Information Services’ Harris wins two awards

By CYNDI OWENS
Editor in Chief

News Bureau Director Jerry Harris has recently been honored with two awards from the Council for Advancement in Support of Education.

Earlier this month, Harris received the Special Merit Award in the general news story category. The award was given for a press release Harris wrote about University Audio Visual Technician Don Bennett’s “fastfood Bible” program.

“The judging for the category was done by an Associated Press bureau chief in Kentucky and the editor of a Kentucky newspaper,” said Harris. “We are in District III, which contains most of the Southern states. This [See HARRIS, Page 2]

New York trip offered in Summer Semester

By CYNDI OWENS
Editor in Chief

The Manhattan skyline stands out, lighted against the night. Traffic on Broadway is heavy, with taxicabs racing each other from red light to red light.

Lines form outside theaters as patrons wait to be allowed inside.

“Sound tempting?” Those who would like to be part of this scenario will have the chance during Summer I as the English department offers “Current New York Theater,” a class with one heck of a field trip. [See TRIP, Page 3]

Estimate: one-third need remedial course

By JOEY LUALLEN
News Editor

Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) has found that college freshmen are “right in with everybody, no worse and no better.” Said SREB research associate Ainsley Abraham, who conducted the study.

Fall enrollment at JSU was up 16 percent over last year, with 7,464 students registering.

Spring enrollment up

By JOEY LUALLEN
News Editor

“Have we 190 first-time freshmen and 384 transfer students. That is also up from previous years. We haven’t been able to figure out why.” Farrell said. He speculated more students from the area “don’t like officials at the Universities of Miami, Texas and Connecticut, as well as Clarion University of Pennsylvania, Mississippi State and North Carolina State Universities, and Grinnell College in Iowa, among others, reported jammed dorms and overcrowded classrooms because more students than expected enrolled for their fall terms.

Residence halls at Jsu were at 91 percent capacity during the fall semester. Plans are being made to increase housing space, including the construction of two additional halls.

El-Khawas, like other experts, said enrollments will start falling soon, noting 1992’s high school graduating classes will shrink by 12 percent.
**Grad student Elliott wins media award**

From Staff Reports

(Editor's note: The following story contains information from the Gadsden Times.)

Graduate student Marcella R. Elliott won the Alabama Association of School Boards' media award for comprehensive coverage of local education activities.

Elliott works for the Gadsden Times as education writer in addition to pursuing her master of public administration degree. She said she was "thrilled" with the award. "I appreciate this," she said. "I was honored by the Alabama Education Association earlier, and this award makes me feel as if I have maintained the right professional balance in my reporting."

Elliott was nominated jointly for the award by all three school systems in Etowah County: Etowah County Board of Education, Gadsden City Board of Education and Attalla City Board of Education. AASB executive director Sandra Sims-Griffen said it was rare for the same reporter to be nominated by three boards.

"The nomination itself is an honor, but a panel of professionals from education and journalism also thought Elliott's work merited recognition."

"We are certainly proud of Marci's recognition by the school board association," said Rusty Starr, executive director of the Times. "We think it provides an interesting comment on her work when school boards and the teacher's union honor the same reporter. These two groups are often at odds. Marci treats both fairly, comprehensively and with our readers in mind. Awards from two opposing groups show Marci's objectivity."

Elliott is a graduate of the University of Alabama at Birmingham with a bachelor's degree in communication studies.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wrench. She was married to the late E.B. Scottie Elliott and has one son, Daric, 17, a senior at Gadsden High School.

During the past four decades, the Chaykin CPA Review has prepared more than 50,000 CPA candidates, including 15,000 in the last six exams, for training courses throughout the current semester.

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JSU is among several universities nationwide, including Rutgers University and Hofstra University, which have offered the program on campus.

Candidates who plan to sit for the May CPA exam can preview the program at 6 p.m. Feb. 8 in 113-A Merrill Building by calling 231-5342 for reservations.

The Center is also offering a number of personal computer training courses in the following topics:

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- Advanced Lotus 1-2-3, Feb. 13, 14, 15
- Wordstar 4.0, Feb. 20, 21, 22
- DisplayWrite 4, Feb. 27, 28
- March 1

- Management Responsibilities for Information Processing, March 8, 9
- Security Requirements for a Computer System, March 20, 21, 22

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**Swor gives lectures at BCM**

From BCM

Chester Swor, nationally known speaker to college students, will lead a spiritual emphasis week for the Baptist Campus Ministry.

The meetings will be at 8 p.m. Feb. 6-8.

Swor is no stranger to the Jacksonville BCM. He has spoken here numerous times, including a similar emphasis program four years ago.

Swor has been an educator, counselor and speaker for over 50 years. He served as professor of English and Dean of Men at Mississippi College. He was in such demand as a speaker to college students that he devoted himself to full-time work in the ministry.

In addition to speaking at night, he will be counseling students during the day. Appointments can be made by calling the BCM.
Accounting expert Needles visits

From News Bureau
Belverd E. Needles, Arthur Anderson & Co. Alumni Distinguished Professor of Accountancy at DePaul University, will be on campus Feb. 6-9 as part of the Eminent Scholars program.

Needles will hold question-and-answer sessions to accounting classes and prepare presentations to enhance a student’s understanding of accounting.

The first weeks of class are on campus Feb. 6-9 as part of the Eminent Scholars program. Dancing around the middle will be a five-day trip to New York City.

These five days will be spent attending four Broadway shows, several museums, and the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts.

McDade said the Center tracks the students taking the courses. "After taking LS 105 or LS 110, 35 percent of all students who make a C or better in the course make a C or better in the next course," she said.

McDade said these statistics are better than all other SREB states.

The class is not all fun and games, though. It is still a class, and may be taken for graduate or undergraduate credit (three hours).

The approximate cost of the trip will be $800, depending upon the number of students who sign up. In addition, tuition or audit fees must be paid.

Those interested in the class must sign up with English professor Steve Whilton, instructor of the class, before March 10, at which time $300 must be paid. The balance may be paid in two equal installments due April 10 and May 10, respectively.

For more information, contact Whilton in 210 Sloie Center, ext. 4412.
Burton gives office responsibilities

Each person at this university is technically a member of the Student Government Association. However, each of us votes for representatives (S.G.A. Senators) to be our voice as a link between the students and the faculty administration portion of the campus. Officers are also elected as figureheads with specific tasks and duties given to each. I was elected to represent the best interests of the students at J.S.U. and it is to this end that I strive. My position is somewhat administrative in nature; I serve as budget manager for the S.G.A. and delegate responsibilities to fortify good operation of the Senate. I also represent the university and its students both here at J.S.U. and at other events. It is very important to me to do this job well.

Michael Taylor is the Vice President of the S.G.A. and his duties include working with all forms of entertainment on campus. I would like to commend him for his efforts to diversify entertainment. Gale Story is the treasurer of the Senate. She is in charge of taking up money at all events of the S.G.A. and basic accounting procedures.

Jeff Ford is business manager of the S.G.A. He serves as an agent between the S.G.A. and college credit card companies, operates the sign and message boards in addition to his functions as Lyceum Chairman. He is also an administrative aid to the president.

I hope these brief descriptions of the functions of the executive officers will help to clear up possible misunderstandings, and serve to educate students as you begin to think about next years executive officers. Applications for executive officer elections will be due on February 14th by 4:00 p.m.
Amendment not right answer

A proposed amendment to the Student Government Association Constitution has sparked a storm of controversy.

The amendment, brought before the SGA Senate Jan. 23, seeks to change Article 3, Section 2, Subsection A.1. This states some of the qualifications to be eligible to run for office in an SGA election, namely, the required GPA.

The amendment calls for the requirement to be lowered from 2.50 to 2.25 (on a four-point scale).

When it was brought before the senate for a vote, the motion failed by 21-18 margin.

Proponents of the amendment, led by junior political science major Barry Robertson, did not come unprepared. Referring to Article 7, Section 2 of the constitution, they claimed that the amendment forces a petition signed by almost 800 students, forcing a referendum vote of the student body.

The situation gets more complicated from there.

Opponents claim the move is self-serving, favoring a few students who would like to run for office but do not meet the required GPA.

Proponents say the number of signatures on the petition points up the need for the change.

The lines are drawn, and temperatures are rising.

Robertson has said he does indeed intend to run in this election if the referendum vote passes. He disagrees with the assertion this is a self-serving move, saying instead he feels this would be a step in the right direction for the school. He also says this would put us more in line with other schools in the country that have already lowered standards.

There are a number of reasons we feel lowering standards would be a mistake.

First of all, however, let us make it clear that this is not a personal issue. Although Robertson has led the proponents, and, in the narrow sense, stands to gain the most, we must look at the implications of the amendment.

To begin with, a campaign is a taxing time on a person. A serious bid for office consumes time, and other matters, including school work, take a back seat. Getting elected is only one step in the problem. Someone already struggling with grades may well find himself in trouble.

We recommend concentrating on grades rather than political aspirations.

Next, there is our image to consider. Even though other schools have lowered requirements, it reflects poorly on JSU to have an SGA president coming from a flailing academic faculty.

Sure, we have an open admissions policy. But once a student is here, he should strive to excel. And since we do not have an open graduation policy (a minimum 2.0 is required to graduate), it is important to maintain a good academic standing.

Also, a person who wants to run for office should have the rules and constitution he will be working under. Rules should be changed if they become outdated, but we do not believe this rule’s Q number is up.

Another point to consider is the correlation between GPA and leadership ability. We do not support this correlation as a valid one, for we have no proof either way. We do, however, feel a person who has not put sufficient time into his studies may not put sufficient time into a position of this magnitude.

Proponents have also pointed out that other campus organizations do not necessarily have higher requirements for officers. We feel they should. JSU is a much more potent representative in the academic community than perhaps other organizations, and should set a good example.

We encourage all students to consider the merits and drawbacks of this amendment before casting their vote.

Editor’s note: This editorial is a collaborative effort of Cyndi Owens, Joey Luallen, Carla Byram, Jeffrey Robinson, Matt Brooks and Greg Spoon, members of the editorial staff.

Letter to the Editor

Student favors amendment

Dear Editor:

A proposed amendment to the Student Government Association Constitution has been presented to the SGA Senate. This amendment would modify Article 3, Section 2, Subsection A.1 of the Constitution by lowering the GPA requirement for SGA elected officials from 2.5 to 2.25 on a 4-point scale, in order to broaden the number of students eligible to run for SGA office.

The lowering of the GPA requirement is a definite move in the right direction. At present, our GPA requirement is the highest for any state university in Alabama. Why should a university with no minimum admissions requirement have the highest GPA requirement for elected student officials?

High grades are not synonymous with leadership. The ability to “make the grades” does not always create a good leader. It takes more than just book sense to be a successful leader. Leadership requires common sense and social skills that one cannot acquire from textbooks.

In addition, the 2.5 GPA requirement hinders those students involved in extracurricular activities. As a former freshman Orientation Leader and Counseling Center, I know how much the faculty and administration at this university stress involvement. But with involvement often comes compromise academically. No one’s a Super- man and there are only 24 hours in a day. Wouldn’t someone’s who’s involved in several campus activities be more in touch with the feelings of JSU students than someone with his nose in a book?

Also, what about those students with difficult or double majors? Is a student with a 3.75 on a 4.0 scale majoring in under- water basketweaving better leadership material solely by reason of good grades? Hardly.

This letter is meant by no means to demean those students with high GPAs. I personally graduated JSU with a 3.58 on a 4.0 scale overall, so I know the importance of good grades. But no one begins or ends with a good gradesheet. Persons educated beyond their intellect with social graces are worthless.

Lowering the GPA requirement from 2.5 to 2.25 for SGA officials is definitely in the best interest of JSU students.

Steven L. Robinson
Sidewinder welcomed back

By C. A. ABERNATHY
Music Writer

Sidewinder's return to Brother's Jan. 16 brought their familiar "powerhouse rock 'n' roll as well as a few surprises -- the most noticeable being the addition of three new band members: Rob Green on keys and vocals; Scott Percell, guitar and vocals; and Dave Sereque, bass and vocals.

Along with the new musicians, there were some changes in the cover songs played. Gone were the Cinderella songs and added were several Journey songs: "Way Cool Junior" by Ratt; "Ramble On" by Led Zeppelin (which spotlighted Rob Green on lead vocals). A few more Sidewinder tunes were featured, including "I Don't Need No Doctor," "Give It Away," "Showtime," "Feel The Pain," "Heaven," "Up To You" and "Cover Story.

Some longtime fans were a little skeptical of the new line-up until the members hit the stage. Sidewinder is just as powerful a group as ever, especially when it plays its own songs. The rough edges have been polished during the past two months, with each musician adding his own touch. The band has an even more "gritty" sound on songs like "Sweet Child O' Mine" by Guns 'N Roses, "When A Man Loves A Woman" and "Take Another Piece Of My Heart."

ET CETERA

*Sidewinder is hoping to get a major record company interest.*

It recently recorded four of its best original songs.

*Ellie* has a new lead singer, Kevin Neal.

*Revolver* has recorded several tracks for its upcoming album. During a show last November, the members were joined by Bono on stage at Louie Louie's during their version of a T'g song.

DON'T FORGET

Big Bang is playing in town. The party will be at Brother's tonight and tomorrow night.

The Nighthawks -- yes the Nighthawks -- are playing Wednesday.

Telluride will be here Feb. 10. In closing, there is always good music playing somewhere. You just have to keep looking until you find it.

'70s Rock - 'n - roll remembered

It is "Return to the '70s" in this week's edition of Rockline. Pay attention and see if you can follow the connections to the '70s. There are no prizes involved. Just my admiration and respect.

Pink Floyd was the top-grossing act of 1988, according to the music trade publication Performance. The band grossed almost $28 million for 37 shows, which were seen by almost 1.3 million people.

More people saw Aerosmith last year, as they played three times as many shows as Pink Floyd. They still ranked second, grossing only $22 million.

The Grateful Dead, Van Halen's "Monsters of Rock" Tour and Def Leppard rounded out the top five according to the magazine's survey.

Peter Frampton is set to begin recording his second album for Atlantic Records. Frampton said the success of the Will to Power version of his song will once again focus attention on his songwriting. His stint as guitar player in David Bowie's band last year should re-establish his musicianship. He said those are things that were overlooked once his picture, with his shirt off, was on the cover of Rolling Stone Magazine.

"That sort of started everything going a little bit wrong, but I'm thrilled that someone covered "Baby I Love Your Way,"" as well as he should be, since the Will to Power version hit No. 1 in the charts, ranking higher than Frampton's version.

Rock star Gene Simmons and former Playmate Shannon Tweed became parents Jan. 22. Nicholas Adam Simmons was born in Los Angeles, weighing in at 8 pounds, 11 ounces. Tweed was Playboy Playmate of the Year in 1982 and became its first former Playmate Shannon Tweed became parents Jan. 22. Nicholas Adam Simmons was born in Los Angeles, weighing in at 8 pounds, 11 ounces. Tweed was Playboy Playmate of the Year in 1982 and became its first

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**Take two**

Talk Radio rates high

**REVIEW**

First, I imagine I should explain my rating system. It will be based on five stars. One for acting, one for direction and cinematography, one for overall energy, one for acting and one for the "hellhut!"

The movie I have chosen for my first review is the newest film from Oliver Stone. "Wall Street. Platoon. Talk Radio."

The movie follows the rise and fall of Dallas nighttime talk radio host Barry Chaplin. His harsh sarcasm and seeming indifference gained Chaplin many fans; however, it caused many to turn against him. It was one of these listeners -- who loved to hate Chaplin -- that brought about his eventual demise.

Acting: **Barry Chaplin** was portrayed by Eric Bogosian, a brilliant comic, who is a truly remarkable actor. He should be getting much more exposure in the future.

Chaplin's ex-wife, was portrayed by Ellen Greene in "Little Shop of Horrors." Her gut-wrenching performance crystallizes Chaplin's hate and callousness toward the world.

Chaplin's wife, was portrayed by Ellen Greene in "LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS." Her gut-wrenching performance crystallizes Chaplin's hate and callousness toward the world. John McGinley portrays Barry Chaplin. His har..."...the film is a misrepresentation of talk radio and portrays the dark side of the industry, thus the reduced score."

**Public Opinion:** From the portion of the audience I was able to sample, most took the film at face value: a riveting, dramatic film exposing the exploits of both the actors and Stone. "Stone is a genius," said one viewer. "He (Stone) brings out the human emotion behind Chaplin's voice."

Some professionals, however, feel the film is a misrepresentation of talk radio and portrays the dark side of the industry, thus the reduced score.

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**Students question fee**

"Why is there a $10 fee for dropping or adding classes?"

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Circle K
The Jacksonville Circle K Club welcomes everyone back. They are having an open meeting at 6 p.m., Jan. 31 in Merrill Hall. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome.

Delta Chi
The annual Delta Chi Spring Formal has been planned. The Brothers and Little Sisters will “step-out” in Daytona Beach. It is sure to be a great time. Jeff Bruce has done an excellent job planning this year’s formal.

Rush went extremely well. We pledged many quality men.

The Delta Chi basketball team is looking impressive. Coach Tim Leicht is getting the team together for another successful season.

Congratulations to Bo Stump for being named Pledge of the Semester last fall.

Good luck to the men’s and women’s basketball teams on their tough schedules.

Happy birthday to Lisa Haskew, Tim Leicht, Mary Montgomery and Tara Turner.

Alpha Xi Delta
Happy February. We held our Spring Rush last night and we are looking forward to working with our new pledge class.

Congratulations to all fraternities on their Spring Rush.

Excitement is brewing in our chapter room about our upcoming festivities. We have planned mixers with Kappa Alpha, Delta Chi, Pi Sigma Chi and Phi Kappa Phi.

Thanks to Becky Cardwell for the Bible study at 9 p.m. Monday nights.

Until next week...One and one we’re having some fun in our chapter room all day and all of the night.

Alpha Phi Omega
We would like to congratulate our new pledges: Milind Bujekal, Tina Curry, Angela Duquette, Sharon Ford, Sandra Garrett, Willie Calvin Glover Jr., Kaylon Howell, Daphne Ivey, Anthony Jones, William B. O’Neal, Lori Parris, Robin Stanford, Jonathan Tompkins, Sandra Twayman and Mike Wilson.

We also have new officers this semester. They are: Suzanne Smith, president; Tracey Wynn, vice president of service; Debranyo Clark, vice president of membership; pledge master; Rosalie Bryant, fellowship chairman; William Gates, treasurer; and Desiree Byrd, ser gente at arms.

We are looking forward to a terrific semester. We are making plans for a 10th anniversary celebration and a party with the Nu Omicron chapter of Troy State.

Make plans now to support JSU at the basketball game Feb. 26 and attend our party afterward in Montgomery Building. Admission will be 50 cents and a canned good or $1.

Pi Sigma Chi
We would like to welcome Fred Hollis, John Spillman, Adam Dasinger, Karl Murray, and Greg Hendricks into our brotherhood.

Congratulations to Patrick Biederman, our new Magister.

We are looking forward to the upcoming faculty tea and the other activities planned for this semester.

Our basketball team has practiced hard and is looking forward to a great season.

We had a very successful rush this semester and we would like to thank everyone who participated.

Delta Zeta
Congratulations to Tandi Glenn, our Pledge of the Week and Cathy Wallace, AOW. Also, congratulations to Lori Busby, who was lavished with Sigma Nu Luke Welty.

Our province weekend is April 1 and 2. This is our annual gathering with all of the chapters in the state.

Our candidates for province awards include: Danielle Couch, Outstanding Freshman; Cathy Wallace, Outstanding Sophomore; and Carla Byram, Miss Province.

We wish Carla luck in her new position at the Chanticleer.

Pi Kappa Phi
We would like to thank the young men who participated in rush last week. Wildcat rush is still going on and we invite those interested to visit our house.

Little sister rush is this week. We are looking forward to it.

We enjoyed a very successful spring retreat last weekend. Thank you Lake Guntersville.

Winter formal plans are being finalized. It will be Feb. 10-14 in Gaffinburg. Tenn. Thanks to John Cartwright for organizing this event.

A special thanks to Bobby Fuller for a great rush. Joey Weathington for a great year.

Dewayne Bowen for retreat. Barry Myers for holding the house together. Stephen Bean for just knowing everything and Steven Stoker for showing us there is always someone who misses more classes than you do.

Upcoming this year: Stephen Bean entering the bikini contest at Katz.

Phi Mu
We would like to welcome everyone back to school. We hope everybody had a great holiday.

Congratulations to the three Phi Mus who just got engaged. They are Eileen Lowder, Amy Myers and Stacy Baker.

Congratulations and good luck also to Sherri Mooney and Michelle Watson. Sherri is Miss Alabama-USA and will compete in the Miss USA pageant in Mobile Feb. 28. Michelle is Miss Alabama-Coed and will compete in the Miss America-Coed pageant Feb. 24 in Florida.

Thanks to the brothers of ATO for a great party. We had a wonderful time with the ATOs and the sororities.

Phi Mu spring rush was Jan. 30. Thanks to Kara Witkowski.

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for making this rush as great as those in the past.

ATO

Jan. 9 our brotherhood grew 17 stronger with the initiation of Danny Pace, Jim Franklin, Lee Payne, Will Kinnamer, Steve Haynes, Steve Stricklin, Jeff Webb, Lincoln Moody, Greg Sumner, Lance Moore, Greg Gaydon, Fred Coble, Troy Craig, Brian McKinney, Troy Kirkland, Scott Bailey and Andy Rudder. Congratulations to all.

We would like to congratulate the new pledges and wish them a great spring.

Scott Bailey was voted Brother of the Week due to his continued contributions to ATO. We would also like to recognize Darrin Price for his hard work and dedication.

ATO is looking forward to another great semester. We are currently planning our social service calendar. Our sports calendar this semester is sure to provide a lot of fun and excitement. Good luck, Tau.

ATO Question of the Week: Will Jeff Webb continue to get caught up in trials and tribulations at upcoming parties?

ZTA

We would like to announce we will be selling candy for Valentine’s Day next week. The cost is $1 per bag and we will deliver the candy either on or off campus. We will be in the mail center taking orders. The money raised will go to our national philanthropy, the Association for Retarded Citizens.

Congratulations to Lane Stinson for being chosen Member of the Week, Terri Phillips as Pledge of the Week. Lisa Houston as Zeta Lady and Amy Reddy as Social Bunny.

Congratulations also to all fraternities for a successful spring rush.

BCM

We would like to welcome everyone back. We want to thank all who attended the BCM welcome back party, with our own Marvin Williams.

During the Christmas holidays, 25 BCM members went on a SPOTS trip to Atlanta and worked with the Emory Baptist Church. SPOTS trips are always great learning experiences.

Do not miss our weekly programs. Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. we have Celebration. Wednesday evenings we have Agape luncheons at 11:15 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Thursday evenings we have Bible study at 6 p.m. Fridays at 6:45 a.m. we offer Barnabas, a prayer and breakfast program which features BCM members as speakers.

The BCM will present TRUTH in concert at 7 p.m. April 11 at Pete Mathews Coliseum. We will give more details soon.

AKA

We visited the Wessex nursing home Tuesday. We took various toiletry items to the residents who have no family members and played games with the residents. This was our first service project of the semester.

We would like to thank Alpha Tau Omega for inviting us to their "Wild Party." It was fun and we really enjoyed ourselves. We hope in the school year we can party together again.

AKA members are selling raffle tickets for a bottle of champagne and a teddy bear. The tickets are 50 cents and the winner will be announced at our Valentine’s party at Solid Gold. We would like to congratulate Cheryl Bevelle for receiving second place in the "Keeping the Dream Alive" contest. The contest was held on Martin Luther King Jr.’s birthday. Also, congratulations to Micheal Douglass of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity for placing first.

Last but not least, get well soon Dee Dee Durr.

Keep watching those ladies in pink and green.

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By ERIC MACKEY
Features Writer

Watches on display

Thanks to the Alumni Association and Couch’s Jewelers of Aniston, there is a new way to show off that JSU spirit -- the “Gamecock Watch.”

The watch is the brainchild of Fred Couch, owner of Couch’s Jewelers in Aniston. It comes in three styles, all of which display the name and mascot in school colors. Couch, who is a JSU alumus along with his wife, got the idea from seeing a friend’s watch emblazoned with his university’s logo.

Once the wheels were rolling, Couch investigated several ways of developing a watch that would display pride in his alma mater. He looked into several companies before choosing Seiko. He chose this company because of its lasting quality and willingness to back its product with a three-year warranty.

The watch is currently working on a brochure that will include price information and will be distributed to alumni, faculty, staff members and possibly students.

By CYNDI OWENS
Editor in Chief

Peggy Peel models watch

David Ballard finding new life

By BY CYNDI OWENS
Editor in Chief

David Ballard, a Gadsden native, had been working as a manufacturing engineer for 11 years. He became disillusioned with this and went to the Philippines to take some classes while he de-

"Before, what I was doing morally offended me. We were making subcomponents of weapons systems, the MX, and I did not agree with this philosophically," he said.

David Ballard

After the stint in the Philippines, Ballard moved back to Alabama and went into retirement. “I decided to take some classes while he de-

"I took sociology pretty much as a lark, really. It was just a class. But I became intrigued by it, and now I’m going to get a bachelor’s degree and... get a Ph.D. so I can teach," he said.

He has received the Gwen Mulder Scholarship in sociology for the spring semester.

"I’m very thankful to the department for this. It shows a lot of moral support for a student who wants to go on to graduate school. It’s nice to receive that honor from them," he said.

Aside from the time he puts into preparing for a career in sociology, Ballard also finds time to be involved in many campus activities. He is a member of Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society, Alpha Kappa Delta National Sociology Honor Society, Phi Beta Lambda Business Fraternity and Adult Learner’s Forum.

Ballard said the business-oriented side of him cannot refrain from planning out his future.

"I’m going to get a master’s in business, an MBA, here. That’s my practical side, so I’ll also have some basis in organizations, pop culture and the media. I’ll have a foundation from which to philosophize. And if I can’t get a job teaching, I can get one in business."

His own future is not the only one for which Ballard has plans. "I’d like this to be a ‘kinder, gentler nation,’ but using my definition rather than a politician’s. That means treating each other as human beings," he said.

"I hope through teaching I can help generate phone calls which provide information on the weekly selections as well as any serious criminal activity in the Calhoun County area."

Communication honored

By BY ANN HOWARD
Features Writer

The Department of Communication recently received a Media Appreciation award for the hard work the faculty, staff and students put into helping Crime Stoppers of Calhoun County.

Members of the Department of Communication have helped produce the “Crime of the Week” which has aired on WJSU's Channel 40 for the past four and a half years.

The “Crime of the Week” is an unsolved crime selected for publication through television, radio, and print media. The selection is made according to the severity of the crime and status of the offense. The weekly selections come from the 14 law enforcement jurisdictions of Calhoun County to make Crime Stoppers a county-wide effort.

Crime Stoppers is an international service and the work students do for it is an experience which may help the students get jobs later on. Allan Rhodes, chairman of Crime Stoppers for 1989, cites the faculty, staff, and students for their valuable support of the project.
Alabama Gallery houses library’s special collection

By MATT BROOKS  
Features Editor

Out of chaos comes order.

Everyone has had to bear this in mind over the last few months with all of the renovations going on around campus. This has especially held true at Houston Cole Library, where most of the building and its premises have undergone change at one time or another.

One result of all this work on the library has been a new addition on the 10th floor - the Alabama Gallery.

Open since the beginning of the semester, the gallery houses the special collections of the library, which were previously located in the basement. University Librarian William Hubbard said: “We moved it to the 10th floor to make it more accessible to the public.”

Although the gallery is not openly accessible to the public, students may make arrangements with the librarian to conduct research. Special precautions have to be taken as well to prevent damage to the books and other artifacts.

“We don’t really have a full-time librarian devoted to the gallery,” Hubbard said. “Louise Wiser has been dividing up her time between the gallery and her regular floor duties.” Students may only take pencils and paper in to take notes with and a faculty member must be present as well.

The gallery features portraits of Confederate Veterans. The gallery also contains books about the state of Alabama, books by Alabama authors and books written in Alabama such as To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee, In Cold Blood by Truman Capote, and The Hellen Keller Story.

The University archives can also be found in the gallery. “If anybody wanted to write a history of the University, this is the place to come,” Hubbard said.

As to the future of the gallery, Hubbard said a lot of time would be spent organizing it, which includes going through lists and indexes to make things easier for people to use. “We’re also going to spend time in preservation, doing some microfilming. We really don’t know what’s in there.” Hubbard said.

A front view

The gallery is open from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Duke chosen by soap

From CPS

Duke University became Landview University for a few days in late January when the cast and staff from the “One Life to Live” ABC daytime drama visited to do some orientation production.

Duke won a nationwide location search conducted by the soap opera’s producers, who used the campus fraternity row location, said ABC spokesman Jason Bondeross. ABC trying to earn some publicity, last fall placed ads in 50 campus newspapers and ran a commercial during the program asking student viewers to write and explain why their campus would be the perfect location for the show.

The producers, said Bondeross, hoped to build excitement for the show among students, who are among its biggest fans. “Soap viewing among college kids is very big.”

Students from hundreds of campuses nationwide responded. Bondeross said, sending in just letters but videotapes, bumper stickers, coffee mugs, sweat shirts and photographs extolling their schools.

Duke senior Glenn Zellman did the best. “Once at Duke you’d be amazed by the beauty and charm of the university and its surrounding areas,” Zellman wrote, describing campus buildings and woods that would work well with the soap’s story line.

Bondeross said the episode featuring Duke will be aired March 2.

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Fast food fattening

By HEIDI KAUFMAN
Health Writer

Once again it seems everyone is depending on fast food restaurants for a quick meal. According to the National Restaurant Association, more than 40 percent of the money Americans spend on food is targeted for eating away from home.

This astonishing figure has to be recognized, and the best must be made out of the situation health-wise. Students who eat out often should acquire a good guiding booklet on nutrient values in menu items from the most common restaurants.

A book of this type would contain information such as: An Arby's regular roast beef sandwich with 600 calories, of which 53 percent are fat; a McDonald's Filet-O-Fish has 435 calories, of which 52 percent are fat; and two slices of a 12-inch Domino's Pizza add up to 340 calories, with 16 percent being fat.

To eat as nutritionally as possible in a fast-food restaurant, food should be chosen with forethought. It is mainly the fat content of a meal that should be watched.

In a Mexican restaurant, guacamole should be avoided. It contains 100 calories and two teaspoons of fat in every quarter cup. Instead concentrate on salsa, which consists of chopped tomatoes, onions and chilies. Beware of nachos: crisp corn tortillas are deep-fried and full of fat.

When ordering a Mexican meal, select a dish with healthy ingredients such as tomatoes, lettuce and peppers. Avoid the fat in toppings such as cheese and sour cream. Grilled chicken and beans are available in many Mexican entrees and are good choices, but avoid refried beans since they contain a lot of fat.

When visiting a Chinese restaurant, take advantage of the stir-fried and steamed vegetables with small amounts of meat. Keep away from deep-fried food and spare ribs, which are saturated with fat.

Pizza is fine, but don't eat half the pie. Sample just a slice or two, and don't pile on the fattening toppings such as sausage.

When ordering a salad or visiting a salad bar, stick with low-calorie dressings instead of those with a high fat content. When a basket of rolls arrives, eat one, but don't cover it with butter and don't reach for another before before dinner arrives. Make an effort to choose broiled, roasted, poached or baked foods instead of deep-fried or sauteed. Stick to lean meats, fish or poultry when decide on a main course.

It does take willpower to eat nutritiously in a fast-food restaurant, but with a little common sense, a healthy diet can be achieved.

The last word

Hunters are heartless people

Some people go through their entire lives never seeing, or even having the opportunity to see, many of God's wonderful creations on this Earth.

When I was 14 years old, my family visited the Grand Canyon, which is a wonder in its own right. The surroundings couldn't have been more beautiful. The sun was setting as we drove along the rim of the canyon, and the sky was several shades of purple and orange.

Suddenly my dad yelled excitedly for everyone to look out the window. On the side of the road was one of what I have many times envisioned since then to be the most beautiful deer ever. However, by the time I could get in a position to see, the deer had disappeared into the brush. I felt left out as my mom, dad and sister talked about what they'd seen.

I had never before in my life had the opportunity to see a deer in the wild. I didn't know if I ever would again.

Then, about three weeks ago, I was driving home to Gadsden for the weekend. The radio was blaring, and I was so lost in some deep-in-transit thought that I almost missed it.

Off to the right side of the road in a small clearing, an ugly white-gray cloud of smoke emerged from the woods. Hardly a second later, the most beautiful deer I have ever laid eyes on burst through the trees. Stunned, I watched as the deer crossed the clearing with ease and ran up the side of the hill onto the road, right into my truck. Immediately I slammed on the brakes, and my truck skidded off the road and almost overturned.

Quickly I got out of the truck to look for the body, but found nothing. It was as if the deer had vanished into thin air. The whole event couldn't have lasted more than 10 seconds, but I'll have the image of that deer etched in my mind forever. Those round, dark eyes, filled with terror.

Thanks to some hunter, probably drunker than Otis and intent on nothing more than acquiring a wall trophy, the memory of my first deer in the wild will be a bloody one. I don't believe in, in fact I abhor, hunting. I think it's wrong to kill anything except in the extreme case of self-survival. In my years of debate with hunters, I've heard almost every reason, or excuse that is, in the world for hunting.

And you want to know something? Not a single one of them makes sense.

There's the threat of human overpopulation, sure, but the government doesn't declare open season every fall to stem the tide. For the price of the gun, ammo, camouflage gear and ever-present 4x4, a man can feed his family for a year.

What other "valid" reasons are there?
Burgess signs new contract

By JEFFREY ROBINSON
Sports Editor

Coach Bill Burgess last week signed a new contract to remain head football coach.

This new agreement came after negotiations between Burgess and University and athletic officials. Burgess’ original contract, which he signed four years ago, was to expire at the end of last month.

The terms of the new deal are undisclosed, although the contract is believed to be a two-year agreement with a roll-over clause. The roll-over clause allows the contract to be automatically renewed on the date of its signing two years from now.

In a report in the Jan. 27 issue of the Anniston Star, Burgess said he was pleased with the new deal.

“I appreciate our president, Dr. Harold McGee, having enough confidence in our program to give us the opportunity to stay in Jacksonville and continue our program,” said Burgess. “I’m glad it’s over. Everything went very well. I’m pleased with it and we’re looking forward to working hard and keeping our program going.”

The multi-year clause had been one of the major points of negotiation between Burgess and the University. McGee’s policy has been to offer only one-year contracts to University employees and faculty.

In the same article in the Star, JSU athletic director Bob Kennamer said, “I think rolling the contract over is a good thing for everybody.”

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—Kennamer

Gamecocks snap back at home against Choctaws

By EARL WISE
Sports Writer

The Gamecocks did their homework, no doubt about it. The Mississippi College Choctaws arrived in Pete Mathews Coliseum Jan. 23 with 11-4 overall record and a 2-5 mark in the GSC. The Choctaws left Jacksonville with a 113-93 defeat as the Gamecocks ran away in an important league game.

The victory was a big win for the struggling Gamecocks, who had lost three of their four previous games. Apparently, they learned their lesson after some tough road losses.

The Choctaws are led by senior guard Aaron Baker, who averages 15.9 points per game. He was, however, held scoreless by the Gamecocks. In addition to Baker being held scoreless, junior forward Thomas Mathews, who averages 18.3 ppg was held to a mere 13 points.

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To the delight of the Gamecock crowd, Madden got his best assist with five minutes left in the game. Madden dribbled through the Choctaws’ full-court press, spotted Dixon sprinting for the basket, and lofted him a half-court pass. Dixon took the pass in the air and dunked it home. The dunk got the Gamecock crowd on its feet and gave JSU a huge 87-71 lead.

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Football recruiting gets boost from new weekend program

By JEFFREY ROBINSON
Sports Editor

The first day high school seniors can sign letters of intent to play college football is next Wednesday, and JSU is in the thick of recruiting players for the Gamecock program.

Coach Bill Burgess said last week recruiting is going well so far, but he expects JSU to be late in signing some of its recruits because Division 1 school are getting their prospects signed.

“We’re looking at a lot of people,” said Burgess. “We’re going to be a little slow this year because right now we have to see how Division 1 schools are doing.”

“We have been having recruiting weekends, and we are also looking at our prospects and getting them ranked,” said Burgess.

According to defensive secondary coach David Saunders, the recruiting weekends are being handled a little differently this year. Rather than bringing in recruits on Fridays and having them stay through Saturday, the prospects are coming in on Thursdays and Fridays this year.

Saunders says this gives the recruits a much better opportunity to see what student life is really like at JSU, rather than seeing the campus on the weekend when a large number of students have gone home.

“So far, the recruiting weekends have worked well,” said Saunders. “In the past, we had to tell them that the campus is not like it is when they see it during the weekdays. The response has been great. We had about 30 kids in during the first two weeks, and they seemed to enjoy it.”

Saunders said the coaching staff met Friday before last and made some decisions on the players they felt JSU had the best chance to sign. The staff was going to continue to work out commitments during last week and this week.

According to Saunders, this is going to be a good recruiting year overall. JSU is hoping to get some good talent from local high schools.

“We averaged signing about 20 to 24 players the last couple of years,” said Saunders. “We’re not going to sign quite that many on signing date this year, but we do expect to sign from 16 to 20 people.”
Slow start is no problem as Gamecocks down UAH

BY RUSS MEANS
Sports Writer

They are not nicknamed the "Runnin' Gamecocks" for nothing.

Coach Bill Jones' basketball team likes to play a fast-paced game, and they usually succeed in doing this very well. Most opponents have found when the Gamecocks run the fast break with success, a JSU victory is inevitable.

Last Thursday at Pete Mathews Coliseum, the Alabama-Huntsville Chargers attempted to slow that running game down failed miserably. The Gamecocks upped their overall record to 13-3 with an 84-49 thrashing of UAH.

UAH came in with plans to try and play a slow-tempo game to keep the Gamecocks from running up points. For a while it worked as the game started off at a slow pace. The Chargers used most of the 45-second clock when they had the ball, and as a result, only 23 total points were scored between the two teams in the first 11 minutes.

"Obviously, Alabama-Huntsville thought their opportunity to win the game resided in taking 40 seconds off the 45-second clock each time down," said Jones. "We went to the man-to-man defense to offset that, and it was effective."

At the half, the score was 30-23 in favor of the Gamecocks, one of JSU's lowest first-half point totals of the year. Despite the low scoring, JSU controlled the lead most of the game, falling behind at only one point in the first half.

The second half of the contest brought more action to what had been a dull ball game. The Gamecocks gradually added to the lead they had built. On two different occasions, back-to-back 3-pointers by Robert Lee Sanders and Pat Madden gave the Lady Chargers 18 points and never fell behind again.

"We took control of the game early," said Lady Gamecocks head coach Richard Mathis. "We wanted to come out and play good from the start. We got to look at some girls who have been doing good at practice, and we were very pleased."

Mathis excelled upon his reserves for a large portion of the game. Christy Colvin, a 5'11" freshman guard from Crossville, came off the bench for 12 points.

Sophomore Evett Palmer added 10 points.

Mathis was pleased with the play of both Colvin and Palmer.

"Christy may be our best pure shooter," said Mathis. "She has a good, clean shot and she gets her shots up quick. Evett came in and played well for us, which is exactly what we need her to do against some of our toughest opponents."

In the first half, the Lady Gamecocks defense held the Lady Chargers to only 17 points, while going on two seven-basket scoring streaks.

Sophomore guard Dana Bright led JSU in the first half with 13 points.

The second half went slower for the Lady Gamecocks, but UAH never pulled close. The Lady Chargers came within 18 points in the last two minutes, but they were not able to close the margin any more. They did, however, triple their first half score.

"We held them to 17 points in the first half, but they scored 51 in the second half," said Mathis. "We weren't too happy with that. We weren't playing hard enough."

Overall, Mathis was pleased with his team's performance.

"It was a good game for us," said Mathis. "It really got our spirits up. You have to feel good after a game like this. We executed better and people seemed more alert. We did things we're supposed to be doing."

Robert Lee Sanders led the Gamecocks with 29 points on the night, including an outstanding six 3-pointers. The Gamecock offense picked up the tempo in an exceptional second half and the defense rattled the Chargers once UAH fell behind.

Jones was very pleased with his team's efforts in the game.

"It was a good game for us," said Jones.

Jones also said the past two home games have been good for the team in the sense he has been able to get a lot of playing time for most of his players. The home stand has also helped pull Sanders, who is again connecting from the outside, out of a shooting slump he had been in.

Cliff Dixon was the only other Gamecock player in double figures. Dixon had 11 points and 10 rebounds.

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Gamecocks take easy road win against UT-Martin

By RINDA RUTLEDGE
Sports Writer

The arena stands like a Taj Mahal amid the cornfields and grain silos.

Pacer Area, home court of the Tennessee-Martin Pacers, has never been an easy place for the Gamecocks to win a basketball game. But JSU made things look easy last Saturday night as they demolished defending Gulf South Conference champion UT-Martin 106-77.

The Lady Gamecocks also won an important GSC game by defeating the Lady Pacers 75-67.

The Pacers got on the board first with a 3-0 lead, but Robert Lee Sanders answered by tossing in a 3-pointer to tie the game at 3-3.

With 16:30 on the clock in the first half, the Pacers went ahead for the second and final time of the evening, leading 8-7. Sanders then tossed in another two points to put the Gamecocks ahead 9-8.

UT-Martin tied the game at 9-9, but the "Runnin' Gamecocks" proceeded to out-run the Pacers with a lead they would not relinquish the rest of the evening.

Midway through the first half, the Gamecocks had jumped ahead by 16 and led 31-15. Overtime UT-Martin could do nothing to stop JSU, and with 3 minutes remaining in the first half, the Gamecocks had taken a commanding 41-18 advantage.

By halftime, the Pacers had cut the lead to 20, but this one was as good as over. The Gamecocks went into the locker room leading 50-30.

JSU came out shooting the lights out in the second half. An early 10-4 run by the Gamecocks enabled them to add to their already huge lead. The run was punctuated by Henry Williams slamming the ball home to put the Gamecocks ahead 9-8. Sanders answered by tossing in a 3-pointer to tie the game at 3-3.

At the 11-minute mark, UT-Martin had cut the lead down to 9-6, and it was a good outing for Sanders. Sanders had gone to the line and successfully converted the technical free throw for the Gamecocks to thwart any Pacer comeback hopes.

With just over one minute to play in the game, Randall Holmes tossed in point number 100 for the Gamecocks. JSU went on to win what turned out to be a breather by a 106-77 margin.

Sanders led in scoring for the Gamecocks with 29 points, followed by Williams with 17, Pelham with 13 and Madden with 12. Dixon lead in rebounding with 16, and Madden had 9 assists on the evening.

"I couldn't have written a better script to start the game," said Coach Bill Jones. "It was one of those ballgames where we got off to a good start. Once we got off to a good start and got the lead, they obviously had to play outmanned and I think we had more depth. It was a good outing from start to finish."

The Gamecocks improved their record to 14-3 overall and 5-3 in the GSC.

Lady Gamecocks 75,
UT-Martin 67

The Lady Gamecocks had to hold off a pesky Lady Pacer team to take a 75-67 win over UT-Martin.

UT-Martin kept this one close throughout most of the game. The Lady Pacers led by five at one time in the early part of the game, but JSU used a 9-0 run to reclaim the lead. Martin would eventually come back and cut the lead to two at 38-36 at halftime.

The Lady Gamecocks re-

claimed the lead in the second half only to see the Lady Pacers come back and tie the game at 62-62 with 5:04 left in the contest. But a comeback was not to be for UT-Martin. The Lady Pacers scored only five more points in the last five minutes, and the Lady Gamecocks won going away.

"We played pretty well tonight," said Coach Richard Mathis. "It was tough game, and (UT-Martin) came out tough and gave us everything we wanted. We expected them to play tough. "We had them down by two at halftime, and we stretched that lead out to about nine or 10 in the second half. But they made a run at us, and we stretched it back out in the last couple of minutes. It was really a tight game all the way," said Mathis.

Shelley Carter had an outstanding 32-point performance for the Lady Gamecocks. She also pulled down 18 rebounds, and Mary Ann Tribble had 11 points on the night. Lucky Cabrera scored 12 points, including six in the last five minutes, four of which were at the free-throw line.

"We've been a good free-throw shooting team this year," said Mathis. "We're shooting in the 70 percent range, and I think anybody who knows anything about basketball will tell you your doing all right when you've got your players shooting in the 70s."

UT-Martin was led by Catreece Ward, who had 23 points.

The win improves the Lady Gamecocks' record to 14-2 overall, 5-2 in the GSC.

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