Jacksonville State Statewide fund fight to invade Montgomery

by Buffy Smith
Managing Editor

Monday kicked off Higher Education Week across the State of Alabama, with SGA’s hosting voter registration drives, guest speakers and rallies to increase awareness of the state legislature’s lack of funding for higher education.

The main emphasis of Higher Education Week is the voter registration drives, which are taking place on every participating campus in Alabama.

Over 2,000 people are expected to register to vote on college campuses throughout the state.

On Monday, JSU’s SGA hosted a forum with three political speakers: Gordon Stone, Leader of the Higher Education Partnership; Joe Turnham, Chairman of Alabama’s Democratic Party who’s running for US Congress; and Lucy Baxley, State Treasurer.

Tuesday and Wednesday, the SGA hosted a voters registration drive. SGA officers went to different places on campus and encouraged people to fill out voter registration postcards.

The SGA mail these cards off, free of charge for students.

The current requirements for voter registration in Calhoun County is that you must be a US citizen, you must live in Alabama, you must be 18 years of age, you must not have ever been convicted of a felony, and you must not have ever been found incompetent by the court of law.

JSU students and faculty can register to vote year round in the Student Activities Office.

Higher Education Week will climax today with the Higher Education Rally. Over 25 JSU students are participating in a rally on the state house steps where the Alabama Legislature is in session.

Approximately 500 students, along with faculty, staff, alumni and other supporters of Alabama’s public universities, will hold the rally in Montgomery to protest against the lack of funding for state universities.

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Jacksonville State participated in the statewide Higher Education Week March 2 - 6.

Jacksonville State may never again “Whup Troy!”

by Thomas Webb
News Editor

Cries of “Whup Troy” have resounded on JSU’s campus for decades, but that may soon change if Troy State moves to change its name.

Recent issues of the Tropolitan, TSU’s campus paper, have reported that their university has created an Identity Committee because of “construction on campus, conversion to the semester system, and loss of out-of-state students.”

Col. John Schmidt, TSU’s vice president of advancement, is committee chairman. Schmidt says the committee is looking at aspects of advancement, is committee chairman.

“Time to reflect and review various things at the university,” Schmidt says in the Tropolitan. “We are reviewing who we are, validating strengths, and making recommendations for improvement.”

According to the Tropolitan, the committee has broken into subcommittees which will each come up with ideas for and against the name change.

“They will blend those together and give a report on the compelling reasons to retain, and compelling reasons to change, the name of the university,” says Schmidt. TSU, which recently celebrated its 111th anniversary, may be discussing a new name as soon as March 6. If the committee comes up with a new name, they will have to make a recommendation to TSU Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr.

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--Col. John Schmidt

The new name would then have to be approved by TSU’s Board of Trustees. The committee will vote on the name by secret ballot in April, but no decision is expected to be made by the Board of Trustees until July.

Jim Brummet, TSU SGA President, says the members of the committee wants to “preserve the strong sense of family, academic and athletic excellence, increase technology and marketing, and keep the diversity of the students body.

“People want to make sure we have the right name,” Brummet says in the Tropolitan. “Troy State may be the name we need, but we don’t know.”

Whitney McHugh, Editor of the Tropolitan, says she was unaware that anyone at JSU knew of the possibility of a new name for TSU.

“I didn’t know the possible renaming of Troy State had made it to JSU,” McHugh said. “Our staff is voting for ‘The University formerly known as Troy State.’”
Retiring coach gets his day from SGA

by Thomas Webb
News Editor

After Monday’s meeting, the SGA’s Spring Election returns will be verified by a Faculty Board.

The Senate was divided 11-9, with two abstentions, over Bill 57, which created a Faculty Board for elections. This board will verify the count of the Elections Committee in SGA Spring Elections.

DeLandra Hunter, chairwoman of the Academic Affairs Committee, opposed the bill, saying that a faculty advisory board should have no part in SGA elections. Chip Yarborough, chairman of the Constitution/Code of Laws Committee, said the board would not be over the SGA, but would only be in charge of verifying the vote count.

“We’re not asking the University to provide faculty or staff that are going to count the votes, and tell us how to do this,” Yarborough said.

“We’re just allowing them to come in, and impartially count the votes, and verify that no mistakes have been made, and that no vote tampering has taken place.”

After a roll call vote, the senators passed the bill, with eleven for, nine against, and two abstaining from the vote.

Also during the meeting, retiring Head Basketball Coach Bill Jones was honored by the SGA by Resolution #9, which created Bill Jones Day at JSU.

Just a few weeks after the Senate created Doug Ghee Day, Spirit Committee chairman Joel Lamp introduced a resolution to make March 2, 1998 Bill Jones Day.

The resolution stated that the day was to “recognize Bill Jones for the job he has done for the university in his 24 years as coach.”

The resolution was amended twice, once to make it an annual event, and again to move it to the twelfth of March. Lamp said the date was moved to the twelfth because that was Jones’ jersey number when he played for JSU.

The amended resolution passed, declaring March 12 as Bill Jones Day. The Senate also passed Bills 59 and 60, which appointed an elections committee, and an elections clerk. After all the bills on the agenda had been addressed, Holly Graves, Allocations Committee chairwoman, made three motions to give allocations money to organizations.

All three motions passed unanimously giving $275 to the Student Deetics Association, $250 to Zeta Phi Beta, and $200 to the student chapter of AITP. This leaves the SGA with less than $1000 for the rest of the semester.

The SGA sponsored a voter registration drive on Tuesday and Wednesday.
Habitat for Humanity builds habitat in Jacksonville

by Phil Attinger
News Writer

Damion Dorsey of Anniston will attend college in Louisville, Kentucky on a football scholarship.

His mother raised him and two other children in a home built by Habitat for Humanity.

Soon this year, Habitat for Humanity will begin a house in Jacksonville for a deserving family, says Bill Wright, executive director for the Calhoun County chapter.

Habitat for Humanity works to eliminate sub-standard housing and “break the poverty chain,” says David Zeigler, director of Minority Affairs for Jacksonville State and three-year volunteer.

Volunteers are recruited from local businesses and families, community leaders and JSU students.

At a planning meeting last Thursday at Jacksonville City Hall, Wright recalled how the program built 13 houses in the last four years, and how they plan to add 10 this year. Most may be built over the spring and summer, according to Zeigler.

Zeigler explained how houses are distributed:

“A lot of folks think we give these houses away. These are not gifts.”

--David Zeigler

Habitat for Humanity also pairs the family with a “partner,” a homeowner who works as assistant, mentor, coach and friend to the family from their time of selection until about one year after they move in, says Zeigler.

As Chairman of the Partnership Committee, Zeigler finds volunteers who will work with these families over time to help their transition to home-ownership.

“After all we want is a dedicated partner,” says Zeigler.

At last week’s meeting, Wright spoke of the program bringing the family, instead of paying, to build their own home.

Also, two fraternities who began helping Habitat for Humanity as part of a community service punishment enjoyed it so much that they have decided to continue after the punishment had ended.

Zeigler says that more student groups would get involved because every group has something to offer. Volunteers in Jacksonville can call Don Paxton at 782-5799.

Information about Habitat for Humanity on the national level is available at www.habitat.org. The phone number for the Calhoun chapter is 237-3700, fax 236-4457.

Greek Awards Banquet 1998

The Greek Awards Banquet was held Wednesday February 25. Awards were given for excellence among members of fraternities and sororities at JSU.

The winners are:
- Student Live Excellence Award: Delta Chi, Alpha Xi Delta
- Intramural Sports Award: Delta Chi, Alpha Xi Delta
- Highest GPA Award: Amanda Witherspoon - Zeta Tau Alpha
- Greek Man of the Year: Josh Bearden - Sigma Phi Epsilon
- Greek Woman of the Year: Meredith Bushy - Phi Mu
- Fraternity of the Year: Zeta Tau Alpha
- Sorority of the Year: Delta Sigma Theta
- Highest GPA Award: Sigma Nu, Zeta Tau Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta
- Most Improved GPA: Kappa Sigma, Alpha Omicron Pi
- Philanthropy Award: Delta Chi, Delta Zeta
- IFC Delegate of the Year: Clint Kirkland - Kappa Alpha
- Panhellenic Delegate of the Year: Zeta Tau Alpha

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This is in response to “Bridging the Divide” in the February 26, 1998 edition of the Chanticleer.

Contrary to popular belief, most Greek organizations do not segregate based upon race, religion, national origin, or physical disabilities. I am a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon and we have had an African-American member in the past and I am sure we will again in the future. To take things further he was my roommate and a very good friend. I never viewed him as a black man, but as a human being, brother, and best friend.

Their have also been members of different races in almost every Greek organization on campus. To find out, just look at each organization’s composite pictures in their chapter room or floor.

Greek organizations welcome all people who are interested in joining the Greek system. The Greek community has done a lot to bring this school together as one. Just because we are unable to attend every event does not make us a racist organization. So please give us credit where credit is due. We are trying to bridge the divide. Something like this does not happen overnight, but with the dedication and determination of our members change is coming about.

Russell Lee Taylor,
IFC Public Relations

Dear Editor:

At the risk of beating what may already be “a dead horse” here at JSU, I nevertheless would like to share a few thoughts on a subject of great importance to me. As one who has devoted his career and much of his philosophy of life to the ideals and furtherance of liberal arts education, I was very happy to learn that Dr. Andrew Sorenson, President of the University of Alabama, taught an undergraduate class at Tuscaloosa last spring semester. Were you aware that Dr. Sorenson is teaching?

The hiatus from teaching of many college and university administrators has gone on much too long, and to see someone like Dr. Sorenson reentering the classroom is most heartening.

I recall with keen pleasure the surprised delight with which I discovered thirty years ago as a student at Washington and Lee that the President of the University taught a class in the law school each semester.

Having spent many happy years “down in the trenches” of undergraduate teaching, I salute Dr. Sorenson and all administrators who are teaching. I’d like to see their example followed by others but do not believe it is happening here at JSU to any large extent (someone please correct me if I am mistaken), and so I pose the following: If the President of the University of Alabama can teach an undergraduate class, why can’t the deans at JSU teach something?

I would have to see an institution like the University of Alabama lay claim to being superior to JSU for the subtle but compelling reason that its administrators, from the highest level on down, are more intimately involved in the real business of the university, while some of ours (perhaps more than a few) hardly know a single student.

I submit these views with all due respect to our JSU administrators. I submit them with the deep conviction that these ideas are not unimportant or trivial. I submit them for one reason only—because I want JSU, not the University of Alabama or any other, to be considered the best in this state.

Sincerely,
Rufus Kinney
English Department
Interactive annual

Jacksonville High School yearbook now comes with multimedia CD-ROM insert

by Scott Hopkin
Editor in Chief

If all goes well, next year's Mimosa maybe on CD-ROM.

So says Dr. Gordon Nelson, Vice President for programs and project manager of a $5,000 grant to help high school students develop computer skills by making CD-ROM additions to their yearbooks.

Nelson says that if his current project at Jacksonville High School goes well, he will make a CD-R (Compact Disk-Recordable) available to JSU students, and talk with the Mimosa about making the JSU annual in a similar fashion to the Jacksonville High yearbook.

Nelson says he plans on incorporating the equipment and experience from his grant work at Jacksonville High into several classes and then transferring it to the Jacksonville vocational building, has five classes totaling 111 students working on the project.

She says that the CD yearbook will be only loosely based on the school annual, primarily sharing pictures, but not the text. "We're working in coordination with the yearbook committee... but in our own structure."

The CD will have student's names, profiles, and pictures in a searchable index, as well as video clips of class and school activities. All recording work will be done by high school students in Inmon's class and then transferred to a Zip drive, which was purchased through the grant.

Inmon says that she has only been guiding students, and occasionally acting as an anchor to their wilder ideas. "This is totally student driven. They are doing their own organization."

The estimated reproduction cost of the CD-ROM is only about five dollars. The set-up costs for the equipment, however, were much higher. Nelson says he has already spent four to five thousand dollars of his grant money on both CD-R drives and one machine's memory upgrades.

"I'm finding out you could do it for less... you could do it for one to two thousand, but we're doubling it- one in the lab and one in the high school."

Nelson says JSU is sharing an external CD-R with Jacksonville High that was bought from the grant money. The second CD-R bought, an internal drive, was installed in a computer in the education lab.

Currently, the CD-ROM is designed for the PC platform, though both Nelson and Inmon want to expand the CD to multiplatform support. "We're just trying to get on there right now," says Inmon.

"I have very limited experience with HTML," she says. "We use what we can on the yearly."

The Jacksonville High CD-ROM annual development team is (top) Dr. Gordon Nelson, (bottom left) Frank King, Andy Roswel, Pamella S. Inmon, and Eric Haynic.
Two Or More

With unwavering faith, this Christian group rocked the Round House

by Cathy Higgins
Features Writer

Jacksonville State got a taste of California Thursday night with an acoustic performance from Two Or More. The concert, which took place in the Round House, was part of a coffee house series sponsored by the Baptist Campus Ministry.

Despite some obstacles, the show went on. The rain was heavy, but there was a good turnout for the concert. Prior to the concert, the drummer almost passed out due to the onset of the flu. And, within the first fifteen minutes of the show, the PA system went out.

However, Two Or More overcame this difficulty by sitting on the edge of the stage and asking the audience to move a little closer. The drummer even realized he could use the stage's edge as a bass drum.

Although this is not the BCM's first coffee house concert, this is the first national act they've tried to get to JSU. “This is just the first time we've had a group of this scale,” says BCM Campus Minister Gary Brittain.

Two Or More reached the Top Five of the Contemporary Christian Music Charts with “He's There,” one of three singles from their debut album “Life In the Diamond Lane.” It charted in both the Adult Contemporary and Christian charts within the industry.

The Aguas brothers formed their group in Orange County, California, where they developed their style and unique harmony. Although they now have a full-time Christian ministry, they started out in mainstream music.

“Eleven years ago we actually started off as a secular band,” says drummer and backing vocalist Walter. “We started out wanting to be rock and roll stars. And then Lance, our fourth member, who’s no longer with Two Or More...two years into the project, he decided to quit the band.”

Walter adds that Lance left the band because of important obligations at home. It was this departure that helped Two Or More become the group they are today. “Earlier that year he had become a Christian,” Walter says. “He began to witness to Renatto. He did that for about six months.”

Through a series of events Renatto, then Eddie, and finally Walter Aguas, all became Christians. Their convictions forced them to give up their music for a while. They felt their love for their music was hindering their faith.

“After we accepted the Lord, the music wasn’t a driving force anymore,” guitarist and backing vocalist Eddie recalls, “because, although we love music, it was just kind of hard. We realized God came first. Music was our god.”

Five years ago the brothers started playing again, but this time they wrote Christian music. Thus Two Or More was formed. “We’re not singing the music anymore for the music,” lead vocalist Renatto says. “There’s an eternal value to it.”

The brothers now live in Nashville with their wives and families. Two Or More also tours on a full time basis. “I’d say last year we did between 130 and 150 days,” Eddie says.

Two Or More’s second album, which will aim for the adult contemporary audience, is expected to be released this summer on the Pamplin record label.

Two Or More entertain the crowd at the Round House last week with their music and their message.

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The concert, which took place at Jacksonville High, is in decline. “Out of 850 students, we’ll probably sell a fourth of them [yearbooks],” says Inmon. “Jacksonville High yearbooks are $40 each.”

Currently, the CD-ROMs will only be an addition to the school yearbook. “At this moment, as a supplement to the yearbook,” says Inmon. “I have some that say they prefer CD than the yearbook,” says Nelson both foresee selling the CD as a separate item in the future.

“I have some that say they prefer CD than the yearbook,” says Inmon. “I have some that say they prefer a printed yearbook to a CD. Inmon says not every home has a computer in it, “no matter what you hear.”

Remember:
Jacksonville Area Code will change from 205 to 256 March 23
Lady Gamecocks struggle as TAAC Tourney approaches

by Shannon Fagan

The Lady Gamecocks lost four of their last five conference games. Heather Mayes wasn’t far behind, hitting four three-pointers on her way to 20 points on the afternoon.

Georgia Southern sweep

Georgia Southern

by Shannon Fagan

Despite the team effort, the Lady Panthers held a comfortable 44-33 lead at the break. It was much the same in the second period as the Lady Panthers outscored JSU 48-39.

Gamecocks sweep

Georgia Southern

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The Lady Bears had to hold off a late Lady Gamecock surge. They were outscored 42-36 in the final period. It wasn’t enough as the Lady Bears escaped with the five-point win.

The Lady Gamecocks end the regular season with a 13-13 record (9-7 in TAAC play). They have lost four of their last five conference games.

The losses pushed the Lady Gamecocks to the fifth seed in the TAAC Tournament. They will face the Campbell Lady Camels tonight at 8 p.m. in the first round of the TAAC Tournament in Miami, Florida.

JSU and the Lady Bears

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The Lady Gamecocks completed the two-game sweep on Sunday. JSU put two runs on the scoreboard in the fourth and two more in the seventh. The hot bats on the afternoon belonged to Jason Nunn, Shaw Morgan, and Jeff Tidwell. Nunn went three for five, accounting for a run. Morgan and Tidwell each had two hits. One of Tidwell’s hits was a solo home run, his eighth long ball of the season. Catcher Wes Brooks also went deep for the Gamecocks.

Lee Hinkson hurled seven innings of work. He increased his record to a perfect 3-0 on the season. Appalachian State 10 JSU 9

Monday afternoon, the Gamecocks returned home. They scored three runs in the first and five in the second to take the lead. However, Appalachian State put up three runs in fifth and three runs in the sixth to come from behind and win.

Leading the charge for the Gamecocks was Dean Friery and Wes Brooks. Each had three hits, accounting for four of the Gamecocks’ nine runs. Center fielder Jason Nunn went deep for his second home run of the year.

Pitcher David Warren suffered his first loss of the season.

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