Beyond the Tower

JSU's Bill Meehan—
A new man,
A new vision,
A new century

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Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Harold J. McGee
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Dr. Theron E. Montgomery
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July 1, 1999

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Dear President Meek:

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The tradition of excellence at Jacksonville State University is a source of community pride. As a member of the Jacksonville community, AmSouth hopes to encourage proud traditions and joins the University in welcoming Bill Meehan as the new President of Jacksonville State.
The old Calhoun College building, the first on the State Normal School campus, was built by the issuance of stock and valued at $16,000 when the property was given to the State Normal School in 1883.

Early normal school evolves into state educational center

From modest beginnings, Jacksonville State University has evolved into the educational center of northeast Alabama. The Alabama Legislature in the 1882-83 session created a state normal school when Gov. Edward O'Neal signed into law a bill creating the school on Feb. 22, 1883.

Jacksonville State Normal School acquired the facilities and equipment of Calhoun College, consisting of 13 acres of land and a two-story brick building. The board of directors elected James C. Ryals Jr., as the first president. The school opened with three instructors: W. J. Borden, Mathematics; Eliza A. Bowen, English; and Ida J. Woodward, primary department.

As stipulated in the establishing act, the Normal School conducted a preparatory school for children of the town and surrounding areas. At the end of the first year, on Aug. 15, 1884, William Mark Haymes, president of the board of directors, reported that funds totaling $4,751.25 had been received, including $2,500 from the state, that 25 students were enrolled in the Normal School, and that 222 were in the preparatory school.

The Normal School remained in operation until 1930 when it became Jacksonville State Teachers College, reflecting an increasing higher education role for the institution. Five years later, the college earned regional accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. In 1957, the name again changed, to Jacksonville State College, when the first graduate program — the master's degree in elementary education — was created.

On Aug. 2, 1966, the legislature authorized the State Board of Education to elevate the college to university status. On Aug. 17, 1967, the legislature established an independent board of trustees for the university and divested jurisdiction from the State Board of Education.


JSU has developed into a modern regional university serving northeast Alabama on a 318-acre campus with 58 buildings. In addition, the university operates off-campus centers; JSU-Gadsden, Fort McClellan, Anniston, and Oxford. Through its programs of teaching, research, and service, JSU has served the region and state for more than 100 years.
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Quality education serves as JSU's primary focus

Jacksonville State University, located in Jacksonville, Alabama, is a state-supported, regional, coeducational institution. Since its founding in 1883 as an institution to prepare teachers, the university’s primary mission has been to provide quality education to the citizens of Alabama by integrating traditional academic pursuits with career-oriented programs at reasonable costs.

Drawing students from northeast Alabama, the university is committed to providing a wide variety of undergraduate programs to a diverse population that includes many first-generation college students. In addition to making higher education accessible to diverse segments of our society, the university provides the supporting services that students need to achieve a quality educational experience.

The university offers a breadth of undergraduate programs in the traditional arts and sciences and in professional fields. Graduate programs that emphasize applied and professional studies or preparation for entry into doctoral study are offered at the master’s and educational specialist’s levels.

To meet its educational mission, the university seeks to employ, retain, and develop faculty who are scholars distinguished by their commitment to, and skills in, teaching. The university is committed to providing appropriate instructional facilities and resources to assure that students have experience with the most recent technology. Continual evaluation of programs assures that the curriculum is timely and relevant and that the programs effectively meet their educational goals.

The university provides its knowledge, skills, and resources to the community and industry of northeast Alabama. The university also supports research and scholarly activities which complement its educational and public service purposes.
Beyond the tower
Community is focus of Meehan’s vision

“We can’t just be an ivory tower behind the border of the campus. We have to reach out to our community and let them know that higher education is here for the people of Alabama.”

— Bill Meehan, upon his appointment as the 11th president of Jacksonville State University, April 19, 1999

By Angie Ayers Finley
News Staff Writer

Early in his candidacy for the presidency of Jacksonville State University, Bill Meehan said that leadership is not just making sure things are done right, it is making sure that the right things are done.

Tomorrow, Meehan will put that statement to the test as he succeeds Dr. Harold McGee, who is retiring after 13 years as head of the “Friendliest Campus in the South.”

Since his appointment by the board of trustees on April 19, Meehan admits that life has changed somewhat for his family. In addition to his own efforts toward completing his doctorate this summer as opposed to December as originally planned, the Meehans are adjusting to a full calendar and the balancing act that accompanies being the university’s first family.

But by looking at his children—Will, Drew and Carol Grace—Meehan is reminded of his commitment to the job ahead and a vision that will see JSU into the new century—the century in which his children will grow, learn and work.

“The vision I have is a new community for the next century, an institution that reaches out to its community,” Meehan reiterated last week as he spent his final Thursday as JSU’s Acting Vice President for Institutional Advancement.

“We’re already doing a good bit of that at JSU with distance learning and those types of things. But, we need a community that works together with other colleges, universities and community colleges, because that is where a large part of our students are going to come from.”

According to Meehan, the Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education has projected that by the year 2007, Alabama growth for 18 year olds is only going to be one percent, while Georgia is going to grow by 24 percent. Although the number of incoming students is not expected to rise much in our state, Meehan insists that JSU will need to tap into those resources that are just across the border. Furthermore, Meehan believes that students who are coming from two year schools looking to complete a four year program will be another growing market. For that, it is imperative that JSU establish good working relationships with other two and four year institutions, and learn to market itself.

“We need to position the university, we need to take a look at our environment and the type of students we want to attract to the university and find ways to reach out to them and communicate with them,” he explains.

“We also need to let the public know that, because about 38 percent of the funds for this university are from the taxpayer’s appropriations. We need to show the public that we’re being good stewards of funds, and that we’re working together with other public institutions, not competing with them to provide higher education services.”

Meehan says that while JSU will see students, the university also needs to work with other educational institutions to ensure that programs aren’t duplicated or unnecessarily redundant. That there is a seamless learning process for students from pre-kindergarten all the way up to graduate programs.

“We need that in Alabama,” he says. “What kind of JSU can we expect if Drew and Carol Grace’s generation? That, too, is part of Meehan’s vision.”

“I believe universities are going to become much more open in terms of breaking down the barriers of time and distance. I believe in the things that we’ve done in distance education, providing our compressed video option, and our courses by cassette.”

“But it going to take away the total, traditional classroom with the teacher in front of it? No, that’s still gonna be there. It’s always gonna be there because there are some people who just won’t be able to discipline to learn in any other way. That’s one option. These others are for people who can’t get to the campus and do those things. There’s a variety of ways to offer instruction.”

By breaking down those barriers, Meehan says universities like JSU can be more accessible to the community—

The Meehans—Bill, Beth and children (from left) Will, Drew and Carol Grace—pose for a family portrait.
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When Gayle McGee became first lady of Jacksonville State University in 1986, Kitty Stone, a former first lady, told The Jacksonville News, "She has a young son which I think makes her life very interesting."

Beth Meehan — the university’s incoming first lady — has two young sons and an even younger daughter. And she says she is definitely expecting an interesting life for herself as well as her family in the coming years. Her husband, Bill, succeeds retiring president Dr. Harold McGee.

"I feel I have been preparing for this position all of my life," says Mrs. Meehan. "I was reared in a pastor’s home and realize all of the aspects of living in a ‘glass house.’ My mother was very effective in teaching my three brothers and me that it is very important to be ourselves."

Mrs. Meehan says that this, plus the fact that she has been closely associated with four different universities, has given her a broad range of ideas in which to incorporate at JSU.

She says she has told her husband that he is lucky because he has a job description and she does not, “I will do my best to be a hostess for Jacksonville State University, a school I love,” she says. “But I will also do my best to maintain our family life. Our family is the most important thing in our lives. All I have ever wanted to be is a wife and a mother."

She says that her husband and her children are her priorities and that she will do her best to keep these priorities while becoming involved in the events of the university. She says they have already taken their children to many events on campus, and she feels they will have a wonderful opportunity to live on a college campus and take advantage of all of the activities.

"E"verything becomes so public," she says. “You don’t have any privacy, particularly when you live on campus, and we lived on campus the entire time. You accept it as part of the job and we knew that.”

She says she reads everything she could get her hands on and talked with women whose husbands were or had been university presidents.

"What I tried to do was build up a family life in the setting," she says. "We tried to make a normal family situation and hopefully we succeeded at that."

When Ada Montgomery learned that her husband, (Dr.) Theron, had been appointed JSU president in 1981, she says she was excited, thrilled and very comfortable with his appointment because JSU was the only employer either of them have ever had.

Another JSU president, the late Dr. Houston Cole, hired both the Montgomerys — she as dietitian and Dr. Montgomery as sociology teacher.

She says that being associated with the university and the city for so many years made the transition to first lady easier for her. "We knew the situation," she says. "We knew the students, the faculty and the town. Our children had grown up here."

The biggest change for her was leaving their home and moving on campus.

"We took it in stride," says Mrs. Montgomery, "because we were familiar with the president’s role. My husband had come up through the ranks."

She says that her husband literally worked his way up at the university — from teacher, to dean, to vice president of academic affairs and to president. And she was by his side all along, helping rear their two children and enjoying every moment of her life as the university’s first lady.

Since his retirement, Mrs. Montgomery says they have been as busy as ever.

Her husband has worked with International Executive Service Corporation which has involved travel for both the Montgomerys. They have gone as consultants to schools in, among other places, Costa Rica, Russia and Panama.

With the arrival of their four grandchildren, she says, “We have found out what life is all about.”

The late Dr. Ernest Stone was JSU president from 1971-81. His widow, Kitty, was in education for a number of years and was principal of Jacksonville Laboratory El-

Beth Meehan

Leone Cole

Leone Austin Cole

The president’s home on Trustee Circle on the JSU campus
Forney IV was president from 1893-99. Her name has been a part of Jacksonville, the city she loved, and the university that she worked to make great.

Mrs. Daugette came from a prominent family who was instrumental in the shaping of America. As a result of a campaign initiated Mrs. Daugette, the Great Seal of Alabama, with her alterations, was re-adopted in 1939. Jacksonville State University honored her with the doctor of humanities degree, and she was inducted, posthumously, into the Alabama Hall of Fame on Oct. 26, 1978.

After years of contributing a steady vision and a wise leadership to her city, county and state, she died in Jacksonville at the age of 98 on Sept. 11, 1974.

When the McGees moved here, Mrs. Cole gave moral support to Mrs. McGee, both privately and publicly.

"She (Mrs. McGee) will, in her own way, be an asset to JSU," Mrs. Cole said. "We have to be ourselves and be able to make our own decisions, and I know that Mrs. McGee is certainly capable of making such decisions."

Had Mrs. Cole lived three months longer, she could have applied those words to Mrs. Meehan.

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A 1993 graduate of Jacksonville State Normal School, Mrs. Daugette not only was the wife of a president, her brother, Jacob Forney IV was president from 1893-99. Her father taught there.

Mrs. Daugette came from a prominent family who was instrumental in the shaping of America.

Her family tree included a president of the First Continental Congress, Henry Middleton; Edward Rutledge and Arthur Middleton, both signers of the Declaration of Independence; Gen. Peter Forney of Revolutionary War fame; and her father, Gen. John H. Forney, who scored a remarkable record in the United States Army and later in the Confederate Army. Her mother was Septima Sexta Middleton Rutledge Forney.

The United Daughters of the Confederacy bestowed on her their highest award, the Jefferson Davis Medal, for distinguished service. As a result of a campaign initiated Mrs. Daugette, the Great Seal of Alabama, with her alterations, was re-adopted in 1939. Jacksonville State University honored her with the doctor of humanities degree, and she was inducted, posthumously, into the Alabama Hall of Fame on Oct. 26, 1978.

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After 13 years, McGee leaves legacy

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McGee Center under construction
On April 19, 1999, ground was broken for the $5.7 million McGee Science Center, named in honor of Dr. Harold McGee, which will be constructed behind Martin Hall. This rendering from architect Julian Jenkins shows the building as it will appear from Bennett Boulevard, N.E.

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President and Mrs. Harold J. McGee unveiled Dr. McGee’s portrait, which will hang in Houston Cole Library, during a picnic in honor of the retiring president June 17 on the Quad. Employees presented Dr. McGee a computer as a farewell gift. Rep. Gerald Willis presented a resolution from the Legislature and Don Thacker, vice president of administrative and business affairs, read a resolution from the Board of Trustees commending McGee, who retires June 30. At left is President-Elect Bill Meehan.

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