DSS program: Only the name has changed

By TODD FRESHWATER
News Editor

Students can no longer use the University's Postsecondary Program for the Sensory Impaired. Now it has a new name, Disabled Student Services.

The title "Disabled Student Services" is a federal one. By changing to this term, the University is keeping in step with federal guidelines.

"Some don't like the term (disabled)," said Dan Miller, co-director of the program, "but it is the accepted term and people will know what we're doing."

Miller feels the term DSS is more accurate because they work with many disabilities, not just sensory impairment. The DSS assists students with sensory impairments, learning disabilities, cerebral palsy, severe speech impairments and physical limitations.

"Many students have more than one disability," he said.

Before the DSS was established at JSU, disabled individuals had few options available for pursuing postsecondary education. This was due to the lack of university programs and support services for these individuals.

"According to the latest federal statistics, at a four-year university such as Jacksonville, one can expect 10.1 percent of the enrolled students to have some kind of disability," Miller said. "That translates into 776 students using the University's enrollment figures as of the last day to add classes."

The DSS, which was formed in 1985, was designed to help disabled students by giving them support. The program facilitates such support services as notetakers, interpreters, tutors and technical equipment.

According to Miller, one of the DSS' major goals are to determine who exactly needs their services. Their primary source of information is through the vocational rehabilitation services, which often supplies support for disabled students in the form of books, supplies and other fees. The financial aid office is also a source of information because it has information on students receiving assistance both in-state and out-of-state.

"We have a fair number of Georgia students and we've had calls from Ohio, Florida and Indiana," said Miller.

Miller says the DSS is planning a roster of all disabled students (See DSS, Page 2)

Smith looks to Montgomery

By SHANE MCGRIFF
Staff Reporter

Political science professor Jerry L. Smith will take his political insight out of the classroom and onto the campaign trail this spring.

Smith is running for the Alabama House of Representatives, District 34, which includes Jacksonville, Piedmont, Weaver and Alexandria. If elected, Smith will give up his job as major pro temp for the city of Jacksonville but will keep his faculty position at JSU.

"This (teaching) is my livelihood, the legislative positions are technically part-time. I'll work out an arrangement with the University to take leave when I need to," said Smith.

Smith's experience in politics includes 20 years of teaching and six years practice as a public servant. He has been a Jacksonville city council member since 1984.

"If I get elected to the legislature (See SMITH, Page 3)"

Guide provides health information

By TODD FRESHWATER
News Editor

If an emergency situation arises, faculty and students now have a handy guide to emergency situations. The Student Health Center's "Emergency Guide for Injuries and Illnesses" has been posted in University buildings and administrative offices.

Carol Lawler, director of health services, said the idea for an emergency guide came from a magazine article in "The Community College Health Newsletter."

"The idea is to have an emergency guide posted in the offices and where students congregate," said Lawler.

The guide is an easy-use guide to many common emergencies. Some topics include: shock, eye wounds, heart attack, choking, fractures and sprains.

"The list is not inclusive," Lawler said. "The list is just a guide to help people until help arrives."

Lawler urges any building office that wants a copy to contact the Infirmary at 782-5310.
Tierce temporarily assumes position

By TODD FRESHWATER
News Editor

There is a new face at the financial aid office. Karen Tierce has temporarily assumed the position of student financial aid director.

Tierce was asked to assume the position after Lynda Sims, the previous director, accepted a job as student financial aid director at Shelby State Community College in Memphis, Tenn.

Tierce, who previously was the loan/grant processor, has eight years of experience in this area from another school.

"Right now I am doing both jobs," Tierce said. "This isn't the busy time of the year, so it's no big deal."

Besides making financial aid awards, Tierce also helps students find work study positions and councils them.

Questions about college work study or other financial aid questions can be answered by contacting Tierce at ext. 4361.

A national search is being made for a permanent replacement of Sims. The University hopes the position will be filled sometime in April.

When the position is filled, Tierce will return to her position as loan/grant processor.

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which he expects to be well over 200.

"This will help us when we request increased staffing," he said.

The DSS is funded by the University. However, it also receives money from groups like the Sims Foundation, private individuals and the Eckard Foundation. These monies have permitted the DSS to buy a computer, and it is in the process of buying a second Braille machine.

"We are the only university in the Southeast that has computerized Braille with voice output," Miller said.

The DSS is headed by the founder of the program, Susan Easterbrooks, who is assisted by Miller. The DSS is housed in Ramona Wood Building and is now a department within the student affairs division, headed by Bascom Woodward.

If anyone is in need of the services offered by the DSS or if anyone has a friend in need, contact the DSS office at 782-5093.
Abortion: The battle continues

The hottest topic of our time is that awful "A" word -- abortion. Across the nation, the abortion warriors are mobilizing their forces of protest and propaganda, and as a result, we are all forced to take sides. Why should I take a side? On the one hand I have people telling me abortion is murder and we should stop killing the babies. Yes, there is some justification to this charge. By the time the woman knows she is pregnant, the fetus' heart is developing, and soon after begins to beat. The fetus also reacts to stimuli, so there is little doubt the fetus is alive.

The anti-abortion folks leave me with the
impression they want to totally outlaw abortion, and they are willing to make a political issue out of it to do so.

On the other hand, I have people telling me abortion is the choice of the woman, and should not be legislated. Abortion should be legal so it doesn't return to the back alleys.

These folks say the fetus may be alive but it isn't a human so it really isn't murder to abort the fetus. They also have made it a political issue of abortion. Each side has valid arguments. Some say abortion should be legal only in cases of incest or only cases of danger to the mother's life. Others say abortion should be legal but not used as a form of birth control. Another bunch says God will judge those awful folks who do have abortions. In fact, everyone seems to have a different version of abortion legislation.

Well, I say let God judge. I have my own beliefs about abortion, but I don't feel it is my place to tell a woman what she can do with her body.

I am always amused to see men marching in these abortion rallies. Why are they marching? Can they have a baby? Will they ever face the difficult choice of whether or not to have an abortion?

No.

To tell a woman what to do with her body is to assume she is not capable of making her own decision. What I believe or what anyone else believes doesn't matter.

Women, it's your life, soul and conscience. Only you can make the best decision for you.
**Mandela's release signifies beginning of reform possibilities**


A whole nation watched as Mandela, gray and still looking as imposing as he did in a 1961 television interview, walked out of Victor Verster Prison in South Africa.

Mandela and his wife Winnie approached the gates of the prison in a motorcade, but when they reached the gate they got out of the car and walked through it. They walked toward the crowd of thousands of South Africans and hundreds of members of the media holding hands.

The South African television announced said the Mandelas were "waving to the crowd." The camera showed the wave to actually be the raised, clenched-fisted salute of Black Power.

The crowd was so large the Mandelas had to return to the car twice. They drove away with hundreds following behind the car shouting and singing. Mandela was freed after serving 27 years, 7 months of his life sentence. He was imprisoned as a traitor and was released as a hero.

The timing of the release was a wonderful coincidence in this country. What better tribute to Black History Month could have occurred? There is no more fitting event in the struggle for black equality and dignity than for this to have happened.

This was a truly marvelous event. But it is only the beginning.

When the jubilation subsides and Mandela and other black South Africans begin the long and trying work of creating some equality between blacks and whites, we hope the people of that nation will be patient.

It has taken nearly 28 years to move to this point. We hope the pace of reforms in South Africa can progress at a steady pace and that people there will allow time for the healing to take place. Impatience could result in violence, and the last thing South Africa needs is a bloody civil war.

We hope the government of South Africa will continue to follow the example of other countries around the world and let its people begin to live free from oppression, hatred and fear.

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**For what it's worth**

'World peace' more than a concept

I am 24-years old, and I have witnessed some of the most incredible events ever in world history. As I watched Nelson and Winnie Mandela walk out of the gates of a South African prison, as I watched them raise clenched fists to the crowd desperate to catch a glimpse of them, all I could hear were two words: world peace.

"World peace" is a phrase we throw around a lot. For decades it has been some mystical ideal that intellectuals have ranted about. Most people have been skeptical about it, and few ever thought it would actually exist.

But suddenly there is hope. There is hope for me that someday this will be more than an abstract concept.

There is hope in my that the niece or nephew about to come into my life will be able to come into a world just a little bit better than the one in which his or her aunt came into.

I have had this feeling before. I watched people dance in jubilation atop the Berlin Wall and I felt the same way.

I know there are places in the world that have no hope of peace, at least not for a long time. After all, it hasn't been long since the world wept for students slaughtered by the Chinese government. And somewhere in America there is a mother mourning the death of her child at the hands of a drug dealer.

But just for a little while, just for the minute or so the cameras of the world focused on Nelson Mandela, I felt like world peace was more than just a concept.

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**Letter to the editor**

Student sees gap in communication

Dear Editor:

Before I begin this letter I would like to set a few things straight.

This letter is about the campus police. Before I go any further let me say this: I have the utmost respect for the police officers and this letter is not to belittle them or their profession. I myself have family involved in this line of work and I have often considered attending the police academy.

This letter is mainly about student-police relations. The majority of this campus, or the majority of people I have talked to, aren't too fond of the campus police. Why? In my opinion, I think there is a big communication gap between students and the police.

Let me share a few incidents that have really ticked me off. I recently attended a home basketball game against rival UNA. The place was packed. In the latter part of the game I noticed a campus policeman walk up to a student who was abiding every rule of behavior and tell him to "cool it" and sit down.

I was tempted to ask him if he could hear the other 5000 fans. We have one of the best sports programs in the country and fans have the right to cheer. So, sir, loosen up already!

Another incident I witnessed had to do with the oh-so-wonderful parking problem here. Everybody and their brother has probably had some type parking ticket, and probably rightfully so. I'm not criticizing that, but what really got me was the towing of a car by Pannell Hall.

Yes, the car was illegally parked, and no, it was not my car. The car was not blocking traffic. It was parked along the curb.

Everyone who eats dinner in the cafeteria knows every inch of that parking lot behind Pannell, including the grass, is occupied by some type vehicle. When everyone is doing eating, it clears up.

Well, it was the last car left along the curb, and by some stroke of bad luck an officer decided to have it towed. No warning, just towed it. I could see towing a car blocking traffic or causing a hazard, but come on, parked along a curb?

In closing, I realize there are two sides to these stories. The police have jobs to do. But try focusing on the rapes, burglaries, etc.

One last note: Not every student on this campus is a crime waiting to happen. Maybe if you gave a little, we would give a little too.

Respectfully,

Jay Burch
Cheerleading hard work with little recognition

By SONJA CHAMBERS
Staff Writer

Members of the cheerleading squad feel they are not getting the recognition they deserve, although that may be changing.

Many students don't know the cheerleading squad works primarily on the support of the school.

Co-captain Craig Davis and cheerleader Alana Haynes get the most reward by raising the school spirit of the students. Davis, a junior from Fort Payne, said, "Working out and staying fit is a major necessity for being a cheerleader."

Davis and Haynes are partners on the cheerleading squad. Both enjoy the competition with squads from other universities.

Haynes, a junior from Alexandria, said, "The national competition in San Antonio, Texas, was the best experience I have ever had besides getting to travel."

The squad is supported financially by the University, which pays for travel, lodging, uniforms and spending money for meals. They receive no academic rewards, although they receive leadership recognition awards given by the school.

This semester was the first time the squad received tuition scholarships, which will definitely help them with school expenses.

There are 14 cheerleaders, seven men and seven women. And let's not forget Cocky, the mascot. The squad does all its traveling in school vans, which are also furnished by the University.

During football season the squad practices six to 10 hours a week, and during basketball season it practices 10 to 15 hours per week.

At a summer camp the squad received four first-place trophies and one second-place trophy. They were named the most collegiate squad in Division II.

"We are all one big, happy family," Haynes said.

Writers Club

Birds of a pen flock together

By TERRI CHEATWOOD
Staff Writer

In this world of computer and technological skills, it is rare to find people who like to write creatively. However, such people exist in the Writers Club.

The club was started last semester by Susan Methvin, an instructor in the English department. The club meets every Tuesday in the "Green Room," 241 Stone Center. Members discuss the poems and stories they have written.

According to Methvin, members voluntarily write and discuss each author's work. "There are no assignments and no restrictions on the members," she said. "They can write about anything from fiction to fantasy."

During meetings, writers bring in their stories or poems and read them to the group. The members then discuss the content.

"We want to encourage writers, to let them grow in their writing," Methvin said.

The writing and the discussions are difficult, as club member Mike Wilson knows. "Writing takes time," he said.

No one has been published, yet.

However, Methvin said there are a few who are really close.

Members are from all levels of college and of all ages. There is also a faculty member, Dorothy Tobe. Tobe, who is also an instructor of English, serves as co-advisor to the club along with Methvin.

Membership numbers fluctuate, reflecting the laid-back attitude of the club. Joining is easy and all one has to do is show up with a desire to write.

The future of the club is fairly bright. Methvin expects increased membership as the semester goes along. More students will probably join since employers today are looking for people who can think and write creatively.
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Christy Snow is our new Phi of the Week. Keep up the good work Christy.

Monday was "Think Pink Day," which we celebrate every year to commemorate our existence and to show our support of the many wonderful things that have happened community- and nation-wide due to Phi Mu.

ZETA TAU ALPHA

All of us would like to thank everyone who attended our "Mr. Cupid" contest.

Congratulations goes out to Marnie Swiss for being one of the little sisters of Pi Kappa Phi chosen as Rose Queen this year.

Further congratulations go out to: Member of the Week, Mindi Landers; Pledge of the Week, Cathy Lance; Zeta Lady, Tracy Kemp; and Social Bunny, Teisha Venable.

BCM

Summer is just around the corner and with summer comes summer missions. The BCM is proud of the three students who were accepted as summer missionaries. They are Matt Nelson, Linda Lyle and Patrick Key.

Matt will be going to Vale, Colo.; Linda to Baltimore and Patrick will be visiting St. Louis.

We are grateful to the many Southern Baptists who helped provide new furniture for the BCM.

SIGMA NU

We initiated nine pledges: Rob Baker, Andy Burnett, Brian Clark, Brian Garner, Jim Hill, Mike Jenkins, Lee McMichael, Brian Taylor and Mark Wimpee.

Congratulations to our College Bowl team for winning the Greek College Bowl Championship last week. Team members were: Gene Boswell, Mike Dalesandro, Michael Migliore and Rob Spivey.

Little Sis of the Week: Debbie Judd, for all the hard work she's done for Sigma Nu. Congratulations Debbie, you deserve it.

ALPHA TAU OMEGA

Our Valentine's Party was last night. Everyone had a great time.

Congratulations to our basketball team. They are undefeated this far.

Congratulations to Bill Richardson for being selected as Brother of the Month.

ALPHA XI DELTA

Congratulations to our Sister of the Week, Rachael Brothers. We had a good time at our recent skating party with Delta Zeta.

We are looking forward to our upcoming social events planned by our social chairman, Kelli Dicker-

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Spirited play proves to be key to success

By RODNEY PARKS
Sports Editor

The huddle with more determination, and our players turned it up a notch, kicked the press up, got a couple of steals and played well for the rest of the night."

JSU opened the scoring very fast, taking a 9-4 lead only three minutes into the game. West Georgia then showed that it was there to play as the Jaguars scored the next 13 points of the game to take a 17-9 lead with 13:10 left in the first half.

JSU then got its running game going and took a slim 51-49 lead into the halftime break.

JSU totally dominated the second half as it outscored the Braves 57-40 in the final 20 minutes of the game, running on to an important GSC road victory, 108-89.

With the win JSU moved into first place in the GSC.

"I told our guys at halftime what we had to do," said Jones. "We had to cut down on their second shots. I thought they got too many in the first half. I thought our transition game and rebounding in the second half were very effective. I think part of this is our kids coming out with an intensity level to get the job done."

Robert Lee Sanders led five Gamecocks in double figures with 32 points. Charles Hale added 16, Wayne McLaughlin had 14, Cliff Dixon scored 12, and Henry Williams contributed 11 and Anthony Kingston added 10.

Robert Lee Sanders shows good form in senior year

Gamecocks score big road win

By RODNEY PARKS
Sports Editor

TUSCALOOSA -- As the JSU Lady Gamecocks traveled the road to Tuscaloosa last Thursday, all the cards were stacked against a JSU victory.

Alabama is a Division I program: JSU competes in Division II. Alabama is a member of the Southeastern Conference, while JSU is a member of the Gulf South Conference.

Alabama started three women inside all 6-foot-3, while JSU starters all were under six feet. Alabama was playing at home; JSU was playing on the road.

A mismatch in all ways? Most people felt this would be the case, but when the final buzzer sounded and the Gamecocks fans, who outnumbered the Alabama fans, were cheering JSU, JSU! The scoreboard read that Alabama had escaped with a 69-63 victory.

"Their size inside intimidated us a little bit," said Coach Richard Mathis, "But we are a better basketball team now because you get better by playing teams that are better than you."

The game started out very close with eight ties in the first half. JSU held a 16-14 lead with 9:45 left in the game. Then Alabama started a 14-4 run for a 28-20 lead. Alabama then went on a 14-4 run for a 42-24 lead.

JSU was held to 10 points during the second half. JSU rallied back at 45-45, but JSU went on a key 11-0 run that led to a 56-45 lead. Alabama went on to win, 69-53.

"They were bigger inside, but our players stepped up," said Jones. "We have a lot of places we can go."

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