SGA campaigns begin

Melanie Jones
News Editor

As the competition for SGA Senate began to heat up last week, the competition among officers cooled.

Jeff Bennett, an SGA senator, has withdrawn his candidacy for financial officer, but Senator Alan Reynolds has announced that he will run for the office as a write-in candidate. With A.J. Richards and Mandi Miller, the number of candidates seeking the position of financial officer remains at three.

Bennett dropped out of the race shortly after he turned his application in. "I felt like I could help more people from within the senate," Bennett said.

Although one candidate dropped out of the officers race, 20 students applied for the senate, bringing that total to 44 applications for the 35 seats available. The number may drop, however, if some of the candidates are found ineligible.

Sherryr Byrd, director of Student Activities, said the deadline was not really postponed, there was just some confusion on when the applications were due.

This is the first year Student Activities will hold the elections for SGA officers and senate seats on the same day, so the applications were due for both positions on the same day. However, SGA Constitution by-laws say the applications for officers are due 21 days before the election, while applications for senate are due only 14 days before the elections.

Some current senators decided not to apply for the position next fall. "I don't feel like I will be able to give the office the time it deserves," Laura Griffith, a junior communication major, said. Griffith said she enjoyed being a senator, but she is afraid other responsibilities will prevent her from doing her job.

Many students applying for the position for the first time see the office of senator as a way to counteract the apathy on this campus. "It's a good way to counteract the apathy on this campus. If people don't participate, we'll have nothing to work with," she said.

Kappa Alpha ends Old South tradition

Eric G. Mackey
Editor in Chief

Kappa Alpha has given up a tradition that has characterized the fraternity since it was established at JSU in 1976 -- it will no longer wear the gray uniforms of the Confederacy or display the Confederate battle flag in the annual Old South Day march. The KAs decided Sunday night to change their tradition to reflect what members say is the true meaning of the fraternity's tradition.

"We can go on with our celebration of Robert E. Lee without the Confederate flag and the Confederate uniform," Eric Hoaglund, KA vice president, said. "He is our spiritual founder." KA was founded on the campus of Washington and Lee when Robert E. Lee was president of the college.

Hoaglund said while traditions are hard to get away from, "the chapter decided (removing the uniforms and flag) was the best decision."

He added there have been no incidents related to the Old South practice on this campus, and KA has not flown the Confederate flag at its house since the Persian Gulf War began.

Russ Means, KA president, said, "We're moving toward what KA is really about. KA is not about Confederate uniforms and the Confederate battle flag."

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Students lecture in area high schools

Dyana Blythe
City News Editor

The International Affairs Club is sponsoring the 1992 Foreign Speakers Tour, a first-time event involving 15 international JSU students speaking at area high schools.

The students are divided into five regions: Africa, Latin America, Europe, Asia and the Pacific, based on their native countries. Three or four students represent each region.

Chris Buhagiar, president of the International Affairs Club, chose the students based on their public speaking ability and interest in the event.

"We had enough interest to fill the 15 spots," Buhagiar said. "Some students had had bad experiences speaking in public in the past, like having to deal with audience apathy, but there were enough interested people to go talk to the high school students."

The members of the tour will speak once a week at Jacksonville, Oxford and Anniston High Schools. They will rotate to a different school each week, with the whole tour lasting one month.

Monday, the first day of rotation, the tour spoke to Jacksonville High School.

"(Monday) was a good day. The high school students asked more questions than we could answer. They seemed really excited," Buhagiar said.

The JSU students talk about their individual cultures and problems in their regions and countries.

"The basis (of the tour) was to..."
JSU employees work for GED

Krista Walker
Copy Editor

Employees of JSU who do not have a high school diploma can now earn a high school degree through adult education classes offered by JSU’s Personnel Services.

Thirty-eight employees attended the first meeting on Tuesday. The classes, which meet from 3-5 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays in 322 Bibb Graves Hall, are offered at no charge and are open to JSU employees, spouses and family members 16 years of age and older.

The classes cover the same subjects as high school and prepare students to take the General Education Diploma test, the equivalent to requirements for high school graduation.

Loretta McMichael said, “I would encourage anyone to get the GED if you do not have a diploma, because if you do, you have the (education).”

Gary Dempsey, director of Personnel Services, said, “We recognize these people didn’t have the opportunity to finish high school.” He said there were neither promises of promotion nor threat for the lack of a diploma, but the classes were for the employees to enhance their own skills for their own satisfaction and sense of self-improvement.

“We feel they will be better employees if they get the GED,” said Dempsey.

Doris Shew said, “I’m here to better myself, and it’s a great opportunity that I think everyone should take advantage of.”

Joe Cavender, multi-system supervisor of adult education for five area school systems as well as the JSU program, said, “I receive no greater thrill than when I see adults take advantage of a second or third chance to complete their high school education.”

There is no cut-off age, no penalty for missing classes, no deadline for registration, and the classes are structured for learning on an individual basis.

Peta White is from Germany and has a German high school degree; however, she said an American degree would give her better job opportunities.

The employees receive one hour of University time and give one hour of personal time to attend each class meeting. After completion of the GED, the employees will receive annual leave for the amount of personal time given to classes.

“(It would be ridiculous) to not take advantage of the opportunity that JSU offers us,” said Margie Harmon.

Billie Bryan, who has 26 years experience in teaching and four years in adult education, will teach the class.

“I’m just delighted that we have this many people interested, and I’d be even more delighted if every one of them could get a GED,” Bryan said.

Nadyne Yates summed it up when she said, “Go back to school.”

For more information on classes offered at JSU and other school systems, call Joe Cavender at 463-2458 or call your local board of education.

Sig Eps win regional honors

Melanie Jones
News Editor

JSU’s chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon took top honors for the third year in a row at the national fraternity’s regional conference earlier this month.

This year the group was honored as the only chapter in this region to receive the Excelsior Cup, a special award granted in nine areas for leadership. The national fraternity awarded the cup to the JSU chapter on the basis of brotherhood development.

Chapter secretary Jeff Bennett said he felt diversity was one part of the fraternity’s advantage. “We don’t just focus on one area,” he said. Bennett has a B.A. in Drama and is now pursuing a B.S. in education.

Bennett said the fraternity works on brotherhood development by focusing on key issues. Earlier this year Miss Alabama Wheelchair visited the fraternity and helped members understand how to work with the disabled.

The fraternity has also sponsored seminars on etiquette, time management and study habits.

Bennett said that the fraternity members’ involvement in various student organizations was also a factor in the award.

Several Sig Ep members belong to and are officers in ROTC, drama, service organizations and SGA.

The organization also won an award for the best recruitment program. Bennett credited that award to the involvement of the rushees. “We don’t just talk to them, we get them involved,” he said.

The Sig Eps received the Scholar’s Cup, an award recognizing academic excellence, for the second year in a row. Bennett said the fraternity has the highest average fraternity GPA on campus with a 2.53 and is above the average GPA of the men on campus, which Bennett said is a 2.3.

The fraternity won the Man Power Excellence award, for having more members than any other fraternity on campus. They have received that recognition since the fraternity’s inception in April of 1990.

The regional conference included schools from Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, Florida, North Carolina and South Carolina.

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inform the students what’s going on in other parts of the world,” Buhagiar said.

The idea for a Foreign Speakers tour came at the first IAC meeting of this semester. Buhagiar contacted the high schools about three weeks ago.

“it’s been really busy since then, trying to put this together,” he said.

Although this is the first time such an event has been organized, the IAC is confident that it will continue. According to Buhagiar, area schools that could not participate this year are interested in working with the group next year.

The IAC, founded by Buhagiar one year ago, is made up of around 25 students, with half of them being American. Its main purpose is to educate not only JSU, but the whole community on foreign affairs. All members are interested in pursuing international careers, such as inter-

national law or communication. Anyone who is interested in becoming a part of an international field may join IAC.

The IAC’s next project is International Careers Day, featuring guest speakers, on March 17.

Old South

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“I’ve heard from two national officers today. Both of them were excited and gave positive feedback,” Means said.

Means was glad the fraternity made the move. “I feel that it shows a lot of character on the chapter’s part to make this decision. It showed a lot of courage,” he said.

The fraternity has tentative plans of holding the annual celebration April 13-19.
**Announcements**

- All announcements and letters to editors must be typed or legibly written and submitted by Friday before publication to 180 Self Hall.
- An infant and child CPR class will be taught 5-8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday at Lenlock Community Center. This course not only teaches the procedures for CPR on children ages birth to eight years but also includes safety prevention and child development. All participants must register by Friday. For more information, call Elaine Nelson at the American Red Cross at 236-0391.
- The Student Accounting Association and the SGA are sponsoring a free tax return service for all JSU students. Students need to bring their W-2s, interest earned statements (if applicable), previous years (1990) returns, and state forms and instructions if not from Alabama. Times are: 1-3 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays, 8:30-10:30 a.m. and 2:30-4:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the lobby of Merrill Building.
- Beginning this week, a coupon for a free Domino’s pizza will be placed into a randomly selected student’s box in the Montgomery Building. The pizza is compliments of Marriott Food Service and Domino’s. It is given as a service to the student body and to encourage students to check their mail box.
- The Job Fair, jointly sponsored by JSU and Gadsden State Community College, will be 9 a.m.-3 p.m. March 24 in the Student Center at Gadsden State. Only students and alumni of GSCC and JSU are eligible to attend.
- If you need help with a resume or would like more information about the Job Fair, call Pearl Williams, Coordinator of Off Campus Part-time Employment at 782-5289.
- The Wesley Foundation and the Episcopal Campus Ministry will host a tax reform town meeting at 7 p.m. tonight at the Wesley Foundation at 512 N. Pelham Road. Kimble Forriste, state coordinator for Alabama will speak.

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Basketball brings pride to campus

With wins Saturday and Monday, the men’s basketball team put a perfect ending on the ideal season. Only a solitary loss to the tough North Alabama Lions scarred the Gamecock’s year.

And that scar has long since healed as the team paves its own way toward another national championship. Needless to say, they are not guaranteed a spot in the Elite Eight in Springfield, Mass., yet. However, the Gamecocks promise to put up quite a fight for any team in their way.

But the men are not the only ones showing off. The Lady Gamecocks are also aiming toward a national title.

The team and coaches are to be congratulated for their success. It has come only because of hard work and a desire to be the best. This team certainly has made the entire University community proud.

But this has not been a winning season only for the team. It has been a winning season for JSU pride.

Recently, Head Coach Bill Jones’ wife, Sue, reminded this campus through a letter to the editor, how the supportive spirit of the cheerleaders and the pep band has boosted the intensity of this season’s games.

She was right. The crowd has been boisterously behind the Gamecocks largely because of the excited cheerleaders and pep band. These groups deserve a lot of applause for their hard work and elevated excitement.

The last, and definitely an important, part of this season’s winning formula is the crowd itself. Fans continue to voice their support by following the cheerleaders and cheering on the Gamecocks.

There is no arguing the fact: this has been a good year for JSU basketball. But it is not over yet. Good luck Gamecocks. May you win it all.

Opinion

Spring fever and good times

The equinox may not occur until March 20, but there’s no debating spring fever is here. This weekend was one of those that make you just want to let everything go and get outside to enjoy the season.

So I did just that. But college life is always here to remind us of reality, and so on a beautiful Sunday afternoon I sit here in the newspaper office to write a column.

It is times like these when I am glad to have had my last four years at JSU. It is, after all, The Friendliest Campus in the South.

I suppose I know as much about the goings-on of JSU — as a whole — as any student. I may be wrong in that estimation, but I sure spend a lot of my time asking, talking and writing about those goings-on.

Therefore, I know there are problems arising constantly, and trouble for public institutions seems inevitable nowadays. But there is also a sense of perseverance here. I remember a discussion I had not long ago with JSU President Emeritus Houston Cole. He saw JSU through wars and plenty of other hard times.

He is still here. JSU is still here. And, though some would argue, it’s still just about the friendliest place I know.

Letters to the Editor

State legislators fall short for education

It looks as though Alabama’s education system has been placed on the “back burner” once again. Instead of placing money into the state education fund, state legislators place our tax money in their pockets.

Instead of passing a bill to improve education our “wonderful” Governor passes a bill to improve our prison system.

Criminals’ welfare over our children’s future — that is what our state government is about?

Instead of lining shelves with textbooks, school children try to read ancient dry-rotted books as the state legislators line their pockets with the taxpayers’ money.

Students can participate from back of room

This letter is regarding the letter titled “What if Black Students Changed Classroom Behavior?” written by Gina Haldeman. I am deeply concerned to find out that through the course of history, a white woman did want to see blacks sit in front of the class — after having long been placed at the back. Integration has really nurtured such ideas in today’s generation.

I am a black student and through the course of my study at JSU, I have always sat at the back of the classroom, and still make good grades. The reasons why students sit at the back is because they are much more comfortable in the back. In this case, it is the same.

I personally sit at the back, so that if I say something I could see everybody’s reaction. I also believe this is a free country and people have the right to choose wherever they want to sit.

I did ask of some of my fellow dormitory residents about the article, and some of them did mention that the reason why they sit at the back is because they are much more comfortable with people of their own cultural background — which virtually reflects their past history of segregation. This has shaped their sense of togetherness and brotherhood.

After all, sitting in front of the classroom does not guarantee an “A” in the course. But it all depends on your ability to take good notes and the amount of time one spares to study. Most of the black sisters sit in front, so it is really important to say that all black students sit at the back.

I believe if Gina is so concerned about blacks, she should have known about Rosa Parks. Finally, I would like to answer her question about what would happen if one Monday morning the black students took the front seats. Some white students would call it “take over” and might think that something is wrong.

Participation in the class is up to the individual students. There are apathetic white students just as well as there are apathetic black students.
New residence rules are good

There seem to be a lot of complaints going around about the new residence hall visitation policy. Unlike the old policy, the new one requires all visitors, male and female, to sign in with identification. While this new policy may seem a little overprotective, I, for one, believe that it should be strictly enforced.

As a resident in school housing I am also affected by this policy, so I can see the point of view that those who disagree with it are taking on the issue. Many think that restrictions such as this one don’t prepare us well for the “real world” in which we will be living and working within a few years. They think that we would become more responsible if we were allowed to do as we please. I disagree with this point of view. I believe that the school should be here to serve and protect us. No one wants to go to a school where the crime rate is so high that people are scared to leave their rooms.

Walking track needs repair

These are very health-conscious times we are living in. There are numerous students here on campus who take exercise very seriously. Many of these students like to get their exercise in the fresh air, henceforth making jogging and walking two popular activities. How can JSU ignore these students? The walking track located on campus is in terrible shape. At present, the track’s surface is broken and uneven. There are only two or three lights out by the track. The track needs to be resurfaced and more lights added.

How can a campus that is concerned with students’ health and safety consider this acceptable?

There are many students, as well as faculty members, who would greatly appreciate correction of these problems.

Debbie Culpepper
Freshman

Professor supports paper

I commend you and your staff on your efforts to report crime statistics at JSU. You are correct in your pursuit.

There should be full disclosure of such data. The students, staff, and faculty need to know who the criminals are and how safe their environment is. Your efforts are a service to the University community.

R. Earl Poore
Professor
Physical Sciences & Engineering
LEAP YEAR 1992 -- 'Shop Piedmont stores'

Jamie Cole
Features Writer

It's been another four years again... and that doesn't just mean "Murphy Brown," "Designing Women" and "Northern Exposure" are being pre-empted; no, once every four years, we get an extra day in February. And this year, Leap Day falls on a Saturday.

Many JSU students are already deciding what they'll do with their extra day.

Senior David Dempsey will join his rather "young" grandfather in celebrating his birthday on the 29th. "He's always joking about his age," says Dempsey. "Technically, this will be his 18th birthday."

But not all students will be celebrating.

With the midterms so close, many students have decided to try to catch up in their coursework. "I'll be studying trig," says freshman Walter Ingram, "and working on my term paper." Others will be catching up in other areas. Junior Teresa Nickens says, "I'll be sleeping!"

If you're having trouble deciding what to do on this special day, look no further. As a service to our readers, The Chanticleer provides the "Top 10 Things To Do On February 29, Leap Day" as compiled by student interviews:

Top 10 Ways To Spend Extra 24 Hours Of Leap Year Day:
1. See how many times you can drive around the square in an hour, then try to break that record.
2. Visit the site of the Olympic salami races in Albertville, Ala.
3. Ride the elevators at Houston Cole Library.
4. Organize a story-hour on your floor in the dorm.
5. Visit the site of the Olympic salami races in Albertville, Ala.
6. Rent and watch all eight "Friday the 13th" movies, then return them without rewinding.
7. Have a Tupperware party.
8. alphabetize and catalog your CD's by subject, title, and artist.
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Our generation just as blindly prejudiced as others

Michelle Martin
Features Editor

Frankly, I am appalled that our generation is so narrow-minded as to judge and condemn other groups based simply upon their sexual preference. Did we not learn anything from the horrific events which resulted from the blind hatred of the past? THE PAST. LET ME STRESS AGAIN THAT IS THE PAST — NEITHER PRESENT NOR FUTURE.

Obviously our generation did not learn.

But loving, understanding, having compassion for and accepting others — whether they be black, white, Hispanic, Indian, gay, lesbian, bisexual, transsexual or celibate — is not something we learn.

Hatred, on the other hand, is what we learn. And we reflect what we learn in our actions and in teaching others to act and think — as we learn.

Let's give peace a chance, put down our protest signs, join hands and hear each other talk.
Forrister discusses Alabama tax reform today at Wesley

Tony Entrekin
Features Writer

Alabama has one of the most regressive and unfair tax systems in the United States according to Kimble Forrister, a state coordinator for Alabama Arise, an organization of religious and community groups that tries to influence the legislature on issues affecting low-income Alabamians.

Forrister feels the Alabama tax system places too much burden on consumers with a high sales tax on groceries. Some states do not even tax groceries, he says. The burden would be better placed on big business, he feels, through a higher property tax, of which Alabama has one of the lowest in the nation.

"Even if we doubled our state property taxes, they'd still be one of the lowest in the nation," he says.

Forrister believes Alabamians will favor a higher property tax if they know the money will be put to good use. He will try to persuade others to accept the idea when he speaks on Alabama Tax Reform at 6 p.m. on Thursday night at the Wesley Foundation.

According to Forrister, the present tax reform plan arose from the Tolbert Commission Plan which put together an ideal plan but wouldn't have raised any new revenues. The governor's task force, mostly made up of business and education leaders, then took the Tolbert plan and adjusted it to the point where it wasn't as comprehensive as the original but would raise $450 million to be used mostly in schools. To entice voters to favor the $450 million tax increase, the task force also put together a set of education reforms to be included in the plan.

The present plan consists of 35 bills and is halfway through consideration by the House of Representatives, says Forrister.

"The reaction (to the bills) has been very positive so far," says Forrister. "There are some groups who are fussing about them, but basically the legislature has a good attitude toward the plan.

"Governor Hunt says he will support the tax increase if the task force comes up with a good plan. And, while he's not selling it as well as he should be, he's not opposing it either."

Forrister is optimistic about the bills' success. While he feels that there will be some changes in the bills, the results should still be beneficial.

"I think there's better than a 50 percent chance that we will get some form of tax reform this year," he says. "I don't think it will be as comprehensive as we had hoped, though. It sounds like it will fall short of the complete overhaul we had hoped for, but I think it will take a good deal of the income tax off incomes less than $15,000 a year. I'm less hopeful about getting the tax off groceries. We may have to come back in the future and try that again."

In the meantime, Forrister encourages voters to contact their legislators and voice their opinions on the reform plan.

"One legislator told me he had yet to hear from one constituent," he says. "I'm sure that others have been contacted, but not a lot of people are picking up their phones on this issue. But the legislators need support from constituents telling them how far to go with this plan. They will hear from business people looking out for their own interests, hoping to keep their companies from being taxed, but the people who will be hardest hit need to speak up."

"I want to challenge people on campus to take advantage of opportunities to discuss these issues," he says. "Your college years should be a vibrant time of discussion on issues like this."

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The Grateful Dead, performing at 7:30 p.m. Sunday - Tuesday at The Omni, 100 Techwood Drive, N. W., Atlanta. (404)249-6400.

Theatre
"Brigadoon," a musical theatrical starting at 8 p.m. today - Tuesday, with a 2 p.m. matinee Sunday, at Stone Center Theater, JSU, Jacksonville. 782-5648.

Special Events
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Ask Mr. Language Person about grammar

A significant reason why the United States is having trouble competing in the modern industrialized world is that most Americans, through no fault of their own, are, in the words of U.S. Department of Education Secretary Lamar Alexander, "as dumb as fungus."

That is why the newspaper, at great expense and physical risk, is once again presenting "Ask Mr. Language Person," the educational feature that answers common questions about grammar, spelling and punctuation.

Today's first common question was mailed in by an actual reader, James F. Wood of Denver, Colo., who asks: "In the song 'Someone's in the Kitchen with Dinah,' when it says 'Someone's in the kitchen with Dinah, I know, oh, oh, oh' does it mean that the singer knows that someone is in the kitchen with Dinah, or that the singer knows WHO is in the kitchen with Dinah?"

A. Leading grammar experts have wrestled naked with this question for years. Some clues to the answer may be found in the song's reference to 'strummin' on the old banjo,' and the lines: "Dinah won't you blow Dinah won't you blow Dinah won't you blow your horn?"

These lines strongly suggest, as was noted in a groundbreaking 1987 study by Dr. A. Howard Lorgnette of Yale University, "that Dinah has a horn."

But why would people be playing a horn AND an old banjo IN THE KITCHEN? And what about the song that goes, "There was a farmer had a dog, and Bingo was his name, oh?" Whose name was Bingo? The dog? Or the farmer? And when Burl Ives goes "Sing Polly Wolly Doodle all the day," does he mean we should sing all day about someone named "Polly Wolly Doodle," or is he singing about somebody named "Polly Wolly" who goes doodle all the day?

It is unlikely that these questions can be answered without massive federal funding.

Q. It had to be the dog. Who would name a farmer "Bingo"?
A. Who would name a Education secretary "Lamar"?
Q. In the song about the bunny rabbit that attacks mice, what is the rabbit's correct name?
A. Mr. Language Person thought it was "Little Rabbit Foo Foo." However, Mrs. Language Person contends — and the prestigious "Wee Sing Song Booklet" backs her up on this — that it is "Little Bunny Foo Foo."

But consider the following: Mr. Language Person is certain that, in the correct version, the rabbit is PICKING UP THE FIELD MICE AND BOPPING THEM ON THE HEAD. Whereas the "Wee Sing Song Booklet" contends that it is SCOOPING UP THE MEECY MICE AND BOPPIN' 'EM ON THE HEAD.

Q. Whatever happened to "the onus" on somebody?
A. This is an ancient legal expression referring to the "onus," which was a large rock that was used in ancient court proceedings.

DEFENDANT: I plead not guilty.
JUDGE: All right, then, put the onus of guilt on somebody?
Q. Speaking of football, have you heard any good quotations from professional football analyst and former Kansas City Chiefs coach Hank Stram recently?
A. Yes. Hank emitted an excellent one Dec. 16 on a Miami sports-talk radio show, when he was asked what the New Orleans Saints needed to do to get ready for their game against the Los Angeles Raiders.

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Q. Whatever happened to Hank Stram's neck, anyway?
A. Apparently it was stolen.

Q. Got a question for Mr. Language Person? Write it down and hide it in a safe place.
Gamecocks take GSC title

Win over Valdosta sets up home tourney

Alan Beckett
Sports Writer

JSU clinched the Gulf South Conference championship for the regular season with a 133-109 win over Valdosta State Saturday. The win also assured the Gamecocks will host the conference tournament March 6 and 7.

A delighted JSU Coach Bill Jones said after the game, "We are sitting here just one basket from being undefeated. These guys earned this title and deserved to win outright."

JSU placed six players in double figures. Willie Fisher led the offensive explosion with 31 points. Fisher hit nine of 13 three-pointers. Reggie Parker scored 20 points. Others in double figures include Glenn Wyche with 18 points, Eric Horsley 17 points and Willie Williams with 14 points.

"One of the earmarks of this team is that everyone has been ready to play every time we go out. We were ready to play tonight," said Jones. "Our guys led this game from start to finish and never really let Valdosta back in the game."

JSU led the whole way. The Gamecocks led by as much as 49-22 with 8:18 left in the first half. JSU led 70-56 at the half. Valdosta never got any closer in the second half.

JSU put an exclamation point on an outstanding season with a 82-62 win over West Georgia at Pete Mathews Coliseum in front of a near capacity crowd of 4,500.

The Gamecocks finished the regular season at 24-1 and 11-1 in the GSC.

Willie Williams -- and the Gamecocks -- go over the top of Valdosta State to claim title.

JSU baseball begins, finally

Tim Hathcock
Sports Editor

JSU opened defense of its two consecutive national titles, finally, against Faulkner Friday with a sweep of the Eagles, 5-4 and 4-1.

The Gamecocks struggled early, falling behind 3-0 in the first game before rallying for the victory. Catcher Scott Maneri smashed a home run in his first at bat for JSU to lead the way. Stacy Roberts nailed the door shut on Faulkner to earn the victory in relief of starter Brandon Davis.

Davis pitched well after allowing a three-run homer in the first inning.

In game two, starter Joe Szakalski struck out eight in four innings for the victory. Randy Gravett earned the save with three innings of scoreless relief.

Maneri ended the day with two hits in four at bats, and Burt Mabra was three for six at the plate.

Mabra was the man again in Saturday's sweep of Cumberland, hitting a grand slam in the 9-4 nightcap. JSU took the first game 5-1.

The Gamecocks got strong pitching performances from Jason Tidwell and Trajan Breitbarth in the two victories.

Tidwell pitched six innings in game one, allowing no runs on six hits while striking out nine.

Breitbarth pitched a one-hitter in the second game in going the distance.

A doubleheader was scheduled with Cumberland for Sunday, but by mutual agreement was shortened to one nine-inning game.

The Bulldogs beat a tired JSU squad 6-0.

Dale English pitched the entire nine innings for Cumberland, giving up only five hits. Chris Maldony took the loss for the Gamecocks who finished the first weekend of play at 4-1.
Lady Gamecocks to face
Braves in tournament

Tim Hatchcock
Sports Editor

After a near-disastrous losing streak of three games, the Lady Gamecocks turned things around and secured third place in the Gulf South Conference with a pair of home victories.
Saturday, JSU blitzed Valdosta 103-74 to set up Monday's key matchup with West Georgia. The Lady Gamecocks were up to the task against the No. 1 team in the South Region, beating the Lady Braves 81-75.
JSU now must travel to Carrollton, Ga., for a rematch tonight with West Georgia in the opening round of the GSC playoffs. The Lady Braves defeated JSU 65-52 in the earlier meeting this season at West Georgia.
The Lady Gamecocks avoided a trip to Cleveland, Miss. to face conference champ Delta State. "I'd rather go to Carrollton for the first round," said JSU Head Coach Tony Mahrey. "If we can go in there Thursday night and get two in a row, that would be a big boost."

From three-point land.

The Lady Gamecocks finish the season with a bang, scoring a season-high 31 points against Valdosta 25.
In the Valdosta game, Tracy Linton led the way with 26 points and 13 rebounds. Melissa Parker continued her strong play off the bench with 22 points and eight rebounds.
JSU jumped out early against the Lady Blazers and led at the half 34-22.
In Monday's game with the Lady Braves, JSU had to withstand a hot second half by West Georgia's Gina Flowers. After going scoreless in the first half, she scored 25 points in the second half, including seven of 14 from three-point land.

JSU's star, Linton, was also held scoreless in the first half after being saddled with two early fouls. Without Linton, JSU still managed to make 40 of 61. The Lady Braves scored 23 of their first-half points. "I think that's been the difference in our last five games -- our bench," said Mahrey.

Parker led JSU with 18 points and Crissy Colvin added 15. Linton managed to finish with 13 points and 10 rebounds.

The Lady Gamecocks finish the regular season at 18-8 overall and 7-5 in the conference.

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GSC tourney slate set

The Gulf South Conference basketball tournaments for men and women are set now that the regular season has been completed.
JSU will host the men's tournament on March 6-7 due to its first-place finish in the regular season. JSU faces North Alabama in the first round and Mississippi College and Delta State battle in the other first-round game.
The women have a different method for the tournament. The top two seeds host the first-round games.
JSU plays at West Georgia tonight at 6 p.m. The winner of that game faces a probable trip to conference champion Delta State on Saturday. Delta State hosts Mississippi College.

JSU softball team
has high hopes entering season

Tim Hatchcock
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The first thought that comes to mind when the word softball is mentioned is beer-guzzling old men tossing a ball underhanded to others of the same sort.

However, if you head to the Woodland Softball Complex in Lencook on next Tuesday you'll see something completely different.

The JSU Lady Gamecocks fast-pitch softball team begins its season with a doubleheader at 3 p.m. against Livingston.

The only thing this game has in common with its slow-pitch cousin is that the ball is the same and it's pitched underhand.

Fast-pitch is a fast-paced game dominated by pitching and speed. It's usually low-scoring but that doesn't mean boring, according to Head Coach Amy Hardeman. "Fast-pitch is a very exciting game to watch," she said.

Stacey Young and Lori Neely will be the pitchers for the Lady Gamecocks.

Returns from last year include Lynn Batey at shortstop, Michele Swader at second base, Tracie Couthas at first base, and Alana Ellwenberg at catcher.

Newcomers are Andrea Ward at third base and outfielders Lisa Smith, Beverly Tillison and Carol Mason. Top reserves are Linda McKinney and Cassie Duncan.

"We have what I think is one of the best teams we have ever put together," said Hardeman. "We have two good, solid pitchers this year and good solid defense to back them up. All we need to do is play hard, get our bats hot and keep them hot," she said.
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