Criminal Justice enacts new attendance policy

Dyana Blythe
News Editor

Students taking courses in the College of Criminal Justice next semester will have the threat of an automatic F hanging over their heads in another attempt to improve class attendance.

Any student missing two consecutive class periods anytime within the semester will fail that class, except in the case of excused absences.

Tom Barker, dean of the College of Criminal Justice, implemented this new policy in his department to prevent students from signing up for a class and never attending, leaving students who need that class to graduate but could not get a seat out of luck.

Because there are so many criminal justice majors attending JSU, each semester’s registration period sees scores of students waiting hours in line to register, only to discover that the classes they need are closed. The only other chance to get a seat in the class is through the Drop-Add period, when many students drop a class they know they will not do well in.

However, according to professors in the department, many students do not drop the class, instead, they just do not show up. This prevents students who would do well in the class from obtaining a seat.

Barker hopes the new policy will deter students from registering for a class they do not plan to attend.

One anonymous student is indignant at the policy, stressing that because we are paying tuition, we should have the option of attending classes however we wish. "This school used to have an open attendance policy," she said. "Then it changed to 75 percent attendance. What will we have next -- mandatory perfect attendance?"

"But criminal justice majors seem appreciative of the new policy, especially students who have not obtained enough credit hours yet to pre-register early."

"I'm glad they started this policy," Karen Robinson, a freshman criminal justice major, said. "I stayed in line eight hours last week only to get up to the front and see that all the classes I need were closed. If people are going to sign up for a class and not go, that's wrong. I'd jump at the chance to take their place."

Some professors have speculated that the attendance policy will only be strictly adhered to during the first few weeks, until the Drop-Add time is over. As one professor said, "I don't take roll in my classes. Now I have to. This will hurt me as much as it's hurting you."

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Alumni survey gives students hope after graduation

Dyana Blythe
News Editor

The Assessment Office released results from an initial alumni survey distributed to JSU graduates of 1985 and 1989. It will use those results to establish objectives for change and establish baseline data against which future change can be gauged.

Of the 1,800 students who received the survey, only 619 -- 34 percent -- responded.

To determine the University’s success in preparing students to achieve the goal of preparing for a career, alumni were asked about their employment history. While 78 percent of the class of 1985 reported full-time employment, only 66 percent of the 1989 class held full-time employment. Respondents from the class of 1989 were twice as likely to be unemployed.

The most frequent initial beginning salary for the class of 1985 was $15-$18,000 and $18-$21,000 for the 1989 class. Average current income for those with full-time employment was $28,740 for the 1985 class and $24,032.5 for the 1989 class -- reflecting the seniority gains of the 1985 class.

For each class, about 80 percent of respondents agreed that their current position met their needs for status and prestige. However, 30 percent felt that they had little prospect for advancement. Nearly 70 percent of the 1985 graduates felt their current position paralleled their long-term goals, compared to 62 percent for the class of 1989. Thirty percent of the respondents in each class indicated their current position was not closely related to their major.

Various programs will make improvements based on this data and will propose changes. For example, the Career Development Office may institute seminars so future alumni will be less likely to identify “writing a resume” as a problem in obtaining a job. In addition, the Counseling Services may implement changes.
Graduates choose service over money

Karen Neustadt
College Press Service

Faced with a bleak job market, more college graduates are choosing to take low-paying — or no-paying — jobs in public service where they believe they can make a difference.

The trend marks the end of the self-serving 1980s, say experts, who note that President-elect Bill Clinton’s administration may spur even more interest in community-focused work.

In October, 300 Boston College seniors lined up at a career fair, not for a fast-tracking corporate position, but for public service jobs that students say bring them fewer headaches and less money, but greater personal satisfaction.

The Peace Corps reports a dramatic increase in younger recruits, and projects such as the Mississippi Teaching Corps report a record number of applicants.

At the Public Interest Center at Harvard University Law School this year, more than 230 of the 1,000 students spent last summer working in the public sector. Last year’s graduating class saw 55 graduates — a record number — opt for public service law.

“It is a dramatic, exciting trend, and something that is here to stay,” said Stacy DeBroff, director of the office of public interest advising at the Harvard University Law School.

“And it’s not just in law schools. We see it in business schools and medical schools. We’re seeing people doing entrepreneurial things, like setting up a home for battered women or working on an Indian reservation,” she said.

DeBroff, who entered public service law upon graduation from Harvard, said in spite of the fact that Harvard law students are “recession proof” and able to command high salaries, they are opting to do more public service work.

“Me, it was essential to work on issues that I cared for profoundly on a heartfelt level. It was not enough for me to bring home a big paycheck and to socialize in power circles,” she said. “There are many who feel like this.”

The interest among young attorneys to hang out a shingle in the public sector is confirmed by the burgeoning growth of the National Association of Public Interest Law (NAPIL).

In 1986, NAPIL was a fledgling group of lawyer-activists determined to make it possible for idealistic graduates, by providing needed dollars, to sharpen their skills in the public sector.

Now, as some young lawyers shun six-figures, NAPIL offers financial support to those who wish to specialize in low-paying areas such as domestic violence, Native American issues or children’s rights.

Six years ago, NAPIL chapters were on only 15 campuses; now there are 112. The number of students who participated in public interest law through the group has quadrupled to 600 this year.

“There is a definite trend to more people pursuing public service careers,” said Caroline Dutham, national student organizer for NAPIL.

More than ever, young attorneys are attracted to representing underrepresented groups, working in rural areas, and feeling a sense of community.

“We are taking applications in right now for a fellowship grant that will fund up to 10 attorneys to do

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City residents faced with new garbage policy, higher rates

Dyana Blythe
News Editor

Residents and students living in Jacksonville have probably already noticed a change in their garbage pickup.

Besides the rate increase beginning in December, garbage is now being picked up only once a week, with recyclables also being picked up once a week.

A few months ago Jacksonville put its garbage service out for bidding and a company called Waste Away made the lowest bid.

It is providing garbage pickup once a week now instead of twice a week, as was previously done.

“People produce the same amount of garbage regardless of how often we pick up,” Dan Limbaugh, district manager for Waste Away, said.

“We’ve noticed that most people only put their trash out once a week, anyway.”

Residents also have received recycling bins to recycle their glass, paper and plastic products. The bins hold 18 gallons and should be set out by the curb to be picked up on the recycling day.

Recyclable materials need not be sorted before they are put in the bin; they will be sorted on the trailer after they are picked up, said Limbaugh.

The recycling trailer will pick up at houses on the west side of Pelham on Thursdays and the east side of Pelham on Fridays. Garbage will be picked up Monday - Friday, depending on the part of town.

Information about garbage pickup is listed on a piece of paper distributed with the recycling bins, but people are still confused, according to Limbaugh. “It’s nearly impossible to get the message out to everyone,” he said. “Not everyone reads the information. It usually takes a couples of weeks for everyone to adjust.”

The changes began Monday and affect all residences in the city of Jacksonville. However, apartment dwellers will not have the opportunity to recycle unless they call City Hall. In addition, apartment owners had the choice to use open garbage dumpsters or individual garbage containers that would be emptied once a week. “The city chose not to bill any apartment dwellers,” Limbaugh said. “We had to contract directly with the owners, and, we left the decision up to them.”

Residents will see their total garbage bill double, from $4 a month to $8. Waste Away is increasing the bill to the city to $5.81 for each house in the city, with an addition $2 for tree limb pickup.

--Dan Limbaugh
district manager for Waste Away
SGA passes resolution to extend computer lab hours

Dyana Blythe
News Editor

The SGA passed a resolution Nov. 23 asking the University to extend the hours of the computer labs on campus.

The recommendation came from the Academic Improvement Committee which reported "the current limited academic computer lab hours make it difficult for students to access the computers, and students who take night classes are left with little or no time to use the computers." In addition, the committee's resolution notes that students wishing to use the computers on weekends are severely limited. The committee would like the computer hours to coincide more with the library hours.

The SGA recommended the following: extension of academic computer lab hours during fall and spring semesters.

In Bibb Graves Hall, Monday-Thursday 7:30 am-11 pm; Friday 7:30 am-4:30 pm; Saturday 9 am-5 pm; Sunday 1:30 pm-11 pm.

In Mentl Hall, Monday-Friday 7:30 am-11 pm; Sun. 1:30 pm-5 pm.

In Martin Hall, Monday-Thursday 7:30 am-4 pm; Friday 7:30 am-4:30 pm.

The resolution also recommended that the availability of lab assistants be increased to reflect these extensions.

Angie Morgan, a senator on the Academic Improvement Committee, said the committee may propose that students work as lab assistants for class credit, since the budget will not allow for increased payment for assistants if the hours increase.

The vote to recommend increasing the hours was unanimous, with many senators expressing displeasure at the current hours of the labs. As one senator commented, "It seems like every time I want to use the computer lab, there's a class in there."

"If I'm in Bibb Graves, I can't even use the lab a few doors down, because the printer is in the room with the class, and the teacher won't let me come in and get what I've printed out."

The resolution was sent to President Harold J. McGee, H. Bascom Woodward, vice president for Student Affairs, Bill Meehan, acting vice president for Academic Affairs and Sean Ponder, computer lab manager. They will decide what action to take on the resolution.

520-page report released on JSU accreditation self-study

Dyana Blythe
News Editor

A guest speaker presented the 520-page preliminary report on the findings of JSU's self-study committee at Monday's SGA meeting and pleaded for senators to read it.

Rachel Parker, editor and recording secretary of the steering committee for the self-study, said the report was prepared in preparation for re-accreditation in the spring. "If we are not accredited as an institution, your status as graduates from this institution is not as high," she said.

Twenty-two committees were formed to study a list of criteria developed by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the accrediting agency.

There were 175 copies distributed to places on campus. For example, the library has three copies, the SGA office has two copies, etc.

Any student wishing to see a copy of the report can find one at the office of Continuing Education.

Parker encouraged students to take the time to read the study and make comments. Suggestions will be considered and most likely implemented in the final copy of the report. "We need everyone's perspective of the University," she said. "Without the students' perspective, we're not telling the whole story."

Comments need to be in writing and turned in to the office of Continuing Education by Dec. 7.

SGA book exchange hopes to ease high cost of buying textbooks

Dyana Blythe
News Editor

Beginning today, students can participate in a book exchange sponsored by the SGA as an alternative to using a bookstore that may be out to make a profit at students' expense.

The student can pick up a form in front of the SGA office which asks for name, social security number, phone number, the books you have for sale and the books you need.

Once you have filled this form out and returned it to the SGA office, the information you gave will be entered into the computer.

A computer printout listing all names, phone numbers and books available will be posted on the bulletin board located outside the SGA office.

"This (book exchange) will be easier and more accessible."
--Toby Schwartz
SGA Vice President

The SGA will not have any involvement with the book exchange after that point. The student will be responsible for writing down the names and phone numbers of the students that have the books he needs.

The student with the available book may then decide how much he will sell the book for; if it sounds like a good deal to the person needing the book, he may buy it.

If the two students need books the other one has, they may choose to lower their prices and make an even exchange of books.

The first list of available buyers and sellers will be posted Dec. 3, although students may pick up their forms today and return them.

SGA Vice President Toby Schwartz is confident this program will work, in contrast to the failure of similar programs in past years. "This one is easier and more accessible," he said. "In years before, the SGA has always had an active involvement in it, but this year, we're leaving the responsibility up to the students."

However, Schwartz admits the participation may not be high during this semester's exchange. As more students find out about it, it will gain strength, so they will continue to do book exchanges in the Spring semester, also.

The exchange will continue through the last day of exams, Dec. 15.
Indian activist urges students to peacefully protest government activities at Amnesty dinner

Dyma Blythe
News Editor

The JSU chapter of Amnesty International welcomed Jim Denson, a native American Indian rights activist, Tuesday at a dinner held at Wesley Foundation.

Denson, an American Indian of Cherokee and Creek descent, encouraged the audience to "work for change, not through violence and aggression," but through educating themselves on their rights and the laws.

He focused on the repression American Indians have faced for the last 500 years, and specifically on the problems they face now. "Until 1969, American Indians in Alabama could still be removed just because they were Indians," he said. "We are aliens in our own homeland."

Denson relates the atitude most Americans take towards American Indians. "People say, 'Why doesn't the American Indian just become part of this society?' I answer them, 'It's contrary to everythng we stand for, our culture, our traditions, our religion.'"

He told the audience that Adolf Hitler wrote in Mein Kampf, his autobiography, that he got his ideas on how to treat the Jews from Andrew Jackson's treatment of the American Indians.

"This is not about land or money, it's about people. People who have destroyed us in the name of greed and self-righteousness," he said. "My people were one of the most advanced people alive until the Americans came and began their slaughter."

Today the government pays the Indians allotments, which Denson feels provides just enough to keep them at a disadvantage.

The government does not give Indian nations enough money for them to develop businesses or raise above the status of a third world country, according to research Denson has done.

Denson said he spent four years in prison for speaking against the U.S. government. "Am I not supposed to tell you to overthrow the government? I am telling you we need to change the government."

"The American Indians have not been defeated until the last Indian is dead. Until then, the war will continue."

--Jim Denson
American Indian rights activist

and start all over again," he said. He directed his anger at both the legislative and judicial shortcomings of the government.

"The laws must apply to everyone before they are effective," he said. "The laws are not just and won't be until all governments can agree on them."

"Justice is a panacea — it doesn't really exist. No one's going to give you justice, you must demand it. The judicial system is really just there for entertainment. Just turn on the TV every afternoon and do you see? 'The Judge? 'Divorce Court? Is it entertaining to watch people being put on the stand for a crime? I don't think so.'"

Denson then attacked the U.S. government's attitude toward foreign nations with a hearded example: "Don't come and knock on my door and come in my house and tell me not to whip my kid when you go home and beat your own kids. Until we get our own country straightened out, we can't go to other countries and tell them they're doing things the wrong way."

Denson strongly advocates peaceful activism. "We need to quit being angry at each other and start being angry at those in authority."

To conclude, he brought his discussion back to the plight of American Indians still living in this country. "The American Indians have not been defeated until the last Indian is dead. Until then, the
new and innovative projects in the public sector,” said Durham, whose office has reviewed dozens of applications for projects that include environmental and domestic issues.

“When a student has a loan debt of $45,000 a year when they get out of school, how can you expect them to take a $25,000 job?” Durham said.

“The altruistic attitude has always been there for students entering law school,” Durham said. “We create opportunities so that they can hang onto the idealism as they go through their education.” For those with more exotic ideas about public service, there’s the Peace Corps, which reports the number of volunteers between 21-25 years of age has skyrocketed by 50 percent since 1988.

“Many graduates are using the Peace Corps as a transition time in their careers,” DeBroff said. “They feel they can make a difference.” In 1992, nearly 3,000 young adults agreed to roll up their sleeves and help improve the quality of life in developing countries throughout the world.

“All of our volunteers are very dedicated, very independent, very challenged individuals,” said Maianne McHenry, public relations officer at the Washington-based offices of the Peace Corps.

“College grads are having difficulty finding jobs in the corporate world, and many are choosing the Peace Corps as an alternative because they can grow as individuals,” she said.

“When they come back from their tour, they are highly regarded in the business sector, and as we become more of a global community, they are highly sought out,” she said, pointing out that many senators, congressmen and high-profile CEOs are former Peace Corps volunteers.

Young volunteers are assigned two-year jobs in agriculture, environment and forestry, health, urban development, education, business or other sectors in countries in Africa, where 40 percent of all Peace Corps work takes place.

“These are students who are interested in finding out about their people,” McHenry said. Volunteers are paid a small amount plus a stipend at the end of their tour, although there are other benefits.

Graduates who qualify for the Peace Corps and received National Direct Student Loans on or after July 1, 1987, and have no other outstanding balance on education loans, may find their loans are reduced by 15 percent for each of the first and second complete years of service, and 20 percent for the third and fourth years.

More than 30 graduate schools offer the Fellows/USA program for returned Peace Corps volunteers who wish to earn master’s degrees, and several universities offer limited academic credit for serving a tour.

College graduates with little or no teaching experience are encouraged to apply to the program where candidates attend a 12-week alternative teacher certification program at the University of Mississippi at Oxford.
Traditions only last so long

The Times-Herald rules of no dessert with road game meals.

"OK, I had the pie, but I didn’t inhale."

"Mr. Grizzard are you certain you aren’t trying to cover up anything? Many former athletes are coming clean about how they were taken advantage of during their school days."

"Well, the coaching staff didn’t awaken me every morning to make certain I was in class on time, and they didn’t come home with me at night to make certain I did my homework, and they gave me all that free food, so I guess you could say they used me for my athletic prowess and nothing else."

"May we quote you on that?"

"As long as you don’t point out the mistake."

The phone rings.

"Mr. Lewis Grizzard?"

"Speaking."

"Mr. Grizzard, this is the Newnan Times-Herald in Newnan, Georgia."

What a pleasant surprise. My hometown newspaper’s calling."

"Mr. Grizzard, we have some questions for you."

"Is this about erecting a statue of me in the court square?"

"No, Mr. Grizzard. What we want to know is, did you or did you not play basketball and baseball on the varsity Newnan High teams from 1962 through 1964?"

"I did."

"Are you aware of the trend of ex-athletes turning in their schools for various violations?"

"You mean like college football players?"

"Precisely."

"Well, I’ve read a little here and there. Recently, two ex-athletes told the press they received illegal payments from coaches and alumni while they were at school."

"That is correct."

"What does that have to do with me?"

"The Times-Herald has reason to believe that while you were an athlete at Newnan High, you might have received illegal offerings from coaches and alumni."

"You’re not talking about the food they used to buy us on road trips are you?"

"So, you admit it."

"Well, I guess so. We played a basketball game one night against Headland High School in suburban Atlanta, and after the game the bus stopped at a restaurant and we all got a free dinner."

"And what did you have, Mr. Grizzard?"

"Well, it’s been 30 years, but I seem to recall something about ordering a steak, medium well."

"And how about strawberry pie for dessert?"

"I might have had that but I’m not sure."

"Don’t daily with us, Mr. Grizzard. Several former team mates have told us the starting team, of which you were a member, all had strawberry pie for dessert, which is a violation of the Georgia Scholastic Association’s rules of no dessert with road game meals."

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"How quaint. See you on the front page."

University should not be a parent

As students entering college, we take a big step in growing up. Whether or not we mature in the process is left up to us. That’s part of the mystical “college experience.”

Many students are here because they earned scholarships through hard work and dedication. Others hold down jobs to pay for their education. The rest receive money from home. And in many cases, there’s a mixture of all three.

Any way it’s looked at, we students pay in one way or another to attend this university. And recently, we seem to be paying more and more.

So where in this scenario is the legitimate logic in telling us as students if we don’t attend a certain number of class meetings we can’t pass that class?

Throw away the argument that it’s been proven an effective attendance policy translates into better grades among those who attend class. Between different departmental policies and different teacher policies within the departments, it’s hard to see any method of effectiveness.

And now comes news of another policy to be implemented by the Dean of the Department of Criminal Justice in the spring.

As it goes, if a student has two consecutive unexcused absences anytime during the semester, that student receives an automatic ‘F.’ Faculty members should take it on themselves to either ignore such a ridiculous policy or, as is done in most other departments, implement their own.

We are not at JSU to be nurtured or treated as if we’re in high school. If a student is serious about his education, that student is able to regulate himself.

Implement a uniform policy, or better yet, do away with them all. If administrators care so much for the student welfare, let’s do something about improving academics by reducing class sizes and offering more courses in order to make students want to attend class.

JSU should show students it cares as much about academics as it does about athletics. Then there would be no need to have a policy in order to get attendance and grades up.

The “college experience” is ours to succeed or fail at. Our money. Our choices. We students are paying enough to make up our own minds.
**Letters to the Editor**

**Be proud of your heritage**

Dear Editor,

The question is, “By what name should our people be called: Black, African American, Both, Neither and Why?”

In ancient Africa, the word “Black” exemplified pride, strength, power (energy) and life (not death). It wasn’t until the downfall of the African empires and the European invasions that Kemet (Egypt) was known as the “land of the Blacks” – as early as 4,000 B.C. the people of Kemet were proud of their skin color and looked at their blackness as a blessing and an honor.

“America” was named after Italian mapmaker Amerigo Vespucci who explored with Columbus who did not discover this land) and helped navigate the ships that carried our slaved ancestors to “America.” How can we accept a name that represents the suppression of our ancestors?

The term “African-American” further segments us from the rest of our brothers and sisters who live in foreign countries. “Black” is a universal term which indicates a sort of commonality of all people of African descent.

I personally feel that instead of exhausting energy and time trying to find a label for ourselves, we should invest our energy in fact, finding missions of our African ancestry.

Be proud to be Black!

Marcus Echols
junior

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**Thanks for ‘finally putting an end to the discrimination’**

Dear Editor,

In response to Mr. Goff and Mr. Ray’s letter in the Nov. 12 issue, I would like to say three things.

1) Not all students feel the same way as both of you. Some of us are glad Jose Martinez and the SGA cared enough to do something to stop the discrimination in the way the searches were conducted.
2) Alcohol was not the only thing seized by the JSU police. Students were having unopened cans of Coke seized, but parents and anyone else could bring in coolers full of beer or any other alcoholic beverage.
3) If you do not agree with anything Jose stands for, then you must know agree with the Bill of Rights. I think every student here at JSU should thank Jose and the SGA for their effort in getting the policy on searches changed.

Also, I want to thank Dr. McGee for finally putting an end to the discrimination.

So, Mr. Goff and Mr. Ray, please do not complain about those of us who do not like our rights taken away from us.

Steve Snider Freshman

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**Attempt to degrade football players failed**

Dear Editor,

The JSU football players areappalled at the article printed in last week’s Chanticleer.

“We do not support the initiation of violence in any way, shape or form.” But in the course of a situation, if we are met with violence, “far be it from us to turn the other cheek.”

There are over 10,000 people at every JSU home football game. It seems to me that the Alpha Phi Alpha Alpha parties have the lack of sufficient attention. As for your attempt to ban us from your parties, don’t worry. We will boycott and see how much you really don’t need our money.

Although attempting to degrade the black football players by referring to us as “boys” fell short of its mark. I did return one thing from the article and its author – a quote from Malcolm X, “There will always be a House Negro.”

Sean P. Richardson

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**‘Stand for what you believe in and believe in what you stand for’**

Dear Editor,

You, as do I, know that when one publicly speaks for or against something, he leaves himself open for criticism. It should be expected and accepted when it comes. Just because I disagree with someone and take a stand does not mean that I do not believe in their right to speak out. What it means is that I am exercising my right to speak out as well as they are.

I would also like to say that it does not matter what organization you are a member of or if you have ever attended an SGA meeting. You as an American citizen have the right to speak for or against something. That right has been given to us by the Constitution. Many men have fought and died protecting that right. I praise and hold them as heroes for that sacrifice.

When I spoke out and took a stand two weeks ago against something Jose Martinez was fighting for, I did not mean to take anything away from his service to our country. I do not know why, but some people felt I was attacking his character and his decorated veteran status.

I was not and I apologize to him at this time. My father is also a decorated veteran. So I fully understand Mr. Martinez’s accomplishments. He is an American hero because of his sacrifices for his country.

I do not, however, have to agree with some of his beliefs. That is why I love this country and want to serve it. That is why I spoke out. Stand for what you believe in and believe in what you stand for.

Sincerely,

Clay Goff
senior

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**Do you think an attendance policy is needed at JSU?**

“No I don’t. I don’t think we should have an attendance policy because we’re paying for it. Why should we have to go to class if we’re gonna pay for it. It’s our loss.”

— Natalie Wals
freshman

“I just think it should be the personal opinion of the professor, not really the department’s decision. (The professor’s) the one who really has to deal with the students not being there.”

— Dan Slaughter
junior

“I don’t feel like we need a standard attendance policy. It’s fine for English, only having three cuts, for the freshmen classes. I feel that’s fine. But as far as any other courses, once you get up to the sophomore level, you’re responsible enough to go to class.”

— Jennifer Whiteley
sophomore

“It seems to me, we pay our money to go here, so what’s the big deal? To me, it really doesn’t matter as long as they get their money and we make the grade. We’re the ones paying the cost, so we should be able to come or not.”

— Marcus Echols
junior

“I think if you’re a freshman, and it’s your first year in school, you should have an attendance policy, but if it’s your third or so year in school, and you’ve been here awhile, you shouldn’t be required to have a certain amount of attendance.”

— Anita Willis
junior

“I think there should be an attendance policy just because the student gets more knowledge out of their classes when they attend rather than when they just read a book. I think there should be an attendance policy to every one of the classes.”

— Ernesto Henriquez
junior
"My previous five films were works of fiction, so I could do whatever I wanted," says Spike Lee. "With 'Malcolm X,' I didn't have that liberty. This is a person who lived and breathed on this earth. That was the challenge for me, and it was an interesting challenge. 

How was I going to make this a personal film, put my stamp on it without betraying the legacy of Malcolm X?"

Lee, who was 7 when X was assassinated and didn’t read the "Autobiography of Malcolm X" until junior high school, took a script by Amiri Baraka and the late James Baldwin and fine-tuned it. Then, with Oscar-winner Denzel Washington as X, Lee headed to Harlem, South Africa, Egypt and Mecca to film his $34 million biography.

"We didn’t want to put Malcolm into sainthood. That was a great concern of ours. We wanted him to be human. Denzel didn’t want to do a caricature. He understood that would not be right," says Lee, 34. "At best, all Denzel could do was get the essence of the man. We did not want this to become a standard biopic. We did not want to soften or dilute Malcolm’s message. And we didn’t want this to be a two-hour television movie."

To accomplish his goals, Lee, who attended Morehouse College in Atlanta and earned a degree in film production from New York University, stuck to the facts.

Malcolm Little was born in Omaha, Neb., and soon headed to Boston, where he husked on the streets. Not long after moving to Harlem, N.Y., Detroit Red, as he called himself, wound up in jail, where he learned the teachings of Elijah Muhammad. As the leader of the Nation of Islam, Muhammad taught restraint from cursing and fornication, as well as philosophy that deemed blacks superior to "white devils."

Upon leaving prison, the newly dubbed Malcolm X studied Muhammad’s teachings and became a force to be reckoned with. His powerful words, spoken angrily, threatened whites and attracted blacks, especially one Sister Betty, who would become his wife. Soon, however, X learned of sins committed by Muhammad, and despondent, he left the Nation. A trip to Mecca revitalized his belief in Islam, and he returned from the Middle East no longer preaching hatred.

Malcolm X was a changed man, ready to cooperate with such leaders as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in improving the lot of black Americans. It wasn’t meant to be. X had alienated the Nation of Islam, the U.S. government, and though the hows, whos and whys are sketchy, X fell victim to a hail of bullets in February 1965. No one would ever know what effect Malcolm X might have had, not just on his race, but on America.

"I didn’t want this to come off as a historical document, a museum piece. I wanted to show that Malcolm is still relevant today. There are things Malcolm talked about that still exist today. We as a people, for the most part, still are second-class citizens. The Rodney King videotape, says Lee, referring to the beating footage included in the film’s opening sequence, "and the cops getting away with it is an indication of that. In some ways, things have not changed that much."

Lee says what he thinks, which often gets him in trouble. However, the media also have a tendency to misquote the director, worsening matters. During the development of X, Lee was in the news several times. He demanded a black director to make the movie, then he went over budget. He battled over the rights for the King footage. He was also quoted as saying he would only do interviews with black journalists and that black kids should skip school to see the Malcolm X film.

"A lot of stuff I say gets twisted around, attributed to me, or it wasn’t my intent, or I never said it in the first place."

In the end, the hoopla doesn’t matter to Lee. X is finished and out there in theaters. "I just want the other people to come out of the theater inspired and spiritually uplifted."

"I just want the other people to come out of the theater inspired, motivated and spiritually uplifted by what they’d just seen."
Mt. Cheaha scenic spot provides perfect getaway

Shannon Cooper
Features writer

The leaves are turning, the air is chilling and the hiking is waiting an hour away at Cheaha State Park.

Boasting the highest point in Alabama, including Bald Rock, Cheaha offers more than 10 miles of hiking trails.

The Rock Garden trail is a mere quarter mile and overlooks the park’s restaurant and Lake Cheaha. For more advanced mountaineers, Odun Sout trail meets challengers with a 10-mile trek to the nearby city of Highland.

Even for visitors who have no interest in physical exertion, Cheaha has much to offer. According to Cheryl Johnston, a front desk clerk for the Cheaha State Park Resort, the park's hotel, “Tourists enjoy the fall foliage just on the drive up here.”

Set within the Talledega National Forest, Cheaha is a simple, quiet getaway. "Mostly, tourists come here to relax and get away from the stress of everyday life," says Johnston.

Ten students from the International House are now familiar with Cheaha. November 10 and 11 the group headed for the hills in search of a little fun.

While the group enjoyed hiking and observing the changing leaves, what really affected Titta Leislahti, a freshman from Finland, was the fellowship shared by the group on the trip. With no television, they relied on each other for 24 hours of entertainment.

"The thing I'll remember most is staying up really late and telling ghost stories," says Leislahti. In addition, she said they got the feel of camping by roasting marshmallows in the fireplace and cooking oatmeal for breakfast.

Stephanie Matthews, International House Director, arranged the trip about a month ago.

Johnson says that for November or summer reservations, at least a month’s notice for lodging is usually required. For anyone interested in making a trip to Cheaha, plan ahead and make reservations early, she says.

In addition to the hotel and chalets, Cheaha has cabins and camp sites. For more information about Cheaha State Park, feel free to call 488-5115.

“Mostly, tourists come here to relax and get away from the stress of everyday life.”
ASF scores hit with 'Big River'

Mark Twain meets The Bard. Okay, so its not exactly classic Shakespearean theater. But the Alabama Shakespeare Festival’s holiday production of Roger Miller’s "Big River," the musical adaptation of Mark Twain’s immortal "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn," is high-brow entertainment nonetheless.

"As one of the greatest boyhood adventures ever written," says director Kent Thompson. And Miller, who died in October, and playwright William Hauptmann, have captured that spirit, not to mention that of the Old South. There’s more than one moment in the play that is sure to make Southerners squirm. The play deals openly with slavery and oppression in the 19th century.

Despite the fine combination of comedy and drama in the play, the latter gets the short end. Hauptmann reduces the relationship between Huck Finn and his Pap, a relationship depicted in the novel as abusive and even at times violent, to a comical cat-and-mouse game. The scene would be almost completely inane without a delightful song, "Guv’ment," that single-handedly carries it.

Huck’s coming of age is not at the center of the story as much as it was in the novel, either. Rather, the slave Jim’s freedom is at the crux of the plot.

None of this, though, is the fault of the highly regarded company at the Alabama Shakespeare Festival. As a matter of fact, they make it very hard to notice. The play opens with a part-the-audience’s-hair song called "Do Ya Wanna Go to Heaven?" and it rocks. The entire company eventually joins the hilarious Miss Watson (Suzanne Irving) and equally funny Widow Douglas (Mary Jo McConnell) for the final chorus. The famous scene at the race, with Tom and Huck, and their gang of "pirates," is brought to life by the superbly choreographed "The Boys," a musical proclamation of masculinity from pre-adolescents, no less.

John Kozeluh gets his first big song as Huck Finn in "Wassin’ for the Light to Shine," and doesn’t disappoint. Daryl Clark Phillips follows with the hilarious "Guv’ment."

I didn’t say "Wow," however, until Huck and Jim hike into the two part harmony of the play’s setpiece "Muddy Water." Kozeluh and William Barry Scott, who plays the venerable slave, belt out the song in a way that would have made Mr. Miller proud. Their other two duets, "River in the Rain," and the poignantly balled "Worlds Apart," are just as wonderful.

There’s even a Clinton joke thrown in for good measure. After singing "Arkansas," a character turns to the audience and quips, "I’m awf’l sorry, mah cuzzin in the White House."

The show-stopping musical number, though, is "How Blest We Are." Kimberly Jaluan ignites this funeral dirge with vocal acrobatics that received the biggest ovation from the audience.

The acting is impeccable, with the minor flaw being Kozeluh’s occasionally strained Southern accent. His drawl is in and out in the dialogue and sometimes even nonexistent in the musical numbers. But the role suits him perfectly. His boyish mannerisms and delivery are perfect for the raucous Huck.

"Big River" combines the artistic talents of choreographer Carol Delk Thomson and musical director Dennis West.

The director, Kent Thompson (who also directed the widely regarded production of Shakespeare’s comedy "The Twelfth Night" for the Festival), elicited wonderful performances from his cast and keeps "Big River" flowing as powerfully as the Mississippi itself.

Barry Scott (front) plays Jim and John Kozeluh performs as Huck in the holiday musical "Big River" at the Alabama Shakespeare Festival in Montgomery. The show runs through Dec. 27. Call 1-800-841-4ASF for ticket information.
JSU beats Florence jinx to advance in playoffs

Tim Hathcock
Sports Editor

FLORENCE -- If it wasn't enough that JSU was forced to play its quarterfinal round game at Braly Stadium in Florence, the site of two national championship losses for the Gamecocks, the weatherman had to throw in a little extra factor.

In 1989, JSU lost to Mississippi College 3-0 in the finals in three inches of snow and ice. The Gamecocks had defeated the Choctaws soundly during the regular season.

Now, JSU was facing another Gulf South Conference foe, North Alabama, which it had already beaten once.

And what was that stuff coming from the sky? You had to look closely, but just before kickoff a very, very light spitting of ice was falling from the sky. Not long after that, North Alabama scored the first points allowed by the Gamecocks in the first quarter all season long.

Oh no, not again.

Not again indeed. JSU shrugged off bitter memories and the early Lion score by blocking the extra point attempt and then driving the length of the field to take a lead it would never relinquish.

The old ghosts were vanquished as the Gamecocks advanced to the semifinals of the national tournament with a 14-12 win.

After the game, JSU Head Coach Bill Burgess was relieved to escape with a win. "We just played an excellent football team," said Burgess. "I guarantee you it's a war every time we line up." JSU defeated North Alabama 10-6 during the regular season.

Terence Bowens scored on a 1-yard run on fourth down to tie the score. Slade Timnett booted the extra point to give the Gamecocks the lead. Bowens gained 36 of the 70 yards during the drive with nine punishing runs. "It was pretty cut-and-dried," said the senior fullback. "We just ran our offense and they gave us the fullback, so that's what we took advantage of." Bowens finished the half with 50 yards on 12 carries.

North Alabama had gained the early lead thanks to an interception by cornerback Lawrence Green on the fourth play from scrimmage of the game. Green returned the ball 22 yards to the JSU 26-yard line.

From there, the Lions took six plays to score, with fullback Brian Satterfield doing the honors from the 1-yard line.

After Bowens gave the Gamecocks the lead, JSU added to it with a grinding 15-play drive that covered 57 yards and ate up 6:41 of the second quarter. Quarterback Chuck Robinson scored on a 1-yard run. Timnett's point after gave JSU a 14-6 lead it would take to the dressing room.

North Alabama did threaten late in the half, but a 39-yard field goal attempt was blocked on the half's final play. Eric Stephens blocked the kick to preserve the lead.

The second half was played almost exclusively on JSU's side of midfield. The Lions ventured into JSU territory on their final five drives of the game, but could manage only six points. Quarterback Cody Gross scored the half's only points early in the fourth quarter on a 4-yard keeper around right end. Satterfield was stopped inches short of the goal line on the two-point conversion to keep JSU in the lead at 14-12.

"There were points in this game when a lesser group of young men would have let the game slip away from them," said Burgess. Indeed, and the last time came on North Alabama's final possession of the game.

The Lions drove to the JSU 19-yard line and appeared set for the game-winning field goal, but Gross was sacked on third down for a loss of 13 yards by defensive tackle Benny Lewis. "There was nothing I could do," said Gross. "If I had it to do over again, the same thing would probably happen."

The sack forced North Alabama into a long field goal situation, something the Lions have struggled with this season. Kicker Greg Scoggins had connected on only 4 of 13 attempts this year.

The potential game-winning kick fell harmlessly to the turf in the end zone, well short and wide right of its target.

The Gamecocks ran out the clock courtesy of a 25-yard run by fullback Sean Richardson on third-and-eight.

"When our football team started play in September against (Alabama) A&M, I don't think anyone but our football team and the people closely connected to our program thought we would have an opportunity to be in the third round of the national playoffs," Burgess said.

The Gamecocks get that chance against New Haven at home in the semifinals. JSU carries a 10-1-1 record to that game. North Alabama ended its season at 7-4-1.

Gamecocks rebound to take Arby's Classic

Tim Hathcock
Sport Editor

After dropping a heartbreaker in the season's opening game, JSU rebounded with victories on consecutive nights to win the Arby's Classic in Huntsville.

For most of the season opener against Elizabeth City State, it appeared the Runnin Gamecocks would win their first game for the eighth year in a row.

But Elizabeth City State's Shawn Walker buried a three-pointer to cap a furious last-minute rally to topple JSU 109-108.

JSU had a 108-101 lead with 56 seconds remaining but couldn't put the game away. Walker hit three baskets, two of them three-pointers and JSU missed four consecutive free throws to end the game. Walker finished the night with 14 points, but had Elizabeth City's final 11 points of the game.

JSU's Greg Edmonds and Anthony Kingston both missed two free throws that would have given JSU a four point lead. After the game, JSU head coach Bill Jones was disappointed but still optimistic about his team, which includes a passel of newcomers. "We found out a lot about ourselves, if this loss doesn't take too much out of us," said Jones. "I think we got beat by a good basketball team. This is a tough opener for us, but we knew that coming in."

After Walker hit his three-pointer, JSU had eight seconds left to try to win the game, but point guard Chris Bush's jumper was off the mark.

Bush and Tracy Posey led the JSU scoring attack with 16 points each. Anthony Kingston and Carl Harris both added 16 points and Harris had 14 rebounds.

As for the free throws at the end of the game, Jones said he felt he had the right man at the line in Kingston. "It's just one of those things," said Jones. "The next time we play he'll hit those. If I could have picked somebody, he's the one I would have picked."

The loss was the first time JSU has lost a season opener since the national championship year of 1984-85. JSU lost to Belmont Abbey 61-60 then reeled off 31 straight wins.

The Gamecocks will be hard pressed to repeat that performance, but Kingston and his teammates proved this could be a better year than expected in the Arby's Classic.

Kingston took home most valuable player honors as the Gamecocks won games over Athens State and Belhaven.

JSU beat Athens State in the first game 87-74 behind Kingston's 20 points and 10 rebounds. Harris knocked in 15 points and corralled 13 rebounds.

Kingston then tossed in 12 points and got 15 rebounds in the 81-70 win over Belhaven. Adam Floyd led the Gamecocks with 22 points. Tracy Posey added 14 points and 12 rebounds.

The Gamecocks host the Tom Roberson Classic tomorrow and Saturday with Baptist Christian, Knoxville and Tampa coming to town. JSU has never lost a game in the tournament's 11-year history.

Games begin at 6 and 8 p.m. both nights.
JSU got its march to the national championship off in style, defeating Savannah State 41-16 in the opening round of the playoffs here at Paul Snow Stadium on Nov. 28.

JSU led 31-3 at the half against the outmanned Tigers. Five different players scored touchdowns for JSU. Slade Stinnett added field goals of 37 and 36 yards.


The Midwest saw the nation's No. 1 team and defending national champion Pittsburg State escape with a 26-21 win over North Dakota State beat Fenis State and New Haven won the East region with a convincing 35-13 win over Ferris State. New Haven travels to Jacksonville Saturday for the semifinal game against JSU. The two schools have never met.

Pittsburg State continued its undefeated march with an overtime win over North Dakota State. The Gorillas trailed 24-14 at one point in the game. North Dakota State failed on a two-point conversion attempt in the overtime period.


If Pittsburg State and JSU advance, it would set up a rematch of last year's title game won by Pittsburg State.

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JSU should return to Braly Stadium again

After disposing of North Alabama, and perhaps the myth JSU can’t win at Florence’s Braly Stadium, the Gamecocks return home for the final time of the 1992 season. And it looks like they should get another crack at Braly and a national championship in their final year in Division II.

New Haven comes into Paul Snow Stadium with an undefeated record and a high-powered offense, averaging more than 48 points per game.

That’s something JSU has seen before this season with promising results. The Chargers are supposed to have more of a balanced attack than Alcorn State or Livingston, but don’t be surprised if they put the ball in the air more often than not.

Although the Red Bandit defense did give up a pile of yardage in those two games, one thing they accomplished was coming away with a victory.

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New Haven next for Gamecocks

Tim Hathcock
Sports Editor

After beating a conference opponent at its home field for the second time this season, JSU now returns home for the final time this year to face New Haven in the semifinals of the national playoffs.

The Chargers advanced last week with a 35-13 win over Ferris State. The amazing thing about that score is New Haven’s 35 points is more than 13 points under its season average. The Chargers have scored more than 50 points twice this season, more than 60 points three times and against Virginia Union, posted an incredible 80 points.

“When they faxed (their statistics) to our sports information office it nearly burnt the fax machine up,” said JSU head coach Bill Burgess.

New Haven averages nearly 600 yards per game in its no-huddle attack. “When you’ve got those kind of numbers, you expect to make big plays,” said Burgess.

“With that win, the Lady Gamecocks repeated as GSC champions. This season was the first time JSU has gone through the conference schedule without a loss at 12-0. JSU finished the season with the best record in school history with a 38-7 mark.”

This year’s team was lead by All-GSC and the GSC’s Most Valuable Player Tesha Zito. Camille Ponder and Lynn Batey were named to the All-tournament team. Deanna Baker, Janet Ledbetter and Amy Vycital were all tabbed to the All-GSC team.

“Our seniors performed real well,” said JSU coach Janice Slay. “It was nice to sweep without losing a game. We had the biggest crowd there and at the end they were chanting ‘Back-to-Back, GSC’. It was real nice to leave on a winning note.

“It will be hard to fill the gaps left by these seniors. They were a hard-working group,” said Slay. “But, we’ve got some good players who are ready to step in and we’ll be out recruiting some new ones.”

--Staff reports contributed to this article.
Scoreboard

AP Top 25
1. Miami
2. Alabama
3. Florida State
4. Texas A&M
5. Notre Dame
6. Syracuse
7. Michigan
8. Georgia
9. Colorado
10. Washington
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NCAA Division II Playoffs

Second Round
Northeast
New Haven 35, Ferris State 13

South
JSU 14, North Alabama 12

Midwest
Pittsburg State 38, North Dakota St. 37 OT
West
Portland State 35, Texas A&M 30

Semifinals
New Haven at JSU
Pittsburg State at Portland State

1992 JSU Football

DATE OPPONENT W/L SCORE
Sept. 5 Alabama A&M WIN 7-6
Sept. 12 West Georgia • WIN 17-10
Sept. 19 Valdosta State • WIN 20-6
Oct. 2 Mississippi Coll. • TIE 14-14
Oct. 9 Delta State • WIN 38-10
Oct. 16 North Alabama • WIN 10-6
Oct. 23 Georgia Southern LOS 0-10
Oct. 30 Alcorn State WIN 59-45
Nov. 6 Livingston • WIN 54-27
Nov. 13 Kentucky State WIN 63-21
Nov. 20 Savannah State • WIN 41-16
Nov. 27 North Alabama • WIN 14-12
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