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Sisk addresses recent student honors banquet

Life will never again be so "easy" as it was in college, according to Phil Sisk of Scottsboro, president of the Jacksonville State University Student Government Association, speaking during the recent awards banquet for honors students.

"I refer to college life as 'easy' for two reasons. One: freedom. We as college students have experienced freedom like we will never know the rest of our lives. Never again will they give you a job where they say if you come 75 percent of the time we'll give you a paycheck.

"Never again will they say 'that's okay' if you cut class on Friday and go to Florida on the weekend and come in late on Monday. Never again will you be able to take time off during the afternoon to check your mail about three times hoping your check from father has come in," he said.

Sisk, a senior with a double major in management and computer science, said the students may never again have the guarantees offered by college life.

"As students we've been guaranteed several things: attention, supervision, help. If you've ever had a problem you could go see your instructor. If you had a major problem you could go see Dr. Montgomery (JSU president).

"The other thing we've been guaranteed is a community. It has been your friends as much as your teachers who have helped you grow up. That's one reason I'm such an advocate of Jacksonville State University; it is a great place to come to grow up."

Sisk told the seniors two ways to cope outside college: smile to break down barriers, and show a willingness to see the other fellow's point of view.

"And be proud that you are graduating from Jacksonville State University. I am very confident in saying that Jacksonville State is the best four-year institution in the state. We do produce the best graduates of any University in this fine state.

"Set your goals high. I know you've always achieved great things in the past, but continue to set your goals high. A wise person once said, 'People don't expect more of you than you expect of yourself.'"

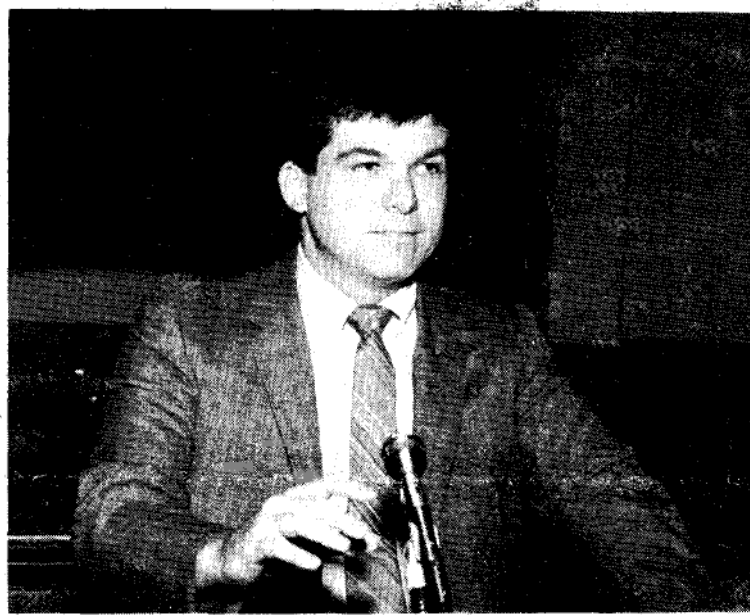
The top scholars, those who have earned the designation "special

honors" and "with distinction and special honors" on their diplomas to be awarded during commencement Friday, Aug. 10th, are:

COLLEGE OF COMMERCE AND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION: Jacquelyn Brown of Anniston, with distinction and special honors in accounting; Jonna S. Carpenter of Jacksonville, special honors in management; Kathy Crawford of Anniston, distinction and special honors in accounting; Mark Dorries of Gadsden, special honors in accounting; Kathleen Hall of Anniston, special honors in finance; James Hyde of Crossville, special honors in management; Sherry Schlerf of Weaver, special honors in general business; Karla Schroeder of Huntsville, special honors in management; Jeffrey Suggs of Birmingham, special honors in accounting; Barbara Tolbert of Oneonta, distinction and special honors in accounting; and Karen Tribbey of Ft. McClellan, special honors in management.

COLLEGE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE: Beverly G. Self of Alexander City, special honors in corrections.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION: Janet Butler of Talladega, distinction and special honors in elementary education; Tommie Childress of Albertville, special honors in early childhood education; Mary Ann Cottles of Boaz, special honors in early childhood education; Teresa Dees of Cullman, special honors in elementary education; Shelia G. Denson of Gadsden, special honors in early childhood education; Shelia V. Denson of Attalla, special honors in elementary education; Judy Dixon of Gallant, special honors in elementary education; Vicki Germann of Rossville, Ga., special honors in elementary education; Cynthia Hancock of Pisgah, special honors in early childhood education; Sharon Hillburn of Piedmont, special honors in elementary education; Jo Ann Horton of Ft. Payne, special honors in early childhood education; Barbara Morton of Boaz, distinction and special honors in elementary education; Susan Roberts of Anniston, special honors in special education; Barry Shrader of Flat Rock, special honors in physical education; Sharon Smith of Jacksonville, distinction and special honors in elementary education;



SGA President Phil Sisk

Wilmer Stafford of Gadsden, special honors in elementary education; Deborah Stubbs of Anniston, special honors in elementary education; Ricky Vice of Lakeland, Fla., special honors in physical education; Wanda Waters of Albertville, distinction and special honors in early childhood education; Melissa Woodham of Albertville, special honors in early childhood education; Peggy Snead of Boaz, distinction and special honors in biology and mathematics.

COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES: Donna Avans of Jacksonville, distinction and special honors in political science; Timothy Black of Fayetteville, Ga., special honors in psychology; Anna K. Roca of Huntsville, distinction and special honors in political science and English; Chris Scantland of Jacksonville, distinction and special honors in English; Robin Scott of Oneonta, special honors in political

science; and Pamela Harris of Guntersville, special honors in English and History.

COLLEGE OF MUSIC AND FINE ARTS: Rebecca Benefield of Albertville, special honors in music; Teresa Cousson of Pensacola, Fla., special honors in drama; Susan Flick of Hopatong, N. J., special honors in music; Donald Scott Moore of Jacksonville, special honors in music; Bridget Ellen Reaves of Anniston, special honors in clothing; Esther Renee Silas of McCaysville, Ga., distinction and special honors in music; Robert Scott Whorton of Cedartown, Ga., special honors in drama.

COLLEGE OF NURSING: Leigh Dixon of Gadsden, special honors in nursing; Kathy E. Hocutt of Gadsden, special honors in nursing; and Caron Wainright of Jacksonville, special honors in nursing.

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS: Dorothy Killough of Alpine, special honors in geography; Nancy McCreless of Gadsden, special honors in biology; John Morgan of Gadsden, special honors in biology.

COMPUTER SCIENCE AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS: Kenneth C. Arndt of Weaver, special honors in computer science; Charles T. Casey, of Jacksonville, special honors in computer science; and John C. Mizzell of Glencoe, special honors in computer information systems.

Constitution

Rewrite ready for approval

By GREG SPOON

The SGA summer senate has been working hard despite problems with assembling a quorum at each meeting. The areas of concentration have been on approving the Cinematic Art Council's movie schedule for the coming year and on the proposed new constitution.

Extensive work has been done on the document and its rough draft is awaiting approval of the summer senate before going to the students in the fall. Much of the credit goes to Jim Hyatt and Andy Goggans. The old constitution, lengthy and vague, was reduced some seven pages to a present twelve page document.

According to SGA President, Phil Sisk, the two major changes are the election process for senators and the establishment of a Supreme Court to replace the present Judicial Council. Sisk added that the present division in the election process for senators needs changing. The process proposed will allow students to vote for a designated number of senators-at-large instead of special groups choosing senators from within the group.

The benefit of a more representative group of students and the elimination in the number of elections are positive points of this proposal.

The second major change is replacing the Judicial Council with a Supreme Court which has jurisdiction over all judiciary matters.

Other changes include setting up committee guidelines (by the senate) apart from the constitution which can be changed when necessary rather than dealing with the constitution as a whole.

The creation of the new dorm committee will "tie in a closer relationship between housing, the committee, and the senate," according to Sisk.

An amended senator attendance policy is also proposed. The number of absences has been reduced from seven to four. This will enable the SGA to function more positively because senators must be present.

Another change deals with the qualifications of the business manager. The present constitution states that (See SGA, Page 2)

Blood drive is a huge success

By RANDY FAIR

This summer's blood drive held on Monday, July 23, was a huge success, according to Inter-Club Council President, Tamela Houston.

Houston said the drives in the summer usually average from 70 to 80 pints. This year's goal was 75 pints. Although the goal was not reached, the drive netted 70 pints. Houston was pleased with the drive despite being five pints short of the goal.

Douglas Pelham, a Red Cross volunteer, said, "This was one of the healthiest groups I've ever seen. Only one person was deferred and that was due to exceptionally small veins, not to low hemoglobin."

Houston, who was called on to head up the drive by Renee Lupa, SGA vice-president, said, "I would really like to thank all the people who supported the drive by giving blood and helping work. I'm thankful for those who worked at the drive. Those people were Buddy Spradley, Clay Warmbrod, Warren Caldwell, Debbie Smith, Douglas Pelham, Susie McLeod, and Patsy Floyd.

Houston predicted that upcoming blood drives will be even more successful, "The fall blood drive should be a huge success. In the fall we will have competition - between campus organizations for trophies. A little incentive never hurts. Also there will, of course, be more people attending school and that will help a great deal."

Museum Day slated

In celebration of its 54th year the Anniston Museum of Natural History will present Museum Day on Saturday, August 11th from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The free fun day of activities for all ages will include demonstrations, performances, free admission to the museum and special events.

This year's annual event will feature a Dinamation pre-historic animal. These creatures are life-size computer operated with movement and sound. The "Distant Cousins" a well known multi talented bluegrass band will provide entertainment throughout the day. The Oak Mountain State Park Demonstration Farm will bring farm animals of many kinds for an elaborate petting zoo. Russell Schultz, an animal rehabilitationist, will demonstrate and discuss how to care for orphaned and injured animals.

All day demonstrations will include a violin maker, taxidermist, harmonograph and computers and more. A ballet performance by Barry Munday's Studio of Dance Arts will be featured in the auditorium as well as the Barna Ramblers and Short Step Cloggers from Pell City.

As a special treat for children, there will be clowns, mimes, balloons, cartoons and Mr. Chuck E. Cheese from Chuck E. Cheese Time Theatre in Gadsden to greet you at the front door.

A shuttle train will be available from parking areas to the museum for visitors convenience. Lunch will also be provided for a small fee by Jacks from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Don't miss this once-a-year extravaganza of fun and surprises for all.

Chanticleer adopts format

By GREG SPOON

Several newspapers in this area have changed over to a new layout format and The Chanticleer is not being left out.

Effective July 1, area newspapers such as The Anniston Star, The Jacksonville News, and The Piedmont Journal-Independent changed from an eight-column broadsheet format to a six-column page. Along with the change of the broadsheet papers came a change of tabloid papers such as The Chanticleer. The old tabloid pages had six columns, but the new format has only five.

According to sources at The Anniston Star, many national newspapers are changing to a six column format and in order to standardize the presses, area papers are changing as well.

The new format will make reading easier for the readers. The wider columns facilitate moving from line to line because eye movement doesn't occur as quickly.

The only major change in The Chanticleer will be in advertising. With increased column widths, ad sizes will become larger and the advertising rate per column inch will be increased. Prospective advertisers should contact Dave Strickland, Chanticleer ad manager, at 435-9820, ext. 414 for full details.

The Chanticleer staff looks forward to the coming year and the changing over to a new five column width page.

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the business manager must maintain a 1.25 GPA. The new requirement is 1.50.

In other proposals, the vice-president must have senate approval before expending any amount on entertainment over \$500.

Overall, the proposed constitution is a document which has been carefully written according to committee members.

A quorum must pass the document before it goes to the students. Sisk said letters had been sent to senators' home and campus addresses in an effort to get people to the meetings to pass or reject the document.


The committee will hold a meeting today at 3:00 p.m. in the reception area on the third floor of TMB. All interested students are urged to attend and take part in the debates.

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Personally Speaking

Student reporters again treated like inexperienced kids

It doesn't happen too often, but when it does there is no excuse. No, that sentence is not illogical nor a riddle. It is a statement of fact. But what is it? It is the inconsiderate treatment given student newspaper reporters from time to time.

Recently administrators have begun treating our reporters more courteously, but a few people and groups on campus still look down on students who are trying to report the news events occurring on this campus.

Most people, if any at all, would not tolerate being given the run around and being publicly embarrassed at campus functions. Such was the case at the recent student honors banquet held at the TMB auditorium on July 16.



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 Co-Editor-in-Chief

One of The Chanticleer reporters was asked to cover this important event for the student newspaper. He phoned several people and was told the News Bureau was covering the banquet. What does that have to do with The Chanticleer? Nothing. He temporarily gave up. Later the same day, he was told to call the person in charge of the banquet and request permission to attend the function. After a mix-up was cleared up, he was given permission to attend and he went.

When he arrived, he was told by a young lady that there was no place for him to sit. After a moment of embarrassment, he left - without a story.

What does this little story have to do with anything? Plenty. Yes, the News Bureau story is on page one because our reporter was made to feel like a fool and he did not wish to go back and be embarrassed further. After all the trouble and time he expended that day, he cannot be blamed for not wanting to go back.

The editor of any newspaper is forever hearing, "Well, why didn't you send a reporter over to cover our event?" How can coverage be given if no one knows about an event which is to take place? Contrary to belief, we do not know everything. We did not know about the banquet until an outside source asked who was speaking.

The usual response if we complain about unfair treatment is that we are not real journalists and we do not know enough about our field. Granted, student reporters and editors do not know everything-or even as much as the reporters downtown-but we should not be treated unfairly. We have just as much right to be present at campus functions as the daily paper reporters, news bureau reporters, and any other media persons and to be treated equally.

We are learning about the journalism field and need experience. We do not want to have to rely on outside news sources for our stories - we want to report them. We were accused of using outside sources rather than our own earlier this year. It seems that we are damned if we do (rely on other sources) and damned if we don't (try to cover events for ourselves.)

We are not just kids out trying to scream at the world about someone who has treated us like dirt. We are individuals who demand to be treated equally.

People should think twice about abusing student staff reporters. One never knows when he/she may need a favor or coverage of an event. How would one of the organization officers (or anyone else for that matter) react if an editor responded to a request for coverage by saying, "Well, I'm sorry but that is not important enough. Why don't you call someone else?"

Repeated abuse will not be tolerated. People and organization leaders should try to work with the newspaper staff, because we try to work with everyone. There may not be a third time to be rude if and when a second incident occurs.



KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED, CHEETA... I HEAR THESE JUNGLES ARE CRAWLING WITH CIA AGENTS..

Trash belongs in waste can

By MELINDA GALLAHAR

"It is another hot, blistering summer day and you and a friend are speeding down the highway. The windows are down and the wind, produced by the car's speed, blows your hair in a wild frenzy as the radio blasts the latest hit by your favorite group. Both the radio and the wind help you to forget the unbearable heat, but what literally dissipates the heat is that tall ice cold drink from the local drive-thru. After you have finished with the drink, you carelessly toss the cup out the window without really thinking about what you have done-littered!

Sound familiar? Too often this scenario is played out along our nation's highways. We can see the evidence of this crime along Highway 21 between Anniston and Jacksonville.

This unsightly nuisance is due to lack of consideration and respect for our environment.

Not only is the trash along the roadside unsightly but it is costing tax dollars for paying someone to pick up the trash which could be spent on education or improving the roads.

How many times have you played out this scenario? Many of us think that just one small gum wrapper will not litter the highways, but one gum wrapper, a cup, straw, napkin, sack, cigarette butt, an apple core carelessly tossed aside make our streets, picnic grounds and highways eyesores.

The public chooses to ignore the road signs that forbid littering and list the fines for this violation of the law. It is each citizen's duty to obey this law. It is not only a civil law but a moral law involving respect for nature and its laws.

People can prevent this eyesore by taking time to think about what littering does to our highways. Recently a man on the radio, at a local station, called in and commented that as he drove back from his vacation he was shocked at Alabama's highways. He further stated that the other states do not let "litter-bugs" go unpunished and that their highways are clean and quite beautiful. Why must Alabama allow her litter-bug criminals to go unpunished?

Murder rate is on the rise

By GREG SPOON

Whatever happened to the day when people could go into a restaurant for a meal without being afraid someone might kill them? No one ever really thinks that they can be killed in a restaurant, but they can.

Recently, a crazed man went into a McDonald's restaurant in California and ordered everyone to get on the floor or he would shoot. The terrified customers did as he demanded. He began firing anyway.

After he quit shooting, over half of the people lay dead and the other half seriously wounded. He was later killed by a SWAT team member's

bullet.

One knows that danger abounds everywhere. We cannot lock ourselves away from the world. Sure, incidents such as that one are somewhat rare, but they are on the rise. Today hundreds of people are killed by persons with extreme mental- and physical-problems.

Sometimes people go off the deep end because of a hardship such as unemployment, divorce, or even the death of a loved one that they cannot handle. They lose touch with reality and cannot cope with their problem(s).

Occasionally the criminal simply

enjoys, through some twisted fantasy, killing or harming other people. These people, especially, are the ones who need to be dealt with. The difficult part about treating these people is that sometimes they appear to be normal until they lash out - then it is too late.

We should not turn our backs on an incident such as that mass murder. We should not shut ourselves off from the world. We should seriously consider some form of gun control. We shouldn't run out and scream, "Ban guns in the USA," but some action should be taken and the sooner the better.

Point to Ponder Where's the express?

From time to time small irritations pop up which, on the surface, seem relatively insignificant. One such case surfaced recently and it deals with grocery stores in particular.

The problem is with the "express" lanes. It seems that the stated "10 items or less" has no bearing these days. Some people think they can take their two cart loads to the express lane and be checked out. Most people do not enjoy standing in line with only a carton of eggs or a sack of dog food and waiting forever to be checked out. That is what the express lane is for - express service.

At stores where the customers have to empty the cart, bag the groceries, and re-load the cart, the express lane

is a lifesaver for persons with a few items. Why stand in line for fifteen minutes when a four minute maximum is usually taken at an express lane?

One could also ask, "If express lanes are installed, shouldn't they be open for the customers when they need them?" Sure they should, but most of the time they are not.

Customers with a few items should make it a point to speak to the manager if the express lane is not open and several people are waiting at the regular lines. One can be sure that if enough people complain action will be taken.

ENTERTAINMENT

'Washington Slept Here' is now a fond memory

By MELINDA GALLAHAR

Those who chose to attend the July 4 opening night of the drama department production of Hart and Kaufman's play, "George Washington Slept Here", enjoyed themselves tremendously. Not only was the play wonderful and delightfully funny, but there were added attractions.

During the first intermission the audience was served Independence punch and a red-white-and-blue cake furnished by SAGA. Intermission was extended an extra fifteen minutes for the audience to enjoy the fireworks that were being set off behind the coliseum.

After the play the cast and crew gathered together on stage and joined the audience in singing a chorus from "Yankee Doodle Dandy", "Give My Regards to Broadway" and "Grand Old Flag." The audience received another surprise. Several crew members dropped red, white, and blue balloons from the rafters as everyone sang. The spirit of Independence was truly felt by all who attended opening night.

Dr. Steve Whitton played Newton Fuller, a man who wants to finally own something "special" of his very own. Newton finds a 200 year old farmhouse in Pennsylvania in which George Washington supposedly slept. Letting his emotions overwhelm him for the historical events that must have happened in the

farmhouse and the surrounding countryside, Newton purchases the house without consulting his wife, Annabelle (Ronda Nevels), and his daughter, Madge (Kimberly Peck).

The entire play revolves around Newton, Annabelle and Madge's restoration of the house. The Fullers are beseeched by major obstacles and problems. The first day Annabelle must adjust to the lack of water, to broken windows, missing walls, a cow in the kitchen, holes in the roof and rickety stairs.

Newton's attempts to "fix-up" the house are met by other obstacles. It appears that Newton was on a never ending cycle of obstacles. Their daughter tries to elope with Clayton Evans (Clyde Moreland), a summer theatre actor, and then their neighbor, Mr. Prescott (Jeff McKerley), quarrels with them over the property rights to the brook and the road. To add to their miseries, Newton's Uncle Stanley (Thomas Devine) comes for a visit and to mooch off Newton. Then there is Annabelle's nephew, Raymond (Justin Johnson), who is a total pain in the neck.

Holly Joiner was excellent as Hester, the Fullers' maid. Hester broke up the monopoly of a few long scenes by providing comic relief.

When Newton thinks nothing else can possibly go wrong it does. A final blow is delivered by a neighbor, Mrs. Douglas (Pearl Williams). She informed him that it was not George



From left, Dr. Steve Whitton, Mrs. Pearl Williams, and Justin Johnson perform a scene from "George Washington Slept Here."

Washington who slept in the house but Benedict Arnold. Mrs. Douglas later finds a map which proves that Newton owned the brook and the road. In the end Newton won over Mr. Prescott, who threatened to throw Newton out of his home.

The play, overall, was not one of the best that the drama department has performed in the past two years nor was it the worst. It definitely had its moments of great laughs but

there were moments of puzzlement on whether laughter was called for.

At times it appeared as though the actors had not performed a particular scene more than once. If it had not been for the talents of C. Larry Johnson, Dr. Steve Whitton and Laurel Read, the audience would have missed the jokes and puns.

C. Larry Johnson was absolutely marvelous as Mr. Kimber, a farm

hand for the Fullers. Although Mr. Kimber did not speak much nor were the lines dramatic they were delivered with the quick-wit needed for the part. His stooped walk and his constant facial expressions were funny.

Laurel Read played Rena Leslie, the wife of Clayton Evans. The mannerisms that she used with her lines were perfect. She performed with grace and knew exactly how to capture the audience with her character.

Dr. Steve Whitton as Newton Fuller was brilliant. Dr. Whitton brought to this role his past experiences as an actor. He has played in several productions at JSU, as well as others outside the campus, but the characters were mainly neurotics. He was happy with the character of Newton whom he described as the "nice, normal, all-American man".

The scenery and costumes were up to the standards of the JSU drama department - excellent. The costumes, along with the scenery for the farm house, depicted the 1940's.

The audience for each night of the performances numbered approximately 200, according to the director, Dr. Wayne Claeren. Asked if he was pleased with the attendance, Dr. Claeren replied that he was well pleased considering that it is the summer and attendance is usually down from the fall and spring.

'Best Defense' is not what it promises viewers to be

By RANDY FAIR

The recent Paramount Pictures release *Best Defense* is a comedy which revolves around the parallel stories of a defense plant engineer (Dudley Moore) scrambling to design a crucial feature for the army's latest Annihilator Tank and the soldier (Eddie Murphy) who is responsible for testing the tank.

The screenplay was written by Willard Huyck and Gloria Katz, who also directed and produced the film, and is based on the novel *Easy and Hard Ways Out* by Robert Grossbach.

Katz and Huyck are noted primarily for their original screenplays such as *American Graffiti* and *Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom*. *Best Defense* is definitely not their best work.

It is also not the best work of Murphy and Moore. Moore will be better remembered for his roles in films such as *Foul Play*, *Wholly*

Moses, 10, and, especially, Arthur. Eddie Murphy is known for his appearances on *Saturday Night Live* and for films such as *48 Hours* and *Trading Places*.

Murphy gets some laughs in *Best Defense*, but his lines are predictable. He gets more smiles than laughs in what are supposed to be hilarious scenes. Moore evokes the biggest laugh of the movie, but his role is definitely not up to the standards of his former roles either.

The movie is saved by David Rasche, who plays an industrial spy. Although Rasche's part is minor, he is the redeeming factor in this slow moving comedy.

Other stars include Kate Capshaw of *Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom* fame and Helen Shaver who adds some sexiness to the movie to break up the monotony.

The plot of *Best Defense* leaves much to be desired. Flashes back



and forth from Moore to Murphy only serve to complicate the movie and it seems that the only purpose of

Murphy's part is to add another big name to the cast.

Murphy is testing the tank that contains a device designed by the company that Moore works for. The device is found to be faulty and the plant is on the verge of being shut down when Moore stumbles into an inventor who is preparing to sell a model that does work to an industrial spy. The inventor changes his mind at the last minute and slips the plans for the device into Moore's briefcase without his knowledge.

Moore's co-workers think that he has perfected the device and become impressed with him. In fact, his supervisor is so impressed that she wants to have an affair with him. The affair is foiled however when the industrial spy begins to chase Moore in an attempt to get the plans for the device.

Comments heard when leaving the premiere showing in Birmingham ranged from, "That wasn't what I expected", to "I'm glad I didn't pay to see this."

Hoot's Holler Happenings

By REBA MILTON

(Editor's Note: This column was submitted for consideration by the editors of this newspaper. We would like for our readers to express their like or dislike of it to help us determine if it should continue.)

Since this here is the first column I've ever wrote, I don't rightly know how y'all will like it. In the interest of those here in Hoot's Holler, I'll try my darn best. This here is simply a community happenings column of them things a goin' on here in the Holler. Now for this week's happenings:

Sister Bessie Bell Boozer was a seen at Hoot Kiley's place last Saturday night a fixin' his supper. We've a been told she's a sparkin' him and wedding bells is in the future.

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Wilbur Collins is back home after a brief stay in the Tucker County General Hospital last week. He was in for treatment on his left big toe. The doctors said that he will be able to walk just fine without it.

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The Clay Hill CME Church will have a singin' next Saturday at 7:00 p.m. The Rev. Emmett Black will a preach.

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We are proud to hear that little Katie Edge was a sprinkled last Sunday and is now a member of the CME Church.

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Last Monday night Polly Pearce celebrated her birthday at the home of Mozelle McGinnis. Several friends attended that party which was a lots of fun and enjoyed by all who come by to wish Polly a happy birthday. Mattie Lakewood baked a beautiful cake and made homeade ice cream. Archie and Elsie Weaver stopped by also.

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Little Otis Horn got a swimming pool from his grand-parents last week.

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Industrial spy David Rasche threatens defense plant engineer Dudley Moore at gunpoint to reveal important military secrets in Paramount Pictures' "Best Defense."

Once only a game, 'Starfighter' is now on the screen

By MELINDA GALLAHAR
 Starfighter, to mere Earthlings, is just another video game. For Alex Rogan (Lance Guest) Starfighter is not just an ordinary game: it is an escape from his world which is holding him back from his true potential plus much more. The Starfighter game was placed on

earth by Centauri (Robert Preston) to find a candidate whose talents can master the game. Whoever masters Starfighter will be recruited by Centauri to become an actual Starfighter for the Star League of Planets.

After Alex masters the game, he encounters Centauri and his special,

out-of-this-world car. Centauri decides that fate has interceded and chosen Alex because that particular Starfighter game was destined for Las Vegas and not a remote trailer park. Alex finds himself being whisked away to another planet.

Once arriving on the planet, Alex is taken to the command center



has spanned 46 years, and he has played many versatile roles. Preston is best known for his role as Professor Harold Hill in "The Music Man." Younger audiences will remember his recent performance in "Victor-Victoria" as the gay nightclub entertainer.

Dan O'Herlihy, who stars as Grig, is well known as an Irish character actor. O'Herlihy described Grig's relationship to Alex as that relationship Merlin had with King Arthur. His films include "The Desert Fox" and "The Adventures of Robinson Crusoe" (for which he received an Academy Award nomination for Best Actor).



"The Last Starfighter" is a movie that the whole family can enjoy. It has something for everyone - action, suspense, danger, romance, humor, and wonderful special effects.

One negative point about "The Last Starfighter" is that the plot closely resembles that of "Star Wars" even though the writer desperately tries to cover up that aspect.

"The Last Starfighter" is rated PG and is currently playing at the Plaza Cinemas in Anniston.

Hoot's Holler

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Miss Beulah Marshall had a cow in her garden last Friday. When she tried to move it, the animal chased her back into the house. After a long fight, Beulah now has a freezer full of steaks and roasts.

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Orble Forney reported the theft of one of his cows last week. He said it was a taken between Friday night and Saturday mornin'.

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Billy Joe Coggins went to the pig sale Monday afternoon at Smith's Pig Port.

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Those who attended the weddin' of Marvin McClellan and Geraldine Ferro last week got a real show. In the middle of the ceremony, Shasta Washington, Marvin's old flame, jumped up and began a shootin' with a flamethrower. Suddenly, the bride's dress started a burnin' like forty. Luckily, town firefighter, Bubba Sinclair, was on hand. He commenced a pouring punch all over Gerri's dress. You could say the couple had a sweet beginnin'.

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That's hit for this week as far as the personals go. There is a short piece about our annual town dance below.

Our community is a small one. The population of this little town is just over one thousand.

Ever year we have us an ole fashioned town square dance. This year it was a held in the Tucker County High School cafeteria. We haven't had such excitement

since the 1952 dance.

Bubba Sinclair, town mayor, police chief, banker, justice-of-the peace, and most everythin' else, had a terrible accident on his hands.

Sister Gertie Sikes was in charge of the dance this year. She was assisted by Tucker County Ladies' Guild members Mavis Pope, Fannie Roberts, Viola Neal, and Beatrice Henry. The ladies worked hard to decorate the school cafeteria.

Before the dance began, Bubba's daughter, Louvenda, was to do a baton routine because she recently won the state baton championship in Howard, Alabama. While away, she learned how to juggle flaming batons and decided to pull a surprise performance for the town-people.

Bubba's wife, the lovely Hoot's Holler first lady, Shirley Sinclair, accompanied Louvenda on the piano. The little girl came a runnin' out a throwin' them flaming batons. The entire cafeteria looked on with their mouths open.

After a minute and one half into the routine, Louvenda tossed one of the batons too high and caught the stage curtain a fire. The town volunteer firefighters came a runnin' with buckets of water. They finally got the fire put out.

Bubba gave Louvenda the spanking of her life. After he got through with her, the town twin spinster sisters Flossie and Flozetta Franklin tried to quiet her down.

Shirley continued a playin' as if nothin' had a happened.

Until next week, keep a song in your heart.....

where he meets the other recruits from different planets and the iguana-type alien, Grig (Dan O'Herlihy). Grig will become Alex's trusted friend and Gun Star navigator.

Alex is quickly briefed that he has been recruited to defend the Star League from the Ko-Dan, just like in the game.

A frontier was constructed millions of light years ago to protect the Star League of Planets from the Ko-Dan. The frontier is now being threatened by Xur, a former member of the Star League. Xur betrays his comrades and reveals the secret of the frontier to Ko-Dan.

Director Nick Castle, Jr., wanted an actor who could portray a young, shy, innocent man, but one who has determination. He chose Lance Guest, a 23 year old actor, whom he remembered from "Halloween II."

Robert Preston, Centauri, is no stranger to the screen. His career

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FEATURES

Lovett offers useful photo tips

Jacksonville State University Photographer Opal Lovett says amateurs can improve their vacation shots by borrowing a few tips from professionals.

One of the most important considerations is protecting film from summer heat.

"Any time the temperature goes above 75 degrees, a person is taking a chance of having his film ruined," Lovett says. "The solution is to take along a styrofoam container in which you have placed ice packaged in plastic bags. In the ice chest, you put your film in another smaller container and not directly on the ice. This will keep your film cool, providing the chest is not placed in the trunk of the car."

Lovett says it's a mistake to leave film and camera gear in a car with the windows rolled up, since the temperature inside the car can soar above 150 degrees very quickly.

"Even when you're traveling in the car, the film can still get too warm unless it's protected," he said.

Cameras must also be kept cool, especially those made of plastic.

"Glue used for the shutters can liquefy in the heat, and the shutter can stick," he explained.

Lovett says many people are disappointed with their pictures because they've failed to observe a few simple rules of composition and have not planned ahead for "telling the story of the vacation."

He said most amateurs stand too

far away from their subject or try to photograph scenery and people at the same time.

"People will sometimes show you a picture and say, 'This is the Grand Canyon,' and all you see is people lined up in front of the car. They should have tried to get the family to one side and scenery in the other part of the picture," he said.

But Lovett says landscapes are difficult to photograph without proper equipment such as a telephoto lens.

"When you look at a landscape, you turn your head and move your eyes. Well, each time you move your eyes, that's equivalent to another picture. When you use a telephoto lens to compress the scenery, it looks as it does when you see it."

Lovett suggests trying to shoot a "story" of the vacation.

"Don't just shoot at random. Start off by shooting the packing of the automobile, arriving, sequences of where you stay, what you see, landmarks along the way, some of the people you run into, flowers, animals. And, if you're going on a long trip, come home by a different route; plan an extra day, take side trips. You'll get more pictures that way."

A sheet of colored cardboard will come in handy when photographing flowers, says Lovett.

"Instead of getting all the weeds in the background, you can get an overall better photograph by placing

the cardboard behind the flower."

He says there's also a trick to photographing animals you see along the way: "Never photograph them at eye level - if you're looking down on them, they'll appear short-legged."

Also, Lovett says the ears of dogs, cats, and horses should be pointed - "otherwise, it's not a prize-winner, no matter what breed of animal it is."

Some of the more memorable photographs are action shots: expressions, reactions such as "eating an unusual food, stepping into cold water."

When you want to "guarantee" a shot, Lovett says do like the pro's and "bracket" the shots.

"Bracketing means photographing the scene as your light meter calls for, then opening up one f/stop and making the picture, then closing down one f/stop. Somewhere in those three exposures you'll have a picture that's made with exactly the right exposure."

"Do this when you're photographing a relative you may not see again for a while. And move in close, include their hands in the picture - hands show as much character as the face."

Lovett says photographers should also be careful about loading film in areas where there's a lot of blowing sand or dust.

"It's like trying to eat an ice cream cone in a barber shop," he



Jacksonville State University Photographer Opal Lovett demonstrates how to take a close-up; a blackberry in this case. Rather than showing weeds in the background, he has placed a sheet of colored cardboard as a backdrop for a better overall picture. Lovett says vacation pictures can be improved by using this and other techniques "borrowed" from professionals.

said.

And if you're unsure of yourself, the best advice is to go simple:

"One of the best vacation cameras is a Polaroid camera. It only costs about 70-cents per exposure and you can see right away whether you've

got a good shot. You'll end up being a little more selective than with other cameras and you'll come out a little cheaper."

Lovett's final bit of advice: "Be sure to check the batteries before you leave home."

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SPORTS

'From the Stands'

This week is just
'a little this and
just a little that'

This and That: I was reading the Atlanta Journal the other day and saw where the Braves' slugger Dale Murphy has taken a stand against women reporters' being allowed into the dressing rooms. What surprised me was the fact that his stand was opposed by reporters and fellow players alike.

Look at it this way, suppose you were a man sitting in one of those quaint little stalls and suddenly a woman swung open the door and began rattling off questions. Wouldn't you feel a little funny?

The recent retirement of the Yankees' Lou Penella saw another chapter in baseball history close. The fans at Yankee Stadium gave Penella a well deserved good-bye, but an NBC announcer tastelessly attempted to play it down. Rest assured, Lou Penella has left a fond mark on baseball...

Concerning the Mario Soto-Claudell Washington confrontation a couple of weeks ago, I was dismayed to hear that Soto received only a five game, \$5,000 suspension. As much trouble and controversy as he has caused with his immature, and often dangerous, actions over the past couple of years, he needed a stiffer penalty. Ban him from baseball for a year without pay and maybe his attitude will change.



Steve Camp
Co-Editor-in-Chief

I can't blame Washington for his actions. He did only one thing wrong. Had I been in his shoes, I wouldn't have thrown the bat, I would have taken it to the mound with me and done major league baseball a big favor...

Houston Astros' shortstop Dickie Thon, who was beaned by a Mike Tomez pitch back in April, probably will not return this season...

Balloting for baseball's All-Star game to be played in San Francisco has come and gone. The argument continues over the fact that the players are selected by the fans, but that is how it should be.

Here are my all-star teams - National League: Catcher, Greg Carter and Jody Davis; First Base, Leon Durhan and a healthy Terry Francona; Second Base, Ryne Sandberg and Juan Samuel; Shortstop, Rafael Ramirez and Ozzie Smith; Third Base, Mike Schmidt and Tim Lincecum; Outfielders, Tim Lincecum, Dale Murphy, Tony Gwynn, Jack Clarke, Claudell Washington, and Mike Marshall; Pitchers, Nolan Ryan, Alajandro Pena, Jauquin Andujar, Pasquel Perez, Bruce Sutter, Jesse Orosco, Rich Gossage, and Charlie Lea.

American League: Catcher, Lance Parrish and Jim Sandberg; First Base, Eddie Murray and Rod Carew; Second Base, Lou Whitaker and Damasio Garcia; Shortstop, Allen Trammell and Cal Ripken; Third Base, Buddy Bell and Wade Boggs; Outfield, Jim Rice, Chet Lemmon, Dale Winfield, Alvin Davis, Don Mattingly, Tony Armas, and Loyd Mosbey; Pitchers, Phil Niekro, Dave Stieb, Jack Morris, Mike Boddicker, Richard Dotson, Dan Petry, Dan Quisenberry, and Louis Sanchez...

The Miami Dolphins have dealt yet another fatal blow. Running back David Overstreet was killed in an auto crash in Texas. He is the third Dolphin to be killed within the past three years in the off-season...

The mysterious and tragic death of Kentucky Derby winner Swale was more than just natural causes. He was killed deliberately. In any sport such as horse racing where the risk of big money is involved, rest assured that foul play is to be found.

For anyone who still has no faith in the Atlanta Hawks to make deals consider this. In order for the Chicago Bulls to negotiate with then Hawks' coach Kevin Laughery, compensation was required by Atlanta. The Bulls surrendered a 1983 second round draft choice for their signing the ex-Hawk coach. The player the Hawks drafted with that seemingly insignificant pick was guard Doc Rivers...

On the subject of the Hawks, a few of the 1984 draft choices left some people scratching their heads. Kentucky guards Dickie Beal and Jim Master were two of those taken by Atlanta. Neither pick presents any logic. Master proved last year in the NCAA finals that he cannot play man-to-man defense, the only type allowed in the NBA. Beal is a slight 5' 10" and the day of big guards is at hand in pro basketball. Neither Beal nor Master could play a 6' 8" George Gervin or a 6' 9" Magic Johnson...

Willie Montanez, former first baseman of the Phillies, Giants, Braves, Mets, and Padres was a baseball player before his time. A near .300 career hitter and ex-All Star player, Montanez was taunted by fans in his day that players today are cheered for doing.

Talladega 500

Racers hope for a win

Over the years, several NASCAR Winston Cup drivers have declared that Alabama International Motor Speedway is "my kind of track", but Dale Earnhardt may run Talladega the best of all.

The hard-charging, Wrangler-sponsored Earnhardt will be going for his second Talladega 500 win in a row when the mid-summer classic is run on July 29th.

Earnhardt won the 1983 Talladega 500 in Bud Moore's Thunderbird, becoming the 14th different driver in 15 years to win stock car racing's most unpredictable event.

"Heck, you never know what is going to happen at Talladega, especially in the Talladega 500, but I feel we have a great shot at becoming the first driver to win the race back-to-back," said Earnhardt. Darrell Waltrip is the only driver to ever win it twice, but his wins came in 1979 and 1982, three years apart.

Earnhardt is now driving the Chevrolet Monte Carlo of Richard Childress, a move he made over the winter that is paying off handsomely this summer. Following the Pepsi 400 in Nashville, Earnhardt is comfortably atop the NASCAR point standings in the year-long chase for racing's most prized possession, the Winston Cup.

"A lot of folks felt that we made a mistake going to a fairly new team for 1984, but if it's a mistake to be leading the Winston Cup point standings, then I sure hope I'm wrong the rest of the year," said Earnhardt.

Two impressive statistics clearly point out how well Earnhardt runs at Talladega. In the last ten races at Talladega, Earnhardt has led in nine of them, and was on his way to the front in the only one he didn't lead when he was forced into the wall by another car on the 29th lap.

In the money-won column, which pays the bills, Earnhardt is currently ranked 8th on Talladega's all-time list of money winners, despite having run only 10 races at the World's Fastest Speedway. And the seven drivers ahead of him have all run at least 23 races in accumulating their totals.

The attitude of the entire Wrangler Childress team, led by crew chief Kirk Shelmerdine, is one of unclouded optimism.

"Everything is going our way," said Earnhardt. "We're in perfect shape to score our first super-speedway win of the season at Talladega. Our equipment is in perfect shape. We haven't had a single engine failure, and Kirk and the rest of the guys on our crew have been performing as good or better than any other bunch on pit road."

"We're not going to Talladega looking for somebody to beat," said Earnhardt with a confident smile. "We're going for the Winston Cup title, and for a win in the Talladega 500. Our attitude at Talladega is that we're the team to beat."

Earnhardt's bid for a second straight Talladega 500 win will begin at 12:15 CDT on Sunday, July 29th. The day before, Super Saturday, Earnhardt will be racing against 11 other top drivers in the third round of the International Race of Champions (IROC) Series at 2 p.m.

Prior to the 100-mile IROC event, Davey Allison will be going for his fourth straight win at Talladega in the ARCA 200, beginning at noon on July 28th.

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