SGA ends college ring monopoly

Melanie Jones  
News Writer

The SGA voted unanimously to begin using two class ring companies Monday night.

Jack Page, the Herff-Jones representative, asked the students to continue having Herff-Jones as their only representative. He said Herff-Jones has become a tradition at Jacksonville.

Shannon Collins, a Jostens representative, spoke after Page’s presentation. He pointed out that ring sales went up at universities where an additional ring company was chosen.

“The competition will bring in more revenue for the newspaper (in advertising), more money for the SGA and more variety for the students,” said Collins. He said Jostens would bring in an artist to work with an SGA committee to design special rings.

Byron Studdard, SGA vice president, said the SGA has been approached by ring companies before, but this is the first time it has been brought before the senate.

Jacksonville began using Herff-Jones in 1972, when the company flew an SGA committee to Chicago, Ill. to design a ring that is still offered. In the early 1980s, the University made a brief switch to Balfour ring company, but has been using Herff-Jones as its only representative since 1985.

Collins pointed out that students would recognize Jostens’ name, thus boosting ring sales. He also explained that the company designed rings for 19 of 24 Super Bowls and is in the running for this year’s Super Bowl ring.

Before making the decision to consider a change ring companies, SGA officers spoke to people at the University of Alabama. Alabama recently began using two companies and their ring sales showed an increase.

Studdard said the decision was not a personal one towards either of the ring representatives. “The decision was not to hurt Jack or to help Shannon, just what was best for the students.”

Stephanie Matthews, SGA president, announced at last week’s meeting that the instructors’ names will remain on schedules for all classes. The SGA discovered that the Academic Council was considering removing the names and responded with a resolution, suggesting that teachers’ names remain on the schedules.

Bill Meehan, associate vice president for Academic Affairs, confirmed that the names would not be removed, and the original decision had not been made to deprive students of a choice, but to ease the registration process.

University slashes summer class offerings by one-third

Shane McGiff  
News Writer

Students looking to graduate by taking a few hours in the summer may be waiting longer than expected to get a JSU diploma.

Because of a budget squeezed by proration, one-third of the classes expected to be offered during the short terms are being eliminated.

Vice-president for Academic Affairs Robert Kribel said he was meeting with the deans of the various colleges this week to make decisions on which courses would be cut. He said he’s giving the deans flexibility in keeping summer classes vital to their programs.

The worst news may be yet to come. Kribel said he has received unofficial word from Montgomery that Alabama’s education budget will be cut, or prorated, an additional two percent. Another round of proration would cut deeply into class offerings.

“We took more than two-thirds of the first cut out of things other than courses. For the next cut those contingencies are all gone; it will have to come directly out of academic programs,” said Kribel.

There should be some word on what short term classes are available tomorrow. Kribel said he expected to have a summer schedule worked out, but the rumor of another round of proration may force him to start again. He said he’s trying to take extra care preparing the schedule.

“We don’t want to have a lot of people disappointed,” said Kribel.

“We don’t want a student to pass up a summer job because they’re going to come here and take English 403 and then show up in June to find out we had to cut the class.”

For the most part, remaining summer classes will be staffed by teachers on 12-month contracts. Any additional offerings will be staffed by 9-month faculty. Kribel confirmed that the University is currently being sued by a group of faculty on 12-month contracts. The litigation involves a salary dispute. Kribel wouldn’t give any details about the lawsuit.

Kribel said that the University is doing all it can to accommodate students. “We’ve got faculty who want to teach and students who want to take courses. But the resources will only allow you to do so much.”

JSU depends on state funding for 60 percent of its budget. Proration has already slashed $791,307 from the money available until the next budget starts Oct. 1. Over $300,000 of cuts are being made on the academic side of the University.
New license plates 'helping schools'

Krista Cavender
News Writer

The Alabama Department of Education passed a new legislative act to help school systems in the state of Alabama.

The legislature's unanimous decision enacted a new "Helping Schools" license plate. The State Department of Revenue passed the legislative Act 90-68, which requires a $15 fee in addition to the standard fees to purchase the tag.

Each county may retain a 2.5 percent commission of the additional fee, and the remaining revenues are given to the local school systems.

The purchasing of the license plates, which became available to the public Oct. 1, 1990, will be in effect for the next five years.

Because the $15 fee is designated for education, individuals who purchase the tags may claim that amount as an income tax deduction. The law stipulates that the additional fee is to be given to the school district where the tags were purchased. The funds are to be used for the purchase of classroom supplies and equipment in grades K through 12 in public schools.

According to the "Alabama Education" publication, the idea for the tag originated in Shirley Henderson's fourth-grade classroom at Leinkauf Elementary School in the Mobile County school system.

After the idea originated, the students wrote to their state senator, Michael Figures, D-Mobile. The bill passed without opposition in the 1990 legislative session.

Rosa Curry, from the Tags and Licenses Office, said Calhoun County has the tags, but the office has "no receipt of any" being sold.

"I think these tags are a great idea and a great way for Alabamians to show their support for education," said state School Superintendent Wayne Teague.

"I hope everyone will purchase a "Helping Schools" license plate," he said.

Judicial court: fair, unbiased, non-racial

Melanie Jones
News Writer

The SGA Judicial Court held its first meeting Thursday.

The court was formed by the new SGA Constitution and consists of a chief justice and 11 associate justices. The court's purpose is to serve as a traffic court and as an appeals court for students who wish to appeal the decision of an administrative hearing.

The court will be chosen on an annual basis, so the court will serve for two semesters. The chief justice of the court, Gary Lewis, was appointed by the SGA executive officers and approved by the Senate. The eleven associate justices were chosen by Lewis and approved by the senate.

Lewin said he visited the residence halls, fraternities and sororities and asked each for suggestions when choosing the associate justices. From those recommendations, Lewis said he chose those he felt were most able to serve fairly.

Lewis said he felt he was chosen as the chief justice because he showed a great interest in the position and because the officers felt he was capable of making fair, unbiased and non-racial decisions.

Lewis is a junior majoring in political science and has been a member of the SGA for two years. He was Senator of the Year for the 1989-90 academic year and has served on senate committees which include the selection committee and black history committee. "As a minority student, I feel it is an honor to serve as the chief justice of the first SGA judicial court," Lewis said.

Sgt. Dennis Parker of the University police department spoke to the group about traffic court procedures. The traffic court will meet on the second and fourth Mondays of every month at 7:30 p.m.

At least three associate justices must be present in order for the court to convene. The court will hear traffic ticket appeals.

Parker said the court sessions are usually short because many students aren't aware they can appeal tickets as long as the appeal is filed within 10 days after the ticket is issued.

The justices were reminded that the police department does not get the money received from tickets. "Money received from decals, tickets and fines goes into the general fund," said Parker.

The court will be meeting with Donald Schmitz, dean of Student Affairs, to discuss judicial court procedures.
Taking policies lightly pays off

I have always been first to criticize the University when something goes wrong with my schedule or billing process. I never even consider the fact that I could have made the mistake.

Last week, however, I learned about a costly error I had made, one worth $540. It seems that at the beginning of the fall semester I paid for only $540. It seems that at the beginning of both semesters like I usually do. I had paid my tuition and dorm for one semester only, and my cancelled checks verified JSU's records.

I couldn't believe I was dropped from housing and had no way of paying the bill anytime in the near future.

Craig Schmitt, the director of Resi-
dence Life, referred me to Jennifer Craven in the comptroller's office. She consoled my gushing tears and asked how I paid for my expenses.

For about five minutes, I could not answer her. She took a roll of toilet paper from her bottom desk drawer and said, "I don't offer this to just anyone." Then, she laughed and I felt a little better. I finally felt like I could answer her question without breaking down again, and I said, "I pay for it." That was all I could say.

Craven was so understanding, she made me feel like the world wasn't going to come to an end because of this, and it didn't. "Do you work on campus?" she asked. I went on to explain that I worked for The Chanticleer as News Editor.

Craven spent fifteen minutes helping me divide my paychecks for the semester into workable payments for my dorm rent.

Even though she was after 4:30, the office's closing time, Craven did not seem irritated with me.

The next day, I took her a deposit and she said I could just begin paying my bill in February when I received my paycheck. Though the university has given me loads of problems in the past, my respect for the caring personnel was renewed by this act of consideration. I am glad to know some people in positions of power at the University are willing to use their positions in favor of the students.

As a reporter, I have come across my share of rude, secretive employees on this campus.

I have even been secretive towards them at times, just to try to get them back. Maybe my criticisms have been premature.

So many times the easiest way to solve a problem is to blame it on someone else, even though it is not their fault.

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Myra Godis
News Writer

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Faculty need attention, too

News has been circulating on campus that faculty morale is low, and many people are beginning to worry about it. There is concern to worry if morale truly is falling.

After all, the faculty are the backbone of campus as much as students are the heartbeat. Without the students the school would be dead. But without an outstanding slate of faculty, it would be barely alive and going nowhere.

So, low morale must be addressed not only by the administration, but by all of us.

It seems like an important point is the over-crowded classrooms and lack of sufficient faculty. Increasing class loads are draining many faculty.

We have prided ourselves in quality instruction in a small-class atmosphere.

Instructors need to be allowed the convenience of smaller classes. Of course, we have all heard how the classes are much bigger at larger universities. But this is not another large university.

This is a positive, rather than negative, attribute of attending college at JSU. Most instructors are perfectly willing to interact with students, but they must be given the time to do so.

However, all blame does not lie on the class loads. Some of it lies on the class members. Time and again, students show their lack of interest by avoiding class or ignoring the lecture. Some students just don’t seem interested in becoming educated.

We students might not be able to change the class load problem. But we can awaken our interest for knowledge and learn all we can from our professors. Even that should help.

Opinion

How did networks survive without gulf war to cover?

Well, another week has passed, and we are even more saturated by the news of the war in the Gulf. Once upon a time it was only “crisis in the Gulf.”

Of course, we all know that it is more than a crisis now. I would definitely call it a war.

After all, it fits all the criteria for a war: big guns, lots of news coverage, propaganda and sadly, death.

Another important criterion is that everyone is writing about it. I mean, I know I am. It’s like there’s nothing else happening in the world.

In times like these we have to wonder how the networks ever come up with news when there isn’t a war to cover.

They were so infatuated with the war that little news about other world events got through to the American viewers for the first several days.

Only recently have they started giving us information about the many other events that are happening in our ever-changing world.

In fact, there are other things going on. Only priorities have changed. And that’s fine as long as we realize what would be making news around the globe if it were not for the war.

For instance, the strong arm of the Soviet Union is crushing any hope of democracy in the Baltic republics. President Bush even sent a nasty letter to Gorbachev about it. It didn’t seem to make much difference, though.

It just goes to prove you can’t trust a communist, even if he tries to play the good guy.

Are we really gullible enough to believe that the communist leaders of the USSR would allow some guy who pretends to be Teddy Roosevelt to take the reins of the government? There’s no way.

But we’ve gotta give Gorbachev credit. He picked the perfect time to start his campaign of death.

The rest of the world is focused just a little bit south toward the planet’s largest sand dune (Saudi Arabia) and what may become the world’s largest crater just across the gulf (you can take a guess at this one).

But that gets us off the subject. The subject is how do the networks come up with news when there isn’t a war to cover. It makes one wonder if all those stories about chicken production in the Midwest are really that important.

Of course, they have to fill the 30 minutes they get for news every evening with something, even if there is nothing going on.

For some networks it will be easier than others.

For instance, The Today show can always set aside an hour to let Bryant Gumble remind us how good he really is.

Or CBS can let Dan Rather do half an hour relating his experience covering Vietnam for the thing about Midwest chickens.

Well, I’m sure the networks will come up with some news when all this is cleared up.

Maybe they can tell us about how Gorbachev created his own large crater on the Baltic Sea. That should be interesting.

The Chanticleer

"A nation that is afraid of its people judge truth and falsehood in an open market is a nation that is afraid of its people."

~John F. Kennedy

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College reminiscent of 'deep, dark memories of childhood long forgotten'

Sometimes it can be difficult to see where all the time goes during the week. However, this can only be seen upon reflection. This reflection will usually occur right before the first major test of one’s semester.

This can hark back those deep dark memories of a childhood long forgotten. Like the time you left your science project next to the bus at school, and you couldn’t remember where it had wandered off to until you went back to the bus pick-up area and found it crumpled under the right tire. No extra credit for your working model of an Alabama strip mine.

Time to study for exams can often slip away before your eyes. Sometimes it’s a girlfriend who must be taken to dinner, and she says the best place to eat steaks is in the Florida Keys. This can really ruin a night that you had set aside to study for Dr. Staff’s history test on the impact of the 1920s on the Middle East.

It’s not like you didn’t try to find Dr. Staff on the morning of the test and explain why you needed a three-semester delay. In fact, you might even learn that your instructor doesn’t always answer the door to his office. Much too your chagrin, the department head explains a concept called office hours.

After failing Dr. Staff’s test you head downstairs to the English department. At least you can nap through the discussion on the roots of the English language and how it affects today’s spoken word.

Then you discover that it is actually another test, and you must write the answers for yourself.

Suddenly, you can find yourself in a hole with all your classes. There seems to be no way out, and there are still midterms to fail in just a few short weeks.

Of course, this early in the semester there are still choices to be made.

First, one can continue on this path to utter failure and spend the semester thinking of excuses to tell the parental units at the end of the semester. (They must be complex reasons since you are at a university.)

Secondly, you could actually start a program of study. After all, the tallest building in Jacksonville does provide many places to curl up with a text book and actually start reading the assignments.

Maybe that is too realistic and depressing to deal with. But maybe you are at least in the same boat as the other students.

College Life
Letters to the Editor

Cutting summer classes

Dear Sir:

I am a graduate student pursuing a master’s degree in guidance and counseling. It appears, now, that I will not be able to graduate according to my program. This is due to the reduction of the teaching budget as a consequence of the recent pronouncement.

My advisor and I set up my projected program in August 1990. At a recent class meeting I was told that my graduation goal of August, 1991 is now in jeopardy. I have secured loans, made specific living arrangements, put family business on hold, and generally made considerable sacrifices in an effort to attain my masters degree.

In order to validate what I was told in the class meeting, I contacted my professor, my advisor, the department head, the associate dean, a vice presidential assistant, and the associate vice president of Academic Affairs, all of whom confirmed my fears.

The story was the same: summer school offers are to be cut by one-third.

After reading the Jan. 21 Anniston Star article by Judy Johnson, I was perplexed. The article stated that Dr. McGee said only “the goodies,” namely electives and public services, are to be cut. My courses are NOT elective, they are NOT public services, nor are they “goodies,” but they are requirements for me to complete my degree.

It does not appear that Dr. McGee’s statements and the actions of the College of Education are in sync. An arbitrary one-third reduction certainly cannot be an applicable solution to the many of us paying tuition, taking loans, and working toward requirements for a “timely” promotion or job goal. I am also aware that the majority of graduate students, especially summer students, will not be aware of this catastrophe, unilateral administrative decision until they arrive on campus to register for summer classes.

Finally, I feel that the University has let me and my classmates down; but, more importantly, it has let itself down. To call out to students from around the world as a credible institution and then cut required courses is a contradiction to the ethical principles of the educational system.

John M. Jenkins
Graduate Student

More on parking

This must be the year of the misinformed. Andy Hayner has joined that group. He says that there is not a parking problem on this campus. He says that all we need to do is park in places close to three miles from our destination, that is the coliseum. He thinks everybody should walk to class. I walked because I need the exercise. Andy, wake up and look around you. This campus does have a parking problem. There are more teacher’s places and special (yellow) places than student’s put together. As you said, there are 5500 parking spaces. You are damn wrong to think that there is not a parking problem.

In my opinion, this school should close down for maybe one school year and have extra parking places added. Not one here, two there. Take out all blue by the dorms and change them to red. With the exception of the coliseum, an extra 6000 parking spaces should be added to this campus.

Mike Wilson

Editor’s note: While it is true that there are basically 5500 parking places on campus, the student body is much larger than that. The parking problem is a real issue and the university is working to address it.

Speaks out for instructor

Dear Editor,

I’m confused . . .

It’s always been to my understanding that the more students like and understand their teacher, the more motivated they will become to try to make good grades. And, any semi-intelligent person knows by now that one has to attend class to make any kind of a decent grade. What makes us want good grades? motivation--what motivates us? THE TEACHER.

This week, I heard that the University isn’t renewing one of the biology teacher’s contract-- Randy Martin. WHY?! I’ve heard some really stupid reasons, that is: too many girls take his class, the students like him too much, he passes too many of his students. Of course, the administration here won’t use these reasons as the “real” ones. Finances are always a good excuse to use, but all the Anniston Star has been printing lately is about the shortage of faculty at JSU as a major problem, even mentioning how biology labs have to be taught by graduate students because of a lack of teachers.

Martin is one of the best teachers I’ve had in a long time. He’s by no means easy - as a matter of fact, I’m terrible at biology, but he makes lecture so interesting, that I can’t imagine cutting class for all the “normal” reasons (hangover, want of sleep, etc.). He really makes one think in class. He doesn’t just skim over the bold-face words in each chapter - he wants us to know everything about everything.

Let’s face it, this is a core curriculum class for most non-biology majors, right? Why not give us an interesting teacher? Why in the world is Martin having to leave? Especially with the shortage of teachers this university is facing, and at the expense of all the future biology students who will miss out on one of the best teachers they will ever have?

Mr. Martin, we’re behind you.

Maria Burgess
Sophomore

The Poison Pen

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How do you feel about having 1/3 of all summer classes cut?

Michaeld Speights
Freshman

I don’t think they should because some people depend on those extra credits in summer to get ahead.

Travis Williams
Freshman

They need to put in as many classes as they can. I think they should add some classes like black history. They need to add more seats in the classes too.

Ray Doran
Junior

I think it’s sorry because it doesn’t give people a chance to make up classes. If you get behind you’re going to stay behind. I’m behind, and I was planning on going May Term to catch up.

Annette McGuire
Sophomore

If it’s a major class offered and a senior needs it to graduate, that (the cutting of classes) would cause trouble. But I’m not going this summer, so it’s not affecting me. I’d disagree if they were cutting something I needed.

Clair Hopkins
Junior

Well, I think that a science going to summer school should get as many classes out of the way as possible. If they’re in summer school, apparently they want to excel or catch up. More classes should be offered.

Chris Tranatham
Graduate Student

If they’re going to pick any classes to cut out, it should be one-hundreded or two-hundreded level, because they already offer so many of those in the fall and spring.
Global warming 'hotter-than-hot' issue in the '90s

Karen Parr
Features Writer

Environmentalists have taken the idea of a simmering earth and turned it into a hotter-than-hot issue, confusing both themselves and the public.

This notorious subject is the “greenhouse effect.” The “greenhouse effect” is caused when man-made chemicals become trapped by the earth’s atmosphere, much like the literal concept of a greenhouse, in which pent-up gases cause an encapsulated area to overheat.

In Earth’s case, however, the effect is global warming, and opinions on this matter vary drastically.

Time magazine reports that, according to NASA’s Goddard Institute for Space Studies, the seven warmest years of the century have been in the last 11 years.

Yet Quill magazine cited information from the U.S. National Climate Data Center, stating, “no significant warming trend” in the U.S. temperature since 1895. In fact, it reported U.S. temperatures have been moderately decreasing since 1938.

These contradictory studies were conducted during a 100-year period. According to Frank Romano, a JSU biology professor, the period is too short.

“The problem with man is we think in terms of generation times,” said Romano. “It is difficult for us to think in terms of one or two generations ahead. We have blinders which narrow our focus to decades.”

Romano said geological time, or Earth time, is much longer than man’s short-term focus.

“Ice ages do not happen in decades or centuries,” he said. “They happen in millennia.”

Therefore, Romano said there is no proof as to whether or not global warming is naturally occurring or is the result of human intervention.

This raises the question that if the human life-span is so minute in comparison with Earth’s, how can mankind be blamed for environmental ills?

“But because,” said Romano, “we have been doing it ever since man showed the bloody nose of his face on the face of the earth.”

“Since agrarian systems came around, it has been one environmental disaster after another.”

Romano said from early forest clearing to the drastic population and pollution increases of the Industrial Age, men have affected the earth drastically.

And that is one effect that can alter the lives of both mankind and the planet.

*Karen Parr is vice president of the JSU chapter of the Alabama Conservancy.

Anniston history museum unique to southeastern region

Craig Harris
Features Writer

The Anniston Museum of Natural History has played an important social and educational role in Anniston, as well as the greater Calhoun County area, since 1929.

The museum was established by the donation of 1,800 historical and biological specimens, including two Egyptian mummies, from the William H. Werner collection. Anniston’s Carnegie Library was the museum’s first location, but it was soon moved to the Calhoun County War Memorial Building in 1965, and moved again in the early 1970s to its present location in Lagarde Park.

The Anniston museum is unlike any others in surrounding areas. Paige Moreland, marketing manager of the museum said, “The museum has something here that you cannot find in Birmingham or Atlanta.

“This is the only museum of this scope in Alabama and one of the few of this scope in the Southeast. Visitors from all 50 states and many foreign countries come to the Anniston Museum of Natural History.”

Among the various exhibits offered at the museum are “Dynamic Earth,” “Discovery Earth” and “Adaptation to the Environment.”

“Dynamic Room” is designed to introduce the ideas of the complex processes which make up the delicate balance of earth. “Discovery Room” allows young people to get hands-on experience with natural scientific objects.

“Adaptation to the Environment” expands visitors’ knowledge of the role of each animal and its effects on the environment.

In addition to these regular exhibits, the museum also holds special events.

On current display are photographs of the alligator collection, “Seeing the Unseen,” a film showing how Edgerton took these pioneering photographs, accompanied by the exhibit. Edgerton’s work is available for viewing until Feb. 24.

The 11th annual Black Heritage Festival will be Feb. 24. Activities for this festival include a performance from the Auburn University Gospel Choir and a luncheon.

For more information concerning any of the museum’s events, call 237-6766.

This photograph, “Cutting the Cord Quickly,” is an example of Edgerton’s works which are on exhibit until Feb. 24 at the Anniston Museum of Natural History.

Top Ten Reasons To Become A JSU Policeman:

1. Popularity of “Cops” on the Fox television network
2. Strip searches.
3. The fashionable uniform
4. Opportunity to drive a cool car with blue lights and a loud siren
5. Chance to seek revenge on those who bullied you in grade school
6. Nice work environment.
7. Free education.
8. Weight of the gun belt protects you in a windstorm
9. Actualy get to carry a weapon that does not require water to work
10. Unlimited parking spaces
11. Able to improve your writing skills as you write parking tickets

--M. Zachary Straughter

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Excuse me, but how can a proven liar have enough credibility to win two music awards for favorite pop artist and favorite new rap artist? It is ludicrous. It is acts like Vanilla Ice and Milli Vanilli that shame the music industry.

Other musical artists represented the industry very well, however. Finally, after four smash albums, heavy-metal rock 'n' rollers Motley Crue hit paydirt with their fifth release, "Dr. Feelgood." They received the favorite album award for heavy-metal. This was Motley Crue's first award from the industry (excluding MTV awards), as well as their first No. 1 album.

Slaughter appropriately took the award for heavy-metal favorite new artist. This band's debut album, "Stick It To Ya," went platinum before they ever set foot on stage. Drummer Blas Elias thanked Gene Simmons and Paul Stanley of Kiss "for believing in us and giving us our first tour." Not too many new groups can say they performed before crowds of 20,000, their first time on tour.

What a shame it was for Mariah Carey, though. She was ignorantly overlooked in the awards. Carey received two nominations, losing to Janet Jackson for favorite female pop artist, and to Vanilla Ice for favorite new pop artist.

Obviously, someone must have mistaken Carey's refreshing and soulful voice for Milli Vanilli.

Michelle Martin
Andrews recognized as JSU 'Employee of the Month, Year'

Sheila Lynch
Features Writer

Recognizing University workers for a job well-done is one way the JSU personnel department is boosting the morale of University employees.

The personnel department recognizes one worker monthly as the "Employee of the Month." 

"Nominations are submitted from supervisors and then reviewed by an advisory committee who makes the final selection," said George Miller, vice president for Business Affairs.

Carolyn Andrews, financial systems manager, who graduated from JSU in 1961 and has worked at the University for 27 years, was selected as December's employee of the month.

Andrews said she was overwhelmed when she learned of this award.

"I was off work the day the committee made the selection. The next morning, when I came in the office, there were streamers and balloons on the wall. I could not think of what we could be celebrating," said Andrews.

"When I saw a sign that said 'Employee of the Month,' I knew.

Just two weeks after Andrews learned of this award, she was selected as Employee of the Year.

In acknowledgment of Andrews award, she received a certificate from the personnel department, the comptroller and bursar offices held a reception in her honor, and she received various "freebies."

Andrews said she has worked in every phase of the comptroller's office. She said, "I enjoy my job because I like what I do. I really enjoy the people, the work and this atmosphere."

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Movie: "GHOST DAD"
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Speaker on African culture kicks off Black History Month at JSU

Dr. Peggy Brooks-Bertram

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Also available: comedy and drama

Black Treasures is a 60-minute anthology which includes a wealth of African-American poems, speeches, stories, folk-tales, and plays written by such well-known writers as Langston Hughes, Gwendolyn Brooks, Don L. Lee, and Nikki Giovanni. The show is performed by Angela F. Harrison-Collier and Pamela Pruitt-Green.

Harrison-Collier is a native of Muscle Shoals and is assistant director of Residence Life at Emory University. She has performed with community theatre groups and has been recognized both regionally and nationally for her dramatic and poetic interpretation. She is a member of the National Honor Society of Delta Sigma Rho Tau Kappa Alpha and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Pruitt-Green, an author and storyteller, was born in Albany, Ga. She returned to her home state from Ohio with her husband and daughter in 1983. She currently is an Automation Librarian at West Georgia Regional Library. Pruitt-Green's story, "Henry Box Brown," is available in print and on tape from New Day Press.

Morton to address social problems

Richard Morton, speaker, teacher, and musician, will give a lecture concerning the troublesome times on Feb. 21.

Morton is a native of Atlanta, Georgia. After completing his undergraduate degree at Clark College, he served three years in the United States Army, with one of those years being spent in Vietnam. Immediately after leaving the military, Morton continued his studies at Atlanta University where he earned a Masters Degree in social work. Additional studies include courses in Business Administration. He is an avid reader of history, economic systems, and race relations.

In addition to his academic accomplishments, Morton is a professional musician. He performs both solo and with the singing ensemble "The Ascendants."

Do you know who you are?

February is Black History Month. Black History Month is an opportunity to reflect on the achievements of Afro-Americans past and present, and Black History Month helps people of all races gain a deeper appreciation of black heritage.

February 1991 begins a new year of black lives and history. What will we contribute? Will you contribute racism and bigotry? Will you contribute harmony and racial harmony? The latter of the two is what I am shooting for.

No matter what your race or nationality, you have a responsibility to discover who you are, from where you have come and where you want to go. Only then will you be able to live the life God intended.

I know who I am, and yes, I am proud. I know my family migrated north to Ohio from Tennessee and part of Alabama in the late '30s, leaving behind blatant racism and economic poverty.

I know my grandmother's parents were sharecroppers and never fulfilled their dreams of a better life for themselves and their children.

I know about the many sacrifices my mother made for my brothers and myself those early years when it seemed the world revolved around our house in the middle of Chelford Court.

Black Americans like my mother and undoubtedly many other mothers and fathers across the country are the heroes of Black History Month. Providing a stable, secure, safe environment where a child can flourish and develop a self-concept and self-esteem is what makes a good boy into a great man.

February 1991 begins another year of great men who have direction and insight into who they are and what they want. We've got it going on in the '90s. Happy Black History Month, JSU.

---M. Zachary Straughter
Staff Writer
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"History of Blacks Past and Present: Strengthening the Black Family"
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1991 peer counselors lend helping hand to upcoming freshmen

The 1991 JSU peer counselors have been selected and are anxiously awaiting freshman orientation, beginning July 18, this summer.

Last fall 80 students applied for the position of peer counselor. Of these 80, only 24 were chosen.

Selection of the peer counselors was based on a series of interviews in which they were extra-curricular activities and leadership roles. Evaluations were also made on GPAs.

The 24 counselors have much planning and preparing to do before the opening day of Orientation '91. All counselors are required to take a class, specifically designed for them, this semester, in which they will plan the orientation activities.

"It's really a fun class, because it helps us to get to know each other," said Leslie Adams, a 21-year-old junior and third-year counselor.

"We've become a close, yet diverse, group."

The class is not the only preparation for orientation, however. Counselors will hold a training workshop with the faculty mentors, JSU professors who help freshman students prepare their schedule. Peer counselors will also attend the Southern Regional Orientation Workshop in Raleigh, N. C., this spring.

Once Orientation '91 arrives, much will be expected of the peer counselors. Not only do they act as campus tour guides, but they must actually "sell" JSU to the students.

"The new students see how much we love JSU and decide they want to stay," said Adams.

Peer counselors must also serve as academic advisors to the freshman. As Carol Crawford, a 22-year-old senior and second-year counselor, explained, "I think we make a difference because we can talk one-on-one with the freshmen and help them."

Contrary to what most think, a peer counselor's job does not end when orientation does. The counselors will be available to the freshmen throughout their entire first year. In fact, an "orientation reunion" party is held shortly after the fall semester begins so the counselors can check up on their orientation groups and lend a helping hand.

Andrea Brooks, a 20-year-old junior and new peer counselor, said she is excited to have the opportunity to help the new students. "I remember how I felt when I came here as a freshman and how my peer counselor helped me. I just want to help the upcoming freshmen in the same way."

--Andrea Brooks
Peer Counselor

The Chanticleer
NCAA changes requirements for Division I

Shane McGriff
Sports Writer

The NCAA met in Nashville earlier this month with big changes in mind. The new rules that emerged were passed primarily by college presidents and are aimed at making intercollegiate sports less costly and less demanding on student-athletes.

For JSU, the new rules may eliminate athletic dorms, reduce practice times, and limit the number of contests in any given sport. One of the more controversial stipulations requires Division I schools to field seven men's and seven women's sports. The rule will put an extra strain on athletic programs like Troy State trying to move up to Division I status.

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Lady Gamecocks are tops in the GSC

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Sports Editor

FLORENCE, Ala. - Monday night the JSU Lady Gamecocks entered their game with North Alabama in a new position—first place in the Gulf South Conference. How would Coach Tony Mabrey's team handle this new position? With the mark of true champions, the Lady Gamecocks claimed a 77-65 road victory over the Lady Lions.

North Alabama played for the upset during the first half of the game. As the Lady Lions lead 34-31 at the half time break, North Alabama held a 38-34 lead two minutes into the second half. The Lady Gamecocks then went on to a 24-7 run to create a 58-45 lead during the final ten minutes of the game. Michelle Hamilton and Jana Bright saw limited playing time in the first half because they had eight or nine turnovers in the first half without us pressing at all.

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"I am very proud of our bench," said Mabrey. "Our bench has played all season long. They have been there before, and tonight they responded excellently."

Jana Bright leads the GSC in scoring during senior season.

One of the main players in the game for the Lady Gamecocks was Robbie Wisener, a transfer from Mississippi College. Wisener scored 16 points in the game and added eight rebounds. Wisener felt that North Alabama had defensive problems during the game. "I felt like they (Una) got confused on defense because I kept switching so much from forward to inside," said Wisener. "I was playing a girl shorter than me and it was just a mismatch." Dana Bright was the leading scorer in the game with 21 points, Jana Bright added 18.

The Lady Gamecocks will be back in action tonight as they host Montevallo at 7 p.m.

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**Awards handed out to JSU athletes**

**Jody Ennis**  
**Photo Editor**

On January 22, the Gulf South Conference released the names of the 1990 GSC All-Academic football and volleyball team members. Candidates were required to maintain at least a 3.0 GPA and receive a letter of service to their respective teams.

JSU places five team members on the football squad and two on the volleyball team. Paul Bishop, Terrence Bowens, Eric King, John Sanders and Jeff Williams were recognized for their academic as well athletic abilities in football.

Melanie McBrayer received first team honors for the women and Amy Vycital was mentioned on the second team balloting.

"This was a great honor," commented Williams. He graduated in December and is currently searching the job market in Huntsville. His search should be a short one considering he carried a 3.42 GPA through four years of computer science while playing offensive tackle for the Gamecocks. "Receiving this honor gave me an opportunity to remember all the good times at JSU, and there were a lot of them," Williams said.

Bishop is a junior offensive tackle who has maintained a 3.81 in physical education. He was red-shirted as a freshman, so fans will see this scholar athlete for two more seasons. "I've been proud to be a part of this team and this university," he said.

These same sentiments were shared by another man with two more seasons to play, Terrence Bowens. He has achieved a 3.33 GPA while running through the opponent's defense from his starting fullback position. Bowens has yet to declare a major, although he wishes to pursue a career in sports medicine. "I'm really glad that I made the All-Academic team," he said. "My mom is very happy."

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Coach Bill Jones took his Gamecocks to Martin, Tenn., for the final time on Saturday. Despite the second-lowest offensive output of the year, the Gamecocks still welcomed UT-Martin out of Division II with a 75-65 win. "I'm pleased with this win," said Jones. "I thought for the most part UT-Martin controlled the tempo in the game. Some of the reason for that was our doing. I didn't think they could shoot the ball against us effectively from the outside."

"The first 10 minutes of the game were very close as the teams found themselves in a 15-15 tie. JSU outscored UT-Martin 23-9 over the next eight minutes, to open a 38-24 lead. The Pacers scored the final six points before the half to close the half time score to 38-30."

"The Pacers came out of the locker room on fire as they out-scored JSU 25-15 during the first 10 minutes of the half. This run gave UT-Martin a 55-33 lead."

"JSU then took total control of the game by out-scoring UT-Martin 22-10 during the game's final 10 minutes to claim its eighth straight victory."

Charles Burkette is averaging 19.5 points per game, which places him in second place behind Tracy State's Calvin Altiman. Burkette is shooting 58.2 percent from the field and is leading the conference in rebounding with 10.4 rebounds per game.

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"Their inside players just played better than ours, and that was the difference in the game. This is just one loss for our team. It's only one loss for us (JSU) and only one win for them (UT-Martin)."

Charles Burkett led the Gamecocks with 27 points in the game. Eric Hosey and David Edmond added 11 each.

"We didn't play well in the game. When you don't play well in the conference this is what can happen to you."

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Willie Fisher drives for two.
Lady Gamecocks claim victory in Martin trip

Robbie Wisener drives for lay-up.

Shooting team's on fire

Jay Ennis
Photo Editor

The JSU Shooting team travelled to Tennessee Tech on Jan. 20, for its first competition of the spring schedule. This was the site of the James Newkirk Memorial Tournament, where JSU finished in fourth place.

The team shot a 4469 in the small bore phase and 1471 in the air rifle phase.

The overall winner for the tournament was the host school Tennessee Tech.

Steve Goodman broke the JSU 40-shot standing record with a 375/400, the record had been 374/400 held by Shawn Wells.

The shooting team will be back in action on Friday as it travels to Tennessee Tech.

Steve Goodman leads shooting team.
Florence for a match with North Alabama.

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Crossroads has a very large music collection ranging from the fifties to the nineties. No cover except for live music. Crossroads is the best kept secret around. A great place for students to meet and get their music education.
After finishing the 1990 season undefeated in the Gulf South Conference, one might wonder what the JSU men's tennis team plans to do for an encore. Last season, Coach Steve Bailey was named Gulf South Conference "Coach of the Year," and Jonathan Howes received the GSC "Sportsman Award". The team has set new goals for this season and is working on the practice courts to make the goals possible.

The men have just finished an impressive fall season that saw them mount a 4-0 mark. They beat the likes of UT-Martin, Birmingham Southern, Berry College and UA-Huntsville. In the Rolex Tournament, a Southeast region tournament which JSU hosted, Eric Hoaglund made the finals. JSU placed its No. 1 and No. 2 doubles teams in the finals, with the team of Michael-Jon Garnett and Jonathan Howes beating Hoaglund and Peter Jacobsen.

The men enter this 1991 campaign ranked 12th in the nation and 4th in the Southeast. JSU is undoubtedly facing one of the toughest schedules it has ever played. JSU opens facing two solid Division I schools, Samford and UAB. It then faces a host of nationally ranked Division II powerhouses, not to mention the tough GSC schedule.

"Our goal is to play the type schedule that, if we do win, will allow us to go to nationals," said Bailey. "We like to play UAB, UT-Chattanooga and all those other Division I schools to prepare us for Division II competition."

Bailey hopes that his team can stay healthy throughout the season. "My biggest fear is injuries," said Bailey. "My team plays hard all the time. They practice just like there is a title on the line. When we play UAB and all those other guys, we're going to play to win."

"We've played schedules before where we can just walk through a match and win 9-0, but our guys would rather play a team that's tough. When I showed them the schedule they were excited. If I could get Georgia on the schedule, they'd be ready to play. This is the best schedule we've ever had."

JSU's strength is its balance. "I've got two seniors and three juniors, so I've watched this team develop for four years," said Bailey. "These guys have been playing together for so long that if we went out and played challenge matches for the next two weeks, the top six would just keep changing."

"I just play them in the positions where we've been successful, kind of like a baseball manager that is on an eight-game winning streak. He's not going to change the lineup. I've played the same top five for two years. Hoaglund is our No. 5 singles player, and he made it to the finals of the Rolex. He's not No. 5 on the team. That's just the number he plays."

The team has set its goal on nothing less than getting a bid to the national tournament. It plans to achieve this goal by taking it one practice at a time and one match at a time. Look for seniors Howes and Garnett to lead the team all the way to the nationals.
If you ask Tracy Linton what kind of person she is, she will tell you that she is quiet, shy and likes to keep her thoughts to herself. If you ask her opponents who have to play with her on the court, you will probably get answers such as aggressive, physical, dominating or take-charge.

The sophomore from Thomasville, Ga., has not disappointed people since coming off her "Freshman of the Year" season. In fact, just last week she was the Gulf South Conference "Player of the Week."

Linton scored 65 points, grabbed 45 rebounds, had 15 steals, and seven assists in victories over Mississippi University for Women, Delta State and Mississippi College.

While most people choose to come to JSU because it is close to home, Tracy chose it for a different reason. "One reason is that it was not close to home (a five and one half hour drive) and because of the scholarship," Linton said.

Tracy, a recreation major, likes the people, campus, atmosphere, basketball program and Coach Tony Mabrey. "I think he is real nice and is someone you can talk to," said Linton.

Linton will always remember the game she played this season against Delta State, a game the Lady Gamecocks won 94-76.

"I played them three times last year, and they just blew us out of the gym all three times, and it made me feel good to beat Delta (State)," Linton recalled. "I had a good game. I think I scored 23 or 25 points and had about 15 rebounds. Everybody just wanted to beat Delta (State). That was one of our goals this year-to beat Delta (State) and win the Gulf South Conference."
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