Sociology department sponsors Elderhostel '84

By Martha Ritch

This week Jacksonville State University is welcoming some very special guests. The Sociology Department is hosting Elderhostel 1984. About 30 people, age 80 and older, are attending a week of classes and events at JSU.

They have a busy schedule planned out for them, thanks to the work and planning of Shelia Newell, assistant coordinator. "They seem to have gone out of their way to plan extra activities," said Fred King, an Elderhoster from Toronto, Canada. With the help of faculty and student volunteers this years Elderhostel will be a success and a memorable experience for the participants.

The Elderhosters are staying in Pannel Hall and eating most meals in the Jack Hopper Dining Hall. They are here to experience every aspect of the school and to be treated as a student. Addy Groebel complimented the dining hall with the agreement of others. "The salads are delicious."

Three courses are being offered to the participants. Volunteerism, taught by Rebecca Turner, shows the value of volunteering in society. Dr. Harry Holstein is leading a class in Introduction to Archaeology, providing an understanding of the methods used in exploring past cultures. Dr. Carolyn Dunaway is teaching a class about the importance of elders in the American society, including research in the process of aging.

Dunaway feels that the education level among this group is higher than most older groups. "They are a stimulating group of people and very eager to learn," she adds.

There is varied representation from all over the country and Canada. Fred King, originally from London, and his wife, Mary, are in the South for the first time, coming all the way from Toronto, Canada. They are enjoying their week as Elderhosters, saying they are interested in the subjects being offered and love to travel.

The students find working with the elders fascinating. "Several students volunteered to do certain events which will increase the interaction between students and participants," said Dr. Rodney Friery, Sociology Department head.

Kelly Flowers will compete for Miss USA Pageant title

By Randy Fair

A JSU coed, Kelly Flowers, will compete May 17, for the coveted title of Miss USA.

Flowers earned the right to compete in the national pageant by winning the Miss Alabama-USA crown on February 25.

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Flowers has a scholarship to JSU, a screen test and travel expenses from Regency Productions, Hawaiian Tropics suntan products, cash, an evening gown, a year of free hair styling, a scholarship to a dance academy, Zales jewelry and her crown, trophy, flowers, and banner.

Flowers is looking forward to the Miss USA pageant. "I can't believe I will be the one on TV instead of one of the ones watching."

There is a great deal of fellowship among themselves," said Dunaway, who also said that several have said this is one of the better ones they have ever attended. "There is something really good about all of them," commented Mary King.

Participants, volunteers and faculty are having a great time with this program. This is the third one to be held on campus and probably the most successful. The turnout was encouraging for future Elderhostels.

Elderhosters

Steven and Arline Hay from Lake Geneva, Wisconsin; Martha H. Craig from Birmingham, Alabama, tour Elderhostel. Some of the extra activities include a tour of the library, the computer center and the art department. There will be games, campus tours and plays to attend. The participants will even join the Sociology Club for a picnic at Germania Springs.

"The student input has been real good," said Ed Wildman, one of the volunteers. "This is an important part of the Elderhostel because the participants are excited about being involved with the young people."
SGA candidates

Students' choices to be determined April 10

By GREG SPOON and RANDY FAIR

The time for SGA campaigns and elections continues from April 2 through April 9. This year's race includes several qualified candidates. Treated in interviews below, in alphabetical order, are Phil Sisk, Steve Martin, Kay Hyatt, Renee Lupa, Morris "Bull" Kay, Steve French, and Renee Martin.

One of Johnson's major concerns is having a constitutional committee composed of students and senators to revise the constitution and report to him about their process. He added that he will have the SGA office open at least eight hours each day to cater to the students' needs.

Phil Sisk, the current SGA president, is a business management major. Sisk is running for re-election because "he has a few programs which he would like to see implemented."

Phil Sisk has been running for SGA president since he was elected to office last year. He said he is planning to run for re-election since he didn't run and be re-elected for the second semester before taking office.

One of Kay's foremost priorities is to try to establish a budget increase. He also wants to establish a committee made up of students at large, as well as senators, to help with the entertainment decision process.

By MIKE LIVINGSTON

Senator Michael French's bid to be a presidential candidate for the SGA continued this week. French wasn't allowed to run for office since he didn't join the senate till the 2nd week of spring. An amendment, which French declared was invalid, states that a student must be a senator for at least three years before running for the office.

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Sisk authored several pieces of legislation while he was serving in the SGA. Those which fail very important are the bills dealing with fire safety, use dorms, seating at football games and Student Awareness Week.

When asked what he will change, if anything, he is re-elected, Sisk said, "I would like to increase the budget to be able to offer more services to the students."

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In summing up his campaign, Sisk remarked, "More work needs to be done and I am the one to do it."

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When asked why he would not be running for vice-president again, he said, "Instead of being in charge of spending SGA funds, I would rather be responsible for keeping up with what is being spent."

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When asked how she would represent the students' interests, as far as entertainment is concerned, she said she will use student opinion polls to determine what students want. If the polls do not effectively give the needed information, Lupa added that she will use the senators to gather information directly.

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Career Day scheduled for April

By MARTHA RITCH

The sociology department will sponsor the 8th annual Career Day on Wednesday, April 11. This will benefit all students interested in the availability of jobs in Alabama and the surrounding states.

Jobs are more available this year than they have been in the past years, so there is hope. The Career Day will provide reassurance and knowledge for graduating seniors and everyone else interested in the job market.

Several agencies will be represented in various career fields. Employers will speak to students at 3:00 in Room 141 of Brewer Hall. They will then be assigned to different rooms and visited by students. It is a chance for students to ask specific questions and receive specific answers.

It is commonly known that most students majoring in Sociology, English, History, Political Science, Psychology, etc., will not be hired in their area of study. There will be a list of companies interviewing students for job placement, regardless of academic major.

The agencies represented are the Alabama Department of Corrections, Alabama Department of Pensions and Security, The Federal Bureau of Investigation, Federal Bureau of Prisons, The Georgia Merit System, Mental Health Department, The Salvation Army and The United Way.

In addition to the speakers, job information in general will be provided. There will also be assistance from Florida and Tennessee about available employment in those states.

Seniors graduating this semester should especially take advantage of the Career Day, but all students are welcome to come.

City Library to move to new site

By MELINDA GALLAHAR

Residents of Jacksonville will be moving into a new public library in the early summer. The present public library located on Ladiga Street will be moved to the old Post Office building on Pelham Road. The building and lot were purchased from the Cheaha Regional Library (C.R.L.) for $65,000 from the City of Jacksonville. C.R.L. is an organization composed of eleven libraries in a six county radius and functions to help the libraries with inter-library loans, workshops, reading programs, book mobile services and helps distribute federal and state money to the public libraries.

The bid for remodeling the Post Office was $125,000 with a 16% estimate for completion. The federal government contributed $42,000 for the renovation and the remaining amount was provided by the City of Jacksonville. Once the remodeling is completed, it will take ten days to move to the new location according to Bonnie Seymour, city librarian.

The old Post Office entrance and marble walkway have been retained. The marble walkway which will serve as a lounge area, will be decorated with plants donated by the Jacksonville Garden Club and will contain magazine racks and other appointments.

The main floor, approximately 3,000 square feet, will include a lounge area, a workroom for the staff, an office and two areas for books and records. The major area will be for adults and the other area is for children.

Besides the new location, the public will notice several significant changes in the new library. Two changes that will not be observed immediately will be the purchase of new book and records permitted by the increased budget. The audio-visual service to the community will increase, as well as other services to the community.

A major goal of the library staff has been to make the entire library accessible to the handicapped people from special parking spaces to entrances to the four public bathrooms.

Seymour would like to extend an invitation to everyone to visit the new Public Library.

Coed charged in accost attempt

By TIM QUICK

On Thursday, May 29, a JSU coed entered Glazer Hall in an attempt to accost a resident for $50. At approximately 10:34 a.m., Carmen M. Edwards entered the dorm and allegedly, according to the victim, pulled a handgun on him and demanded the money.

Chief Nichols of the University Police Department said that a gun was never found even though Police searched every part of the room and the surrounding area.

Edwards was held after the incident until the time of official arrest at 11:45 a.m., after which a warrant was taken out by the victim. Edwards was arrested on the charge of "Reckless Endangerment" and taken to Anniston, since the university does not have the facilities to hold female prisoners, to be booked and later released on bond.

Chief Nichols stated that the incident was of domestic nature since the parties involved had known each other previously, and that "someone didn't come off the streets to hold up a student in his room." Chief Nichols commented that the incident was isolated and that violent crimes are not very common around the university.

French

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students to vote for him as a write-in candidate while Sisk and Johnson are on the ballot.

Two of his campaign issues are about the senate. "The constitution needs to be rewritten over the summer and people need to realize how the SGA is a 'state government,'" said French.

French said he feels he can win even with a write-in campaign.
Sports, not even to mention the inconsistent support from the
other groups.

As another example turn to the men’s basketball season of 1983-1984. How many of you (students, faculty, ad-
ministration and even coaches) attended at least two or
three of these contests? The percentage would be rather
small. In fact many do not even seem to know there is a
basketball team at the University. Maybe that sounds
farfetched, but if you attended a game you may think the
statement to be true. Crowds of 300 in a gym which could
hold around 6,000, were not unusual for basketball
Garnetclucks. Many students who attended the game
couldn’t understand why others didn’t attend. In fact the
Garnetcluck mascot was rarely at a game, and one visiting
team had its mascot present more times than the home
team.

Still another example is the Symposium, “Leadership for
the Successor Generation” which took place earlier in the
spring semester. The symposium had many drawbacks.
One, of course, was attendance. Another was the fact too
many of the speakers, former Secretary of State Dean Roak
among them, had been away for the government so long
their statements could be found in any history book.

When Rev. Jackson came, a leader of the 1980’s and not
yet yesterday, the student’s attendance was at all time high.
This is a major point to realize for our administration.
Students did attend to see a speaker running for the nation’s
highest office and didn’t go see the leaders from the past
who no longer play a vital role in today’s government. To
get people to an event a campus function center be built
which in the future, we must get speakers who could effec-
tively us in today’s world. We don’t need to see people who
have affected us from the past.

What are the solutions to these problems? It is on one level
to point out a need, but quite another to push forward a
solution to an issue. The solution is twofold. First a group of
people on campus can be used to formulate a solution and
second these people must work together before action can
take place which will benefit the university in a positive
manner.

The committee should include the administrative
assistant to the university president, members of the News
Bureau, Athletic Director, Sports Information Director,
and the Director of Development. These are just some of
our important personnel who work in the area of public
relations at the University.

These people need to get together and form a meaningful
committee to look at improving the university. By working
as one unit and setting goals, they have an opportunity to
make this campus a true university experience for all four
groups which play a role.

This committee must pull members from the other
groups. For example, a few student need to take an active
role and need to be assigned to give direct input on what
students would like to see improved on the campus. The
same, of course, can be said for faculty and the community
itself as well.

A lot of work needs to be done to make this a true center
of university life. One has only to travel to our rival, UNA, to
see the four groups pulling together at a basketball game
know it can work.

At our university we must get these groups of professionals,
led by administration, the student body, and the
surrounding community. If we just work out a plan and
pull together, we can turn this around. We can create a
total university experience together. The end result will
well be worth the extra effort to get the idea started.

**Performance Center needs attention**

By MARSHA RITCH

Like the drama productions on campus, the music
recitals are always well done and entertaining. The
difference between the two departments is the comfort
in one that does not exist in the
other.

Stone Center has a very
colloquial stage, soft chairs, good lighting and numerous
other attributes making performances there far
more enjoyable than in the
performance center of
Mason Hall.

The music department
here has a very good
reputation and it is well
deserved. When spectators
come for a recital or concert
held in Mason, they are
provided with a hard folding
chair and are forced to sit at
one level, preventing people
in the back from being able
to see. There is no stage, only
an open space on the floor for
performances.

Maybe it is a lost cause
to request that a new per-
formance center be built
that could benefit the music
students. However,
the students work hard at their
recitals and deserve a decent
place to give their per-
formances.

Recitals are required for
music students to graduate
which means that a senior
recital and, especially a
senior honors recital, is one
of the most important times
in the student’s college
career. This big moment can
be belittled by the dull at-
mosphere and condition of
the performance center.

The facilities at Mason are
to be condemned completely
for they are satisfactory for some events,
such as the concerts and
recital class held there on
Monday afternoons. For the
special recitals, however, a
better place is necessary.
A few concerts have been
held at Stone Center and they
were much more comfort-
able and enjoyable. The
only problem there is that
there is not a decent piano
available.

There are many solutions
to this situation if someone in
authority would now
recognize it as a problem and
follow through with some
action.
Letters To The Editor

Couch shocked

Dear Editor:

As an SGA senator and broadcaster for WJJS, I was shocked by comments made by President Phil Sisk at the SGA senate meeting of March 26. The comments were a result of a legitimate challenge to a constitutional amendment enacted to effectively deny any student from running for executive office unless previously serving in the student senate for exactly one full semester of term.

Senator Michael French was attempting to have the amendment invalidated and enable all students to participate in the executive board of the SGA when he presented evidence that the amendment had not been run on the campus radio station for six consecutive days prior to the election as required by the SGA constitution. President Sisk countered that he didn’t know whether the amendment was run or not because he never listens to WJJS. He went on to attack the integrity of the station’s management and the station’s “inefficiency” in the failure to run the announcement. Yet, he could not produce any tangible evidence that the announcement was ever delivered to the radio station.

But, according to President Sisk, it’s the station’s fault. This is particularly disturbing that our own SGA President would attack an important and beneficial branch of our university. Through recent policy at WJJS, it is expressly forbidden by management for any broadcaster to denigrate or ridicule any other branch of JSU.

WJJS does a good job and serves a useful purpose. President Sisk should appreciate this fact more than most people because of the time he spent working there. If WJJS and the various branches of our university are not good enough for President Sisk, perhaps he should seek greener pastures elsewhere.

Sincerely,

Richard Couch
SGA Senator

Students evaluate Minimester

Dear Students:

Under the direction of Dr. Jimmy Reaves, Vice-President for Academic Affairs, a committee was formed and charged with the task of evaluating certain aspects of the Minimester at this university. We value your opinions and would therefore ask you to respond to this short questionnaire.

Please take a few minutes and complete the following:

1. The purpose of the Minimester is (be specific):
2. There are some courses, because of the nature of these courses, which should not be taught during the Minimester. Agree or disagree? Why?
3. Courses that are repeated during the Minimester (year after year) should be listed in the catalog and designated as being taught only during Minimester. Agree or disagree? Why?
4. Other uses for the Minimester which I would suggest are:

Please give responses to:

Veldon J. Bennett, 118 Stone Center

STATEMENT OF EDITORIAL POLICY

It is the policy of Chanticleer to publish only signed letters to the editor. Letters submitted are not edited for grammatical, spelling, or structural errors in any way. Students and faculty are encouraged to submit letters to the editor.

Students aware of hazards

In recent months the students of Jacksonville State University have become increasingly aware of the potential fire hazards on campus. Needless to say, another need to be added to the list – the Jack Hopper Dining Hall. The risk of fire in this building is minimal, but what about the one time when the problem overwhelmed the precautions?

The major problem is the evacuation of students in the event of a fire. There is only one available door open to the students; the others are either chained or bolted. The actual occurrence of a fire is unlikely, but a procedure of safe evacuation needs focus; one can never be sure.

Registration is frustration

Registration is upon us once again, and for some students registering for classes can be a frustrating time. But for the students who are well prepared before registering, it can be just another step toward graduation. If every student will do his part and prepare properly for registration, it can run smoothly for the students and the faculty. Students should schedule a session with their advisors well in advance of their registration day.

To make registration run smoothly for everyone, be sure to have your data sheet, i.e., class schedule book, pen and trial schedule. The trial schedule should be filled out correctly and signed by your advisor. To speed up registration, you should have alternative classes already scheduled.

But to make registration a pleasant situation for everyone concerned wear comfortable clothing and shoes. Important qualities to carry with you are patience and a good attitude.
Students gain encouragement from art exhibit

By MICHELLE BASHAM

Visual Art is one of the most fascinating fields of expression that exists today because of the variety of media that artists have to choose from. The 1984 Annual JSU Juried Student Exhibit definitely supports this statement.

"Each year we say the shows are better," comments Marvin Shaw who was in charge of hanging the show, "but this is probably the best show we've had in diversity."

"It gave me confidence," says Phyllis Meads; "I learned a lot from going to the show, and hope I'm going to be able to apply it to my work." (Phyllis has two pen and ink pieces in the exhibit from her modern design class.)

Bridge Reaves, a senior clothing major, refers to her piece in the show as an "optical illusion." Design I, the class for which she did the pen and ink was Bridge's first art class. "These shows give us something to strive for," she says.

Dr. Emile Burn, head of the Art Department explains that the students and faculty submit art works done by the students to be voted on by a committee. The fact that there was no Juried Exhibit last year makes this one even more exciting. According to Dr. Burn the show is excellent due to the "variety and quality" of the works. "This is one of my favorite shows," she continues, "because it is a wide sampling of all the students in all of our classes." She also added that there are many pieces that were not included in the show, "which is wonderful, we need a bigger gallery."

The exhibit, which runs through Friday, April 6, includes some truly fascinating pieces: examples of kinetic design from Dr. Holmes' Design II students, photography by Darrell Green, sculptures by Donata Stephens, and a watercolor by Barbara "nan."

Concert band performs

The Jacksonville State University Concert Band will present its annual spring concert April 8 at 3:00 p.m. at the JSU Amphitheater located at Eleventh Street and Pelham Road on campus. The concert is free and the public is invited. In case of inclement weather, the performance will take place in Mason Hall Performance Center.

Under the direction of David Walters, the band will perform a special arrangement of Lerose and Lowe's "Brigadoon" with soprano soloist Dian Lawler, Andree, JSU instructor in voice. Other selections will include "Symphonic Prelude," "The Music Master," and "Russian Christmas Music" by Alfred Reed; and "Squaw" by Ralph Herman.

Dorms fight out war with Dominos

By LYNN LEPINE

Watch out, Lake Skywalker: the intergalactic saga of good against evil is being witnessed in favor of a new battle--Domino's Dorm Wars.

In this interdormitory struggle, the residents of the various dorms are squaring off against each other.

The weapons? Dominos Pizza.

The object? To be the dorm purchasing the greatest number of pizzas before April 8.

The dorm accomplishing this mission will be awarded a pizza party, the fare of which will include 36 Dominos large two-topping pizzas and $50 for beverages. According to Domino's assistant manager Thomas Oliver, the response has been good so far.

"Domino's sponsored a Dorm Wars competition fair by "pro-rating" the pizza. Since more people live in some dorms than others, we divide the number of pizzas purchased by that dorm by the number of people living there. That way each dorm has an equal chance to win." Domino's sponsored a Dorm Wars competition at West Georgia College in Carrollton last year.

"The score was so close between two of the dorms that each dorm began to order huge quantities of pizza near the end of the competition in order to try and win. By the time the contest was over, the two dorms were so close to being tied that we gave each one a pizza party."

So far, the front runners in JSU's Dorm Wars are Patterson with 576 pizzas and Dixon with 576 pizzas. Glazier is closing in, however, with 435 pizzas.

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Why Are You Voting For Phil Sisk?

Efram 'Pig' Clark; SGA Senator: "He's Honest And He Knows What He's Doing."
Tamela Houston; SGA Senator: "He's A Dedicated Leader With Experience."
Cynthia Thomas; SGA Senator: "We Need A Man With Experience And Knowledge."
Steve 'Face' Nelson; Student: "He's Dedicated And Can Get Things Done."

DON'T TAKE A RISK--VOTE FOR PHIL SISK
Arts Festival offers fun, art and picnic in the park

The Third Annual JSU Arts Festival will be held at the JSU Amphitheater Wednesday, April 11 from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

General admission to the all day event is fifty cents, and all activities are open to the public. Those attending can purchase refreshments or bring a sack lunch.

Performing artist groups will include the JSU Brass Quintet, the JSU Jazz Ensemble, Riley Morris and The Odder Wolfe Band, The Thirteen-Cent Theatre, JaxDans, JSU Chamber Singers, and the E.O.D. (Every Other Day) Jazz Quartet.

Rich Observations

Pub crowd cheers ‘No Name’

A group of ten drama students calling themselves “The No Name Players” made a hit Thursday night in their debut at the Pub.

Led by Amy Uhi, Lisa Waugh, Nancy Mann, Randy Gravette, Jeff McKerley, Will Smith, Debra I. Nolen, Whit Brandley, and Bob Upton, the group performed original and non-original skits.

The reception was as good as the turn out. Natalie Baier admitted that she came down because she was curious about the show. Later she commented, “They are excellent.”

Robert Baier thought it was hilarious. “It was good to see something so informal and abstract.” The informality was a big part of the appeal.

Tracy Owen laugh: “When you’re as broke as I am, anything that’s free is good!” She went on to say, however, that she would have paid a small donation for the show.

Johnson says that the act may be featured regularly. The group did all the work on their own then contacted the people at the Pub. “We’re providing a place for them to present their talents,” says Johnson.

The success of “No Name” may even bring in other forms of entertainment. It proved to be a good move for both the Pub and the performers. This is not to mention what the crowd got out of it.

Look for more shows from the “No Name Players”. If you missed the one at the Pub, you can’t afford to miss them again.

Dr. James Johnson

Festival coordinators are G. Tracy Tyler of the JSU music department and Riley Morris. “This is the only time the whole college of music and art come together,” says Tyler.

Along with scheduled events, there will be artists working on location, comedians, musicians and a jam session in the evening will also be a part. Hot dogs, chips and Cokes will be available. There will also be barbecue grills, but students are encouraged to bring food and blankets for their own comfort and enjoyment. The atmosphere will be “real informal” says Tyler.

Just as most articles in the Chanticleer are by students, many of the pictures used along with the features and news stories are taken by students in the photography department. Credit is not always given to these students in print, but gratitude is expressed by those who use and depend on their pictures. Allison Clark, Linda King and Tim Quick serve as Mr. Lovett’s assistants while they learn the ropes of photography. “Sometimes they may be a joy and sometimes I may want to kick them,” laughs Lovett. Keeping within the limits of a fixed budget and working around schedule problems makes their job quite difficult. The job is done, however, and the appreciation is well deserved. Shown here is one of the pictures from “Glamor Schlechti” taken by Linda King. Last week Linda’s pictures of the Opera were used without giving credit to her.

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Reaves retires after nineteen years of service

By JAN DICKINSON

Jacksonville State University is going to experience another loss after the millennium this year when Mrs. Ethel Reaves of the English Department retires after nineteen years of service. Whether this alone was sufficient inspiration, she can't say, but in 1955, she began classes at State Teachers College (now JSU). Since she already had children and a husband to look after, she took the maximum class load of 20 hours so she could graduate early. Sometimes, it wasn't easy, as she recalls: "Going to evening and night classes occasionally meant that my youngest son sometimes had to go, too. I guess it just goes to show that if you really want something bad enough, you can get it."

Her hard work (and her husband's understanding) finally paid off in 1958 when she received her B.A. in English. Because of her academic excellence, she was also nominated to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

Reaves joined the faculty at Jacksonville High School in 1968 and while there, eventually taught all three of her sons in English classes. It was also during her seven-year stay at JSU that she began working on her Master's degree at JSU. By August of 1969, she had earned her M.S. in English and in 1965 joined the faculty.

It was here that so many people first felt her influence and appreciated her gift of teaching. As an advisor to many students, her wit and genuine concern have often helped to develop and to guide many young minds. Probably the most famous student about Reaves has ever advised, is Roberta S. Owens, lead singer of the group Alabama.

Reaves' generosity first comes to mind in talking with Dr. Clyde Cox, head of the English Department. "She is one of the most generous persons here at Stone Center," he commented. "She has always been among the first to volunteer when we need help." He added, "Ethel's parties always guarantee success."

Not only does Reaves open her home to faculty and guests, but many of her students have had the unique opportunity to attend lively parties at her home in Jacksonville. Students aren't the only lucky ones, either. Every year at JSU's Homecoming, she and "Pop", as most everyone calls Earnest, give a party just for the JSU football players and their dates. As you can see, Ethel Reaves goes beyond what is expected of her in giving so much extra time, as well as effort, to her alma mater.

Reaves' love of life is evident in many of her activities outside school. She took up golf, for instance, because, "Being the sole female of the house, it was sometimes the only way to spend time with my husband and boys."

Some of her other activities include walking, swimming in the backyard pool, and dancing. That right, tap dancing.

She and her granddaughter, Debbie Reaves, a student at JSU, have been dancing for exercise and fun for over two years. Obviously, the old adage, "You're only as young as you feel," clearly applies to Ethel's way of life.

Reaves is also a talented musician and a perceptive writer. She and several other local writers have published a small collection of their works entitled Three O'Clock in the Pines. Some of her favorite poems are included in this book. Dr. Cox once used one of her poems in an English 202 class. After the study and explication of it, he said, "The overwhelming majority of the students were very impressed by it." Some have even compared her style of poetry to that of Emily Dickinson. The crisp freshness of her approach to life is certainly conveyed in her poems.

On the other hand, anyone who has ever taken time to talk with Ethel soon finds that she is not only a very personable person to talk but sooner or later she injects a little humor into the conversation. One of her colleagues, Dr. Mac McDuffie, said of her earliest encounters with each other, "What impressed me the most about her is her ability for humorous stories, especially those about her childhood." One can only wonder if our school is losing another Eudora Welty.

When Reaves isn't working in her flower garden with her Mint Julep roses or inside creating a host of new verses for her friends, she can be found alone in her studio, working toward what may prove to be a second career: painting. She began working with watercolors a few years ago, but now uses the full range of artistic media to express herself. Her home is filled with examples of her work and many of her paintings have taken top honors at art exhibits. Besides selling her paintings to individuals, she has also sold a collection of her work to the Firestone store in Gadsden.

Being the multi-talented person that she is, it's no wonder that her students enjoy her classes. Her philosophy of teaching is "to get the student interested and involved." She brings her creativity into the classroom, making it more enjoyable for the students and thereby establishing a special rapport with them. Jennifer Hardy, a student in her English 201 class, has also had Mrs. Reaves for English 101 and 102. She enjoyed the first two classes so much that she patiently waited one semester until she could have Mrs. Reaves for this class. "She's a popular teacher here," stated Jennifer. "I think this might be the last chance they ever have to have her for a teacher."

As anyone can see, it's going to be a difficult task to replace Ethel Reaves. In thinking about her retirement, she reflected, "I'm pleased with all the things I've done so far." Reaves feels that one should always move forward and, as she put it, "Don't dwell on the bad things in life. There's too much good in the world to dwell on the bad." One fact is for certain: Reaves has a zest for life that defies the word "retirement." As Dr. Cox aptly put it, "Ethel will not be a good idea. She's merely stepping away from an 8 to 4 job."

Music fads: punks and synthesizers are changing rock

By TIM QUICK

So, how are all the people of rock-n-roll out there surviving the pop-syntho, punko-punk sound? Well, if you would like to kill Boy George with a high calibur revolver, you are not alone and will survive the latest music fad, the most absurd and dreary sounding of the United Kingdom and the rest of Europe. I know because my fellow fanatics of good rock survived the disco era in a reclusive fashion by listening to the old Beatles records on the now defunct WVLX, K-Q9, on my radio. And thinking about the joy and elation you and others like you would feel about the return of Kiss, without the makeup, is a brisk game of backgammon with Welty and other bands.

The real comeback story of the past year is that every rock in the ever changing tides of the pop music world. (They took three years off during the Disco Era) Eliminator, the Top's latest, has taken people of all musical taste by storm. With streaming beads and cheap sunglasses, ZZ Top has become a household word around the country. A recent honor bestowed to the band in the form of a call-in poll on Saturday Night Live. It was a vote for your favorite candidate for the 1984 Presidential election. With a choice of Mondale, Reagan, other candidates, and ZZ Top, the American people voted the band as the front runner for President. Many people I know, myself included, are glad to see ZZ Top getting the recognition they deserve after all these years of consistent Rock-n-Roll.

Van Halen, who recently released 1984, their new album, and returned to much of their old style in some tracks, synthesizers and reverbs on the single Jump!, to a lot of material that compares with hard, hard rock on Van Helen II. Panama, Drop Dead Legs and other cuts return to the screaming guitar of Eddie Van Halen, and David Lee Roth's wild and raucous antics. Over such albums as Van Halen such as Mean Streets and Women and Children First, which were disappointments after the first two albums. The band made a comeback with Diver Down, and has sold over two million copies in 1984. Let's all hope that the next album is even better.

With the likes of the Eurythmics around, it really makes me happy to see the return of Kiss, without the makeup (Cute for awhile, guys) and really made a comeback with Lick It Up. Kiss are sound as though they have been taking head-banging lessons from Def Leppard and other bands. The title track, "Lick It Up" features hard driving vocals by Stanley and good guitar work. A follow-up is in the making and shedding the make-up was a good idea. Their next album will be a good idea. They're merely stepping away from an 8 to 4 job.
Inside The Chanticleer

The right place at the Ritch time

By TIM QUICK

Entertainment is a major point of interest (some would say the major point) to the average college student. Chanticleer entertainment editor Martha Ritch is in the business of providing JSU students with latest scoops on “what’s happening” and what there is to do around the Jacksonville area.

Ritch, a sophomore from Douglasville, Georgia, says she landed the job on the editorial staff under rather strange circumstances.

“I always enjoyed writing,” Ritch said, “But I didn’t feel I was good at it.”

According to Ritch, relatives and friends encouraged her to pursue her writing interests, and eventually a JSU instructor recommended she take Journalism 303. Ritch said the course sounded “really interesting” and that she was “really surprised to find out she’d be working directly with the Chanticleer staff.”

Ritch worked for a semester as a staff writer for the newspaper, but she attributes her second semester promotion to entertainment editor to “being in the right place at the right time.”

Several editorial positions opened up in the spring semester with the graduation of senior staff members. Among those receiving diplomas was former entertainment editor Stacy McCath, so when this semester rolled around, Ritch was appointed to head up the entertainment section.

She found editing a section completely different from writing occasional features. “It’s a lot of work,” Ritch says, “But any other position would double the work and I’m not ready for that yet. I’m satisfied with the responsibilities I have now.”

As a section editor, Ritch finds herself responsible for four pages of the Chanticleer each week. This entails assigning articles to other staff members and also writing some herself. Her column Ritch Observations is a popular weekly feature. Writing, however, is only the beginning of getting the entertainment section ready for Thursday publications. Ritch must also edit, proof, type, and re-proof the articles for each edition. She must then make a layout or dummy of her section.

On Tuesdays, Ritch joins the rest of the editorial staff at the Jacksonville News to “paste up” or actually lay out her section. In addition to her work on the Chanticleer, Ritch is also a member of the Marching Southerners and a little sister in both the Phi Mu Alpha and Sigma Chi fraternities.

“Sometimes I feel I’ve got so much going on that I’ll never be finished with all I have to do,” she says, but even the optimist, Ritch concludes, “somehow it always seems to work out though, and when my job is done I can be proud of it.”

Swor to speak at First Baptist

Dr. Chester Swor, one of the most sought-after Southern Baptist speakers for the past two generations, will be speaking at the First Baptist Church of Jacksonville April 8-10.

Dr. Swor spoke on 34 campuses throughout the nation during 1983. The Baptist Campus Ministry, in cooperation with the Calhoun Baptist Association, will be sponsoring Dr. Swor’s speaking engagement in Jacksonville.

The services at which Dr. Swor will speak will be at 2:00 o’clock on Sunday afternoon and at 7:00 o’clock on Monday and Tuesday nights. Following the service on Tuesday night, at 8:30, the Baptist Campus Ministry will host an open house for those who wish to meet and talk with Dr. Swor.

Calvert scholarship deadline is April 16

Applicants for the Calvert Scholarship should apply by April 16, 1984. The following is the description from the Financial Aid Office:

“Given in honor of the former head of the JSU English Department, all English majors junior level and above are eligible to apply for this scholarship which pays tuition for one academic year (two semesters). Applicants must have at least an overall 2.0 average plus a 2.0 average in English courses. To apply, send a resume and transcript to Dr. Clyde Cox, English Department. Deadline for applying is April 16, 1984.

The first runner up among the applicants will be awarded the English Department Memorial Scholarship funded by the English faculty in memory of deceased members who include Dr. Pauline O’Brien, Dr. John McCain, Mrs. Julia Roebuck, Mrs. Ruth Bayliss, and Miss Douglass Olsen.

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Participants and spectators register from 1 to 2:30 at the field. To be eligible to play in the tournament and to receive a drawing ticket, you must present a valid student I.D.
hardest guitar and vocals to come out of the States in a long time. The double lead throughout the album gives a clear, hard driving type of rock that makes you want to grab a brew and go to town in your dorm room, while your friendly neighborhood RA bangs on the door and tries to have you evicted.

Of course, the comeback story of the decade is still playing heavy metal and having a good time biting the heads off doves, bats, and anything else that gets close enough to him. The popular human being is the man from Black Sabbath, Ozzy Osbourne. With the release of Diary Of A Madman in early 1980, the old rocker of the faith made a comeback to end all comebacks (for awhile at least) with the hits "Crazy Train" and his latest "Born At "W" Moon." If you can remember, Ozzie and the rest of Black Sabbath rocked for years and years and after the album Paranoid, way back in 1974, a change came over the band and they just disintegrated into fragments. Black Sabbath got a new lead singer and kept on rockin' the same but lost a lot of flair when Ozzie left the group to pursue what has been an excellent solo career. Even though he recently released a slow love ballad, it's okay with me if the original madman of rock makes a few million off the pop crazy teenagers of America. Mr. Osbourne also recently collaborated with a new band called Was Not Was and did lead vocals on a song called "Shake Your Head." It was a departure for the better from Black Sabbath for this mad, mad man.

Well you've all by now heard of this bunch. Metley Crue made the scene with a hit called "Shout at the Devil," and burst into the American Heavy Metal Wars. Even though they look extremely weird and are said to be Satanists, if you look past these publicity stunts and hear the music that they play, you can really rock 'til you drop, if you want to. If these guys decide to shed some of their make-up and stop the Satanist Church talk, they have a chance to move in there with some of the best in the business.

To look at what is taking place in the American music business at this moment, one has to look back for years to see where the roots of New Wave took hold and became the pop craze of the 1980's. In the early seventies, when rock music was less complicated and all you had to do was turn on the radio to hear music and not something that sounds like a science fiction movie, a new instrument was born that had before been used only to make weird sounds then and again and to freak the audience out. This instrument is the norm of new wave, the ever mighty synthesizer. Voice synthesizer, guitar synthesizer, drum synthesizer the works can be synthesized. The first band to develop a new honest sound with these machines of wonder were the group Eversen, Lake and Palmer. (Greg Lake and Karl Palmer now play for Asia). These guys took this new wonder instrument and proceeded to perform some of the hardest driving music in the history of rock. They also performed ballads such as "Lucky Man," which can still be heard from time to time on the radio. Then something evil and sinister came along to rape the land of its riches. I'm sure you all remember, good and horror, the punk rock music from England. With the Sex Pistol and Johnny Rotten to the Dead Boys, they did everything from slashing themselves on stage with knives to urinating on the audience. Well, Punk Rock died (Thank the Lord) and was replaced, that's right, you guessed it, punk Rockers. Old out of work Punk Rockers went on and bought synthesizers, and then the music became. New Wave.

Still a lot of English bands didn't bow under the pressure to make their music sound like a pinball machine, but did make adjustments. Def Leppard blazed onto the music charts early last summer with the album Pyromania. Joe Elliot and the band then toured the states and showed that there is still some of the stuff coming out of England that Metalheads can still enjoy. The album featured such hits as "Rock of Ages," "Photograph" and "Diehard the Hunter." The band is expected to release a follow up album within the next few months.

If you're about to go crazy and can't figure out what's inside your head, and can't stand too much more punk-synthesized trash, remember, you don't have to listen to it. There is still plenty of good music around. Even if you have to hunt for it, it's still around. Besides, ask all those rockers at the club. The Beatles Rock-N-Roll Volume I can blow Thomas Dolby off the proverbial map anytime. Even though you can't see Led Zeppelin in concert anymore, "The Song Remains The Same" in every sense of the word. Jimi Hendrix, the long dead super-guitarist, can still play the tune, so don't be sad. Remember Disco had its day, so will this new stuff, but rock-n-roll will survive just as it always has. YOU CAN STILL ROCK IN AMERICA!
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We should be careful to get out of our experience only the wisdom that is of help now and to take the rest for later use. The wise man is not a grammarian; he understands that in wise, but also that he will never sit down on a cold stone any more.

—Herbert Seuss

All things are full of fear, and it is wise for one who can, to work out one thing from another.

—Hermes

For the things we have to learn before we can do them, we cannot be doing them.

—Herbert Seuss

With regard to excellence, it is not enough to know, but we must try to have and use it.

—Herbert Seuss

Learning what thought is taken for, thought without learning is random.

—Hermes

Training is everything. To teach was once a better advantage; The advantage of nothing but college with a college education. To get the most out of training, the framework of troubles to our two societies is not only basic to a university, but to the entire nation.

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Scabbard and Blade raises military ed. standards

By RICHARD GREEN

The National Society of Scabbard and Blade is an honor society dedicated to raising the standards of military education in American colleges and universities. The Jacksonville State chapter—Company II, 9th Regiment—expands upon this goal by promoting excellence in both academics and in building personal character. According to Blade Commander Michael Stevenson, "Excellence is considered to be the key in evaluating one's ability to become an effective military leader. We are all members of Scabbard and Blade simply because we share a common desire to be the very best person, citizen, and leader possible. The members are challenged to meet tough requirements that will serve to build character, self-confidence, and organizational unity. Our organization is based on the belief that our futures as Army Officers are of initial interest to our nation, so therefore, we must strive to excel in every aspect of our lives. By demanding excellence we can be confident that our nation will have quality military officers."

The Blade is an organization that is dedicated to the advancement of potential military officers, but actually the organizational goals go much further. The Blade is constantly searching for ways to better serve our community. One of the chief goals is to support and assist Junior ROTC activities. The Blade traveled to Huntsville to support the annual Junior ROTC Olympics, and into the communities where activities are held at local high schools. The Blade enjoys working with the young cadets in helping them to prepare for their college life.

"Since I became a member of the Blade, we have spent many hours working toward assisting, supporting, or

Scabbard and Blade member briefs Junior R.O.T.C. Cadets prior to the tug-a-way competition.

By RANDY FAYE

The little sisters of Alpha Tau Omega will be having a Mardi Gras on Thursday April 12 at the ATO house.

Proceeds of the carnival will benefit the Alabama Special Camp for Children and Adults, an affiliate of the Easter Seal Society.

The carnival will feature competition between fraternity little sisters and sororities in a better less competition, swim suit competition and boat races.

The winners will be awarded 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies. The proceeds for the event will be made

through a $2.00 entrance fee and the sale of Tabhars for the event.

The competition will be judged by the presidents of the four campus sororities according to Susie Ikard, ATO little sister public relations spokesman.

Ikard credits little sisters Marla Huggins, Terri Gallahar, and Ben Scott with planning the event.

Ikard says she believes there will be a huge turnout. "Our main goal is to get fraternities and sororities out for a little competition and a good time."

Anyone interested in competing in the event should contact Doug Suits at 530-6002.

Alpha Phi Omega celebrates its five year anniversary

By RANDY FAYE

The brothers of Alpha Phi Omega celebrated their five year anniversary last Saturday.

The celebration included initiation of the pledge class tied for the largest pledge class in A Phi O history. Pledges Byron Benham, Kelvin Hamil, Bob Fargusson, Cathy Edwards, Leighanne Davis, Sherry Gordon, Jeff Carpenter, Mel Edmison, Michael French, Mike Heathcok, Tash Johnson, Kara Click, and Patrice Nun were initiated as brothers Sunday night.

Their pledge class project consisted of a roadblock which raised over $300 for a new Tele Communications device for the deaf. The device will be used in the Education Department.

The spring pledges also participated in a bike-a-thon at Oxford Lake. They served as a safety patrol for the Boy Scouts.

Beth Mason, president of A Phi O, said of the spring pledges, "I was very pleased that this spring's pledge class undertook two pledge projects and completed them both so well."

In other A Phi O news nine brothers and pledges were certified in CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation). They are Beth Mason, Marti Glass, Alice Hendrix, Tamela Houston, Debbie Smith, Sherry Gordon, Michael French, Mike Heathcok, and Jeff Carpenter.

The A Phi O recently won the Jump Rope for Heart competition. They will hold their annual elections next week, and an awards banquet will be held Friday night at Westin Sizzlin'.
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Student Government Association
KDE inducts new members

By MICHELLE BASHAM

The members of the Chi Chapter of the Kappa Delta Epsilon, the professional education society, inducted sixteen new members on March 29.

The ceremony included pinning new members and lighting candles. The new members wrote personal essays, related to education, for KDE’s monthly newsletter, CURRENT.

Dr. Charlotte Thornburg delivered a short welcome, and the KDE officers explained the goals, symbols, and purpose of the organization. The current officers are: President, Rita Howse; Vice-President, Melissa Kirby; Secretary, Kim Richmond; and Treasurer, Corrina Patzscherk.

The new members of Kappa Delta Epsilon are Lisa Buck, Barton Calvert, Andrea Ferrell, Pauline Fink, Javella Gray, Cynthia Hancock, Tammy Halsey, Kim Johnson, Pamela Jordan, Karen Myers, Carolyn Pruitt, Jill Roberson, Stacy Starzelle, Deborah Stubbs, Charlie Thornhill and Jill Veal.
SPORTS

We are the Champions!

By STEVE CAMP
Sports Editor

In April, the month of April, the competitions (men's in fact is a Jacksonville, Massachusetts as the second seeded team, but they were seen by many as the team to beat.

Not wanting to let their female counterparts down, the Jax State men's team, under the direction of Bill Cockley, finished their season by nabbing the third spot in the men's Division II national championship.

In all, there were seven Gamecocks that were named All-Americans. Jennifer McFarland, who finished second in the all-around competition, has qualified to go to the NCAA Division I Championships this weekend at UCLA.

Tracey Bussey placed fourth on the floor exercise. Marilyn Hanssler finished fourth in the all-around competition. In the individual finals she placed 3rd on the floor and vault, and tied for second on the uneven parallel bars.

Four of the men qualified for the individual finals and became All-Americans. Clyde Moreland finished sixth on the floor exercise and tied for 4th on the vault.

Le Hair took fifth on the floor and tied for fourth on the vault. Dave Oak came in at the sixth position on the parallel bars and tied for fifth on the horizontal bar.

Kenny Moore rounded out the male Gamecock All-Americans by qualifying in fourth place finish.

By finishing so well in the championship competition, Jacksonville State received a much needed amount of national and media recognition. The general opinion is that people across the land now know that there in fact is a Jacksonville, Alabama, thanks in part to our corps of gymnasts.

The Nationals were covered by ESPN for the second consecutive year, and individual finals will be aired on various dates and at different times throughout the month of April.

The competitions (men's, women's team, and

With help from Brock
Lett back in football

Just when it appeared Ed Lett would have to be content with a job out of sports, he gets a call to play football again.

Lett, the former Jacksonville State All-American quarterback, had been working as an insurance salesman when the call came. The Hamilton Tiger-cats of the Canadian Football League have shown an interest in the Glencoe native.

Hamilton proves to be a team that Lett has an excellent chance of making. The Tiger-cats will have only four quarterbacks in camp come spring training.

Another former Gamecock great, Delier Brock is one of the others. A former All-American as well, Brock was traded to Hamilton after spending nine-and-a-half years in Winnipeg where he was the CFL's most valuable player on two occasions.

Sources say that Brock had a hand in Lett's being signed, but the veteran downplayed his influence.

Following his career at Jacksonville, Lett went to the Carolina Storm of the semipro American Football League. He played there last season and earned the league's MVP.

The Washington Federals of the United States Football League held the rights to Lett's signing before the season, but elected to shun him. Instead of Lett, the Federals chose to sign his backup Ellisworth Turner. Turner lasted a total of one week before he was released.

Going into the season, Ed Lett will have competition for the backup job to Brock in the form of two others; Jeff Tedford of San Jose and Pete Gales of Illinois.

Hamilton coach Al Bruno has stressed that he will plan on carrying three quarterbacks in the coming season bettering Lett's chances of latching on to the squad. If Brock goes to the NFL as he has stated he may do after the coming season, Lett's chances become even rosier.

Baseball 1984: will Orioles be champs again?

By STEVE CAMP
Sports Editor

The stands are filled, the plate is cleaned, and the umpire has said, "play ball", and with that, major league baseball is off to another season.

The first games for most teams were played Tuesday with some 180 contests remaining on the schedules. It is too early to call, but forecasts and predictions have been flying since the first week of spring training.

Last season saw the Baltimore Orioles snap a National League dominance of some five years with the World Series and the American League win its first All Star game since 1971. But despite this, the National League is still the best overall

National League

In the Senior Circuit, the West appears to be the stable of the prize horses. No less than five teams here, Atlanta, Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Diego, and Houston, have legitimate eyes on the division crown.

The Dodgers still appear to be the team to beat. But bad Bob Horner not gone down with an injury, the Braves could have walked into the Fall Classic. After their 0-9 start, the Astros were the best team record-wise in the league, but they finished third.

(See BASEBALL, Page 23)
Roadtrips are no fun

There is one thing in this job of mine that I don’t like. Let’s face it; roadtrips for sports writers in the Division II ranks are no fun at all.

Tuesday night a week ago was one of those trips. For all the good in this business, there is enough bad to equal it out.

The trip started off nicely, since I was doing one of the easiest things for a college student to do: skip class. I was happy to know that I wouldn’t have to make the trip alone. The Gamecock baseball radio crew consisting of my good friend David Barnes and Russell Andrews were going as well.

I learned something early on in my short career as a sports writer. Don’t take a roadtrip unless you absolutely have to. This was one of those times, since it was the day of my deadline and a large white void still occupied my front page.

The trio named our means of transportation: a red Ford Grandada, property of one David Barnes. As is usually par for the course in automobile travel, we spent forty-five minutes trying to get on the road.

First it was the Quick Shop, then a stop at the field house that delayed our departure. Next came the stop at the friendly gas station and another delay while we scrounged up an umbrella.

The drive down to the booming metropolis of Auburn was an adventure in itself. With no radio for entertainment, we conversed on subjects ranging from T.V. preachers to riding on airplanes. We were so into the talk that we missed the turnoff to the school.

If you’ve ever been in rural south Alabama, you have seen some of the hole-in-the-wall towns that pop up along the roadside. Buffel, Five points, Rozell—they came one after the other.

The best was Burnt Village, a recreational camp site in the middle of nowhere. I don’t know about you, but the three of us came to the conclusion that a camp ground with such a name might be hazardous to one’s health.

One experience was a true classic. Traveling through one of those little towns, we picked up a radio station on the A.M. side manned by DJs that sounded more like farmers.

I don’t remember their call letters, but I do recall their “afternoon traffic copter” which, in actuality, was a man doing poor sound effects. The traffic copter was shot down by a farmer with a shotgun. It was so bad that we all were at the brink of tears due to ecstatic laughter.

As we rolled into Auburn, the skies were very bleak, just as the weather service had promised. Gametime rolled around and a student assistant came to our rescue. He supplied us with more than enough information while we didn’t even have a stat sheet to give them, really impressive on our part.

Several Jacksonville fans showed up giving me a warming feeling that we were not alone. Someone else cared about our athletics also.

As the game got underway, things looked as bleak in the sky as they did for the Gamecocks. Horrid dark clouds came rolling in over the cover of nearby Jordan-Hare Stadium, and the rains soon followed.

Thank goodness for the lone umbrella that had made the trip down with us. The showers pelted off our table as the three of us crowded in under the small shed; it sported an Auburn insignia.

After getting wet on one side, I decided to seek another shelter. This time, it was the Bemner with “WLJS” sewn in it that hung over my dampened head. It’s lonely at the top, the top row of the bleachers where we sat by ourselves in the downpour.

The game was called due to the weather, ending Barnes’ and Andrews’ battle of having to go back and forth between Plainsman Park and Jacksonville during the delay. They were mentally and physically exhausted as we packed our soaked equipment into the trunk and headed out. I was no morning Lily myself.

Wet, cold, and hungry, we pointed the car back north toward the haven of Jacksonville. Near midnight, 115 miles and two hours later, we were back in front of Bibb Graves. Our trip parted ways and headed for a place where it was warm and dry. It’s a great experience to be in journalism. The problem is sometimes you have to pay for the good times.

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TAKE TIME TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE
Thinclads use five to compete at West Georgia

The 1984 edition of the Jacksonville State men's track team, behind the efforts of only five members, took high honors in the West Georgia Invitational on March 31, at Carrollton, Georgia.

With the point total of 46, the Gamecocks took third in the meet. "We weren't expecting much this meet," said the Gamecocks' All-GSC runner Doug Cronkite, "but we all did better than we thought we would."

Cronkite led off the Jax State scoring with a victory in the 5 kilometer run. Along with the third place finish of Matt Holbrooks, Jacksonville knabbed 18 points in the event.

Next it was team captain Stan Norton's turn as he took the field in the 1500 meter run (equivalent to the mile) in a time of 4:07. Norton later took fourth in the 800 meters to add a total of 14 points to the cause.

"This was the first time I had ever run either of these events," commented Norton afterward. "I was hoping to run a 4:10 (in the 1500), so I definitely was happy with my time there.

The remainder of the scoring was done by Steve Camp who added 16 points in three field events, his best effort in two years.

Competing in a very competitive field, Arthur Thomas just missed pacing in the 100 meter dash.

The Gamecocks travel next week to Troy State where they will run in the annual Troy State Invitational. Both Cronkite and Norton are looking to qualify for the Division II national meet in Missouri and hope to do so at Troy.

The pair agreed that Troy is a good track for running and hope they can qualify this weekend. But if the weather is anything like it was last year at particular meet, their accomplishment could be tough.
These three teams return with the same basic lineups they fielded last year. The Padres and Giants did a bit of rebuilding.

Dick Williams will have some new faces to work with this season. The “Goose”, Rich Glossage will instantly give San Diego a much needed bullpen. With a healthy Steve Garvey and Terry Kennedy and the trade for Craig Nettles, the Padres have bettered their already maximum chances of winning the West.

Up the coast at Candlestick, Frank Robinson will have a similar luxury. The Giants traded for Al Oliver and Manny Trillo to play the right side of the infield. They won't miss Darryl Evans after all.

They also add Dusty Baker in left where they had struggled in past seasons. Coupled with the bullpen of Lavelle and Minton, these players could return San Fran to the memories of teams headed by Mays and McCovey.

The West is really too close to call now. It could all come down to the last week of the season with four teams with a chance. The Pads will fade as they always find a way to do. The nod has to go to Atlanta or the Dodgers simply because their squads are more tight knit.

The East will remain the “Least” as it has come to be known. The Expos should walk off with it, but they should have done the same the past three seasons. Could this thus, be the year Bill Virdon gets his team all together!

The Phils have lost virtually everyone in the field. Matthews and Dernier to Chicago, Rose to Montreal, and Maddox and Perez are simply too old. They will rely on Bo Diaz and Mike Schmidt at the plate. Von Hayes will be a disappointment as usual. A strong pitching staff will be the Phils only savior if indeed they are to make a charge to repeat.

The remainder of the division is jumbled. Of the four, the Cards are the only team that could conceivably have a shot, but their bats have to be hot from end to end.

The Pirates join the Cubs and Mets in the “see ya next year” club. Both the Cubs and Mets have good sticks, but their poison will be consistently poor pitching and shallow depth. Pittsburgh is no longer the “number company” and thus, is no longer a contender.

American League

In the American league the question that rises is whether anyone can keep pace with the Orioles or White Sox. The Chisox are strong in every facet of the game. Tom Seaver, though some feel he is over the hill, only strengthens an already tough pitching staff.

The Chicago offense is rich in speed, average, and power. Look for Harold Baines and Ron Kittle to get only better. The rest of the West will chase, but no one can catch. Texas is much improved, but don't look to see them repeat last year. The Angels have talent, but they showed last year that age is a prime target for injuries and their team is too shallow to accommodate absences. California also has a joke for a pitching staff. Only Tommy John has proven to be consistent and their young guys are too young.

The rest of the division will be battling Texas and the Angels for second.

The East is the best the American League has to offer. More than one team is strong, but Baltimore looks to be invincible. Joe Altobelli is a master at utilizing his entire 25-man team.

The cornerstone for the O's has to be pitching where their five starters (Mike Boddicker, Scott McGregor, Mike Flanagan, Jim Palmer, and Storm Davis) all have lifetime winning percentages of .600 or better.

While averages don't soar, clutch hits and fielding percentages do. Cal Ripken and Eddie Murray will supply the power while the six man outfield platoon will donate timely hits.

Milwaukee has the potential, but if Moose Haas, George Vuckovich, and Rollie Fingers don't have banner years, the Brew Crew bats can't keep the team in the race all season.

Ted Simmons will DH since Jim Sundberg was snatched from the Rangers to add defense behind the plate. The Brewers won't finish fifth as they did a year ago, but they won't see postseason play either.

The Yankees, even though Steinbrenner is the overactive owner, can't be counted out simply because of the amount of talent they suit up each game. They added Phil Niekro to a pitching staff where he wasn't needed and put Dave Righetti in the pen. They will have as much talent on the bench as many clubs will have in the field. The key is whether Yogi Berra can get them all to play as a team.

Detroit is the upcoming powerhouse in the East. Manager Sparky Anderson has one of the best “middle” teams in baseball, in catcher Lance Parrish, shortstop Alan Trammel, Lou Whitaker at second, and Chet (the jet) Lemon in center. Gene is Enos Cabell at first, but Darryl Evans more than fills the void at the first sack. The Tigers will win over ninety, but won't win the East.

Trenton achieved a great deal last season, but they may have been a fluke. Starting pitching is strong, but the lack of a good catcher and several quality players will leave them out in the cold once again come October.

The Haydays of Finway are over. The Red Sox will possibly finish in the cellar this season since the division is so stocked.

Final predictions

Unlike last year, this season will be more clear-cut. Look for the Expo to finally get back to the winner's circle in the National League East, not because they are better, but because the rest of the division has withered away.

The battle in the National West should come down to Los Angeles and the Braves. There it is a tossup. Bet on the team that is in the groove.

The American league is a bit of a puzzle. The White Sox will wait in the West while the others flop far behind.

Baltimore will win over 100 games and beat the Yankees and Tigers by three or more games. The American East and the National West could be used in arguments for a larger playoff field.

The Orioles might very well be the first team since the Big Red Machine to go back-to-back in the Classic, but somewhere in America, there will be about ten teams that can alter that prediction.
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