Loftin and Clark

Dr. William Loftin of Jacksonville, left, has been named dean of the Jacksonville State University College of Commerce and Business Administration. Dr. Louise Clark of Jacksonville, right, has been named Associate Dean of Jacksonville State University College of Commerce and Business Administration.

Loftin named to dean's position

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By JANET PARNELL

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Student medical help

Williams Infirmary handles nearly any affliction

By JAN DICKINSON

You’ve fallen down the stairs at Merrill during a between-class rush and now your ankle is redder than your face. As a new student on campus, you debate whether or not to go to the infirmary.

This scene is probably re-enacted daily, yet many students, both new and old, have never darkened the entrance to Williams Infirmary. Some upperclassmen have been known to scoff at the idea of going to the infirmary, saying, “I’m not that bad off.” But contrary to local superstition, students are welcome to Williams Infirmary no matter how small their affliction may seem.

According to head nurse Carol Lawler, the infirmary is capable of handling almost any health-related problem “short of an outright disaster.” Some of the more common illnesses that the staff handles daily include upper respiratory infections, such as bronchitis; the flu; and the ever-present common cold. Their services extend beyond these to include some lab work such as free pregnancy testing and counseling. “We don’t set broken bones or stitch people up; instead we refer them to Regional Medical Center in Anniston,” stated Ms. Lawler, “but we handle all kinds of minor emergencies, from cuts and scrapes to pulled muscles.”

There is no charge to students for counseling or examinations, but to cover their operating costs the infirmary requires students to pay for any medication that they receive from the dispensary, as well as for non-returnable equipment, such as Ace bandages. Other equipment, such as crutches and slings, requires a deposit before its rental, which is refunded upon the return of the item. In case of emergencies or other extreme circumstances, Ms. Lawler stated that students may arrange to pay their bill at a later date if they don’t have the money available at the time.

Besides Lawler, who is an RN, the infirmary staff is made up of LPN Mary Holder and Dr. Sam Crawford. Regular hours are Monday through Friday, 8 to 4:30, but Lawler added that both she and Mary Holder are on call after those hours. “If a student gets sick on the weekend or late at night, all he has to do is contact the campus police or his dorm director and they in turn will contact one of us.” Dr. Crawford is on campus Monday through Wednesday from 8 to 9:30 and on Thursdays from 2:30 to 4:30. Because of this, Ms. Lawler advised that students wishing to see the doctor should call ahead and make an appointment, “We’ll see anyone who comes in, but you won’t have to wait as long if you have an appointment.

First week

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singing out fraternities — or a single fraternity — they are just responding to citizen calls (All calls are logged and a return number taken.) After the third complaint a reading of 74 dB was taken (9:40 p.m.). More calls ensued and the last reading was taken at 11:30 p.m. at 63dB. As with the Kappa Sigma party, the noise level was the problem but unlike the Kappa Sigmas who did not sell beer, the KA’s were cited with selling beer without a license. Phil Sisk, a Kappa Alpha alumna who attended the party, feels the police handled the situation in an “unprofessional and abrasive manner” unbecoming enforcement officials. Lt. Thompson when informed of this behavior and other incidents cited by Kappa Sigma party-goers, stated that he knew of no such behavior, but if the students have a legitimate complaint, they should either get the policeman’s badge number or name and report it. As Lt. Thompson commented, “We’re trying to work with them (the fraternities).”

Concerning the infringements of the law-noise and the selling of beer without a license — each fraternity is categorized as a corporation and it is the corporation that is fined, not the individuals themselves.

The Alabama Code of Law states, concerning alcohol and possession thereof, “any alcoholic beverages so possessed, maintained or kept shall be contraband and subject to condemnation and confiscation as provided by law.” In selling beer without a license the KA fraternity was negligent and, therefore, were issued a warrant.

Tuesday night Pi Kappa Phi also sold alcoholic beverages but were not arrested or fined. Lt. Thompson explained, “We simply could not get (our) efforts coordinated in time.” According to Thompson, the persons selling beer must be caught in the act of selling it to minors and a course of action could not be delegated soon enough.

The apprehending of companies-stores, etc. has seen much lately in the way of arrests and fines, not only here in Jacksonville but in other cities and towns. So the only crackdown seems to be in stricter liquor laws everywhere. It is the noise which had the police summoned and that is what needs to be dealt with to the satisfaction of all concerned-fraternities, independents and the residents of Jacksonville.

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Aikido, Japanese martial art class meets every Tuesday and Thursday at Pete Mathews Coliseum, JSU, 6:30 p.m. - Age 12 and up.

Faculty Scholars meeting at BCM Sept. 18 at 4:30.

Those interested in working with the SGA Crime Prev. Committee should see Renee Lupe SGA VP or Off. Pearl Williams, Univ. Police.

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Argument in IFC meeting over ordinance no. 193

BY JANET PARNELL

The word “cooperation” came under attack Tuesday night (September 11) at the Interfraternity Council meeting. As the meeting convened, a special topic monopolized the floor — the recent furor over noise ordinance no. 193 and the enforcement thereof.

Among those attending the meeting were the members of the IFC and other representatives of fraternities, several Jacksonville State University associates and advisors, Chief David Nichols of the JSU police department, Jacksonville City Mayor John Nisbet and Mr. Theodore Fox — a representative from the Jacksonville City Council.

Although the illegal alcoholic beverage question was brought up — that being the selling of liquor without a license as charged to one fraternity — the issue at hand concerned the noise levels of parties and what could be done to accommodate all involved. According to Bill Meehan, Assistant to the Vice-President of Academic Affairs and IFC faculty advisor, an opening of the lines of communication between the city, the university and the fraternities is extremely needed. As Mr. Meehan stated, “We (the advisors) know these fellows (the fraternities)” and would like to “try to arrest the situation before a problem evolves.”

The position of the university representatives and of the fraternity members attending the meeting was best summed up by Dr. Don Schmitz, Dean of Student Affairs, who stated that since in previous years there had been a lack of enforcement of the noise ordinance, it was feared that “selective enforcement” is occurring. Dr. Schmitz feels that this situation, therefore, leaves students to operate in a detrimental fashion. Mentioning the fact that no such arrests were made last year, Dr. Schmitz went on further to say that since “no prior warnings” had been given, the fraternities did not see a potential problem in using outside bands.

In reply to Dr. Schmitz’s comments, Mayor Nisbet stated, “Ignorance of the law is no excuse.” Mayor Nisbet felt sure that fraternities are “the best solution to social problems” on campus and in the community but feels that the laws are to be complied with also. The laws, according to Mayor Nisbet, have been enforced equally and fairly.

Dr. H. Bascom Woodward, III, vice-president of University Services, raised a question which is of great concern to the fraternities and JSU students as to whether or not “it was going to be the policy of the city when the ordinance was violated” that the police were going to arrest the fraternity presidents as in the Kappa Sigma and Kappa Alpha cases. Dr. Woodward continued by proposing that the suddenness of the enforcement the first week of classes was a shock. The university, as Dr. Woodward stated, wants to help the students as much as the university can and wants them to adhere to the laws — it is just this “suddenness” of the issue.

Many at the meeting — among them Bill Meehan, Dr. Woodward, and Phil Sisk of the SGA — consistently brought up the fact that the university and all affiliated with it want to cooperate with the city police. In dealing with the noise problem, university officials feel that if they were called before the warning is issued and the police arrive, the problem could be alleviated to some degree.

Mayor Nisbet also welcomes “the opportunity to discuss problems.” As the discussion proceeded, it became clear that no conclusions would or could be drawn at this particular meeting. It was agreed that JSU officials, Mayor Nisbet and possibly Chief Paul Locke (who is out-of-town) — among others — should meet together as soon as possible to discuss alternatives and possible compromises. It must be noted that this would not entail a changing of the ordinance but it is hoped a meeting as such would bring about a resolution beneficial to all concerned citizens of Jacksonville, fraternities, students, city police and the university.

Psychology Institute offers classes

BY JAN DICKINSON

The Jacksonville State University Psychology Institute, under the direction of Dr. Stephen Bitgood and Dr. Douglas Peters, once again is conducting its fall after school program for elementary, junior high, and senior high school students beginning on Monday, September 10. Some of the courses offered are for students in grades 5-12, highly recommended for any of today’s students. The course introduces the student to computer terms and familiarizes him with how computers work. Students learn exactly what computers can do with hands-on experience in each two hour session. As some students have more experience with computers than others, students are divided into two groups according to their level of knowledge. The fee for the course is $75 per semester for the weekly two hour class.

Courses began on September 10, but it is not too late to register. For more information, contact Dr. Bitgood or Dr. Peters at either 435-9820 extension 640 or at their offices on the second floor of Stephenson Gym, next door to Jacksonville High School.

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Winston S. Churchill slated to speak in Pete Mathews Oct. 8

Winston S. Churchill, grandson of Sir Winston Churchill, will speak on "The Soviet Challenge to the Third World" in Pete Mathews Coliseum at Jacksonville State University October 8 at 10 a.m.

Churchill will give insight into how the Soviet Union has made Latin America, Africa, Asia and the Middle East the battleground in its quest for world domination.

A member of Parliament, journalist, and world traveler, Churchill will offer an analysis of the fierce resistance provoked by the Soviets.

Churchill was elected to his first term in the Parliament in 1970, winning the Stratford seat at the age of 28. His father, Randolph, his grandfather, Sir Winston, and his great-grandfather, Lord Randolph, also served in Parliament.

Winston, who resembles his grandfather in physical appearance, is widely traveled and highly acclaimed as a lecturer and journalist. He visited Vietnam for the London Sunday Express and for Look. He covered the Six-Day War in Israel and the 1968 presidential elections in the U.S.

Though comparatively young for an international journalist, Churchill has covered the wars in Aden, Yemen, Angola, the Congo, Borneo, Vietnam, and Israel.

As roving reporter for the London Times, he has contributed articles on the fighting in Biafra that helped focus rising British discontent over Britain's role in the fighting and forced Harold Wilson to fly to Nigeria for a firsthand look. This series of articles caused Time to hail Churchill as "one of Britain's most promising young reporters."

He is co-author of The Six-Day War on which he and his father collaborated. He wrote First Journey after a 20,000 mile trip through some 40 countries of the Middle East and Africa — following roughly the same path that Sir Winston trod over 60 years ago and which his great-grandfather made back in 1891.

Churchill attended Eton and graduated from Christ Church College, Oxford University.

Jacksonville State University senior Lloyd Wayne Bardell of Jacksonville has received the Pelham Scholarship which is awarded each year to a deserving junior or senior in the JSU history department.

Dr. Ted Childress, professor of history and a member of the selection committee, right, presents the $800 check.

Bardell, who also has a major in political science, holds a near perfect 2.91 grade point average on a 3.0 scale. The scholarship is named in honor of Major John Pelham, an artilleryman in the Civil War. The Pelham Memorial Scholarship was established when the Pelham birthplace burned in the 1960s and the $5,000 insurance settlement was set aside for the awards.
Art seminar offers insight

By JAN DICKINSON

"I feel that the world we live in is much too complicated," said artist and papermaker Sally Johnson. Quiet and reserved in a flowing kimono, she spoke to 25 JSU students, Art department faculty members and members of Calhoun County Friends of the Arts, who sponsored her exhibit and workshop at Hammond Hall on Saturday, September 8. The event, which began at 6:30, included a slide presentation on paper making in Japan and a workshop in which participants learned how to make paper using European methods.

Johnson, whose studio and home is in Birmingham, is a graduate of Birmingham Southern College and has done post-graduate studies in art at UAB. She has exhibited her work for over 20 years, working in metal, canvas, and watercolor. But, it wasn't until five years ago that she began turning toward paper. "First, one must know the five geometric shapes that Plato said represented fire, air, water, the earth, and the universe. I took the mathematical formulas for each shape and entered them into the computer. We then ran the information through a digital filter to break it down, to manipulate the shapes. Then those shapes were computer - drawn on paper, resulting in a 3 dimensional effect."

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Simplicity is her credo, but appearances can be deceiving. In 1976 she began looking for new inspiration. With the help of a UAB computer and programmer, Jim Allen, she found a new outlet for her creativity. "First, one must know the five geometric shapes that Plato said represented fire, air, water, the earth, and the universe. I took the mathematical formulas for each shape and entered them into the computer. We then ran the information through a digital filter to break it down, to manipulate the shapes. Then those shapes were computer - drawn on paper, resulting in a 3 dimensional effect." She added, "I was delighted to see the results. We filtered shapes the way a prism filters light, by breaking it into basic components."

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"They have a spiritual aspect to the work, as their words for 'paper' and 'God', although spelled differently, are pronounced the same." Johnson's admiration of the Japanese was apparent as she continued, "They believe in pride in their work, but there is no ego involved. On the other hand, the European method of making quality paper, although primitive when compared to methods used in a modern paper mill, is very different in technique and philosophy. The watermark on bond paper is typical of the 'ego' of which Japanese paper is void."

She added, "The European way uses more man-made devices, which impart a different character to the paper."

In her workshop later that day, Johnson demonstrated how to make paper and, under her direction, participants learned the European method, including instructions on how to create a water mark on the final product.

The favorable reaction from those attending the seminar showed how well Johnson's work was received. Her art blended a spiritual aspect to her computer - inspired creativity. And as one observer quietly noted, "Art does not need to be complex for us to enjoy it."

Workshop ends Friday

A workshop on child abuse will be held at Jacksonville State University September 12 - 13 and at Regional Medical Center in Anniston on September 11.

The workshop is directed to health care professionals and others who work with abused children.

Noted physician and lecturer Dr. Robert W. tes Bengal of the University of Minnesota will be the featured speaker. Topics will include mental health implications of sexual abuse, treatment and prevention of child abuse, overview of child abuse, incest, and implications for nurses.

The workshop will open at Regional Medical Center at 8 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11. There will be a registration fee of $10. The session is recommended for physicians, nurses, and other health care professionals.

College credit is available to participants.

The session on Tuesday, Sept. 12, will be held on the 11th floor of the Houston Cole Library at JSU and will begin at 8 a.m. The session will be directed to social work professionals. There will be a $20 registration fee.

The final session will be held at the Lurleen Wallace College of Nursing at JSU beginning at 8 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 13. The session will be directed to student nurses. There will be no registration fee for full-time students.

The workshop is sponsored by Parents Anonymous of Calhoun County, Jacksonville State University, Regional Medical Center, Calhoun-Cleburne County Mental Health Center, the Calhoun County Medical Society and the Anniston Family Practice Residency Program.

For further information, contact Parents Anonymous in Anniston at 238-682 or 238-647.
Will dry rush produce a dry crop for frats?

By STEVE CAMP

Is it simply a trial, or is it a trial blazer for time to come? I’m speaking of fraternity rushes being advised for the first time in recent memory.

"Dry rush", as it is deemed, is just what the term states. No alcohol, beer or any form of liquor, has been permitted on the grounds of any fraternity from noon of last Tuesday through midnight tonight.

Consider practice. Has it been better or worse for the entire Greek organization is impossible at this point. In looking at the issue, we must weigh both sides of the issue.

It has been positive in that those going through rush have been given this chance to see the fraternities in their normal state. Many times rushed have the picture in their minds that fraternities are nothing more than organized drinking clubs. Nothing is further from the actual truth.

By having both the fraternal groups and the potential pledges in a sober state of mind, each person involved is able to form a more clear and accurate opinion on the other people involved.

With the existence of total abstinence, both the fraternity and the individual coming through rush are able to make their choice based on the optimum facts. In this case, rushers aren’t judged by a fraternity on how much they drink and the fraternities in turn are not assessed by the rushee based on which had the most to drink and at which house he had the greatest time partying.

The past when alcohol was allowed during rush functions, there were two types of people who participated.

There were those who were serious about pledging a fraternal organization. Then there were those childish individuals who had no interest in joining a fraternity but came through rush for the sole purpose of drinking free beer available for rushers.

By keeping alcohol away from the rush function, the Inter-Fraternity Council has eliminated this problem of dead weight. Now the activities involve only those with a genuine interest in the Greek system. The men have been separated from the boys.

During rush week, those involved do a substantial amount of driving around town enroute to the different houses. The absence of alcohol prevents the possibility of accidents and eliminates the chances of DU’s.

The only complaint heard pertaining to a dry rush is that some of the people involved may be uncomfortable in the atmosphere present during rush. Those people feel that alcohol will enable those who would be uneasy to be more relaxed. This attempted justification for alcohol is a rather weak defense for the three-day prohibition. There are plenty of other functions in fraternities where it is permitted.

Dry rush may very well become a tradition here at Jacksonville State. It has been and would be a productive step for the fraternal system. The IPC has succeeded in their effort to clean up rush.

It would be irresponsible for anyone to protest the fact that he was unable to drink for the short span of three days. If someone can’t give up having a drink for that short amount of time, then he has a definite problem.

'A nation that is afraid to let its people judge truth and falsehood in an open market is a nation that is afraid of its people.'

---John F. Kennedy
Quality education demands teacher-student balance

With the beginning of a new academic year, thoughts turn to the significance of classwork, labs, required study halls and various forms of remediation, library use. Directly associated with the ideas is the inter-relationship between teachers and students working together in the classroom, through long range assignments, library work sessions, and individual office conferences.

The word purpose comes to mind when an attempt to discover just what the business of working for a college degree really means. This institution, Jacksonville State University, gives its own specific statement of purpose on page 50-51 called "Mission Statement" followed by a clarification and further development called "Goals." The "Mission Statement" reads as follows:

"Jacksonville State University is a state-supported, coeducational institution providing up to six years of study. Its purpose is to provide quality education integrating traditional academic pursuits with career-oriented programs at reasonable costs to its students. In addition, the University attempts to provide service to the community in Northeast Alabama through consulting and research activities and continuing education programs.

Unquestionably primarily from the Appalachian region, the University makes available educational opportunities to a diverse student population while maintaining academic standards that insure a quality education to those who graduate. This maintenance of high standards is accomplished primarily through inspired teaching, counseling, and the promotion of excellence.

Programs at Jacksonville State University are designed to meet the personal, social and cultural needs of the students and prepare them for professional careers. Every effort is made to assist and encourage students through academic advisement, instruction, career planning and preparation to enter the job market."

It is the expectation of academic officials that each professor work out a clearly defined general purpose for his/her duties and obligations to students enrolled in classes, as well as those assigned as advisers. Naturally such a statement of purpose will vary according to the academic discipline involved and the interpretation of the individual professor. But each teacher should define this purpose for each class and state it literally in the form of objectives preceding the course syllabus or implies it in the syllabus itself.

On this campus we have learned that certain duties and obligations of teachers are rather clearly defined so that students know generally what they may expect. Teachers are expected to appear promptly for the teaching of a class or provide a substitute from department associates when absence is necessary. They should disallow classes on time as a courtesy and convenience to students and teachers of succeeding classes. They should make clear assignments, specify deadlines, announce exams in sufficient time for students to know about them and have a reasonable amount of time to study. Of supreme importance is marking and returning of all exams and written assignments shortly after receiving them. Ideally the next class period or good, but to papers should be held longer than a week or ten days. Students, aside from their personal and legal rights, need to know a grade on one paper before being responsible for turning in another.

The wise use of office hours complement a professor's academic class load. Each teacher is advised to post at least office hours weekly so that students and associates are made available for conference. Of course, office hours may be used for library work, committee meetings, class development of a helpful academic environment.

A teacher must be fresh and specifically prepared if he/she is effective in the classroom. Communication between a teacher and students during the class exchange must be electric. Enthusiasm in a teacher reaches out and activates the minds of students, drawing them into the subject. They then become more capable of realizing the points of basic importance and are able to ask for clarification of fuzzy areas. A teacher must know the subject, review to assure a fresh presentation, and plan a specific course of study taking into consideration the scope of the material and the time in which it must be covered. When a course allows, a balance between lecture, class participation, and special projects should be planned for balance to avoid the tedium that sameness causes. The teacher must have given thought to testing as the planning of a given course occurred. Explanations clarifying the kinds of testing to expect should be a natural part of an introduction, along with the recommendation of proven study methods.

A professor should announce schedulled office hours, keep those hours, and make appointments for conference with average and superior students, as well as the other as is needed. Academic problems and is in dire need of help. Superior students need encouragement about doing additional study and accept a responsible study projects so that they may achieve academic excellence. Sometimes these students are both so innocent and modest that they do not realize their own potential. The value of informal conferences with these students cannot be calculated. In the other extreme are the weak students whom must have assistance. Failure. Usually what they need is simple one-on-one tutoring. Instead of innocence and modesty, they feel afraid to ask for help and ashamed of their lack of academic accomplishments. Certainly then they must be encouraged before they will even make a conference appointment. At this stage they must be treated with kindness and patience or they will not benefit nor will they ever return. From these examples, we see that office hours and those teachers who use them wisely make the difference.

Though an institution may define purpose, duties, obligations and teachers may interpret these fully, skillfully, and happily, success can be achieved without mature efforts on the part of students. Students are obligated to determine their overall plan of attack and function in the academic world. Perhaps the realization of foremost importance for students is listing priorities in terms of rank. Academic performances must be first, or at best the student will only be trained, not educated, when graduation time arrives. Because so many students enrolled at this institution work either full or part-time in order to go to college at all, the recognition of personal priority is one priority is extremely important. If a student cannot or will not give some prime time to studying, he/she will wait to attend college until student. The necessary maturity level has developed or sufficient time is available. The amount of time spent working over definitely determines the number of courses scheduled. A student must have time for in-depth study, for relaxation, and work. Pressure causes the lack of time can destroy a person's emotional health, as well as be physically dangerous. Once the decisions about class load have been made, students owe it to themselves to do an evaluation of their basic characteristics. They need to be interested in reading and writing, if they need to be self-disciplined or willing to develop discipline. They need to be punctual class attendance, regular assignments, and preparation for tests and special projects. If they measure up in those areas or are willing to improve, success is attainable.

Students should participate willingly and effectively in classes when the occasion arises. In order to become a professional, they must be prepared. Adequate preparations usually means having done the assigned readings and some background reading. Students should especially if one is consistent, becomes obvious to the teacher, as well as to fellow classmates; consequently a positive image is developed.

Understanding the purpose of a course, the teacher's approach to the course, and the general methods used by the teacher is of paramount importance to the student. The student, through understanding the syllabus and other handouts, examining the text, perceiving the importance of library and background work, and asking questions for clarification, may soon be able to work out satisfactory definitions of purpose and feel comfortable in fulfilling the demands of a semester's course work.

Only when both faculty and students come to an understanding of their purposes together and separately can they enjoy the fulfillment of achieving their academic goals. The two are like the hand and the glove.

A grad offers his advice to students

Dear Sirs:

It is not quite autumn yet, but there is a certain nip in the air that reminds me of football weekends, rush parties and driving home through the multi-treed hills of Talladega National Forest. You see, this is the first fall in what seems like a decade that I am not enrolled at JSU, and this alumni is feeling somewhat nostalgic.

Confronted with tuition deadlines, scrambled schedules and pop quizzes, few freshmen realize that they are at the beginning of the golden years of their young lives. For the college years should be just that—a golden time of growth, learning and FUN. They were for me.

I suppose I might have spent my undergraduate days buried in a text, screeching campus involvement in favor of weekends at home with my high school buddies. Certainly, this would have led to a more prestigious GPA, but just as certainly, I wouldn't have the memories which make those years shine: Decorating a homecoming float, watching a sunset from the top of Cole Library, listening to the Flats and, of course, playing quarters with friends at the establishment of Mr. Larry Johnson. Road trips, all-night cram sessions, drama cast parties—all these and more helped make my undergraduate career a treasured memory.

So, to today's freshmen, I offer some advice: Go to class, study hard and become a good citizen. Only when you have led to a life your parents want you to do. (If you pass EH 102, the rest is easy.) But college is more than books and exams. So HAVE FUN. Fall in love, join a fraternity, write for the paper, run for the SGA, dance on the table-tops at Brother's, browse through the library, play Frisbee on the Quad and make jokes about SGA. If you're really adventurous, spend the weekend on campus even if there's not a home football game.

You're only a freshman once, so take advantage of it. When you look back on your days at JSU, you probably won't remember the textbooks and term papers. You will remember the fun, the friendship and...well...the best days of your life.

Sincerely, R. Stacy McCain
Jazzy Surace jams with the greats

By WENDY EDEN
Senior Staff Writer

It’s not everyday that a JSU music professor is summoned to Birmingham to help rekindle the jazz spirit of Count Basie in a celebration of “Count Basie Day,” but for Dr. Ron Surace the summons was an honor.

Surace recently found himself surrounded by members of the University of Alabama in Birmingham’s Super Jazz Band, directed by jazz bass great, Cleveland Eaton, in a tribute concert to Count Basie’s music at UAB’s Recital Hall Auditorium. Eaton, who had been playing Stanley Basie’s death in April five years in the Basie band, was back home in Birmingham, along with other jazz enthusiasts to proclaim August 26 “Count Basie Day.”

“Jazz is a living music,” quipped Surace, who said the word had spread that “he did that kind of thing.” For the last month Surace has been playing and earning enough money to pay transportation and hotel costs at Rocky’s, a Birmingham restaurant and lounge. The concert at UAB’s auditorium, however, made a great impression on Surace.

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The Back Doors:
A Trip Back In Time

By WENDY EDEN
Senior Staff Writer

The BACK DOORS will appear at My Brother's Bar Friday night. Admission is $4.50 and $3.50 with student I.D. The backup band is the FITS.

It was a time of political unrest, the civil rights movement, the Vietnam war, and the Monterey Pop Festival, when a Los Angeles poet rose to fame with his eleven minute burning single, Light My Fire.

Jim Morrison and THE DOORS offered their listeners a unique complex sound that resisted tradition. In 1971, however, Morrison, who held the sensual attraction and THE POLICE.

DOORS imitators began popping up nationwide hoping to capture some of the sensationalism Morrison had left behind. Riding the flow was a Wilkes Barre, Pa. band THE BACK DOORS. THE BACK DOORS, however, had more than the gift of playing superb DOORS tunes, they had Jim Hakim.

It all began for Hakim, a former actor, college instructor and Playgirl centerfold, in 1971 when he met Jim Morrison in a Hollywood bookstore. The four hour meeting consisted of drinking and riding in Morrison's car, while talking about poetry, religion and philosophy.

Once dubbed Morrison reincarnation, Hakim has since cut his long hair and now sports a 1980 cut. "I was really tired of it and needed a change," said Hakim. Despite the change of appearance now, Hakim still dedicates his physical mannerisms, and poetry on stage to Morrison. "I try to play with the audience's mind through pictures and words," stressed Hakim. "We cover shock, tear, and laughter. Hopefully, if they see me they will follow."

THE BACK DOORS, consisting of a drummer from San Francisco, a keyboardist from Washington, D.C., a guitar player from New Orleans, and lead singer, Hakim, from Pennsylvania, is now a national touring band that plays five nights a week. In a phone interview from Orlando, Florida, Hakim said that the audience is still following Morrison but they enjoy top quality musicians. "Our audience ranges from the ages of fifteen to forty, with blue and white collar workers," commented Hakim.

Hakim added that the attraction to the band is due to nonconformity. "We were different," said Hakim, "we survived." The thirty-five year old singer describes himself as looking about twenty-two and feeling twenty-three. When not completely immersed in the DOORS, Hakim enjoys listening to current groups like VAN HALEN, STEVE PERRY, and THE POLICE.

The newest challenge for Morrison's impersonator is trying to write some original DOORS influenced tunes. "It's really tough trying to write lyrics like Morrison or the BEATLES," said Hakim. THE BACK DOORS are also waiting for a chance to record an album. "We have the money," confessed Hakim. "We're just waiting for the opportunity," he added. Hakim feels that the band has progressed. "It keeps getting stranger, more bizarre, sensual and radical," says Hakim.


Hakim contributes THE BACK DOORS success to dedication. "It's just the strong belief in doing something that people didn't think could be done," said Hakim, "The best pleasure is when you prove them wrong." Jim Hakim and THE BACK DOORS have done just that.
**Dreamscape** is an enjoyable and scary movie which probes the use of telekinetic powers while a person is dreaming. The movie is supposed to be a thriller but it does not actually succeed as such. There are too many "Well, if that is possible then why not this?" You can enjoy this movie if you just sit back, relax, scream a few times and expect nothing more than that.

Alex Gardner (Denis Quaid) is a man with extremely powerful telekinetic ability who spends his day at the horse races. Alex once worked with Paul Novotny (Max Von Sydow) on some experiments with telekinetic powers but suddenly disappeared one day without giving Novotny a reason. It has been several years since Alex disappeared and now Novotny needs Alex again for some experiments.

He wants to use this power as a weapon. Alex is confused at first on how the powers can be used as a weapon. Apparently when one dies in his dreams, he also dies in reality.

Novotny needs Alex and others like him to test a theory that one who has telekinetic powers can invade another person's dreams. There is only one problem. Alex has disappeared and no one knows where he is. Robert Blair (Christopher Plummer) is a government official who retains his position as the presidents come and go. Because of his long tenure, Blair's powers extend to the point that even the FBI is apprehensive of him. Blair's interest in the experiments are not what they appear.

Blair's first victim will be the President of the United States and then Blair schemes to continue using his power to murder more important men.

Three people stand in his way: Alex Gardner who must enter the President's dream and save him, Paul Novotny who finds out Blair's plans for the experiment and Jane Devries (Kate Capshaw), a scientist who has helped Alex escape from Blair's assassins.

**Dreamscape** is good for a few screams but actually lacks what the great thrillers possess: style and suspense. *Dreamscape* is rated PG-13 and is currently playing at the Anniston Plaza Cinemas.

**MELINDA GALLAHAR**

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**Reviews**

*The Evil That Men Do* is a thriller by R. Lance Hill, author of *The King of White Lady*. The novel actually holds the reader hostage from page one to the end. It is difficult at times to put the novel down for Hill combines actual accounts of torture with his fiction. At times the novel becomes very graphic so that the reader cringes.

The thrust of the plot is that a journalist, George Hildago, asks Holland, an international assassin, to kill someone. The man that George and his friends, Hector and Isabelle Lomelin, want murdered is Clement Moloch, otherwise known as The Doctor. The Doctor has taught many ruthless men the refinements of savage torture. His powers extend around the globe and he is shielded by the CIA.

After George explains the reasons why they want The Doctor killed, Holland accepts and the hunt is on. The master of torture is now being hunted like his own victims and becomes the victim of his own fears: his own diary. Holland is aided by Maximiliano (Max Ortiz, Rhiana Rhead and her daughter, Sarah. Each has personal reasons for wanting The Doctor dead.

Holland, Rhiana and The Doctor are caught in a web of intrigue and death with each bordered by the blood of the past and present. There are car chases and chases through the jungle and Guatemala City. High-voltage excitement reigns from beginning to end. The hunt is a test for the fittest in mind, body and soul.

Each has his own rules and laws for the hunt. The Doctor follows rules that he has used throughout the years against helpless victims, but Holland follows the assassin's creed. "Because some people need killing and there isn't so much as a judgement to it. Because I knew I could. Because we're all born with someone's hands in our pockets, and we smile because we want our fleeting little space and we don't know how to hit back. I don't like it, I hit back..." and his own personal law. "The law, if you will, is that man is too stupid to recognize how stupid we are."

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Southerners drumline leader

Glen 'Turtle' Carter is a true champion

MARTHA RITCH

Leading the Southerners drum line this year is Glen Carter, better known by his friends as "Turtle. The name was given to him back in the early days of his band experience when his band director noticed that Glen had a special style to playing his drum. "I stuck my neck out when I played," he smiles. The name has stayed with him through years, perhaps more for the way it fits his shy personality than for his playing technique.

Glen would not be the first to jump up and list all of his accomplishments, but they can hardly be kept hidden. This year, while marching in the Spirit of Atlanta he became the DCI (Drum Corp International) Individuals multi-tenor percussion champion. This is a high honor for anyone in drum corp, because the competition is tough and the judging rough. Last year Glen missed winning the championship only by 0.5 tenths of a point.

Majoring in music education, Glen claims, "I'm going to be an educator but not a director." What he really wants to do is teach a drum corp. This year he was able to take a step in the right direction by working on the staff with the Spirit of Atlanta as multi-tenor instructor.

As section leader for Southerners, Glen is in charge of the drum line which requires arranging music, writing drills and running rehearsals. "I'm real busy," says Glen, "and I'm always on the go, but I'm having a good time."

Glen began his percussion career as most young drummers do, with a small drum, leading into a "pseudo drum set" when he was seven. From there he went on to play timbals, tenor duos, bongos, multi-tenor and snare.

Glen marched as drum major for three years in high school. His talents always keep him in the spotlight, but Turtle stays pretty much in his shell.
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College costs up six percent

(CPS)—The total cost of attending college this school year will increase only six percent over last year, a new report by the College Board concludes.

Over the last few years, says College Board President George Hanford, college costs have increased 10-to-11 percent a year as colleges boosted tuition to keep pace with high interest rates and inflation.

The comparatively small increase in this year's college costs masks what many experts hope is an end to the double-digit cost increases of the last several years.

At public schools, moreover, the increase amounts to only a five percent rise over last year, making the total cost $4881 for four-year resident students, and $5056 for students at two-year schools.

Private school students aren't faring quite so well. Costs of attending private colleges are up seven percent over last year, for a total cost of $9022 at four-year schools and $7064 at two-year institutions, the study of over 3000 schools nationwide reveals.

Total college costs in the survey include tuition and fees, books and supplies, room and board, personal expenses, and transportation.

While total costs will rise only six percent this year, however, the study also shows that tuition and fees will increase eight-to-nine percent at both public and private schools.

Students at four-year public schools, for example, will pay average tuition and fees of $1726, while their counterparts at private colleges will pay an average of $5016.

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology will be the most expensive school to attend this year, the survey shows, where total costs will average $19,100.

Bennington College in Vermont comes in second for a total cost of $18,410, followed by Harvard at $17,500, Princeton at $16,625, and Harvard at $15,558.

Over the last several years, increased costs have been kept pace with inflation.

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Vale, Brandeis, Tufts, Brown, and Sarah Lawrence (college, in that order, round out the list of the ten most expensive schools to attend.

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Jax State cadets back from camp

This year 53.9 percent of JSU's ROTC cadets completed the 6-week summer Advanced Camp at Fort Riley, Kansas. Twenty-six JSU students successfully completed the 6-week camp designed to challenge the cadet physically and expose him or her to the demands of leadership. Each student receives performance evaluations throughout the camp in each leadership position and in military proficiency. In all areas evaluated, JSU students surpassed the camp averages. On the Army Physical Readiness Test (APRT) JSU cadets averaged 271 points out of 300 points compared to a camp average of 249 points. Our land navigation, peer rating, and job performance evaluations also exceeded the camp averages. While at camp, the cadets were also exposed to different maneuver techniques during the field leadership exercise. Cadets were transported by helicopter to an exercise area where they conducted ground tactics and a mechanized attack using tanks and armored personnel carriers. Additionally, cadets received a branch orientation and viewed a fire power demonstration featuring the current inventory of U.S. Army weapons including the M1 Abrams tank, Bradley Fighting Vehicle and Cobra attack helicopter. The students also participate in the Leadership Reaction Course, and Tactical Application Exercise Lanes where they had to make instantaneous decisions based on tactical situations. During water training the slide for life and the 40-foot rope drop were particularly challenging to the cadets. The evaluations from Advanced Camp, overall Grade Point Average (GPA) and performance in ROTC will all be reviewed in determining an Order of Merit List (OML) for the JSU Corps of Cadets. The OML will be used in selecting the JSU Cadet Brigade Chain-of-Command for the SY 84-85 and in officer branch selection by the U.S. Army.

Pi Kapp-active 'PUSHer'

By MIKE GIBSON

The Pi Kappa Phi Chapter at JSU captured two national awards for its contributions to PUSH (Play Units for the Severely Handicapped) at its summer convention. The Delta Epilon chapter received the President's Club plaque for a contribution over $1000, and the Red Rose Award for more than doubling the previous year's contribution.

In 1983, the Pi Kapp's gave $1000 to PUSH while stretching the total to $2000 in 1984. The chapter collected money through roadblocks, washed windows at Wal-Mart and solicited from local businesses. The window wash consisted of patrons having their car windows washed while they shopped. When leaving they found a note on the windshield informing them who had washed their windows and asking for a donation as they left the parking lot. Businesses in Jacksonville were also solicited for money and were very responsive. The chapter had created the Vance McNeil Award earlier in the year which goes to the business which contributes the most money to PUSH. Vance was a Pi Kapp from JSU who died in the spring of 1984, a victim of Hodgkin's Disease.

Mike Gibson, right, presents Larry Johnson, owner of the Red Rooster, the first Vance McNeil award.

Pi Kapp's goal this school year is to extend its fund raising efforts into the Anniston area. This is due to the fact that the chapter is anticipating the placement of a PUSH Unit at the North Central Alabama Cerebral Palsy Center next fall. CP Center Director Margaret Coley said, "We are excited about the possibility of receiving this equipment. It would certainly aid our therapy program. Placement of the unit is on a competitive basis; however, the chapter is creating a unique proposal based on integrating PUSH into the university's special education program.

Play Units for the Severely Handicapped is the national philantropy of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity. It was created by a Pi Kapp and is funded solely by the fraternity. The PUSH Unit is a group of motor sensory stimulators designed to create a play environment for severely handicapped children who often enjoy what is considered "normal" play.

Chapter president Eru Sherer said, "PUSH is dear to all Pi Kapps, especially those who have seen a Unit and met the kids who use it."

Schedule for ROTC Week told

By SHELLEY BJORK

Dr. Theron E. Montgomery has proclaimed September 17-21 ROTC Week. This year marks the 36th anniversary of the Army ROTC program at Jacksonville State University. During this week, all students and organizations will have the opportunity to participate in the celebration and compete for organization trophies.

ROTC Week kicks off with the first home football game, Gamecocks vs Middle Tennessee, and the pre-game presentation of the 1984-85 ROTC Sponsor Corps on September 15.

Monday, the pistol competition gets underway at 1:00 p.m. at the Rowe Hall range. Students and faculty will have the opportunity to fire 10 rounds and earn certificates for their efforts. The student organization that has the most members fire will be presented a Gamecock Trophy at the ROTC picnic and open house.

ROTC cadets will have their day during the Awards and Retreat Ceremony on Tuesday at 4 p.m. on the front lawn of Bibb Graves Hall. Cadets will be recognized for their achievements. The 14th U.S. Army Band will perform. A reception follows the ceremony in Rowe Hall. All students, faculty and staff are invited to meet the JSU cadet Brigade and ROTC Sponsors.

Wednesday, the picnic and open house will be in full swing from 2-5 p.m. between the rappelling tower and Rowe Hall. Everyone is invited to enjoy free food and refreshments, athletic competition, and view displays from the Ft. McClellan Chemical and Military Police Schools.

Friday is the day of the brave and bold - Student Organization Day.

What organization on campus do you think can send the most members off to the 48-foot rappelling tower from 1:00-4:00? Each member who successfully rappels counts one point for his/her organization and the winning team will receive a Gamecock Trophy and the title.

ROTC cadets will not be eligible to participate as a group, but will compete with their organization - brotherhood, fraternity, SGA, Computer Science Club, Student Nurses Association, Chanticleer, etc. All faculty advisors and staff are eligible to be team members. Each team member will receive instruction on rappelling and a safety briefing prior to the rappel attempt. Start planning your team now.

Don't miss the best action in Jacksonville during ROTC Week 1984. Let's face it, wouldn't you like to witness the Delta Zeta's victory over the Sigma Nus in the rappelling competition?

JSU Celebrates ROTC Week

September 15 - 21

Saturday
Sept. 15
Gamecocks vs Mid. Tenn.
Pregame presentation of 84-85 ROTC Sponsors
Snow Stadium

Monday
Sept. 17
Pistol Competition
1 - 4 p.m.
Range
10 free rounds per student
Rowe Hall
Organization Trophy

Tuesday
Sept. 18
Awards & Retreat Ceremony
Front Lawn BG
4:00 p.m.
Rowe Hall
Reception

Wednesday
Sept. 19
Picnic/Open House
2 - 5 p.m.
Rowe Hall
Free refreshments

Friday
Sept. 21
Student Organization Day
Rappelling Competition
11 - 2 p.m.
Rowe Hall
Organization Trophy

Cadet Mike Richardson takes aim downward during rifle marksmanship training at Fort Riley, Kansas.
Foreign students of International House program of Jacksonville State University for academic year 1984-85 include: (LR) seated - Miss Garance Deelder, The Netherlands, Miss Salla Pirhonen, Finland, Miss Sandrine Bonnamour, France, Miss Vachira Tontrakulpaibbul, Thailand; (GR) standing - Chris De Mel, Srí Lanka, Miss Claudia Gonzalez, Chile, Miss Chie Moriwaki, Japan, Miss Judith Firth, England, Mikael Fredstrand, Sweden, Salvador Encinas, Philippines, Wilmet Valimaa, Liberia, Miss Liana Costa, Brazil, Malit Kapoor, India, Miss Juliane Adamelt, West Germany, Firas Obeidat, Jordan, Miss Gladys Dutton, Mexico, Bolivar Salto, Ecuador, Jon Danielson, Iceland, Francisco Plato, Portugal. Also a foreign student, but not shown is Won Chia, Hong Kong.

Music men have heart

**By MARTHA RITCH**

The Epsilon Nu Chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia awarded a two hundred dollar scholarship to sophomore music education major Brenda Wood. In times past, Phi Mu Alpha scholarships have been given only to second semester freshmen majoring in music who have not already received a scholarship. Also, nominations are usually taken from the music faculty members to help determine which students are most deserving. However, this was not the process for this scholarship. Brenda was not offered her previous scholarship due to cutbacks. This meant that she would have to drop out of school.

Brenda is involved in many aspects of the music department: Southerners, Wind Ensemble and Brass Choir. In a thank you note to the chapter Brenda wrote, "You have given me a second chance for an education.”

The scholarship was announced after band practice one afternoon and the cheer from her fellow marchers was as heartwarming as the money itself.

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Jax State ‘ties up’ A&M Bulldogs

BY STEVE CAMP
It wasn’t good, but it could have been much worse. The inaugural contest in the head coaching career of Jacksonville’s Joe Hollis ended in an unlikely fashion Saturday night as the Gamecocks tied their homestanding rival Alabama A-M 38-38 before a crowd of about 8,500 in Huntsville’s Milton Frank Stadium.

The two teams were in the same boat. Both the Bulldogs and Jax State were under the direction of a new head coach. Each was experimenting with a new offensive look, the Gamecocks with the veer and A-M with the “winged-T.”

And each of the two collected the same results, a tie.

“I can’t say I’m happy with a tie,” said Joe Hollis afterward, “but it’s better than getting beat.”

As is usually the case with these two lock up, both squads had chances to win the contest.

Jacksonville’s opportunity was squandered when place kicker Chris Hobbs pushed a 45-yard field goal attempt off to the right in the first half. Alabama A-M blew several chances, the most golden of which came early in the second half.

Hank Williams fumbled the ball away on the Gamecock 30 on Jax State’s first offensive play of the half. The Bulldogs moved to the JSU seven but was unable to push any farther on the following four plays. They would get no deeper the rest of the evening. Though Jacksonville came out winless, there were encouraging signs. They faced an opponent who had had eighteen returning starters from last year’s 7-3 team. The Gamecocks had fewer than half that many returning frontliners.

In the initial game of their new run-oriented offense, the Gamecocks tallied 206 yards on the ground. Hank Williams totaled 114 on 14 carries and fullback Mickey Vickers hatched out 81 more on 22 totes. The Bulldogs managed 181 yards rushing with Sebastian Moore spearheading the way with 106 of that total.

Jacksonville’s total offense tallied 274 yards. A-M stacked up only 249.

But the game was determined precisely where it had been anticipated it would be, on the defensive side of the pigskin. This season’s young edition of Jacksonville’s renowned “Red Bandit” defense was in vintage form. The unit rose to the occasion several times and refused to let the hosts enter the end zone all evening long.

Of the Bulldogs’ total yardage, only 60 yards were collected in the second half. Only three of A-M’s 13 first downs came after the break.

But the defenders on the opposite side of the field were equally successful. Following a fourth quarter Jacksonville interception by Freddy McCrimmon that was returned to the A-M 38, the Bulldog defense surrendered but seven yards and forced the Gamecocks to tie the score on a 3-yard field goal.

While many signs of encouragement were seen from the Gamecocks, there were two weaknesses. Sophomore David Coffey managed to complete only 6 of 12 passes for 68 yards, barely a noticeable amount to a team that has been one of the top passing squads in Division II for the past decade.

The most costly miscues were the Jax State turnovers. All three came in the second half. Williams had two fumbles, one of which was nearly fatal.

Take away the giveaways and the contest probably would have been a different story.

The Gamecocks were the first to draw blood in the battle. On the team’s second possession of the night, Hank Williams broke away for a 63-yard dash in route to a drive that reached the Bulldog eight. There Hobbs hit the chip shot with 3:06 remaining in the first quarter to give Jacksonville the lead.

Week two is going to be another test for Jacksonville as they go up against the likes of the Middle Tennessee State University Blue Raiders in the friendly confines of Paul Snow Stadium this Saturday night.

“We have to eliminate all our mistakes and throw caution to the wind,” said Jax State head coach Joe Hollis. “We’re not going to go into the ballgame conservatively.”

That statement from the head man is no exaggeration. The young Gamecocks will be up against their division I-AA foe of the season, one that has the capability of pushing any opponent off the gridiron.

The Raiders of MTSU come off an 8-2 season last year, a campaign in which they outscored their opposition 296 to 111. Middle Tennessee returns 33 lettermen from last season, sixteen on the offense and seventeen on the defensive unit. Blue Raider head coach James “Boots” Donnelly is very optimistic about this season, no question about it.

On the offensive side of the ball, MTSU has a formidable attack. Senior quarterback Mickey Corwin was one of 12 in passing for 333 yards and three touchdowns in his squad’s 31-0 romp of Lenoir Rhyne College. In all, the Raider air attack threw up 143 yards and four TD’s.

Jacksonville’s side of the ball, the passing game hasn’t fared quite
From the stands

South is ‘home sweet home’

The first day of class came early for me this semester, much too early in fact. While most here in Jacksonville were busy trekking about their ways to class, I was trudging along southward on U.S. Interstate 75. The reason you ask? I was returning from Mansfield, Ohio, the site of this year’s Amateur Softball Association (ASA) National Championship tournament. It was an event I had been looking forward to all summer, since our team, Buck Wilson’s Used Cars, had qualified.

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My expectations of a national tournament were high. I’ve played ball five years now and this was the goal of every person I had played with and against. I figured that on such an escalated level, the teams attending would be treated a little nicer than we were used to.

I was greatly mistaken.

Our flight landed in Columbus, Ohio, late Friday evening. We then piled into our awaiting cars and headed north.

I don’t mean to offend anyone, but what I saw of Ohio was boring. As we rode, the only thing for the eye to behold was corn field after corn field. Northern Ohio wasn’t what I expected, but I kept telling myself it would get better, much better. After a ride of nearly two hours (the ride actually took longer than the flight in from Atlanta), we pulled into our hotel in Loudenville, some 30 miles from the fields where we would play.

Staying at a place with a name like “Mohican River Lodge”, should have known something was up. The place was located on the other side of nowhere. It sat on a hill overlooking the Mohican River and would have been a great view had it not been for the fourteen, filled- to capacity, camp sites that surrounded us.

It was so far from anywhere that there was but one restaurant, called the “Iron Horse”, and the food justified its name. So we were suffering a little adversity, but it had to get better, right?

Wrong. After the forty-five minute ride the next morning, we reached Mansfield. As a matter of fact, we almost passed right through before we realized it.

By this time, we were beginning to wise up about the place. The fields we were to play on topped it off. “Cyclope Park” is the home of softball in Mansfield. “Bed” would be a compliment to the place. “Cynical” would be more appropriate.

Across the road from the park was a federal prison. How ironic; on one side of the street were prisoners of the law. On the other, prisoners of a simple recreational game. Anyone who travels 60 miles to play is definitely a prisoner of the game.

There were four fields, each resembling the I.M. field here at Jacksonville, but with dirt infield. On one field, the ball literally landed in a corn field if it went over the fence. The top rails on the outfield fences had been substituted with 4-inch plastic P.V.C. pipe — classy, real classy.

There were no scoreboards and no official scorers. The home team was to keep score. By this time the whole thing had become a nightmare for our entire team. The ASA had let everyone on every team down.

We played our last game of the first day at 5:30 FM because, you guessed it, there were no lights.

In all, we had four games. Each was played in a less-than-optimal condition. The first was played in a steady drizzle of rain. The second took place on a field where the sun shone directly in the batter’s face, requiring a good welder’s mask if the hitter wanted to see the pitch. I’m completely serious.

All the scoring in our 9-1 victory was done early before the sun dipped down low on the horizon. Two players struck out swinging, and folks, this is men’s “A” league slow-pitch softball.

The third contest was played with a thirty m.p.h. headwind in the batter’s face. The fourth was on a field with an infield so deep in dust that it was like playing ball on the beach in Florida.

When the weekend of play was completed, we had finished the 74-team tournament in the top third of the competition. As a whole, the weekend had been a big disappointment for us. We realized how very nice we had it back home playing at the Al Bishop Softball Complex in Marietta, Georgia. What was deemed “excellent playing conditions” in Ohio had been a cow pasture to us.

It was nice going to a national tournament and rubbing elbows with some of the best in this business, the fastest growing amateur sport in America. As one player put it, “It’s always a privilege to be in the national tournament of anything. It doesn’t matter if it’s tiddly-winks because, if you win, you know you’re the best in the world at what you do.”

I must agree with that anonymous player. I would have loved to be National Champion, but it still might not have erased the memory of the conditions the teams faced.

I guess the old saying, “You don’t know how good you’ve got it until it’s gone” applies to this case. The South is the true home of amateur softball.

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so well. Sophomore David Coffey was 8 of 13 for 56 yards and no touchdowns.

"I had planned to play two or three people at quarterback, but David did a good job," said Hollis. "I'm trying to build up David's confidence in himself."  

On the ground, the Gamecocks appear to have a very slight edge. The Gamecocks pushed out 206 rushing yards last week. Both Hank Williams and Mickey Vickers now have enough carries under their belt to handle the pressure.

The Blue Raiders, running the ball out of the "I" formation, ran up 152 yards on the ground. Their main weapon in the rushing department is tailback Vince Hall who averaged five yards each of the 16 times he touched the football.

The two teams are very similar in defense in that they play hard-nosed and stringly on every snap. The Raiders throw a variety of blitzes and stunts at the opposition on nearly every play, hoping to keep the team across the ball of guard.

Says Hollis, "We know they will bottle us, possibly on every play. We are prepared to stop it, but whether we do or not remains to be seen."

The Red Bandits surrendered 131 yards on the ground, but stood like a stone wall when last week's game was on the line.

The MTSU defenders literally strangled their opponents last week. They allowed a mere 58 yards rushing. Middle Tennessee was equally solid on pass defense. The Raiders allowed only for completions for a measer 56 yards. Jacksonville gave up but 68 yards via the pass.

The comparison of the kicking is a toss up. Putting the ball, MTSU's Mark Morrison averages 42 yards per kick on seven kicks. Jax State's Gary Waiters averaged just under 56 yards per kick last week against A&M.

In the place kicking department, very few are better than the Gamecocks' Chris Hobbs, particularly in Division II or I-AA.

Jax State head coach Joe Hollis knows what his team must do if they are to win this battle.

"We've got to give it our best effort on every play; that I feel we will get. We also have to stay out of situations where we'll be passing the ball or running the ball from a hole."

The Gamecocks will be a heavy underdog; there's no question about that. But it won't be an impossibility for them to grab a victory.

They must not be intimidated by the Raiders. They must first keep MTSU from taking an early lead, while at the same time establishing themselves offensively.

If the Gamecocks can stay within striking distance, say ten points, they have a legitimate chance.

But if the Blue Raiders go on top early, it could be a long evening for the Gamecocks. This could be the "feast of famine" game of the year for Jacksonville.
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