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GAMECOCKS GO FOR TITLE

Football team heads for championship game

Tim Hathcock
Sports Editor

JSU travels to Florence, Ala., Saturday to take on Pittsburg State for the national championship in a game that pits two of the premier running games in the nation against each other.

It will be the third appearance for JSU in the title game and PSU's first time to play for the championship.

The last time JSU played in the title game, three inches of snow covered the ground, hampering the Gamecocks' wishbone attack in a 3-0 heart-breaking loss to Mississippi College. That isn't on the mind of JSU Coach Bill Burgess, he said.

"I don't live in the past," said Burgess. "I have enough trouble getting through today. When you fool with the past you kind of forget about what's going to happen today and in the future. If it snows, that's fine with us. We're still going."

The Gorillas hail from Pittsburg, Kan. First it was Indiana from Pennsylvania and now Pittsburg from Kansas. No wonder American students are behind in geography. The people from Pittsburg State and Indiana of Pennsylvania are probably quick to point out Jacksonville State should be in Florida.

If you're confused about the schools' locales, there is no need to be confused about the brand of football to be played Saturday. Don't look for the run-and-shoot from either of these teams.

PSU boasts not one, but two one-thousand-yard rushers this year in Darren Dawson and Robert Moore. Running out of the Veer, the two have racked up over 3,000 yards combined on the ground. JSU Coach Bill Burgess was impressed with those numbers. "It's very unusual to get two running backs with those kind of statistics," he said.

Add to that the explosive talents of Ronnie West and you have quite an attack to deal with. West is a Harlon

Hill finalist. The game marks the second week in a row JSU has faced a finalist — last week it was quarterback Tony Aliucci — for the award to the top player in Division II. The Gamecocks also faced the other finalist, Shawn Graves of Wofford, earlier this season.

"The NFL scouts told us he was the No. 1 wide receiver coming out in the draft this year," Burgess said of West.

The demands of preparing for the national championship are also heavy on the mind of Burgess. "We have got to get our players to understand, this is the national championship game and our weekly routine is going to change," said Burgess. "I'll be honest with you, I don't like to change our routine, but I'll sure change it to go to Florence."

One advantage for JSU is it went through the same thing only two years ago. Pittsburg State has never been to the national championship in Division II. "I hope it's an advantage," said Burgess. "Anything you've done before, it's got to be a little easier. It's got to help some."

While the Gorillas have never been to the title game, they have experienced considerable success. They had a 56-game regular season winning streak snapped this year when they fell to East Texas State in the second week of the season.

Since then, they have reeled off 10 consecutive wins, including one over East Texas State, to advance to the title game.

Pittsburg State competed in NAIA until 1989. It is the Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association champion for the third consecutive year. JSU defeated another MIAA school — Missouri Southern — 20-4 for the national championship in baseball in May in Montgomery.

"This is a program that the players, the coaching staff and people that follow them expect them to win,"

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Wide Receiver Henry Ray proudly displays the traditional sign for No. 1 as the clock ticks down to two seconds in Saturday's game against Indiana of Pennsylvania. The Gamecocks' 27-20 victory gives them the opportunity to play for the

national championship for the second time in three years. The game will kickoff at 1 p.m. Saturday in Braly Municipal Stadium in Florence, Ala. Tickets are on sale now at Fastix in the Montgomery Building.

Administrators charge for Mimosa

Kyle Shelton
News Writer

JSU students will have to pay \$10 for their memories beginning with the 1992 Mimosa.

The decision to begin selling the Mimosa was made in the midst of budget cuts brought about by proration.

According to Ralph Carmode, head of the communication department, the budget for the Mimosa was cut 36 percent as part of a plan to cut corners in the department. This means the previous budget of \$55,000 was cut to \$35,000. The \$10 student charge, along with a \$15 charge to faculty for the 1992 Mimosa, will help pay for the production of the yearbook.

"Before, we would have 5,600 yearbooks published and about 4,500 students would get them," Carmode said. "That would leave us with a lot of yearbooks."

Under the contract JSU had with the publisher, the cost to produce 5,600 yearbooks was \$55,000. Recently that cost was increased by the publisher to \$79,500.

"With costs like that, we just couldn't have all those yearbooks lying around," Carmode said. Therefore, the department began to look for ways to reduce the number of leftover yearbooks.

The first step in reducing the number of yearbooks remaining from the 5,600 every year was to begin a reservation system with the 1991 Mi-

mosa.

Under this system, the Mimosa was printed according to the number of reservations received. In 1991, the number printed was about 1,820. Students made up about 1,650 of the recipients and about 100 faculty received a Mimosa. However, such cuts in production could not hold off the effects of proration and other ideas had to be sought.

Several ideas were considered, Carmode said. Among the alternatives was a plan to print as many yearbooks as possible within the budget. The students would then have been allowed to get a Mimosa on a first-come-first-serve basis. However, the idea was not heavily considered and no vote was taken on it. The better alternative, according to Carmode, was to sell the Mimosa and to raise the amount the faculty paid last year from \$12 to \$15.

T.J. Hemlinger, adviser for the Mimosa, said he thinks the students are getting a bargain. "For 1,500 yearbooks just the printing cost is \$27.50 each," Hemlinger said. "So the students will pay the \$10 and (JSU) will pick up the rest of the costs."

Students who have already reserved '92 Mimosas will be notified by campus mail of the cancellation of their reservations. Those wishing to pay for a Mimosa will be allowed to reserve a Mimosa by completing a reservation form and bringing it, along with their \$10, to the Mimosa office located in the basement of Self Hall.

Pedestrian injured in traffic accident



Post-game jubilation turns suddenly cold as witnesses watch Mrs. Hulsey being attended to by the Jacksonville Emergency Squad.

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City News Editor

A pedestrian was struck down while crossing the street at approximately 3 p.m. after Saturday's game.

Linda Phillips Hulsey, 47, of Rossville, Ga., was crossing Forney Avenue at the crosswalk from JSU to the Collegian Apartments when she was hit by an oncoming ve-

hicle.

According to police Yusef Latef Conaway, 21, of Rt. 2 Ashville, Ala., was travelling south on Forney Avenue in a 1973 Dodge Charger at approximately 25 miles per hour when he struck Hulsey in the crosswalk.

Police say Conaway then crossed the center line and hit a vehicle driven by Rickey W. Jennings of Jacksonville. Jennings, who was driving a 1991 Ford truck, sustained no injuries.

Jacksonville Chief of Police Tommy Thompson said, "There was no alcohol involved in the incident. It was just due to a heavy traffic situation."

Officers tested Mr. Conaway's brakes and they worked fine so they probably were not the cause of the accident."

Hulsey was taken to Jacksonville Hospital and later airlifted to Chattanooga for treatment of severe head injuries.

Comedy canceled

Melanie Jones
News Editor

Students who planned to attend the Dec. 4 Comedy Club at the Roost were a little dissatisfied, but some say the excuse they were offered kept them laughing as much as the show could have.

What has them so amused? The comedian, Felicia Michaels, accidentally flew to Jacksonville, Fla.

Andy Freeman, University Programs Council director, said he didn't know how such a mistake occurred, but apparently Michaels or her management was responsible.

Freeman said performers hired by the UPC are responsible for their own airline tickets and are supposed to notify the UPC of their point and time of arrival.

Since comedians are paid upon performance, no money was lost in the situation.

Flu verges on epidemic

Dyana Blythe
News Writer

If it seems like all the people around you are coming down with the flu lately, they probably are.

Williams Infirmary has been jam-packed this season with students coughing, sneezing, aching all over and unable to speak from sore throats. The virus seems to be in epidemic proportions this season.

"We reported seeing over 200 students just last month," Suzy Gardner, the Infirmary's registered nurse, said.

Randall DeArment, one of the doctors working in the Infirmary, claimed that he saw at least 25 students a day last month. DeArment sees patients on campus one day a week.

The problem in knowing the exact number seems to be whether the cases were reported or not. There have been 200 reported cases, but, according to Gardner, many more have come to the Infirmary but have not been recorded.

"The flu is spreading through contact. When you're at a university, it's bound to spread faster than when you're more isolated," DeArment said.

This strain is worse than the flu seen in previous years. It is characterized by bad headaches and fevers running as high as 103-104 degrees. In some parts of the country it

has been causing death.

But so far no one at JSU has become fatally ill. The Infirmary has sent some students to the hospital for testing, but for most students, "all you can do is wait it out," DeArment said.

This flu strain lasts five to seven days, and is often complicated by bronchitis or ear infections.

"Unless you can get here within the first 24 hours, the chances of immediate help are not good," DeArment said.

The best signal that the flu is about to hit is a sudden onset of achiness, hot and cold flashes, sore throat and cough.

"If you begin to feel bad, the best thing to do is take Tylenol," DeArment said.

The good news is that the flu season has already hit its peak. Gardner believes that the number of cases last month far exceeded the projected number of cases this month.

"The flu is usually bad through November and early December, then slacks off during January. We will probably see another wave of it in early spring," DeArment added.

DeArment believes that getting away from all of the sick peers will help stop the infectious process. "You all just need to go home so you can stay away from all your friends who are sick."

Update

A Grand Jury decided the fate of two JSU students last week, but its decision has not been released.

The Grand Jury heard the cases of Gregory Groce, 19, Courtland, Ala., and Kelvin Oliver, 20, Macon, Ga.

Groce was charged with first-degree rape for the alleged sexual assault of JSU student. Oliver was charged with attempted first-degree rape in the same alleged incident.

The Grand Jury had to decide if there was enough evidence to take the cases to trial, in which case it would bring an indictment against the two.

Although the decision has been made, the court clerk cannot release the information until the cases are officially registered.

Committee suggests four-day week

Jennifer Lynn McLaughlin
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JSU may change to a four-day week during May, Summer I and Summer II semesters.

The ad hoc committee for a four-day work week completed a report last week and recommended to Robert Kribel, vice president for Academic Affairs, that the University make the change.

Kribel appointed the committee last summer, and it has been meeting regularly since September. The committee is comprised of faculty and staff representatives and a representative from the physical plant. While there is no student representation on the committee, Kribel said as the decision-making process approaches more final stages, student input will be sought.

"Right now we're just looking for showstoppers. That is, anything that may make the four-day week impossible. We need to save lots of money, and if it turns out that we won't experience savings, we won't do it," Kribel said.

Bill Reid, head of the department of physical sciences and engineering, chairs the committee. He said the committee's function was to "investigate the possibility and practicality of adopting a four-day work week during the short terms. (The committee's) purpose in doing this is to try to economize on air conditioning, water and so on during this period of proration."

According to George Lord, assistant physical plant director, the University could save

substantially this summer by going to a four-day work week. "We went back to last year's numbers, so our figures are based on historical cost. What we're looking to save on is electricity, gas, water and sewage," he said. "Understanding that we cannot shut down 100 percent of the University, our best guess is that we could get a 50 percent shutdown."

During the months of May, June, July and August, the University could save about \$5,490 altogether, Lord said.

"Our predictions of savings are only estimates," Reid said. "One of the problems with our study was that it's difficult to monitor monthly finances since all buildings aren't individually metered."

The committee had to consider as well that the library's air conditioning must remain on throughout the summer in order to avoid deterioration of sensitive materials, Reid said.

Also, JSU hosts a number of summer activities including cheerleading and football camps which require energy utilization. "One place we wouldn't realize savings is in the air conditioning in the dorms. The air conditioning would be turned off in a number of academic buildings on campus on Fridays, but faculty and staff would still have access to their offices for research and planning...it would just be without air conditioning."

There are a number of other factors the committee had to consider before making the recommendation to Kribel. "We interacted with people from Alabama Power, from the Anniston Army Depot and from the physical plant with

regard to power consumption. We also conferred with three other universities that have either tried or adopted the four-day system" Reid said.

While the University of South Carolina found the system ineffective for their institution because of activities and research facilities which require significant energy consumption, the University of Montevallo and Troy State both experienced substantial savings. Also, North Alabama has just announced the switch to a four-day work week during the summer, according to the committee's report to Kribel.

If JSU adopts the change, summer classes which normally last two hours would probably be lengthened to two and one-half hours. "An outgrowth of going to the four-day work week would be that some classes which teach skills, like maths and sciences for example, would possibly have to be spread out over two semesters," Kribel said.

Reid and Kribel do not expect a negative effect on academics if the change takes place. "If we thought that academics would suffer terribly, we wouldn't recommend it," Reid said.

"The matter of academic quality is of course our first priority," Kribel said. "We would certainly monitor the class situations carefully, and if academics suffered, we would not keep the system."

While academic quality may not suffer, there may be some disadvantages to making the change. Students who have work schedules for the summer would have to ask employers for

an extra 30 minutes off per day Monday through Thursday.

But, according to Reid, this disadvantage is countered by the extra day students would have to pursue other activities. "Many students work on weekends during the summer while taking classes," he said. "This system would allow them to have a whole extra day to earn money, or if they weren't working, it would give them an opportunity to study or travel."

"I would love it," JSU junior Gina Vaughn said. "I think I would have a better attitude about school during the summer if I knew I only had to go four days out of the week. Also, I do happen to work, and the extra time the four-day week would give me would be great."

Faculty, however, may find a ten-hour work day inconvenient, according to Reid. "That would be an awfully long day four times a week. Especially for those with small children who have to arrange for day care."

Soon, the Academic Council will meet to discuss the matter, and then the committee will meet with JSU President Harold J. McGee. "A decision will have to be made in January, because Summer schedules have to go to press," Kribel said.

"Whatever decision is made will be made with the students in mind," Reid said. "Students are our life-blood. That's why we're here."

RHA hosts party for needy children

Melanie Jones
News Editor

The Resident Housing Association played Santa Claus to underprivileged children this weekend.

Patterson Hall was filled with happy children Sunday evening as they met with Santa, watched Christmas videos, ate refreshments and played with their sponsors from various campus organizations.

RHA selected the children from a list of families who applied for the United Way's Christmas Clearinghouse.

Thirty children attended the party, and several campus organizations purchased gifts for the children.

Darryl Graham and Lisa Kubina chaired the event, and Graham said he was pleased with the outcome.

"We had more success with it than we expected," Graham said. He said there were many more children and student organizations participating than the RHA expected.

A photographer took the children's pictures with Santa and their sponsors as they received their gifts.

Joyous laughter rang through the room as the children opened their

"Just the look in their eyes . . . it makes you feel good that you helped somebody."

*--Wayne Barge
International House*

gifts. Children who had hung back before began hugging total strangers.

"The way the children warmed up to you so fast, you could tell they were needy," Wayne Barge, a sponsor from the International House, said.

Graham said, "There just seemed to be a spirit at the party that could be unmatched."

At the party's end, there was a hurried exchange of phone numbers between the children and their sponsors as the sponsors hugged "their children" good-bye.

Many of the sponsors said they planned to keep in touch with the children and carry the party's spirit throughout the year.

"Just the look in their eyes . . . it makes you feel good that you helped somebody," Barge said.

Schools need state funding

College Press Service

State funding for higher education recorded its first decline in 33 years, and experts say the trend will most likely continue.

In the preliminary report of its annual survey of state government appropriations for higher education, the Center for Higher Education at Illinois State University reported that spending for the 1991-92 school year fell a total of \$46.5 million nationally.

Still, the survey reported that almost \$40 billion was spent on higher education in 1991-92.

Geographic areas hardest hit were New England and the Southeast.

In an evaluation of what the survey's statistics showed, CHE director Edward Hines wrote that "substantial increases in state higher education may be a thing of the past."

• The Southeast was hardest hit. Only Kentucky and West Virginia reported increases in state funding, up 23 and 10 percent respectively.

• In New England, four of the six states showed declines, most notably Massachusetts, with the nation's largest decrease of 28 percent.

• The West showed no declines, but mostly modest gains. Nevada headed

these states and all others with a 31 percent increase in state funding. Northwest states also showed increases, most notably Idaho (24 percent) and Montana (21 percent).

• In a group called the "megastates" for their large populations, large higher educational systems, and state appropriations of more than \$1 billion, findings were mixed. Of the 12

megastates, only four reported a gain in funding — Texas (9 percent), New Jersey (7 percent), Pennsylvania (6 percent) and Michigan (4 percent).

Illinois reported no loss or gain in funding.

Because of the overall decline in state funding, Hines said schools will need to search for alternative funding methods.

Announcements

• Attention ENGLISH MAJORS: Due to proration, students should schedule EH 321 and Shakespeare before summer terms. Shakespeare will be offered in the spring. EH 321 will be offered during May term. Neither course will be offered in the summer.

• The Anniston Outdoor Association will meet at 7 p.m. today at Golden Springs Community Center. This is only the second meeting of the association, so new members are invited to attend. Carol Wilson, president of the Alabama Trails Association, will be the guest speaker and will show slides concerning up-keep of local hiking trails. For more information, call Keith Hudson at 236-8221.

• The American Red Cross lifeguard instructor course will be taught from 7-9 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays Jan. 21- Feb. 13. Additional days may be added if needed. Cost for materials will be \$40.00. Participates must be 17 years old and hold a current card in lifeguard training. Registration for the course has begun and is limited to 10 people. For more information contact Elaine Nelson at 236-0391 or Dr. Ronnie Harris at 782-5515.

Opinion

Gamecock fans deserve credit too

At semester's end finals are always heavy on students' minds. It is a time of increased studying and "buckling down" to secure those grades before taking a much needed break.

But this semester many students will take a break of a different sort and travel to Florence, Ala. to see the Fighting Gamecocks take on the Gorillas of Pittsburg State, Kan.

What is so good is the number of students, as well as alumni, faculty, and friends, who will make the trek to Florence. Monday morning tickets sold out in less than an hour before more could be ordered.

Everyone, it seems is joining the bandwagon to support the team. That support is not new to this championship game. Rather, it has been a hallmark of JSU football for quite some time.

Even Head Coach Bill Burgess has said the roaring crowd is a major momentum builder for the team in crucial times.

The crowd truly has been roaring this season. In times when things were going well and even when it looked desperate for brief moments, fans were still cheering on their team.

Not all small schools carry such a loyal following. In fact, not all Division I schools can boast support like the Gamecocks get. Fans here have proven it is not a matter of size, but pride. JSU fans simply love their Gamecocks. That is a credit not to the institution, and, if you will allow it, not so much even to the teams, but to the fans.

Certainly, our teams in all sports provide something worth cheering. They and the staffs that coach them are dedicated, and for that the fans are indebted.

But the fans deserve a cheer themselves going into this finale. So to everyone who has donned a Gamecock shirt or waved a red and white shaker or yelled till they had no voice left this season, GO GAMECOCKS!

Having a jolly Christmas

Merry Christmas! 'Tis the season, and things are pretty jolly at JSU right now. For a year racked with economic problems and proration, we do have a lot to be thankful for this Christmas.

First of all, I am overjoyed — as I am sure we all are — that finally, after years of captivity, every American hostage in the Middle East has been released. I have a lot of fun picking on George Bush, but whatever he had to do to get them released I, for one, am glad he did it. For the first time in almost a decade those families will have everyone home for Christmas.

May this kind of tragedy never overtake America again. For seven long years our entire nation was held in the grip of careless, heartless trash — people who hardly earn the distinction of being human.

Now it's over. Let's hope it is really over.

Closer to home and as dear to our

Eric G. Mackey
Editor in Chief



hearts is the opportunity to play again for the National Championship in Florence. More than that, the Choctaws are already out of the race, thanks to a hard-fighting Gamecock team.

I remember the last time we made the pilgrimage to Florence. I was a sophomore and followed the Gamecocks all season in anticipation of coming away No. 1.

It was a long drive up to Florence in the snow. It was an even longer day standing on bleachers two inches deep in ice (had we wanted to, we couldn't have sat). It was even longer as the beloved (ha ha) Mississippi College kicked a field goal, scoring the only three blasted points of the game. It got longer still when we stopped in a

restaurant and ran into some of those Choctaw snobs.

Trust me, it was a long day.

I still have the next day's Gadsden Times article on the "Snow Bowl" tacked to my bedroom wall. If everything goes well, I plan to take it down next week.

It only serves as a reminder of the day that could have been. But today is today, and yesteryear is long gone. This Gamecock team can be No. 1. This team deserves it.

It's still fun to hate Mississippi College. It was worth a ticket to the moon to taunt them two weeks ago in Paul Snow Stadium.

But they are out and JSU and the Pittsburg State (Kan.) Gorillas are in. I'm going to be there and I hope you will, too. The Gamecocks need all the support we can muster, and I am quite sure they will make it worth your effort to go.

And last of all, I'm still dreaming of a White Christmas, but please don't let it snow in Florence.

All those 'crotchety' people

I'm not certain exactly when grabbing one's crotch became part of the entertainment industry.

Perhaps it began with baseball players. They grab their crotches a lot but usually they are doing more adjusting than grabbing.

Then, actress Roseanne Barr appeared at a baseball game and grabbed her crotch.

Next came Madonna. Maybe Madonna was before Roseanne Barr but it really doesn't matter.

What matters is she went on stage in front of a lot of people and grabbed her crotch. Does that help a musical performer hit a wider range of notes?

Now comes Michael Jackson. I saw his new video, "Black or White," in which Michael Jackson grabs his crotch. There is a report that that particular part of the video is going to be cut out. Those who enjoy watching people do this sort of thing will be quite disappointed, I am sure.

Michael Jackson's message in the video seems to be it doesn't matter what color you are. It obviously doesn't matter to Mr. Jackson, who used to be black, but appears fairly white in the video. As a matter of fact, if one looks closely at him, one will notice a rather striking resemblance to today's Michael Jackson and the late Natalie Wood.

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The Atlanta
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Natalie Wood, just for the record once portrayed the famous stripper, Gypsy Rose Lee, but at no time during the movie did she grab her crotch.

Michael Jackson does a lot of dancing in "Black or White." He dances with some African guys carrying spears and shields. Then he dances with some Native American Indian persons. He also dances with the Siamese version of the June Taylor Dancers and next we find him dancing with Russians. If Michael Jackson was a Native American Indian person, and he might well be after his next facial overhaul, his name would be Dances with Half the Population of the World.

There's a lot of strange stuff that goes on in "Black or White."

Michael Jackson turns into a panther at one point. He also takes a crowbar and smashes up a lot of cars.

I've been trying to figure out the symbolism there. Maybe Michael is Fred Astaire, the panther is Ginger Rogers and the crowbar represents Michael's deep-seeded fear of auto-

mobiles (Isuzuphobia).

Michael also dances on top of the cars he is smashing. This time he dances alone and this is where he grabs his crotch.

Do you think he simply was hit with an irresistible urge to do that or did his choreographer tell him to do so?

"OK, Michael, right after you do your pirouette and the two leg kicks, grab your crotch. I'll signal you when it's time to let go."

I am hardly one to suggest artistic censorship of any kind. And if anybody wants to watch Michael Jackson, Madonna, Roseanne Barr or Jimmy Swaggart, for that matter, grab their crotches, it's OK by me.

I do want to point out a few things.

If Elvis had lived and was still performing, I don't think he would have ever gone as far as grabbing his crotch in public.

Elvis did engage in an occasional pelvic thrust, but I think it was more a natural response to his rhythm than something used to shock his audience.

And one last thing: Didn't Pee-wee Herman get slapped in jail for doing basically the same thing Michael Jackson does on his video?

At least Pee-wee had the decency to pick a dark place.

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"Give me the liberty to know, to utter, to argue freely according to conscience, above all liberties."

—John Milton

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Time public takes notice: AIDS can kill

Many people have debated Magic Johnson's hero status over the last few weeks, but to me, that is irrelevant. The important thing is that Johnson has forced people to talk about AIDS, and that has revealed how ignorant the American public really is.

It should never come as a shock when a person who has had multiple sexual partners tests HIV-positive, and I think it is highly unlikely that many people believed Johnson lead a monogamous or celibate lifestyle.

People still seem to think only homosexuals and drug users get AIDS, while the fact is that one of the fastest growing groups of AIDS patients is heterosexual individuals between the ages of 18 and 22 — college aged individuals.

Even if he was smart enough to practice "safe sex" by using a condom when having casual sex, Johnson still wasn't 100 percent safe.

On average, condoms are only 80 percent effective as a contraceptive, which means 20 out of every 100 people practicing "safe sex" still run the risk of exposing themselves to the AIDS virus.

By listening to people talking about Johnson's announcement, you can see how much people still try to whitewash AIDS.

The day after he made the announcement, I heard a professor talking about how "Magic Johnson has that AIDS thing." AIDS is more than a "thing", it's a fatal disease, and people who think of it differently are fooling themselves.

Others keep saying Johnson is only HIV-positive; that he doesn't actually have AIDS. That is a dangerous viewpoint. A person doesn't have to have full-blown AIDS to give it to someone else through an exchange of bodily fluids. Thinking that you can't get AIDS from a person who isn't sick yet is a mistake that could prove fatal.

The Alabama Department of Health has also

Melanie Jones
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taken the deadly opinion that only full-blown AIDS is important. Officials only keep records of full-blown AIDS cases. There is no official record in Alabama of the number of people who have tested HIV-positive and can give their disease to others.

Even Johnson's doctors used dangerous vocabulary when they said he was contaminated through "heterosexual acts." That is misleading because heterosexual acts could mean something as simple as holding hands or kissing a person of the opposite sex. It would have been much more effective if they had just said he had sexual intercourse with a woman. The only "heterosexual acts" that have been proven to spread AIDS are regular intercourse and sodomy, with sodomy being the most dangerous of the two.

What it all boils down to is AIDS is not a disease "other people" get. It is a plague that afflicts heroes and hoboes alike. It can attack both the embryo and the elderly. It doesn't ask your age, sex, race and sexual preference before it invades and conquers.

We have to be careful. Get to know a person before you decide to enter into a sexual relationship. Don't be afraid to ask your partner about past sexual encounters, and if you have any doubts, ask him or her to be tested and be willing to get a test yourself. If your partner doesn't love you enough to do that one little thing, it is emotionally as well as medically dangerous to enter into a relationship.

In today's society, we can't afford to take unnecessary risks. If you are unsure — ask. In elementary school, teachers said the only stupid question is the one that goes unasked. Now that is the only deadly one.



Letters to the Editor

Defending campus police

I am writing in response to Ms. Agee's "hostile confession," (Dec. 5 issue). It is obvious that personal feelings were the basis for the letter. If Ms. Agee would have researched the matters she addressed, she would have known: 1) campus police do give escorts. Escorts are a service, not mandatory, only a service that can be performed when it does not interfere with routine police duties; 2) no police cars are allowed to jump start cars because of the added electrical equipment in the car that cost approximately three to four thousand dollars (paid for by our student dollars).

Ms. Agee has admitted to parking illegally. She was lucky to receive only a ticket. Her vehicle could have been towed for parking where she did. Ms. Agee stated, the campus police "will be the first to say... they are doing this for you and the safety of others. It is all B.S." There are some other statements in her letter that I consider "B.S.," but that was not one. I say yes, campus police are "doing this for me and the safety of others." What if a student didn't want to walk around Ms. Agee's car, or if one of our handicapped students needed to utilize the crosswalk in the "two or three minutes" where she had parked.

As for not being able to afford to pay the ticket "that had to be taken care of at City Hall," one should realize for every action there is a reaction. You knew you were wrong and as a result you were issued a ticket. Yes, growing up can be painful but one should learn from mistakes. So I answer your final question, yes, I feel the campus police are here for us. And yes Ms. Agee, JSU police officers do have real jobs!

Crisp
Senior

No doctorate for Hunt

For over 100 years, JSU has been known as a leading educational institution in the state of Alabama. Many JSU graduates work as teachers all over our state. Some of these graduates, myself included, were very upset that our administration would ask Guy Hunt to speak at the December 20th graduation. Governor Hunt will also receive a honorary doctoral degree from JSU at that time.

Teachers from the Birmingham area and Scottsboro schools have signed petitions asking that JSU not invite Hunt to the graduation. Other teachers have expressed their opposition

to Hunt's invitation.

Jack Hopper, vice president for Institutional Advancement, seems surprised that alumni would be upset by this selection. In a Huntsville Times story on Nov. 28, he indicates that education's problems are only due to a downturn in the economy. Hopper does not seem to understand what alumni in the teaching profession have had to put up with during Hunt's tenure in the state's highest office.

In addition, since Hunt took office, JSU funding has been in a state of decline when pared to our sister institutions. If Mr. Hopper was unaware of JSU's long-term problems with funding, perhaps he should start attending JSU Board of Trustee meetings.

At the very least, he should try to find out why alumni are upset enough to send petitions to protest the selection of this speaker. Alumni deserve more than a "let them eat cake" type of

Michael Livingston
Alumnus

Survey biased

On Nov. 18, the Faculty Senate, a pseudo-elected body lacking in moral leadership and unduly influenced by an embittered malcontent, eagerly sacrificed academic integrity in favor of political interests. A survey so badly biased that 122 out of 298 faculty members discarded it rather than waste their time responding, was declared to be valid. Utilizing this flawed instrument, designed and ordered so as to imply that a vote for athletics was a vote against academics, the Senate claims that 81.8 percent of the faculty oppose the move to Division I in athletics. In reality the figure was 81.8 % of the 59 percent that responded. Despite the Senate's blatant effort to produce the results that it desired, the actual percentage of faculty indicating opposition to the move was 48 percent.

Fifty-two percent of the faculty either support the move to Division I, have no opinion or did not feel the survey to be worthy of response. Obviously, there is not a ground swell of opposition that some of the Faculty Senate would lead us to believe. I urge the JSU Board of Trustees to give little credence to a resolution based upon a survey instrument designed to misrepresent rather than objectively seek faculty input.

Ronald D. Hunter
Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice



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The face of freedom today

Cyndi Owens

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Freedom is a paradox. While the constitutionally guaranteed right to free speech allows one the ability to express oneself, it also allows one the ability NOT to express oneself, if one so chooses.

More and more, Americans are exercising the right not to speak in favor of remaining "politically correct."

Even though political correctness is increasingly prevalent, some may not be familiar with the term. A working definition will help make the concept clearer.

First, consider what political correctness is not. It is not ridding one's speech of vulgarities, obscenities or racial epithets. That language is offensive and rude, and in some cases may be politically incorrect. Political correctness, however, does not specifically address it.

Political correctness is, instead, refraining or being restrained from speaking freely on politically charged issues.

Two recent issues brought political correctness into the forefront: flag burning and the Gulf War.

The issue of whether flag burning should be allowed as a form of expression and free speech sparked — pardon the expression — heated debate among Americans.

In one camp were those who find burning the flag, which they consider a sacred symbol of this country, morally reprehensible. Those people see flag burning as a form of treason or sacrilege.

The other side of the debate was argued by those who, although they may also have disagreed with the practice of flag burning, believe that anyone should have the right to express his feelings as long as there is no violence or bloodshed.

Unfortunately, the issue became muddied by political correctness. Those who supported free speech were quickly shamed or shunned or threatened into silence in the interest of being politically correct.

The Gulf War followed quickly on the heels of flag burning. With political correctness already gaining a toehold, the Gulf War became a study in contrast to the last major armed conflict the United States was involved in, Vietnam.

Instead of marching in the streets protesting our involvement, Americans draped themselves in red, white, blue and yellow and shut their eyes and ears to any discussion that our forces should not be sent to the region.

Anyone who dared speak out against the Gulf War was reminded immediately of Vietnam, of how wronged veterans of that conflict had been. If they dared continue to speak out, they

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were shouted down by those intent on political correctness, many of whom a generation earlier had burned their draft cards.

Perhaps political correctness is not some insidious menace to life, liberty and the American way. Perhaps it is merely this generation's answer to the rebelliousness of the previous generation. And perhaps not speaking one's mind will not, in the long run, make a difference one way or another.

But when political correctness prevents any voice from being heard, any opinion from being spoken or any idea from being realized, it is a dangerous — and un-American — concept.

Liberty and JSU

TJ Hemlinger

Faculty Advisor, *The Chanticleer*

The 200th anniversary of the First Amendment is Sunday. So what?

What does the First Amendment mean to us? Is it still important?

The First Amendment and the free press that it guarantees are not luxuries; they are not fringe benefits that come with being U.S. citizens. They are, quite simply, the heart and soul that give meaning to American citizenship and set this country apart from many others.

Within two years after the federal government began functioning in 1789, Congress proposed, and the states quickly ratified, 10 amendments now known as the Bill of Rights. They were designed as barriers to prevent the new central government from trampling on the people's natural or personal rights.

Those barriers are as important today, 200 years later, as they were in 1791. The federal and state governments and their agents, public schools, still try to exercise censorship and prior restraint. Even in a nation with a Constitution that guarantees freedom of speech and press, the urge to suppress unpopular writers lies just beneath the surface.

But free discussion offers society the best hope for peaceful resolution of its differences. Freedom of speech, according to Zechariah Chafee Jr., a noted First Amendment scholar, is only one interest, but a very important one, which government must protect for its own good and that of society. When debate focuses on government policies, it must be "absolutely unlimited."

Even Thomas Jefferson, who had little love and probably more reason to loathe the press than practically any American before or since, recognized the necessity of a free press in a free society.

Jefferson wrote: "The man who never looks into a newspaper is better informed than he who reads them; inasmuch as he who knows nothing is nearer than he whose mind is filled with falsehood and errors."

He also wrote, in a letter after he left the presidency, "I shall give over reading newspapers. They are so false and intemperate that they disturb tranquility without giving information."

But he also concluded, in a proposal to establish the University of Virginia, "Where the press is free, and every man able to read, all is safe."

For all to remain safe, the JSU students of today must be the leaders of tomorrow and the elder statesmen of the day after that, they need to be informed, they need to have access to current and accurate information and they need to be in touch with the feelings and thoughts and opinions of their fellow students. They can only do that with a free press.

First Amendment belongs to you

Cody Hall

Editor in Chief
The Anniston Star

The late Justice Hugo Black of the Supreme Court of the United States was often more of a "strict constructionist" interpreter of the Constitution than his sometimes liberal reputation.

Take for instance, the Supreme Court's majority opinion in a case of more than local interest, James E. Mills v. State of Alabama case in which Black, a one time good ol' boy from Clay County, must have taken a great deal of satisfaction when he wrote for the majority in finding for Mills.

Mills was editor of The Birmingham Post-Herald in the sixties when he wrote and published an editorial defying a state law barring publication of an editorial on election day. The election was a public referendum on changing Birmingham's form of city government from

the existing city commission to a mayor-council government, and the editor was so incensed by the mayor's tactics against the change that he wrote (on election day morning):

"Mayor Hanes' proposal to buy the votes of city employees with a promise of pay raises which would cost the taxpayers nearly a million dollars a year was cause enough to destroy any confidence the public might have had left in him.

"Now Mr. Haynes, in his arrogance, proposes to set himself up as new censor at City Hall and 'Win or lose' today he says he will instruct all city employees under him to neither give out news .. nor to discuss it with reporters...."

Charged with violating the prohibition on election day editorials, Mills' case went all the way to the Supreme Court, and Justice Black, is one of the great First Amendment decisions, writing for the majority, upheld him, saying:

"... Thus the press serves and was designed to serve as a powerful antidote to any abuses of

power by governmental officials and as a constitutionally chosen means for keeping officials elected by the people responsible to all the people whom they were selected to serve... The Alabama Corrupt Practices Act by providing criminal penalties for publishing editorials such as the one here silences the press at a time when it can be most effective. It is difficult to conceive of a more obvious and flagrant abridgment of the constitutionally guaranteed freedom of the press."

The First Amendment left no doubt in Justice Black's mind about the intent of the framers:

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

In a letter to the publisher of The Anniston Star with a copy of the amendment, Justice Black underlined two words and wrote in his

firm, clear hand:

"No law means NO LAW."

Some Americans over the two centuries that the First Amendment has guarded their freedoms haven't clearly understood the wisdom of the Founding Fathers who believed staunchly that every American should have the right to worship — or not to worship — as he or she pleases, unbound by official denomination; that anybody able to wield pen, typewriter or printing press can't be shut up by government; that all Americans have the right, without fear or favor, of getting together, complaining and criticizing, to demand to be heard by government.

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Features

Brother's owner opens new bar in Anniston

Jamie Cole
Features Writer

It's a common sight on any given night in Jacksonville to find one particular club crowded to its capacity. Brother's is consistently one of Jacksonville's most popular gathering places for the college set. The success of Brother's has prompted co-owner Dub Nolen to expand his operations to Anniston, where the Peerless Saloon is set to open in early 1992.

However, Nolen believes in variety. He guarantees that the Peerless Saloon will offer a different atmosphere. "The music will be more blues and jazz, not rock'n'roll. It will be a place where you can come in, sit down, have a drink, talk and relax," says Nolen. "The feeling will be different." The new bar will also be a little smaller, and more intimate. Nolen estimates its capacity at 100.

Nolen has been planning the new bar for about six months. He will not build a new building to house the new club, rather, has chosen one of Anniston's more historic sights. The building, at 13 10th Street, was built in 1903. It was originally opened as a bar, but this

passed right along with the 18th amendment. Prohibition forced its doors closed, and the building never opened as a bar again. Since then, it has housed a warehouse and a pawn shop.

Although Brother's is mostly centered around college students, Nolen promises something for everyone.

"We'll have something for everyone from 21 to 95, something for all ages," says Nolen. Fun-lovers can raise a glass to the Peerless Saloon very soon, as Nolen says, "We will be open by mid-February." It will be the first time since the 1930s that 13 10th Street has been used for its original purpose — a bar.



Peerless Saloon, located at 13 10th St. in Anniston, is scheduled to open in mid-February, and is the second bar for Dub Nolen.

Lambda Alpha Epsilon goes 'digging up bones'

Tim Phillips
Features Writer

Saturday was not just a day of remembrance for the 50th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor. It was a day of excavation — that is, digging up a buried body.

JSU's Lambda Alpha Epsilon chapter, the professional criminal justice organization, with police officers from around the state and William M. Bass, the foremost forensic anthropologist in the United States, actually dug up what was a simulated grave.

Bass, head of the University of Tennessee anthropology department, author of more than 180 books on forensic science and featured in the Arts & Entertainment network spe-

cial, "Digging Up Clues," led the group in a careful exhumation exercise, complete with clues in the underbrush concealing the grave. Evidence collected included a bloody knife and a marijuana roach clip accidentally buried with the victim, a dummy similar to those often used in simulated crimes.

"This field is very young," Bass says. "Most of the people in our department are graduate students, or just a few years older."

The simulated grave was a one-day seminar on the recovery of buried bodies, sponsored by LAE. Prior to the actual digging, Bass gave an intense lecture, featuring a slide show, handouts and actual human skeletal remains.

Alabama listed among least successful tours

Michelle Marin
Features Editor

Thursday's edition of USA Today revealed what most concert promoters already knew: this summer's tours were a bomb. In fact, promoters lost \$4 million dollars in ticket sales.

Alabama, the country group from Ft. Payne, Ala., featuring JSU alumnus Randy Owen as singer, was among those acts responsible for the loss.

Kim Armstrong, who works with Alabama's promotion group, says, "I didn't think the tour was that bad." Neither Alabama's management nor any of the members themselves were available for comment.

Bryce Hospital improving conditions

Field trip gives students glimpse of real world

Jamie Cole
Features Writer

Hugh McCain, professor of sociology, wanted his sociology club to see reality. For many of them, this is an experience they will never forget.

"I wanted them to see careers in the real world," says McCain.

On Wed., Nov. 20, the Sociology Club travelled across the state to visit three different institutions related to their chosen field.

The club's first stop was Glenwood Wilderness Program, outside of Birmingham. "The Glenwood Program is for boys with behavioral disorders," says McCain. "Most are sent there by juvenile courts."

The purpose of the Glenwood Program is purely rehabilitation. "They don't do a lot on an individual basis," says Woody Edgar, a senior sociology major. "They do a lot of work in groups. They teach them how to solve problems with each other, rather than on their own."

Bryce Hospital in Tuscaloosa provided the

group with a look inside a real mental facility. Bryce is known regionally as a fine mental institution and is the main center for mental health in Alabama.

Jason Pate, a junior sociology major, was concerned about the crowded conditions at Bryce. "The hospital was set up in wards, with 19 cubicles in each," he says. "It seemed very crowded to me."

There has certainly been a lot of negative publicity over conditions at mental hospitals, but McCain says Bryce is improving. "In the early 70s, there were over 5,200 patients at Bryce," he says. "Now there are about 950. That is a significant improvement."

Senior Sondra Williams was impressed with the patients' conditions at Bryce. "They have a lot more freedom than I expected, she says. "They didn't have to be locked up or pinned down all the time. It wasn't like you see in the movies."

Taylor-Hardin, also in Tuscaloosa, is a center for the criminally insane. Taylor-Hardin is also

populated mostly by the courts; those found "not guilty by reason of insanity" reside here. Some of the students in the group feel the criminals were not receiving their full punishment for their crimes. "It doesn't seem like the inmates are serving time for a crime," says Becky DeSha, a junior social work major.

Since the release time doesn't reflect the

crime, some believe the system is unfair. The inmates are released on the basis of how they respond to medication and treatment.

"I wanted them to be exposed to reality," says McCain. "My traditional question on these trips is 'Where are the job opportunities?' I hope it helped them decide on their careers."



Sociology Club members prepare for a trip to the live field.

The 1992 *Mimosa* will cost students \$10.00

Proration has forced JSU to begin charging for the *Mimosa*. If you are a student who reserved a copy, stop by the Mimosa office, 168 Self Hall, and fill out a new reservation form. Forms also will be in campus mailboxes. We apologize for the inconvenience.

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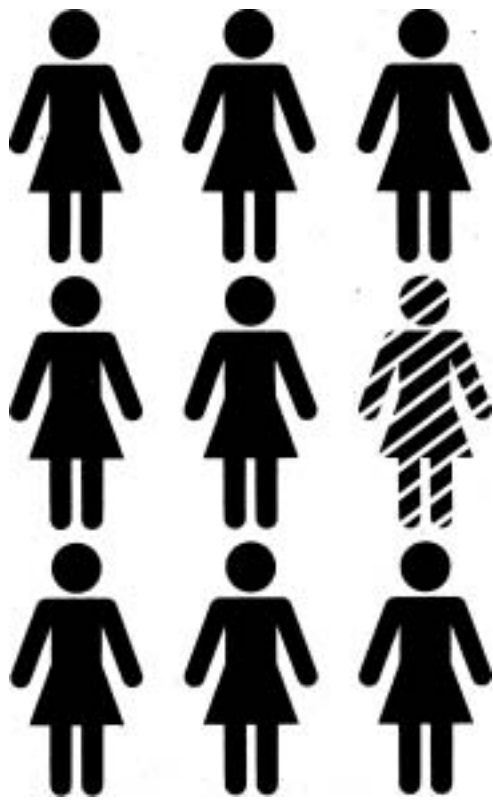
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Campus Comedy Comedians battle for laughs Jan. 22

Dyana Blythe
Features Writer

If you would enjoy an evening being laughed at by friends and strangers, or would like to laugh at your friends yourself, then you will want to put "Open Mike Night" on your calendar.

The SGA and UPC are sponsoring an amateur comedian night Jan. 22, hosted by Elon Gold, noted by the Boston Herald as "comic of the year."

"You don't have to be good. Just do whatever you think is funny," Andy Freeman, director of the UPC, says.

This will be the first amateur comedian event since 1987. The interest seems to be high, according to Freeman. "We've had several people turn in applications."

The UPC plans to have local celebrities as judges, such as people from TV 40 and the radio station K-98 in Oxford.

"We are also trying to get hooked up with Comedy U, which scouts for the funniest college students. If some of our students get chosen, they will go on to the nationwide comedy contest in Daytona Beach. It will be taped for a TV show next fall," Freeman says.

Individuals or groups may enter. Cash prizes and gifts are being offered for the best comedians. There is no entrance fee, but applications must be turned in by 4:30 p.m. Jan. 22.

Curtis Stigers plays -- gets paid, too

If you think Curtis Stigers' new single "I Wonder Why" sounds a lot like Ray Charles, it is not surprising. Stigers, a 25 year-old jazz musician who has just released his self-titled debut on Arista Records, is the first to admit Charles is one of his biggest influences.

Says Stigers, "I was into all kinds of music — jazz, rock, blues. At the end of high school, I was playing saxophone a lot, and I used to go and play at a jam session every Tuesday night with the great jazz pianist Gene Harris. That's where I really learned to play the saxophone."

Sax seems to be Stigers' specialty, although he is also a great songwriter and singer. Before signing with Arista Records, Stigers



Curtis Stigers

The Flip Side

Michelle Martin
Features Editor



was in a band called The Hi-Tops. Stigers says, "The Hi-Tops were an R&B, reggae, soul, ultimate party band. We played five or six nights a week for a year and a half straight.

"But I realized I didn't want to be a sideman the rest of my life. I knew I could sing. I knew I could write songs. So I quit The Hi-Tops." A few months later Stigers formed the Young Jazz Lions and began writing new songs, leading to the signing with Arista Records.

Most of the songs Stigers wrote with the Young Jazz Lions are on his debut album. Stigers says writing is "really a therapy session more than anything else. We all have so much life to draw on. The songs are about things that I've experienced, you know — good love and bad love and bad relationships and whatever. I can just tap into it."

One of the songs which reveals Stigers' view of relationships is "The Man You're Going To Fall In Love With." It discusses his paranoia that his girlfriend might fall leave him for someone else, saying, "I bet I can describe/The man you're gonna fall in love with/He's all the things I'll never be to you/I know he's all in my mind/But he's real enough to steal your heart/No matter what I do."

Other songs, such as "Never Saw A Miracle," represent the good relationships Stigers has had, however. Stigers sings, "I prayed I'd find my heaven/Then all my prayers came true/No I never saw a miracle/I was blind but now I see/The miracle is the love you give to me."

Most of the songs on Stigers' self-titled debut deal with love. Definitely all of them have a strong jazz bass — featuring Stigers on saxophone — which seems to be increasing in popularity, as is evident with acts like Harry Connick, Jr. and Stigers.

This whole deal is quite ironic when you consider that Stigers did not think he would ever really make it as a jazz musician. "I always figured I would make money at rock 'n' roll and play jazz to have fun."

Uncle Dave tells of the goats and the economy

It's that special holiday time of year once again, the time when Uncle Dave sometimes has too many egg-nogs and tells the heartwarming story of the Christmas Goat.

But first Uncle Dave wants to make sure that you have all been good boys and girls who are remembering the true meaning of the holiday season, which is to stimulate the economy. Right now the economy seems a tad sluggish, as measured by the Index of People Living in Refrigerator Cartons (IPLRC). But Uncle Dave is confident that things will turn around any day now, because Uncle President Bush's economic advisers have been seeing a number of bright spots in the economy. Yes. They go out on the balcony of the White House Economic Forecasting Building, located on Mars, and they look around while squinting their eyes up really hard, and then they shout: "I see a bright spot! Do you see it, Norm?" "Yes! I see it, too! Do you see it, Bob?" "Bob fell off the balcony!"

Their forecasting procedure involves a LOT of eggnog.

So the economy is definitely expected to recover sometime between mid-January and the collapse of civilization. But this will not happen un-

Dave Barry
The Miami Herald



less you, the ordinary citizen, go to the mall of your choice and demonstrate your true holiday spirit to the absolute limit of your major credit cards. Uncle Dave recommends that you take along a set of industrial earplugs, because otherwise you may be driven insane by the mall public-address system playing "The Little Drummer Boy." This is a song, lasting longer than most dental appointments, wherein high-voiced women shriek "Rum-pa-pum-Pum, rum-pa-pum-Pum."

At one point, years ago, Uncle Dave actually kind of liked this song, but he was exposed to it just a few thousand times too many, and now when he hears it, especially if he is in a department store trying desperately to find a gift for his wife that she won't laugh out loud at, and he is going nearly blind from having complimentary fragrance samples sprayed in his face from close range, it feels as though the Giant Mutant Sadist Drum-

mer Boy is driving his drumsticks directly into Uncle Dave's skull with a sledge hammer rum-pa-pum-Pum, rum-pa-pum-Pum.

But aside from that, and the traffic, and the early morning toy commercials on TV that cause your child to come rushing into your bedroom and jump on your head while you are still sleeping and DEMAND that Santa bring him a video-game system costing the equivalent of two Patriot missiles, and the fact that the Toys Sure "R" Costly store is so crowded that you have to park your car in Brazil — aside from these minor irritations, Uncle Dave really loves the holiday season, because it has so many traditions. And one of the most cherished traditions is the telling of the story of the Christmas Goat.

Uncle Dave heard this story from Uncle Jeff MacNelly, who swears that it really happened, and we can trust him because he is a trained professional cartoonist.

The story concerns a family — a mother, father, three sons and a young daughter — who lived in Virginia some years ago. They kept a pet goat out back, and one unusually cold Christmas Eve, one of the sons went out to feed it, only to discover that, after years of service, it had been called up to Goat Heaven.

"The goat was not only dead," states Uncle Jeff, "but it was frozen solid in the upright position."

The boy went in and told his father. The father was anxious to keep the little girl from seeing the goat, because she was very fond of it, and he didn't want to ruin her Christmas. He couldn't bury the goat, because the ground was rock-hard, so he and his sons loaded it into the back of the station wagon and took it to the local animal shelter. Unfortunately, it turned out that the shelter did not accept animals that were in the deceased mode.

So now the hour was getting late

and the father and sons were getting desperate, driving around on Christmas Eve with this goat, wondering how they could get rid of it, when — this is the kind of miracle that restores your faith in the holiday season — they drove past a church with a life-size outdoor Nativity scene, FEATURING LIFE-SIZE ANIMALS.

"Light bulbs went off simultaneously over all your of their heads," states Uncle Jeff. "The car came to a screeching halt."

Moments later the Nativity scene had acquired a new touch of realism, and the station wagon, now goat-free, was heading home. So it was a Merry Christmas after all, at least until the thaw came.

Now you boys and girls run along and go to bed, so that visions of sugarplums can dance in your heads. That happened to Uncle Dave once, and aspirin was no help at all.

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Mother Goose & Grimm

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If pets wore hats: a study in animal personalities and styles



And then Al realized his problems were much bigger than just a smashed truck.



"I don't mean to exacerbate this situation, Roger, but I think I'm quite close to bursting into maniacal laughter and imagining your nose is really a German sausage."

Sports

JSU men remain undefeated



Senior Willie Williams slams a basket against West Texas State in the Tom Roberson Classic.

**Alan Beckett and
Jim Matthews**
Sports Writers

JSU's men's basketball team remained undefeated this week by posting three impressive victories, one at Alabama A&M and two at the Tom Roberson Classic at Mathews Coliseum over the weekend.

Any team that goes to Alabama A&M to play a basketball game not only has to defeat the Bulldog team, but it also has to overcome a spirited home crowd.

JSU remained unnerved and did just that by calmly cruising to a 117-89 victory in front of 5,850 enthusiastic fans.

The Gamecocks actually did earn the favor of the crowd for the first 37 seconds of the game. Junior forward

Anthony Kingston was on the receiving end of an alley-oop to start the game, then JSU proceeded to convert two steals into two baskets, enabling them to grab a 6-0 lead and causing the crowd to cheer with approval and A&M to call a quick timeout.

A&M was able to adapt to JSU's pressure defense, however, and took a 47-43 halftime lead.

JSU came out strong in the second half behind senior forward Charles Burkette, who led the Gamecocks with 34 points and 11 rebounds.

The Gamecocks took a 59-55 advantage with 15:18 left in the game and it never got any closer. By the 10:50 mark in the second half, JSU had a 20-point lead, 82-62.

Point guard Willie Fisher also turned in an impressive performance scoring 31 points and dishing out

seven assists.

Other Gamecocks in double figures were Glenn Wyche with 20 points, Willie Williams with 18 and David Edmond with 10.

JSU used this win over A&M to prepare for a Friday night rematch with Georgia College.

JSU used an explosive second half to blow out Georgia College 109-78 in the first round of the Tom Roberson Classic at Mathews Coliseum.

Willie Fisher led the scoring for JSU with 24 points. The bulk of his points — 15 of them — came off three-point shots. Coach Bill Jones said, "Willie made a lot of things happen tonight."

Charles Burkette followed in scoring with 20 points, and Anthony

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Lady Gamecocks take 3 of 4

Jim Matthews
Sports Writer

JSU's women's basketball team had a hot and cold week but did manage to come away with three victories out of their four opportunities.

The Lady Gamecocks went to Huntsville to play Alabama A&M knowing they were going to face a tough Bulldog team and were able to come home with an impressive 92-80 victory.

JSU looked confident in this game. "I think everyone was worried about filling shoes (in the first two games), but now we're settled down," said senior guard Cassie Duncan.

The game was tight to start with, but two three-pointers helped the Lady Gamecocks pull out to a 27-15

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-- Cassie Duncan
Lady Gamecock

lead with nine minutes left in the first half.

Alabama A&M called a timeout and changed from a zone to a man-to-man defense. This and hot shooting allowed A&M to close JSU's lead to 43-41 at the half.

"Their main defense put a lot of pressure on us and made us make some mistakes," said senior forward

Tracy Linton. "But at half Coach (Mabrey) told us to go up strong and draw the foul, and that's what we did."

JSU used a tenacious defense to force several A&M turnovers and started the second half with an 18-6 run.

The lead stretched to 20 points, but A&M came back to within four with 1:30 left.

Free throws iced the game for the Lady Gamecocks. They hit 19 of 22 in the second half, while A&M hit only four of nine.

Linton scored a game high 26 points and pulled down 20 rebounds to lead JSU. Beverly Lee and Melissa Parker also added 16 points each.

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Football team tops Indians at home

Tim Hathcock
Sports Editor

Whether it was a pitch or a pass is uncertain, but it was certainly the back-breaking score for JSU against Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Nickey Edmondson's second-quarter pitch/pass to Eric Powell resulted in a 47-yard score to give JSU a 12-6 lead. It was a lead the Gamecocks would never relinquish enroute to a 27-20 win.

The play was officially ruled a pass as it was determined Edmondson was behind the line of scrimmage and pitched the ball forward. The official nearest the play seemed to indicate just that as he initially reached for his flag but didn't throw it.

There was considerable debate following the game on the play. "I think it was a pass," said Edmondson. "I was behind the line of scrimmage."

JSU Coach Bill Burgess agreed with his star quarterback. "That was a heck of a play," said Burgess. "He's done stuff like that all year

long. It was a great play. I knew he was behind the line of scrimmage. I'm just glad the officials agreed with me."

The play looked different from the other side of the field. IUP Coach Frank Cignetti said "I thought it was a forward pitch. That play hurt us big."

Cignetti offered no excuses for the loss, though you could hardly blame him after losing quarterback Tony Aliucci to a concussion early in the second quarter. "It was an honor to come in and play in this type atmosphere," said Cignetti. "They've got a great, great team."

As for the injury to Aliucci, Cignetti said,

"I'm sure that had an effect out there. Tony is a great quarterback but those things happen. I thought our team responded well."

Cignetti was concerned coming into the game with the unexpected passing attack of JSU. "Don't let the pass beat us. That was our fear coming in here and that's what happened," said Cignetti.

After a Slade Stinnett field goal on the Gamecocks' opening possession, IUP scored on an Aliucci to Jai Hill pass to give the Indians a 6-3 lead. The score came after Fred Mack

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Lady Gamecocks

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Riding high after the victory over A&M, a perhaps overconfident JSU team ran into a determined Montevallo basketball team, who promptly handed the Lady Gamecocks their second loss of the season by a score of 94-77.

The game was close and had several lead changes for the first 10 minutes, but the Lady Gamecocks were down 26-20 with six minutes left in the first half and would never get any closer.

"I think we kind of gave up," said Coach Mabrey. "We're going to have to get this bunch to play hard for 40 minutes."

Montevallo took a 43-30 halftime lead and led by as many as 20 points in the second half.

"The key to the game was that Montevallo came out here and wanted it more than we did," said Mabrey. "Teams aren't going to roll over and quit just because we're (JSU)."

Poor shooting (35% from the field) and 18 turnovers didn't help JSU's cause.

One bright spot in the game was a strong effort by Tracy Linton, who scored 23 points and grabbed 20 re-

bounds. Other Gamecocks in double figures were Beverly Lee with 14 points and Michelle Hamilton with 11.

A lack of effort was definitely not a problem Sunday against Kennesaw, the team that handed JSU a loss in its season opener.

The Lady Gamecocks posted four players in double figures and used a smothering press to cause 30 turnovers as they beat Kennesaw 79-77.

"I've got to credit our team for working as hard as they did," said Mabrey. "We played well overall. It was like night and day from our last game."

Every time JSU tried to pull away, Kennesaw hit a three-pointer to bring them back into the game. Kennesaw drilled six of nine three-pointers in the first half to help them gain a tie at 35 at the half.

Then, with Linton in foul trouble, Michelle Hamilton took over. She scored 17 of her 25 points in the second half.

JSU built a nine point lead with 6:40 remaining, and Kennesaw was never able to catch up.

A Kennesaw basket with two seconds left was able to cut the lead to 79-77, but it wasn't enough.

"Another good thing about this

game was that we were able to win with Tracy on the bench," said Mabrey.

Linton was in foul trouble throughout the game but managed to score 17 points before eventually fouling out with 4:16 left to play.

Melissa Parker and Beverly Lee each added 11 points for JSU.

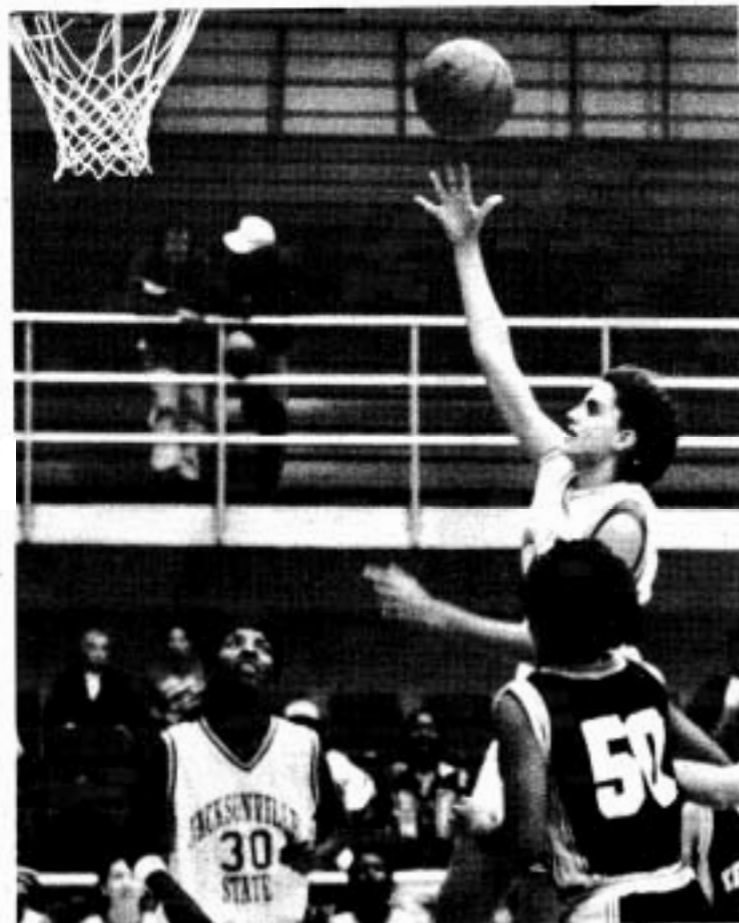
"This was a new beginning for us," said Lee. "We beat ourselves twice already. It's taken a lot of time, but we're finally coming together."

The Lady Gamecocks improved to 3-2 with the win and used their momentum to move to 4-2 Monday by going to Paine College and punishing it for the second time this season.

The Lady Gamecocks had four players in double figures on their way to an 81-48 victory. Beverly Lee scored 15 points, followed by Tracy Linton with 14 points and 11 rebounds.

Other players in double figures were Melissa Parker with 11 and Felicia Owings with 10.

Friday night at 7 p.m. the Lady Gamecocks will host Brewton-Parker and will resume their home schedule with rematches against Montevallo on Jan. 4 and Alabama A&M on Jan. 9.



Melissa Parker (30) stands ready to rebound as Anita Davis goes for the goal against Kennesaw State.

Lady Gamecocks reschedule

For the second time in two weeks, the JSU Lady Gamecocks have been forced to reschedule a basketball game due to the football playoffs.

Last Saturday's game with Kennesaw was played on Sunday afternoon in order not to conflict with the JSU/Indiana of Pennsylvania football game.

This weekend the JSU football team will be competing for the national championship in Florence. The Lady Gamecocks' game with Brewton-Parker has been reset at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Mathews Coliseum.

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roughed the kicker on a game-tying field goal. Mack was close enough to the kicker to tell what IUP's pre-game meal was but still couldn't block it.

After the score, Mack got his block. Roaring up the middle of the line, Mack blocked the kick — his fourth blocked kick of the year — and Terry White picked up the loose ball and returned it 78 yards for JSU's most unusual two points of the year. Early in the second inning, uh, quarter, it was IUP leading 6-5.

"Their kicking game was a major factor," said Cignetti. "They have a great kicking game. I don't know if you'll find a better kicking game in all of Division II."

After the pass to Powell, Edmondson hooked up with a wide open Henry Ray for 33 yards to set up a score which gave JSU a two-touchdown lead at 20-6.

IUP twice cut the lead to seven points but could never catch the Gamecocks. After a Michael Mann run of 25 yards closed the gap for the Indians to 20-13 early in the fourth period, JSU answered with a scoring drive of its own. Edmondson scored his second touchdown of the day from four yards to pad the cushion back to 14 points.

Backup quarterback Scott Woods valiantly drove IUP downfield for a late score, but the following onside kick went harmlessly out of bounds.

Senior free safety Rodney Scott was surprised by Woods' ability. "When Aliucci went out, we thought they would go to the running game," he said.

Although Woods did play well in Aliucci's absence, Mann did pose problems for JSU, rushing for 190 yards on 27 carries. "He had more speed than we anticipated," said Scott.

Burgess was glad to escape victorious in the matchup of the nation's two top teams. "I thought we played the best team we've played all year," he said.

Men's Basketball

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Kingston chipped in 12.

The Running Gamecocks started off slowly. At the 6:04 mark in the first half the score was 38-23 in favor of JSU. At halftime Jones reminded the players of their lackluster play. "We didn't have a very spirited practice yesterday," said Jones. "I reminded the players of that several times. Give Georgia College credit. They came out and played hard."

The Colonials were led by Clint Satterfield and Ron Miller with 13 points each, while Keb Burley and Darrell Flowers each scored 11.

West Texas State earned the right to meet the Gamecocks in the finals by defeating Talladega College 95-77 Friday night.

JSU needed a better effort than it gave against Georgia College if it was going to beat West Texas State in the finals Saturday night, and that's exactly what it got on its way to a tough 78-71 victory.

"I felt like our combination defense would be the key to the game," said Jones. Those words proved right as JSU held the usually high scoring Buffaloes well below their average.

Anthony Kingston, voted the MVP of the tournament, paced the Gamecocks with 20 points, including five three-pointers. Burkette tossed in 14 points and grabbed 10 rebounds, while Fisher and Edmond each scored 13 for the Gamecocks.

JSU charged back from a 38-33 deficit at the half but never could pull away from the stubborn Buffaloes. JSU's lead was only 72-71 with 1:10 left in the game, but clutch free throw shooting enabled the Gamecocks to hold on, improving their record to 6-0 on the season.

The Gamecocks beat Clark College Tuesday night by a score of 119-93 to move to 7-0, and they will travel to Athens Wednesday before taking off for the holidays.

JSU will host Pfeiffer on Jan. 4 and Campbellsville Jan. 9 before classes commence next semester.

Pittsburg State

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The Gorillas won the NAIA national title in 1957 and 1961. This is the third straight year they have competed in the national playoffs. They lost in the semifinals last year to eventual national champion North Dakota State.

Burgess is very much aware of the success of the Pittsburg State program and also notes, "This game is for the national championship. We expect a good football team to be there."

"If you can't get motivated to play a team the calibre of Pittsburg State for the national championship, there is something wrong with you," added Burgess.

As for his team Burgess said, "It's an honor for us to represent the Gulf South Conference. (I hope) we'll go to Florence and represent it well."

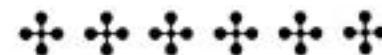
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Dec. 9

1. Duke
2. Arizona
3. UCLA
4. Ohio State
5. North Carolina
6. Oklahoma State
7. Kansas
8. Connecticut
9. Kentucky
10. Utah
11. St. John's
12. Seton Hall
13. Georgia Tech
- tie. Indiana
- tie. Michigan State
16. Iowa
17. Oklahoma
18. Michigan
19. Arkansas
20. Alabama
21. Missouri
22. Wake Forest
23. Georgetown
24. UNC-Charlotte
25. LSU

JSU 1992 Men's Tennis Schedule

- Feb. 13 Samford (A)
- Feb. 20 Tenn.-Chattanooga (A)
- Feb. 22 Troy St. (H)
- Feb. 23 Auburn-Montgomery (H)
- Feb. 28-29 ABAC Jamboree (A)
- Mar. 3 Jefferson State (H)
- Mar. 6 Alabama-Huntsville (H)
- Mar. 10 Berry College (A)
- Mar. 12-15 Southeast Region Tour.
- Mar. 18 Shorter (H)
- Mar. 25 Berry College (H)
- Mar. 27 Birmingham-Southern (H)
- Mar. 29 Auburn-Montgomery (A)
- Mar. 30 Mobile College (A)
- Mar. 31 Springhill (A)
- Apr. 7 Birmingham-Southern (A)
- Apr. 8 Samford (H)
- Apr. 10-12 GSC Invitational (H)
- Apr. 13 Livingston (A)
- Apr. 22 Shorter (A)
- Apr. 24-26 GSC Tournament (Vald.)

JSU 1992 Women's Tennis Schedule

- Feb. 10 UAB (H)
- Feb. 13 Samford (A)
- Feb. 20 Tenn.-Chattanooga (A)
- Feb. 22 Troy State (H)
- Mar. 3 Jefferson State (H)
- Mar. 6 Alabama-Huntsville (H)
- Mar. 10 Berry College (A)
- Mar. 12-15 Southeast Region Tour.
- Mar. 18 Shorter (H)
- Mar. 20 Florida Southern (A)
- Mar. 21 Barry (A)
- Mar. 22 Abilene Christian (A)
- Mar. 25 Berry College (H)
- Mar. 27 Birmingham-Southern (H)
- Apr. 3-5 GSC Invitational (H)
- Apr. 7 Birmingham-Southern (A)
- Apr. 8 Samford (H)
- Apr. 14 Shorter (A)
- Apr. 16-18 GSC Tournament (H)

NCAA Division II National Playoffs

Nov. 23

Midwest Region

Pittsburg St. 26, Butler 16
E. Texas St. 36, Grand Valley St. 15

West Region

Portland St. 28, N. Colorado 24
Mankato St. 27, N. Dakota St. 7

South Region

JSU 49, Winston-Salem St. 24
Mississippi College 28, Wofford 15

East Region

Indiana, Penn. 56, Virginia Union 7
Shippensburg 34, E. Stroudsburg 33, OT

Nov. 30

Pittsburg St. 38, E. Texas St. 28
Portland St. 37, Mankato St. 27

JSU 35, Mississippi C. 7
Indiana, Penn. 52, Shippensburg 7

Dec. 7

Pittsburg St. 53, Portland St. 21
JSU 27, Indiana, Penn. 20

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- Nov. 23 Athens W
- Nov. 29-30 Georgia Coll. Tour. 1st
- Dec. 3 Alabama A&M W
- Dec. 6-7 Tom Roberson Classic 1st
- Dec. 10 Clark College W
- Dec. 18 Athens State (A)
- Jan. 4 Pfeiffer (H)
- Jan. 6 North Alabama (A)
- Jan. 9 Campbellsville (H)
- Jan. 11 West Georgia (A)
- Jan. 13 Valdosta State (A)
- Jan. 18 Ala.-Huntsville
- Jan. 20 Delta State (H)
- Jan. 23 Lincoln Memorial (A)
- Jan. 25 Mississippi College (H)
- Jan. 27 Livingston (A)
- Feb. 1 North Alabama (H)
- Feb. 8 Livingston (A)
- Feb. 10 Mississippi College (A)
- Feb. 13 Lincoln Memorial (H)
- Feb. 15 Delta State (A)
- Feb. 22 Valdosta State (H)
- Feb. 24 West Georgia (H)
- Mar. 6-7 GSC Tournament (TBA)

1991-92 JSU Women's Basketball

- Nov. 23 Kennesaw L
- Nov. 27 Paine W
- Dec. 3 Alabama A&M W
- Dec. 5 Montevallo L
- Dec. 7 Kennesaw W
- Dec. 9 Paine W
- Dec. 14 Brewton-Parker (H)
- Jan. 4 Montevallo (H)
- Jan. 6 North Alabama (A)
- Jan. 9 Alabama A&M (H)
- Jan. 11 West Georgia (A)
- Jan. 13 Valdosta State (A)
- Jan. 18 Ala.-Huntsville (A)
- Jan. 20 Delta State (H)
- Jan. 25 Mississippi College (H)
- Jan. 27 Livingston (H)
- Jan. 30 Miss. Un.v. for Women (H)
- Feb. 1 North Alabama (H)
- Feb. 4 Talladega (A)
- Feb. 8 Livingston (A)
- Feb. 10 Mississippi College (A)
- Feb. 15 Delta State (A)
- Feb. 18 Talladega (H)
- Feb. 20 Miss. Univ. for Women (A)
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- Feb. 24 West Georgia (H)
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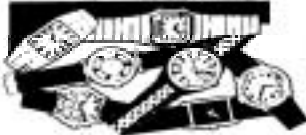
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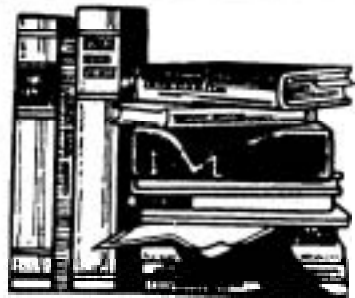
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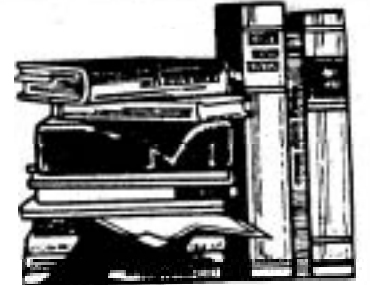
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