responsibilities." "We have the laws on the books," says Thomas, "all we have to do is enforce them. Title 7 of the 1964 Civil Rights Act has to do with discrimination as far as employment is concerned. But it's a long hard process..." Dr. Thomas also said, "There is a common fear that (if the ERA is passed) mothers would end up in the front line of the next war. But I think that decision should be left up to the U. S. Army to determine. There are obviously some men who could not be considered foot soldiers and the same applies to women."

Many people who oppose the equal rights amendment hold misconceptions as to its purpose. Dr. Thomas said some fear that, "It's a threat to the stability of society as we have known it. We think of everything in its place—women's place being in the home, raising children. It is a threat to men because they are now competing with women. If one chooses to stay home, that's fine, but if one doesn't want to stay home, then one should not be penalized."

Dr. Thomas also said, "There is a very small percentage of divorcees who receive alimony payments and they are almost uncollectable. It may be that wives will have to provide alimony for husbands who cannot support themselves."

"Another hang-up people have about the ERA is rape laws. Some fear they will be done away with. Actually, it just says that the law must be re-written. Women's place being in the home. What the real basis here is if the ERA is passed..."

Dr. Thomas said there are two or three years ago, "Anita Haygood, the top prize winner from 38 states. So far 35 have ratified; although two states want to rescind their ratification. Dr. Thomas suggested evasion of this issue by "having more than 38 state ratifications." It must be passed this year or it will no longer be valid.

"I think three more states will ratify it and it will become the 27th amendment," stated Dr. Mary Martha Thomas.

**Math**

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**ATO sponsors Miss NE Alabama contest**

The Eta Theta Chapter of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity in cooperation with Jacksonville State University will once again sponsor the Miss Northeast Alabama Scholarship Pageant on March 3 at 7:30 p.m. in Leone Cole Auditorium.

The winner of the pageant will enter the Miss Alabama pageant which will select the state queen. She will compete for the crown of Miss America in the national competition in Atlantic City, N. J., in September.

The event this year will be the seventh annual Miss Northeast Alabama Scholarship pageant sponsored by ATO.

"We are again serving as sponsors of the pageant this year because we believe it provides a valuable contribution to the community and to the young ladies who will enter the competition," Edwin White, pageant director, said.

Entered in this year's pageant are Joy Bakane, Birmingham; Holley Brauer, Hartselle; Cindy Braden, Oxford; Pam Charter, Albertville; Elaine Evans, Anniston; Anita Hamler, Gadsden; Debbie Harer, Gadsden; Joyce Hill, Hayden; Teresa Hyde, Deraville, Ga.; Clare Leach, Gadsden; Joyce Morgan, Columbus, Ga.; Carolyn Myers, Birmingham; Kathy Watts, Alexandria; Robin Morrison, Anniston; Angie Wesley, Talladega.

Tickets may be purchased from any ATO member for $1 or $1.50 at the door.