JSU auction
Better than expected, school nets $8,700

Jax State's annual auction of surplus goods netted the school $8700. That auction was held last week, and according to Bruce Hay, auction coordinator, "It was a lot more than I thought it would be. I expected $4800 or $4500. It really surprised me."

The last time (last year's auction) we had three times as much stuff and made only $500 more than this time."

Hay added that the purchaser of the clock "got a great buy."

The highest price for a single bid was on some auditorium chairs. The bidder bought 54 of those chairs for $1,090. Then there were some real "cheapies". An electric organ (beat-up) brought $5. No one wanted to bid on a pile of venetian blinds or a commercial washer, and auctioneer Gene Motes finally got bidders to pay $1 for each.

As in the case in most auctions, there were spells of confusion, and spells of anger. Hay said, "We had three or four dealers in the crowd, and some of them got hot with each other." Then there was the case of a woman bidding for a duplicator who tried to raise her own bid, and the auctioneer would have to explain that she really did need to bid against herself. Hay said that he was extremely pleased with the auction and, "Most people who really wanted something got it."

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BY STEVE JOHNSON
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If it gets any hotter, pray for an earthquake.

People shake parched peanuts to keep them from burning—don't they? Well, why couldn't the parched peanut principle be applied to human beings on a much larger scale?

A grand total of 53 Alabama counties have been declared disaster areas and federal drought relief funds are on the way.

Congressman Bill Nichols said on a recent news cast, "These are the worst drought conditions that I have ever seen. Some fields are literally burning up."

And the mercury is climbing even higher—90, 95, 100 or more—with the humidity not very far behind.

An "on-the-level" newscaster recently predicted a reading of 104 for the Anniston-Jacksonville area and somebody was saying something about a bank thermometer flashing 100 just the other day (must have been in the sun).

You know it's hot when people in the hospital with high fevers take a back seat to the temperature outside. Maybe they should be given equal time on local weather reports to compensate (ex. "Temperatures around the state today were as follows: Huntsville, 96; Tuscaloosa, 97; Montgomery, 104; and Ralph Jamerson, 104, for the high of the day recorded at the Regional Medical Center due to an acute case of Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever.")

Most people have enough sense to stay out of the severe heat. Somebody once said that "Only mad dogs and Englishmen go out in the noonday sun."

In most Latin American countries, whole towns temporarily shut down to avoid the midday heat. Everybody takes a siesta and snoozes through the scorching rays of that shimmering tangerine ball known as the noonday sun.

But in the good ol' USA, it seems that midday is usually the busiest part of our lives. The traffic is bumper-to-bumper most of the time around noon—and have you ever wondered why there are so many stalled cars spewing forth a fog of white steam from overheated radiators? Every summer millions of Americans suffer from heat-related disorders, ranging from the pain of a simple sun burn to serious heat strokes that sometimes result in death. A pool of Coppertone wouldn't cure the latter.

During an average American summer nearly 200 of us die from an overdose of heat and sun, and in some years heat waves have claimed more than a thousand lives, The Birmingham Post Herald reported last week through a New York Times News Service source.

And it doesn't have to be a sickly person. Witness the young athletes who

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If you don't already know it's hot as... forget it!
VA counselors answer questions

EDITOR'S NOTE: Following are representative questions answered daily by VA counselors. Full information is available at any VA office.

Q: How much burial expense is paid by VA upon the death of an honorably discharged wartime veteran?
A: A burial allowance not to exceed $250 plus an amount not to exceed $150 toward cost of a burial plot or interment if not buried in a national cemetery. Payment not to exceed $100 may be made if the veteran's death is found by VA to be unattended by military service, not due to wounds or disease incurred in the service of the United States, and death is not the result of an injury or disease suffered by the veteran in the line of duty.

Q: Is there a new provision in the VA pension law which pays an increased amount for an older veteran?
A: Veterans 78 years of age or older on VA pension rolls are entitled to an additional 25 percent increase for all current aw pension rates.

Q: Who is eligible for VA pension?
A: Pensions are payable to wartime veterans with limited income and resources, discharged under other than dishonorable conditions after 90 or more days service, if they are permanently and totally disabled from reasons not traceable to service, and have reached age 65.

Q: Will the VA pay costs of transporting a veteran's remains to a national cemetery?
A: If a veteran dies of a service-connected disability, or at time of death the veteran was eligible for disability compensation, the VA will pay the cost of transportation from the place of death to the nearest national cemetery. If a veteran dies in a VA hospital the VA will pay the cost of transportation to the place of burial.

Q: Is there an increase in my VA compensation?
A: Yes, if the VA has been promptly notified of your admission to the private hospital and medical evidence is submitted showing you were treated for the service-connected disability.

Old Christmas card brings back memories

By DAVID FORD
Editor

The other night while cleaning out my desk, I came upon a two-year old Christmas card. After opening the card and seeing the signature, Larry and Betty were mentioned about our former next door neighbors. Only two short years ago we shared so many good times reminiscing together, cooking out, or merely watching some television together.

I recalled the first time we met. Larry, a fresh college graduate, received a commission to begin pilot training in the air force. Betsy, a not so fresh seven months pregnant, wanted to go back to Massachusetts. Both tried to overcome the fear and anxiety which accompanies a move to a new area packed with unknown people.

Larry attempted to unload the crammed, beat-up van and set up their furniture in the apartment. Obviously Betsy gave only token help. Meanwhile, Larry and I tried to talk between grunts. However, we didn't find out too much about each other while lugging heavy furniture up two flights of steps. We waited until a few days later to begin our friendship. Both of us moved and somehow lost contact with each other. That Christmas card was our last communication. Inside it was a letter. Reading it again, I noticed the last sentence, "If we never see you again, have a happy life."
Neon maze

It's not really as bad as it looks—or is it? Behold, a photographer's eye view of Pelham Boulevard. It you need gas or some fast-food, the signs blur-right you in the proper direction.

Reality

People, problems, college two or three layers deep

By DAVID JOHNSON
Staff Writer

(Editor's note—Let's be realistic about it. Things are not always as they appear to be. Sometimes, the truth about people, problems and yes, even college courses is buried beneath two or three layers of---you know.)

You just have to hang in there and sift your way through the obstacles until you find the real answer. This article is a good example of the "three-layer sift." So, reader—er-r-r-r, sitter—sift on-

The diplomat edged his way apprehensively through the midst of the milling crowd. He smiled uneasily as his bodyguards sternly surveyed the throng of well-wishers for any signs of trouble. Pacing forward a few feet, the diplomat wheeled and faced the cheering crowd.

Before he could utter a sound, his eyes widened in terror as a pistol-wielding assassin stepped toward him and fired point-blank. The diplomat slumped to the floor. He lay motionless.

The crowd surged forward and wrestled the assassin to the carpeted floor. The smoking pistol fell helplessly from his grasp.

Suddenly the violent scene was interrupted by a diminutive man in a floral sports shirt, waving his arms wildly.

"Cut! Cut!" he shouted.

The actors turned and listened attentively to the angry director's comments.

"Motivate! Motivate!" he barked.

"Action!" boomed a voice from the shadows.

The two white-jacketed psychiatrists stared intently at the bizarre events transpiring behind the glass partition to the padded recreation chamber.

"The patients seem to be acting out some sort of play or something," remarked one doctor.

Fauntroy: 2nd visit best

Congressman Walter Fauntroy of Washington, D.C., was recently in Anniston to address a men's day celebration at the Mount Zion Baptist Church. It was not his first visit to Anniston.

Fauntroy came to Anniston a few years ago and was on a freedom bus which was overturned and burned in West Anniston.

When asked to contrast his visit with Anniston this time to last time, Fauntroy said, "Well obviously, when I flew into Birmingham and then drove to Anniston, we were not confronted with those humiliating 'for white only' signs, and on the surface it looks as though we have made substantial progress."

Fauntroy said that he feels the election of Jimmy Carter is an indication of changes being made in this country which are being led by the South. And he added, "We are slowly arriving at the place where people are being judged not on the basis of the color of their skin, but on the basis of the content of their character."

However, Fauntroy feels that there are still things that need to be made, such as eliminating "the false issues of busing and segregation that divert attention from the basic issues confronting the country."

Fauntroy feels that these false issues have been raised in part by the extremely wealthy individuals and multi-national corporations to draw attention away from the present tax structure.

He sees the main obstacle to change as "getting the rich individuals and multi-national corporations to pay their fair share of taxes."

Taking his cuts in tax advantages, Fauntroy feels that the average person is having to bear all of the responsibility for social programs, and said, "I think on the question of tax reform alone will rest the ability to deal with the problems of the low and moderate-income people, black and white together."

When asked why Congress does not pass laws changing the tax structure, Fauntroy said, "I am hopeful that the congress is going to follow the leadership of the president. He has promised us a tax reform package in September." And Fauntroy said that he will be working in the congress to help these reforms pass. "To take the rich off public welfare in this country."

Mercury

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It's little hints like excess sweat and a painful abdomen that give away heat cramps, while heat exhaustion is characterized by sweating profusely, pale cold clammy skin, dizziness and fainting and puling.

Heat stroke victims stop sweating, strangely enough, have fevers approaching 106 and their skin turns a purplish or ashen color with a flushed complexion.

Most of these disorders may be cured by rest in a cool dry place and drinking a salty liquid to replace the lost salt and water in the body.

Heat stroke victims should be rushed to the hospital, however.

Common sense should be used to avoid any of these adverse situations. In other words, when it's 98 or 100 or more don't go out and try to do the same things you do when it's a pleasant 60 or 70—comfort range. Pant, pant!
Honest . . . Walt?

Recently I had the honor to meet Congressman Walter Fauntroy of Washington, D. C. I say honor because he is the first politician I have ever met who did not evade my questions by speaking a lot of political jargon. Instead, he seemed to give me his honest reactions to the queries.

In an era when honest politicians are about as rare as a nickel cup of coffee, it is refreshing to find a member of Congress who is willing to say what he feels without pausing a moment to weigh the votes on either side of the question.

More than enough

The ranking Republican member of the U. S. Senate, John Tower of Texas is behind the President all the way for reorganization of the executive branch of government. Tower has said that the executive branch has grown too much and should be trimmed.

However, when questioned about the tremendous growth of the legislative branch of government in the past several years, Tower said that perhaps there were too many people on the payroll. But, Congress needs a large staff to deal with the many complex problems facing the country.

I suppose so. That huge congressional staff probably enabled Congress to pass all of this legislation we've seen lately fighting inflation, unemployment, and the energy crisis. —By David Ford

Hard times

According to those who know, the current drought situation has hit the marijuana crop hard, too. The rain just hasn't fallen on the unjust or the just much lately—has it?

Through the nose

Prices are going down on a wide scale, we are glad to report. So, if you are in the market for a wide scale, now is the time to buy one. If you are in the market for anything else, you can expect to pay through the nose, as usual. Sniff, sniff! —By Steve Johnson

Charlie's Angels meet Lone Ranger and Tonto

By DONNA RINGO
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America is the only country that considers children a separate advertising market. With children watching more and more television, it is important for parents to be aware of what TV commercials are trying to sell our children. Most commercials, especially those aimed at the younger set, are instilling unrealistic expectations in the minds of the young audience.

All the commercials I watched last Saturday for example, contained at least two children that were healthy, well-dressed, and happy as the result of whatever product was being presented. These commercials aimed at the young viewers were always fast paced, with rapid changes of scenes to try and keep their attention. The music was usually set to a quick tempo with easy to learn words and melody. Of a dozen or so that I recently recorded, I will choose two similar in content and objectives as examples.

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Resolution halts interim committee

During this year’s regular session of the Alabama Legislature, one of the hundreds of congratulatory resolutions secretly abolished the interim Finance and Taxation Committee.

House joint resolution 621, sponsored by Rep. Alvin Holmes of Montgomery, appeared to congratulate Auburn track star, Harvey Glance, but removed the interim committee which Lt. Gov. Jere Beasley used to conduct budget hearings between legislative sessions.

The seemingly innocuous resolution congratulated Glance through the first four paragraphs. The final paragraph contained the sting.

The final paragraph read as follows: “Be restored to the Legislature of Alabama, both houses concurring, that this body, once again, recognizes and applauds the outstanding feats accomplished in track and field by champion Harvey Glance; we commend him on his spectacular performance in the 46th SEC Track and Field Meet, in his honor we hereby repeal Act Number Nine Hundred Forty-Nine, adopted October tenth, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy Five, and congratulate him on winning the Commissioner’s Trophy, and direct that a copy of this resolution be sent to him that he may know of our pride, our praise and our highest esteem.”

Act 949 established that this body,

On learning of this action, Mrs. Hogan replied that he JSU on and off since 1957 to 18. “I remember how things have been around more summer. I was a little bit of a ball. Because I was older than some of my in-struc-tors, the teachers. The biggest difference Mr. Hogan said about returning to college is that, “I don’t have any blue jeans.”

The experience and contributions these two students have made to their classes are best expressed by their fellow classmates:

“The adults in our class seem very young at heart and fit in perfectly with the younger students.” PATSY MILOER

“I believe if the older person is mature, this will make them happy. But what happens when the product fails to give the kid what he expects? I remember how disappointed I was when I finally got to eat some Wonder Bread, and I did not grow any bigger. How many of us could really get on a skateboard and go six feet without falling? How many of us have grown up to be tall, thin, beautiful, with a head of lovely, manageable, flowing tresses? How many men have grown up to be great athletes because they ate their Wheaties?

As an example of a good child’s ad is the Jello Pudding with Bill Cosby. He uses imagination without any ‘devices’—like an animated Fat Albert hopping out of the pudding. He only noted how many children are watching the commercials and guiding their parents to buy the product.

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Mrs. Louise Hogan and James Robinson

New student

Mr. Robinson returns to college at age 49

By SHARI DURAND

Staff Writer

The “new” student—exactly who qualifies in this category? Students fresh out of high school? Students in their twenties coming to college for the first time? What about parents? Or even grandfathers and grandmothers? They all qualify as new students. There is a growing trend among the older generations to return to college campuses for further education. Some return to begin new careers, to improve their knowledge of their present jobs, or simply to gain more education, and in the process, enrich their lives. Examples!

Mr. James Robinson is a freshman here at Jacksonville State. He is married and has four children and one grandchild. Mr. Robinson, who is 65 years old, attended Samford University where he received his pharmaceutical degree and has worked as a pharmacist ever since. Along with his occupation as a pharmacist, Mr. Robinson is also a lay pastor of the Methodist faith. When his doctor-him that he must find another occupation that he must give it much thought. He said that he enjoyed going to school and taking courses just to learn more. He also feels that anyone who has been around more can add to a conversation and class discussion. Mr. Robinson said that he fell there were certain advantages to coming back. “We’re no longer interested in dating, social activities of the young, or playing in a dance band. We can concentrate on school.”

Mr. Robinson has found that his instructors treat him as equally as his fellow classmates. However, he also added that, “Instructors might be able to relate to an older person since we’re from the same era. We remember the same things like Glenn Miller and bobby socks.” Mr. Robinson also commented that one of the most important aspects of coming back was that he was “able to learn from young people.”

Mrs. Louise Hogan, a resident of Talladega, has two children and five grandchildren. Of her five grandchildren, two will be entering school in the fall—her oldest will be a freshman at Jacksonville State and her youngest will be in the first grade. Mrs. Hogan teaches fifth grade math at Talladega Middle School. She received her first teaching degree from the University of Montevallo and taught business office education for one year. Following this, Mrs. Hogan worked in a public library. She has been returning to JSU on and off since 1967 to work on her teaching cer-tificate in her field of elementary education. She will receive her teaching cer-tificate at the end of this summer.

Son of a gun

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In the recent Miss Alabama Pageant held in Birmingham, six young ladies from JSU competed: Cheryl Burgess, Miss Talladega 500; Anita Hamiter, Miss Northeast; Teresa Cheatham, Miss North Alabama; Julie Houston, Miss Oak Mountain; Lyndy Hewell, Miss East Birmingham; and Sheila Pope, Miss Cullman County, were among the 53 contestants competing for the title Miss Alabama.

The pageant week consisted of hard work at rehearsals and preliminary competition talent, swimsuit and evening gown working toward Saturday night and the selection and naming of the new Miss Alabama. Before that Saturday evening was over, Miss Houston was named the 1977 Miss Alabama and Miss Cheatham was named second alternate. Miss Houston had won preliminary swimsuit competition. And Miss Cheatham had won preliminary talent competition.
Shaw named to JSU staff

Jacksonville State University announced the signing of two pitchers and an outfielder today for the upcoming season.

Inked to grant-in-aid scholarships were pitchers Skipper Jones of Auburn High School and Joey Brasfield of Amory, Miss., and outfielder-first baseman Gil Bruce of Albertville.

The trio of prep seniors were the first signees for Jax State this summer, but more are expected as the Gamecocks lost four seniors, five pitchers and seven of eight starters in the field.

Jones, 6-3, 180, pitched Auburn High School into the State 4-A playoffs recently after being switched from shortstop in mid-season. The right-hander is expected to continue as a pitcher at Jacksonville.

He posted a 6-2 record during his senior year, capping his year with outstanding performances in the state playoffs and the East-West games at Montgomery and Birmingham. He had several college offers.

Brasfield, 6-4, 225, pitched his team to the state finals in Mississippi. He averaged almost two strikeouts per game during his senior season at Amory.

During his senior season, he pitched three no-hitters and one perfect game. His record was 12-2 for the season. His top strikeout game was 17 (seven-inning game).

Bruce, who played only one year of high school baseball, impressed scouts and college coaches with outstanding hitting in the East-West All-Star games in Decatur and Birmingham.

The lefthanded slagger hit for a .444 average during the regular season, hitting seven doubles and five homers. He made All-County in baseball and football. Bruce turned down five football scholarships to take the baseball grant at Jax State.

Terry Abbott takes All-Academic honors

Jax State righthander Terry Abbott has been named to the Gulf South Conference All-Academic team for spring sports. That announcement came last week from the GSC office in Hammond, La.

Abbott has already been voted All-Gulf South Conference, honorable mention Little All-America, and inked a contract with the Atlanta Braves.

Steve Murphee inks Jax golf scholarship

Steve Murphee of Saks High School has signed a golf scholarship with Jacksonville State. Murphee was a member of the Saks golf team and competed in the state tournament in Tuscaloosa this year.

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U. of Penn students to lose radio station

University of Pennsylvania (NOCR)—The University of Pennsylvania will appeal an FCC ruling terminating the license of the student-operated radio station, WXPN. The FCC failed to renew the license after the administrative judge found the university trustees, the legal licenseholder, "failed to exercise adequate control and supervision over WXPN's operations in a manner consistent with a licensee's responsibilities". The case was brought about by a program in which students broadcast obscenities.

Some close to the case claimed the judge was using WXPN as a warning to other university stations that license control should be strengthened. The judge denied those claims but noted that on many campuses there may be "some qualms" about his decision because many trustee-licensed stations have a "similar set-up" to WXPN. "Boards of trustees are frequently out of touch" with their stations," he said.

Irish curbing 'food fights'

'footh fights'

Notre Dame University (NOCR)—Flying broccoli and mashed potatoes may have become a thing of the past at Notre Dame University. To curb an increasing number of food fights in dining halls, the food service and dean of students offices teamed up to devise a deterrent to turning dorm food into stick ammunition. Those captured in the midst of a food battle will be assigned a five to 35 hour work detail in the cafeteria. Their chore—cleaning garbage cans at 7 a.m. on Sundays.

Hazing death suit resolved

Lehigh University (NOCR)—A multi-million dollar lawsuit resulting from a fraternity hazing death was settled out of court recently. The case involved the 1973 death of a Delta Phi fraternity pledge at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa., who allegedly jumped from a moving car while being taken on an initiation ride. A jury had been selected but wasn't needed as officials of the university and attorneys for the former pledge's parents reached a settlement reported to be about $50,000. Lehigh University was named in the suit along with several fraternity members, the fraternity corporation, the Lehigh dean of students, vice president for student affairs, and an associate dean.

One lettuce bowl...

University of Minnesota (NOCR)—For over three years at the University of Minnesota students had two bowls of lettuce to choose from in cafeteria lines—one picked by the United Farm Workers, the other non-union. Since March 10, when the UFW and the Teamsters worked out an agreement in their dispute over unionizing California farmworkers, the UM food services have returned to a single lettuce bowl.