Gov. James says process was open . . .

Montgomery named JSU President

By LISHA BROWN

JACKSONVILLE, June 25, 1981 — After months of search, interviews, and debate, a new President was selected for Jacksonville State University. Dr. Theron F. Montgomery, formerly Vice President for Academic Affairs at JSU, was elected by the JSU Board of Trustees for the high office.

The board had interviewed some 96 applicants and had narrowed it down to three—Dr. Montgomery of Jacksonville, Dr. James C. Sams, President of Salem College in Salem, West Virginia and Dr. Glen Davis Williams, Vice President at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, Illinois.

Gov. Fob James, who had stressed the importance of an open selection-process at the urgency of the JSU faculty senate, was satisfied in the board's performance. "I am satisfied that it was an open search. The Board of Trustees was totally open in their methods—there was no predetermined preference."

While Gov. James felt that Montgomery was an excellent man for the job, he was equally impressed with the other two candidates. "I challenge you to find two more impressive resumes. All of the candidates were highly qualified."

Gov. James revealed some of the questions asked in the exhaustive interviews administered to each of the three candidates: (1) What are the three greatest strengths of JSU (2) What are the three greatest weaknesses (3) How would JSU fit into the overall scope of the Alabama education system (4) What would your priorities be in respect to JSU (5) How should a school monitor its graduates (6) What kind of relationship would you have as president, to the students of the university. Gov. James said that he asked 10 questions in all.

Montgomery answered one of the questions at the press conference following the announcement of his presidency. "I feel that the three strengths of this institution are its student body, the faculty and the alumni." One of the weaknesses that Montgomery named was lack of money. Montgomery asked Gov. James help in that area. "With a hope, work, and a prayer we'll get more." The new JSU President stated.

When asked what he liked about Montgomery's presentation, Gov. James said, "the clarity, the mental toughness, and the strong sense of reality." As to whether Montgomery's 31 years at JSU will be an asset to his presidency, James replied with, "Time will tell."

Gov. James, Dr. Montgomery and Col. Daugette

Dr. Theron Montgomery takes office tomorrow

By LISHA BROWN

As of tomorrow, Jacksonville State University will have a new president. Dr. Theron E. Montgomery, formerly Vice President of Academic Affairs at JSU, will officially take office tomorrow.

According to President Emeritus, Dr. Houston Cole, "Dr. Theron Montgomery will bring to the presidency of the Jacksonville State University dignity, integrity, scholarship and administrative experience. I predict for him a progressive and a successful administration."

Dr. Cole should know what he is talking about. He brought Dr. Montgomery to Jacksonville in 1956 as an associate professor of sociology and proclaims him to be "one of the best minds in this state."

Dr. Montgomery has certainly proven his capability. Four years after his employment at this university began, Montgomery aspired to becoming a full professor of sociology and in the next year became the dean of that department. In 1979 he was named Vice President of Academic Affairs, a post he has held with much success until his latest promotion to President of the University.

Dr. Montgomery has seen a lot of changes take place in the last 10 years. "From the time I came in 1950 there have been certain things that have stayed the same—the

New university police chief Nichols is highly qualified

By DENNIS SHEARS

"The Jacksonville State University Police Department exists to protect life and property, maintain a successful parking and traffic system, prevent crime and be of general service to the University community. We want to fulfill these responsibilities in a professional and pleasant manner," says JSU's new University Police Chief, David Nichols.

Nichols, 32, became the new police chief around the end of May. He came to Jacksonville from Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Tenn. Prior to MTSU, he served as Chief of University Police at the University of Montevallo. He has an BA degree in political science with a minor in history, and a master's degree and AA certificate in Educational Administration. From the University of Alabama, Nichols is currently working on his doctorate in administration and higher education.

His additional studies include special education, a bus driver training course, Law Enforcement Academy, criminal justice programs, burglary investigation school, Police Personnel Management Seminar, and narcotics investigation. He has been employed in police work for six years.

Nichols's former civic activities include Montevallo City Councilman, Chairman of City Gas System, Exen-tennial Vice President of Montevallo Jaycees, and

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Student Government Association is already working for you...

The SGA is looking forward to working with John Stewart of the International House, on the Centennial Celebration of JSU. The SGA will work to get all organizations involved with the Centennial Celebration.

The SGA is working with STEP-UP (Freshmen Orientation), to help new students on campus get involved with the SGA as well as other organizations. The SGA would like to commend Bill Meehan on a fine job he has done with STEP-UP.

The SGA is in the process of distributing a booklet entitled "Hints on How to Study and a pamphlet You and the SGA, explaining the SGA, and its workings to the student body.

The SGA offers student insurance for all students also.

At this time, the SGA is working on entertainment for the fall and other events. The booking of bands is already underway.

The SGA will sponsor a BLOOD DRIVE Thursday, July 29, in the ROUND HOUSE. All students and campus employees are encouraged to participate.

Students pleased with selection

A number of JSU students have expressed their content in the selection of Dr. Theron Montgomery as the new President of Jacksonville State University. As one student put it, "It makes better to me that the President is someone that I'm familiar with.

Bill "Moose" Morris, President of the SGA, was very pleased with Montgomery's selection. "He's the man we wanted. I couldn't be happier." Mary Hannah, Vice President SGA, expressed a desire for the SGA to work closely with the new president.

Although many students are happy with Montgomery's election, there are a large number of students who have no preference, and several who don't know who the previous President was, Dr. Ernest Stone, who has been president for over a decade. Hopefully these students were freshmen.

Letter to the editor

Dear Editor,

Recently, our campus hosted the meeting of the Student Conference on American Government, which included many area high schools. This year SGOA was directed by Dodie Coleman and Dr. Glen Browder of the Political Science Department.

Thanks to Dodie's hard work and devotion, SGOA was a huge success. Her long hours of work really helped make SGOA a great experience for all of us involved, both staff and delegates.

Mary Hannah

Nichols

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Maps and guest parking permits are available at the UPD 24 hours a day, and JSU-UPD pamphlets will be available for all students at orientation seminars throughout the summer.

Nichols' philosophy as the university police chief is to "serve the students, enforce the law, and make the university a pleasant place all at the same time." Nichols welcomes anyone with comments, questions, or complaints at any time.
Coach Don Salls retires from second JSU position

By LISHA BROWN
Coach Don Salls' 34-year relationship with Jacksonville State University will officially end Aug. 31 when he will retire for the second time at JSU, this time as a professor of education.

Coach Salls' first retirement came in 1964, when he ended his football coaching career with not only a winning season but with the establishment of a winning tradition and a stable athletic program.

When Salls arrived in 1946, Jacksonville had played only two games in five years because of World War II. The Gamecock football program was in need of reorganization and a rekindling of enthusiasm for the game. Salls' first team consisted mostly of ex-soldiers continuing their educations after the wartime interruption.

This wasn't the best of situations for a first time coach, but Don Salls took that first team, some of the players older than himself, and rolled to a 9-0 record. Before that 1947 campaign the Gamecocks had won as many as six games in a year in only four of their previous 37 seasons.

Coach Salls finished his coaching career with a 93-56-11 record, his crowning achievement being the Gamecock bout in the 1956 Refrigerator Bowl against the favored Yankee Conference champion, Rhode Island. The media was so confident in the victor that television crews set up cameras in the Rhode Island dressing room to show the victory celebration.

They were at the wrong party. Jacksonville won the game 12-10.

"We weren't given a chance," Salls reflected. "They were coming out of the east and had played some pretty good football teams. We were very much the underdog, but we slugged it out and won."

"When we got back the whole campus turned out to greet us. It was a big game for us because it got us national recognition, and it gave us a little idea of what we would do on a national basis."

In honor and appreciation to his lifetime contribution to JSU athletics, the Gamecock athletic dormitory was named for Coach Salls in 1963—providing him with one of his best memories. "I can't help it," he admits, "when I drive by and look up and see my name, I have to say 'golly.'"

Salls, who earned his doctorate during the season of 1953 at Columbia University, was also a teacher, athletic director, and head of the physical education department during various times of his coaching career.

He made his second career the education field, and has supervised student teachers and taught introduction education courses full time since his retirement from coaching. Before doing that, he developed a highly successful isometric exercise that received national praise.

Coach Salls will still be active in athletics, even after his second retirement—as a participant. At age 62, Salls is still a menace to the opposition both on the tennis court and the golf course. Once a winner—always a winner. For Coach Don Salls that will always be the case.

Drama students present 'Barefoot in the Park'

"Barefoot in the Park," one of Neil Simon's most popular comedies, will be presented by the Jacksonville State University Drama Department from Thursday, July 11-Saturday, July 13.

One New York critic called "Barefoot in the Park," "The funniest comedy I can remember." Another said the show provided, "The funniest evening Broadway has enjoyed in years." The New York Times called it, "A bubbling, ribtickling comedy," and the New York Daily News said that during the show, "I don't think anybody stopped laughing while the curtain was up."

It's no secret that Neil Simon is one of the funniest playwrights ever, and many theatre-goers rate "Barefoot in the Park" as his most hilarious work. It's about a spanking new lawyer, who has just won his first case (six cents in damages), and his young bride, who is as pretty and as scatterbrained as they come. They've just moved into a high-rent apartment with no furniture, no heat, and a skyline that leaks snow. To reach this honeymoon penthouse, they must climb six wheezing flights of stairs and avoid some of the most eccentric neighbors ever imagined. It all adds up to a very funny play, indeed.

The JSU production of "Barefoot in the Park" stars Laura West, John Musk, Valery Hurst, and Steve Wittton. Gary Jones and Tracy Faulkner complete the cast. The show is directed by Wayne Claeren and designed by Carlton Ward.

"Barefoot in the Park" will be presented in JSU's New Ernest Stone Performing Arts Center at the corner of Church and 11th Streets in Jacksonville. For reservations call 435-9820 ext. 447 or 449 during the day, or 435-9838 evenings. Tickets are $2 for students and $3 for non-students. Special rates are also available for groups of 20 or more. Curtain is at 8 each evening, July 11-13.
As I began to think about college life and studying, I became more and more excited about freshman orientation and the year to come.

Time passed quickly between high school graduation and the big day of registration and I began counting down the days as that time soon approached.

Finally, the day had come and I was nearing the campus steadily down Pelham and was amazed at the beauty and magnificence of this place. The well kept landscape and architecture of the buildings were among the first things to catch my eye. Later, as I walked around looking at the many different facilities here I ran into many people and each one was so nice and friendly, now I can see why this is called the "Friendliest Campus In The South."

It was nearing 9 a.m. and time for "STEP-UP" registration in the Therion Montgomery building or what I heard someone call the Student Commons. After getting my dorm assignment in Luttrell Hall and finishing up the final details, it was time for the opening meeting in the auditorium.

We were greeted by Mr. Bill Meehan, the director of the program, and he later introduced us to Dr. Montgomery who at that time was the Vice-President of the University. After his words of wisdom and encouragement we were taken on a tour of the campus by slides presented by Jim Roberts. After this impressive presentation, William Morris, the SGA president, introduced us to the many different directors of programs on campus. After this informative session we were free for lunch. The SAGA Food Service which prepares the meals in the dining hall served some of us a wonderful meal.

At 1:00 it was time for "University Survival Skills." This was in the beautiful Bibb Graves Hall where we met with counselors who answered our questions like: Where is PAB? Who should we talk to for this? or what department does that fall under? What is Drop-Add? and even questions like is it true that the students here like to party? After the question and answer session, the Trial Schedule was explained to us in detail and we were then sent to our Academic Advisor, the person who is to be our mentor through this ordeal.

Our advisor helped us select the courses that would be best for us towards reaching our goals in life, whatever they may be. When we finished with our scheduling we were dismissed for the day.

Later that night, back in the dormitory, we were introduced to the fraternity system. This too could be another big question. Am I going to join a fraternity? If so, which one do I join?

For entertainment we had the choice of going to see a movie or listening to a live band.

After a night of many questions, we awakened Thursday morning to go and register at the Dean's office in the area of study that we choose the day before. With some slight changes and adjustment due to classes being full, I was finished with my fall schedule. Now after completing the major task of orientation I had to finish the minor details like getting my ID card made, my picture made for the annual, and getting my schedule stamped with my dorm name on it. Before we departed. We also filled out evaluations of our stay on campus and the orientation itself. Whether or not you came to this campus to get away from home, the price of the college, the fine hand, the friendliness, the size, the athletics, or the good academic program, I hope you have found this campus to be everything you wanted it to be.

Senior art exhibit opens June 30th

Jacksonville State University's art department will open its 1981 summer senior art exhibit June 30 with a 7-9 p.m. reception in the Hammond Hall Gallery on campus.

Seniors exhibiting their work are Steve McCay, Barbara Morgan, Lisa Mote and LaFrench Talley.

Gallery hours are 1-4 p.m. weekdays. The exhibit will be open through July 10.
**Glitter of Big Apple brightens minimester**

By N. KARLOVICH-SMITH

News Staff Writer

Minimester at JSU, that crazy condensation of a semester into an intense study experience, can be a time for learning more about topics that aren’t normal college fare.

And this term was no exception for five students who signed up for English 484.

In the course entitled “current New York Theatre,” the students spent several days in New York City seeing plays such as “Woman of the Year” and “Rose”.

All the students—Emily Tierney of Fairburn, Ga.; Dodie Coleman of Anniston; Derick Turner of Augusta, Ga.; Pearl William of Jacksonvile, and Stacy Suttle of Lafayette, Ga.—agreed that they were richer persons for the experience.

Turner, according to the group, made a point of finding the stars. And his plans paid off for he visited Glenda Jackson in her dressing room and saw Rex Smith, Estelle Parsons, Beatrice Arthur and Tony Orlando.

Tierney, who has aspirations of being an actress and who with Turner had a part in “Kent State” while it was filmed locally, said the trip made her “want to be there, to think seriously about giving it a try.” She had played in JSU productions such as “Picnic”, “Present Laughter,” and the 12 theatre productions.

When asked about the difference in lifestyles between Jacksonville and New York City, Suttle said, “You really don’t have to worry about your safety so much because everyone is so busy doing his or her own thing.”

The other students joked about one of Suttle’s attempts to do his own thing by eating some smoked beef tongue at one of the local delis.

Coleman who along with Tierney enjoyed being within starring distance of Kevin Cline said she wished more classes of this caliber were available.

“Larger colleges frequently offer more of this kind of learning experience where you can learn about people and culture. Learning can take place in outside-the-classroom activities,” said Coleman.

She added that she knows about twenty people who would like to go and learn more about theatre in New York next year.

Pearl Williams who took the class as a graduate student said she was intrigued by the crowds and the people.

“They (the crowds) seem to increase at night. I never saw just one policeman on the beat or on a scooter. They were always in pairs,” said Williams who is a campus police officer at JSU.

Between trips to the Lincoln Center and “the 50 rides” to the Empire State Building, the students had varied reactions from “Different!” to “Not my style!” to pieces in the Museum of Modern Art.

What some would call an easy class because of the emphasis on the New York trip was not substantiated as the students intensely talked about the tests, term paper, journal and study of the plays prior to seeing them.

The students all agreed that Dr. Steve Whitton, JSU English professor, had worked hard to make the course a successful life experience and emphasized his desire to let them learn on their own rather than “teach them New York city”.

Conversation with New Yorkers gave the students an inkling of their own roots when they were repeatedly asked, “And where are you from?”

The answer was a place where an instructor will take the time to work out the details so as to share the joy of a new environment and the professional world of theatre with novices.

Dr. and Mrs. Surace to perform for Ala. Shakespeare Festival

This year the annual “Concerts at Saint Michaels,” the musical side of The Alabama Shakespeare Festival, will feature performances by Dr. and Mrs. Ron Surace, and a student of Jacksonville State University Matt McMahan. The concert, which will be held August 15 at 11 in the morning at Saint Michaels and All Angels Episcopal Church in Anniston, features the music of Edward Grieg, who is probably the best known Norwegian composer.

Dr. Ron Surace will play piano music of Grieg which has been derived from Norwegian folk music. Mrs. Surace will play old Norwegian country fiddle tunes on the violin which were originally performed on an old Norwegian instrument called the “Hardanger Fiddle”.

Mrs. Surace will also sing some Norwegian folk tunes.

Matt McMahan, a student of Dr. Surace, will play a movement of the famous Grieg concerto. Dr. Surace will play the orchestral accompaniment on the piano.

The presentation will also feature lectures by Dr. Surace.

Dr. Surace will also perform on August 1 at Saint Michaels in another program featuring members of the Alabama Symphony Orchestra - Nancy Sharp, flautist, and Pat Brooke, cellist. The musicians will perform works from the renaissance period of Shakespeare, featuring the composer, Jon Dolmetsch. Dr. Surace will perform with Nancy Sharp in a suite for jazz piano and flute by the composer, Claude Bolling.

Scholarship winner

Jacksonville State University co-ed Sharon Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Clyde Davis of Piedmont, was recently presented a $1000 scholarship from Barber’s Milk of Birmingham. Sharon, 19, is majoring in accounting and minoring in finance and banking. The scholarship is presented each year to an outstanding student enrolled in the JSU College of Commerce and Business Administration.

Photo by S. Whitton

**Time out**
Four Jaxmen ink pro baseball contracts

By CHRIS ROBERTS
News Sports Writer

Four Jacksonville State University baseball players signed professional contracts this week, bringing the total number of signees this year to six.

In the past five years, a total of 26 Gamecocks have signed professional baseball contracts. And head baseball coach Rudy Abbott says that isn't bad at all.

"We're always happy to see Jacksonville State players go professional," he said.

The Boston Red Sox signed JSU players outfielder Charlie Fisher and pitcher Chuck Davis. The two will play with Elmira this summer in the New York-Penn League.

"Fisher was drafted in the 10th round," said the end of the regular season. Before coming to Jax State, he pitched two seasons at Gadsden State Junior College. He is from Marietta, Georgia.

While the Red Sox got two players, the Montreal club picked up Jax State outfielder Jerome Coleman. He was drafted in the 25th round, and will be playing for Jamestown in the New York-Penn league.

"Davis was drafted by pro scout Milt Boiling after pitching in a semi-pro after the end of the regular season." Abbott said. "The opportunity to make good money comes only one time. And when an offer is made, the player has to decide whether to take up the offer or stay in school, get an education, and hope the offer will come again."

"Age is something else for an undergraduate to think about," Abbott said. "Once a player is past 21, age becomes a real handicap in getting a good contract."

A couple of talented seniors and two sophomores have won most valuable player honors at Jacksonville State University in football, basketball, and baseball for the 1981-82 school year.

Ed Lett, a sophomore from Glendale, and Simon Shephard, a sophomore from Summerville, Ga., have been selected as the most valuable offensive and defensive players in football. And on the baseball field, Arnold Veasley took MVP in baseball and Jerome Coleman in basketball.

Veasley averaged 15.2 points and 9.5 rebounds in pacing the Gamecocks to a 22-8 mark in 1980-81. Veasley was the top rebounder in 22 games this past year. He was named the most valuable player in three tournaments.

Coleman, a senior centerfielder from Newman, Ga., was the Gamecocks' leader all year. He hit .368 and stole 24 bases to pace the Gamecocks to their 12th straight winning season. In addition to his contributions to the basketball team, Coleman was a starting defensive back for the Gamecocks and a starting defensive back for the Gamecocks.

Veasley, a senior from Camp Hill, led the Gamecocks to two GSC titles and consecutive trips to the NCAA playoffs after an outstanding career at Chattahoochee,JC. He was also named the most valuable player in the Gulf South Conference this past year for his effort.

MVP's honored in football, baseball, basketball

Florida in the Gulf Coast League. Muench is a pitcher in the Carolina League for Shelby. He completed 2102 yards and 18 touchdowns per game. Veasley averaged 8.368, hit 665, hit six doubles, and was excellent on defense. Coleman is from Newnan, Georgia.

Over the weekend, a fourth JSU player signed a professional contract. He is Darryl Roberts, and he inked with the Chicago White Sox.

It is six foot, two inches tall, weighs 225, and is from Huntsville.

Before the start of the season, outfielder Dave Simonetti and pitcher Tim Muench signed pro contracts, and as a result did not play for JSU this season.

Simonetti signed with Houston, and will play at Sarasota, Florida in the Gulf Coast League. Muench is a pitcher in the Carolina League for Shelby.

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Thirteen • a lucky number for Talladega 500 winner

Favorites in the Aug. 2 Talladega 500 stock car race at Alabama International Motor Speedway will be trying to extend one of the most unique records in motorsports. Twelve different drivers have won the 12 Talladega 500's to date and there's an excellent chance the 13th winner of the 500-mile classic will continue the string and become one of the few individuals in history that consider the number 13 a lucky number. Neil Bonnett of Hueytown, Alabama is the defending champion and became the 12th different face in the 12th running of the Talladega 500 race a year ago. Bonnett joined a unique group of Talladega 500 winners that includes Richard Brickhouse, Pete Hamilton, Bobby Allison, James Hylton, Dick Brooks, Richard Petty, Buddy Baker, Dave Marcis, Donnie Allison, Lennie Pond and Darrell Waltrip.

While the past winners are, indeed, a dandy dozen, the list of front-running candidates to become the 13th different winner includes some of the biggest names in motorsports. Four-time Indianapolis 500 winner A. J. Foyd, defending NASCAR Winston Cup champion Dale Earnhardt, former Daytona 500 winner Benny Parsons, three-time Winston 500 winner David Pearson, Carl Yarborough plus the strongest rolling armada of young drivers ever assembled will be trying to continue the amazing string of different winners.

The charge of the youth brigade is led this season by Nashville's Mike Alexander and Texan Terry Labonte. And, it is a truly incredible record when considering the fact the Talladega 500 is the only NASCAR race in history to go 12 years without a repeat winner. The Daytona 500 went eight years before Richard Petty captured his second victory and the Firecracker 400 was won by the same driver its first two years, the late, great Glenn (Fireball) Roberts.

Herb Thomas became the first two-time winner of the prestigious Darlington Southern 500 in the fifth running of that event and Fred Lorenzen became the first two-time winner of Charlotte's World 600 in the fifth race.

It took nine races in the Atlanta Journal 500 before Lee Roy Yarborough became a repeat winner and eight races at Bristol's Southeastern 500 before David Pearson captured it for the second time.

Time trials for the 13th annual running of the Talladega 500 get underway Thursday, July 30, with Busch Beer Pole Position runs. The seventh annual ARCA 200 will precede the Talladega 500 on Saturday, Aug. 1, at 1 p.m.

Mid-South Gymnastic Camp

This year's camp had over 200 participants and they worked on the many different aspects in gymnastics. Above, Al Fong, of Kansas City, Mo., works with Jayne Powell, Courtney Jordan, Kay Sowell and Donna Grizzard, all from Anniston.

Gymnastic instructors

Instructors of this year's camp as well as members of JSU's gymnastics team are: Left to right, Lisa Stoner, Lynn Bruce, Tracy Kepp, Vicki Bragg and Lori Webb. Second row, Kim Williams, Donna Buley, assistant coach, and Marilyn Flaner, Denise Walker and Jenny Arred. At the far right, are Michelle Grizzard, of Kansas City, Mo., works with Al Fong.

JSU announces 1981 football schedule

Jacksonville State University, which has played in the NCAA playoffs each of the past four years, will have to win on the road if the Gamecocks hope to advance to the playoffs again in 1981.

The Gamecocks, who posted an 8-4 mark last year, will play six of their 10 games away from home this fall. Jax State will have home games against Alabama A&M, Liberty Baptist (Va.), Livingston and UT-Martin.

The Gamecocks will play road games at Alabama State, Chattanooga, Mississippi College, Delta State, Troy and North Alabama.

"We would like to have another home game, but there is not a lot we can do about it," Fuller said in announcing the schedule. "At least we don't have two open dates back-to-back like we did last year." Jax State's only open date this year is Oct. 24.
commitment of the University to its students and community with the ability of friendliness and compassion that is Jacksonville State University. The greatest change that I have seen is the change from teachers school to college to university."

It is important to Dr. Montgomery that the curriculum of JSU provide students with the means to compete. "I would like to see us move into certain areas more vigorously—computer science for instance. That would provide more potential for students. It is important for our curriculum to enable our graduates the skills they need to compete. There are some areas of enrichment that we have or have not developed to its full potential."

Each president of this University has gone into office with a problem on his hands. In the case of President Daugette, it was a small University with a bleak future. Dr. Houston Cole aspired to the office right after a war. Enrollment was way down and there was much re-building to do as well as planning for the future. In Dr. Ernest Stone's case there was unrest on campus in the form of various groups. Dr. Montgomery feels his greatest problem to be planning. "My greatest problem is that we are coming in at a time when money is in short supply. It is a time of inflation, a time when higher education is under scrutiny. But I think that this institution has the resourcefulness to meet the 80s and the 90s head on."

In talking with Dr. Montgomery, his motive is apparent. With our new president, the students are number one. "I have always thought that they were the reason that we are here and I want them to feel free to come see me at any time. Our students make you feel comfortable because they are fine young people. They are worthy to be taught by the faculty. If you care about the kids, you will work to see that they get what they deserve. I really want the students to feel a cohesiveness as a student body. They've got this vibrant thing—I think that is something that always shines through."

Another of the three strongest qualities of this University, according to Dr. Montgomery, are its loyal alumni. "They are the most valuable asset we've got. They are supporting programs and they are loyal. As I said earlier, the board asked me to name the three strongest aspects of our University and I said the students, the faculty and the alumni. More important than their financial support is their advice, concern and real love for the institution—that's what makes it worthwhile. I don't think anyone has attempted this university without forming a love for it."

According to Dr. Montgomery, he doesn't foresee any new faces around Bibb Graves Hall at the moment in the way of administration. According to students of JSU, the new face in the President's office is looking pretty good. Let's hope the honeymoon lasts a long time.

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**Montgomery takes office**

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