4-8-97 Charles Howell reported criminal mischief at Bibb Graves Hall.
4-8-97 Tameka Jenell Reid reported harassment at Curtis Hall.
4-8-97 Deidre Vernee Crawford reported harassment at Sparkman Hall.
4-9-97 Melissa Carlvos Vest reported breaking and entering of an automobile at Stone Center.
4-10-97 UPD reported carrying a pistol without a permit, minor in possession of alcohol, and DUI at Mountain Street.
4-10-97 Vincent Louis Nix, 21, of Jacksonville was arrested at Mountain Street and charged with DUI and carrying a pistol without a permit.
4-10-97 Dwayne Charles Goggins, 19, of Jacksonville was arrested at Mountain Street and charged with carrying a pistol without a permit and possession of alcohol by a minor.

**Announcements**

*Attention Veterans—Please come by the VA office, room 101, in Blount Hall.*

Bibb Graves Hall to fill out a card for May Term, Summer I, Summer II, Marathon A or B, and Fall. Failure to do this will result in termination of your benefits.

The Jacksonville Heritage Association will be holding Preservation Week 1997 from Sunday, May 11 to Saturday, May 17. For more information contact Pete Eschrig at 435-1565.

Phi Beta Kappa announces a guest lecture by Dr. Lawrence Lipping of Northwestern University entitled “Reading Shakespeare’s Mind” Monday, April 21, 1997 at 8 p.m. on the 11th floor of the Houston Cole Library.

PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) meets every third Thursday of the month. We need your support, so please attend. We need you to give or receive support or just be there! All is confidential! Meetings are on 7-9 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church 1001 Leighton Ave. Anniston, AL. Contact Ann for more information at (205) 831-7280 or Carole (Gulf Region Director) at (561)272-1634. We celebrate real family values!

The Little River Canyon Field School announces:

*Introduction to White Water Canoeing April 19, 1997 in front of Bibb Graves Hall, JSU from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.*

There is a $35.00 fee plus a watercraft rental fee at $30 each two man canoe.

*An Archeological Tour of Calhoun County April 19, 1997 at Anniston Museum of Natural History from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.* There is a fee of $3.00 per person.

*Gorge Yourself: a deep canyon hike April 26, 1997 at Canyonland Park from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.* There is a $10 per person fee.

*The Friends of the Locust Fork River will sponsor “On the River,” the fourth annual Friends’ river festival Saturday, April 26, 1997.* The gates open at 9 a.m. with bluegrass and folk music beginning at 10 a.m. and ending at 6 p.m. Admission is $5 for adults and $2 for children under 12. The Festival is held on the river’s edge 30 minutes from downtown Birmingham on the I-65 North exit marked ‘Hayden/Corner’ in Blount County. For more information contact the Friends of the Locust Fork at (205) 647-8835.

by Jennie Ford

**News editor**

Students looking for something to do before the stresses of Finals Week found it on Tuesday and Wednesday night.

The SGA kicked off Spring Fling ‘97 Tuesday night with the movie “Jerry Maguire.” JSU’s Earth Day festivities, scheduled for Wednesday at the Quad, included a volleyball tournament and free caricatures. Quenchable Quid, Ethan and the Ewoks, and Funquarium were also scheduled to provide musical entertainment. Spring Fling ‘97 draws to a close today at 3 p.m. Today’s activities include a barbecue lunch, more live music from local bands, novelty and gares like Laser Tag at the Quad. Lunch is $3.50 for students.

Terry Casey, director of Student Activities, says Spring Fling is a chance for students to have “a few fun activities before finals start.”

This is the first annual Spring Fling. It was originally scheduled to start last year, but the SGA’s activities were suspended by the administration soon after elections.

Angel Narvaez, outgoing SGA 2nd Vice-President, says that Spring Fling ‘97 is “something sponsored by the SGA for students to enjoy before the end of the year.”

Narvaez says that he expects Spring Fling ‘97 to be a success since there was not one last year. He and in-coming 2nd Vice-President, Greg Swindall, worked together to plan this year’s activities.

Swindall says that the funds for Spring Fling ‘97 came from the SGA’s entertainment budget. And, he says, volunteer help for the Spring Fling came from SGA senators as well as the Student Activities Committee and students not associated with SGA committees.

by Colleen Dibaise

**College Press Service**

In an effort to shed their “Animal House” image, Phi Delta Theta and Sigma Nu have become the first fraternities in the nation to ban alcohol in all chapter homes.

The policy, announced March 14, is slated to go into effect by the year 2000. Both fraternities cite surveys that say incoming freshmen are more interested in their studies than chugging beer.

“This is what we believe is going to be the future of the fraternity movement,” said David Glassman, assistant executive director at Sigma Nu’s national headquarters. “We think this is actually a way to become more sensitive and more conducive to students’ needs and desires.”

More fraternities are expected to follow suit. Lower insurance rates, better living conditions and the academic improvement of members are among the benefits expected from instituting no-alcohol policies, Glassman said.

Chapter houses can still throw parties in which alcohol is served, as long as they’re held at a site other than the fraternity house, Glassman said.

Still many students said they wonder how fraternity members—including potential pledges—will react to an alcohol-free house.

Although most fraternity houses were dry until the 1960s, brothers who are 21 or older might have trouble adjusting to the notion that they can’t drink a beer in the house, said David Blair, a Phi Delta Theta brother at Willamette University.

“It’s time for fraternities to go back to what they used to be, (but) we’ve had it this way for a long time,” he said.

With rush season to begin next fall on many campuses, only time will tell how popular the new policy will be with freshmen.

“People really have a hard time getting away from the ‘Animal House’ image,” said Blair, 20, a sophomore. “But there’s a lot more to a fraternity than drinking.”

Still, alcohol-related incidents at fraternities, including hazings and deaths from excessive drinking, continue to grab headlines. In 1995, a nationwide survey of more than 17,500 students at 140 colleges and universities showed that 86 percent of men and 80 percent of women living in fraternities and sororities drink heavily and frequently.

The survey of more than 17,500 students at 140 colleges and universities showed that 86 percent of men and 80 percent of women living in fraternities and sororities are binge drinkers. (Binge drinking is defined as consuming five consecutive drinks for men, or four for women, one or more times during a two-week period.)

These numbers are “usually double

---David Glassman