The new president was no stranger when he came to the top post at Jacksonville State University on January 1, 1971. Serving as state superintendent of education for four years had given Ernest Stone an opportunity to view school programs and problems at all levels. The public schools had been in the integration process, and as superintendent, he had served as a member of the board of trustees at Jacksonville since the school had become a university. His affiliation with JSU had begun in 1946. He had been on leave to serve as superintendent of education, and could have returned as superintendent of the city laboratory schools. Kitty Stone was principal of the elementary laboratory school, and their home was in Jacksonville.

The sixties had been characterized by changes in student behavior and interests in college, and the new administration was to face some of these differences.

The first change came in January, with the appointment of Charles C. Rowe as business manager. Miriam Haywood had been serving as acting business manager since the death of Solon Glover in November 1970, and she remained as assistant business manager, later becoming director of personnel services.

Rowe, a native of Boaz, Alabama, left the position of assistant budget officer in the State Finance Department in Montgomery to come to Jacksonville. Following his graduation from Auburn University in 1957, Rowe had served in the U. S. Army until 1960.

In February, students, through the SGA, asked for changes in curfew hours for women. President Stone met with the Dean of Women and other administrative officials, and the rules were relaxed. Freshman and sophomore women’s curfew hours were changed from 10 p.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and from 12:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. on the weekend. Senior women over twenty-one years of age or with written permission from parents were allowed a key to the dormitory.

President Stone said, “It is understood that these regulations may have to be altered where students are failing in their academic work. Our main concern is quality living and quality learning.”

Although this action gave the students reason to feel their case had been heard, the new rules were not easy to implement, and the president heard from concerned parents who opposed the changes. When keys were lost, the cost of changing the locks was passed on to the students involved. This action failed to solve the problem, and then combination locks were installed. Today, security officers, as well as assistant directors, are on duty in the women’s dormitories.

Adding to the dilemma was the situation in the men’s dormitories. They had no curfew, and the women students complained about unequal treatment.

Basil Penny wrote an article in the ANNISTON STAR about the new Student Government Association president, Kwang Nam Edeker from Korea, saying that this completed another chapter in Edeker’s Americanization. Edeker came to America at fourteen in 1963 and was naturalized in 1968. The article included Edeker’s remarks, “I became an American when I accepted its way of life and began to love it as my country.” Edeker was in Advanced ROTC and became a second lieutenant in the United States Army.

Les Coleman of Mobile, Fred Asbell of Birmingham, and Phyllis Clark of Decatur were in charge of the 1971 Student Conference on American Government for high school students. William A. Rusher, publisher of NATIONAL REVIEW, was one of the speakers, as well as Pat Paulsen, comedian, and the Rev. David J. Williams, rector of St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church in Anniston.

Claudette Smith, a senior majoring in biology and physical education, won the national Alpha Xi Delta award that year for campus and community service. Ceil Jenkins from Birmingham, who was majoring in physical education, became Miss Alabama 1971 in the annual pageant sponsored by the BIRMINGHAM NEWS.

Administrative changes this year included Jack Hopper’s appointment as administrative assistant to the president, in addition to his duties in public relations. Charley Pell became athletic director and was also head football coach. Clarkie Mayfield became assistant football coach, and Jacksonville
The Stone family. Front row: President Ernest Stone, Kitty Stone holding grandson, Jeffrey, and Sandra M. Stone. Bill Stone is shown in the center of the back row with daughter, Staci, and son, Steven.
puter program for academics is now located on the third floor of Bibb Graves Hall.

Vice-President Montgomery announced the addition of twenty-five faculty members with doctorates in 1971. Nine already on the faculty had received their degrees: Mary Martha Thomas, Rosemary Mainland, Nell Griffin, Phillip Koerper, Hope Davis, Ronnie Harris, Hugh Thomas Arthur, John T. Van Cleave, and Charles William Summerour. Newcomers included Raymond E. Blanton, Glen Browder, Ronald J. Caldwell, Wayne Curles, Robert P. Felgar III, Joseph J. Koontz, Frederick W. LaCava, John D. Marsengill, Wendell L. Sowell, Mario and Veronica Vitelli, David Loyd Waples, Dorothy H. Wheeler, and Thomas Allen Smith. This fall was the first time the university had offered a major in psychology and sociology.

Jacksonville State University and the University of Alabama opened the Cooperative University Upper Division (CUUP) at the Gadsden State Junior College in early 1972. Dawn Van Keuren was appointed assistant coordinator for this program. Shortly afterward, Bascom Woodward III, Ed.D., University of Alabama, was named director of planning and research, and his first assignment was working with this third- and fourth-year program in Gadsden.

State University joined four southern states in the Gulf South Athletic Conference this year. Larry Smith was appointed director of financial aid, and the new foundation for developmental enterprises was added to Julia Snead’s alumni office.

Studies by Jim Green, with B.S. and M.B.A. degrees from JSU, gave impetus to the development of the university’s computer system of today. Data processing was being used for both teaching and record keeping in 1971. Technological developments and the use of computers have kept the record-keeping program a major academic area in addition to business affairs, and Green still directs the program.

Green began operating the computer center with the help of two people, Louise Sewell and Darlene Gaddy. At one time the staff rose to sixteen, but as a result of technological improvements, the number has been reduced to eleven professionally qualified people today.

Many software programs have been developed by the staff, both for use at the university and for other programs the computer center handles. The Gadsden State Junior College uses the JSU computer for both academic and business applications, and Calhoun County government ad valorem tax records, motor vehicle licenses, and payrolls are all handled by this center.

The computer center is located in the Merrill Building. In the beginning, computer science education classes were held in this building, but the...
Brewer Hall was dedicated in 1972. Houston Cole, former president, is shown with Mrs. Brewer and Governor Albert Brewer, for whom the law enforcement building was named.

The Lurleen B. Wallace School of Nursing. Carolyn Johnson Halmo, secretary to the dean of the nursing school, is shown in the foreground.
Diana Driver, first in her class academically with a 2.8 grade-point average out of 3.0, was the first woman to graduate with a major in law enforcement. Her primary interest was in the probation field.

Brewer Hall, planned to house the law enforcement school, was opened in 1972. The political science and sociology departments as well, moved into this building, which also contained the police academy, the state toxicology laboratory, and offices for some state investigators and the school photographer. Malcolm Street, Jr., was head of the law enforcement school, while Jackson Selman headed the political science department and Gweneth W. Mulder was acting head of the sociology department.

Wendell Sowell was the first head of the Northeast Alabama Police Academy, and James Jackson its associate director. Sowell then went into the School of Law Enforcement, and in November 1972, Paul Headley, former Mobile police detective, became the director of the police academy, a post he still holds. In December 1972 twenty-four policemen graduated from the first police academy class.

In January 1973, Ed Jordan, a former FBI agent, with bachelor’s and master’s degrees in business from this university, was appointed associate director. Jordan, who still holds this position, is also an elected member of the Jacksonville City Council, and active in promoting the Emergency Medical Technician program in Jacksonville. Over two thousand police officers have completed basic and advanced courses in the police academy since 1972. The basic course takes seven weeks now, a week longer than in the beginning.

The Baptist Student Center was opened in 1972, with the Baptist campus minister, John Tadlock, in charge. The center welcomes all of the university students.

Donald Schmitz, a specialist in guidance and counseling, and soon to receive a doctorate from Auburn University, became the new director of student affairs. Counselors at this time were Paul Merrill, Gene Sam, and Alice Mayes. Lucille Branscomb was placement director.

The phasing out of compulsory meal tickets was undertaken in 1972. Juniors and seniors living on campus had the option of buying or not buying tickets during the fall semester, and in the spring, the purchase of all meal tickets would be on a voluntary basis.

At the expiration of Mrs. Freida Coggin’s term of office. Graves Musgrove of Tarrant City was appointed to the board of trustees by Governor George C. Wallace. At the trustees’ meeting in July 1972,
the board approved the bond issue for construction of the health and physical education complex.

Upon the retirement of Dean William J. Calvert, Jr., Reuben Boozcr became head of the College of Arts and Sciences. James Reaves, until then director of the graduate school, was made dean of that school.

Sports Information Director Rudy Abbott, who had won seventy-one games in three years as head baseball coach, received an award for the best football brochure in the country. He had also been cited for both football and baseball brochures for several previous years.

The first inductees into Jacksonville State University's Sports Hall of Fame were presented plaques by Jerry Cole and Lamar Howell in December 1972. Coach J. W. Stephenson, honored posthumously, and Barto Hughes, one of the finest athletes of all time, were the recipients.

College training for the job demands of the 1970s brought about curriculum changes. The JACKSONVILLE NEWS, dated January 11, 1973, covered some of these innovations:

JSU now offers curriculums in foods management, law enforcement, investigation and lab work, and textile buying, and for the first time in any school, graduate work can be done in executive secretarial work. Students can major in such varying curriculums as military science, marine biology, or instructional media and graphic arts.

Enthusiasm for the new nursing school, the most modern in the Southeast, grew, as did the new building. President Stone was giving attention to beautifying the grounds, which included covering the big ditch between the student commons and the high school and sodding steep banks near the new buildings. Computerized cost accounting and registration began to improve record-keeping procedures. Under the new policy of open admissions, any graduate from an Alabama high school could now enter JSU.

Students began taking advantage of the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) and the American College Test (ACT) for extra credit and advanced placement. Credit by challenge was allowed — one course per semester for 1.5 grade-point average students who could not schedule a necessary course normally. Certain areas were excluded, such as laboratory and activity courses. Permission from the professor and dean prior to enrollment was necessary for any challenge.

Unique courses and travel tours were being offered in the minimester. Evelyn McMillan, professor of English, accompanied a group of students to study at Stratford-upon-Avon, England, in 1973 and several subsequent years. These students saw plays performed and heard lectures by members of the Shakespeare Institute, and excursions were included to the Anne Hathaway Cottage, Warwick Castle, Kenilworth, and Oxford.

New York theater tours have been sponsored by Professor Steve Whitton. Students in the biology department studied in the Republic of Panama during May of 1975 under the direction of Professor C. W. Summerour. Also in 1975, Professor Howard Johnson took geography students to Puerto Rico to view the salt flats and the tropical rain forest, and to visit the Arecibo Ionospheric Observatory. In addition to traveling, students on all of these tours read books, keep manuals, write papers, and take examinations.

Other departments have sponsored travel and offered unusual courses. The music department groups have gone to high schools for performances, as well as making appearances on television and at public events. The art department has planned trips and sponsored shows, all to give students more than a classroom education.

The cost of learning was rising. The 1973-74 bulletin listed these average costs per student for a sixteen-week semester:

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| The home economics department moved to Mason Hall in 1973, and the home management house was renovated for the school infirmary. This new student facility was named in honor of Dr. James Williams, a long-time physician in Jacksonville.

The Fighting Gamecocks gained a family—the Gamecock Chicks. Led by Miriam Haywood, this hostess group served at athletic events and numerous other school functions. That year the Chicks wore red and white miniskirts and white boots. Not only were the Ballerinas and the Chicks wearing miniskirts and boots, but so were most of the women on "the friendliest campus in the South."

This must have been the year for birds, for in the psychology department, Professors Allen Smith and Don Patterson had begun using pigeons as laboratory subjects in a series of studies on drug addiction.

Reporting that the researchers preferred pigeons to rats as subjects, Frank Sikora of the BIRMINGHAM NEWS quoted Smith as saying, "Pigeons have more personality, they can see better — and they don't bite."

Professor Patterson added further comment:

"Pigeons are creatures with complex personalities — they react emotionally when, for instance, we trick them with food.

"They flap their wings, they strut around and squawk. They are, in fact, a great deal like humans."

Finding pigeons seemed no problem, to the layman at least. President Stone and Vice-President...
Montgomery were elated when they heard about the experiments. Pigeons had invaded the administration building — their favorite perch was over the main entrance of Bibb Graves Hall.

Maybe the lab could use some of these, the administrators suggested eagerly. But the scientists refused, saying that wild pigeons had a different history from laboratory ones, and there was a danger of disease.

Then another solution for the campus pigeon problem was considered — hiring a hawk to chase off these bothersome birds. Of course, the bird-loving students opposed the plans, saying the pigeons had a right to their revenge.

Finally, to eliminate the problem, the birds were shot, which caused still further student reaction — perhaps humans are a great deal like pigeons!

Dick Spencer had charge of SCOAG in March 1973 welcoming delegates from fifty Alabama high schools. The Student Conference on American Government began on Friday night with a talk by Speaker of the House of Representatives Sage Lyons. This was followed on Saturday with speeches by former Secretary of State Dean Rusk and James Irwin, astronaut.

A symphonic band concert in April 1973 was dedicated to Esther Baab, a long-time member of the JSU music faculty and promoter of the Community Concert series, who was retiring. Photographs in the newspapers included Mrs. Baab, David Walters, director of the band, Vice-President Theron Montgomery, and John Finley, head of the music department.

Assistant Registrar Mary Stevenson Poling was honored with a reception by her co-workers when she retired that year. Since 1946, her sense of humor had made work more pleasant in the registrar’s office.

“I guess you can call me the office monkey,” she said at her reception.

Some of Mrs. Poling’s co-workers are on the staff in this office today, Jetta Manners, Marjorie Walters, and Mary Ann Mason. Jerry Smith is the present registrar, and was to complete his Ed.D. at the University of Alabama in 1982.

President Stone made the headlines in 1973 when he was inducted into the Alabama Academy of Honor. The Academy of Honor was created by the Legislature in 1965, and its membership is limited to one hundred, with a maximum of ten new inductees each year. The membership at that time, with the nine new inductees, was twenty-eight, and the ceremony was held in the chamber of the House of Representatives in Montgomery.

In June, Stone was also named president-elect for the Gulf South Athletic Conference for 1974. Studies were under way concerning expansion of the conference to include more schools in Northeast Alabama and Tennessee.

Jane Rice, Miss Alabama 1973

Jane Rice became Miss Alabama in 1973. On hand to congratulate her was Ceil Jenkins Snow, the Jacksonville student who won this honor in 1971. This twenty-year old senior, majoring in music at Jacksonville State University, was from Huntsville and had also won the Miss Northeast Alabama title.

High school cheerleaders were on campus during the summer for clinics. One of these was Lee Wallace, daughter of Governor George C. Wallace and the late Governor Lurleen B. Wallace, and President Stone took her on a tour of the new nursing school, named in honor of her mother.

Thirty-one new faculty members joined the academic ranks this fall, including Greg Frith, Ed.D., University of Alabama, in special education; Carlton Ward, M.F.A., University of North Carolina, in drama; and George Richards, Ph.D., Duke University, in the English department.

A new musical trio had come into demand. It was organized the year before by Clyde Cox, Ph.D., University of Michigan, head of the English department and also a professional musician. Larry Miles started taking lessons on the organ, and Jerry Smith, a counselor in Miles’s office, turned out to be a drummer. This trio played regularly on campus and in the surrounding area.
The twelve-story Houston Cole Library was dedicated on October 15, 1973. This $5 million facility, the tallest academic building in Alabama, had been occupied since the summer of 1972, and the 400,000 volumes had been arranged one subject to a floor.

Four new academic deans were announced this fall: Greene Y. Taylor, dean of the School of Education; Alta Millican, dean of the School of Library Science and Instructional Media; B. J. Fuller, dean of the School of Business Administration; and Malcolm Street, Jr., dean of the School of Law Enforcement. Other deans at this time were Reuben Boozer, dean of the School of Arts and Sciences; Mary Margaret Williams, dean of the School of Nursing; and James Reaves, dean of the Graduate School.

At the meeting of the board of trustees on October 15, 1973, President Stone reported that the title of Charles C. Rowe, business manager, had been changed to vice-president for business affairs, as of July 1, 1973. This action was confirmed by unanimous vote of the board. For ten years this administrator has been assisted ably by Vi Wilkerson, executive secretary.
Above — Members of the Jacksonville State University basketball team which won the 1980 Gulf South Conference title, from left, standing, Robert Clements (graduate assistant), Tommy Keith, David Brandon, Don Phillips, Bob Smith, Theodis Moore, Richard McGuire, Arnold Veasley, and assistant coach James Hobbs. Sitting, middle row, Freddie Benford, Randy Albright, Steve King, Tommy Bonds, head coach Bill Jones, Al Lankford, Todd Smyly, Randall Slawson, and David Spigner. Front row, Martha Robertson, statistics; Rusty Mauldin, manager, Mark Jones, head manager, Jim Duncan, manager, and Morris Harwood, assistant trainer. JSU ended the year with a 20-7 record. Coach Bill Jones has turned out winners since 1974.

Right — Bat girls support the baseball team. From left, Dean Deupree, Anniston; Jennifer Tyra, Hamilton; Mim Jackson, Jacksonville, and Lila Moss, Huntsville.
For the first time in the history of Jacksonville State University, the baseball team played in the National Collegiate Athletic Association championship in the baseball World Series.


Also in 1973, WJSU-TV began broadcasting over Channel 4 from a studio in Bibb Graves Hall. John Turner had been working three years to get this clearance. These educational programs were in black and white, and the broadcasting was four hours a day.

Col. Seth Wiard, Jr., professor of military science, received a letter of commendation from the United States Army Training and Doctrine Command at Fort Monroe, Virginia, for increasing the ROTC cadet enrollment.

The school's news release reported, "The ROTC program at JSU has one of the largest voluntary units in the nation and offers a unique and imaginative curriculum that is tailored to the needs of students attending JSU."

After the Sunday evening Christmas program in 1973, Director Bayne Dobbins said to the members of the A Cappella Choir, "The best ever." And John McGee wrote in the ANNISTON STAR: "The concert provided more than exciting music, though. It left the audience filled with a feeling—the spirit of Christmas."

Professor Bayne Dobbins, conductor of A Cappella Choir.
Shown at the retirement party for Kitty Stone are Margaret Wellborn, hostess of the faculty club in the Houston Cole library, Mrs. Stone and Charles Nunn, director of the city laboratory schools.

Governor George C. Wallace proclaimed February 2, 1974 "Boyce Callahan Day," and asked all Alabamians to join him in honoring the Jacksonville State Little All-American tailback," who has set rushing records which may never be broken at JSU."

Attention was still on football. Coach Charley Pell resigned in February of 1974. Pell’s record for five seasons was 33-13-1 and for the past four seasons, 30-7-1. Clarkie Mayfield, assistant head coach who had come to Jacksonville with Pell in 1969, became the school’s new head football coach. Jerry Cole, who had played for Jacksonville State’s 1955 Refrigerator Bowl championship, was named athletic director. Cole had supported athletics for a number of years and was president of the Alumni Association.

After winning the Orange Blossom Classic in 1970, the football Gamecocks won the Gulf South Conference in 1974, 1977, and 1978, were NCAA champs in the Grantland Rice Bowl in 1977, and were in the NCAA Playoffs in 1977, 1978, and 1980.

Men’s basketball championships during this period included the Gulf South Conference in 1974-75 and 1979-80; Gulf South Conference champs, 1980-81; and NCAA Playoffs, 1979-80 and 1980-81.

In 1973-74, the Student Government Association officers were Sindo Mayor, president; Bert Stewart, vice-president; Joy Mullins, secretary; and Barry Averitt, treasurer.

Spring fever and warm weather brought out the streakers in 1974. As darkness came on, startled spectators watched as boys and girls wearing only war paint, ski masks, and in some cases tennis shoes, ran, strolled, or rode bicycles and motorcycles. Don Schmitz, director of student affairs, estimated that about one hundred people streaked, while fifteen hundred watched.

The new health and physical education complex became a reality in 1974. The Pete Mathews Coliseum has seats for 5,000 spectators for basketball. Other facilities include those for handball and exercise physiology, as well as an Olympic-sized swimming pool, offices for the physical education staff, and four dressing rooms. Outdoor courts for tennis and other intramural sports surround the building. Large concerts and graduation exercises are also held in the coliseum.

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Jacksonville State University's women's gymnastics team finished its 1980 season as the No. 10 team in the nation. "It was the first time in history a team had gone to the nationals for the first time and finished in the top ten," said JSU coach Robert Dillard. From left to right: Leslie Dillard, Denise Balk, Susan Puckett, Julia Garrett, Lynn Bruce, Earlene Ferrell, Susan Balk, Cindy Pappas, Leslie Hill.

Athletic Director Jerry Cole admires the banner which Sheila Pope made. Head coach Jim Fuller looks. The football team was No. 2 in the nation in 1977.

Pete Mathews Coliseum.
With inflation and the energy crisis being discussed all over the country, the school began conservation efforts; lights, in particular, were turned off when a room was not in use.

By the beginning of 1974, the university had completed a $14 million construction program within a five-year period. Twenty-three various majors were now offered in the seven schools. The graduate program was expanding, and a master of science in public administration degree was available this year.

Professor Kitty Stone ended her forty-one-year career in education when she retired on September 30, 1974. Twenty-seven of those years were spent as principal of the Jacksonville Elementary Laboratory School.

The ANNISTON STAR said in its story:

Dr. N. R. Stallworth, chairman of the Jacksonville City Board of Education, said it best: "Katharine Stone is an institution in the education field."

Charles Nunn, superintendent of the city schools, made special mention of Mrs. Stone’s work for the pod school system. Inside each building, or pod, that houses one grade, are ten teaching stations. The students are divided into learning levels at each teaching session. Mrs. Stone’s teaching philosophy lends itself to the individual pod system.

“I believe every child should experience some success each day,” Kitty Stone says. “You should take a child where he is and take him as far as he can go. We owe every child the privilege of reading.”

At the time of her retirement, four of the six-wall buildings had been completed, money had been appropriated for the fifth pod, and the sixth was planned. Mark Washington, a Jacksonville State alumnus, succeeded Mrs. Stone as principal of the elementary school, a position he still holds. In 1982, the city board of education named the school the Kitty Stone Elementary school.

Coach Ray Wedgeworth was inducted into the JSU Sports Hall of Fame in 1974, a year before his death. “Coach Wedge,” head coach in three major sports, basketball, football, and baseball, was the third person so honored.

Enrollment had increased at Jacksonville State University that fall, and other universities saw similar increases. This enrollment not only reflected a greater influx of women, but the job market was tight, as well, and people were going to school to become better qualified for employment.

The JSU departments of drama, dance, and music merged for the production of West Side Story. Some of the students taking part in the musical were Keith Burgess, Jacksonville; Rick Taylor, Aniston; Ronnie Culver, Childersburg; Harold Wallace, Alexandria; and Ronnie Haynes, Talladega.

Truman Capote came to Jacksonville on March 20, 1975. The author of In Cold Blood and The Grass Harp, a resident of Monroeville, Alabama until the age of fifteen, spoke to the students in the Pete Mathews Coliseum.

Alumni officers for 1975 were State Representative Joe Brindley, Boaz, president; Dayle Endfinger Powell, Birmingham, first vice-president; Sperry Snow, Birmingham, second vice-president; Mike Brewer, Chattanooga, third vice-president; and Charles Rowe, Jacksonville, treasurer.

A deficit in food service that year resulted in some changes in security and bidding procedures.

“What we are heading toward is a purchasing agent and a receiving agent,” President Stone explained. “Everything purchased by the school will come through these two positions.”

The voluntary meal system for students in the dormitories was mentioned as causing some of the deficit. Bids were received, and the food service program was replaced by Saga Foods, a catering service, on January 1, 1975.

The history department was much involved with the country’s Bicentennial celebration in 1976. Chairman of the JSU Bicentennial Program was Worden Weaver, and Peter Robinson, department head, handled the speakers’ bureau. Members of the history department and other departments made speeches over the state during the year. Recent courses added to the curriculum included South American history, black history, Asian history, Mid-Eastern history, and history courses for military science majors. Minimester trips to historical sites appealed to art students, also.

JSU student Julie Houston was selected from a group of Alabama beauties to be the state’s Bicentennial Belle, the official hostess for bicentennial activities over the state.

The Marching Southerners and Ballerinas celebrated America’s 200th birthday on Sunday, July 4, 1976, when the group represented Alabama in Philadelphia’s Bicentennial Parade and were seen on national television. This was another proud moment for the whole school.

There were grants for equipment in several areas that year. The geography department was expanding its program to include persons already teaching in elementary and secondary schools as well as planners and public officials in the region. For years, the general science department had sponsored the area’s annual Science Fair for public school students.

Department head Clyde Cox was strengthening the English department’s services and curriculum. Emphasis was placed on advising students and encouraging them to realize the possibilities for careers in business, journalism, and public relations. Graduate courses were being taught on Saturdays. The drama department had added new courses in dramatic theory and criticism, children’s drama, and methods of teaching high school drama.

Teams of JSU biology professors offered graduate courses on environmental and pollution problems,
scheduled on Saturdays for the benefit of public school teachers. Kenneth Landers, head of the department, said much individual initiative had been shown by faculty members in developing community and world-related activities for study.

The accounting department in the School of Business Administration was working with leading certified public accountants for counseling and internship for accounting majors. Richard Shuford, Jr., was appointed dean of the School of Business Administration in 1976. A native of North Carolina, Shuford held both an M.B.A. and a doctorate in business administration from George Washington University.

The library now had a computer terminal linking it with thirty of the fifty states through the New England library network and the Ohio College Computer Center. The newly opened nursing school building featured many unique aspects. Professional education for nursing was becoming more comprehensive, and the Lurleen B. Wallace School of Nursing was equipped to respond to the accelerating pace of medical, scientific, and cultural knowledge.

The Council of University Presidents, under the chairmanship of President Stone, held a series of meetings over the state to discuss major issues facing higher education in Alabama. All the four-year institutions in Alabama were facing budget cuts in state appropriations, in spite of increased enrollment and greater demand for public services. President Stone was appointed by Governor George C. Wallace to the select Committee for a Unified Education Budget this year.

Dr. Sam Crawford, who ten years before had served as physician for the football team while he was in family practice in Jacksonville, came back to Jacksonville in September of 1976. Dr. Crawford is head of the school infirmary now, as well as physician for the athletic department, and also has a private practice.

The Hammetts of Jacksonville played key roles in
JSU Foundation’s first annual recognition dinner. Dr. Bob Owens, dean of the College of Arts and Humanities at Howard University, was the featured speaker. Four people were honored due to their personal and financial support of the foundation. Recognition awards were given to Cecil Miller, president during the first year of the foundation; Dayle Powell and Charlie Waldrep, legal advisors; Jack Graves of Gadsden who made the first contribution of $1,000. Dr. Owens is shown on the upper right during the banquet. Lower left are Cecil Miller, Julia Snead, and Charles Waldrep.
Governor George C. Wallace, commencement speaker, is shown at 1977 graduation exercises. President Stone and Dean Montgomery deliver the diplomas.

The Rock House was renovated and became the Information Center in 1980. Southern belles Jane Rice Holloway, Miss Alabama 1973, and Teresa Cheatham, Miss Alabama 1978, have presided over this center. Teresa is the present director and works in recruiting students.
the homecoming of 1976. Cathy, a JSU education major, was Homecoming Queen. Her brother, Johnny, a center on the football team, started his first game in front of home fans, and Ray, a cousin, was a linebacker. Bernard Hammett, father of Cathy and Johnny, had been captain of the 1952 football team.

Early in 1977, ground was broken for the new field house, as part of a $2 million project which included enlarging the Paul Snow Stadium. The two-story building provides offices for the campus police, as well as for athletics.

Apartments on property near the campus were purchased to alleviate the housing shortage for married students that year. There are now 138 units, most of them one-bedroom apartments. Brice Hay, a JSU graduate, has been inventory manager since 1975 and is responsible for these apartments.

The drama department added zest to the spring activities. Wayne Claeren, director, with Carlton Ward handling the scenic and lighting designs, produced The Man Who Came to Dinner. There was a large cast with Whit Davies, Terry Drake, Harry Furst, and Bethil Stein portraying some of the comedy’s most flamboyant characters.

Jay Dill, chairman of the Student Conference on American Government, announced three speakers for the conference: Jack Nelson, award-winning Washington Bureau Chief of the LOS ANGELES TIMES; State Senator Donald Stewart; and United States Senator John Culver, Democrat from Iowa. Glen Browder, faculty advisor, planned several discussion groups involving university as well as high school students.

The CHANTICLEER won first-place standing in a scholastic association newspaper contest, on issues published from January to December, 1976. Debbie Skipper was editor and David Ford was assistant editor. The CHANTICLEER had also won second place the year before under Veronica Pike, editor.

And the MIMOSA placed “one” in an evaluation by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association in 1976, with Pat Colquit, editor, and Constance Currier, associate editor. The following year the yearbook placed “two” in evaluation under Ronald Mitchell, editor, and Vesta Coleman, associate editor. One publishing company for the JSU yearbook entered the MIMOSA for overall appearance in 1980, and another publisher included the MIMOSA in the sample kit used by their representatives all over the nation in 1982.

Another special honor came to the university in 1977 when Julie Houston was crowned Miss Alabama. When the fall semester began, nineteen participants in this Miss Alabama pageant enrolled at JSU. Now Jacksonville State University could prove the statement that the prettiest girls in Alabama were on its campus.

But this year tragedy came to Jacksonville. Head Coach Clarkie Mayfield was among the 159 persons burned to death in a restaurant fire in South Gate, Kentucky. While attending a retirement party for his mother there, Coach Mayfield had made sure his family was safe and then had gone back into the burning Beverly Hills Supper Club to help others. The recruiting room in the JSU Field House, which Coach Mayfield helped to plan but did not live to use, was named in his honor in 1981.

The following is an excerpt from the minutes of the Jacksonville State University board of trustees at a meeting held on October 17, 1977.

Advanced Institutional Development Program (AIDP)
Summary Report, October 1977
Jacksonville State University received official approval of its refined plan for the Advanced Institutional Development Program on March 15, 1977. The total grant in the amount of $2,500,000 is apportioned into the nine different activity areas listed below:
1) Planning, Management and Evaluation
2) Administrative Systems Development
3) Learning Center
4) Career Development Services
5) Academic Advisement and Development
6) Human Services Center
7) Program for Aging
8) Medical Technology and Allied Health
9) Development of Fund Raising Capability
Albert M. Searway, director of federal projects, implemented this program. Thomas Barker, Ph.D. from Mississippi State University, was appointed dean of the School of Law Enforcement, former Dean Malcolm Street, Jr., having become a Calhoun County circuit judge.

Forty-seven percent of the faculty held doctorates in 1977. Efforts to recruit teachers with advanced degrees revealed that black Ph.D.'s, much in demand at all universities, could command higher salaries elsewhere than those offered at Jacksonville State University.

Homecoming in 1977 found the new head coach, Jim Fuller, trying to make sure his team kept up the tradition of not losing a homecoming game.

The State Normal School graduates met at the Downtowner Restaurant in Anniston for their banquet that year. Coming the longest distance to attend was Lois Weaver Marlar of Oakdale, Louisiana, a 1916 classmate of Louise Tredaway. Knox Ide was master of ceremonies at the banquet for the 176 State Normal School graduates.

Jacksonville State University reorganized the academic program in 1978 to include nine colleges. The School of Arts and Sciences was divided into three colleges: Reuben Boozer, dean of the school, continued as dean of the College of Science and Mathematics; Dean Dan Marsengill became head of the College of Music and Fine Arts; and Dean Thomas Allen Smith headed the College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Other deans and their colleges were Richard Shuford, College of Commerce and Business Administration; Thomas Barker, College of Criminal Justice; Mary Margaret Williams, Lurleen B. Wallace College of Nursing; Alta Millican, College of Library Science, Communications, and Instructional Media; Greene Y. Taylor, College of Education; and James Reaves, College of Graduate Studies.

Jean Michael Cousteau, elder son of Jacques-Ives Cousteau and an authority on oceanography, spoke to the students in April of 1978. Keith Peinhardt, a junior from Cullman, was president of the Student Government Association, Joe Muscila was vice-president, and Gus Pantazis, treasurer.

Teresa Cheatham became Miss Alabama 1978—the fourth student from Jacksonville State University to win this honor. This senior from Wellington went on to become first runner-up in the Miss America pageant in Atlantic City.

Honored also this year was Carol Jean Smith, assistant attorney general of Alabama and a charter member of JSU's first sorority, who was elected national financial vice president of Alpha Xi Delta. Carol Jean Smith had served as province director for chapters in Alabama and Georgia.

Another alumnus in the news was Senator Gerald Waldrop, who was serving his eighth year in the state legislature, representing Etowah and Cherokee Counties.

Following the lapse of SOUNDINGS, the literary magazine published for twenty-five years under the direction of Professor William J. Calvert, Jr., a new literary magazine called PERTELOTE premiered in 1978. Sponsored by Professor Clyde Cox, head of the English department, PERTELOTE is a companion publication of the student newspaper and an outlet for students' creative writing, a showcase for art, prose, and poetry. The name came from Chaucer's CANTERBURY TALES—in the "Nun's Priest's Tale," Pertelote, the hen, was the wife of Chauntecleer, the rooster, whose vanity nearly cost him his life. The suitably named tabloid is published four times a year as a supplement to the CHANTICLEER.

The JSU cheerleading squad won first place in the University Cheerleaders Association Camp in September 1978. These prize-winning cheerleaders were Kathy York, Montgomery; Debi Hoskins, Birmingham; Debbie Hand, Oxford; Cynthia Walker, Birmingham; Barbara Downey, Attalla; Jack Silvers, Calhoun, Georgia; Bobby Ezekial, Birmingham; Mike Parrish, Lincoln; Randy Brown, Oxford; and Cal Faircloth, Anniston.

The Jacksonville State University Foundation, a
permanent non-profit organization, was established in December 1978. Cecil Miller, chairman of the foundation and a banking executive, explained that the Foundation will offer opportunities for donors to designate gifts for special projects, thus benefiting the university in its many fine programs.

Several university people retired this year: George Teague, head of the department of foreign languages, who came to teach French in 1963; Louise Sewell, the first person to take International Business Machines training in key punch and data processing, after twenty-one years in the office of admissions and the computer center; and Elmer Knight, skilled in carpentry, after fourteen years in the maintenance department.

In the 1977-78 season, the Jacksonville State University track team was undefeated in dual meets with schools such as Tuskegee Institute, Samford University, Alabama A&M, Oglethorpe University, and DeKalb College. Outstanding trackmen were Reggie McIntyre, Mikel Wagner, Jimmy Jones, Bill Reynolds, and Donald Young, under Coach Elijah Slaughter.

This was also a good year in women’s basketball at JSU. Ron Akers, head coach, had his best season to date, and the team finished second in the tournament and competed in the Southeastern Regional meet.

Coach Steve Bailey’s golf team was practising at Stoney Brook, and Coach Mac Gillam was optimistic about the wrestling team that was established in the fall of 1978. The women’s tennis team of 1978 won in the state tournament for small college intercollegiate athletics.

Susan Puckett won the Southeastern Region all-round title in women’s gymnastics under Coach Robert Dillard, and then went to Seattle where she finished seventh in vaulting in national championships and was named All-American in gymnastics by INTERNATIONAL GYMNASTIC magazine.

The A Cappella Choir sang in Chicago before the National Music Education Association in May 1978. Locally and throughout the Southeast, the choir had performed more than one hundred times.

At the meeting of the board of trustees held on June 19, 1978, H. Bascom Woodward III, then serving as dean of admissions and records, was appointed vice-president for university services, a post he still holds.

The first campus title for black women students was Miss Black Culture, sponsored by Omega Psi Phi in 1978. Janice Thornton of LaGrange, Georgia, was the first Miss Black Culture. Others who have won this title are Christine Maxwell of Alexander City, in 1979; Rhonda Gayle Towns of Oxford, in 1980; Drenda Crawford of Memphis, Tennessee, in 1981; and Connie Elizabeth Knight of Gadsdon, in 1982. The first black Miss Homecoming was Brenda Smith, of Huntsville, in 1981. In 1982, Ann Seay of Anniston won the title Miss AAA (Afro American Association).

A program for Faculty Scholars was established in 1979. The scholarship offered $600 for two semesters and was renewable for four years if all criteria were met. The scholarship committee and a representative of the faculty senate established the requirements for the program.

JSU chemistry majors were cited as among the best in the nation by the American Chemical Society of Indianapolis, Indiana, when the student affiliate chapter of ACS here received recognition for an outstanding rating in the 1978-79 academic year.

The Iranian hostage crisis was facing the nation in 1979, and this university had thirty-three Iranian students enrolled. The school met all of the government’s requirements concerning these students, and there were no serious conflicts on campus.

Governor Fob James asked the school to make a ten percent reduction in budgets for the 1979-80 school year. Purchasing and traveling accounts were reduced and hiring of personnel was postponed.

In January 1980, Jacksonville State University received a federal grant of $886,693 to rehabilitate thirteen dormitories to improve energy conservation and reduce operating costs. This expenditure was expected to pay for itself in reduced costs in operating the dormitories over the following eight years. A bond issue also provided for further renovation of fourteen dormitories. By these efforts, the first square foot of heating and cooling was the lowest in Alabama, according to a report of the Alabama Commission on Higher Education, dated April 7, 1981.

An editorial in the JACKSONVILLE NEWS on February 27, 1980, said it had been “a new day in the arts for Jacksonville,” when the $3.5 million classroom and performing arts center opened in January, for the center would encourage visitors to the city, and aid in community relations and economic development. In addition to the drama department, the English, economics, and history departments moved into this new building, which also provided offices for forty-eight faculty members.

The theater in the new Ernest Stone Performing Arts Center has excellent acoustics, computerized lighting, and continental seating for 370 people, providing a pleasant atmosphere for theatergoers. Cyrano de Bergerac, a French classic, was presented by the drama department when the new center was opened. The production was directed by Wayne Claeren and designed by Carlton Ward. Mike Scoggin, Laura West, Mike Hoaster, and Stevie Pritchett were part of the large cast of veteran performers.

Since 1975, both Ward and Claeren had worked with the architects on the design and planning of the theater. Ward had studied theatre architecture, and both professors knew many special requirements for such a building. The Alabama Legislature in 1978 had named the building in honor of President Ernest Stone.
Mr. Bob Kennamer of Jacksonville was appointed to serve on the Board of Trustees of Jacksonville State University in 1980.

New appointments on the board of trustees were made by Governor Fob James on April 16, 1980. Trustees Pete Mathews and James D. Thornton were reappointed for a twelve-year term. A new appointee was Bob Kennamer, a businessman of Jacksonville and Anniston and an alumnus of the university. The term of Hugh D. Merrill, the president pro tempore of the board for the first twelve years of the university, had expired, and at the September meeting of the board, C. W. Daugette, Jr., a member of the board since 1967, was elected to that post.

In June of 1980, Roberta Watts, a member of the nursing faculty since 1969, was named acting dean of the Lurleen B. Wallace College of Nursing. With a B.S. degree in nursing from Tuskegee Institute and a master’s degree from Emory University, Watts was completing requirements for her doctorate at the University of Alabama.

The new director said of the retiring Dean Williams, “She left a substantive base on which to build.”

In addition to training students in nursing, this school is contributing in direct ways to improve the health of local residents. The health clinic provides dual opportunities for students and primary health care for clients in Jacksonville. Jacksonville State University is not preparing students to provide health care in the United States alone; at this time there were graduates in Spain and the Gaza Strip.

In a recent conversation, Dean Watts said there were 375 declared majors in nursing in 1982. The bachelor of science degree is offered with a nursing major. Fifteen faculty members are in the program now, and two additional professors will be added next year. The Lurleen B. Wallace College of Nursing is affiliated with Children’s Hospital in Birmingham, Baptist Memorial Hospital in Gadsden, Northeast Regional Medical Center in Anniston, and a host of other agencies in Etowah and Calhoun Counties.

President Stone made three staff appointments in June of 1980. Claude Gaddy, assistant director of financial aid, was made director of special services. Gary Dempsey, who had been manager of accounting systems in the business office since March of 1978, became the new director of personnel services, and Carolyn West Andrews, formerly director of student accounts, was appointed manager of accounting systems. All of these staff members hold degrees from Jacksonville State University.

Stone said in the news release, “These three administrators have proven their ability throughout the years.”

In many ways the business office is the hub of the university wheel. In addition to the staff mentioned, others in this area have served for a decade or more, among them Ben Kirkland, comptroller, and before his time, Norman O. Stanley, Phillip Booke, and Joe Read. Judy Belew is supervisor of accounts payable; Lou Abercrombie and Jennifer Craven handle student accounts; and Elaine Mendenhall is secretary to the comptroller, to mention others.

Many additional staff members are a vital part of this institution. As buildings and grounds have been added, the maintenance department has hired more technicians and other personnel. One of these veteran technicians is Heinrich Mueller, who is from Germany and came to Jacksonville in 1961. After several years of hardship and traveling, Mueller and his wife and two children settled in Jacksonville. His ready smile and black beret have become an institution on campus. He sings and writes poetry and lyrics, particularly about his love of Alabama and his home here.

“Every time they build a building, a yard is put around it,” according to Charles Cochran, JSU labor foreman of many years. Maintaining the 300-acre campus in top condition keeps Jim McArthur, campus engineer, and every member of the maintenance team busy.

Buildings also have to be cleaned, and housekeep-
ing is important in any institution. The director of the cleaning service is Tony Guerra, who has been in this position for many years. Friendly and faithful people work day and night in this area.

Many other services must be provided to keep the university wheel in motion. Secretaries and other clerical staff members, switchboard operators, bookstore and mailroom personnel, dormitory directors, and counselors make important contributions to student life.

Books, manuals, and other writings by members of the faculty have been published over the years. William Calvert is an authority on the English poet, George Gordon Byron. Calvert’s book titled BYRON: ROMANTIC PARADOX was published in 1935, and later a novel, SAUL, was written by Professor Calvert. Another English professor, Robert P. Felgar III, wrote RICHARD WRIGHT, IN TWAYNE’S U. S. AUTHORS SERIES, in 1980.

The doctoral thesis of Mary Martha Hosford Thomas in history, SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY: FOUNDING AND EARLY YEARS, was published in 1974. Mary Jean Wallace Paxton, in biology, wrote THE FEMALE BODY: HOW THE CONTROL MECHANISMS IN A WOMAN’S PHYSIOLOGY MAKE HER SPECIAL, which was published in 1980.

In addition to the book THE ROLE OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION PARAPROFESSIONAL, Greg Frith, in special education, has had articles published in a number of professional journals.

The richness of student life has increased over the years through many organizations. In addition to the Panhellenic and Interfraternity Councils, which coordinate the activities of the social fraternities, the Interclub Council was created as a subsidiary of the SGA to furnish leadership for campus groups and to work out conflicts involving the scheduling of events.

Chartered organizations shown in the 1979-80 MIMOSA include Omicron Delta Kappa, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Pistol Club, Gospel Choir, Delta Tau Chi, Student Alabama Education Association, Home Economics Club, Association of Nursing Students, Council for Exceptional Children, Scabbard and Blade, Rangers, ROTC Sponsors, Orienteering Team, Sociology Club, American Chemical Society, Wesley Foundation, Phi Eta Sigma, Afro American Association, Health Careers Club, Charismatic Christian Fellowship, and Student Accounting Association.

The list goes on to include the Law Club, Episcopal College Community, Phi Beta Lambda, Psychology Club, Ushers Club, Art Guild, Masque and Wig Guild, Sigma Tau Delta, Alpha Psi Omega, A Cappella Choir, Young Democrats, Young Republicans, National Association of Jazz Educators, Gamecock Chicks, Alpha Phi Omega, Baptist Campus Ministry, International House Program, Delta Omicron, Kappa Delta Epsilon, Phi Mu Alpha, Northeast Alabama Association for Young Children, Circle K, University Chorus, Jazz Band, University Chamber Singers, Lyceum Committee, Order of Omega, and Cinematics Arts Council.

Seldom does a group disband and lose its charter. Each year there seems to be a need for new organizations, as the interests of students, faculty, and administration grow and change.

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After thirty years of service, John T. Finley, head of the music department, retired in 1980. He had joined the faculty in 1951 as a brass instructor. The originator of the Southerners and the Marching Ballerinas, Finley slowed down, the drills for more grace and dignity, and inaugurated the theme song, "Stars Fell on Alabama." Director David Walters still incorporates some of Finley’s innovative ideas for the Southerners. James Fairleigh, a native of Missouri who has a Ph.D. in musicology from the University of Michigan, succeeded Finley as head of the music department.

Following the resignation of Dean Shuford in the fall of 1980, William Loftin, formerly head of the department of management, was named acting dean of the College of Commerce and Business Ad-
ministration. Col. William F. Rickett, professor of military science, was succeeded by Col. Archie Rider. The ROTC unit is now occupying its new building on Church Street, named in honor of Vice-President Charles C. Rowe by the board of trustees on October 15, 1979.

On October 20, 1980, President Stone announced his intention to retire. He expressed his appreciation to the board of trustees "for making the last decade of my career the most enjoyable of my life." The board adopted a resolution commending President Stone and stating that he would be designated President Emeritus upon retirement.

The board of trustees appointed Graves Musgrove chairman of the search and selection committee to choose a new president. Other members of the committee were Trustees James D. Thornton, Pete Mathews, C. W. Daugette, Jr., and Bob Kennamer. Effie Sawyer was appointed secretary to the committee. An advisory panel of representatives from the faculty, alumni, staff, and students recommended criteria and reviewed the applications for the position. A nationwide search resulted in a hundred applications from all over the country, and meetings of the selection committee, the advisory group, and the board of trustees were held over the next few months.

The native-rock cottage on the west side of the campus was remodeled during the summer of 1980 to become the headquarters for high school relations and the information center for the school. This inviting rock house was first presided over by Jane Rice Holloway, Miss Alabama 1973, and the present director is Teresa Cheatham, Miss Alabama 1978—both modern Southern belles in a setting reminiscent of the earlier days of this Southern town.

Additional money was needed in the spring of 1981 to offset the effects of inflation, and reluctantly, the board of trustees authorized increases in tuition fees and room and board.

The 1981-82 bulletin lists these costs:

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Additional fees:

- Undergraduate students:
  - 12 or more hours (tuition) $350.00
  - Less than 12 hours, per hour 30.00
- Out of State Fee:
  - 12 or more hours $175.00
  - Less than 12 hours, per hour 15.00
- Graduate Students:
  - 10 or more hours (tuition) $375.00
  - Less than 10 hours, per hour 38.00
- Out of State Fee:
  - 10 or more hours $187.50
  - Less than 10 hours, per hour 38.00

- Apartment rent increase, $10.00 per month.

The WLJS radio station received approval that year for an increase from 10 watts to 3000 watts. This station is now among the top ten in quality in Northeast Alabama.

Jerry Harris, BIRMINGHAM POST-HERALD correspondent, on February 11, 1981, wrote about President Stone's retirement:

Reflecting on accomplishments during his administration, Stone cited the reorganization of the university into nine colleges, completion of a five-year planning study, addition of computer system for administrative and educational purposes—instituting more services to students.

After all applications for the position of president were studied and the leading candidates interviewed, the election was held at a special meeting of the board of trustees on June 25, 1981. The president pro tempore of the board announced the election of Theron E. Montgomery, Jr., and the board passed a motion to make the election unanimous. The vice-president for academic affairs had been elevated to the presidency.
Radio Station WLJS. Above right: Michael D. Sandefer, the first station director; below on the right is Susan Snow, disc jockey; on the left the antenna beams from the top of the Houston Cole Library.
President Theron E. Montgomery, Jr.
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To teach students is the primary mission of school.
—Theron E. Montgomery, Jr.
Ada Kathleen Bounds Montgomery

Born in a college town, Ada Kathleen Bounds grew up in an academic atmosphere, for Tuscaloosa, her birthplace, is also the home of the University of Alabama. The first lady of Jacksonville State University is in her element among the aged oaks on this university campus.

The daughter of Burwell and Vera Bounds has lived on the Jacksonville campus before. When she became the school dietitian here in 1947, part of her salary included room and board. Her father became a familiar figure in Daugette Hall as he carried his daughter’s luggage back and forth.

Upon the recommendation of a dean at the University of Alabama, President Houston Cole hired this young dietitian even before she had finished college, to begin work immediately after graduation.

Three years later, a young Ph.D. from South Carolina joined the faculty, and the traditional romantic atmosphere led to the marriage of Theron E. Montgomery, Jr., and Ada Bounds on August 25, 1951. Later, homemaking and two children interrupted Mrs. Montgomery’s career until 1967, when President Cole offered her another position, this one in the materials center of the library. This led to a master’s degree from Jacksonville State University and the position of director of instructional media, which she held until her husband became president of the university on July 1, 1981.

The professional careers of both the president and his wife have been intertwined in the history of this university for over thirty years. The charming and gracious Ada Montgomery provides a sparkle that will kindle the future of Jacksonville State University.