Military cutbacks hit Jacksonville

Kyle Shelton
News Writer

In the wake of military cutbacks, the Department of Defense has proposed closure of 830 National Guard and Reserve units nationwide, including two units in the Jacksonville area.

The Department of Defense proposed the cuts due to military cutbacks that left active Army units dispersed. The National Guard and Reserves serve as support units for regular Army units and this, in turn, left them with no use in their current form. Nationwide, approximately 55,000 National Guard and 50,000 Army Reserve personnel will be eliminated. This includes 215 personnel in the Jacksonville area.

The two units in Jacksonville, the 441st Ordnance Battalion Headquarters, which supports three combat ordnance units in Alabama and the 151st Engineering Battalion, which is part of the 1169th Engineering Group in Huntsville, are scheduled for deactivation in September. Congress must first pass the department’s proposal.

“I don’t think Jacksonville will be specifically affected,” Jacksonville Mayor John Nisbet said. However, the proposed closures could result in a loss of income from approximately $300,000, if one unit leaves the area, to $1.25 million if both units are deactivated. Still, a unit would be replacing the two that leave Jacksonville and could buffer the economic effect of the loss.

According to Captain Rod Davis, administrative officer at the 441st Ordnance Battalion Headquarters, the replacement unit would be the 20th Special Forces and would be a conglomeration of personnel from Fort McClellan and Pell City.

“The difference (economically), would be that they might just eat dinner and buy gas in Jacksonville instead of spending their entire check here,” Davis said. He added, however, the full-time positions would be reduced from nine positions to four or five.

The 20th Special Forces’ move to Jacksonville would be indicative of the overall plan to reassign all National Guard personnel to other units, Davis said. The planned reassignments would allow personnel to keep their jobs and, most likely, remain close to their home.

“All the personnel will be moved to other units,” Davis said, “and everybody that is being replaced will still have a home in the Alabama National Guard.”

However, the loss of valuable community service might not be as easily replaced, especially where the 151st Engineering Battalion— which has been in Jacksonville since World War II -- is concerned.

Lieutenant Christopher Morgan, administrative officer for the 151st Engineering Battalion, cited several services provided by the unit to local governments, including the construction of sports fields and improvements at local Boy Scout camps.

“Any engineering unit will be a vital unit in the state,” Morgan said. “We’ve done work in Jacksonville, Weaver and Gadsden.”

According to U.S. Rep. Glen Browder, DJacksonville, there may be no reason to worry about the proposed cuts. He identified them as “just another ridiculous chapter from the Pentagon’s manual of political games.”

“They do it every year,” Browder, is a member of the House Armed Services Committee, said. “When Congress starts exercising its constitutional responsibility regarding the (Department of Defense), the Pentagon politicians try to protect their own pet projects by scaring everybody with threatened new, excessive National Guard cuts.

“But it has not worked in the past, and we in Congress will fight it this time too,” he said.

The fight will begin the first week in May when a subcommittee of the House Armed Services committee meets to discuss the proposal.
Search to replace Kribel begins

Eric G. Mackey
Editor in Chief

Academic Affairs will soon be without a vice president, and the search is underway to fill the vacancy as soon as possible. Robert Kribel, vice president for Academic Affairs, decided to leave the campus earlier this semester but has not yet announced when he will leave or where he is going.

However, JSU President Harold J. McGee said the search committee for a new vice president has already organized and is now determining a job description which will be posted in educational publications.

He said the University is “looking for somebody who has some significant experience. “(Any candidate) has to have had experience as a faculty member and must have experience in upper level administration,” McGee said.

There is a certain logic to have gone through the stations,” he said speaking of the differing levels of teaching and administration.

McGee added that the committee would probably review the applications of deans and higher level administrators.

The committee is looking for someone with experience in an institution similar to JSU. “It is not necessarily geographic as much as it is someone who wants to come to this kind of environment,” McGee said. He said a regional teaching institution has certain characteristics the vice president should understand.

Though a calendar has not been set, McGee said he thinks the committee will start interviewing in the summer, and the earliest a replacement could take over would be during the fall semester.

He said he expects the committee to bring between five and 10 candidates to campus, but that number is not set.

The University is responsible for the cost of bringing in the selected candidates, so the committee must first narrow the field.

McGee said he could not say exactly when Kribel will be leaving, but an interim vice president will be announced at the appropriate time.

Tuition

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funds to accommodate inflation increases, Thacker said.

“Our utilities are going up and our water bill is going up,” he said. “Our health insurance is also increasing as it is everywhere.”

Thacker agreed with Kirkland that the University hopes to hire extra faculty; however, Thacker said JSU has been on a hiring freeze since October. When faculty members retire, administrators have been choosing replacements more carefully. At the board meeting, many of the trustees were hesitant to approve a big tuition hike.

“I’d like to protect our historical tradition of lower tuition,” JSU President Harold J. McGee said. “I’d like to make our increases moderate.”

Pete Mathews, chairman of the board, agreed. “I’m having a hard time with the 6 percent increase... but I don’t run this institution on a day-by-day basis. If it’s necessary, it has to be done.”

Thacker firmly believes that unless students and parents push legislators for tax reform, the extra money will continue to come from students’ pockets. “Tax reform is the only answer. We need that money for our future,” he said.

In other business, the trustees approved beginning negotiations to purchase 10.3 acres of land on the east side of Pelham Road, including “The Magnolias,” an historic mansion and the former home Clarence Daugette, who was JSU’s president from 1899-1942. The mansion is located on Pelham Road south of Houston Cole Library. According to McGee, acquiring the land is part of the Master Plan, which is a plan by the administration to change JSU’s layout to improve accessibility for students by the year 2025.

Shots

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student on three misdemeanor charges — reckless endangerment, carrying a pistol on premises not his own and disorderly conduct. It has also filed warrants for other non-students on disorderly conduct charges.

Nichols said police entered the names of the suspects with the National Crime Information Center and have contacted Birmingham police to arrange for their absence.

Nichols said the incident occurred despite the enforcement of dorm security regulations.

“A dorm guard was in the lobby and tried to calm things down before (the suspect) drew the weapon,” he said.

Police are unsure of how many shots were fired, but they have found several places where bullets entered the walls of the lobby.

Nichols said 9mm ammunition was used, but he cannot definitely say what type weapon was used because more than one type gun takes that size ammunition.

Nichols said police are still unsure of what the suspect intended to do, since, to their knowledge, all of the bullets entered the wall.

“We haven’t been able to determine intent of physical harm,” he said. “The situation is still under investigation, and we may add other charges.”

The damage to the dorm created by the gunfire is miniscule when compared to the damage done to University morale. The violence of last semester led to many changes in dorm regulations to bring the situation under control. Until now, administrators had thought the changes were successful.

“We’ve had a very good semester,” Nichols said. “We had hoped we could make it through this semester without another incident like this.”
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Still no crime access

More than a year has passed since the University administration issued a “temporary” policy forbidding public access to student police records. But the policy, as well as the controversy surrounding its enactment, continues.

The Chanticleer has continuously requested that the administration reverse this decision in accordance with state and federal laws. Each request has been flatly rejected or has been entirely ignored. The administration contends that release of such information threatens federal funding from the Department of Education. The administration is wrong.

Lamar Alexander, the U.S. Secretary of Education, recently submitted the following statement to the Washington Journalism Review: “...The U. S. Department of Education agrees that federal law should not prohibit disclosure of (campus crime) records. Last July, we asked the Congress to amend the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (also known as the Buckley Amendment) to permit disclosure of such records.... It appears likely that, as we have been urging, this legislation will be enacted sometime this year.”

So why is the University stonewalling? Any citizen of the U. S. is given the right to view public record, and campus crime reports are indeed public record. The University administration continues to ignore this civil right.

On November 21, 1991, U.S. District Court Judge Stanley S. Harris issued a federal injunction saying the Department of Education cannot threaten to “withdraw the federal funding of a university or other educational institution on the grounds that the institution provides public access to ... information regarding students in law enforcement records such as campus police reports.” A copy of this injunction was personally presented to H. Bascom Woodward III, vice president of Student Affairs on November 22, 1991. No action has been taken.

The Chanticleer is not asking for anything above the law. University administrators should stop worrying about the possibility of negative publicity and realize the bad always comes with the good. They must also realize that, in the long run, continuing to ignore the rights of students can only result in wasted time and trouble. The administration must stop operating under its own higher law.

Letters to the Editor

Remembering former football player after death

Jamie Glass was a student at JSU for approximately two years before his life was tragically ended by a bullet. On March 25, a very puzzling incident took place in Atlanta, Ga. This incident would be one to be remembered by relatives and close friends as a complete “mystery” and very unfortunate event.

Jamie received a football scholarship but never played a single game. During his first year he was typically “red-shirted” and not allowed to play. Jamie looked forward to his second year at JSU. He strongly felt that he would get the opportunity to do what he loved the most — playing football. But, due to a minor knee injury, he was not allowed to play. I don’t know what else happened but, I’m sure that there were other reasons. Also Jamie played football and other sports since approximately age 6. He loved football more than anything else. I truly feel that if my son had been allowed to play football that he would be alive today.

For those who were dear and hurt, Jamie was so proud of his school and football. He often dreamed of being a professional football player someday. I, for one, am not willing to surrender to short-sighted, power-hungry lobbyists in Montgomery. The fight for decent schools will continue as long as some of us care. I hope you will take time to care for the future of our state.

Likewise, this newspaper has a promising future. Only by the hard work of a dedicated staff and about a dozen volunteers, as well as good advisers, has this paper ended another year of proration in the black. The road ahead will not be smooth, but it will be rewarding.

Lastly, thank you. Those who have helped me through this institution are too numerous to name, so I won’t try. You know who you are, though, and I do appreciate it.

I will name one person. Thanks Cyndi Owens. Cyndi was the caring peer counselor who got me through Orientation and invited me to start writing for The Chanticleer. More than an adviser and boss, she has become a dear friend and confidant. Thank you.

And to those who disagreed with me so vehemently both now as editor and before that when I was an SGA senator, thank you. Some of you have persuaded me to change my views. Most of you have not, but I will always appreciate the fact that you were willing to try. As James Thurber said, “Discussion in America means dissent.”

Too many people go through this world moping about their complaints, but never standing up for their beliefs.

And for those of you who only complain and have used me to air your complaints, here’s a quarter...
Letters to the Editor

Editor, not serving students, now propagandist

Farewell, Eric G. Mackey. You have lost touch with the students. Many have started to see your true colors and have written you some harsh letters. As a matter of fact, most of the dissenting opinions and information we read in your newspaper comes from letters to the editor by the students.

Your newspapers now sit in their racks, or in front of your office, week in and week out. Who wants a “goodie-two-shoes” University newspaper whose editor uses it to promote his religious preference and personal views, such as when teenagers should or should not wear baseball caps. Mr. Editor not only do you wish to remain respectful slaves of the South and the dead clergy, but also wish to remain respectful slaves of the University police and city police public relations publication. My statistics in support of this allegation are as follows:

What are you going to do, have cap-wearers arrested and given a criminal record or put before a firing squad? God forbid, these individuals may also have electric skillets in their dorms.

You have violated the Constitutional mandate of separation of church and state, not just by your personal column, but by other religious articles which you have permitted to be published in The Chanticleer. Mr. Editor, I too am a Christian, I too know from what JSU has taught me about early American history about the crimes committed by Christians or attributed to Christianity. The dead witches of the North know all about Christianity, human kindness, and Christian justice for all. Mr. Editor, I go to my church for religion, I do not pay my taxes here in Alabama for you to use our student newspaper as your Christian pulpit. Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s.

Finally, The Chanticleer has in fact become the police soap box, a university police and city police public relations publication. My statistics in support of this allegation are as follows:

These stories, whether newsworthy or not, were all positive and partial to the police. Not one negative comment. We have a perfect police force. The editor and the staff of The Chanticleer have gone out of their way to appease the police and to become their propaganda medium. Traditionally, this has been the case. It is time for The Chanticleer to be more objective in its reporting. We all know all is not well between the students and the cops, on or off campus. The Chanticleer has conspired with the police to keep negative or anti-police sentiments from appearing on its pages.

If The Chanticleer falls victim to promotion and ceases publication, it will be no great loss to the students because it stopped serving them a long time ago in favor of the administration and the police. The students need a newspaper they can truly call their newspaper, not Mr. Mackey’s sermon from Bibb Graves. The students also need their radio station back. (By the way, did you notice how PBS never cut back any Christian broadcasting time on Sundays? Interesting, eh?)

Jose E. Martinez
Senior

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**Features**

**Needy travelers find food, gasoline thanks to local churches**

**Jacksonville Transient Fund helps many**

Dyana Blythe  
City News Editor  

For a poor, nomadic family traveling through Jacksonville with no money, Truman Norred is just the man to encounter. Norred oversees and administers the Jacksonville Transient Fund, a non-profit organization committed to helping non-locals looking for help in Jacksonville.

Norred began a similar program in Demopolis, a small town east of Birmingham located on a main highway. Knowing many people traveled that way, Norred wanted to help anyone stranded without food or shelter.

"I came here 14 years ago and realized that Jacksonville did not have a transient program," Norred said. "Although Jacksonville is off the beaten path, we still get a lot of people here."

Norred admits, laughingly, that he has no idea why people stop in Jacksonville.

"I have asked people where they are going or where they came from, and you would not believe the answers I get. 'We are on our way from Florida to New Orleans' or 'We are heading from Washington to Detroit.'"

Norred recounts a statement made to John Norman, the former pastor of First Baptist Church, by a transient:

"We come so far off the interstate because we could not get treated as well in a big city as we do here. Towns like Jacksonville are where the heart is."

With such a high standard to live up to, Norred believes he really does help people; however, he is modest about his own involvement in the program.

"I am the treasurer of the program, but it really does not take up much of my time, only about an hour a month. There really is no book-work involved," Norred said. "I handle all the cards and pay all the bills."

Although Norred handles the fund almost exclusively, he does not meet any other transients face to face. When a family comes to town looking for food or shelter, they generally seek out a church. Almost all of the churches in Jacksonville assist the fund, so the family is instructed to go to the Westside Baptist Church. When they arrive, a secretary or part-time assistant of the church issues them a card listing their names and number of people in the family.

The family then goes to the Jacksonville Fire Department, where a fireman gives them a meal ticket for an unlimited amount of food at McDonald's and a $10 gas ticket.

"We never give them money, just tickets. That way, since we have their names, we can make sure they do not come through again in the same day and try to cheat us," Norred said.

Because Norred is also a volunteer paramedic, he keeps in close contact with the fire department on issues such as what the people are like who come to get assistance and whether any locals have come in posing as out-of-towners.

"The biggest problem with the fund is that locals try to use it, and it is not for locals."

--- Truman Norred  
Treasurer, Transient Fund

Norred does not dip into his personal savings — when he needs more money he simply goes to the pastors of the churches and asks for more. He is quick to point out that "they tell me how to spend the money. I am just the treasurer."

According to Norred, "The fund generally does not get depleted, except when the locals get a hold of it. But right now we are in good financial shape."

Norred is optimistic about the future of the fund, both financially and for the service it provides to underprivileged families.

It appears that a man who is pastor of a large and growing church and also volunteers as a paramedic for the local fire stations would gain much satisfaction out of life. But for Norred, it is not enough.

"I like providing this service because it helps me get these people who are abusing the fund. According to Norred, the primary source is the Thanksgiving Service Fund, collected by the Westside Baptist Church at Thanksgiving."

Michael Keaton, Mel Gibson resurrect roles in 'Batman,' 'Lethal Weapon' sequels this summer

Jamie Cole  
Features Writer

Summer has become the biggest season of the year for filmmakers. Studio execs salivate at the thought of another long, hot summer at the box office. It is odd... at a time when Mother Nature makes the world warm and healthy young children and adults should be enjoying the great outdoors, enriching their lives with the wonder of nature, they are holed up in a movie theater, sitting too close to the screen, no doubt.

Summer usually brings Hollywood's hottest tickets, the obvious reason being that millions flock to the theaters in the hot season rather than winter, when the weather outside is frightful.

This summer at the movies looks like a big one for sequels. Warner Brothers leads the studio race, with two that look to be huge. Will it be another summer of the sleeper hit, like "Ghost" in 1990? Or will everything go just as planned, like Arnold Schwarzenegger's "Terminator 2" in 1991? Judge for yourself as you take a look at a few of the big summer sequels and other titles.

**"Batman Returns"**  
You knew it had to be mentioned first. Director Tim Burton is back with his dark vision of the Dark Knight. Sure, Jack Nicholson is gone, but that just means that the rest of the cast can make more money: Michael Keaton is back as the Caped Crusader, Danny DeVito is the Penguin, Raul Julia is the two-faced Joker, Robin Williams is the Man in Black, and Michelle Pfeiffer is the Catwoman, one of the most coveted roles in Hollywood.

Joining the all-star cast is Christopher Walken ("Biloxi Blues", "The Dead Zone") and Jan Hooks (TV's "Saturday Night Live" and "Designing Women.") Michael Gough returns as Alfred the butler and Pat Hingle is back as Commissioner Gordon.

Who knows what the movie could have been with Annette Benning as Catwoman? Who cares when it will most likely have a $50 million box office...
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openings?
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“Lethal Weapon 3”
Mel Gibson and Danny Glover return as police detectives on the run in yet another sequel from Warner Brothers. This time, Detective Murtaugh (Glover) faces retirement despite protest from partner Riggs around street gangs arming themselves with illegal handguns.

It remains to be seen whether or not director Richard Donner, who handled the first two adventures to the tune of a combined box office of well over $200 million, can milk the concept any further. We have seen gangs before, we have seen Gibson’s suicidal antics twice already . . . this could get old.

“Aliens”
First-time director David Fincher is 27 years old and already one of Hollywood’s most powerful directors. Otherwise 20th Century Fox would not have put him at the helm of the $60 million “Alien.” Rumor has it the budget has increased like its exponential title, but the long-awaited film is finally getting released after being put off an entire year for reshoots.

Sigourney Weaver is back, shaved head and all, for this second sequel to the original film directed by Ridley Scott almost 13 years ago. Early word is the film is visually brilliant from an exciting young director. The only strange thing is the exponent in the title, but after “Alien” and “Aliens,” the first two films, anything is better than “Aliens.”

Other than sequels, the big titles this summer include the adaptation of the Tom Clancy novel “Patriot Games” with Harrison Ford, who got $9 million when Alec Baldwin only asked for $4 million. Also coming is the big-budget western “Unforgiven” with Clint Eastwood, Morgan Freeman and Gene Hackman. The success of “Thelma and Louise” may push Penny Marshall’s “A League of Their Own” with Madonna to the forefront.

No matter what happens, here is to hoping that there is more excitement at the theater this summer than just cooling off under the air conditioners.

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Comedian
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Various campus comedy events across the country, hosted the MTV/Dodge Rockin’ Campus Bash and guest-starred in TV series “Designing Women” and “Parker Lewis Can’t Lose.”

And that does not include Brady’s outside, personal projects.

“I audition usually once a month for spots in new TV shows,” says Brady, “I also have my own video productions company, directing music videos.”

“I produced my own show,” says Brady, “It is called ‘The Road Scholar.’ It is sort of an adventures story of life on the road — like Charles Kuralt’s ‘On The Road’ on crack.”

Brady also has his own band, which performed recently on MTV’s “1/2-hour Comedy Hour.” Sampling part of his band’s work, Brady performed the “Boomerang Song,” a comical song about a boy whose only companion is a boomerang.

The biggest laughs of the night, though, were Brady’s cracks about the nacho cheese pump and sex music of the ’70s.

Harassing a latecomer, Brady urged him to work the pump.

“I was commentating on the spiffily decorated room and nutritious nacho cheese macks the UPC provided.”

Brady says, “When I noticed people were taking out sexual frustrations on the ‘nacho cheese love pump.’

’Six music of the ’70s is always a hit too,” Brady says the ’70s produced great sex theme music in shows involving characters like tennis pros and gardeners.

“The gardener, working in the hot sun, comes in for a glass of water,” says Brady. Then, “Boom-chicka-boom. Come on — he could have drunk from the hose.”

“I try to make the sex music skit a little different each time though, incorporating it into the crowd,” says Brady. “Using examples like a milk man or young reporter.”

Room-chicka-boom.

Worth Watching
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Music
There From Here, performing at 10 p.m. today at Brother’s Bar, 204 S. Pelham Road, Jacksonville, 435-6090.

Eric Clapton, performing at 8 p.m. Tuesday at Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center, Birmingham, 939-3278 (sold out).

Chainsaw Kittens, performing at 10:30 p.m. Wednesday at The Nick, 2514 10th Ave., S., Birmingham, 922-7550.

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Pearl Jam selling out concerts throughout United States, Europe; 'Ten' almost platinum

Soon to play Lollapalooza II tour, Pearl Jam bring live show to University of Georgia

Few bands ever reach the pinnacle of success Pearl Jam have, and even fewer do so as quickly as Pearl Jam.

Since releasing in September 1991 their debut album "Ten," for which material was written and recorded in only three days, Pearl Jam have become the nation's if not indeed the world's — top alternative metal band, drawing sell-out crowds throughout the United States and Europe.

Not only is their tour going strong, but Pearl Jam's sales of "Ten" are also reaching amazing levels for a debut. "Ten" is just short of platinum status, having already sold 950,000 plus copies.

But with the sudden success and popularity of Pearl Jam, one has to wonder if the band is just a lot of hype, as some seem to believe.

Fellow Seattle-stars Nirvana are.

Having been personally asked by U2 to join the band's tour, Pearl Jam bring live show to University of Georgia.

Mike McCready, guitarist Stone Gossard, lead guitarist Mike McCready and lyricist/vocalist Eddie Vedder are all about.

Last week's Pearl Jam concert in Athens, Georgia was no exception.

Having travelled from Charlotte, N. C., where they canceled a concert due to Vedder's ailing throat, Pearl Jam hesitantly yet intensely performed before 4,000 University of Georgia students and Pearl Jam fans in Athens. (Pearl Jam canceled Friday's scheduled concert at The Masquerade in Atlanta because of Vedder's condition, as well.)

Vedder prefaced the concert with the warning that his voice might give out at any time during the show. With as much strength as always, Vedder jumped into step, beginning the set with "Oceans." At song's end, Vedder said, "This is going to be a little harder than I thought, so just bear with me. We almost canceled, but we are going to try this anyway."

Try as he did, Vedder was not up to his usual performance level, although the concert was in no way disappointing. Vedder's throat was obviously more than just a little sore, indicative as he toned down his shrieking screams to pleasful cries.

Sick or not, Vedder and Pearl Jam gave more than their piece of the rock 'n' roll pie. In fact, Pearl Jam rocked the crowd with favorites "Alive," "Even Flow," "Deep," "Why Go," "Jeremy" and "Porch," showing the tempo with "Black" and "Garden," and kicking in again at the encore with "Dirty Frank," a funky, unreleased track, and other cover tunes.

As is always the case with Pearl Jam audiences, the Athens' crowd got involved, rushing the stage, dancing and passing each other stop their hands. Vedder even ventured out into the crowd during "Porch," until things got out of control.

Granted, it is typical for people to get rowdy when thousands gather to hear radical music. And it is typical of Pearl Jam concerts for things to get intense. That is what Pearl Jam are all about — intense music and intense action.

But the security guards took their duties to the limit, head-locking and kicking out of the concert those who intentionally or not reached the stage. Unfortunately Vedder was caught in a scuffle between a security guard and fan, causing bandmates to throw down their instruments and rush to his defense.

Taking control of the situation as quickly as possible, Vedder grabbed the microphone, yelling, "Everyone back off. The guy only wants his hat back. Now just back off."

Intense.

Maybe Thursday's events at Athens were not ordinary Southern behavior, but then Pearl Jam are anything but ordinary.

Pearl Jam are on tour now, everywhere (check local listings), and can be seen on MTV "Unplugged" May 13; Lollapalooza II July 18 - August 30; "Singles" soundtrack to be released in July.
JSU in must-win situation against Lions

Alan Beckett
Sports Writer

The JSU Gamecocks lost two of three games with Delta State over the weekend. Delta won the first game 10-6 on Friday. On Saturday the two split a doubleheader with Delta winning 8-3 and JSU winning 8-1.

JSU Coach Rudy Abbott said, "We didn’t do what we needed to do to win. We needed to win two and we won one.”

Good news and bad news come with the series. The good news is the Gamecocks still have a shot to participate in the Gulf South Conference tournament. The bad news is that JSU is in a must-sweep situation in this weekend’s three-game series with league-leading North Alabama.

The Gamecocks are currently in fifth place in the conference standings. To be able to participate in the GSC tournament, JSU must finish at least fourth in the regular season standings. Right now the Gamecocks are behind Delta State.

“Our chances to get in are not good,” said Abbott. “We are going to play (this weekend) as hard as we can. We just haven’t had the type team we’ve had in the past.”

On Friday, JSU found itself in a scoring dual and, as Abbott put it, "We just got outscored.”

Delta jumped out first with two-run homers in the first and second inning by Brad Cohen and Benji Houston to make it 4-0.

In the third inning, an Eric Peterson double drove in three runs to make the score 4-3. Delta came back and scored three in the fourth to go up 6-3.

JSU tied the game up again in the sixth inning with three runs on four hits. Delta returned the favor in the bottom of the sixth with two runs on four hits. They followed this with a two-run homer in the seventh.

Stacey Roberts (6-3) gave up 13 hits, three home runs and struck out seven to take the loss. Brad Teague (6-5) went six innings to take the win for the Statesmen.

In the first game Saturday, Delta State used a four-run fourth inning to beat JSU 8-3.

Trajan Breitharth (2-3) took the loss for the Gamecocks. Breitharth entered the fourth without giving up a hit but the big Statesmen inning drove him out of the game.

Roberts followed and gave up four runs in the sixth inning. Delta scored on three hits and a walk in the sixth inning.

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JSU in happier days celebrating a homerun. The Gamecocks need a sweep of league-leading North Alabama this weekend in order to qualify for the Gulf South Conference tournament.

Bailey looks for third straight title

Lady Gamecocks win GSC crown, men look for matching title

Tim Hathcock
Sports Editor

After watching the JSU Lady Gamecocks take the Gulf South Conference tennis title last weekend, the men would like nothing better than to match the feat.

The men's version of the GSC tournament is today and Friday in Valdosta, Ga. JSU has won the GSC the last two years in a row.

This was the fourth year out of the last five the Lady Gamecocks have captured the crown. They did it on the strength of victories over Valdosta State on Thursday and North Alabama on Friday.

Against the Lady Blazers JSU received a shock when GSC Senior of the Year Marnie Andruslonis lost to Masa Oreskovic, the GSC Freshman of the Year.

That put the match at 3-2 in JSU’s favor. But Tina Shamblin won her match at No. 6 singles and Andruslonis and Maria Zavala defeated Oreskovic and Dina Dobrosky to clinch the win for JSU.

The 4-2 victory put JSU in the title match against North Alabama. Valdosta State had earlier defeated Delta State 5-0 to get to the semifinal round against JSU.

North Alabama beat Mississippi College 5-0 and West Georgia 5-4 to gain entrance into the finals.

Andruslonis, Zavala, Lara Ashley Root and Caroline Dunn all won their matches to put JSU ahead of the Lady Lions 4-0 in the championship.

After Terri Sisk lost her match in three sets to Nina Reinert, Root and Dunn won at No. 2 doubles to ice the victory. Reinert was an All-GSC selection.

JSU placed three players on the All-GSC team — Andruslonis, Zavala and Root.

Head Coach Steve Bailey had changed his lineup right before the tournament, but the moves proved to be successful.

“Now, he must make the right moves for the men as they travel to Valdosta in search of a GSC title of their own.”

JSU inks recruits

From staff reports

JSU has begun the search for replacements for the eight seniors lost from last year’s basketball team that won the Gulf South Conference and made it all the way to the NCAA Elite Eight tournament.

Head Coach Bill Jones signed Gerald Jones, a 6-foot-3-inch guard out of St. Petersburg (Fla.) Junior College, and Carl Harris, a 6-foot-7-inch forward from Lawson State Junior College. JSU is awaiting word on several other prospects but have not as yet received it.

This coming year, Lady Gamecocks Coach Mabrey will have the services of at least five more players. New signees include Jana Simmons and Jennifer Tinker, both from Snead State Junior College. Simmons is a 5-foot-8-inch forward and Tinker is a 6-foot center.

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The Lady Gamecocks signed two other big players in 5-foot-11-inch LaShell Humphrey and 6-foot-2-inch Brigette Datcher.

Humphrey is from Hazel Green, and Datcher is a transfer from Wallace Junior College in Hanceville.
**Golf team peaks going into GSC tournament**

By Joy Ennis
Photo Director

Valdosta State was the host for the Southeastern Intercollegiate Golf Tournament, a three-day event in which JSU finished second in a field of 15 teams.

Columbus College, which is ranked No. 1 in the Southeastern District, defeated the field with an incredible 12-under-par total for 54 holes. JSU was its closest competition, finishing with a one-over-par total.

“We played our best golf to date,” said Coach James Hobbs. “If you would have told me a couple of months ago that this team would shoot a one-over-par in the conference, finishing with a one-over-par team total, I’d have thought you were nuts. I also had thought that score would be good enough to win, but Columbus was unbeatable in this particular tournament.”

Inconsistency has plagued the Gamecocks this season. Certain individuals have highlighted a decent regular season, but the team could not play well at all the same time. Those circumstances have changed in the last two weeks.

“I told the guys from the start that we needed a strong team, not just a few individuals,” said Hobbs. “We went through growing pains in the fall, but the team is working on all cylinders now.”

Jeff Jordan once again led the Gamecocks with the three-round total of 214, two strokes under par. Mike Butler finished at even par 216, while Randy Burns was just two behind with a 218. Jack Napier and Mike Swiger completed the team totals with 223 and 225, respectively.

The performance places JSU as second seed in the district and in an excellent position for the upcoming GSC Championship. The tournament will be played at the Bent Brook Country Club in Birmingham next Tuesday and Wednesday. JSU has broken even conference foe at least once this season.

A win in the GSC Championship will assured the team a bid to the National Championships to be played May 19 in Spartanburg, S.C.

Valdosta State and North Alabama will be the teams to beat in the conference, according to Hobbs. “We’ve moved ourselves into a strong position for the nationals, but we have to sustain the momentum we’ve built right into Bent Brook,” he said.

The near future looks bright for the Gamecocks and the long term looks even better — the team will not be losing any players to graduation this year.

**Another successful year for JSU athletic program**

The semester is ending for most of JSU’s students, but athletes have some work left to do yet.

The Gamecock baseball team is busy trying to qualify for the upcoming Gulf South Conference tournament. JSU is to defend its consecutive baseball titles it must sweep North Alabama this weekend and hope for some help.

This on the heels of two losses to Delta State last weekend. If JSU is eliminated from the playoffs, its season will end Monday with a home game against Georgia State.

Both the men’s tennis team and the golf team are preparing for Gulf South Conference tournaments.

The golf team must win the tournament in order to qualify for the national tournament. Head Coach James Hobbs has his team peaking at the right time. JSU has finished no lower than third in its last four tournaments.

The same could be said for Steve Bailey’s tennis teams. The Lady Gamecocks won their GSC tournament last weekend here at University Courts.

The men’s team will try to match that feat this weekend in Valdosta, Ga.

All those teams face the prospect of competing right in the middle of final exams, which adds to the pressure.

“The JSU baseball teams are busy as well. It may be off-season, but recruiting time is the busiest time of the year. Any coach can tell you no matter how good a coach you are you must have good players in order to win.”

Bill Jones, Tony Mabrey and their staffs have been hard at it lately and are beginning to see the results.

Mabrey has signed five new recruits, including three six-footers. Jones has inked only two thus far but is expected to sign several more in the near future.

Those new men’s players along with last year’s redshirts have big shoes to fill, as the Gamecocks lost eight players of a team that lost only two games all year and made it to the quarterfinals of the NCAA tournament.

The football team has been trying to find itself in spring training. Look for another strong season next fall, particularly if Corky Gordon and Chuck Robinson can adequately replace quarterback Nicky Edmondson.

All JSU teams are preparing for the move to Division I — Division IAA in football — and will be challenged in the next few years.

**Scoreboard**

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14. Shippensburg
15. Sonoma State
16. Livingston
17. SU-Everett
18. Valdosta State
19. New Haven
20. South Dakota State
21. California Davis
22. Indiana, Pa.
23. Columbus
24. Monmouth State
25. Quinnipiac

**Baseball**

**From page 14**

Burt Mabra put JSU on the board in the ninth inning with a three-run home run.

In the second game, JSU jumped on Delta early and put the game away. The Gamecocks scored runs in the first, second, fourth, fifth and sixth innings.

Eric Peterson singled in the first inning to put JSU up 1-0. An Eric Ford sacrifice fly and a Delta error gave up two more runs. A Mark Adams double sparked a JSU three-run fourth inning.

JSU’s Joe Szyalkowski pitched seven innings and gave up one run to get the win. Greg Goff (5-5) took the loss for the Statesmen.

“When you lose as many players as we did, the new ones must step in and perform,” Abbott said. “That hasn’t happened.”

Abbott continued, “It hasn’t been one thing you can put your finger on. Baseball is hard to explain. Sometimes you can explain a woman better than you can baseball.”

JSU is 25-16 overall and 6-8 in the GSC. Delta goes to 22-22 overall and 6-5 in the GSC.
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