



Former Governor Jim Folsom leads new JSU president Dr. Meehan to the speaker's platform at the beginning of his inauguration ceremony at Pete Mathews Coliseum in February.

For the first time in over 25 years, spring commencement was held in Paul Snow Stadium. Even though the university holds 3 commencement ceremonies per year, the spring commencement is too large to be held in Pete Mathews coliseum any longer.

An electronic message board was installed in front of the newly renovated Theron Montgomery Building.

The newly built McGee Hall is complete and open. The building houses laboratory facilities for the biology and physical and earth sciences departments.

Spirit of JSU Drum and Bugle Corps began its affiliation with Jacksonville State University under the direction of Ken Bodiford. Each summer the group travels 10,000 miles competing against other Drum and Bugle Corps throughout the country.

Hopper dining hall was renovated to a more food-court style atmosphere.

JSU purchased Blackboard software for the implementation of campus wide Internet based distance learning classes. During the fall 2000 semester, 5 classes were being completely offered through Blackboard, and many more classes were being supplemented through Blackboard.

JSU purchased a building at the former Fort McClellan Army Base to open a state-of-the art Child Development Center.