Jenkins speaks on Mid-east

By SUSIE IRWIN
Editor

The Mid-East situation "looks simple, but it's convoluted with injustices and moral ambiguity," said Pulitzer Prize nominee, Loren Jenkins.

Speaking to students, faculty members and guests in the Cole Auditorium Tuesday night, Jenkins discussed in length the background and events leading up to the on-going conflicts in the Palestine.

According to Jenkins, both sides, the Israelis and the Arabs, have engaged in terrorist activities during the last two decades and since even before the creation of the State of Israel.

Jenkins, a roving foreign correspondent for the Washington Post, has traveled extensively in the mid-east and concludes that the violence he encountered was worse there than anywhere else in the world.

"Terrorism, civil wars and the misery of many people all stem from the creation of that state (the State of Israel)," Jenkins said.

Recalling the appalling effects the numerous invasions had on villages in Lebanon last summer, Jenkins slipped from the strict, reporting-like style his speech had maintained and expressed genuine disgust for much of what he encountered in these areas.

The villagers, men, women, and children, were shot in their homes during one and two day sieges, Jenkins said.

As a result of his reporting of the Shatilla massacre in Beirut last fall, Jenkins has been nominated by the Washington Post for the Pulitzer Prize in international reporting and the George Polk Award.

The creation of the State of Israel was influenced greatly by the "Zionist movement" which brought together Jewish citizens suffering injustices in neighboring countries such as Poland and Lebanon.

Jenkins said. In these other countries, the Jewish people were treated as second-class citizens and demanded a state of their own. The obvious similarity between the Jewish people before the declaration of the State of Israel and those of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) were discussed by Jenkins. Political mistreatment and social injustices have been experienced by both groups.

However, it is ironic that as a result of the creation of the State of Israel, persons who had lived in the Palestine for hundreds of years were forced out and now considered second-class citizens in other countries. In other words, these people are treated in much the same way the Jewish population had once been treated.

The Israeli military force is regarded as the fourth strongest in the world, Jenkins said, and therefore the PLO is not a military (See JENKINS, Page 5)

Media actions analyzed

Jacksonville State University will host a panel of law enforcement and media experts next week to discuss the topic, "The Police and the News Media in Crisis Situations."

The workshop will be held in the Ernest Stone Performing Arts Center April 13 from 10 a.m. until noon and from 2 to 4 p.m.

Panelists will discuss one actual incident and two hypothetical cases relating to problems confronting newsmen who are assigned to cover events involving potential injury or loss of life.

The discussion will be recorded by Hodding Carter's Inside Story crew and will be aired on the Public Broadcasting System. The tentative air date is April 28.

The program will be moderated by noted Birmingham attorney David Oliver, who will question the panel of experts on media coverage of three crisis situations: crimes against society, civil disobedience, and terrorist incidents.

The workshop, which is open to the general public, is sponsored by Jacksonville State, "The Anniston Star," WHMA TV, and the National News Council.

Panelists will include: Dr. Tom Barker, dean, JSU College of Criminal Justice; Dr. Tom Nicholson, JSU associate professor of criminal justice; Dr. Gene Stephens, associate professor of criminal justice, University of South Carolina; Wayne Chandler, Anniston police chief; a military representative to be announced later; Bill Arthur, staff director of the National News Council and former editor of "Look" magazine; H. Brandt Ayers, editor and publisher of "The Anniston Star"; and other newsmen to be announced later.
A Spring run, RAC RACE 83, co-sponsored by the Regional Alcoholism Council of Cleburne and Calhoun counties and Northeast Alabama Regional Medical Center will be held in Anniston April 23. Beginning at Anniston High School, the 5,000 meter run will start at 9 a.m. and will be followed at 9:45 with a FUN RUN.

Trophies will be given to the top three finishers in each of eighteen age categories of the 5K in addition to the overall male and female winners of the run. The first twenty-five runners to finish the FUN RUN will also receive trophies. Special prizes promoting health and fitness have been donated by area merchants and will be given away at a drawing at the end of the runs. All entrants are eligible to win these prizes but must be present at the drawing. Every runner will receive a T-shirt and entrants fourteen and under will get some special prizes. Walkers are encouraged to enter and participate.

Regional Medical Center will set up a health fair at the race site and will have educational information available about alcoholism. Refreshments will be provided and MD's will be at the run to assist any runners who might require medical aid during the run.

Special assistance will be given by the Anniston Track Club, which has served as an advisor for RAC RACE ’83, and the Anniston Police Department.

SCOAG brings high schoolers to campus

One hundred select high school students from across Alabama will converge on Jacksonville State University May 6-7 for the annual Student Conference on American Government (SCOAG).

The theme this year is “The Alabama Constitution.” The students will have the opportunity to hear outstanding speakers and engage in lively discussions about this timely topic.

The students are being chosen through a selection process at the individual schools. Students who want more information should contact their high school counselor or call Dr. John Browder, Department of Political Science, Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, Alabama.

Registration is $5 for advance entrants and $10 race day. Entry forms may be obtained in the SGA office, at the Campus Bookstore, or from Dr. Mickey Starling in the Criminal Justice Dept. or Mrs. Lyna Rice in the English Dept.

For additional information phone 237-4131.

Pres. Johnson misunderstood by South

Dr. LeRoy P. Graf has lived with President Andrew Johnson for the past 25 years — figuratively speaking — merrily passing through the man’s mail and other important papers.

Graf is co-editor of a series of books on Johnson, The Papers of Andrew Johnson, which is currently in six volumes.

Knowing the late president so well, Graf told an audience at Jacksonville State University recently that the nation’s 17th president, a southerner, is greatly misunderstood by the South.

“I’ve always felt Johnson was unsuccessful from the southern point of view, but he really tried to ease the (Civil War) transition back to peace and participation. Therefore, I think the South has been inordinately hard on him.

But Graf, a distinguished service professor of history at the University of Tennessee and a specialist on the Civil War, pointed out that even Abraham Lincoln’s reputation “would have been a little less elevated than it is now had Lincoln sought to cope with Reconstruction.”

Graf’s comments were made during a program sponsored by the Northeast Alabama Graduate Fellowship of Phi Beta Kappa. Graf, a nationally known textual editor, and authority on American social and cultural history, said his series of books on Johnson is about 50 percent complete.

“We’re saying to foundations and funding agencies that we’ll be finished in 1997. At that point I’ll be 82 so I might not be around to see it finished. I’m sure it will be finished in due time because it’s worth doing.”

Having such an intimate knowledge of Johnson, Graf says with authority and the president who assumed office upon Lincoln’s assassination was “a good man” with a great number of flaws.

“He was a person of integrity, commitment to right as he saw it, great loyalty, great concern about his fellow man. But he had flaws that came in part out of his insecurity of being born not just poor but at the bottom of the pile in a southern society that was very hierarchical. The scars of his youth and his public and personal life were such that he never overcame them, which meant he was suspicious and partly resentful of the aristocrats even when he was in a position to be an aristocrat himself.”

Pi Kapp collects for handicapped

By Mike Gibson

This week, Pi Kappa Phi fraternity has been busy with a very special project — Play Units for the Severely Handicapped. P. U. S. H., a totally new concept for teaching severely and profoundly handicapped children.

Pie Kapps for P. U. S. H.

P. U. S. H. units combine motivators and other activities to create learning environments for institutionalized children. Unlike traditional play equipment, P. U. S. H. units offer tactile, the audio and visual stimulation to enhance the learning process.

Due to the extreme expense of these units, only seven exist in the entire country, all of which were funded by Pi Kappa Phi. The most recent one was placed in Atlanta last fall with several Pi Kapps from Jacksonville State attending the dedication ceremonies. Those attending said they could not believe the difference these units made in the lives of these special children. In a world almost devoid of the understanding of the pleasures of sound, sight and touch, P. U. S. H. units can make a big difference in the conditions and attitudes of these unfortunate children.

Last year, JSU’s chapter received the Red Rose Award for doubling the previous year’s contribution. The only way that feat can be repeated is with your help. Whenever you see a P. U. S. H. road block here in town or a canister in a local business, please don’t hesitate to contribute. All fraternities talk about brotherhood; Pi Kappa Phi is doing something about it during P. U. S. H. Week, April 4-9.

Special Insert Issue

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SGA aids CA Council

By SUSIE IRWIN

Three resolutions were passed, one 'tablet' and one vetoed during the Monday night meeting of the SGA.

A total of $3,000 will be allocated to the Cinematic Arts Council to purchase new sound equipment, as well as provide for upgrading of projector.

According to Sen. Heberling - Winsor, the money will be used to purchase new sound equipment. A resolution concerning the tuition and fees of foreign students was tabled by the senate pending further investigation of the situation.

Sponsored by Sen. Julie Heberling - Winsor and ICC, the resolution was discussed at length because of conflicting information shared by the senators.

As a result of a resolution sponsored by Sen. Dedie Coleman, Tara Lee Clark, Tony Lundy and Marc Angel, $500 will be allocated to the Student and Interview Workshop to be held once each semester.

By SANDY FORTEINBERG

Students' work experience during the summer is becoming a vital part of career development. Students with only a bachelor's degree are finding jobs easily upon graduation. A summer job offers a taste of the real world. Summer work shapes future opportunities. Students should plan the job search early and be aware that most employers are open to unsolicited applications. Pre-business workshop to be held

A pre-business workshop will be held at Jacksonville State University April 12 and 14 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. on the 11th floor of the Houston Cole Library.

Registration for the workshop will be held from 8:30-9:30 a.m. on April 12. A $5 registration fee will be charged.

Workshop leaders will include authorities in a number of fields, including Small Business Administration business specialist Donna Glenn.

The workshop is sponsored by the Small Business Development Center at JSU. For more information about the workshop, contact Jim Dean at 435-8020, ext. 271.

Summer work shapes future

Summer work opportunities. Students should plan the job search early and be aware that most employers are open to unsolicited applications. To gain summer employment, students need not declare a specific major, but should have or be working toward a concentration or field of study. Summer job offers a taste of the real world. An understanding of the skills employers expect can help in course selection, and the experience will improve students' marketability. A summer job prepares students for the work environment, not only in getting a "foot in the door" of an organization, but in developing skills to open the door for a full-time position.

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The bill passed last Monday night which proposed to allocate $200 to help area families in financial difficulties, was vetoed by Marc Angel, SGA president.

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Points of View

Trimming sports budget

Where will axe fall?

By MIKE LIVINGSTON

Which sport will be the next to get the ax at the Friendlyville Campus in the South? At first, it seemed it would be either tennis, golf or women's basketball, but rumor has it that it may be the track team.

It is a fact that in the last 6 years running as a sport has grown the most in mass participation. People read about running events now and want to be a part of them. Running is not a dead sport, but one that is growing. It would seem rather foolish that in the midst of a running boom anyone would consider cutting the track program.

The word from the hill is that several sports are on the endangered species list and that “it’s just too hard to keep up with all of the sports programs.” However, no one on either the men’s or women’s track team is sure what is going on because neither team’s coach appears to be the type to investigate their team’s status, or fight for the programs. In any case, team members could find themselves in a poor position if they tried to find out what is going on by going over their coach’s head. This leaves the team members with nothing to do but train and wish the rumor would go away.

If anyone were to look for a reason to cut the track program, nothing but reasons for improving the program would be found. To look at the JSU team close up, consider these points:

1) Track is a GSC sport and is a part of the scoring in the All-Sports trophy at the end of the season.
2) Troy State University has a nationally known cross-country program. West Georgia College, 56 miles away, is the host school for the Southeast Regionals in 1983 and 1984. These factors seem a good indication that the GSC and area colleges are focusing on running.
3) Cross-country is another big issue, but when it comes to a well-run, program, cross-country and track are the least expensive sports in college athletics.
4) Travel can be an issue, but not when one considers that a 3-hour drive in any direction can put you in contact with over 50 colleges that have track and cross-country programs.

How do the track and cross-country programs benefit the university? “That is a question that is often asked and the answers are endless.

JSU is very well-known in this state for its athletics. Many of the track and cross-country meets we attend in the spring and fall have high school meets being held in conjunction with the college events. The prospective college students who attend these meets are well aware of our presence and many times ask our team members about JSU. So, in essence, the track programs can serve this university as a recruiting tool.

The men’s team is already turning itself around as a result of runners who want to walk on and make the program a winner. By next fall the cross-country team will be trying to knock off Troy’s 5-year hold on the Southeast Regionals and GSC championships. JSU is only one good recruiting away from becoming as strong as any women’s team in the area.

The women’s program is only one week of good recruiting away from becoming as strong as any women’s team in the area. There are 25 to 30 excellent high school runners in Alabama who could have been at Jax State, because the other colleges usually go out of state to recruit. We can take these runners and beat teams like Troy and Alabama that use out-of-state personnel.

I doubt that any sport can offer the students and university so much for so little, and these are just a few of the benefits that the track and cross-country programs can offer JSU. It is hard to find a disadvantage to what is one of the most ancient of sports and what is now one of the most popular sports in the world.

Whatever happened to Round-the-Clock service?

By DAVID FORD

With Jacksonville as populated as it is during the semester at the University, there is a need for certain services to be offered twenty-four hours a day. Many students, as well as area citizens, have varying lifestyles and schedules and would like to be able to eat or shop at hours not labeled normal. For example, someone working until midnight might like to stop and eat or pick up groceries on his/her way home. If all businesses develop the attitude that people only shop from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., they eventually will suffer as the all-night businesses decrease. Students that study late at night, people that get off work late or have to go to work early, and those whose general lifestyle is set where they do most of their activities at night need a place in the areas where they can get a good meal, purchase household items, or maybe get gas for a trip. With more and more businesses closing their operations earlier, more Jacksonville residents are not able to get items they need when they need them.

It is also harmful to area businesses to close early. They not only lose business they could be getting after hours, but will also lose day business if we should ever get a business to stay open around the clock. If there is a business in Jacksonville that really wants to be a service to area residents, it will stay open around the clock to serve those whose lifestyle is not strictly based around 9 a.m.-5 p.m. hours.

Voting is a must for concert-goers at JSU

By ARTHUR PATIN

Voting at JSU has definitely not been one of the students’ favorite pastimes. And I, for one, do not absolutely cherish the idea of voting for unchallenged candidates. However, I would like to stress the point that although there is only one office being contested this year, that one office is perhaps more important to the student in a practical sense. The vice-president’s official duties are many, but there is one which we all can identify with: his responsibility for arranging concerts and other forms of entertainment.

We all love to cut classes Friday afternoon to prepare for a concert—although concerts don’t normally start earlier than 8 o’clock p.m., giving us plenty of time after classes to get ready.

Running for vice president are two experienced young men, both having served in the senate. Steve Martin, a junior and a Kappa Alpha, served two years in the senate, and Dennis Bullard, a sophomore and an Alpha Tau Omega has served two semesters as a senator. The competition between these two young men—both seemingly determined in their campaigning—is hopefully enough to get a high student turnout at the polls on Wednesday.

Voting, as surprising as it may seem, does not take much of one’s time. It can also be worth your while to vote this year, since we all would like to elect a vice-president who will give us the best, cheapest, widest variety of entertainment available. So please, on Wednesday, instead of going to the Jack Hopper dining facility to eat "whatever," or spending your time in the library studying “How to get out of studying,” go on down to one of the voting booths and place your ever-so-important vote so that Steve or Dennis will be able to earn their place.
Dear Editor,

This letter is in reference to Mr. Brad Page's article "Send in the Clones." Mr. Page, I read your article "Clones" with much distaste. Who are you to judge these people and their way of worship? (Matthew 7:1).

In reference to their conversations' being only to assure those listening that they are indeed spiritual, only God knows their hearts and their motives.

Jenkins' lecture, one student noted he asked if the United States, or a political threat but a political threat to the Israelis. In the last few years, the PLO has gained recognition in as many as 80 countries and in the United Nations.

The process of negotiation has never accomplished any great breakthrough to alleviate the situation. Jenkins stated, and the only solution for the ongoing troubles between the PLO, the Arabs and the Israelis is to designate some area to those persons who were driven out of the Palestine.

During the invasion of Lebanon last summer, Jenkins stated he believed that the conflict was given equal press coverage on both sides. But the United States has long been considered Israel's greatest ally, he said, adding later that year alone a total of $2.4 billion was released to the Israeli powers.

During the question and answer section of Jenkins' lecture, one student asked if the U.S. could use Israeli's financial dependence to force some type of settlement. Jenkins responded that yes it would be in our capacity to do so, however, because of political interest groups and the pro-Israeli voice held by the majority of the Congress, this event is very unlikely to take place.

Another student noted the emotional content with which he related many aspects of his travels in the mid-east and questioned whether or not Jenkins ever allowed his bias to penetrate the reporting of events.

Jenkins responded that he was speaking at that moment as an individual and therefore allowed human emotion and personal feelings to be conveyed. But when he was reporting a story for his newspaper, he maintained "strict objectivity.

"No one likes the messenger who brings bad news," said Jenkins concerning the allocation of biased reporting throughout the conflicts.

Daniel disagrees with editorial

Phi Beta Kappa

Keys held by academic elite

Phi Beta Kappans were once easy to identify because they wore the distinctive gold key that is the symbol of scholastic achievement. Today the keys are rarely seen. Members feel that to wear the key is to make an ostentatious display.

"People began hiding their keys in the 1960's," said Dr. George Whitesel, one of more than a dozen Phi Beta Kappans at Jacksonville State. "The keys became something of a potential embarrassment, maybe a source of jealousy for some people."

"I put my own key away carefully and never wore or used it after my induction in 1956. It was an inner award, something for only me to know about, not something I had to tell others about. It was something to tell me what I could or ought to do in life."

Whitesel says stories are legion about Phi Beta Kappans who fail in life, pawn their keys and succumb to drink.

"That's not the case. Phi Beta Kappa is the supreme symbol of academic scholarship to the public at large. A lot of leading people have been members and its influence is enormous for its size."

"I would think those who were chosen for Phi Beta Kappa have done well. If you start with a good product and nourish it, it will perform the way you want it to. That's what Phi Beta Kappa is all about," he said.

Whitesel, who is one of the original members and a founder of the Northeast Alabama Graduate Fellowship of Phi Beta Kappa, said there are approximately 375,000 members in the U. S.

The society was formed in revolutionary Virginia at William and Mary College. According to "Time":

"Today everybody is eager to join, partly because undergraduates again think the gold Phi Beta Kappa key may help unlock the door to worldly success."

Phi Beta Kappans at JSU include:

Dr. Michael Crowe of Jacksonville, associate professor of biology-sociology; Dr. Derek Cary of Jacksonville, assistant professor of management; Dr. James Fairleigh of Jacksonville, associate professor of music; Dr. Theron Montgomery, JSU president; Dr. George Richards of Jacksonville, professor of English; Dr. James Sewastynowicz of Jacksonville, assistant professor of sociology; Dr. George Whitesel of Jacksonville, assistant librarian; Dr. Rayford Taylor of Piedmont, associate professor of biology; Dr. Houston Cole, president emeritus; Mrs. Gail Merrick, assistant professor of biology; Mrs. Ruth Bayles, retired English faculty; and Walter Merritt, an Anniston attorney.
Entertainment

Pat and Bert reveal
The rest of the story

Taking advantage of some absolutely gorgeous spring weather (all 40 degrees and 2 inches of it) we were huddled around two steaming cups of java outside Rick's Mondo Video Carath Cafe trying to see if the old saying that no two snowflakes are alike was even true. We were around the 2000th snowflake we decided to ball with it and tossed the black construction paper into the gutter.

"Pat that has to be the stupidest thing you've thought up in a while."

"Guess you didn't read my last editorial did you?"

"Hey guys, why so tense? Greeks got you down? No! It's just asbestos right? No! How about no fire alarms? Don't tell me you've found out college students use drugs. I bet, you're worried about Pizza Tanner and the track program."

"C'mon Rick. It's been raining for forty days and forty nights. We can't get a racequeenball court on Sundays and get this: the Gap Band and the Stones cancelled. No spring concert," we sobbed.

"Calm down and lay off the caffeine. What's a Gap Band? Some sort of missing link? And the Stones - those old guys still trying to play rock and roll?"

"Rick, have you kept your head inside a cathode ray tube for the last six months? What we're trying to tell you is that our SGA has left us high and dry. Our elected officials have let us with nothing to do than go home on weekends. And this after Dr. Rock has gone to all the trouble of writing us about how to attend a rock concert."

"Really guys, I know who the Stones are. I tried to book them to play at my Talladega spot once, but they got confused and wound up in Attalla instead. By the way! I was in New York last week at the Peppermint Lounge. Wanna hear what really happened to your spring concert?"

"How much is it gonna cost us?"

"Maybe you guys could get me a date with a sorority girl."

"Sure thing Rick, and maybe after that we get a chance to get Mick Livingston elected president of the SGA with a write-in campaign."

"Well, you can owe me one, said Rick. 'I'll tell you anyway. I was in New York City for the Atari Video convention and on one of our free nights I went wandering around the city. I got lost down in Soho and ducked into the Peppermint Lounge because I thought it was a candy store. Little did I know that this place was a Mecca for new wave acts all over the country. Once I found out I decided to leave. After all, the music I like is by people like Glenn Miller and Tommy Dorsey."

"Right as I was getting ready to walk out, who should I see but your famous SGA veep, Mr. T. Lundy, trying to get Mick Jagger's attention. I knew that this would be interesting so I edged over closer so I could hear what was going on. Tony had finally caught up with Mick and this is where I picked up their conversation."

"Excuse me," said Tony to Mick. "I'm Mr. T. Lundy from Jacksonville State University and - "

"Where's that?" interrupted Mick. "It's in Alabama," said Tony. "Where's that?" said Mick. "It's one of the states."

"Oh, yeah, sure. I know that."

"Well anyway," continued Tony. "As SGA vice president, I've always tried to do the best for the students in the way of entertainment, and I thought that if you and your band could play for our Spring Concert it would be really great."

"Well," answered Mick. "We do have a recording session coming up in Munford around the end of April, so I don't see why we couldn't play your school. What did you say the name of it was again?"

"JSU," replied Tony. "Wow, that's where Dr. Rock resides. Do you think he'd have time for an interview?"

"Sure anything. Just sign here. Mr. Townsend," said Tony whipping out a pen and a pre-fab contract. "I missed The Who in Birmingham; I can hardly wait."

"Mick looked up with a sneer on his famous lips. 'Don't you know who I am?'"

"Sure," said Tony. "Everyone knows who The Who are."

"You bleeding idiot. I'm Mick Jagger."

"Gee, Mr. Jagger, I thought the Beatles broke up years ago..."

"You bloody moron. Here, take this!" said Mick, tossing his Shirley Temple into Tony's face and stalking out of the room.

"So you see boys," said Rick. "When Tony got home and (See PAT AND BERT, Page 8)"

A review

Lu Ann Hampton Laverty Oberlander

By BERT SPENCE

LU ANN is in some ways the strongest of the three plays in A TEXAS TRILOGY. The main reason for this is the cast assembled by ACT director, Rod Harter.

The action of LU ANN is centered around the life of the title character. The audience watches as she progresses from a teenage cheerleader (Act I) to a young divorcé' (Act II) and finally to a middle aged widow and mother of a teenage daughter. (Act III)

Throughout her life Lu Ann is a woman who feels the need to leave the small, dead, West Texas town of Bradleyville, but she never finds a way to be free of the place. By the final act she has come to believe what her mother once told her, that she should enjoy her high-school days because they would be the happiest of her life.

A role like this, although well written, could easily fall into the realm of the clichéd and could easily fail to inspire sympathy in the audience. Fortunately, Sam Canup (and her daughter Summer who plays the role in the first act) manages to avert both disadvantages. Her portrayal is sensitive and never over-played.

The role of Corky Oberlander, Lu Ann's second husband, played by Red Rooster Pub owner Larry Johnson, is small but important, and is played by Larry with a rhythm that matches well with Sam's. The chemistry between these two is delightful to watch.

Another delightful aspect of the show is John Mick's portrayal of Skip Hampton, Lu Ann's older brother. Although in the early part of the play John seems to be a bit too hard, he finds his niche as the aging, alcoholic, Skip. He provides the most touching part of the play and does so in a thoroughly competent manner.

Rod Harter's direction, as it has been throughout the entire trilogy, is wonderfully un-obvious. The play is cohesive and visually balanced but the audience is never sure what "Rod told him to do that."

Lu Ann is a woman that we have all met one of, and it is fun to see her stage "smile, happy, confident, outgoing, caring, young men & women who are interested in..."

Special Insert Issue

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WORKIN' - transit service from downtown Atlanta - the center of excitement in the Southeast.

SALEN' - the superior staff and atmosphere of our beautiful park with new friends and guests

PLEASIN' - the secluded beach and providing them with guidance and assistance.

IMPORTANT' all applicants MUST BRING their social security card and proof of age (driver's license or birth certificate) to apply.
A friend of mine who shall remain nameless is heavily into ZZ Top. He and the group go way back to Tres Hombres. On any given Saturday night, one can find him in the local pool room, playing air guitar (on his pool cue) to the strains of “Tush” wafting out of the jukebox. This friend often comments on how ZZ Top has faced the challenge of new wave by interpreting it within the context of its own style.

If ZZ Top is new wave, I’m Tom Seleck. Sure, they’ve discarded their cowboy hats in favor of berets and such, but the basic premise of their music hasn’t changed. As a matter of fact, their latest album, Eliminator, represents a return to an earlier period in their development, especially in terms of lyrical theme.

“ Gimme All Your Lovin’,” the opening track, is practically a sequel to “Tush,” with its strident demand that the object of the singer’s desire come across, and quick. The first single from the album (and already a radio hit), “Gimme...” was practically tailor-made for pompous teenage guys to sing to their drive-in dates while the windows slowly fog up. This theme is reiterated rather graphically in “I Got the Six”, which closes side one. Here, though, the demands are more specific, since the chorus consists of an alternation between the title and “give me your nine.”

The heavy-breathing lyrical theme of most of the up-tempo tunes is aided and abetted by shuffling, painting guitar rhythms and thud-and-chug bass and drum parts. As individual tunes, the songs seem sound enough, but when so many similar songs are present on one album, the feeling that “it all sounds the same” is unavoidable. While some of the lyrics are adventurous (such as “Get Me Under Pressure”), which deals with a girl who’s into, among other things, Great Lames and cocaine), the music tends toward a rather disappointing sameness.

There are, however, bright spots. The brightest of these is “I Need You Tonight,” the LP’s only ballad. The intro features a nice digital-delay guitar solo which imparts an ethereal, airy quality to the haunting melody. One suspects that ZZ Top reached into the Mexican influences of their Texas background to come up with this cut, which is reminiscent of Santana.

Another refreshing tune is “Legs.” This is perhaps ZZ Top’s first use of a tape-loop rhythm track. Donna Summer need not worry, however, as the tune is about as far as you can get from “Love To Love You Baby”. There is a clean, ‘pop’ feeling to this track which is lacking elsewhere on the album.

“Thug” is to the good doctor at least, the fulfillment of a prophecy. In trying to explain what I thought the perfect sound would be, I used to say that I thought it would sound like ZZ Top playing funk. While the song, as such, isn’t a funk tune, there are several breaks where Billy Gibbons fires off four measures of solid funk guitar straight out of the Bros. Johnson book of snap-and-thump riffing.

To recommend or not to recommend, that is the question. If you’re into A Flock of Seagulls, I don’t think you’d enjoy Eliminator. If Styx is your idea of fun, skip this one. If however, you enjoy hot rock ‘n’ roll with guitar by the man Creem magazine called one of the ten best in the business, or if you’re a long-time fan of “The Little Old Lady From Texas”, then DON’T WAIT—BUY THIS ALBUM NOW!
More announcements

BCM spring concert

The BCM Choir will present its Annual Spring Concert April 11 at 8. The concert will be held in Mason Hall. The choir will be accompanied by a brass ensemble on several selections. Everyone is invited to attend the concert at no cost. Join us as we praise the Lord through song.

Tae-Kwon-Do classes

Free Tae-Kwon-Do classes are being taught by Charlie Kang and only 15 to 20 places are left in the class. The next session will be held Monday, April 11 at 3:45 p.m. in the wrestling room of the Mathews Coliseum.

Kang has a 3rd degree black belt in Tae-Kwon-Do.

Phi Eta Sigma induction

The Phi Eta Sigma induction ceremony will be held Monday, April 18, at 6 in the Gold Room of Bibb Graves Hall. There will be a reception following the ceremony.

Sig Nu holds egg hunt

Sig Nu held its annual Easter egg hunt for the children of Jacksonville Saturday, April 2. The hunt was a huge success. Despite bad weather, approximately 40 children participated.

The children received prizes for finding the eggs.

Merritt to speak at banquet

Dr. Judy M. Merritt of Pinson, president of Jefferson State Junior College, was the keynote speaker for the 14th annual Teacher Hall of Fame Awards Program at Jacksonville State University April 6 at 7:30 p.m. in Theron Montgomery Auditorium on campus.

Dr. Merritt, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence Miles, grew up in Jacksonville.

Two teachers honored were from among 10 finalists interviewed during the recent Alabama Education Association convention in Birmingham. The recipients—one in elementary and one in secondary education—join 26 previous inductees, and their names will be engraved on the Teacher Hall of Fame plaque in the lobby of Houston Cole Library.

Dr. Merritt joined Jefferson State in 1979 after serving as vice president for student affairs at Florida International University from 1977-1979. She also served as director of academic operations and university registrar from 1976-1977 and associate university registrar and a member of the Interama Planning Team from 1976-1978 at Florida International.

She was chosen as Outstanding Graduate by the department of administration of the University of Alabama in 1974, Outstanding Administrator of the Year at Florida International University in 1977, Outstanding Young Woman of America in 1979, and as Birmingham’s Woman of the Year for 1982.

She has served on the Governor’s Task Force on Reform in Higher Education and is currently active in many civic affairs in Birmingham.

Finalists for the Hall of Fame honor were:

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION: Mrs. Judy West Bell of Jacksonville, Mrs. Mary Ann Blackmon of Northport, Mrs. Elise Gallo of Tuskegee, Mrs. Yvonne A. Sterling of Cullman, and Mrs. Katherine G. Wyatt of Andalusia.

SECONDARY EDUCATION: Mrs. Barbara Bigley Boyd of Anniston, Mrs. Martha Flowers Gallo of Daleville, Mrs. Jo Ann McKeith of Enterprise, Ms. Gennette Ferrell McNeal of Jasper, and Mrs. Doris D. Patterson of Cullman.

New medical updates announced

By ANDY JONES

About 40,000 more Americans will be alive in 1983 because of advances in cancer treatment. Also the American Cancer Society predicts 145,900 of the 460,000 expected to die from cancer could be saved with an early diagnosis. Deaths will go up from lung cancer and cancer of the large intestine and prostate, reports USA Today.

Legal prescription drugs, not illegal “street” drugs are now accounting for three-fourths of drug-related emergency department admissions and deaths, reports the General Accounting Office in Washington, D.C.

Sickle-cell anemia may be reversible with a cancer drug being tested, 5-azacytidine, researchers report in the New England Journal of Medicine.

By combining genes from human and duck flu viruses, investigators think they’ve found a new influenza (flu) vaccine. The present vaccine does not provide complete protection and scientists are looking for a new “live-virus” vaccine reports Science Magazine. Also Israeli researchers have turned out reports that smoking increases susceptibility to influenza and hits them harder requiring more bed rest and missed work.

Stabilization by silicone rubber plugs in the fallopian tubes is proving to be a relatively safe and effective means of permanent sterilization for many women according to a study in Obstetrics and Gynecology. On the same subject, the FDA’s Maternal Health Advisory Committee has recommended approval of “2 day”, a non-prescription, one-size-fits-all, polyurethane sponge contraceptive. The sponge contains enough spermicide to permit 48 hours of unlimited insertions. Then it is removed and disposed of.

Sexually active women with daily vitamin C intakes of less than 30 mg run a ten fold risk of cervical dysplasia, a frequent symptom of early cervical cancer, reports Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York City.

An institute on Arthritis, Musculoskeletal, and Skin Diseases has been created under the aegis of the National Institute of Health.

Good nursing care is the second most significant factor in a recent experiment on subjects on 1 percent carcinoma diets and those on 29 percent diets showed no difference in appetites. A recent theory was that carbohydrate-free diets would suppress appetites doesn’t seem to be true, reports the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition.

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A Minnesota health study shows formaldehyde used in beauty and barber shops for cleaning utensils is being linked to cancer.

The FDA has approved a drug under the name “Calcitonin”, that can prevent the formation of kidney stones in individuals who absorb too much calcium after 15 years of research, reports the Wall Street Journal.

Andrew Jones

Health Columnist

Poetry contest open to students

The American College Poets Anthology, International Publications, is sponsoring a national college poetry contest this spring. The contest is open to all college and university students desiring to have their poetry anthologized.

Cash prizes will go to the top five poems: $100, first place; $50, second place; $25, third place; $15, fourth place; and $10, fifth place.

1. Any student is eligible to submit his or her verse.

2. All entries must be original and unpublished.

3. All entries must be typed, double-spaced, on one side of the page only. Each poem must be on a separate sheet and must be, in the upper left-hand corner, the name and address of the student as well as the college attended. Put name and address on envelope also.

4. There are no restrictions on form or theme. Length of poems up to 14 lines. Each poem must have a separate title. (Avoid “Untitled!”)

5. The judges’ decision will be final. No info by phone. Entrants should keep a copy of all entries as they cannot be returned. Prize winners and all authors awarded free publication will be notified immediately after deadline. I. P. will retain first publication rights for accepted poems. Foreign language poems welcome.

6. All entries must be postmarked no later than the above deadline and fees be paid, cash, check or money order, to: International Publications, P. O. Box 444-L, Los Angeles, Calif., 90044.

Pat and Bert—(Continued From Page 6)

"But what was the plan," we asked.

"To have them cancel, just like everybody else."

"Gosh, Rick, do you think that there’s any chance that the SGA will book a concert before we get out of school?"

"Your guess is as good as mine, guys, but the last time I saw Tony he was talking to Boxcar Willy calling him Slim Whitman."

"Well, Bert, there goes our spring concert."

"Maybe not Pat. Mike Livingston told me the SGA might sponsor a bus to the Journey concert. Besides, there are so many exciting things to do in Jville that we’d never miss the concert anyway."

"Right Bert. Got any more black construction paper?"
Who will be the heroes of today?

By SUSIE IRWIN

The English had Sir Winston Churchill and the French had Charles DeGalle. We claim such notables as George Patton and Douglas MacArthur, Charles Lindburgh, Theodore Roosevelt and the list goes on.

All of these are heroes of the past who will live forever in history books and in the minds of those who loved and admired them.

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SGA candidates reveal platforms

By SUSIE IRWIN

The importance of experience, dedication and honest hard work cannot be stressed enough when considering candidates for the president, vice-president and treasurer of the SGA on April 13.

The only candidates for the office of president is current SGA business manager, Phil Sisk. A member of Phi Beta Lambda, Omicron Delta Kappa, Phi Eta Sigma and Kappa Alpha fraternity, Sisk, a management major, is serving his second year in the student senate.

Vying for vice-president are junior Steve Martin and sophomore Dennis Bullard.

Martin, a biology major, is serving his second year as a senator and while in the senate, he has been a member of the liaison committee, the intramural committee, the crime prevention committee and is presently serving as chairman of the food committee.

Dennis Bullard, a computer science major, served as senator during the spring and fall semester 1981. He is presently an active member of ATO fraternity.

Only one student is running for the office of treasurer and that is Morris Kay, a sophomore majoring in finance. Kay is a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity, ROTC and is an Alpha Xi Delta big brother.

Study the following written interview of the candidates and evaluate their answers to these important questions concerning the SGA students and campus in general.

Why do you feel you are qualified to run for office?

Sisk—Have shown an interest in the SGA and student body as a whole. My major qualification is experience in the senate. Serving as Senator and Business Manager over the past two years, I have worked for the SGA in almost every capacity imaginable-from moving stages to planning budgets.

Bullard—in the past, I have been involved in the SGA as well as other positions of leadership. I feel that my experience, as well as those whom I lead, were satisfied with the job I did.

Martin—The past administration for SGA has been excellent. However, someone needs to fill the position next year. I feel serving as SGA senator for the past two years, and participating in worthy college activities such as Special Olympics, Blood Drive, Muscular Dystrophy Roadblocks, and helping set up SGA and JSU concerts has qualified me to run for vice-president.

Kay—First of all, I am majoring in finance and have taken accounting courses. Therefore, I am familiar with bookkeeping procedures. I have also studied the workings and procedures of the SGA. In addition to this, I am an active member of the Alpha Sigma fraternity. This past summer I also managed Shell Auto Laundry where I was responsible for inventory, reconciling bank statements and accounting for money.

What is are your reasons for seeking this office?

Sisk—I feel I am the most qualified person for the job. I can bring experience, new ideas, and dedication to this position.

Bullard—I feel that JSU has a great need for more entertainment for a greater spectrum of students.

Martin—As was done this year, I feel the students of JSU need low cost and free entertainment, as well as support for the athletic teams such as the bus trips which were provided to the various away football and basketball games.

Kay—Not only do I feel that I am best qualified, but I would like to see all the students of JSU get the most benefit for their dollar. As an executive officer of the SGA, I would have input on the decisions of entertainment and other expenditures and I feel that there is waste in SGA that could be eliminated with proper management.

What do you plan to accomplish if elected?

Sisk—My major goal is fair representation of the student body and their wishes. I would like to concentrate the effort of the SGA in two major areas: 1. improved communication with students about events; 2. setting a definite group of guidelines concerning which functions the SGA should support financially.

Bullard—I plan on leading the SGA into a path that will allow for more concerts throughout the year and more events that will lead to greater association among JSU's students.

Martin—As every year an issue is student apathy, I feel that the apathetic attitude has improved this year due to the outstanding athletic teams, and student support for them. I want to combat apathy and provide entertainment which will involve all JSU students. I plan to strive for a student activity fee. This will increase the SGA entertainment budget tremendously. Also, I would like to begin a student book exchange to keep the students from being taken for so much money on this selling books back to the University.

Kay—As I said before, my top priority is to see that the waste in SGA is eliminated. Unless I feel that an expenditure is well spent for a large number of students, I will oppose the allocation. I also plan to eliminate waste when concerts or other entertainment is held and make absolutely sure that all money from ticket sales are accounted for. I would also like to make sure that there is more than adequate publicity when the senate is planning on discussing a large amount of money to be allocated. This would assure that students who are not in SGA would have input in these matters. In order to get a better idea of students' wishes I plan to set up suggestion boxes and also set up a financial advisor's board.

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What criticism, if any, do you have of the work of those who have held the office in the past?

Sisk--In this past year, none. As business manager of this past administration I feel we have been very responsive to the students' needs.

Bullard--Very little, except for the lack of longer range planning. Summer and fall should be a time of planning possible entertainment.

Martin--This year's executive officers, along with various committee heads, have done an excellent job in "keeping in touch" with the administration. However, in previous years, I've seen where not working closely with the administration, therefore, not keeping a spirit of good will between the SGA and faculty, has hindered many operations of the senate keeping them from running smoothly. It is urgent that the administration of JSU is well informed on various events. Dr. Montgomery, Dr. Reeves, Bill Meehan, Dean Higgenbotham and others on the administration cooperate with the SGA if you simply tell them what we are in need of.

Kay--It is difficult to criticize other people when you have not held the office. I plan to look at the positives of the past and improve them. We cannot dwell on the past but rather learn from it to move forward for the future. As the SGA treasurer, I would always maintain a positive optimistic attitude.

What should be the main purpose(s) of the office which you are seeking?

Sisk--To coordinate the activities of the student body, the student senate, and attendance. The President represents the student body and he should be their voice. Bullard--Responsible leadership of the SGA, Senate. SGA Representatives are elected for the general welfare of the total student body.

Martin--The Vice-president has much responsibility for he supplies the majority of entertainment on campus and presides over the SGA meetings. The Vice-president also has a hand in all decisions made by the executive officers in the SGA. Another duty or responsibility is to keep harmony with the executive council of the SGA officers.

Kay--The main purpose of the SGA treasurer is to maintain balanced ledgers, account for every penny spent and maximize the use of the allotted funds. But, a lot of people can balance books; you need somebody who cares how the money is spent, truly wants to improve student programs, but, most important of all, remembers who elected him and feels responsible to all of the students.

What should be the role of the SGA and Student Senate?

Sisk--The Senate should be a representative of all the students. It should be their chance to get an opinion voiced and it should be a place where they can turn to get action taken.

Bullard--To provide for the best welfare and entertainment possible for the students here at JSU.

Martin--I believe all students are in the student senate. However, the students who are elected to represent all students make up an adequate quorum for the SGA. These elected students should keep in close touch with the students they represent, and I would encourage more students who aren't active in the SGA to attend more meetings to see how well they are being represented and to voice their opinions at the senate meetings.

Kay--The role of the SGA and senate is to stay informed on not only the programs students want, but also what SGA's at other schools are providing. Also it should be a liaison between the SGA, students and the administration.

Have the SGA and Student Senate played this role effectively?

Sisk--In this past year, I feel we have. We have been very responsive to any and all the student needs.

Bullard--Yes, but not as effective as possible.

Martin--Yes. The SGA and its senators have more than carried out business concerning students. The Senate has represented all students adequately and kept in close touch with students in informing them on events happening on and off campus.

Kay--I refuse to criticize, but we must constantly stay updated in the areas that I mentioned above. Remember, it also takes someone to motivate everyone on campus to get involved because that is what makes a good SGA. I feel we could make some improvements in this area.

What obstacles, if any, have prevented this?

Sisk--One obstacle is time. There really doesn't seem to be enough time in a day to accomplish everything you want.

Bullard--A lack of communication between the senators themselves.

Martin--Student apathy and general non-concerned attitudes have kept the Student Senate from being totally informative to the entire student body. However, this has only been small portions of the student body and this problem can be totally remedied with adequate representation.

Kay--Lack of communication and student apathy are certainly prime contributors to ineffectiveness.

How can these obstacles be overcome?

Sisk--By continued budgeting of time and effort and by delegation of authority among the Senators.

Bullard--By involving the senators so that they will work together. This can only be accomplished by a comfortable communication between all members.

Martin--Minorities on campus aren't represented well enough, and I plan to expose minority groups to enable them to work with the senators to assure that they are equally and adequately represented.

Kay--If elected I plan to publish some of the suggestions from the suggestion box in The Chanticleer with a questionnaire asking for opinions on how the students money should be spent. Also with the financial advisory board we could get a better diversification on how to spend the student's money.

What type of relationship should exist between the SGA and the university administration?

Sisk--It should be an open and honest relationship. The SGA should not be defiant or belligerent toward the administration by any means. But the SGA should stand firm and it should be a place where they can turn to get action taken.

Bullard--A working relationship, as well as an advisory relationship.
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Martin—The administration of this university should be well informed of all happenings within the SGA and on this campus. There should be open communication between the SGA and JSU’s administration. I know for a fact that the administration is there to help and they do! They also present the SGA with unique and splendid ideas. The faculty has been through what we are now experiencing and they should be more than familiar with our situations and problems.

Kay—I am a firm believer that a harmonious relationship of good will would breed more positive benefits for the students than to have one filled with ill will. We should work as a partnership. I feel you should be firm but courteous when dealing with our administration.

What type of relationship should exist between the SGA and the students as a whole?

Kay—Every student at JSU is a member of the Senate, according to the Senate Handbook. The only difference among the students is that the elected ones get to vote. Every student has the right to attend a senate meeting and bring business before the senate. This with in mind, I would like to see a more participative relationship between the two.

Martin—The SGA is selected to work for the students as a whole. The senators, as well as the officers, should communicate regularly with the students.

What is the SGA’s role in communicating with the administration?

Kay—The students should be the center of involvement with the SGA. The students should be the ones who represent the students; so it is our job to work for all the students. Martin—SGA can make every effort to supply entertainment, provide bus trips to support athletics, and do its very best to involve students in every walk of campus life. With active participation of all students on campus and off campus, we the SGA senators can combat any problem of student apathy that may arise.

Kay—If you are motivated and active yourself, the effect will trickle down to others. That is why there are officers in organizations. Just as a general motivates his army we must motivate the senate, to turn, motivate the students. To inform the students with fresh, new ideas should certainly inspire all of us to work together for the betterment of all students at JSU.

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Martin—Yes, the SGA has been diversified in its providing entertainment for the students. It also has been very cooperative in helping the different organizations on campus (ex. Hiring ROTC to set up stage for concerts, allocating money to various organizations in financial need, this year’s Road Race, etc.).

Kay—As evidenced from my platform this is one of the main areas that I want to improve. Obviously, you cannot be responsive to students’ wishes if you do not know what their wishes are. That is why I want the suggestion box, and other programs so we can know what the students want.

How can student apathy be combated?

Sisk—There’s an old saying—“You can lead a horse to water, but you can’t make him drink.” This past year the SGA had numerous events (Many even FREE for students) that were not supported by the student body. I think we are on the right track. Many times, students think if it’s free it can’t be good. This is dead wrong, and I think that students are beginning to find this out. Also, a horse can’t drink, if he doesn’t know where the water is. If the students don’t know about the events, they can’t attend. This is one reason I really want to concentrate on improved publicity and communication from the SGA.

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To complicate an already serious situation, younger members of the audience tend to idolize heroes from weekly programs such as the two “good ole’ boys” who ride around in an orange Charger avoiding the local law enforcement and two other “boys” whose primary domain is the highways of Los Angeles. The possibility of children learning anything of substance from these heroes is highly improbable.

The label “hero” applies to one who believes in something so strongly that he dedicates all his efforts to making that belief reality. A hero derives much satisfaction from struggling toward a goal as attaining it.

A shortage of heroes definitely exists, or at least a shortage in the number of those recognized as heroes. It is apparently a lost ideal comparable to the chivalry of King Arthur’s court.

Those who have benefited as a result of the unsolicited actions of others should strive to develop that bit of heroism in themselves that they so often admire in their benefactors—humility. Albert Einstein possessed this quality; so can you.

Contemporary Heroes
Cousins from rival schools brought together

Cindy Dooley and Vicki Germann are both from Rossville, Georgia, which is a city in the outskirts of Chattanooga. They were both born in Chattanooga, Cindy in 1969, and Vicki in 1970. Their mothers are sisters.

Vicki and Cindy both went to Lakeview school in Rossville until 1978, when students were forced to attend a school within their own county, and although Vicki and Cindy lived less than 1/2 mile apart, Cindy had to start attending Rossville School—an extreme rival with Lakeview, because it was in a different county than Vicki.

Recently, both were interviewed individually, and asked to tell their memories of childhood, how their attending rival schools affected their relationship, and how attending JSU is affecting their relationship.

"We were very different in high school," said Vicki. "Cindy was always boy crazy, and I hated boys, up until my sophomore year. Cindy was the kind of person that wanted to get in the pool with the guys at the country club, and I was the kind that wanted to lie out in the sun."

Cindy commented, "When we were kids, I was more of the 'outdoor' type, and Vicki was different in that she wanted to play dolls, house, and school."

Cindy was in Rossville's hand, and the Southerners for one year. Vicki was also in the Southerners for one year. "We both actively supported our schools and football teams, especially when we played against each other; and we used to accuse each other of cheating," said Cindy, and "One year, my freshman year, Lakeview beat Rossville, and Cindy and I spent the night together, and Cindy demanded that I not say a word about the score," added Vicki.

Dooley and Germann

Both agree now that Rossville does have a better football team than Lakeview, because Lakeview rarely beats Rossville. As young daughters, Vicki and Cindy were reared very differently. "Cindy was reared an only child and I envied her a lot," said Vicki. She went on to say that "Cindy got to wear make-up and date at a much earlier age than I. She also got to wear mini-skirts when they were in style, and I didn't."

"Vicki wouldn't fight with me in high school. She was always more of the 'mother' type, and tried to protect me," said Cindy.

"We never dated the same guys. I wouldn't have some of the guys that Cindy has dated," said Vicki.

Since both students have been attending JSU, they have become closer and are more rational about differences.

"Cindy came to JSU first, because she graduated from high school first, but I came to visit and watch her in Southerners. I fell in love with the band and JVille, and decided to come here when I got out of high school," said Vicki.

Both are well on their way to working on their majors; Cindy's major is marketing, and Vicki's major is early childhood education. "Cindy is pursuing a higher paying job, but I'm not," said Vicki, "but I enjoy being in early childhood education more than anything else."

Rowan Hall houses Vicki and Cindy; however, the two do not share a room. "We'd never make it," Vicki laughed. "We're as close as sisters now, and that would be asking for trouble. We visit each other almost all the time, but we don't share a room."

"Through developing maturity with both of us, I guess, we have more in common. Instead of flying off the handle now when differences flare up, we try to reason things out," commented Cindy.

"We've both been there for each other when we've needed each other," said Vicki. She also feels closer to Cindy now because, "After I found out that I was adopted, Cindy stood by me, and I really appreciate her for that."

"Now, I realize that I would do anything in the world for her, and she'd do the same for me," said Cindy, and then smiling she said, "I'd even take her to the hospital if her arm collapsed at 1:00 in the morning."

Both Cindy and Vicki love the Gamecocks. Outsiders say that the sports here at JSU activities have brought the two together more than anything else.

"We both enjoy football, and give our all in supporting the Gamecocks in football, basketball, and baseball," said Vicki. "We also have the same favorite professional football team—the Pittsburg Steelers," she added.

Cindy is approaching graduation in August, and probably plans to live in a metropolitan area, and a year and a half later Vicki graduates.

"We've already discussed the possibility of living near each other after we both have graduated," said Cindy. "We've become a part of each other's lives. Concerning JSU, Cindy has these comments: "Jax State has great marketing instruction, and I've met many interesting people and made great friends here."

Vicki ended her interview as well as this article by saying, "I can honestly say that I'm proud of mine and Cindy's relationship. We've come a long way since rival high school days, and I'm very glad to have her as a cousin. Even if we weren't cousins, though, we'd be friends."
Phi Mu Alpha

By JERRY McEVERR
The Brothers of Phi Mu Alpha welcome six new little sisters: Denise Shadix, Claudia Cortin, Cynthia Jabley, Nancy Blevins, Sandy Estes, Debra Bible. These fine ladies will be a great asset to the fraternity.

Upcoming events include a mixer with Phi Mu tonight and our annual spring picnic April 23.

Delta Zeta

By AMY HUBBARD
The Lambda Gamma Chapter of Delta Zeta here at Jacksonville State University received its charter on March 26, 1977 with only 27 girls. Our chapter was founded on the same principles that all Delta Zeta chapters are founded on, love, friendship, and dedication of the sisters. It is these characteristics that have enabled our chapter to grow so quickly.

Get ready Big Brothers - the Dee Zees have an exciting event coming up for all of you. Congratulations to all the sororities for making Greek Week the best ever. Thanks go to all of the Panhellenic officers for working hard and doing a great job.

Behold the turtle, for he only makes progress when he sticks his neck out.

Pi Kappa Phi

By MIKE GIBSON
The Pi Kapp's are proud of two recent yet diverse accomplishments. First, we were lucky enough to emerge from a tough eight team field and win the first annual Miller Sigma Nu Great Snake Softball Tournament. Second, the IFC has announced that Pi Kappa Phi had the highest fraternity GPA on campus as of the end of last fall. We feel that this is a big honor that every Greek organization should shoot for.

Congratulations go out to the men's and women's gymnastics teams on their fine showing in national competition. We'd like to take this opportunity to recognize the following people for their contributions to the chapter. Our brother of the month is Steve Wollstein, the little sister of the month is Amy Wallace and our pledge of the week is Kyle Jones.

If you've seen some folks with buckets standing in the street, they're not panhandlers, they're Pi Kapps raising money for PUSH, Play Units for the Severely Handicapped. When you see these guys out or see our canisters in local stores, please don't hesitate to contribute. This unique philanthropy is very special to us so please help us help them through PUSH.

Alpha Xi Delta

By KELLI KIRBY
The Alpha Xi's would like to congratulate all of the girls who participated in Greek Week and all the people who came out to give their support! It was a lot of practice and hard team work, but everyone enjoyed the event.

The Fuzzies know that finals are just around the corner so just blow it out one more time.

We are having a pre-exam mixer with the Alpha Tau Omega's at Georgia Tech! This is something new so all the Alpha Xi's are excited and fired up! Here we come, Georgia Tech!
Until the Springs Baptist summer missionaries, so don’t mix a killing. Everyone, alike. Contest last week.

The 1983 BCMers are number one, again, not only winning Greek Week, but for also placing first in the Miller Drive. Brother Jeff Ramey did well coordinating Greek Week and Miller chairman, Spencer Hall is responsible for putting one thousand dollars in our bank account. Softball season has begun and Coach Steve “Face” Nelson has the Rebels off to a great start. KA has already had wins over Delta Chi and Kappa Sigma.

Old South kicked off this week beginning with our annual Secession Party and was followed by four consecutive nights of constant partying until we leave Friday for Sandestin, Fla., site for this spring’s Rose Cotillion. Thanks go to Brother Mike Hopper for his excellent job as Old South Chairman and making this Old South another which he long remembered. Last, but not least, Brother Spencer Hall won Mr. Greek Week and voted Brother of the Month.

Baptist Campus Ministry

By KIM WHITEHEAD

As spring looks like it’s finally going to get here, the Baptist Campus Ministry is busy finishing up the semester with some exciting events.

Tuesday night’s Family Night proved extra special as the University of Montevallo’s Baptist Student Union Choir performed the musical drama, “Man of Destiny”. A big thanks goes out to the choir members for sharing their talents with us and to the crowd in attendance. All were blessed.

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Kappa Alpha

By SCOTT CATES

Bette late than never, but thanks Alpha Xi’s, for one helluva wild Beach Party. Brother Eddie Chandler did an outstanding job as our new social chairman.

Kappa Alpha

By DENISE HEAD

The Zeta’s want to thank everyone who put their hard work and dedication into Greek Week 1983. A big thanks goes out to softball coaches, Dan Cleveland and Spencer Hall, and, of course, to our Greek Week coordinator Debbie Scales who devoted so much time and effort into making Zeta the best. This week brought our sisterhood even closer and made us all winners.

Congratulations go to Carla Segar of Albertville, our newest pledge. We’re proud to have you in our sisterhood, Carla.

The Zeta’s want to encourage all the groups on campus to get out and volunteer for Special Olympics on Tuesday, April 12.

They are shooting for 100 volunteers, so make sure you’re one of them.

Congratulations to all those Zeta Ballerinas. We’re so proud of you.

Remember, Zeta does make the difference.

Zeta Tau Alpha

By SUSAN SMITH

The sisters of Phi Mu had a wonderful Easter holiday and hope the Easter bunny hopped by your house, too. We also enjoyed the special time that we spent with the Jacksonville Day Care Center children last Friday.

Everyone is eagerly awaiting the Phi Mu - Phi Mu Alpha mixer, “Wasted Away in Margueritaville,” which will be held tonight.

Phi Mu

By WES WOOLF

We hope everyone had a good Easter weekend and a safe trip back to school. Thanks to everyone who participated in the first annual Kappa Sigma Open Golf Tournament this past past Monday.

Congratulations to Jack Guyton for being selected Pledge of the Week and to Tim Kenum for winning the Kurt Rambis Look-Alike Contest last week.

Until next week, bring me the check, Killer.

Kappa Sigma

By WES WOOLF

Congratulations go out to sister, Patty Hill, for being pinned to Delta Glenn Coff of the University of Alabama and to Sherri Talley on her recent lavaliere to Kappa Sigma Scott Kallenburger.

Congratulations also to out to Rhonda Cole for receiving the honorable title, “Pledge of the Week!”

Until next week remember - Phi Mu the greatest girls at JSU.

Kappa Sigma
Blind student writes book about life

By LYNN LePINE

Mario Martinez, a JSU graduate student in history, is blind. Born in Cuba in 1960, Mario was struck with retrolental fibroplasia, a disease which caused many babies to be born blind that year.

At the encouragement of Miriam Hill, an English instructor at the University of Alabama, Martinez has written a book about his childhood in Cuba and his life in the United States. The book is entitled Blind Faith.

"I wanted to call it Blind Ambition," said Martinez, "But John Dean beat me to the punch."

Martinez said that as he wrote the book, he found himself reliving and analyzing past experiences. He feels that through this he has been able to look back and learn more about himself.

A man named Don Wethington of Talladega is typing the manuscript for Mario, and Mario hopes to send the book to a publisher within a year.

One chapter in the book is called "Being Blind," and in it Mario discusses how he came to find out he was blind. "I didn't know until I was eight," he remarked, "No one had ever told me and if they had, I doubt I'd have understood because I didn't have anything to compare it to."

"I had always walked through the house alone without bumping into anything," Martinez said, "And when my parents gave me what I wanted, I'd threaten to look through their keyhole at night."

Martinez said that when he did put his eye to the keyhole, he could hear what they were saying, so he assumed he was seeing it.

When Martinez started to school, he asked his father why he had to go to a school for the blind. "He told me that if it was to prepare me in case I ever did go blind," Martinez said, "I just don't think he could bring himself to tell me."

He finally found out the truth when a school ophthalmologist asked him how long he had been blind. Martinez said he wasn't upset because he was blind but because no one had told him. "I had been making fun of the other kids because I could see and they couldn't," he said, "The irony of it is that some of them were partially sighted and I couldn't see at all."

When Martinez told his father he had found out he was blind, his father asked him how he felt about it. "I told him that before I found out, there was... something with me," said Martinez. "Now that I know, there's still"

"Being blind hasn't kept me from doing anything," he said, "I just have to do things differently."

Martinez says that his favorite chapter in Blind Faith was typed literally in tears. The chapter is entitled 'Ramona' and it is about the black nurse who took care of him from the time he was 6 months old until he was 10.

"I considered her an instrument to use to get what I wanted," Martinez said. "I treated her terribly and I'll always regret that she didn't live long enough for me to tell her how much I loved her."

The book's dedication comes from that chapter. It reads, "To the memory of Ramona, without whom I never would have learned the magic of selfless love."

The Martinez family had to leave Ramona behind when they left Cuba in 1960, two years after Castro's rise to power. "My father is a dentist," Martinez said, "Professional people are hard to find in Cuba, so we had to lie to get out of the country."

Martinez said they had to tell the government that he was going to have an eye operation in the United States in order to get permission to leave Cuba.

The family lived in Miami for a year and then moved to Birmingham so that Dr. Martinez could get his American Dentistry degree at UAB. Dr. Martinez now teaches oral pathology at the University of Alabama.

Before coming to Jax State, Martinez attended several other schools including George Washington College and Vanderbilt, where he received his Bachelor's degree in Political Science.

Here at JSU, Martinez attends classes, takes notes with a slate and stylus, a type of braille writing tool, and has 6 readers who aid him in studying. "I always need more readers," Martinez said. "I have to have people to read text for me and help with research."

Martinez said his readers respect him for going to college, and that he would rather have respect than pity. "I don't like people to feel sorry for me because I don't feel sorry for myself," Martinez said. "I also hate patronizing people. I can tell the difference between people who are my friends to make themselves look philanthropic and the people who are sincere."

Mario plans to start at the University of Alabama law school next September, but he says he would like to practice law in state. "At first I wanted to be the first blind republican governor of Alabama," said Martinez, "But I don't think Alabama politics are very progressive. As for his handicap, Mario doesn't feel it will get in the way of his ambitions."

"People have asked me that if I had the chance to see now, would I take it," Martinez said. "And I tell them that if I saw now, I would have to start over at square one-then I'd really be blind."

Organizations active in philanthropy

Organizations at JSU have been very active in their support of charities and this year has been no exception. Various groups have given thousands of dollars to aid the needy.

Fraternities have given heavily to their national philanthropies, as well as aiding local charities.

Sigma Nu recently donated $1000 to Cerebral Palsy. Phi Mu sponsored a needy family during Christmas, collected Toys for Tots and sponsored an Easter Egg Hunt for the children of Jacksonville.

Alpha Tau Omega has helped children with cancer and has done work for Old Age Homes.

Phi Kappa Phi is presently raising money to buy play units for handicapped children. They have pledged to raise $500.

Kappa Alpha has sponsored a runway night in which they hope to raise $500 for Muscular Dystrophy.

Sororities have also aided charities. Delta Zeta is currently raising money for Gallaudet College for the Deaf while Phi Mu is working to help Project Hope and the Cancer Drive. Other groups have also been helpful with charities.

Baptist Campus Ministry has given $700 to sponsor summer missions, $500 to Manoa (World Hunger), and provide weekly Nursing Home Ministry, as well as tutoring service.

Scabbard And Blade does work for the Big Oak Boys Ranch and the Camp college recently raised $800 for the Rebecca Suzanne Howell Scholarship Fund.

This covers only a few organizations. Many other organizations mentioned here have also supported charities helping to make a better future for the needy.
Dr. George Whitesel known as "The Answer Man"

Need information about witches? Flying saucers? Jacksonville State University students who choose these and other topics for term papers often consult "the answer man" before plunging into their research. Dr. George Whitesel of Jacksonville, a humanities and fine arts subject specialist at the Houston Cole Library on campus, unflinchingly routes students through the sometimes perplexing bibliographical maze in search of "just about everything under the sun."

According to Whitesel, "teachers traditionally try to find the most outlandish topics, hoping no other students have ever written on the subjects. We regularly see students doing papers on psychic oddities such as pyramids, flying saucers, and particular buildings."

"I'll never forget the time a student wanted a floor plan of the Spanish palace Alhambra, and he needed it in five minutes. "Sure; no problem," I said. We looked in a book on palaces and, sure enough, down in a corner there was a little black and white floor plan. "I had that 'I-knew-it-all-the-time' look on my face, but sometimes nobody's more surprised than the librarian when these things are actually found."

Whitesel doesn't cherish his celebrity. "Sometimes these things come back to haunt you. Like when you can't find something for someone. Sometimes the simplest topics can be impossibly difficult," he said.

But Whitesel has more than his master's degree in library science to draw upon when a student's research trail leads to a dead end. He has a Ph.D. in world literature from Central Washington State University, and a master's degree in library science from the University of Michigan. He also has written extensively about Aldous Huxley for his doctoral dissertation and publication. He has taught English at Central Washington State College, Michigan State University, Kent State University, and Pennsylvania State University.

In addition to his Ph.D., Whitesel holds a master's degree in library science from the University of Michigan. Whitesel is currently active in a number of projects and is a member of the Northeast Alabama Graduate Fellowship of Phi Beta Kappa.

"The self-contained classroom has become an anachronism. We need ever more cooperation between the teacher in the classroom and the subject specialist in the library."

Whitesel, who points out that "books don't go down! like computers and don't require large jolts of electricity to get their covers open", is confident that librarians "are on the cutting edge of society" and "may be the ones who can really make the significant contributions in the future."

"What "The Answer Man" as a result of his helping students with term paper research. Sometimes the simplest topics can be impossibly difficult," he said.

His aim is to teach JSU students that library skills are imperative in the "information age."

Whitesel discovered his propensity for books on watching TV game shows as a kid.

"I used to think, 'Boy, some day I'm gonna know all the answers and be on TV too.' Maybe that ambition plus some of the experience I've had in English tended to make for a person who was interested in finding out about a lot of things."

"I've always had delight in finding out things and knowing bits of information. It certainly keeps you from getting bored."

Although Whitesel says his fellow librarians at JSU can help students as well as he can, word filters through the campus grapevine rather quickly when a librarian can find something as obscure as the floor plan of a palace.

"Students will tell one another, 'hey, so-and-so can find anything.' It doesn't always work out that way. Sometimes your particular diamond might be hidden under a dozen different stones.

"You simply have to be persistent. We all have trouble hanging in there and I think young students perhaps are more impatient and more easily frustrated."

Whitesel attempts to guide students in the paths of scholarship. He encourages academic excellence and frequently will spend a great deal of time to help a student who has become bogged down on a particular research problem.

He also supports campus programs that reward academic achievement. Whitesel, who said he had rarely visited large cities before pursuing his master's at Columbia University, recalled that his induction into Phi Beta Kappa did much for his self-confidence:

"Going to Columbia scared the devil out of me. Here were youngsters who had gone to Yale, Dartmouth, and Princeton. I mentally rubbed my Phi Beta Kappa key many times trying to hold onto the sense that I'd somehow get through it alive," he said.

"People will break you down or belittle your talent or potential and sometimes it's hard to hold onto a belief that 'yes, I can write a novel' or 'yes, I can write a play' or solve this particular mathematical problem. Recognition of outstanding students says 'yes, you've got a good shot at it so go ahead and try.'"

Dr. Whitesel, 46, has written extensively about Aldous Huxley for his doctoral dissertation and publication. He has taught English at Central Washington State College, Michigan State University, Kent State University, and Pennsylvania State University.

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The Sportspage

Women finish fifth at nationals

Balance beam problem

By KEITH McDUFFIE

During Spring Break the JSU women's gymnastics team once again upheld the honor of JSU and placed fifth in the nation among Division II schools at Nationals in California.

Coach Dillard felt, however, that the team could have done better if they could have held consistent throughout the meet.

"We had an excellent warmup the day before the meet and another just prior to the meet. We were really looking good," Coach Dillard explained. "JSU opened the meet with the floor exercise and next came the vault. We scored well consistently throughout these two events and were holding second place. The competition became tougher on the parallel bars and after three events, we had fallen to third place. Our downfall came on the balance beam which has been our number one problem all year."

After the scores were tallied, the JSU women's gymnastics team placed fifth among the eight top teams in the nation from Division II schools. "I feel that if we could have gotten out of our rut on the balance beam routine we could have probably placed third," Coach Dillard stated.

"The competition and quality exhibited by the teams competing at Nationals this year was a hundred per cent stronger than that of last year," Coach Dillard explained. "Last year, there was an eight point difference between the scores of the first and fourth placed teams. This year, there was only a three point difference. This illustrates how close the competition actually was."

Among the teams competing, Denver University placed first with a score of 174.80, California State, Northridge, placed second with a score of 174.35, West Chester University placed fourth with a score of 171.35, West Virginia University placed fourth with a score of 171.25, and JSU placed fifth with a score of 170. The University of Connecticut, Seattle Pacific University, and San Francisco State University followed JSU with scores of 169.10, 168.90, and 168.10, respectively.

In the individual spots, Marilyn Hasler placed second in the nation on the balance beam, ninth on the floor exercise, seventh all around, and qualified as an All-American. Patricia Claridy typifies the grace and excellence of JSU's women gymnasts.

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Cisco State University followed JSU with scores of 166.10, 166.00, and 166.10, respectively. In the individual spots, Marilyn Hasler placed second in the nation on the balance beam, ninth on the floor exercise, seventh all around, and qualified as an All-American.

The following year, the JSU women's gymnastics team continued to improve. They placed third at nationals with a score of 171.35, Southeastern Missouri placed second with a score of 171.25, and JSU placed fifth with a score of 170. The University of Connecticut, Seattle Pacific University, and San Francisco State University followed JSU with scores of 169.10, 168.90, and 168.10, respectively.

Today, the JSU women's gymnastics team is a strong team at a national level, and continues to compete at a high level. The team is coached by Coach Dillard, who has been with the team for many years.

Men impressive in Troy relays Saturday

The men's track team traveled to rival Troy State for the 11th Annual Troy Relay Meet April 1 and 2.

The 2 mile relay team, consisting of runners Randy Hardin, Steve Booker, Richard Guerra and Michael Livingston, pulled away from Lawson State to win easily during the Friday session.

In the men's high jump Rodrick Johnson placed sixth for the Gamecocks. Mark Carroll placed fourth for JSU in the 1,500 meter in a time of 4:09. Teammate Matt Holdbrooks placed seventh overall in the 1,500. The 1,500 meters is the metric equivalent to the traditional mile event.

Friday's featured event was the men's 10,000 meter race, which consists of 25 laps. This event featured Troy Cross Country coach Ed Sheehan, a former Ivy league champ from Harvard, who pulled away from the large field of runners to win in 30:05. In the college division Stan Norton and All-GSC runner Doug Cronkite finished third and fourth behind two South Alabama runners. Norton's time for the 6.2 mile race was 32:22, while Cronkite's time was 32:25.

"Mentally the 10K is a very tough race," said JSU runner Doug Cronkite. "You have to stay on pace and not count the laps while you are running." Cronkite was asked how he felt after the race and added, "Considering the shape I was in and this being my first track meet of the year I felt pretty good. There is a lot of room for improvement, but it was still a good time since it was very windy."

On Saturday the Gamecocks placed fifth in the sprint medley. The sprint medley team consisted of Arthur Thomas and Anthony Ellison in the 200, Carl Tart in the 400 and Steve Booker in the 800 meters.

The running Gamecocks were also impressive in the 3,000 meter steeple chase which is a little less than two miles and has four barriers and a water pit.

USA's Mike Zerrison's first place time was followed by JSU's Doug Cronkite in a time of 10:08. Stan Norton was third, followed by JSU's Mike Nichols. Randy Hardin was fifth as JSU took three of the top six places that score in the college division.

Next week the team will travel to West Georgia. April 23 the Gamecocks will run in Rome, Georgia at the Rome relays. The team will then return to Troy State on April 30 for the GSC meet.
Sports editorial

The price of excellence

By BENNETT OLIVER

In this age of highly competitive college sports with the Herschel Walkers and the Ralph Sampsons, one has to wonder what it takes to be a superstar athlete. It is just on the field that we see these athletes perform, or is there more to the story?

As the Auburn bus rolled up at University Field Tuesday night, they were carrying with them more than a team. As Bo Jackson stepped off the Auburn bus, you could actually see the little kid's faces light up. The reason was that Bo is more than a normal baseball player. Bo Jackson was a premier runner back at Auburn University in 1982 and as a freshman led Auburn to their first win over Alabama in ten years. Some came to idolize, and some just came to watch the superstar perform. As I sat in the stands, I could feel the excitement as Bo stepped up to the plate, with all the roars, I could hear mixed emotions in the crowd. Suddenly I sensed that most people were yelling against the star. As Bo struck out his first time, the crowd really came to life. Is it just nature to condemn a superstar when he fails? How can this normal human being handle the pressure of competition when people are yelling "Bo-Who?" in the background? Bo Jackson with head up, slowly walked back to the dugout.

Bo batted 0 for 3 against Jax State so he didn't impress many people that night. But for the kids who didn't care what he batted, it was a night to remember the rest of their lives. However, when the game had ended, I overheard one little kid yell at Bo, jokingly but in a smart way, "Do you like Herschel Walker?" Bo hesitated a moment and finally turned to the kid and said, "I like you."

Talent in football goes fast, especially in the collegiate ranks. Successful coaches are usually snapped up even faster. Jim Fuller knows all about this. Two months ago Jerry Bucchi left JSU to become defensive coordinator at The Citadel, and now Jack White has accepted the position to quarterback coach at Oregon State.

White, offensive coordinator at JSU since 1977, has developed an offensive scheme that featured a wide open passing attack. JSU not only qualified for the playoffs five of the past six years, but quarterback Ed Lett broke every school and GSC passing record over the last three.

While admitting that "it's an odd time to change jobs", White also feels that he has a good chance at career advancement with the new position. With an admitted goal of "being head coach at a small college", this should be a major step along the road.

Ex-runner Wagner returns to JSU

By KEITH MCDUFFEE

Mike Wagner, one of Jacksonville State's most outstanding former track stars, has returned to JSU to complete his master's degree.

While at JSU, in the years from 1974 to 1978, Mike broke several school records in track and cross country, many of which he still holds.

He set unprecedented records in the one mile, three mile, 3000 meter, four mile cross-country, five mile cross-country, and 10,000 meter cross country. He placed sixth in the nation with the half mile in indoor track and qualified for the nationals four years in a row.

Mike's first track experience arose three weeks before the state meet during his senior year at his high school in Fort Payne, Alabama. After only three weeks of training, Mike placed second in the state in the two mile. JSU was so impressed with Mike's performance that he awarded a fifty percent to JSU. Early in his freshman year at JSU, his scholarship was increased to a full ride.

During his years at JSU, Mike proved to be an excellent scholar as well as athlete. He was on the dean's list as an undergraduate and is now qualified to teach biology, general science, elementary education, and physical education.

Active in the ROTC program at JSU, Mike qualified for the army as an officer in 1979. While in the army, Mike qualified for the Army varsity team and All-American marathon team, but was unable to participate due to his duties as an officer.

After serving three years in the army, Mike has returned to JSU to work on his master's degree in special education.

Mike first became interested in the field of special education through helping in the Special Olympics program. "I really enjoy helping children with special needs and watching their progress," stated Mike.

When asked why he chose JSU, Mike replied, "Jax State is one of the better schools in the South for learning in my field; it's relatively inexpensive, and it's nice to be back at a familiar place."

Mike isn't eligible to participate in track at JSU anymore, but that doesn't mean he's given up running. Mike still runs everyday and is in top shape. He averages about five miles per day and plans to run in road races soon.

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