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## Alcohol taken away at game

### Campus police confiscate more than 40 containers

Melanie Jones  
News Editor

Students kept police officers busy confiscating alcohol from people entering the stadium at Saturday night's football game.

Officers seized more than 41 containers of alcohol at the student gate alone, including 750 ml. of Crown Royal and a fifth of gin.

Public Safety Director David Nichols said no one is allowed in the stadium with alcohol, but the numbers were only kept at the student gate.

The policy prohibiting alcohol in the stadium in either marked or unmarked bottles is not a new one, and police officers have had the right to search containers in the past. Officers seized alcohol that had been put in unmarked containers, such as plastic pint and half-pint flasks.

"They don't have to come in," said Nichols of the spectators who complained about the policy, and some

people took that option.

According to officers at the gate, some students said that if they couldn't have alcohol in the stadium, they would not attend the game.

Nichols said that empty containers found in the stadium after the game were evidence that spectators still managed to smuggle alcohol into the stadium despite police efforts.

Nichols said the policy is a preventative measure similar to others across the country.

"(Alcohol in the stadium) is a source of problems," Nichols said. Fights in the stadium are commonly alcohol related, and there have also been incidents in which people have thrown beer bottles into the crowd.

Two fights occurred during Saturday night's game, and several arrests were made. It is not known if the fights were alcohol-related. Officers made eight arrests after the game, most of which Nichols said involved possession of alcohol by a minor.

## Gunfire sounded near Weatherly Hall

Melanie Jones  
News Editor

Gunfire was heard outside of Weatherly Hall over the weekend for the second time in two years.

David Nichols, director of public safety, said police have a suspect, but no arrests have been made.

Nichols said the incident, which occurred around 5 a.m. Sunday, allegedly followed a fight between a JSU student and several non-students.

Witnesses say several shots alleg-

edly came from the non-students' vehicle as it was driving away.

According to Nichols, witnesses said suspect's car had a Jefferson County license plate.

A bullet hole found in a vehicle in front of Weatherly indicates that the shots were fired from a 9mm weapon.

Nichols said no one was injured in the incident.

Police are still investigating the incident.

No further details were available at press time.



Football fever ran high Saturday night in Paul Snow Stadium. Clockwise: Head Coach Bill Burgess (left) looks on as assistant Eddie Garfinkle makes a call. The crowd cheered

on the Gamecocks to the end. Touchdown! Corky Gordon. Slade Stinnett adds an extra point as Steve Lewis holds the ball. JSU cheerleader Ray Doran supports Lorri Pitts during a cheer.

Photos by Jay Ennis and Chris Capps

## Changes help ease registration woes

B.J. Rusk  
News Writer

According to some administrators, the reason the registration process was improved this year is due to registration schedules and new off-campus programs.

According to Jerry Smith, director of Admissions and Records, there were no major difficulties with registration for the fall semester. "The lines were long sometimes, but over-

all there were no problems," he said.

However, some students had different stories. "Many classes were closed, and it took a lot of time," said junior Brian Pankey.

According to Smith, there were new approaches to registration this year the administration feels helped the situation.

First, registration was divided into two days — the first day for new students only and the second day for returning JSU students. This allowed

more counsellors to be available on the days needed for the incoming students and allowed some to return to their regular duties for the second day. This arrangement also assisted returning students who did not have to wait behind students unfamiliar with the registration process.

Another new program this year is the off-campus classes being offered in Anniston and Oxford. The Uni-

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# SGA discusses magnetic ID cards at first meeting

Dyana Blythe  
News Writer

The SGA is now considering magnetic student identification cards for JSU, according to SGA Vice President Sam Witherspoon.

Witherspoon announced the plan at Monday night's SGA Senate meeting, but since plans for the cards are not yet finalized, Witherspoon was unable to go into details about them. He did say the main purpose of the cards, which will be similar in appearance to credit cards, is security and they will also be more convenient than the current cards.

"They will be similar to the punch cards used in the cafeteria," Witherspoon said.

Also at Monday's meeting, Witherspoon said the SGA had a successful summer. Senators completed a fall activities calendar which can be seen on bulletin boards all over campus.

They also began a computerized book exchange they hope will speed up the process of returning books as well as lessen the confusion of past book exchanges.

The SGA's summer blood drive

was a success, according to its director Angie Morgan. Morgan said 60 people came to donate blood, but due to the lack of Red Cross workers to handle the donations only 35 could actually give blood. Jacksonville area businesses donated over \$2,000 in prizes at the blood drive.

## Blood drive

There will be another blood drive on Oct. 23-24. The SGA is attempting to recruit more business sponsors, and the Red Cross will be providing a full staff. Morgan encourages everyone, including non-students, to donate. Those who give their share will receive a gift.

The Senate also approved the following committee heads: President Pro-Tempore, Toby Schwartz; Chaplain, Brett Vebber; Governance Board, Ashley Richards; Elections, David Pugh; Constitution, Philip Attinger; Public Safety, Brooke Engler; and Student Services, Ernest Banker.

The student body elects 35 senators to the SGA each spring in a campus wide election. The SGA meets at 6 p.m. every Monday night on the 3rd floor of the Montgomery Building.

# Off campus courses new, well accepted

Melanie Jones  
News Editor

JSU has expanded its campus by offering classes in Anniston and Oxford to ease commuters' schedules.

This is the first semester of the new program which offers night courses in Anniston and Oxford, and according to the program's director, Maxine Rose, it has been quite a success.

Rose said the registration figures were good for a new program with 14 of the 17 classes originally offered full enough to continue.

"We're delighted at the response," Rose said. "Students are very glad to have this opportunity."

Rose said the program has appeared to be most popular with the non-traditional students (students over age 22), but that students living or working in the Anniston and Oxford areas also find the program to be convenient.

The University is offering Anniston classes in Spanish, accounting, English, history, management, art, psychology, political science, forensic science, special education, criminal justice, finance, education, early childhood education and elementary education.

The Oxford program includes classes in psychology, marketing, English and education.

The classes are taught by JSU faculty at Anniston and Oxford high schools Mondays through Thursdays.

Similar programs have been offered in Gadsden and Ft. McClellan for several years. Rose, who is also the director of the Ft. McClellan program, said she did not know if the new program is directly related to the announcement that Anniston area civic leaders have temporarily discontinued plans for the proposed Anniston Community College.

# Alcohol sold at football games

Some schools continue to sell beer despite trends

College Press Service

While JSU is confiscating alcohol at the stadium, other universities are selling it.

A debate has been brewing over the sale of suds at Colorado State University games. The final decision: beer will continue to flow in Hughes Stadium—just a little less than before.

The question of whether to discontinue sales in the stadium emerged after the school experienced problems with fans drinking at football games.

"I think, in perspective, the problems have been large in number but small in magnitude," said Keith Miger, vice president for student

*Only a handful ... allow beer sales in stadiums.*

affairs for Colorado State University.

Still, in its decision to continue selling beer, the university placed some restrictions on sales. The policy states that no alcohol can be brought into the stadium, vendors cannot sell beer in the stands, a person may only buy one beer each time he or she is at the concession stand, and sales will stop at halftime.

"We're really trying to use this as an all-out campaign for behavior," Miger said. "We are trying to work with our student government to launch an educational campaign about

drinking."

In past years, concessionaires could sell two beers to an individual who visited their stands, could sell beer throughout the entire game, and people were allowed to bring their own alcohol into the stadium.

"We'll have a review committee at the end of the year. We're moving one step at a time," Miger said. "If there is any escalation of our alcohol problems of the past, we will halt the sales immediately."

Colorado State is one of only a handful of universities that allow beer sales in stadiums. Some others include the University of Colorado, the University of Hawaii, San Diego State University and the University of California-Fullerton.

# Court ready for ticket appeals

Melanie Jones  
News Editor

The SGA Judicial Court entered its second year Monday with the appointment of the 1990-91 justices.

The court serves as both a traffic court and as a court for students who wish to appeal an administrative hearing.

Last year's Chief Justice Gary Lewis is leading the court into its second year. Lewis said that he feels more prepared for the job now that the court is more established.

"Everything is basically the same," Lewis said, but he is hoping for some changes.

"Our goal this semester will be to get people to appeal their tickets," Lewis said. He said he felt some tickets were given out unjustly and students need to know they can appeal them.

*"Our goal this semester will be to get people to appeal their tickets."*

*--Gary Lewis  
Chief Justice, SGA Court*

Lewis said he would also like to see the traffic fines raised. He believes if the fines were higher students would be less likely to break parking laws and officers would be less likely to give out unnecessary tickets.

He said raising the fines would result in less people getting tickets and a higher percentage of appeals.

According to Lewis, the number of traffic violations go up in the fall because of the large number of new students adjusting to traffic policies.

The traffic court meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of

each month.

Appeals can be filed at the police station within 10 days of the date tickets are issued.

Judicial Court members are chosen to represent a broad range of students such as commuters, internationals and graduate students.

The chief justice is appointed by the SGA officers and approved by the Senate. The chief justice then appoints the associate justices who are also subject to Senate approval.

This year's associate justices are David Long, Stephanie Yuan, Terrence Bowens, Ed Crook, Shannon Stewart, Sonja Taylor, Brady Henson, Mark Slagle, Anissa Grime, Freddie Britt and Veronica Cross.

The court will soon meet with its advisor, Dean of Student Affairs Donald Schmitz, and a member of the campus police department.



The new court members were appointed Monday night: (L to R) Anissa Grimes, Xueping Yuan, Brady Henson, Veronica Cruss, David

Long, Gary Lewis, Mark Slagle, Shannon Stewart, Freddie Britt and Sonja Taylor. They will serve for the academic year.

# AKA inducts new members; first since hazing incident

**Melanie Jones**  
News Editor

The JSU chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority got a new beginning with the induction of six new members last weekend.

The women were not members of the sorority last year when 11 of its 14 members were suspended from the sorority after facing hazing charges.

"It's pretty much like they're starting over," said Director of Student Activities Sherryl Byrd. "It's the same chapter, but new people."

Byrd hosted a congratulations party for the new members Monday night. The women presented her with a thank-you gift for her help in the induction. They had written on the box the words "Six worth the wait."

The new members — Sherita Poe, Vickie Story, Kimberly Stallworth, Melissa Oden, Anissa Grimes and Sonja Taylor — all say they are looking forward to the challenges of starting over.

"We will maintain the respect and dignity that Alpha Kappa Alpha women have always upheld," Taylor said.

Poe agreed, "We look forward to

this year, and we have a lot of plans to enlighten Alpha Kappa Alpha."

The women said that those plans will include charity work, work with other chapters in various regions, and work on the group's target programs.

The 11 women who were suspended last year cannot become officially involved, but the new members say they are not bitter towards them.

"We don't have any resentment toward the other girls," said Stallworth. "We'd like to be unified."

The new members said they were grateful to Ida K. Martin, the regional director of Iota Mu Omega, the graduate chapter of AKA in Anniston. Martin organized the induction weekend and will continue to work with the women on their new projects.



Six AKA's celebrate their new beginning. They are (L to R) Vicki Story, Sherita Poe, Melissa Oden, Anissa Grimes, Kimberly Stallworth and Sonja Taylor.

## Announcements

•Adult Learners' Forum (ALF) will sponsor a reception from 2:30-4 p.m., September 26 in the Houston Cole Library, 11th floor. For more information contact Alice Cusimano, Office of Student Development, 782-5020.

•The Writer's Club will hold its first meeting at 4 p.m., September 18 in the Green Room in Stone Center. Old members may attend this meeting without submitting work. New members should contact either Susan Methvin or Dorothy Tobe in the English Department for entry requirements.

•Foot of the Mountains Arts and Crafts Festival will be held from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Civic Center in Piedmont. Admission is free. Sponsored by the Piedmont Arts Council. For more information call 447-6061.

•Sign language classes will be offered this semester in two sessions:  
Session 1 (Beginners) 4:30-6 p.m., Mondays Sept. 16 - Oct. 21  
Session 2 (Intermediate) 4:30-6 p.m., Mondays Oct. 28- Dec. 9

All classes will be offered in 317 Ramona Wood. Call 782-5093 for more information.

•The scheduled shipment date for the 1991 Mimosa is Oct. 5. They will be mailed to students' homes. Students who did not reserve a copy during the 1990-91 school year will not be allowed to pick up a copy in the Mimosa office. There may be an opportunity to purchase copies later. We only printed as many copies as we had orders. The procedure for reserving a copy of the 1992 Mimosa will be the same. Students must reserve a free copy or they will not receive one. Forms will be sent to each student through campus mail.

•During the fall term, the English Competency Examination will be given at the following times: 6-7:30 p.m. on Oct. 8, and 3-4:30 p.m. on Oct. 9.

If you are eligible for the fall semester exam, you must pre-register for it between Sept. 16 and Oct. 3 in the English Department, Stone Center 215. There you'll be assigned a specific room for the test. When you take the exam, be sure to bring with you photo identification, a blue book and a blue or black pen.

Workshops for the fall examination will be held 3-4:30 p.m. on Sept. 30 and 6-7:30 p.m. on Oct. 1 in 101 Merrill Hall. While attending the one of the workshops will not guarantee a "pass," it should familiarize the student with what to expect on the examination.

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News Feature

# Local AIDS clinic forces Oxford residents to cope

Heather Parks  
Special to The Chanticleer

Bob Axelton, founder of ASK Inc., an AIDS support organization, says that facing a fear directly is the best way for some people to cope, and that is exactly what he has forced Oxford residents to do.

When the Oxford AIDS clinic opened on Dec. 4, 1990, the event attracted national attention. It is, after all, the state's second AIDS clinic and the nation's fourth clinic designed to serve a rural population.

Lesser known is that AIDS Support Through Knowledge functioned for three years as a support group right out of Axelton's own home in Oxford. But as those three years saw more and more local residents falling victim to the AIDS virus, and doing so in the midst of a medical community reacting to the situation with increasing animosity, Axelton realized more was needed.

Much of the controversy and overt hostility centering around the opening of the AIDS clinic has subsided.

*...he (Bob Axelton) is striving to tell people who have AIDS, "You are a human being and you are worth loving and caring for." And to the community as a whole that he is "just trying to make people aware of the facts."*

Many residents of Oxford initially expressed fear of things like garbage and human waste disposal. Yet Armstrong prefers to focus on the more positive responses he has gotten, and maintains that with his organization he is striving to tell people who have AIDS, "You are a human being and you are worth loving and caring for"; and to the community as a whole that he is "just trying to make people aware of the facts."

Axelton thoroughly adheres to the philosophy that preventive health education for our youth (aged 15 to 25) is the most effective weapon against the spread of HIV/AIDS.

His organization is licensed by the AIDS Task Force of Alabama, and he has a state contract to teach AIDS

prevention throughout this region. However, his offers to hold free educational seminars at local public high schools are regularly declined.

As of February 20, 1991, clients receiving services at the clinic numbered 120, four of whom call Jacksonville home. Prior to the organization's move to 314 Chocolocco St., AIDS patients had to drive to either Birmingham or Atlanta for medical attention.

Axelton's clinic offers free AIDS testing, as well as information, referrals, counselling, financial assistance, and professional medical attention for those whose condition requires full-fledged medical treatment. The clinic also has an information hotline (205-835-0923).

## Registration

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University is offering a total of 14 classes at Anniston and Oxford high schools. The program has reduced the scheduling problems of commuters and opened up new classes.

"These classes really helped, especially with commuting students from Oxford, Anniston and the Talladega area," Smith said, "...those students don't have to drive all the way to campus."

## Acknowledgement

Several pictures in last week's issue of *The Chanticleer* did not receive the proper credit. We appreciate those contributions by Brent Grimes.

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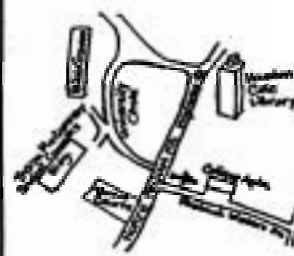
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# Opinion

## Revamping WLJS needs student input before continuing

During the past several months the campus radio station, WLJS (92-J), has experienced a lot of changes. Not the least of which is the decision to incorporate National Public Radio syndication into the format.

Last spring there was a greater cry than ever to change the station's format from album-oriented rock, which was basically heavy metal and basically ignored by the majority of students, to something more in touch with college-age students.

The announcement that the format would be changed was welcomed by most students. But as time advanced and the changes began students felt more and more alienated from the process.

Changes did take place, but now we are left with a bad aftertaste that resulted from the lack of student consultation. Now more voices are calling for some student input in the revised format. But as in all bureaucracies, those voices are blending into the crowd and becoming as effective as silence.

WLJS is a station by the students. It is not a profit-oriented station, but rather serves as a training ground for students who want to enter the broadcast business. It is, in a very real sense, a training ground.

What's more, it is a station for the students. WLJS should strive to relate to students and their interests. The No. 1 audience it should seek to serve is JSU students.

And students -- a lot of students -- need to be consulted before any more decisions are made.

## JSU needs to press forward

This week Alabama received some good news. The Birmingham Post-Herald reported Friday that many Alabama colleges are seeing an increase in enrollment. Even amidst economic recession, proration and declining numbers of high school graduates, enrollments are up for at least three state universities.

The Post-Herald editorialized that it appears more Alabamians than ever are seeking college educations. And, as the paper aptly stated, that is encouraging because it will help Alabama accelerate ahead of states whose enrollments are lagging after years of growth.

A college education is not everything. And it is certainly not a basis for determining how intelligent or perceptive someone is.

No, it's not everything, but it is something very important if we are to prosper and improve the education of our children and attract the kinds of businesses Alabamians want to work

Eric G. Mackey  
Editor in Chief



in.

It is a good sign for the state of Alabama, but unfortunately JSU was not among those listed. In fact, JSU is expected to have a sudden drop this year. Why are Auburn, the University of Alabama and UAB growing while our enrollment takes a step back?

This is an easy question to ask, but not so easy to answer.

However, take note: the fastest growing colleges in Alabama are the state institutions which offer highly respected education programs at a reasonable price.

This fall marked a change which will help propel JSU into the ranks of growing universities. This fall JSU actually required academic standards

for admission for the first time in a long time.

But they are still pretty light-weight.

Let's face it. I love JSU. I would stay here even if you offered to send me to any other school in Alabama, public or private, right now. When I graduate in a little over a year I want my diploma to read "Jacksonville State University," and nothing else.

I hope you feel the same way.

But more changes are in order. As we learned recently in the Soviet Union, partial changes don't work. We need to go all the way and improve the way people see JSU.

Next year high school's are expected to have fewer graduates again, but the trend toward quality higher education will not end.

The University's march to excellence must continue.

JSU should get its share of graduates, and we can if we keep up the pressure for even higher academic standards.

## The Braves: name of the game

Since nobody else has stepped forward, I have taken it upon myself to do what must be done when a baseball team is in a pennant race in early September.

What must be done is the team must have a motto and nickname. Players also need nicknames. Baseball historically has had great player nicknames.

Stan Musial, for instance, was The Man, and let us thank the Lord he was already out of baseball when whatever idiot started screaming, "You dah man!" every time some millionaire hit a golf ball on television.

Unlikely as it may seem — no, as mind-boggling as it may seem — the Atlanta Braves are in the pennant race at this stage of the season for the first time ever since whatever year it was they fought the War of 1812.

This team desperately needs a motto to take it through the mine-field that awaits in September as it races against the Dodgers for the National League's West Division pennant.

Didn't the Phillies, in a similar spot, have "You Gotta Believe!"

The Dodgers are too West-Coasty to have a motto. If the Dodgers had a motto it would be something like "Koo-uhl," koo-uhl being the West-Coasty way to say "cool."

Please, no "How 'bout Them Braves." That belongs to the University of Georgia, and anybody who would engage in that motto has no more imagination than the other idiot who started The Wave.

This person should contact Mr. "You dah man!" and form a suicide pact.

I suggest the Braves' motto be one of the following: 1. "Good God, Is This Really Happening?" 2. "Are the Braves on Something?" 3. "Say What?"

All these imply what all of us have been thinking all season: "The Braves have a chance to win the pennant? Say what?"

Lewis Grizzard

The Atlanta  
Journal-Constitution



As far as a team nickname goes, I'm for "Bobby and the Twilight Zoners" because I'm certain that's exactly where we and manager Bobby Cox are. The Braves are still in a pennant race. Sure, and the Falcons are going to the Super Bowl.

We also need some good player nicknames. I've come up with a few of those, too.

\*David Justice: Brother Dave — for that late, great Southern philosopher, Brother Dave Gardner.

\*Otis "My Man" Nixon: Ever see the movie, "Animal House"?

\*Brian "Spanky" Hunter: He's a dead ringer for the head Little Rascal, if the head Little Rascal had been black, and he probably should have been so Buckwheat wouldn't have been a token.

\*Tom Glavine: The Ice Man. He would not cometh apart in a fire in a crowded theater.

\*Terry Pendleton: Teepee. And whatever happened to Noc-A-Homa?

\*Ron "Hyundai" Gant: The Man has biceps the size of a foreign import.

\*Jeff "The Flying Nun" Blauer: Under that batting helmet, I'm guessing there's a couple of big-league ears.

\*Rafael "Nothing Sux Like an Electrolux" Belliard: The Human vacuum cleaner was already taken.

Then, again, keeping with a Native American theme, should the Braves 1991 motto be, simply, "How?"

## The Chanticleer

"A nation that is afraid to let 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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# Visually impaired community growing, needs more help

My friends often tease me about being beaten in bowling by a blind student, but I prefer to think of that not as an example of my awkwardness, but as an example of what visually impaired people can accomplish if given the chance.

This year JSU is giving 21 visually impaired students that chance, and eight of them are totally blind. The University has been somewhat successful in assisting these students, but many improvements are still needed.

Perhaps the University's greatest success is the Blind Pedestrian Area sign on Forney Ave. in front of Collegian Apartments, home to at least three of JSU's visually impaired students.

Although one danger has been alleviated, an even greater one still exists. The stairs in front of Houston Cole Library are a hazard to students with some vision who are not dependent on a cane. The stairs are designed to blend into the environment, so the students do not realize they are approaching the stairs until it is almost too late.

Other problems are more a matter of convenience than safety. The lack of Braille labels on elevator buttons means blind students mostly depend on other people to get them to the floor they need. The lack of Braille

**Melanie Jones**  
News Editor

labels is also an inconvenience at the vending machines.

According to some visually impaired students, another problem stems from their fellow students. A lack of understanding about the limitations and abilities of the blind often leads to problems.

Students should watch for the white canes used by blind students and take extra caution when they are seen at crosswalks. That doesn't mean you should hop out of your car to help a blind person across the street — just stop.

If you think a blind student needs assistance with something, don't be afraid to ask. Your offer will most likely be greeted with appreciation, not proud anger.

The continued increase in the number of blind and visually impaired students at JSU has led to a need for a greater understanding and acceptance of their handicap.

These students only want what all of us want — a chance for a good education. They suffer the same fears and disappointments we all do, but at least one blind student would say she has an advantage: sometimes she doesn't see what she should fear.



## Dear Dave, are you a complete idiot?

Today's topic is the U.S. National Tick Collection.

But first, I must make yet ANOTHER correction on the meaning of the French expression "savoir faire." As you may recall, I wrote a column stating that "savoir faire" means "ear size." A reader wrote back stating that I was a bonehead. So I wrote a column apologizing for my mistake and stating that the correct definition of "savoir faire" is, in fact, "nose hair."

I thought this had settled the matter, but recently I got a letter from ANOTHER irate reader, Liliane Adams of North Haven, Conn. Her letter begins: "Are you a complete idiot?"

Having thus softened the blow, she points out that (a) I am still wrong about "savoir faire," and (b) she knows this because she, personally, is French.

Well of course now I feel like a MAJOR horse's patooty (or as the French say, "une BIGGE butt du cheval"). So this time, in preparing my correction, I had my staff of highly trained research assistants go over it thoroughly, both visually and by barking at it. Thus I am 100 percent confident when I state that "savoir faire" does NOT mean "ear size" OR "nose hair." It means "armpit fumes," as in: "Due to unusually high levels of 'savoir faire,' the Surgeon General is advising against travel to France."

I'm glad we got that straightened out. I sincerely hope that my carelessness has not offended anyone else of the snaileating persuasion.

Speaking of repulsive creatures, today's topic, as I said, is the National Tick Collection. If you think I'm making this up, check the June 1991, issue of National Geographic. There you'll find a fascinating news item brought to my attention by alert readers Scott and Irene Dean. It be-

**Dave Barry**

The Miami Herald



gins:

"The U.S. government has solved the problem of who should pay for upkeep on a million dead ticks by sending them to Georgia. The National Institutes of Health has shipped the National Tick Collection to Georgia Southern University in Statesboro with a five-year million-dollar grant to maintain it."

I'll pause here while you taxpayers wipe up the coffee you just spat all over yourselves when you went "WHAT? We're paying a MILLION DOLLARS to maintain DEAD TICKS??"

Calm down. I checked into this, and it turns out that the National Tick Collection is OK. For one thing, it's the largest in the ENTIRE WORLD. Japan may have overtaken us in technology, but we're still No. 1 in deceased bloodsucking arthropods. The National Tick Collection also has important scientific purposes. I spoke to the curator, Dr. James Keirans. National Geographic has a picture of Dr. Keirans holding a jar containing the largest known breed of tick. It looks like a small turtle. If this tick were to get hold of one of those yappy lap-style dogs about the size of a Hostess Twinkie, you'd hear a quick "slurp," and all that would remain of the dog would be lint.

Keirans said the National Tick Collection is basically a whole lot of dead ticks inside jars; the whole thing "fits into an area about the size of a good-sized living room."

Keirans said scientists need to study ticks because they (ticks) spread all kinds of diseases. He said scientists actually go out LOOKING for ticks.

It's called "flagging," wherein the scientist attaches a piece of white flannel to a broom handle, then drags it over the grass, where ticks grab on to it.

"I've been in situations where I've picked up the flag, and it was black with ticks," Keirans said. "Then I looked down, and my pants were covered with ticks, 'crawling up my legs.'"

(This scene could be the basis of a major horror film, called "Tick," featuring Madonna as the Evil Tick Queen, wearing an elaborate, anatomically correct female-tick costume featuring 173,000 mascara-smear eyes and 11 million tiny breast cones.)

If a tick gets on you, the way to remove it is NOT to burn it or put chemicals on it. Keirans recommends you grasp the tick near its head, ideally using tweezers, slowly pull it out, and mail it to the Publishers Clearing House. No! I made up that last part. But the rest of it is true -- an example of the useful information we get from being the World Leader in tick research.

So I figure the National Tick Collection is a good investment of my tax dollars, especially when you compare it with other parasitic federal entities:

**AMOUNT OF MONEY SPENT SENDING OUT "NEWSLETTERS"**

Congress: Millions of dollars.

Dead Ticks: None.

**USE OF GOVERNMENT LIMOUSINES TO ATTEND RARE-STAMP AUCTIONS**

President's Chief of Staff: Yes.

Dead Ticks: No.

Maybe it would be cost-effective to replace high federal officials with dead ticks. Do you think that would work? Nah. Dead ticks are lacking a quality that comes naturally to your top federal leadership. Call it "savoir faire."



## Letters to the Editor

Last spring 92-J saw a bloodless coup of the old heavy metal crowd in favor of new management. This action, approved by the communications board, was to allow for National Public Radio to be placed in the rotation to fill air space.

The communications board consists of faculty and administrators of the University. Others like the SGA, etc. are involved only in token roles. The decision was made to try to bolster the station by placing public radio at our fingertips.

Who cares?  
If you wanted public radio it was already on the dial. No, the real reason is that the board wanted control

of the station and a tight-fisted management control posture.

National Public Radio was the most liberal voice in the antiwar movement last year. Considering the support the university community gave to the soldiers, why then is this progressive voice being considered?

The only reasonable answer is the board member whose idea this was is exceptionally ignorant of the record of NPR.

Well our school administration has long dealt from a position of remarkable ignorance. Why should this, then, surprise any student?

James Ballard  
Graduate student

# Features

## Potato chips helped coup resistance

**Irina Antonyan**  
Special to *The Chanticleer*

When they write the history of the three-day Soviet coup, I hope they won't forget one important footnote: American potato chips helped fortify the Russian resistance.

That fact, and other critical turning points in the past week, have been largely ignored by those weather-cock media analysis who predicted

the end of the world on Monday, and hall the cloudless future today. With their sober vision, they forgot to consult the real makers of history in Russia — people like my mother.

Since the beginning of August, she has been having American friends staying in our Moscow apartment: two Catholic nuns from Cullman, Ala., and a psychologist from New Orleans, La. The three had come to the Soviet Union to work with a family camp of the International Association

of Humanistic Psychology.

And since everybody in the world knows about our food shortages, they brought lots of food to share with Soviet colleagues.

The New Orleans psychologist, Barbara Jo Brothers, for one, had loads of potato chips. When my mother asked her why she brought so much, Brothers replied, "In case you have a revolution here."

Talk about premonitions.

Monday night, the three Ameri-

cans and my mother took these chips to the "Soviet White House" to feed those on guard around Russian President Boris Yeltsin.

"You say it was "Alabama and Louisiana's contribution to our freedom," my mother says during a phone conversation Thursday from Moscow. And she had a lot more to say about the "three days that shook the world."

"They (the coup organizers) forgot that times have changed. They thought if they move in the tanks, everybody will get scared and crawl into their homes like in the 'good old days.'"

Wednesday, there was a meeting in front of the "White House" where one of the speakers expressed the general feeling in the country.

"The KGB still thinks we are cattle. But now we have proven that we are not some banana republic where eight monkeys can stage a coup. We are a great people who gave the world Tolstoy and Dostoevsky," says the speaker, Yelena Bonner.

Bonner is the widow of a Nobel Prize academician Andrei Sakharov, who was prosecuted under Brezhnev and held hunger strikes demanding the inhuman government observe human rights.

Bonner wasn't the only one unimpressed by the amateur performance of the coup leaders.

Karen Kavaleryuan, a famous Russian musician-poet nominated for the best songwriter award which is

equivalent to the American Grammy Award, says his first thought when he heard the news Monday was "either it's 1937 coming back, or just a folly — political adventurism."

By that evening, Kavaleryuan says Moscow's rock community already knew that the coup was a big joke because Moscow journalists gave them an account of the coup leaders' press conference.

"Prime Minister Pablov was the first to wet his pants and ducked, saying he was ill," Kavaleryuan says, using a favorite phrase for someone who's scared. "KGB Chief Kryuchkov and Defense Minister Yazov also ducked, and never showed up for the announcement of the coup. So, instead of eight, there were only five lunatics, and it sure looked very unconvincing."

"Yaneyev (who assumed the role of President under the three-day government) was saying 'Gorbachev is my friend, he'll come back when his health is better,' but his hands were shaking and he was hiding his eyes... And then a French journalist asked him whether they had consulted General Pinochet on how to stage a coup, and he completely broke down and began deteriorating right in front of everybody," says Kavaleryuan.

"The whole thing became comical when they failed to take decisive steps," Kavaleryuan continues. "It

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## Emory student beats out competition, gets published

**College Press Service**

If there was a lot of noise in Lorri Hewett's dormitory one morning last November, she was the one to blame.

She ran down the halls of Emory University's Hopkins Hall screaming "I got published!" after the news came that Holloway House in Los Angeles accepted her novel "Coming of Age" for release this summer.

The achievement defies conventional wisdom in the publishing industry.

First of all, college students do not get novels published — that is for seasoned writers, their roads to success paved by rejection slips.

Secondly, Hewett did not have an agent; she sent her manuscript by mail. Editors at some publishing houses will not talk to authors who do not have an agent. And thirdly, Hewett's novel was accepted by the first company she contacted. Often even agented manuscripts get passed from one publishing house to another for a year before one says yes.

So what happened here? "Perseverance and luck," says 18-

year-old Hewett, now a sophomore.

Hewett is no naive literary romantic. She learned the ropes by pounding out two other books. The first was a 100-pager, on pioneers in the 1800's, she wrote at age 9.

"I had just finished reading 'Little House on the Prairie,' and wanted to write something just like it." At 15, she wrote a novel about high school racism and submitted it in pursuit of the Delacorte First Young Adult Novel Prize. Her book did not win, but the editors were encouraging.

"They wrote me and said they thought I had a real future in writing," Hewett says. Not everything the editors said was complimentary, though. "They said I had a lot of stylistic problems," she says. Hewett remembers she did not even know what style was, but she was going to find out. So she found a copy of Strunk and White's "Elements of Style."

By her last year at Chatfield High School, in Littleton, Colo., she was ready to give novel-writing another try. "I was in the second semester of my senior year," she says. "I was just sitting around waiting for my life to begin, so I thought I would write a book about people at this point in their lives."

She wrote the first draft of "Coming of Age" in longhand in

six weeks. Then she revised it on her computer.

The book's three characters are all black high school seniors at crossroads in their lives. She writes of teens who do not know whether to embrace their African-American identities to the exclusion of all else or to reject their heritage altogether. "Identity," Hewett says, "is the theme that runs throughout the book."

Hewett, whose middle-class parents brought her up in a predominantly white suburb, has things in common with each character, she says. "There are times I felt I did not know how to fit in. I wanted to write about young blacks who were going through what I was going through."

"There isn't one single black identity," she says. "For every black person in the country, there's a different black experience."

Hewett still sees herself more as a student than a writer. She does not have any illusions of fleeing Emory, sans diploma, for the writing life. "Unrealistic," she says. The day she received the advance copies of her book in the mail, she "was excited for about an hour." Then she put the books back in their box and returned to her course work.



# Williams Infirmary gets new nurse this semester

*Nurse who passed R.N. board exam in July "especially likes interacting with students"*



Williams Infirmary R.N. Suzy Gardner

**Keith Langner**  
Features Writer

With new semesters come new faces -- not just among the students, but also faculty and staff. One new staff member is Suzy Gardner, who is the nurse at Williams Infirmary.

Gardner is a JSU alumna who began working towards a BSN degree in 1983. She took four years off from studying to work for an orthopedic surgeon, eventually getting her BSN in 1988.

Gardner passed the R.N. board exam in July. Although Gardner has worked in some aspect of the medical field since she was 18, nursing has not always been her primary interest. Gardner says, "I actually wanted to be an airline stewardess. I just kind of started working as a nurse, and now that's all I know."

Gardner worked for a GYN surgeon before coming to Williams Infirmary. She says, "From the first day of surgery, I just found it interesting.

"I enjoy all aspects of nursing -- especially interacting with the students," says Gardner.

And it is a good thing. On a busy day, Gardner may see as many as 80 patients at the infirmary. As if seeing patients is not enough, Gardner has other duties to perform as R.N.

Gardner will conduct a series of informative lectures in the residence halls. Various program topics include AIDS awareness, how to prevent acquaintance rape, stress management

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-- Suzy Gardner

*R.N. at Williams Infirmary*

and nutritious dieting.

Gardner says, "I'll enjoy teaching. Preparing for the lectures is kind of like studying for a test."

Resident assistants and Gardner met to discuss on what topics Gardner will lecture. She hopes this will help to get more students involved.

"I would rather them tell me what they are interested in, then they will be more involved and more apt to ask questions."

A particularly important topic to Gardner is AIDS awareness, as those in the medical field are constantly exposed to it. Too many times, however, the public neglects the threat of AIDS.

Says Gardner, "It's (AIDS) out there. But I believe some people think it will never happen to them."

For information concerning these programs, or for medical assistance of any kind, please call the infirmary at 782-5310.

## Worth Watching

Upcoming events for Sept. 12-18 in Atlanta, Birmingham and Calhoun/Etowah counties:

### Music

Eric Johnson with Tragically Hip, performing at 8:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. today, at Center Stage Theatre, 1374 W. Peachtree St., N.W., Atlanta. (404) 249-6400.

Gordon Lightfoot, performing at 8 p.m. Friday, at Oak Mountain Amphitheatre, Pelham (Birmingham.) 985-4900 or 939-3278.

Luther Vandross with Sound of Blackness and Sinbad, performing at 8 p.m. Friday, at Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center, 1001 19th Ave., N., Birmingham. 939-3278.

### Theatre

"Brighton Beach Memoirs," opening Friday, and running until Oct. 5, at North DeKalb Cultural Center, Atlanta.

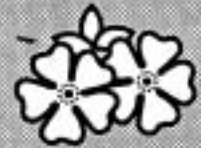
"The Merry Wives of Windsor," playing at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, until Oct. 5, at Atlanta Shakespeare Tavern, 499 Peachtree St., N.E., Atlanta. (404) 874-5299.

### Special Events

A tribute to Cole Porter, featuring Maureen McGovern, and The Born Divas at the party following -- a benefit for the Birmingham AIDS Outreach and A Baby's Place -- at 8 p.m. today, at Alabama Theatre, 1811 Third Ave., N., Birmingham. 251-0418, 252-2262 or 939-3278.



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## Loves

### Our New Pledges

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## The Flip Side

# Top producer, musicians take stroll down Montgomery's McQueen Street for scenic route

Last week "The Flip Side" introduced the four talented, home-grown musicians from McQueen Street, who are the first rock 'n' roll band from Alabama to be nationally signed since 1979. Obviously this is a big deal for McQueen Street — and it should be. Not only do they have a national record deal, but some big names in the music industry are taking notice.

For example, producer Tom Werman (who has produced albums for Cheap Trick, L.A. Guns, Motley Crue, Ted Nugent and Poison) personally called McQueen Street's A&R representative at SBK and asked to do the album. Werman says, "Fortunately, I got the gig!"

Guitar wizard Steve Stevens also got a piece of the McQueen Street action. Stevens, who played with Billy Idol and has worked with Michael Jackson and Robert Palmer, also played on the McQueen Street track "Two Worlds."

Says Welsh of the Stevens collaboration, "I have always been a big fan of Steve, being a guitar player. I even used to cover some of Billy Idol's tunes. The label wanted me to write with somebody on one song to get a little bit of a different vibe happening, and I was all for that. They sent me a bunch of different demo tapes of writers — which I hated.

"So I said to our manager, 'We really need to get somebody that I respect and that is up our alley as far as music — a real rocker.' The next day, he comes in and says, 'I got it!' I said, 'Got what?' He says, 'You are going to write with Steve Stevens tomorrow.'

"The next day, I was walking up the stairs with my acoustic guitar, about to knock on Steve's door. I thought to myself, 'I can't believe it. A month ago, I was in an unsigned band, now I am signed. I am walking into my guitar hero's and idol's apartment.' It

Michelle Martin  
Features Editor



hit me right then. When he opened the door, it was overwhelming. We sat down and wrote that song, and he came and co-produced it."

Since writing "Two Worlds" with Stevens, Welsh says, "We have become very close friends, and he has come to jam with us on stage. As a matter of fact, he came to our show at The Cat House. (McQueen Street) may be doing some stuff on his solo record, which will be coming out within the year. It's a possibility."

Welsh says another possibility for McQueen Street is to have a couple of songs on soundtracks. Such seems to have helped the careers of Kiss and Slaughter, who are currently featured on the soundtrack to "Bill and Ted's Bogus Journey."

For now, however, Welsh is concentrating on songwriting for the next album, which is often neglected while on tour. He says, "When I have a lot of time on my hands — time to really think — and I am not so tied up with playing, touring and doing interviews, I can allot more time for creativity."

Such creativity is apparent in McQueen Street songs, especially lyrically. "My Religion," their first release, is perhaps the most thematic song on the album. It deals with hypocrisy in all areas of the world, such as politics and, as the title indicates, religion. But Welsh says, "I don't make it a point to take my views and push them on people. And I don't feel like, in rock 'n' roll, everything has to be serious, either. And that's why not every song is serious.

"As far as 'My Religion' goes, the basis of that song is people who point the finger just because they don't



Pictured from left (back) are Chris and Derek Welsh, Michael Powers, (middle) Tom Werman, (front) Richard Hatcher, Steve Stevens, Mike

Monroe (Hanoi Rocks) and Skid (Love/Hate). Werman and others joined McQueen Street after a recent McQueen Street concert.

understand or believe what someone else believes. It deals with hypocrisy and the misuse of power. That really pisses me off. I feel very strongly that each person should be able to believe what he wants to believe."

The misuse of power message in "My Religion" is taken from Saddam Hussein's political tactics of the Gulf war. Welsh was inspired to write "My Religion" when he saw the hostages on television.

"They showed pictures of them (the hostages), and a couple of them looked like they were beaten. I remember Hussein basically saying 'Don't get in my way,' and making all these threats. That inspired the opening lines, 'Woke up this morning to the six o'clock news/Some

little loser he's got something to prove."

"My Religion" deals with other topics, too. Not only are politics and hypocrisy discussed, but, says Welsh, "It also delves into... a little bit of the Jim Bakker thing, and freedom of the press — 'No pen, no lives...' It just basically touches on that whole thing: hypocrisy."

Welsh maintains McQueen Street are not a political band. But he believes he must write about what he is feeling. "Lyrically, (the songs) are a day in the life of Derek Welsh. Some days I am pissed off and mad at the world, and some days I just feel like going out and breaking something, so I write a song like 'When I Am In The Mood.' Other days are very de-

pressing, like with 'In Heaven' or 'Only The Wind.' You've got to have good and bad, 'cause without one, there isn't the other."

Welsh emphasizes this point even further, saying, "To me, it's very important when I put a record on that it takes me from point A to point Z, and everywhere else in between — that it's not just the same thing 12 different times, or 10 different times."

Fortunately "McQueen Street" is not "just the same thing 10 different times," but something of which Alabama can be proud.

McQueen Street ask for correspondence to be sent to the following address: P.O. Box 70337, Montgomery, Ala. 36107.

## Student Response

From page 8

was a coup of eighth-graders. They immediately began to apologize. I was surprised by the poor level of performance, not by the crimes.

"When the first tanks rolled to the Parliament they were led by the KGB with Central Asian soldiers. The KGB threatened to tear everybody to pieces, but they had no orders since Pavlov backed out. And then the crowd started feeding the soldiers with bread and ice cream."

Kavaleryan thinks the coup attempt was, in some ways, beneficial.

"It's a good thing they came out, otherwise they would have sabotaged reforms quietly for another 20 years. Now we know who they are,"

he says.

It was pathetic, he and other Muscovites say, how the Communist Party, the Supreme Soviet and the Council of Ministers all kept silent until the coup conspirators flew to the Crimea to beg pardon.

The people taught them all a lesson in bravery.

Now Moscow celebrates victory and mourns the fallen. Recently, there was a memorial service outside the Russian Parliament where three unnamed men were crushed by tanks.

The Russian Orthodox priest who conducted the service, Alexander Borisov, tried to make sense of the sudden reversals of the last few days.

It turns out the coup was staged on the day the

Russian Orthodox Church celebrates the Day of Transfiguration. And, he says, "Good always comes out of all the evil deeds on the day of Christ's Transfiguration."

Mother and all my Moscow friends say that's exactly what happened.

When Muscovites stopped tanks with their bare hands in the early hours Monday night, the people finally discovered their own power. The real change within the Soviet Union is not in the government -- it's within the people themselves.

This article first appeared in the Aug. 24, 1991 issue of "The Anniston Star." Irina Antonyan interned at "The Anniston Star" this Summer.



Irina Antonyan, a 24-year-old junior, is a JSU student from Russia.

# Blondie: 'We've come a long way, baby'

**Michelle Martin**  
Features Editor

Last week in the syndicated comic strip "Blondie," cartoonist Dean Young revealed to readers that the star of the long-running comic strip is getting a job.

King Features Syndicate group, the distributor of "Blondie," said this is "the biggest thing to happen to an American icon since Superman got married."

Although nothing can yet be said regarding just what Blondie Bumstead will do, any career change is tremendous, for Blondie has been a housewife for 58 years.

Interestingly enough, Blondie and Dagwood Bumstead have, indeed, been married for 58 years, but Blondie is only 35 years old. And the Bumstead children, Alexander and Cookie -- who were born more than 50 years ago -- are still teenagers.

If so much about the "Blondie" comic strip has remained

virtually the same since Young's father Chic created it on Sept. 8, 1930, why such a drastic change after all these years?

Young told "Chicago Tribune" writer Paul Galloway, "The chief motive was to establish a fresh source for gags."

So, discard any ideas that the Bumstead's need the additional income to survive, or that Blondie is demanding she get a job outside the home as some sort of feminist statement, or that it is a gimmick to increase readership of a dwindling comic strip.

On the contrary, Young and King Features Syndicate maintain "Blondie" is translated into 55 languages and read by 250 million people. In fact, Galloway reports Blondie is distributed "in places as diverse as Kuwait and New Guinea."

It should seem, then, the question is not of why, but why so long? What took Blondie 58 years to decide to get a job?

To Blondie, I say congratulations and hooray! Finally, the day of celebration for working women has arrived. Certainly if the time has come for one of the world's most popular women to get

a job, then it must mean us women are making real progress in the business world.

Do not misunderstand me. I am far from being a feminist. However, it seems the Bumstead's have been living in the Dark Ages for many years. Not only can women own land and vote, but we can support ourselves. And we want to support ourselves, just as Blondie is demonstrating.

Working women are not working just for financial reasons, however. For some, working is a matter of self-gratification and pride. Not all of us are content spending all of our time at home. Just as men, women need to feel important and that our time is fully utilized on constructive tasks -- not just housework.

For others, still, the role of the housewife is quite pleasing and rewarding. But for Blondie and me, as said in "Snow White:" "Hi-ho! Hi-ho! It's off to work we go," and in the Virginia Slims cigarettes advertisement: Blondie, "We've come a long way, baby."

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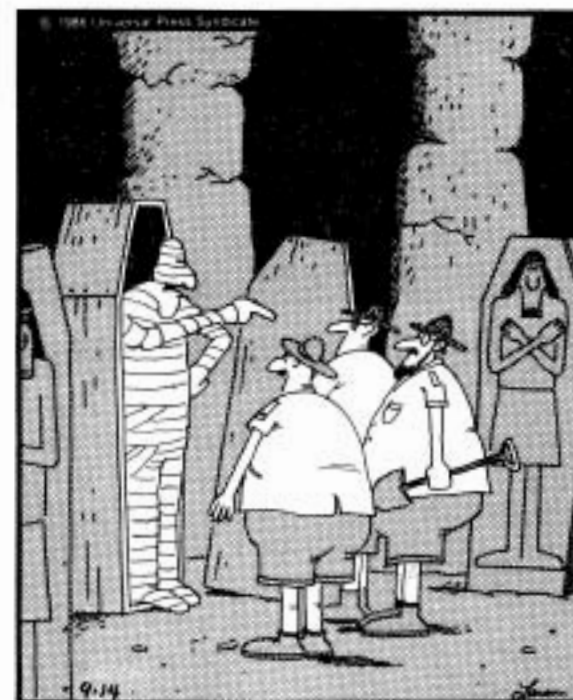


## THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON



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# Sports

## JSU stuns Bulldogs in opener

**Tim Hathcock**  
Sports Editor

JSU got its season off with a bang Saturday night with a 44-18 romp over the Alabama A&M Bulldogs at Paul Snow Stadium.

Nickey Edmondson led the Gamecock wishbone offense to perfection and put to rest any doubts of his abilities as a signal-caller. Edmondson rushed for a game-high 153 yards on 15 carries. He also completed 2 of 3 passes for 25 yards.

This one was never in doubt. The Gamecocks started the game with great field position after Danny Lee returned the opening kickoff to the JSU 46-yard line. Four plays later, junior halfback Bert Flowers scored from 13 yards. The PAT by Slade Stinnett was good and with less than 2:00 minutes gone in the game, JSU led 7-0.

The Bulldogs came right back at JSU with big running back Terrance Cooper making gains behind his huge offensive line. JSU's defense stiffened and stopped A&M on downs at the JSU 37-yard line.

Edmondson picked up right where he left off, directing the Gamecocks on a 7-play scoring drive. Edmondson

**JSU-Alabama A&M, Stats**

	1	2	3	4	Final
A&M	0	0	6	12	18
JSU	14	9	7	14	44

JSU		A&M
18	FD	22
379	Rushing	153
25	Passing	84
3-2-0	A-C-I	23-9-2
404	Total	237
4-2	Fumbles-Lost	2-0
8-85	Penalties-Yds	9-94
2-48.5	Punts-Ave.	4-42.5
26:51	Time of Poss.	33:09

did the honors himself, scoring on a 23-yard scamper. Stinnett's point after was true, and JSU led 14-0 with 6:05 left in the opening quarter.

Junior fullback Terence Bowens' plunge from 1 yard out and an errant snap on a punt which resulted in a safety and gave JSU a 23-0 halftime advantage.

Alabama A&M Coach George Pugh must have said the right thing at halftime as the Bulldogs came out roaring in the second half. They started a drive at their 46-yard line after a long kickoff return by Eddie Cooper. A JSU interference call kept the drive alive before freshman

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Rodney Scott (No. 21) and Eric King (No. 8) team up to drop Alabama A&M's Terrance

Cooper in Saturday night's 44-18 victory. The game attracted a sell-out crowd of 15,500.

## 'Nickey and Corky show' debuts

**Tim Hathcock**  
Sports Editor

After losing David Gullede and Cecil Blount, JSU fans might have worried about the quarterback position as the Gamecocks prepared for the 1991 campaign.

Senior Nickey Edmondson and freshman Corky Gordon laid those fears to rest in Saturday night's opener against Alabama A&M. Edmondson led all rushers with 153 yards on 15 carries. Gordon added 77 yards on just 5 rushes, including one for 65 yards.

JSU Head Coach Bill Burgess was full of praise for his two quarterbacks. "Nickey had a great night. We did some things well offensively. He played outstanding. I thought his conditioning was great. We really didn't have a turnover problem with the first or second team. I thought Corky played well. He got some valuable experience."

Edmondson played baseball in the spring which compounded the problem at quarterback entering the sea-

*"They were talking a lot of trash out there. One guy told me he would come visit me in the hospital. That was a good motivational factor."*

*--Nickey Edmondson starting JSU quarterback*

son. "When we recruited Nickey, I personally told him that he could play baseball," said Burgess.

Neither Edmondson's baseball nor the fact that he has had to wait his turn at quarterback has adversely affected him. "When he got here, he was in a situation where there were two great players in front of him," Burgess added. Burgess was not about to let that much talent go to waste, though, as Edmondson became JSU's all-time leading punt returner. Do not look for him to expand on that record as Edmondson is now fully at the controls of the Gamecock offense.

For his first game as the starter, Edmondson said, "I was a little nervous at the beginning, but after the first series I was all right." Edmondson attributed the fact that he did not tire in the game to Burgess. "He (Burgess) runs us well, and besides, fatigue is mostly mental."

Edmondson gave a lot of credit to his offensive line, which he said "was great." He was also a little surprised at the Bulldog game plan. "I thought they would try to take the ball out of my hands but they were doing the opposite."

A&M's taunts worked against them. Edmondson said, "They were talking a lot of trash out there. One guy told me he would come visit me in the hospital. That was a good motivational factor for us."

As for Gordon, he was glad to get his first game under his belt. "I was very nervous. It was everything I expected and more. Once I get more experience, the coaches have indicated to me that I might get a little more playing time. When that time comes, I'll be ready for it."



Quarterback Nickey Edmondson (No. 4) celebrates a touchdown run with halfback Derrick Griffie (No. 26).



# Volleyball squad looks for respect

**Sherrie Bodine**  
Sports Writer

JSU Volleyball Coach Janice Slay expects to have another great year in 1991. The women were second in the Gulf South Conference in 1990 and are striving for the title this year.

Slay said that teams in the GSC are always tough. North Alabama is the Gamecocks' biggest rival, and Livingston will be another team to beat. Outside the conference, Mississippi University for Women always presents a challenge for JSU.

The 1991 team members are Deanna Baker, Lynn Batey, Camille Ponder, Dana Upton, Amy Vycital, Tesha Vito, Janette Ledbetter, Kiki Norris, Stacey Rice, Jody McGough, Lisa Smith and Tira Essig. Seven of the twelve are returning players, and Slay said the team looked good in their preseason workouts.

Junior team member Camille Ponder said, "The best thing about playing Gamecock volleyball is that everybody on the team is close as a team and as friends."

Coach Slay said their games draw a "fairly decent crowd," but she would like to see more support from the students. She claims most people in this part of the country see volleyball as a backyard game and are not very acquainted with the strategies of the sport. Florida is the



Coach Janice Slay

only state in the south where volleyball draws very large crowds.

Football is the dominant sport in the GSC, but these women would like to show off their skillful and vigorous playing abilities as well as prove that bonding is not just for males.

The Gamecocks start their season at 7 p.m. Sept. 18 at Mathews Coliseum with a match against Samford.

## Three tennis players reach national tourney for JSU

**Tim Hathcock**  
Sports Editor

JSU was well represented at the 1991 Division II National Tennis Tournament held May 9-16 in Edmond, Okla. Central State University hosted the event.

The top eight teams in the country participated in the tournament—the top seed from each of the four regions and four at-large bids. JSU just missed out as it ended up the season ranked 12th. That might have been good enough except for the fact the first and fourth ranked teams in the nation were also in the South Region.

However, three singles players qualified for individual play along with one doubles team. The top 64 singles players and 32 doubles teams fought it out for the title. Jonathan Howes, Michael John Garnett and Peter Jacobsen represented JSU in singles. Howes and Garnett made up a formidable doubles team for the Gamecocks.

Howes finished the season ranked 15th in the nation. He made it to the third round before losing to a player from the University of California at San Luis Obispo. That was good enough to give Howes All-American honors.

Garnett won his first round match before being eliminated in the second round by the eventual fourth-place finisher from Ferris

St. Garnett and ended the regular season ranked 48th in the nation.

Jacobsen gained entry into the tournament as an alternate. He was eliminated from the competition in the first round.

JSU's doubles team of Howes and Garnett had the most success in the tournament, making it to the championship round before losing to the No. 1 team in the nation.

Garnett said they felt fortunate to even be in the tournament. "We were ranked eighth to start the season but had a poor season. We thought we had dropped out of the rankings. We were surprised to get invited."

Once there, Garnett and Howes made the most of their opportunity. Trailing in every match through the first three rounds, they somehow found a way to win. In the second round, they trailed 5-2 in the final set but came back to win the set 7-6. The third round had them trailing 4-1 in the final set before rallying to win 6-4. "We played 'Cinderella' the whole tournament," said Garnett.

The semifinals was tight as well with the duo winning again in three tough sets. The glass slipper did not quite fit, however, as they lost in straight sets to the top-ranked team from the University of California-Davis in the finals. The Cal-Davis team consisted of the second and third ranked singles players in the nation. They did not drop a set throughout the tournament.

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# Experiencing a night at the game

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JSU's offense lines up on the ball as Nickey Edmondson prepares to take the snap.



John Sanders, Joel Scott and Andre Young take a breather while the offense works.



Danny Lee rushes for a touchdown.



Cocky entertains a little Gamecock while Darren Nuttano leads the crowd in a cheer.



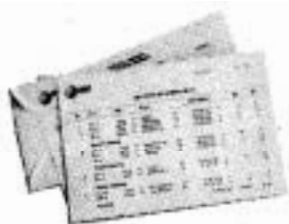
Yardage did not come easy for the Bulldogs against a flood of JSU defenders.



Nickey Edmondson eludes an A&M tackler for a touchdown.



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# True confessions of a sports junkie

I am a sports junkie. I confess. It first became apparent when I found myself watching table tennis (not ping pong) at 3 a.m. on the Entertainment and Sports Programming Network (ESPN) one Wednesday a few years back.

The arrival of ESPN marked the beginning of the end for me. It became even worse when the cable channel began broadcasting 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

In order to fill time spots in the wee hours of the morning, ESPN began carrying such sports as Greco-Roman wrestling, indoor soccer and the sports junkies favorite, Australian Rules football.

Upon my arrival here at JSU, my

Tim Halhcock  
Sports Editor



only question for the lady at the cable company was, "Does basic cable carry ESPN?" When the answer came back in the affirmative, I told her that was all I needed. No MTV for me. I want my ESPN.

Living with other sports junkies, I never realized I had a problem. Doesn't everyone stay in on Thursday nights to watch the Utah Tech Unicorns battle the Nevada State Incans for the Southwest

Intercollegiate Conference Association championship?

I needed help. By my second freshman year here, I was watching replays of high school football games. If it could remotely be called a sport and it was on television, I watched.

When ESPN won the contract to show the early round games of the NCAA Basketball Tournament, I was a goner. Basketball, my favorite sport, would now be shown almost around the clock. By the time the Final Four rolled around, my roommates had to pry the remote control from my fingers.

Few sporting events escape my watchful eye. The only ones that do are not what I consider sports — auto

racing, bowling and boxing.

Auto racing may be exciting to watch in person (at least the NASCAR version), but it does not lend itself to television. And you absolutely can not convince me that it takes athletic skill to be a race car driver. It is a skilled activity, but not a sports skill. You will not see Dale Earnhardt win the Superstars competition.

Bowling is really fun, but it does not take a great deal of athleticism to participate. That may be what is so good about bowling. Alas, it is not a sport. Even Howard Sprague once rolled a perfect game.

As for boxing, what is so sporting about bashing someone's head in? Boxing would be a lot better if they

would take a cue from professional wrestling.

Don King is my favorite person from the world of boxing because he knows this. Make it a show. Boxing should be entertainment, not sports. The outcome should be a foregone conclusion — that way no one gets turned into a vegetable.

All other sports are fair game. I even watch golf, which is the most boring thing in the world to see but is otherwise a fantastic game.

Due to therapy and support from my friends, I am a little better. I have a long way to go, though, as I still get a twitch in my thumb at 20 minutes after every half hour. My therapist calls it "CNN Headline Sports-itis."

## Football

### From page 14

Antoine Harden scored on a 2-yard run, Fred Mack blocked the extra point attempt to keep the score 23-6.

Having received the wakeup call, JSU responded with a 6-play, 63-yard drive. Lee scored the touch-down on a 27-yard run and Stinnett added the extra point to give the Gamecocks a 30-6 lead.

The score remained the same until the fourth quarter when able backup quarterback Corky Gordon took off on a 65-yard run to the Bulldog 10-yard line. On fourth-and-goal from the 1, Gordon called his own number for the score. Stinnett added the extra

point to give JSU a 37-6 lead with 9:15 left in the game.

Kendall was able to score on a pair of short runs after turnovers against the JSU reserves late in the game. Both two-point conversions failed. Gamecock fans did get a glimpse of the future as freshman halfback Jason Reynolds scored on a 43-yard run around left end with only 15 seconds remaining. Stinnett's PAT put the final score at 44-18.

After the game, an elated coach Bill Burgess said, "Obviously, we're very proud of our football team. We needed the win and to get some people in the ballgame. I thought the key to the whole game was that our first and second unit kept away from turn-

overs and moved the ball well.

"Defensively, they ran the ball a little more than we expected. We expected them to run, but not to stay with it so long. We were able to keep them from the big play. It helped that we were able to get some pressure on Tracy (Kendall)."

As for Alabama A&M, Burgess added, "They're going to be a good football team. We have all the respect in the world for them. This has turned into a good rivalry for us. It's just a good solid situation."

JSU takes a week off before beginning conference play. The Gamecocks entertain West Georgia College at 2:00 Sept. 21 at Paul Snow Stadium.

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## NCAA Div. I AP Poll

1. Florida State
2. Miami
3. Michigan
4. Washington
5. Penn State
6. Florida
7. Notre Dame
8. Clemson
9. Oklahoma
10. Houston
11. Tennessee
12. Colorado
13. Nebraska
14. Iowa
15. Auburn
16. Alabama
17. Georgia Tech
18. Michigan St.
19. Ohio St.
20. Texas A&M
21. UCLA
22. Syracuse
23. Baylor
24. Pittsburgh
25. Mississippi State

## JSU-Central Bank Players of the Week

Offense -- Nickey Edmondson  
15 carries for 153 yds. and 1 TD

Defense -- John Sanders  
8 tackles, 3 solo, 1 pass broken up

## Gulf South Conference Players of the Week

Offense -- Revis Davis, Delta State

Defense -- Brian Davis, JSU  
Walter Tipton -- North Alabama

## Gulf South Conference Standings

Sept. 9

	Conference Overall
1. JSU	0-0-0 1-0-0
2. Miss College	0-0-0 1-0-0
3. North Alabama	0-0-0 1-0-0
4. West Georgia	0-0-0 1-0-0
5. Delta State	0-0-0 1-1-0
6. Valdosta State	0-0-0 0-0-0
7. Livingston	0-0-0 0-1-0

## Scores from Sept. 7

JSU 44 Alabama A&M 18  
North Ala. 28 Central Missouri 7  
Delta State 35 Henderson State 6  
West Georgia 55 Alma College 0  
East Texas St. 44 Livingston 6

## JSU Fall 1991 Golf Schedule

9/30  
Tri-State Classic  
Paris Landing State Park  
Paris, Tenn.  
10/7-8  
Stetson Intercollegiate DeBarry  
Plantation Golf Club  
DeBarry, Fla.  
10/28-29  
Alabama Intercollegiate Bent  
Brook Golf Club  
Birmingham, Ala.  
11/4-5  
Texas Intercollegiate  
Woodhaven Country Club  
Fort Worth, Texas  
11/11-12  
Citrus Bowl Golf Invitational  
Ekana Golf & Country Club  
Oviedo, Fla.

## 1991 JSU Shooting Team Schedule

Oct. 20 Tenn. Tech (H)  
Oct. 27 Tenn. Tech Invitational  
Nov. 9 U.S. Military Acad. (H)  
Nov. 16 The Citadel (H)  
Nov. 23 Walsh Invitational  
Jan. 18 N.C. State (H)  
Jan. 19 James Newkirk Inv.  
Jan. 25 Withrow Invitational  
Feb. 9 Middle Tenn. State  
Feb. 15 Collegiate Sectionals

## 1991 JSU Volleyball Schedule

Sept. 18 Samford 7 p.m. (H)  
Sept. 18-20 MUW Invitational TBA  
Columbus, Miss.  
Sept. 24 Alabama-Huntsville 7 p.m.  
Sept. 25 Huntingdon College  
7 p.m. Montgomery  
Sept. 30 North Alabama 7 p.m. (H)  
Oct. 4-5 UT-Martin Invitational TBA  
Martin, Tenn.  
Oct. 8 West Georgia 7 p.m. (H)  
Oct. 10 Livingston 7 p.m.  
Livingston  
Oct. 11 Miss. College 7 p.m.  
Clinton, Miss.  
Oct. 14 Huntingdon Coll 7 p.m. (H)  
Oct. 15 North Alabama 7 p.m.  
Florence  
Oct. 18-19 West Georgia Invit. TBA  
Carrollton, Ga.  
Oct. 22 Miss. College 7 p.m. (H)  
Oct. 24 Livingston 7 p.m. (H)  
Oct. 25-26 JSU Invitational TBA (H)  
Oct. 29 Alabama-Huntsville 7 p.m.  
Huntsville  
Nov. 1-2 Lady Brave Invit. TBA  
Carrollton, Ga.  
Nov. 5 Samford 7 p.m.  
Birmingham  
Nov. 7 West Georgia 7 p.m.  
Carrollton, Ga.

## Intramural Sports

### Golf Tournament

Sept. 16-17

### Flag Football

Entries close Sept. 18

### Co Rec Softball

Entries close Sept. 18

### Tennis Singles

Entries Close Sept 18

### Tennis Mixed Doubles

Entries close Sept. 18

### Co Rec Football

Entries close Sept. 25

## 1991 JSU Football Schedule

Sept. 7 Alabama A & M, 44-18  
Sept. 21 West Ga.  
Sept. 28 Valdosta State  
Oct. 5 Mississippi College  
Oct. 12 Delta State  
Oct. 19 North Alabama  
Nov. 2 Wofford (HC)  
Nov. 9 Livingston  
Nov. 16 Kentucky State

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