Veterans question policy dealing with funding

By MIKE LIVINGSTON
Staff Reporter

Veterans going to JSU have complained in recent weeks of the changes in JSU’s policy regarding the collection of tuition and fees. They claim they should be allowed to defer fees due to a change in the GI bill which has delayed their checks.

As reported in the Nov. 30 issue of The Chanticleer, JSU will now be collecting 100 percent of tuition and fees up front instead of the old policy of a 25 percent confirmation fee and then collecting the other 75 percent a month later.

“We are concerned with our students on the GI bill and they have our sympathy but we must start collecting tuition and fees to keep costs down,” said Ben Kirkland, comptroller.

JSU was the last state university in Alabama where students could pay the balance during the semester. Troy State, UNA, Alabama and Auburn all collect their student fees at once.

“We have students that receive checks from the Veterans Administration office, we allow them to defer the tuition and fees until their first checks arrive,” said Bascom Woodward, vice president for student affairs. “We can do this only one time or else we would be granting these students special privileges over other students.”

“The VA checks are different from Pell Grants and student loans in that they go directly to the student,” said Kirkland. “The other checks come to us directly.”

Woodward said part of the problem is some students do not realize his office is not a part of the Veterans Administration and all his staff does is fill out forms and send them out. JSU only follows the regulations and is checked closely by the government.

“It is out of our hands,” he said. “The money they receive is to be used for educational expenses, but we can’t help it if they spend money on other items.”

He went on to say every student at JSU is going to be treated the same and all students need to realize they must set aside money for their tuition payments.

“I am not saying we are perfect and when we make mistakes we correct them quickly,” said Woodward.

Woodward said a small group of students seem to be complaining about their checks, but they need to contact the VA office directly since JSU cannot control what is done under the GI bill.

“We can’t grant special privileges to a small group of students,” said Kirkland. “We must treat all are students fairly.”

Thirty percent of JSU’s budget comes from tuition and fees. With the growing number of bad checks, JSU has been forced to put in the new policy requiring the balance to be paid at the beginning of the semester.

Kirkland and Woodward said the policy change was announced last fall and will not affect most students until this fall. However, the cost of attending JSU will still be third lowest in the state.

The new policy will allow JSU to collect and deal with checks “bounced” to the University quickly. The policy will also include referring checks that are uncollectable to Bob Field, the district attorney for Calhoun County.

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New officers
The new SGA officers: President Stephanie Matthews, vice-president, Byron Studdard (right) and Cheryl Galigher (left) treasurer.

BCM works over break

By ERIC G. MACKAY
Staff Reporter

While spring break took most college vacationers southward, one group of students headed north for the holidays. 25 members of the Baptist Campus Ministry (BCM) traveled to Dayton, Ohio during the break to do repair work on the Edgewood Baptist Center. The trip was organized by the BCM as a useful way to spend spring break while students learned and enjoyed helping others.

Each year the BCM travels to various destinations around the United States to do this type of work during spring break. The trips are part of a larger program which encompasses BCM groups from all over the nation. SPOTS, as the program is referred to, is an abbreviation for Student Projects Other Than Summer. It is designed to give an opportunity for travel and service to all interested students and the JSU team makes several trips a year through the program.

This particular trip came about (See BCM, Page 2)

Art show

"Possessed By Elvis" by Margie Conner captured best of show during the Juried Student Art Show held in February. Other winners included: 1st place drawing, Margie Conner; 1st place design, Jeff Dykes; and 1st place photography, Dara Johnson
I once knew an old farmer who had two sons. One was older and helped the father on the farm, while the younger was still learning the fundamentals of farming.

Their farm wasn't a large farm, but it was productive. Each day the old farmer and his son would rise and take care of the many responsibilities of the farm.

The two were proud. They knew they weren't the largest or best farm in the area, but considering the many difficulties they faced, they felt they did the best they could.

As time passed, the younger son became able to help with the many chores of the farm. He didn't do as much as the older son, but he was learning. In time, the younger son would be as productive as the older son.

The farm was going great with just minor problems until one fateful night. The older son, concerned about one of his sick horses, took a lantern to the barn to make sure the horse was all right. The boy's mistake was putting the lantern down near several bails of hay. The sick horse was nervous and when the older son approached, the horse shied and knocked over the lantern.

In a matter of minutes, the hay was ablaze. (See WHAT'S NEWS, Page 3)

BCM

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after BCM missions director, Robin Dorsett, contacted the Baptist Home Missions Board about a potential sight to which the group could travel. Dorsett was put in touch with the center in Dayton and then organized the group of volunteers along with campus minister Bob Ford.

"It was an eye-opening experience," Dorsett said of the trip. "I learned a new appreciation for the lifestyle I've been blessed with."

Dorsett also said that the group worked in a poverty stricken area of Dayton and were in contact with many of the Center's neighbors especially the children.

“Our work included everything from renovation work to leading Bible studies and distributing food," she said. "And working with the children was one of the highlights of the week."

Ford said he was glad the trip was a success and looks forward to others in the future.

"I'm grateful that there are 25 people from Jacksonville willing to spend their spring break to serve other people. I feel it is the essence of the Christian faith to do this type service for others."

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The boy was able to get the livestock to safety, but the barn was a total loss.

All the farmers in the area were very upset with the older son. Even though they knew the boy had every right to be in the barn, they condemned him as an irresponsible fool for setting the lantern on fire. They wanted to run him out on a rail, but in time, the clamor died down. The farmers, though, never let the boy forget his error.

In time, the older farmer grew sick and died. Unfortunately, the old man didn't have a will, so the court gave the farm to the younger son. Even though they knew the boy had every right to be in the barn, they condemned him as irresponsible enough to run the farm on his own. So the obvious choice was the younger son.

Now it so happened one of the farmers had a nephew in the city. The nephew had never been on a farm, but had contacted his uncle and expressed his desire to move to the country. So the uncle asked the others on the committee to consider his nephew.

This, of course, split the committee. A few members on the committee thought it would be only fair to keep the farm in the family. After all, it was the younger son who had put forth the effort. The other members of the committee looked toward the uncle, since he was more experienced in farming than most. How bad, they reasoned, could the nephew be? So, at the prompting of the uncle, they chose the nephew from the city.

The moral of the story -- and all such stories have a moral -- is no matter how hard you work, how much effort you put forward and how much of your time you give to any project, the odds are it won't be noticed.

Especially if you've burned down the barn.
**Announcements**

- The English Competency Examination will be given at the following time: Summer I (for graduating seniors only) 3-4:30 p.m., July 5. There will be no Competency Examination given during Summer II.

- The psychology department needs participants to help in a research project on driving. Participants must have an automobile in good working condition, good driving record and proof of insurance. If interested, go to Lola Lab, 144 Ayers Hall, and sign up. Participants selected will be paid for time and mileage.

- Kaydette Corps is looking for prospective members. In order to qualify each woman must have a 2.0 GPA, be a student of JSU, and "have a desire to accomplish the goals of the Kaydette Corps." Call either Capt. Jesse Carpenter at 782-5601 or Kelley Shanabrough at 782-6242.

- The Society of Human Resources Management will have an open seminar on business and interview lunch etiquette at 5 p.m. Tuesday in 217 East Mason Hall. The seminar will be conducted by Virginia Yocum, professor of family and consumer sciences. All members and interested parties are invited to attend.

- The Juried Student Exhibit continues through Wednesday. Gallery hours are 2-4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday and 2-3 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

- The Anniston Museum of Natural History's CIRCA lecture series began its eighth season in March. Remaining lectures will be at 10 a.m. the first Tuesday in April and May in the Museum Auditorium. Each lecture will focus on some aspect of Wedgwood porcelain. Season tickets may be purchased at the museum at a cost of $12 for Museum League members and $15 for non-members. Call the museum at 237-6766 for information.

- Career Development and Counseling Services will be sponsoring a support group for students with epilepsy. For more information please contact David Cunningham at 782-5475 or come by 107 Bibb Graves Hall.

- The Wellness Center is sponsoring fencing instruction for faculty, staff, and students. The class meets 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays. The instruction is free; however, there is an initial charge for personal equipment. Equipment costs range from $76 to $116 for foil, mask and glove. For more information, contact the Wellness Center at 782-5114.

- The new campus prefix, 782, is now in service. All campus phone numbers will use 782 instead of 231.

- The Society for the Advancement of Management will host the Business Graduate School Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday in the lobby of Merrill Hall. Graduating seniors, alumni and the general public are invited to come out and speak with participating graduate school recruiters. For further information, contact Rita Remson at 782-5791.

- A FAX machine is now available for students in the Mail Center. Incoming and outgoing service is available from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. weekdays. The charge for the service is $3 per page sent or received. The FAX number is (205) 782-5291. Information about this new service for JSU students may be obtained by calling 782-5290.

- Alpha Xi Delta sorority will sponsor a seminar open to all sororities entitled "Creative Crimefighting" at 6:30 p.m. today in Montgomery Auditorium. The program will be presented by Barbara Farfan, director of Respond America, a Birmingham-based non-profit organization.

- "Creative Crimefighting" teaches practical crime prevention and self-defense techniques, and uses humorous examples and live demonstrations to keep the audience entertained throughout the program. The program is open to all JSU women and is free of charge.

- Student Accounting Association will be doing free tax returns 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays until April 12 in Merrill Hall, SAA will set up a table in the lobby of Merrill Hall. Taxes must be turned in no later than April 16. For further information contact Dwight Trotter.

- The Anniston Area Chapter of the Alabama Conservancy will hold its monthly recycling drive from 9 a.m. until noon Saturday. Pickup sites will be Oxford Wal-Mart, Anniston Wal-Mart and Jacksonville City Hall. Donations of glass, aluminum, newspaper, cardboard and mixed paper will be accepted; donors are asked to sort their recyclables. Proceeds from this month's drive will go to Auburn Raptor Rehabilitation Service.

- Resume Writing Workshop, 3-4 p.m. today, Classroom A, 10th Floor, Houston Cole Library.
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Goodbyes aren't easy--Book II

It seems my March 1 column turned out to be ironically prophetic. That was the column I wrote about hating to say goodbye. Well, since that column appeared, I've needed to say a lot of goodbyes.

First of all, I did have to say goodbye to one of my section editors after all, although it wasn't the person the other column was about.

I ended up needing to say goodbye to Matt Brooks. I say "need" because I haven't yet spoken to Matt about his resignation. But I feel compelled to tell you about it.

You see, all these goodbyes are related, and they all come back to the actions of a group of nine people, collectively known as the communication board. This is the board that chooses the editors of the paper and yearbook and the manager of the radio station.

Before I go any further, let me say that my comments are addressed to the board as a body, and not to any individual members. Many who serve on the board are people I consider mentors, and this is not about individuals.

You see, the board met a few days before Spring Break to select personnel for the coming year. There are 11 members of the board, but as I understand it two were unable to attend.

I say "as I understand it" because I wasn't there. The board met to replace me, and I didn't even know a meeting had been called until the next night.

Now, there is really no reason for me to have been there. As strange as it seems, the outgoing editor has no input in a replacement. But I had specifically expressed my desire to speak at the meeting to one of the members of the board.

My request wasn't denied. I was simply ignored.

But then, that seemed to be the order of the night. You see, the board chose to ignore the fact that two of the three applicants had two years experience on staff. It ignored the fact one of the applicants had been a section editor for two years. It picked the only applicant of the three not to have been a staff member.

I'm not to say the new editor is not qualified. Far from it. She's got a great deal of experience with professional papers, and had written a few stories for this paper more than a year ago. I don't mean to sound as if she isn't qualified. She is.

However, the fact remains that she has not served as much time on staff as the other two applicants. And one of those applicants was Matt. And when he was passed over for the job, he resigned.

Matt, I don't blame you. If I had been in your shoes I'd have done the same thing. I just wish you'd have said goodbye in person. You're my friend, and I miss you.

Then, of course, there are all those other goodbyes. You see, new editors are not usually picked this soon. Now I have three more issues to write about this and to say goodbye to all those people I'm going to miss.

Who knows, maybe by next week I'll be over this bitterness and we can talk about more pleasant things.

Oh, one more thing. The new editor's name is Ruth Hughes. She has taken over as campus life editor for the rest of the semester.

Good luck, Ruthie. You're going to need it.
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JSU moves on in tourney

By RODNEY PARKS
Sports Writer

For the second straight year, Coach Bill Jones men's basketball team will be traveling to Springfield, Mass., for a chance to win a national championship.

JSU earned a shot at the NCAA Division I title by first winning the Gulf South Conference championship and the berth in the national playoffs.

The Gamecocks then won the South Regional title in Lakeland, Fla., with wins over Florida Southern and defending national champion North Carolina Central.

JSU has a overall record of 24-4 on the year and will face North Dakota (26-6), at 2 p.m. Saturday in the quarterfinals of the NCAA tournament. If the Gamecocks win, they will face the winner of the Kentucky Wesleyan-Southeast Missouri State contest in the semi-final round Sunday.

The finals will be Monday night. The game will be aired on ESPN on a tape-delay basis at 11:30 p.m.

Three teams return to the field of eight from last season: Kentucky Wesleyan, Southeast Missouri State and JSU.

(See JSU, Page 15)
'Kiss Me Kate' to open

By RUTH HUGHES
Campus Life Editor

The JSU Department of Drama will perform the Cole Porter musical "Kiss Me Kate" as its spring production this year, and director Wayne Claeren said the music department has lent its best talent for this year's musical.

"We're fortunate to have such top-notch talent for our musicals because of our excellent music department," Claeren said.

Opening night is set for 8 p.m. Wednesday. The production will run through March 31, and there will be matinee performances at 2 p.m. April 1 and 2.

The plot unfolds as a group of actors performs a musical version of Shakespeare's play, "The Taming of the Shrew." When the personal lives of the actors entangle in parts they play, a lively, comical production results.

The two leading performers play double roles, as both characters in Shakespeare's play as well as "real life" actors.

"This puts a special burden of Alan Payne and Tara Turner," Claeren said. Payne and Turner play the parts of Petruchio (Graham) and Kate (Lili).

In addition to the excellent vocal performances, Claeren said the audience can look forward to colorful scenes of Padua, Italy, where "The Taming of the Shrew" is set, as well as the reality of the backstage where the personal lives of the actors are revealed. We will have to use a method of dropping the scenery from above in order to facilitate the rapid changes of scenery.

Payne, who doubles as Petruchio and Fred Graham, is from Bridgeport. Turner, who plays Katharina and Lili Vanessi, is from Anniston.

Shannon Goforth of Gadsden, Barry Newell of Carrollton, Ga., and Chris Colvard of Anniston also play double roles.

Goforth plays Bianca and Lois Lane. Newell performs the roles of Lucentio and Bill Calhoun. Colvard is Baptista and Harry Trevor.

Other cast members are Jenny Rainey, Ginger Woodruff, Stacey Fumbanks, Brian Taylor, Jessica Russell, Steven Scott, Chrisopher Chance, Kristhina Spruill, Linda Agee, Dennis Lashbrook, Michael Odom, Damon Daffron, Allen Reynolds, Todd Shumpert, Dawna Black, Darin Peppers, Amandu Aulman, Ashley Richards, Drew Reeves, Jeffrey Bennett, Betheny Odom, Dan Driggers and Kenneth Glenn.

Jenny Kenmener of Jacksonville is directing the choreography. The 22-student orchestra will be conducted by Carl Anderson.

Tickets are $6 for general admission, $5 for JSU employees and senior students and $4 for students, military personnel and children. For reservations call 782-5648.

Campus Life

Minnelli gets 'Results'

By SHARON HILL
Photo Editor

Liza Minnelli has an Oscar, three Tony Awards, an Emmy, two Golden Globe Awards and countless other accolades, but she's never had a hit record - until now. Minnelli recently teamed up with Pet Shop Boys Chris Lowe and Neil Tennant and producer Julian Mendelsohn on the Epic release "Results."

"I imagine," said Minnelli about the project, "that a lot of people thought it would be like putting Tony Bennett with Whitesnake and that it wouldn't work out. But it was a wise decision and we got along beautifully."

The first release from the album, "Losing My Mind," a remake of the Stephen Sondheim song from the Broadway hit "Follies," hit the top 10 pop chart in the U.K. and is steadily moving up the Billboard dance charts. The song has a strong, uplifting dance beat with the tantalizing, sultry vocals from Minnelli.

Listening to the album there is no mistaking the voice, but the beat of most of the cuts is new and refreshing.

The album contains seven cuts penned by Lowe and Tennant.

"We wrote these songs especially for her," said Tennant. "Liza is an actress, so we wrote songs she could interpret and feel from the inside."

Minnelli took a big chance delving into the world of pop music after a successful Broadway career that spans over three decades. But she has succeeded beautifully.

Barnette works toward label

By SHARON HILL

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It was just one of those weeks

By RUTH HUGHES  
Campus Life Editor

A funny thing happened to me the week before Spring Break.

After a long meeting with the Communication Board, I was chosen to be the new editor of The Chanticleer, beginning in the fall of 1990.

"Gee, this will be great," I thought. I would have something to look forward to all summer. I would have a job just three minutes from my apartment, I would be doing something I really enjoy, something that will look really nice on my resume, presuming I ever get out of college. Not only that, it would be a real challenge, a test of the journalistic skills I have acquired over the last four years.

Plus, I wouldn't have to drive to work in Anniston anymore.

Anyway, my future was really shaping up pretty good.

Then, two days after I learned of my new-found appointment, my future hit me in the face.

I was sitting in The Chanticleer office, discussing the next fall with some of the staff writers. Cyndi Owens, the current editor in chief, informed me of the resignation of the infamous Campus Life editor. (I say infamous with no malice intended.)

"Would you like to have the job?" Cyndi asked.

So, tell me, what do you do?

I already have a job as a sportswriter at The Anniston Star. That 20 hours a week, plus class and study time with 15 hours extra added to work as the Campus Life editor, does not leave a lot of time to relax.

But, on the other hand, I really needed the experience, so I accepted the offer.

So, for the next four weeks, it is my name that you will see at the top of this column. No objections to that, I hope.

Also, if any of you might have wondered what the campus police do around Jacksonville while everybody is out for Spring Break, here is an example "told" to me by a reliable source.

This blonde woman that works for The Chanticleer needed to get into the office on Friday to get a little work done. She was supposed to meet a campus policeman at Self Hall at 12:55 p.m. to get into the building. But, on the way out of her apartment, she absentmindedly locked her keys inside.

So, in the rain, she walked up the street to Self Hall and told the officer that she had locked her keys inside of her apartment and could not get into the office until she got the keys.

"Could you possible take me to my boyfriend's trailer so that I could get my spare key?" she asked.

"Sure, I don't have anything better to do," replied the very kind officer.

He took her to the trailer and drove her back to her apartment and went back to Self Hall and let her in. Needless to say, the woman was very grateful.

There you have it. Over spring break, bored campus police officers chanticleer 19-year-old women around who lock themselves out of their own apartments.

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Congratulations to our new executive committee. We hope they will be as successful as the last. Congratulations to Barry Williams, the Brother of the Week. Barry is a wonderful example of a great brother. Phil Pyle is once again our Pledge of the Week. Pyle single-handedly washed and waxed all of the brothers’ cars in only two hours.

Delta Chi

We would like to thank Alpha Xi Delta for the great time we had before going on Spring Break. We would like to thank all those who helped make this mixer a great success.

Our annual Spring Formal was also a great success. Thanks to all those who had a helping hand.

We look forward to mixing with the Kappa Sigs. We are sure it will be as great as it has been in the past.

Delta Sigma Theta

We had the third-highest GPA among sororities for the fall semester. Congratulations Deltas on our academic achievements.

Thanks also goes to the Deltas who participated in the “Stepping Extravaganza” in Auburn on Feb. 16. The second-place trophy we won looks nice.

The women of Delta Sigma Theta would like for everyone to support and enjoy the activities during Delta Week this week. The Dating Game and the Step Show are two of the many activities. It’s a whole week of Delta fun, so be there.

Alpha Omicron Pi

Congratulations to the new officers elected for the 1990-91 year. They are Terri Stewart, president; Jennifer Shaddix, vice president; Kari Barnes, pledge educator; Angela Davidson, corresponding secretary; Melissa Ray, receiving secretary; Ginger Naugher, treasurer; Lynn Baughman, Panhellenic; Pam Johnson, chapter relations; Tanya Williams, scholarship; Carol Blankenship, member educator; Jolene Roberts, activities; Allison Easterwood, historian; Tara Turner, philanthropic; Laura Duke, public relations; Barbara Walker, reporter; Shannon Stewart, social; Kelli Adams, ritual keeper; Leanna Lewis, songleader; and Barbie Shepard, alumnae relations.

Congratulations to our very own Stephanie Matthews, the new SGA president.

We are looking forward to our chapter installation this weekend.

Good luck to all the other Greeks during Greek Week competition next week. Thanks to all of you for your support and help.

Thanks to Delta Zeta for the Rush workshop of March 8.

Good luck to Terri Stewart and Lynn Baughman as they compete for Greek Goddess.

Zeta Tau Alpha

The Zetas would like to welcome everyone back to school. We hope everyone had a nice holiday.

We would like to thank Teisha Venable and Amy Morrison for representing ZTA in the Miss JSU pageant. They both did a wonderful job. Congratulations to Teisha for placing second runner-up.

Thanks to all the Zetas for attending our Zeta Day March 3 at the University of Alabama. We all had a great time.

Thanks to the Pi Kapps for the mixer.

Further congratulations goes out to Lane Stinson for receiving Member of the Year; Traci Kemp, the Big Sister of the Year; and Cindy Smith, the Most Influential Member.

Pledge of the Week honors go to Dana Pace, Shannon Boyd and Jana Thomas received the Social Bunny.

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JSU junior Cheryl Ann Galigher (right) of Dadeville was crowned Miss Afro-American Association queen during the annual campus pageant. Crowning her is last year’s queen, Melissa Davis of Huntsville. Galigher, 22, is the granddaughter of Corine Ross Galigher, Dadeville.
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JSU travels north with south title

By RODNEY PARKS
Sports Editor

Winning on the road in basketball is something that is very tough, but when JSU found out it had to travel to Lakeland, Fla., to play in the South Regional of the playoffs, it was something Coach Bill Jones’ Gamecocks had to do to earn the right for a second-straight trip to the national championship in Springfield, Mass.

JSU earned this trip by defeating Florida Southern 97-96 and also defeating the defending national champions, North Carolina Central, 95-88.

Both of these victories were earned. The Gamecocks were pushed into overtime as both their opponents hit shots at the buzzer to knot the score at the end of regulation.

In the first round of the NCAA playoffs, JSU faced Florida Southern. JSU jumped out to a quick 19-8 lead, aided by the hot shooting of Charles Hale. Florida Southern then scored nine-straight points to close JSU’s lead.

The Gamecocks kept a slim lead throughout the first half until Florida Southern went on a 16-4 run to take a 37-34 halftime lead over JSU.

JSU has never seen a closer second half, as there were 15 lead changes and four ties. JSU led 54-53 when the Moocs went on a run to take their biggest lead of the night at 65-58.

JSU fought back quickly and regained the lead 68-67 when Anthony Kingston hit a jumper from outside. The two teams traded baskets for the remainder of the game.

JSU took a three-point lead with 15 seconds left in the game when Henry Williams hit a lay-up from inside. Florida Southern’s Michael Dean sent the game into overtime as he hit a three-pointer at the buzzer.

In the five-minute overtime to two teams traded basket after basket. JSU took a 95-92 lead with 2:15 left in the overtime period. The Moocs then scored four-straight points to regain a one-point lead at the one-minute mark.

JSU then held the ball for the final shot of the game and with only four seconds left junior guard Pat Madden saved the day for the Gamecocks as he hit a basket to give JSU to one-point victory.

“This was a tough game for us,” said Jones. “Our kids played hard tonight.”

JSU was led in scoring by Hale with 30 points. Cliff Dixon added 18 for the Gamecocks.

On Saturday night the Gamecocks played for the South Regional championship against North Carolina Central, the team that knocked them out of the playoffs last season.

JSU started this game on fire, scoring the first seven points of the game. This quick lead would not hold up as Central tied the contest at 10-10.

JSU would regain the lead and never trailed in the first half as Jones’ team took a 40-26 halftime lead.

JSU looked overpowering at the beginning of the second half as they built their lead to 47-27 only three minutes into the half.

North Carolina Central then started the comeback that lasted the entire half. JSU still held a 74-63 lead with only 45 seconds left. Central then hit two straight 3-pointers to cut the Gamecock lead to five at 74-69 with 28 seconds left.

JSU would miss the front end of three straight one-and-ones in the final minute of the game to give Central the chance to tie the score.

With six seconds left, JSU’s Robert Lee Sanders missed an important free-throw that gave Central its last chance to tie the game. Central claimed the rebound and quickly moved the ball downcourt, with Central’s Fred Bennett hitting a basket at the buzzer to send the game into overtime.

For the second straight night JSU was true to the test in the overtime period, outscoring Central 19-12 in the extra period.

The hero for JSU in the extra five minutes was freshman Anthony Kingston, who scored 13 points during the overtime. Kingston also shared the high-point honors in the game for JSU with Sanders at 23. Charles Burkette added 15 points for JSU.

After the game Jones was pleased with the play of both teams.

“I thought our basketball team played great tonight, and great basketball teams always make a run at you at various stages of the game.

“For them to battle back from 20 points down shows you why they are national champions.”

Madden was named the tournament’s most valuable player joining him on the all-tournament team from JSU was Sanders and Hale.

Sidelines

Gamecocks on countdown to title

This is a big week for Gamecock fans as Coach Bill Jones’ basketball team plays for a national championship.

Playing for the title is something JSU fans have gotten used to, as the baseball, football and basketball teams have all been in the NCAA playoffs the last two seasons and all six have finished in the final eight in the nation.

Winning the national championship has been a different story for JSU. The past five JSU teams have come up just short of a title.

JSU is on a countdown to a title, the way I see it, 4, 3, 2, 1, and I hope Jones’ team doesn’t stop this countdown.

The countdown started last basketball season when Jones’ team finished fourth at the national finals. Then Coach Rudy Abbott’s basketball team continued the countdown to a title with a third place finish in the World Series last spring.

The countdown went on this fall when Coach Bill Burgess’ football team was snowed under and came up just short of a title with a second-place finish.

So here we are: 4, 3, 2, 1...

I hope this countdown can be completed after this weekend’s play at the national championships.

This championship should be very enjoyable as eight teams travel to Springfield, Mass., in hopes of capturing the title.

JSU has had a great season with its second-straight Gulf South Conference championship and a 24-4 record.

Seven JSU seniors will be playing their last games in a Gamecock uniform this weekend, so best of luck to all the members of the team and our hopes and thoughts are with all of you.

Thank you for representing JSU so well.
Pregnancy Testing

In this issue of The Chanticleer, we feature an article about the Lady Gamecocks' season ending. The Lady Gamecocks, who were the runner-up in the South Regional for the second year in a row, faced West Georgia in the first round of the NCAA playoffs. JSU had previously defeated the Lady Braves twice during the regular season, but this matchup was different.

In the second half, JSU pulled within 13 points on the one trip and watched the Lady Statesmen take their lead into the locker room. At halftime, Mathis said he felt his team would have to play better in the second half to assure the victory. "I told the team they were going to make a run in the second half," Mathis said. "I said we needed to make the first run at them."

The Lady Gamecocks responded by scoring the first eight points of the second half to build their lead to 19 points.

This lead was too much for the Lady Braves, who moved on to their 25th win of the year. This is a record in a season for the Lady Gamecocks.

In the second round of the NCAA playoffs, JSU found the going much tougher as Delta State dominated the Lady Gamecocks 92-56 to end JSU's season. The game was close for the first five minutes as Delta only led 8-7 with 14:30 left in the first half. JSU then went cold from the field and watched the Lady Statesmen outscore it 27-11 as Delta took a lead into the locker room.

"I told them in the dressing room that we won't be able to make up 17 points in five minutes," Mathis said. "We just needed to knock a little bit off and maybe get the game into single figures."

The Lady Gamecocks came out and played well at the beginning of the second half. JSU pulled within 10 of Delta State at when Tracy Linton scored from inside.

One trip down the court for the Lady Statesmen changed the momentum of the game as they scored six points on the one trip. This pushed the Delta lead back to seventeen and propelled the Lady Statesmen to South Regional championship.

"It's kind of a tough draw by having to come here (Cleveland, Miss.)," Mathis said. "That's just the way it is. We have the play with the cards that are dealt us."

Dana Bright made the All-South Region team for JSU. The Lady Gamecocks finished the year with a 25-5 record and finished in the top 16 teams in the nation for the third year in a row.

Dana Bright receives award from Dr. McGee after becoming JSU women all-time leading scorer.
**Softball hits mid-point**

By RODNEY PARKS

Sports Editor

The JSU softball team continued to show improvement over Spring Break as the Lady Gamecocks swept West Georgia in a double-header 3-0 and 5-4.

In the first game, JSU’s Karen Exner pitched a two-hitter for the Lady Gamecocks and Michelle Oats had a RBI as JSU ran its Gulf South Conference record to 2-0 on the season.

The Lady Gamecocks trailed 4-3 in the nightcap before they scored a run in the seventh inning and a run in the eighth to pull out the victory.

With the win, Coach Amy Hardeman’s Lady Gamecocks have an 8-3 overall record.

Only the first game counted as a conference game for both schools.

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**JSU**

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JSU last met Kentucky Wesleyan, who has won five Division II titles, last season in the quarterfinals in Springfield. JSU’s high-powered offense fueled the Gamecocks to a 107-70 victory.

JSU last met Southeast Missouri State in 1985 when a last-second shot give the Gamecocks a 80-79 win on its way to the title that season.

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