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Gamecocks give it final shot

JSU makes third trip in four years to championship game

Tim Hathcock
Sports Editor

Thanks to Danny Lee and a big play by a defense that had been

beaten upon all day by a versatile New Haven offense, JSU will travel to Florence for the national championship game in the final year of play in Division II for the Gamecocks.

Lee gamered 335 yards of total offense on the day and scored four times to lead the JSU effort. The senior — who set a national record for kickoff return average this season — hauled in a punt at his own 18-yard line in the second quarter and scooted down the left sidelines all the way to start a scoring avalanche that continued almost to the final hom.

"When I cut back, I had nothing to do but run," said Lee. After fullback Sean Richardson bulled his way in from a yard out, Lee struck again.

Eric King recovered a fumble by Charger quarterback Ken Suhl at the JSU 8-yard line. Terence Bowens ran for two yards then Chuck Robinson lofted a pass for Lee who caught it, turn and ran virtually untouched for 90 yards. Slade Stinnett added extra points to the touchdowns and JSU held a 21-0 lead midway through the second quarter.

To New Haven's credit, it refused to fold. Suhl completed a 13-yard pass to Max Joyner-Brown for a score then Roger Graham, the nation's leading rusher, bolted in from the 11-yard line 15 seconds before the half.

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JSU's Marty Bridges sacks New Haven's Ken Suhl on fourth-and-goal in the Gamecocks' 46-35 win over the Chargers in Saturday's semi-final game of the Division II playoffs. JSU will play Pittsburg State Saturday.

Experts warn students: beware of scholarship scams

Melanie Jones
Managing Editor

For \$50, a you can have a company send a list of scholarships you are eligible for, but with a few hours in the JSU library, you can get the same information for free.

Experts say these scholarship matching services are not only unnecessary, many of them aren't even successful.

"We have never had anyone to say he's gotten one dollar

from these services," Financial Aid Director Larry Smith said.

The scholarship matching services ask you for information that may make you eligible for specific types of scholarships, such as those based on race or intended major. They then charge the you \$50 to \$200 for a list of possibilities based on that information. It is important to remember that the services do not help you to apply for those scholarships — they just send the list.

Many students have filed com-

plaints to the Better Business Bureau about the scholarship matching services. Some never received a list, some never got aid and some received lists after the deadlines for application for scholarships on the list had already passed.

Although most of these services offer money back guarantees if you apply to several sources and do not receive assistance, the Better Business Bureau said some of the companies close down or change phone numbers and addresses before the you can ask for

a refund.

"A lot of (these companies) will hit an area and then move on," Smith said. One student told him she gave a company her credit card number and lost \$200. She didn't receive any scholarships and discovered the company's phone had been disconnected when she tried to get information for a refund.

Not all of the companies get their money through service fees alone. Some charge for 900 numbers and keep you on the line for information.

For many students seeking financial assistance, these searches may seem like a good idea, but experts advise them to save their money and do the research themselves.

"When people call (the financial aid office), we advise them not to send any money to anyone for any type of scholarship search," Smith said.

He said you should first contact the financial aid office of the

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

• The African American Association meets at 4 pm every Tuesday in TMB. African-American students are encouraged to join by paying a \$2 membership fee.

• Save lives! Join JSU's chapter of Amnesty International. Amnesty is a world-wide human rights organization dedicated to freeing innocent people, freeing political prisoners and ending torture worldwide. You can save lives and end torture by joining for just one hour a month. For further information contact Chris at 782-6543.

• The International Affairs Club was formed for those with an interest in international issues and those who wish to study or pursue careers in international fields. Please contact Lisa at 782-6574 for information.

• The Anniston Civic Dance Theater will present "The Nutcracker" at 8 pm Dec. 18 at Stone Center theater. Tickets are \$8 for adults and students and \$6 for children. For reservations call Marcia Mundy at 236-8900 or 238-0503. Tickets can be mailed by request. Students performing in the ballet are Erin Atkerson, Ginger Cusimano, Shane Duncan, Todd Edwards, Greg Hucks, Jennifer Jacobs, Barry Newell, Allen Reynolds, Ashley Richards, Todd Shumpert and Robert Vance.

CRIME RELATED ACTIVITY

• 12-01-92 Susan Miller reported she was receiving harassing communications at her Sparkman Hall residence. Huntsville was arrested at the UPD and was charged with disorderly conduct.

• 12-01-92 Laura Griffith reported theft of property from Sparkman Hall parking lot. Natashi Fuqua reported she was harassed at Fitzpatrick Hall.

• 12-03-92 Leslie Roberts Jr., 22, of Talladega was arrested on Fomey Avenue and charged with resisting arrest, driving without headlights, driving with a suspended driver's license and driving with an expired tag. A disturbance was reported at Fitzpatrick Hall.

• 12-03-92 Disorderly conduct and assault were reported in the UPD lobby. Angela Dixon reported theft of property at Pannell Hall.

• 12-03-92 Natashi Fuqua, 20, of William Bowen reported theft of property in Ayers Hall.

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--Ronald Reagan

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Election forces West Georgia College to clarify excuse policy

College Press Service

A West Georgia College student says he was denied his voting rights because of an unclear policy about missing classes in order to vote, the West Georgian reported.

The problem surfaced when a student was not allowed an excused absence to make the three-hour drive to his home in Marietta, Ga., to vote in the Nov. 3 general election.

The professor involved tried to charge the student with an unexcused absence. An unexcused absence could lower the student's grade if he accumu-

lates more than five.

"Students have 11 other hours to vote. If they can't make my class, then, well, too bad," the unnamed professor told the West Georgian after the student reported his dilemma.

The West Georgian printed an editorial blasting the administration for not protecting student rights. "Never again must a student be forced to choose between a grade and the free exercise of his or her franchise," it read.

Confusion over campus policy forced college President Maurice Townsend to seek clarification from the University System Chancellor's office in Atlanta.

The Board of Regent's policy states that a student who cannot vote because of class scheduling is allowed an excused absence for a reasonable amount of time. Townsend said the student should have been allowed to go home to vote.

"If a student decides to go home on election day and vote, it is his privilege. We'll protect him," Townsend said.

The policy states that students have the right to file formal complaints against professors who deny them an excused absence on Election Day. The student said he has no plans to file a complaint.



The African American Association honored retiring English professor Dr. Lloyd Mulraine with a reception Monday afternoon at the Alumni House.

GREEK SPOTLIGHT

Residents living in the Sigma Phi Epsilon house were awakened early Friday morning to find there was a fire in an unoccupied bedroom. The fire department arrived around 4 am and were able to contain the fire.

Officials have ruled out arson as a cause of the fire. The fire apparently started at a gas heater in the room. There was major damage done to the bedroom but little damage to the rest of the house.

Three people were in the house at the time of the fire but no one was injured. "I feel pretty lucky that damage was only to one room and there were no major injuries," Matt Hart, Sig Ep president, said.

Plans are in progress to have the house repaired before the spring semester begins.

--Tracy Morris
Greek Correspondent

Scams

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college you are attending or plan to attend. Most colleges provide a list of all of the scholarships they have available along with eligibility requirements.

The next step would be a trip to the library where you can find publications listing scholarships from across the nation. Librarians can help you find the various titles and locations.

The final step includes a trip to the counseling centers where most colleges have information on various types of scholarships. Some even have online computer services which allow for a computerized scholarship search.

"There's no way we can provide you with a list of all the scholarships in the nation," Smith said, but by

following the steps he mentioned, he says you can get the materials free of charge.

"I'm not saying (the companies) are all bad. I'm sure there are some sources out there," he said.

"It would be great if it worked. We're in the business of getting money for our students. ...We don't want our students, or any student's parents, spending money needlessly."

The Better Business Bureau has compiled a list of companies that have caused problems in the past. Anyone who is interested in using a scholarship matching service can contact them for information.

For local scholarship information, you can contact the financial aid office at 782-5006.

University community pulls together during hard financial times with generosity and Christmas spirit

Staff Writer
College Press Service

Budget cutbacks in Louisiana brought Santa Claus out early this year as economics and music professors at Louisiana State University covered their staffs' pay cuts out of their own pockets.

Professors in the economics department raised \$1,200 to distribute among 21 staff members who took an across-the-board 2 percent pay cut.

The pay cuts were instituted to save the school \$1 million, said Loren Scott, who chairs the department.

"One of the secretaries has been with us for 23 years and stuck with us through bad times," he said. "Now it's our turn."

Donna Burton, a secretary in the economics department, said she came into work in mid-November and found an envelope on her desk.

"The letter said, 'Thank you for not having a bad attitude,' and in it was a check for 40 hours of work," she said.

Burton is a single mother who is raising an 8-year-old son and taking courses at LSU. "It was like a big Christmas present for him. I didn't want to tell him that there's

"I really have nothing to complain about now. I feel real lucky the professors took care of us."

*--Donna Burton
secretary*

no Santa Claus, that it's mama's salary," she said.

"Our faculty has always been generous with us."

Professors in the music department also chipped in money to help the staff make up losses in income, school officials said. They

will give \$50 each to 10 members of the support and custodial staff and try to have the money to them by Christmas.

Louisiana is cutting \$93 million from its budget this year, and the university system has to reduce spending by \$45 million.

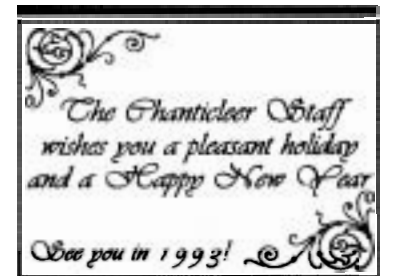
LSU's Baton Rouge campus has to trim \$9.3 million, so it raised tuition by \$200 per semester and froze hiring, travel and equipment purchases.

Tenured professors can't be forced to take a pay cut so they were asked to volunteer 2 percent, Scott said.

Burton's 2 percent pay cut repre-

sented a month's rent. "It's a lot of money for them to give up," Scott said.

Said Burton: "I really have nothing to complain about now. I feel real lucky the professors took care of us. We're real appreciative of that. But it is not out of character for our department."



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Gamecock Pride

One thing the state of Alabama can definitely pride itself on is college football. And there is a good chance that within a month, this state will have won two national championships.

Our own JSU is making its third trip in the last four years to the Division II playoffs. This will be the Gamecocks third trip to Florence this season. We've won the previous two. Because of the pending move to Division I-AA, Saturday's game will be the Gamecocks final shot at a national championship ring for a while.

Jan. 1, the Alabama Crimson Tide will take its 12-0 record to New Orleans to play in the Sugar Bowl against undefeated, top-ranked Miami. Alabama's last national title came in 1979. A victory over the Hurricanes would assure them of another.

A lot goes into making a football team that is good enough to play for a national championship. A very essential part of the process, however, comes from off the field. In the stands.

Any athlete feels more motivated to give a little extra if the stands are full of people cheering him on. This season, with the exception of maybe a game or two, JSU did not necessarily have a problem filling the stands, but keeping the stands full.

After the first quarter of the Homecoming game, at least one-third of the student section cleared out. Paul Snow Stadium has become a good place to make social appearances.

But what is worse are the various alumni and fans who decided to boycott the remaining home games after they found out everyone would be prevented from bringing coolers and "drinks" into the stadium.

Whether in agreement with this policy or not, a true fan can overlook something so trivial. These "fans" showed where their priorities lie.

It is the other fans who should be congratulated: the ones who come out and cheer for the Gamecocks—or any team—just because they love it and enjoy it. Those people are the ones who have helped made it possible for two of the teams in our state to be playing for national titles.

Congratulations to the fans--the real fans--and congratulations to the Gamecocks.

Here comes Clinton Claus

The limousine pulled up to the front door and out stepped two Secret Servicemen.

"All clear," they said.

Governor Clinton emerged and, looking at the Little Rock Mall, said, "Let's shop."

Needless to say, the three men attracted a lot of attention as they began their quest to buy Christmas presents. But Clinton, who is accustomed to such crowds, went on about his business.

"Look at all these people shopping," he said. "The economy's already starting to move."

"But sir," guard #1 said, "you haven't done anything yet."

"Of course not, but I'll get the credit. The people have more confidence knowing I'll be in office in a few weeks. So therefore, they can spend money now, whether they have it or not."

"I see," #1 said as they went into a toy store.

"Sir," guard #2 said, "why are we in here? Isn't Chelsea a little old for you to buy her present in a toy

THOMPSON
EDITOR IN CHIEF

store?"

"Of course she is, but it's good PR for me to play around in a toy store with the common people. Didn't you see how the media jumped on the footage of me throwing the football?"

"You're right, governor," #2 said. "But I don't see any footballs."

Clinton thought for a moment, then said, "I've got it! We'll find a little boy and I'll shoot those plastic machine guns with him. Find one that looks good on camera."

"But sir," #2 said, "there aren't any cameras around, and besides, you don't know *how* to use a machine gun, do you?"

"Damn! That's a military thing, isn't it?"

"I'm afraid so. Let's move on."

After a quick lunch at McDonald's, the president-elect decided to buy Christmas cards.

"Be sure you get Bush one," #1

said to the governor.

"We already bought him a going away card," Clinton said.

"Oh."

Moving along the mall, the group passed a Frederick's of Hollywood. "Ooh, that's nice," Clinton said, staring at a display in the window.

"Sir," #2 said, "do you think Hillary would really like that?"

"Of course not," the president-elect said, "but we'll get Hillary something else."

The day wore on and before long, it was time to leave. On their way out, the three men passed a castle and a jolly old man.

"You know that reminds me," Clinton said, "I wonder if he pays taxes?"

"Santa Claus?" #1 and #2 said.

"Sure. That's probably an untapped resource."

"You want to tax Santa Claus?"

"Fair share, you know. Everyone must pay their fair share."

The limousine picked up the hearty shoppers at the door, their day complete.

Advice for the eating season

Eating season has begun. It starts on Thanksgiving Day and runs all the way through New Year's.

A lot of people dread the coming of the Eating Season and all those dinner parties because they know they are going to gain weight.

I don't have that problem. I could eat a pickup-truck load of food and still not gain weight.

The politically correct way to describe me is "lard-deficient."

The politically incorrect way to describe me is "The man's a walking two iron."

I'm not certain why I never gain weight no matter what I eat. Somebody suggested that I had a high metabolism.

I went to my doctor, but he couldn't find one.

Somebody else suggested I might have a tapeworm, but the X-rays were negative.

That long thing going from my neck to my stomach was an undigested vermicelli noodle left over from the spaghetti dinner I had the night before—which also included buttered French bread and a pint of ice cream covered in chocolate sauce with whipped

LEWIS
GRIZZARD

cream on top.

You're probably saying, "I could simply be in the same room with a pint of ice cream and gain four pounds. This pipe cleaner is trying to rub it in."

Not true.

Not only am I not trying to rub in the fact that I can soar through Eating Season with no weight gain, I also have some advice for those who emerge each year from Eating Season having put on the weight of the left side of a Little League infield.

Because I've never had that problem, I hereby offer these tips on how not to come out of the holidays with the fear that if somebody tied you to a stake in the ground with a rope, you could easily be mistaken for the Sea World blimp:

—Eat Standing Up at Holiday Parties: You've got your drink in one hand, which leaves only the other hand free to hold food, which means it's going to be difficult to pick up an entire smoked turkey.

Sit down with a plate and both hands free, and the Sea World blimp couldn't get airborne with you in it.

—Chew Thoroughly and Swallow Before Putting Anymore Food in Your Mouth: This will cut down on the amount of time you have to eat. I realize a piece of coconut cake goes great mixed in your mouth with four melon balls and a leg of lamb, but you've got to work with me here.

—Remember There Will Be Other Opportunities to Eat: Pigs don't know that. That's why pigs gorge. But you should know that, so get your head out of the sweet potato soufflé.

—Don't Ask For Leftovers to Take Home for Your Dog at Seasonal Gatherings: You don't even have a dog.

—Don't Say to Yourself, I'll go on a Diet in January: Don't kid yourself. I looked up "before" in the dictionary and your picture was next to it.

—Don't Eat Anything Bigger Than Your Head: Sound Advice, so put down that cheese ball.

Good luck

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Stricter policies may drive students away

Dear Editor,

In response to the attendance policy issue, I have this to say. As a student, I will get out of college just what I put into it. Attendance policies may make me go to the classroom, but they won't make me participate in class or pay attention or even do my outside assignments.

So I would like to tell the administration my thoughts. You must remember some students are not here by choice, but simply because their parents made them come.

I am here by choice. But I also know what it is to need a day off, to stop and re-group and gather my thoughts or to simply rest up from earlier strenuous efforts towards some project or something. And because I am 1) here by choice, and 2) able to stop at

any time I wish without fear of recriminations of any sort (only the knowledge that I won't receive my diploma), then it's conceivable that you would lose me as a student, and thus lose whatever funds (not to mention word of mouth recruitment efforts I may make in your behalf) I might bring to you.

So think twice before you impose any sanctions which might conceivably lose you some otherwise good students. After all, these policies won't affect the deadbeats and those here for a good time.

Instead, they might drive away the very ones you'd much prefer to keep — those who will be the outstanding examples of what a good university can produce.

Edna Bogue
Senior

Make America a better place

Dear Editor,

I was prompted to write this letter after reading the letter to the editor by Mr. Echols in *The Chanticleer*. I do not wish to criticize what he wrote, in fact, I was impressed with his display of knowledge.

He was attempting to decide what name his people should be

called. He decided that "American" was inappropriate because whites enslaved and suppressed blacks.

Does Mr. Echols realize that before and during the Civil War there were 20,000 free blacks, some of which owned black slaves? Does he also realize that blacks (who were) sold into slavery were sold

by black Africans?

Perhaps he should stop trying to blame whites for something we personally can do nothing about and try to make our country an even better place.

Be proud to be American.

Thomas L. Honeycutt
Junior

Whistlin' 'Dixie'

Editor's note: These excerpts will be the last letters printed on this subject. The Chanticleer thanks all those who took the time to write and send in their opinion and regrets any problems caused by challenging student thought.

I am appalled that JSU has allowed this assault on its character to go on for so long. This assault has been at the hands of the band playing "Dixie."

My heart feels sorrowful when I hear a fellow student of this school say, "Dixie means nothing to me, other than it's just a song." The elementary school, the high school and this University have failed to educate that student. Dixie symbolizes more than 200 years of slavery, racism and inhumane treatment of a whole race of people.

Irene Nickles
Senior

I am a JSU graduate and am very proud of my alma mater. I love JSU football and hearing the Southerners play.

I am sickened to hear of the controversy over the band's playing "Dixie." I can't tell you how my heart bursts with Southern pride every time I hear that song.

It makes me want to buy the biggest Confederate flag I can find and wave it proudly.

I do not hate any race or group of people, I'm simply proud to be from the South.

Lisa Smith
JSU Graduate
Birmingham

My name is Carzell Moore and I am an African American male on Georgia's death row.

I was born and raised in Midway, Alabama, and I was very pleased to read in (Nov. 22's) issue of the Atlanta Journal/Constitution of (the question of) playing "Dixie" by the school's band. I am in full support of (it not

being played), and I commend you for taking a stand. It is about time that this particular faux pas ("Dixie") cease.

Sincerely,
Carzell Moore
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Jackson, Ga. 30233

I commend *The Chanticleer* for questioning the Southerner's playing of "Dixie" at football games.

As its editors aptly pointed out, raising the question seems appropriate at a time when JSU is moving to a higher level of intercollegiate football competition and will thus receive a greater amount of national exposure.

Could this prove to be an embarrassment to the University? Might the University be perceived as narrowly provincial, backward-looking, even racist? Others will make any such judgments, but it seems a fair question to raise at this time.

As a native and lifelong resident of the deep South, I personally love "Dixie" because it poignantly reminds me of my cultural roots.

Incidentally, I greatly admire the Marching Southerners and think it is the best college band in America. But if "Dixie" were dropped from its repertoire, that would be OK with me.

Sincerely,
Rufus Kinney
English Department

SPEAK UP

What are you doing for Christmas and what do you want?

"My best present? An engagement ring. It's gonna be a surprise, but I know I'm getting it!"



"I just go home and go to sleep. That's it. I'm glad there's no classes. I just go home and skip all day. That's my major. And there's something I'd like to get for my girlfriend. Something very special."

Michael Shole
junior

"I'm going home for Christmas just to be with my family. And my best present would be for my boyfriend to get his drivers' license and get a car."

Robin Cooley
freshman



"I'm gonna be working for Christmas. My best present? An engagement ring. It's gonna be a surprise, but I know I'm getting it!"

Evie Ingram
freshman

"I'm going to Germany. My Dad's over there. And the government pays for it so it's free! I used to live there. I don't know what I want yet. Anything! If I can't get a new car, at least a new car stereo to go in my car."

Cathy Thurston
freshman



An appeal for information on stolen signs

Dear Editor:

The members of the Annie Fomey Daugeette Garden Club take pride in the park on the square. Each year we spend many hours of our time and our own money to get funds for flowers and for park maintenance. All the proceeds from our annual Holiday Bazaar are used for that project.

This year we purchased two lovely signs, costing \$189, for the entrances to the square to announce the upcoming bazaar. We bought new signs not only because they were more attractive, but also because they were easier for the ladies to manage. The signs were removed by someone during the week of November 8-14. We appeal to the ones who removed them to please return the signs so we can use them next year.

Mary Jane Smith
President, Annie Fomey Daugeette Garden Club

Home for the Holidays: A Survival Guide

In terms of holiday expectations, families can go from "Joy to the World" to "Grandma Got Run Over By A Reindeer" quickly as tensions new and old surface during a time of theoretical happiness and practical reality.

The holiday period from Thanksgiving to New Year's Day is fraught with unrealistic expectations to which college students are especially prone as they cope with finals, term papers and returning home as an independent being.

"We all get let down when we set expectations that this is the perfect Christmas," says Linda Welsh, a psychologist and director of the Agoraphobia and Anxiety Treatment Center in Bala Cynwyd, Pa., near Philadelphia.

While many college students face tensions real and imagined when returning home for the holidays, freshmen can bear the brunt of going to home sweet home and finding not only have they changed, but so has Mom, Dad and friends.

"Communication has been limited. But the same issues are still there, and they can forget that," Welsh says. "Things (at home) always seem like they're better than they are, and they tend to be idealized at school."

Tom Helma, who is coordinator of Michigan State University's employee assistance program and is also a counselor, says both parents and children have gone through profound changes since the students left home.

"The major thing for students is that they have changed. The change in one's life is never greater than from September to January," he says. "You leave a child and come back an alien in the world. It can be a painful time."

Holidays can be stressful times. The image of the fireplace, good food, family and friends can be just that: image. Counselors stress that just because it is a holiday season doesn't mean that problems that exist for 11 months out of the year are going to disappear for one month. They also say that family members can be more on edge as they try to put on a mask to hide whatever is really going on in the family. The same can be applied for friends.

"If there is any kind of dysfunction in the family at all it comes up because they are all together," says Teresa George, a therapist at the University of Dayton's student counseling center in Dayton, Ohio. "All of a sudden they have to be cheerful when they may not feel that way. Maybe they have to work on strategies to work on their feelings."

College students have their own set of tensions and priorities that must be dealt with, counselors say. Aside from unrealistic expectations, they may not have much money to buy presents and could have finals to study for and papers to write that are due after the holidays.

If students have school work that they brought home, they must be realistic enough to ask for time to do the work, and then do it.

"Students can feel anxious about exams, and resentful they can't spend time with family and friends," says George. "They want to do these things, and if they do, can feel guilty."

Counselors gave the following tips to make the holiday season more palatable:

- Stress communications before you go home. Since there is only a limited time at home, tell your family about your plans, including family visits, going out with friends and other activities.
- Set aside time to study if you have assignments or exams after the holidays. Again, you must tell family and friends that it has to be done.
- Try to set some time just for yourself.

"People need to step back and define what they're going to do for themselves," Helma says. "Make it an intentional holiday. Do things that are self-caring types of things. Make time to take a walk, get a massage, buy a gift for yourself. Get enough sleep. Anything that involves taking time for one's self is self-care."

- And finally, the best realistic expectation is to have no expectations.

Shopping at the mall can't beat a good recliner

With the holidays here again, I suppose it's time to turn away, for one week, from movies, music and other worldly entertainments and look back at treasured holiday memories.

So let me tell you about:

Friday, November 23— the day that will live in infamy. Okay, so it was two years ago...and it wasn't exactly as bad as Pearl Harbor, I'm sure. But then again, I wasn't around for Pearl Harbor.

My father and I were smack in the middle of our post-Thanksgiving hangovers (turkey is a depressant) when my mom hefted the morning paper into the living room and dropped it on the floor. Weighted with cheesy "Pre-Christmas Sale" ads, its landing shook the floor. My mom took the opportunity to inform us that:

"ALL THE CHRISTMAS SHOPPING WILL BE COMPLETED TODAY!"

With that, I was cruelly ousted from the comfort of The Big Blue La-Z-Boy in my living room and marched to the car. The day had begun.

We arrived at the mall just in time to park in the very last place. The two miles we had to walk to the mall were spent arguing over finances and who deserved what gift.

Inside Sale Central, there were people milling about everywhere. Not everyday browsers, mind you; these people were serious. There were charge cards being flashed. There were bills changing hands. There were children on leashes.

Content to "people-watch," I sat down on a bench near a sparkling fountain filled with very Christmasy soap suds. It was there that I saw the most amazing thing...

A woman and her husband were on the other end of the bench. Spread out in their

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FEATURES EDITOR

laps was a map of the mall, the kind provided for those shoppers who have difficulty finding stores like Sears. This woman was marking stores with a fluorescent highlighter; beside her, her husband was making a list of stores they had already conquered. It was the finest example of scientific shopping I had ever seen.

All that sitting made me hungry. My family was nowhere in sight, so I stood up and realized that upon doing so, I was in line for the fast food place approximately 25 stores down. After waiting in line an hour for a chicken sandwich, I took a seat and began my dining experience.

A screaming child, unbeknownst to me, had wriggled free of his Velcro ball-and-chain and wandered over to my table, where he promptly reached up and helped

himself to my fries.

That was all I could take. If my mouth hadn't been full of processed chicken parts, I would have screamed. Instead, I regained my composure when, across the way, I heard the sounds of: FOOTBALL!!!

The sporting goods store had set up a big screen TV. I muddled through the masses and found a place to stand and watch the game, and realized that there were hundreds of other men who had the same idea.

I can't tell you who was playing, but I remember the male bonding was intense.

One by one, wives came by to collect their husbands and sons, loading them down with boxes and packages. My own mom came, as well.

And when I got home, I planted myself in The Big Blue La-Z-Boy, where I vowed to spend my post-Thanksgiving stupor for many years to come.



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'Tis the season for movies

A rundown of some of the season's biggest

Jamie Cole
Features editor

With the kids out of school and the weather outside frightful, entertainers are hoping their box office returns will be delightful. Some of their wares have already been presented to holiday audiences; some are still to come. Here's a look at what can be expected over the Christmas season at theaters

"Dracula"

Francis Ford Coppola's visual masterpiece suffers from overlength and lack of plot. It's basically a big mess. It drew almost \$32 million in its first weekend, however, despite dismal reviews and bad word-of-mouth. "Dracula," like most horror films, has dropped off considerably after three weeks of release and probably won't last through the season. If you must see it, though, see it at the theater to catch Coppola's spellbinding imagery that will lose something on the small screen for video release

"Home Alone 2: Lost in New York"

John Hughes scripts the exact same hackneyed story line from the first "Home Alone" (now the third biggest film in box office history) for this sequel-cum-remake. Macauley Culkin is cute, but not quite \$4.5 million cute. He also gets 5 percent of the gross, and the movie made more than \$30 million in its opening weekend. You do the math

There's a bit of controversy surrounding "Home Alone 2." Parents are complaining that its blatant violence may be too strong for the audience at which the film is aimed: children. One of the scenes in the film's climax features young Kevin (Culkin) bouncing bricks off of co-star Daniel Stern's bloody head

Parents may have something to complain about

"A Few Good Men"

Rob Reiner directs this adaptation of the Broadway drama for the big screen, with the help of a jaw-dropping cast. Tom Cruise, Jack Nicholson, Demi Moore, Kevin Bacon and Kiefer Sutherland have all carried films on their own marquee names, and they should propel the film into the box office stratosphere.

The story centers on Cruise's character, a young lawyer facing huge odds in a military case

"A Few Good Men" represents the last best hope for a big-budget, big-name film to be a smashing critical and financial success. And keep this in mind: 80 percent of all Best Picture Oscar nominees from the past three years have been released during the holidays

"The Muppet Christmas Carol"

In this first Muppet movie since 1985's "The Muppets Take Manhattan" and the first Muppet feature since creator Jim Henson's death in May 1990, the Muppets

themselves star as the characters in the immortal Charles Dickens classic. Kermit the Frog stars as Bob Cratchit with Miss Piggy playing his wife Emily. Gonzo the Great narrates. Michael Caine, a human, no less, stars as Scrooge

28-year-old Brian Henson, Jim Henson's son, makes his directorial debut, and producer Frank Oz returns to Dickens' story for a second time (he directed the hilarious Bill Murray update to the classic tale, "Scrooged")

"The Distinguished Gentleman"

Eddie Murphy returns to the screen after his summer flop "Boomerang." The best thing about his last film was the soundtrack...hopefully we can expect a little more from "Gentleman."

"Aladdin"

Disney's follow-up to "Beauty and the Beast" is spectacular. Robin Williams as the voice of the genie brings the spark to this, Disney's funniest cartoon feature. The music is a little less fabulous than "Beauty and the Beast," though, with the song "A Whole New World" sticking out like a sore thumb

Also due for release is Martin Scorsese's adaptation of Edith Wharton's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel "The Age of Innocence." The cast is promising: Michelle Pfeiffer and Daniel Day-Lewis headline

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'Rumors' fly in drama department's latest production

Shannon Cooper
Features Writer

With no facts on which to base their stories and no sources of information from which to draw, four couples spend an evening developing and voicing assumptions about their friends and each other in Neil Simon's "Rumors."

The Drama Department presented the play December 3 through 7 in the Stone Center auditorium. With its cast of 10, "Rumors" carried its audience into the world of jumping to far-fetched conclusions and making unheard of assumptions.

Chris Gorman (Elizabeth Hayes) is a dizzy lawyer whose attempts to keep the fact that the host, Charlie, is bleeding from a gunshot in the ear fall short about four minutes after the first guests arrive. The play scurries along with couple after couple arriving, learning of Charlie's "suicide attempt," and making their own assumptions about Charlie's condition and his wife Myra's whereabouts.

In addition to their immediate concern for the host couple, Ernie and Cookie Cusak (Tracey Gamble and Myra Gaddis) prepared a meal for the evening's festivities. Glen and Cassie Cooper (Phil Pyle and Lynn Kotula) even mistook the Cusaks for domestic workers.

Simon's play illustrates not only

the gossip-oriented nature of people, but into their self-centered ideologies. His attempts to make this point fell short, however, because of the play's trite dialogues and predictable plot.

The JSU performance was not lacking, though. The show flowed naturally and left the audience laughing at the close of its first act as the cast fumbled across the stage in a state of confusion.

Towards the play's finale, the plot came together, making it easy to guess there would be unexpected reasons for both Charlie's injury and Myra's disappearance.

Officers Welch and Pudney (Douglas Millington and Kristi Hamilton) come into the chaos and are greeted with a wall of deception regarding Charlie's condition. After an elaborate story about Charlie, Myra and the cellar, Welch and Pudney decide to call it a night.


As the four couples made their way upstairs to check on Charlie one final time, they heard a knocking from the cellar, scene of Lenny Ganz's (Thomas Millington) elaborate story about how Charlie was shot and where Myra ended up. A voice comes up from the basement, Myra's voice.

So, the play was a bit predictable. But it did make its viewers think about assumptions, truth and the trivial sides of both.





Amanda Ennis




The JSU cast of the Neil Simon play 'Rumors' include (l to r) back row: Kristi Hamilton, Douglas Millington, Tracey Gamble, Thomas Millington, Kirstin Mitchell, Phil Pyle, Lynn Kotula; front: Elizabeth Hayes, Myra Gaddis and Todd Edwards.




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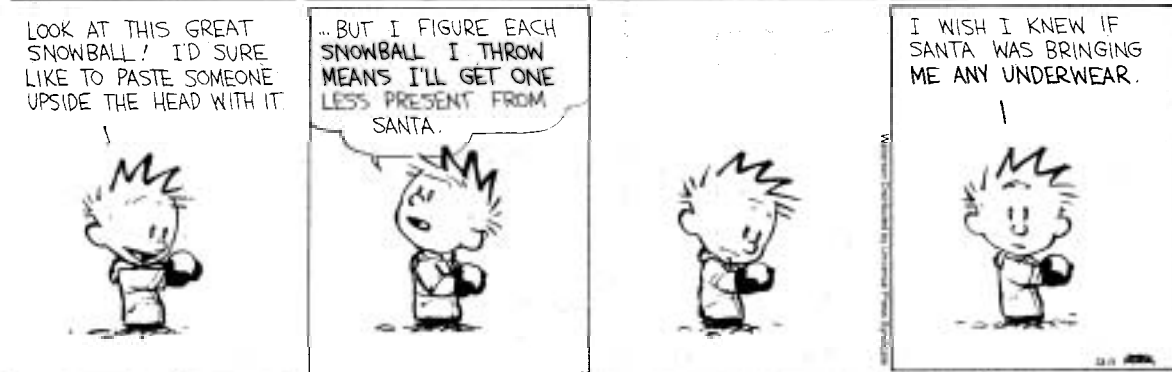
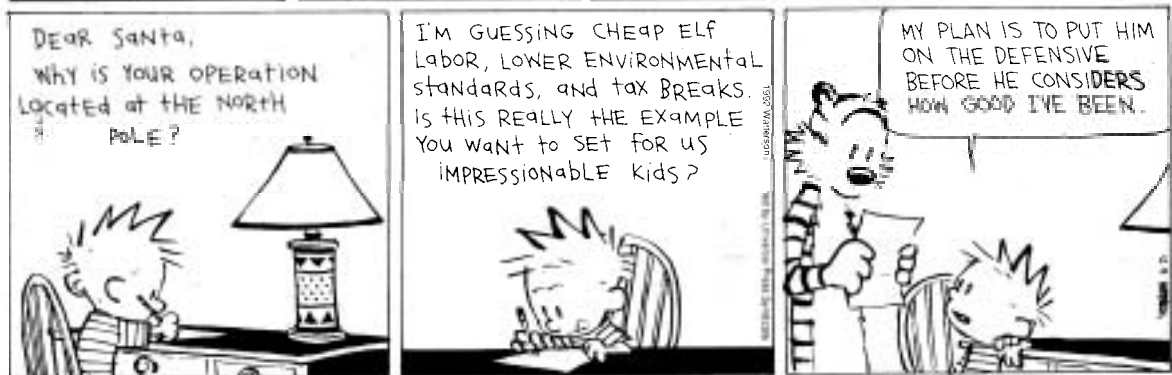
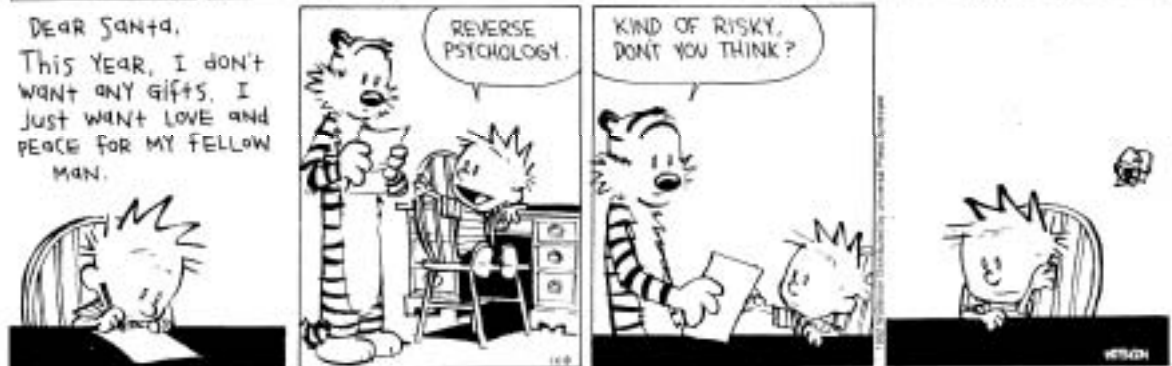
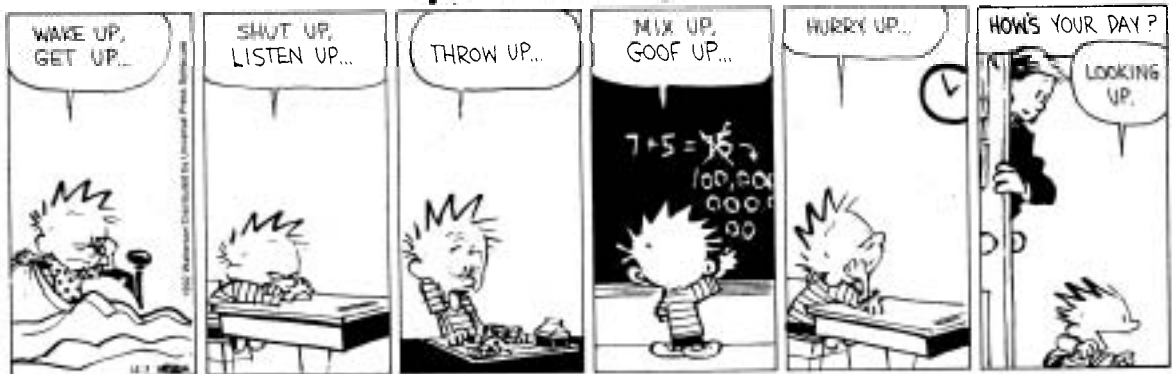
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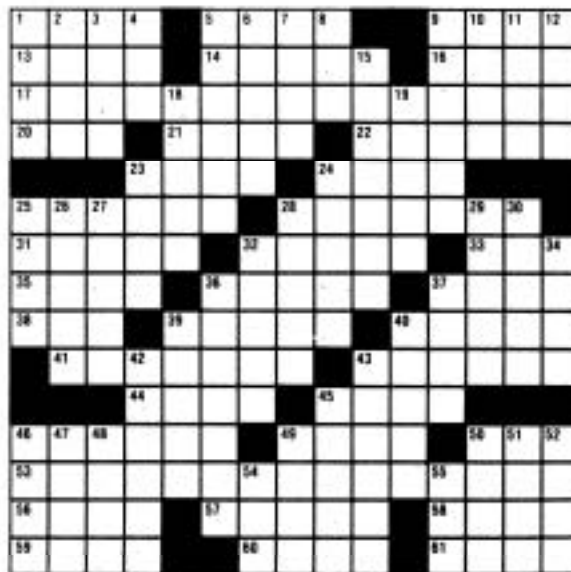
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- 1 Victim
- 5 Broadway hit
- 9 Miss Thompson
- 13 Classic villain
- 14 Has flu symptoms
- 16 Silent one
- 17 Bernstein opera
- 20 Affirmative
- 21 Feedbag tidbits
- 22 Caused a disturbance
- 23 Ashtabula's state
- 24 Gambling town
- 25 Public tiffs
- 28 Nominal
- 31 Puccini opus
- 32 Garments
- 33 Ballad
- 35 Chip in chips

36 Sophia's husband

- 37 Feels sick
- 38 Drone
- 39 Gr. god of mockery
- 40 Thread
- 41 Explains
- 43 Victim for a cause
- 44 In addition
- 45 Pond
- 46 Verdi opus
- 49 Weather word
- 50 Alias
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- 59 Ger. river
- 60 Headquarters
- 61 Daybreak

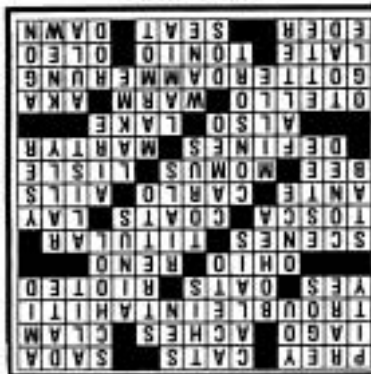
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- 5 Fr. port
- 6 Vinegar: pref.
- 7 "— is a recording"
- 8 Lawmaker: abbr
- 9 Academy
- 10 Landed
- 11 Appointment
- 12 In the center of
- 15 Part of a fugue
- 18 Black tea
- 19 Jap. aborigines
- 23 Fairy tale start
- 24 Irani coins

- 25 Attempt
- 26 Like a dunce cap
- 27 Ms Lauder
- 28 Convex molding
- 29 Tilting
- 30 Come from behind
- 32 Bit part
- 34 Belg. river
- 36 Mate
- 37 Yorkshire river

- 39 Cecil B. De —
- 40 Delibes opera
- 42 Stumble
- 43 Burrowing rodent
- 45 Female monster of myth
- 46 Give the eye
- 47 Amphibian
- 48 Cigar end
- 49 Ebb
- 50 Ger. assembly hall
- 51 Was acquainted with
- 52 Literary conflict
- 54 — Passos
- 55 Serling

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The End.



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THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON



Origin of the expression, "Putting on the dog."



"And when the big moment comes, here's the nursery Robert and I have fixed up."



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One more time... JSU gets final shot at title on Saturday

Tim Hathcock
Sports Editor

One more chance

That's all JSU wanted heading into this season was one more chance at a Division II national championship. It would be the Gamecocks final shot, coming as how JSU will be participating in Division I-AA after this year.

The Gamecocks got their opportunity and will also get a shot of revenge in playing Pittsburg State.

The Gorillas denied JSU its first ever national title last year by beating the Gamecocks 23-6 in the title game.

JSU head coach Bill Burgess has said all along that not many people unassociated with the JSU program thought the Gamecocks would be in this position, but here they are.

"These young men have tried to do everything we've asked them to do," Burgess said. "They've done every goal except the last one - win the national championship."

Pittsburg State entered the title game on the legs of Ronald Moore, who obliterated the record book last week with a 379 yard rushing effort in the 41-38 come-from-behind win over Portland State.

This marks the first time the same two teams have met in the finals, much less in consecutive years. Burgess knows all too well how good the Gorillas are.

"They haven't changed a bit," Burgess said. "Travel doesn't bother them at all. And they have won some big games on the road. We firmly believe they are the best team we'll face."

The Gorillas are undefeated and have been No. 1 all season long. They advanced through a tough road in the playoffs. Pittsburg State beat North Dakota 26-21 in the first

round, then came from behind to beat North Dakota State 38-37 in overtime in the second round. The Bison were the No. 2 team in the country in the final poll.

Last week, Pittsburg State fell behind early but outscored Portland State 15-0 in the final quarter to take the victory on the road in the snow.

Despite Pittsburg State's undefeated record, the No. 1 ranking and last year's game, Burgess has an optimistic view of his team. "We don't consider ourselves the underdog," Burgess said. "We don't get

"These young men have tried to do everything we've asked them to do. They've done every goal except the last one - win the national championship."

*--Bill Burgess
JSU head coach*

wrapped up in all that. That's really not a factor with our players. Sooner or later, we get to the kickoff. All the other stuff doesn't matter then."

Burgess also would like to see his players get rewarded with a title, not for himself, but for the team. "I don't believe I've ever been around a team that's improved as much as this team has," he said.

"These guys have put so much into this year. I would personally love to see them win it."

Kickoff is set for 1 pm at Florence's Braly Stadium. The game will again be televised on a tape-delay basis by ESPN. The game will be shown Monday at noon.



Randell Sherman stuffs New Haven's Roger Graham for a loss in Saturday's game.

Gamecocks

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The Chargers had twice as many first downs - 18 to 9 - and almost 100 yards more total yards than JSU in the first half.

JSU started the third quarter with a long scoring drive to give more breathing room at 28-14, but New Haven had found itself offensively and was not letting up. Tony Willis and Joyner-Brown both caught touchdown passes from Suhl to tie the score early in the fourth quarter.

Then came JSU's man of the hour to the rescue. Lee scored on a 13-yard run to put JSU ahead 34-28. Then, the unthinkable happened. Stinnett misfired on the extra

point, leaving the Gamecocks in a precarious position.

New Haven took advantage, taking its first lead of the game on a Graham 9-yard run two minutes later. The extra point put New Haven ahead at 35-34.

No problem, just give the ball to Lee, right? Right, but first, JSU had to convert a crucial third-and-10 play. Robinson was up to the task, hobbling on a sore leg for 13 yards and a first down. Two plays later Lee went 39 yards for the answering score.

A battered and bruised defense then took matters into its own hands, stopping Gra-

ham on fourth-and-one from the New Haven 35-yard line. The referees measured, and measured again, and measured one more time before finally deciding Graham had fallen short by the smallest of margins.

Suhl showed his class after the game by refusing to blame the officials for the call. He listed the measurement as being short by "one-sixteenth of a centimeter" which means Northern schools may be teaching a weird hybrid of measuring systems.

Nonetheless Suhl gave credit to JSU's defense. "They came up with the big play on fourth-and-one," he said. "That's what cham-

pionship teams are made of."

Richardson tacked on a 35-yard run on the next play for a score to give JSU breathing room. He very nearly got another score, carrying six consecutive times to run out the clock with the ball at the one-yard line of New Haven.

JSU head coach Bill Burgess was pleased with his team's effort. "If you play hard for every play, you're going to have a chance," said Burgess. "We have an outstanding group of young men who understand how this game is supposed to be played. It seems they carry me along for a ride."

Kingston continues to lead Gamecocks in roundball action

Tim Hathcock
Sports Editor

Anthony Kingston is proving himself to be a just what head coach Bill Jones and the Gamecock basketball team is needing this year — a leader.

The senior was named most valuable player of the Tom Roberson Classic, which the Gamecocks won with a 93-80 victory over Tampa Saturday night.

Kingston had 17 points and 10 rebounds in the win over Tampa.

JSU has now won the Tom Roberson Classic all 12 years of its existence.

Kingston came back Tuesday night with 20 points and 10 rebounds in a win over Athens State.

According to Jones, Kingston has done more than just be a leader on the court. "Anthony's role is what a senior's role should be and that's a contribution on the floor and away from the floor," said Jones. "We expect a lot from our seniors. I trust Anthony Kingston as a representa-

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JSU will finally get championship ring

Since the NCAA instituted a playoff system in 1973 for Division II, never have the same two teams played for the title, much less in consecutive years.

But that is exactly what will happen Saturday in Florence when JSU tangles with the Pittsburg State Gorillas of Kansas.

Each if the two schools have a storied background in playoff competition, but Pittsburg State did last year what JSU has yet to do -- win a national title. In 1961, Pittsburg State was named national champion by the Associated Press in what was then known as the College Division.

The Gorillas also won NAIA national championships in 1957 and 1961. They were a regular playoff participant in NAIA and have remained one every year since joining the NCAA's Division II in 1989.

JSU is making its 10th appear-

**TIM HATHCOCK
SPORTS EDITOR**

ance in the Division II playoffs, but has yet to capture the ring. The Gamecocks have had chances at the title game in 1977, 1989 and 1991.

Lehigh defeated JSU 33-0 in what Lehigh head coach John Whitehead called a "perfect" game. Jimmy Fuller's Gamecocks played to a scoreless tie in the first quarter, but were steamrolled in the final three periods.

After first round losses in 1978, 1980 and 1981, JSU advanced to the semifinals in 1982 before being knocked off 19-14 by Southwest Texas State.

When the NCAA expanded the field to 16 teams in 1988 JSU was there to take one of the spots and has been every year since under Bill Burgess. JSU is 14-9 in playoff

action, 11-4 under Burgess.

The Gamecocks lost to conference foe Mississippi College 3-0 on a snow-covered field in 1989. JSU had defeated the Choctaws 23-3 earlier that season in Clinton, Miss., but couldn't adjust to the adverse elements.

This will be JSU's last appearance in the Division II playoffs due to the impending move to Division I-AA. The Gamecocks will be in a two-year compliance period and will not be eligible for the I-AA playoffs until 1995.

Can the Gamecocks finally pull it off and beat a team that it lost 23-6 to in last year's title game?

I think so. Every time I have doubted the Gamecocks, they have proved me wrong and I'm not about to doubt them this time. JSU wins the national title, setting off a wild celebration in Jacksonville. To hell with finals when we win...

JSU 14, Pittsburg State 10.

Roundball

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tive of this university in any setting."

Kingston got a lot of help from his teammates, most of them new faces from last year's squad, in the three victories. Against Knoxville College, six different Gamecocks scored in double figures. JSU defeated Knoxville 106-78.

Along with Kingston were Jeff Terry, Gerald Jones, Greg Edmonds and Adam Floyd. Floyd led the team with 15 points. JSU shot 53 percent in the first half enroute to a 57-37 lead and coasted to the victory.

In the championship game, Fred Mosley -- the other Gamecock senior -- Chris Bush and Joby Powell scored in double figures along with Kingston and Jones. JSU is getting what Jones likes, contributions from a large percentage of the team, no matter from starters or subs.

"The bench, so to speak, doesn't mean a whole lot to this team," said Jones. "The bench is our strength."

After a long, hard practice

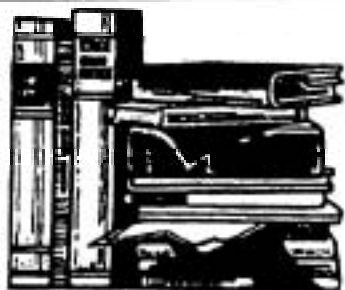
Monday, the Gamecocks came out a little flat against Athens State. But a 15-0 run to end the game gave JSU the wide margin of victory at 97-76.

"I can guarantee you this was not a 21-point victory for us," said Jones. "It never was comfortable from where I sit. They took the fight to us in the first half." The Gamecocks are now 5-1 on the season.

JSU has several days off before the nation's No. 1 NAIA team, Pfeiffer, comes to town. "We'll certainly have to be ready when Pfeiffer rolls into town," Jones said.

The Pfeiffer game is set for 7:30 pm Monday at Mathews Coliseum. It will be preceded by a women's game with Alabama-Huntsville at 5:15.

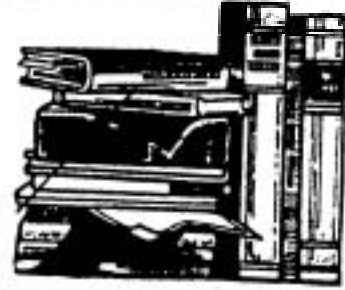
The Lady Gamecocks are now 2-1 after 74-59 win over South Carolina-Aiken Monday night. Tracy Linton led the effort with 21 points and 19 rebounds. JSU trailed 32-31 at the half, but came back big in the second half.



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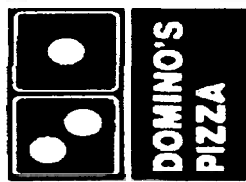
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| AP Top 25 | NCAA Division II Playoffs |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Miami | <u>Second Round</u> |
| 2. Alabama | <u>Northeast</u> |
| 3. Florida State | New Haven 35, |
| 4. Texas A&M | Ferris State 13 |
| 5. Notre Dame | <u>South</u> |
| 6. Syracuse | JSU 14, |
| 7. Michigan | North Alabama 12 |
| 8. Georgia | <u>Midwest</u> |
| 9. Washington | Pittsburg State 38, |
| 10. Colorado | North Dakota St. 37 OT |
| 11. Nebraska | <u>West</u> |
| 12. North Carolina State | Portland State 35, |
| 13. Stanford | Texas A&I 30 |
| 14. Florida | |
| 15. Ohio State | <u>Semifinals</u> |
| 16. Boston College | JSU 46, New Haven 35 |
| 17. Tennessee | Pittsburg State 41, |
| 18. Washington State | Portland State 38 |
| 19. North Carolina | |
| 20. Mississippi | <u>Finals</u> |
| 21. Penn State | JSU vs. Pittsburg State |
| 22. Arizona | 1 p.m. Braly Stadium |
| 23. Southern Cal | Florence |
| 24. Mississippi State | |
| 25. Brigham Young | |

• 1992 JSU Football •

| DATE | OPPONENT | W/L | SCORE |
|----------|----------------------------|------|--------|
| Sept. 5 | Alabama A&M | WIN | 7-6 |
| Sept. 19 | West Georgia • | WIN | 17-10 |
| Sept. 26 | Valdosta State • | WIN | 20-6 |
| Oct. 3 | Mississippi Coll. • | TIE | 14-14 |
| Oct. 10 | Delta State • | WIN | 38-10 |
| Oct. 17 | North Alabama • | WIN | 10-6 |
| Oct. 24 | Georgia Southern | LOSS | 0-10 |
| Oct. 31 | Alcorn State | WIN | 59-45 |
| Nov. 7 | Livingston • | WIN | 54-27 |
| Nov. 14 | Kentucky State | WIN | 63-21 |
| Nov. 21 | Savannah State * | WIN | 41-16 |
| Nov. 28 | North Alabama * | WIN | 14-12 |
| Dec. 5 | New Haven * | WIN | 46-35 |
| Dec. 12 | Pittsburg State * Florence | | 1 p.m. |

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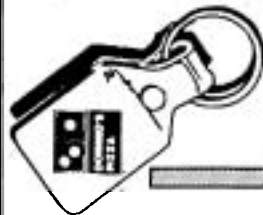
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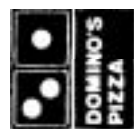
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