Students rally for tax reform

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Eric G. Mackey
Editor in Chief

"We fund our institutions of higher education at 78 percent of the average among 15 other Southern states. If our football teams were always average or below average, people would be up in arms."

These were the words of Frank Nix, chairman of the Alabama Commission on Higher Education, Friday in Birmingham. Nix was speaking to student government leaders from around the state in a forum they organized to discuss education reform.

Nine JSU students attended the meeting, including SGA President Jackie Derrick, who said it was beneficial for the campus to have informed student leaders.

"Our people whom I talked to afterward were impressed with the whole idea of tax reform. They felt enlightened about the problem," she said.

The SGA leaders met to find out how college students could help push a much-needed tax reform bill to raise more money for schools.

Tom Walker, legislative liaison for the University of Montevallo and volunteer vice president of the state's PTA, said education reform is beneficial for the campus to have informed student leaders.

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Cucumbers capture College Bowl title

Tim Hathcock
Sports Editor

The 1992 JSU College Bowl provided some tense moments and produced the best of the best from which JSU's team will be selected.

In the team competition, the Psychedelic Cucumbers, an independent, beat Sigma Phi Epsilon 195-120 for the championship.

Those two teams were among the 24 which participated, 14 independent and 10 greek.

Director of Student Activities Sherry1 Byrd was pleased with the competition. "Everything went really smooth," she said.

Byrd enlisted the help of other faculty and staff to serve as moderators and scorekeepers for the competition.

Students received 10 points for ringing in first with the correct answer and up to 30 points for a correct answer on bonus questions.

Not only does it pay to be smart in competition, you must also be quick in order to win.

However, if a player rang in with an incorrect answer before the moderator finished asking the question, his or her team was penalized five points.

The independents were split into two leagues.

The Psychedelic Cucumbers won league B with a perfect 6-0 record and faced Grand Finale — the winner of league A, also with a 6-0 mark — for the championship of the independent division.

The Cucumbers came out on top in that match by a score of 150-75.

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Police uncover illegal sales

Kyle Shelton
News Writer

The sale of alcohol to minors in Jacksonville is a serious and progressing problem, according to Jacksonville Police Chief Tommy Thompson.

The problem became more apparent on Jan. 17, when Jacksonville police, in conjunction with agents from the Alabama Beverage Control Board, caught several area businesses selling alcohol to a minor.

The operation included an 18-year-old informant who tried to purchase alcohol at 13 establishments. Wearing a small microphone, he entered the businesses and tried to buy alcoholic beverages with a valid Alabama driver's license.

Of the 13, six sold alcohol to the minor. This is indicative of what could be a worsening problem, believes Thompson; however, some students and owners of businesses question whether the problem is with the selling of alcohol to minors or entrapment by police.

"It's still a form of entrapment," said a manager of an establishment caught by police.

However, parents of minors might not agree with the police. "I do think the alcohol problem is out of control," said Tim Phillips, a senior at JSU. "But, I also think there ought to be a single age of accountability." He added he was not advocating the lowering of the legal drinking age, but the raising of the legal age that a person can be selected, through selective service, to go to war.

Freshman Russel Ramsey said, "From my perspective, (the alcohol situation) is a good thing. If I can be sent to war and I can vote, then I ought to be able to (drink)."

However, parents of minors might not agree with Ramsey, said Thompson.

"We try to hit all the places (that sell alcohol) at least once a year," said Thompson. "But when I start getting complaints from parents, then we hit them as necessary."
Abundant fake IDs weaken police efforts

Kyle Shelton
News Writer

Any given Saturday night you can find minors trying to either buy alcohol or get into a bar to drink. Some establishments are lax, and minors who look over the legal age slip through the cracks and get access to the beverages. The minors who do not look old enough have a means to find a way to get in. Some make friends with the person at the door, but there are many who simply use a fake identification.

Fake IDs come in many forms and from many sources. The most common way minors get fake IDs is through mail order. The advertisements can be found in many magazines that cater to a teenaged market. Some of these include Hit Parader, Song Hits, and RIP.

One local student, who prefers to go by the false name Daphne purchased her fake ID through such an ad.

"You just send them the money and the dates you want on the ID, and they mail it back to you in four to six weeks," she said.

The typical fake ID does not even resemble the valid driver’s license of a state and are easily recognizable; however, a few establishments take them anyway.

The problem appears to be growing not only across the nation, but right here in Jacksonville.

Daphne cited at least one bar in Gadsden and one in Jacksonville that had allowed her entry with a fake ID.

David Carnes, owner of The Crossroads, a local package store and bar, said he has had many instances where minors have come in and tried to purchase alcoholic beverages from him with fake IDs.

"They come in and show us an ID and if there is any doubt, we ask them for a back-up," Carnes said.

"You know it’s fake if every other piece of ID they have has a different name on it," he said.

He added another way that fake IDs can be made.

"What they do is get an expired ID from someone that is of age and put their picture in it," said Carnes. "That's why we only accept an ID that is current and ask for a back-up if there is any doubt."

According to Jacksonville Police Chief Tommy Thompson, however, there should be no doubt if an ID is valid if the law is followed. "The only ID that should be taken is a valid Alabama driver’s license, a valid military ID, or the passport," said Thompson.

Kominitski of the Alabama Beverage Control Board agreed, saying it was a direct violation of the law to use any "forged or altered driver’s license."

A person caught using a fake ID can be charged with using a forged instrument, according to Jacksonville police, and can also be charged with various possession charges related to alcohol.

The charge of using a forged instrument is a class A misdemeanor which carries a sentence of up to 12 months in jail and a fine of $2,000.

Possession charges can incur a fine of up to $500 and a sentence of six months in jail. In all cases, participation in an alcohol rehabilitation program is mandatory.

Still, there are minors taking the risk in Jacksonville. According to one JSU student there is an abundance of students who have fake IDs. "I know four or five people that have them," one student said.

According to District Judge Larry F. Warren, minors caught using the IDs are taking a risk. "If caught in possession of alcohol the penalties are stiff," Warren said.

"For a first offender, the typical penalty is $25 with a $115 in court costs, plus the mandatory rehabilitation."

Kominitski also addressed the penalties for accepting a fake ID.

"It is also illegal for the (person selling the alcohol) to accept a fake ID of any kind, and they are fined $200 for the first offense," he said.

After the first offense the fines can be raised up to $2,500.

Credit provides cash

Lafronia Martin
News Writer

Numerous credit card companies target students. Discover, Sears, and Citibank are among those that offer credit to JSU students.

Current rates for two credit cards available that not only give credit, but can show your school spirit as well — the Gamecock Mastercard. The card is processed through the First Alabama Bank. JSU students and alumni both are eligible to apply for the Mastercard.

The alumni card started in the summer of 1987, the student card a few years later. The only difference between the two cards is that the student card requires a parent’s signature.

A percentage of the profits from these cards go to the Alumni Association and Student Government Association respectively. Each receives .1 percent from cash advances and sales.

"Annual percentage rate is 17.5% with 5.99% annual fees," Pete Brooks, director of Alumni Affairs, said, "but payments are made to reduce annual interest."

The Gamecock Mastercard has more than 1,000 alumni members and several hundred student members. Applications for the student Mastercard can be picked up in the SGA office on the fourth floor of the Montgomery Building, and the applications for the alumni card can be found at the Alumni Association office in the Alumni House on Pelham Road.

Paper shrinks to fit smaller budget

Funding cuts cut news

Most readers will notice, if they have not already, The Chanticleer is smarter this week. There is less space and less information.

This is to the regret of the staff, but it is a reality of funding shortfalls. Due to cutbacks last fall the newspaper budget had to absorb some $4,000 extra in salaries. This came from the loss of the work-study program to help pay staff salaries.

Furthermore, the newspaper budget was pared and the gap just grew wider and wider.

The entire staff was informed the day payroll came out in January that no one would receive a full salary for the month.

Yet, as editor, I know this staff worked as tirelessly this week as any other. Nevertheless, as any other business would, we must trim back to stick to our budget.

More money would have been available in a better economic year to help close the gap. But the closing of Edward’s Supermarket, one of our biggest advertisers, and the drastic advertising cuts by ROTC, SGA and others has diminished our biggest source of revenue, which is outside of University funding.

Last year, with money to spare, The Chanticleer began a monumental transformation.

Many have said they enjoy the new Chanticleer.

It is our desire to keep up the progress and to serve students as best we can. And we will continue to do so because for everyone on this staff the foremost goal is to be the best we can.

However, our staff members have bills too, and many will ethic by on a closer budget this month. We ask only that readers be patient and support the paper through the hard times as we continue to print the truth and offer an open forum for dialogue. — The Editor

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During the spring term, the English Competency Examination will be given at the following times:

• 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday and 3:45-4:30 p.m. Wednesday. If you are eligible for the spring term exam, you must pre-register for it today in the English department, 215 Stone Center.

• You’ll be assigned a specific room for the test. When you take the exam, be sure to bring with you a photo ID, a blue book and a blue or black pen.

The College Bowl Examination will be offered 9 a.m.-12 Saturday, 251 Merrill; 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, 251 Merrill; 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, 251 Merrill; 9 a.m.-12. Feb. 15, 251 Merrill; 6-9 p.m. Feb. 17, Enzer Hall(JSU-G); 6-9 p.m. Feb. 18, Educ. Center/Bldg. 328 Fort McCellan.

Register at the Office of Assessment, 216 Ayers Hall, or call 782-5109. Space is limited, so register early to get a time that is convenient for you.

• Sign language classes are being offered this semester.

Session I/ Beginning Sign Language will be from 4:30-6 p.m. each Monday starting March 9 in 147 Daugette Hall.

Session II/ Intermediate Sign Language will be from 4:30-6 p.m. each Monday starting March 16 and continuing through April 27 in 147 Daugette Hall.

Call 782-5093 for more information.

American Red Cross needs recruits to take leadership to the water safety instructor course.

Every year there is a demand for swimming instructors throughout the county. In an attempt to reduce drownings and provide swimming classes, the Red Cross will be hosting a water safety instructor course beginning in April. Please call 236-0391 for more information.

• An infant and child CPR course will be taught 5-8 p.m. Feb. 11 and 13 at Lenbrook 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, please call Elaine Nelson at the American Red Cross at 236-0391.

• The French Club will meet at 2:30 today in the International House dining room. The movie Jean de Florette will be shown. New members are welcome to attend.

College Bowl

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The all-stars were Jim Hill, Sigma Nu; James Robinson, Gold-tipped Cane Group; Michael Graben, ATO; Carl Yancey, Extra Large; Christopher Punska, No Names; David Trouxier, Pellucid Paragons; and Jamie Cole, International Playboys.

Some students may like to compete for an intellectual challenge, and others may strive for team goals. But for one, it was reinforcement of his intellectual ability.

Graben, a three-time all-star, said, "I like to compete because it tells me I'm still smart despite my low grade."
"The bass boat and pick-up truck mentality of the '60s and '70s and '80s isn't going to get it from now on," he said.

Smith, who is also chief operating officer of Royal Cup Coffee Co., said he was not sure how much chance a tax reform bill has of passing in this session, but he said Alabama has a "window of opportunity" like no other in the past.

Derrick said the SGA will host its own forum on tax and education reform 6 p.m. Monday in the Montgomery Building auditorium before its regularly scheduled meeting.

The forum is open to all students who will be able to ask questions of Derrick or Jack Hopper, vice president for Institutional Development.

Student leaders also are encouraging people on campus to call representatives in Montgomery.

Walker said while a caller may not be able to reach his representative or senator personally, switch board operators will deliver messages to him on the floor of legislature.

The local representative, Gerald Willis, may be reached at 242-7600. Local senator Doug Ghee may be reached at 242-7800.

Students are also encouraged to call and leave messages supporting reform with the representatives and senators from their home districts.
Americans have set a precedent for the voting for broken disgruntled overlook. Here's what the president said about the yacht tax: "It answered by everyone who the wrong. He was caught in adultery by a reputable news source. The Miami. The American people judged and found him guilty. He pulled out in order to save himself even more embarrassment."

"Give rich deserved tax break. When it comes to economics, I'm a trickle-down sort of guy. It just makes sense, why. Trickle-down is this: You give people with less wealth tax breaks and incentives to spend their money and they will do so, and people with less wealth will get some of it as the economy is stimulated. The only problem with the theory is it just doesn't sound right to a lot of people. How does this feel to you? "Don't tax the rich. They're the ones with the money, and if they spend some of it, those in lower income brackets will get their share." "Whoa. "Don't tax the rich? What are you, crazy or something? We ought to tax the so-and-so's until they're blind. No member of Congress is going to stand up and say, "I've got a great idea. Let's make it so people who are taxed will want to spend their money and maybe we can get out of this recession." The reason none of them even says that is because they all share the same goal-getting re-elected. Start talking about breaks and incentives for the rich and they'll say, "Sen. Rockhead is trying to take care of all his rich cronies," and you'll be back to your private law practice next term. It's sort of strange that people of wealth are looked upon as thieves and scoundrels in this country. Sure, some of them are thieves and scoundrels. But isn't <t>going ahead what capitalism is all about? Shouldn't we cherish the individual who goes out there and slays the beast? What about rage to riches and Horatio Alger and America, the land of opportunity? Allow me to give you a perfect example of the trickle-down theory. Have you heard that President Bush wants to do away with the tax on yachts?"

Eric G. Mackey
Editor in Chief

Eric G. Mackey has tried to find proof. Furthermore, she sold the story to the Star. The magazine paid her to tell what she did. That is itself is a questionable practice. If she is trying to save the American public by presenting hidden facts, why didn't she go to a serious publication and offer the story? Would the Star have offered her money to deny the relationship? Would she have agreed to a deal like that? The immediate problem is Mrs. Clinton's candidacy and the truths of this situation. But the real heart of the matter goes much deeper. Now Americans are posed with a question of ethics that will not be reviewed by a commission. Each of us as a voter must decide whether the Star's story is legitimate or even ethical. And if it is true, should it disqualify Gov. Clinton from being president? I don't claim to have answers to all these questions, but they will be answered — answered by everyone who votes.

Americans have set a precedent for voting for broken disgruntled families. No family in America is further from traditional harmony than Ronald Reagan's. Estranged children, divorce, name it and if it goes against all we believe about family, the Reagans were in on it. Yet somehow people overlooked their own family life. Some voters will overlook something itself unless it hits the front page. Then judgement falls and the pieces fall where they may."

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Don't let dirty politics rub off

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Thanks for
King holiday help

We would like to thank everyone for participating in our annual Martin Luther King Jr. March. Following the march we had a short program and the JSU Gospel Choir sang a few songs. Again we would like to commend you for your participation. Remember February is Black History Month. All your support is wanted and appreciated.

Anthony Jones
Student

University needs to spend money on business computers

I would like to take a few lines and comment on the computer facilities available to students in the College of Commerce and Business Administration. The equipment currently available is seriously outdated and in need of immediate upgrading.

Through the personal and highly commendable efforts of Pat O’Brien, dean of the College, students will soon have four Macintosh IIsi computers available in Merrill Building. This is a big first step, but four up-to-date computers will not meet the needs of CCBA. The University needs to follow O’Brien’s lead and update the labs to reflect current trends in desktop computing. In offices throughout the country, the business computing power is the desktop and software is quickly leaving the command line for the Graphical User Interface.

I would like to see the labs established as mixed-use environments combining Macintosh and i386 PC systems, with the latter running Windows software. While cost is a major consideration, the need for facilities providing students the opportunity to develop and build skills using the equipment they will be expected to use in the workplace is of paramount importance. In assessing cost Apple cannot be circumvented, but the IBM compatible market is highly competitive and well-developed; IBM and its inflated prices need not be considered with the availability of quality, low cost vendors in the PC Direct Sales Market. If no one in the administration is familiar with this avenue of procurement, I will be happy to provide assistance at no charge.

E. Michael Veach
Unclassified Student: CCBA
Mr., Miss Friendly happy, pensive people

Tony Entrekkin
Features Writer

The titles of Mr. and Miss Friendly bring to mind images of happy people who smile and talk all the time. It would seem both Mr. and Miss Friendly would be the most outgoing of all students, but they are not. However, Anissa Grimes, a senior psychology major from Memphis, Tenn., is the perfect example of Miss Friendly, smiling constantly and listening attentively. Grimes says she has always been concerned for others, but sometimes has to work at maintaining a positive attitude. “People tell me I act like nothing ever bothers me or gets me down,” she says. “I really do not let other people know when I’m depressed or frustrated; I always try to keep a smile on my face.”

Mr. Friendly, Allen Reynolds, from Atmore, Ala., is almost the antithesis of Grimes. Upon first meeting him, Grimes seems quite shy and almost reserved. Grimes says he is not unhappy or unfriendly, but that he has a lot going on in his mind. “I think a lot about what I’ve done and what I have to do during the day,” Reynolds says. “So when I do not smile, it is not that I am not happy—I just have a lot going on inside.”

Reynolds’ quite nature obviously did not bother the 225 students who voted him Mr. Friendly on Nov. 14, 1991.

Grimes won with 192 votes. “(Winning) was exciting for me because I am from Memphis,” Grimes says. “I did not know a soul in Jackson— and I came all the way here and got this (title.)”

However, Grimes feels she and Reynolds are the perfect choices for the titles, as they both make the effort to meet and encourage others. “I make myself available to meeting other people,” says Reynolds. “I do not want to stay with the same few people I first (met at JSU). So, being involved like I am, I take the time to get to know other people.”

Reynolds encourages others to make the first effort in meeting people, too. “All you have to do is smile, talk and be (genuinely) friendly,” he says. “People like other smiling faces—so if they see you smiling, they may try it themselves.”

“And you never know how you might affect someone else,” Grimes says. “Someone might be (depressed), and you might make them feel better about themselves.”

Reynolds presents a challenge to next year’s nominees for the title, though: “It is going to be hard to fill our shoes next year,” he says smiling.

JSU wants Amnesty
Funds not available for start-up fee

Kristy Miller
Features Writer

The United Nations’ Universal Declaration of Human Rights assures every person certain human rights. Amnesty International, an organization working to prevent governments from violating these rights and which has won world-wide recognition including the Nobel Peace Prize in 1977 for its efforts, is trying to form a chapter at JSU.

Actually, steps to organize an Amnesty chapter at JSU have already been taken. Chris Buhagair, a 21-year-old junior majoring in political science and pre-law, has asked for help in founding a chapter, but has not yet been successful in doing so.

“The main problem is financing the group,” says Buhagair. He says any Amnesty group must contribute $150 to the national organization to be recognized as an legitimate chapter. Buhagair asked the SGA to help support the JSU Amnesty group, but says the SGA has not agreed to do so.

A spokesperson for the SGA says the SGA decided not to appropriate any money until it was sure of its own financial situation.

Stanley Weissman, area coordinator for Alabama’s Amnesty International, spoke Thursday at the Wesley Foundation, urging students to take a stand and get involved by forming their own chapter.

The main purpose of Amnesty Interna-

Club owner investigated

Brian Hester
Features Writer

Dan Nolen, co-owner of Brother’s Bar in Jacksonville—who also owns The Cotton Club and The Point in Atlanta and The Nick in Birmingham— is under investigation by the Atlanta Police Department. Nolen is suspected of operating The Cotton Club as a bar; however The Cotton Club is run under a restaurant license.

Unknown at this time are the effects this investigation might have on The Cotton Club and Brothers.

“I do not think the investigation will have any effect on Brother’s because they are two separate clubs,” says Nolen. Dan Nolen has been advised by his lawyer not to say anything at this time. The Atlanta Police Department cannot release any information until the case has been closed.

The controversy surrounding The Cotton Club is determining whether or not Nolen runs his club by the regulations set before him in his license—whether it be a restaurant or night-club license.

To obtain a night-club license, Nolen must pay a $50 filing fee in request for a license. Each year he must pay an additional $800 to keep that license.

Each state’s health board sets the specific guidelines for operating a club. However, an individual city can set its own general standards—such as requiring that no club be in a 2-mile radius of a church.

Women’s center established

College Press Service

A new research center named The Institute for Women and Work in Washington is being established at Mount Vernon College to gather information on women’s careers.

“We do not want it to be called a think tank, because it is not purely academic effort, says Robert Doolittle, director of public relations for the 117-year-old school. “It will actually produce opportunities for women.”

Resident scholars will work in the college’s academic building and will study how women can improve their careers, conduct research on women’s learning and career patterns and provide support on issues affecting women.

“We are looking for groups, caucuses of
TUMM latest rock alternative

Local band strives to be 'nation's best college band'

Andy Garner
Features Writer

Heavy is the only word to describe Jacksonville's newest band, The Ultimate Mother Monsters. Having formed in November 1991, TUMM is an alternative band consisting of drummer Lantz Croft, vocalist/guitarist Gary Sprayberry and Andy Standfield and bassist Vandon Stanfield.

A town full of club owners wanting mostly cover bands, Jacksonville is not the best place for an original band like TUMM. Although they play a few cover tunes upon request, TUMM have written approximately eight new songs each week. TUMM make music which vocalist Stanfield describes as an alternative to alternative rock.

Stanfield maintains he does not write with any type of motive other than conveying what he feels. "I do not try to create a mood or be artistic when I write," he says. "I write what I feel."

For instance, "Your Balloon My Balloon" is an example of Stanfield's aggressiveness as the song's energy progressively intensifies with each beat. "Metaphysical Girl" is another TUMM original with a lot of energy. However, the "Metaphysical" energy comes as the band continually changes riffs. Although this change is somewhat confusing at times, it is also somewhat sedative and invigorating.

Not only do TUMM's songs represent what Stanfield feels, but they also identify with the views and emotions of the world. Take "In Limbo" and "Idle Hands," for example. Both pertain to tonics — laziness, desire and heartache — to which most can relate.

On the other hand, "Mr. Harms" focuses on child molestation — a subject often ignored by the public. Together only four months, TUMM seem to have the right attitude about performing. The band plans to enter the Dodge Rockin' Campus Bash contest in search for the nation's best college band, sponsored in part by the UPC and 92J.

Maybe TUMM will win. Maybe not. But at least one of the band members is optimistic. "I am going to be a rock 'n' roll star," Stanfield says.
Movie Review

De Mornay truly scary in 'Cradle'

Rebecca De Mornay stars as Peyton Flanders, a psychopathic nanny set on destroying the Bartel family and claiming it as her own. Certainly the Bartel's could avoid the tragic fate due them simply by considering a few things before hiring Flanders. Consider the nanny's background, for example; consider Flanders' undeniable beauty; consider her charming—often too charming—manner. Once the story begins, however, none of these things matter, for it is already too late.

De Mornay, in her most attention-getting role since she starred opposite Tom Cruise in "Risky Business," shows incredible range as an actress, reminiscent of Kathy Bates in last year's "Misery." One moment she's a sweet mother-figure, even a seductress; the next she's a shovel-wielding maniac. Yet from the beginning, De Mornay gives the audience a sense of madness, her piercing blue eyes telling the true story behind the lie she lives with Bartel and her family.

"I scare myself in it," confesses De Mornay in Premiere magazine. Indeed.

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APPLICATIONS FOR SGA SENATE AND OFFICER POSITIONS FOR THE 1992 FALL SEMESTER ARE DUE IN THE SGA OFFICE BY FEBRUARY 18 AT 4:30 P.M.

PLEASE ATTEND THE LECTURE THIS WEEK WITH DARRYL VAN LEER AS MALCOLM X

7:00 PM LEONE COLE AUDITORIUM
For men, doing laundry like brain surgery

I have here a letter from Alison Schuler of Albuquerque, N.M. (motto: "The City That Is Probably Spelled Wrong"). Ms. Schuler is concerned about the issue of How Guys Do Laundry. She relates the following anecdote:

"My husband announced one morning that he had discovered the previous night, on the eve of a two-day business trip, that he was out of underwear. Why he told me, I do not know. I never tell HIM when I'M out of underwear. Anyways, he decided to remedy the situation in true guy fashion, by washing exactly three sets of underwear, thus disregarding the bulging hamper full of the rest of his underwear, which, presumably, would wash itself during his absence."

Ms. Schuler's letter serves to remind us of the importance of not engaging in sexist stereotyping. We must never make blanket gender-based statements such as: "Men always hog the blanket." Just because Ms. Schuler's husband doesn't do the laundry, that doesn't mean that there aren't millions upon millions of males who do do the laundry, then hang it out to dry under three suns of the Planet Xoomar, where they live.

Most males here on Earth, however, do not do any more laundry than they absolutely have to. A single-sock load would not be out of the question, for a guy. A guy might well choose to wash ONLY THE REALLY DIRTY PART OF THE SOCK.

At first glance, this behavior might seem to be reprehensible, but in fact there's a simple, logical explanation for it: Men are worthless scum.

No, seriously, the explanation is that many men are AFRAID to do laundry, especially laundry belonging to people of other genders, because they (the males) might get into Big Trouble, I know! would. In our household we have a lot of sensitive garments with laundering-instruction tags full of strict instructions like:

**DO NOT MACHINE WASH. DO NOT USE HOT WATER. DO NOT USE ANY WATER. DO NOT TOUCH THIS GARMENT WITHOUT SURGICAL GLOVES. PUT THIS GARMENT DOWN IMMEDIATELY.**

As a married person, use the Hamper System, which is similar to the Pile System except that we clothes really do get clean, thanks to the magical hamper rays.

No, I of course realize, that hampered clothes are cleaned by a person such as my wife, Beth, and Alison Schuler of Albuquerque, N.M. But I also know that Beth follows a complex procedure involving sorting and pre-soaking and 27 different combinations of water temperatures and chemical compounds such as fabric softener, stain remover, fabric hardener, cream rinse, fluoresccine, etc.

Becky wouldn't LET me do her laundry unless I undertook years of training, because she assumes I'd screw it up and cause our garments to shrink down to cute little Tinkerbell clothes, or transmute themselves in the dryer, similar to what happened to that unfortunate man in the movie "The Fly," so we'd wind up with, for example, a brassiere that had tiny legs.

Beth's reluctance to let me near the laundry is typical of the vast majority of American women, according to a nationwide survey of several other women I know. A typical reaction came from my research department, Judi Smith, who gave the following statement regarding her husband, Tim, a Ph.D. college professor:

"I don't trust him to do my laundry at ALL, unless I've sorted it first well given him strict instructions before each and every load, because otherwise everything we own would be mauve or gray...He puts his clothes away damp. He can't put away anything else's clothes, because he can't fold. I mean, the man can't fold a TOWEL for goodness sake. Somehow, he can't get the corners to match up. A HAND towel, even."

I repeated Judi's statement to Beth, who emitted the bitter humorless laugh of a woman who has more than once watched her husband turn a basic shirt into a prizewinning origami project.

I'm not defending men here. I'm just saying that a lot of us view ourselves as laundry-impaired, and we'll probably continue to do so as long as women roll their eyes and shove us away from the washing machine when we're about to, for example, wash our delicate silks in the same load as our boat cover.

So I'm saying to women: Teach us to launder. We are willing to learn, really, just as soon as the playoffs are over. Give us a chance to show what we are capable of. And definitely buy stock in whatever company makes Right Guard.
Kingston paces revenge victory over North Alabama

Brandt Dooley
Sport Writer

Saturday night the North Alabama Lions came to Mathews Coliseum to meet the JSU Gamecocks in a game that would break the first-place tie in the Gulf South Conference. Both teams entered the game with only one loss in conference play.

There was considerable pressure preceding the matchup comparing it to a college basketball “Super Bowl.” Mathews Coliseum was packed full with an estimated crowd of 5,500.

Senior forward Anthony Kingston said all the hype made the game “very tense.”

It didn’t seem to bother him as Kingston began the night with a three-pointer and ended it with an exclamation-point slam. He recorded a career evening with 36 points.

After establishing the lead, JSU built on it by pressuring the Lions into 11 turnovers in the first half. Kingston led the Gamecocks in the half with 22 points and Willie Fisher and David Edmond both turned in 12 points.

North Alabama (93)
Roach 7-10 0-1 17, Bridges 6-11 0-0 15, Underwood 6-7 0-0 12, Herley 3-4 1-2 7, Smith 3-8 3-9 12, Johnson 5-11 4-4 14, Morris 1-5 0-0 3 Spencer 7-13 0-0 16, Daniel 3-4 2-4 8. Totals 36-68 10-14 91.

JSU (104)
Kingston 10-13 13-14 36, Edmond 6-14 5-6 16, Fisher 6-11 4-4 19, Herley 5-11 3-4 12, Williams 1-2 0-0 2, Edmond 1-4 2-3, Brantley 1-2 0-0 2, Rice 0-1 0-0, Parker 0-0 0-0. Totals 31-66 34-42 104.


Fisher took charge of JSU attack

Alan Beckett
Sport Writer

JSU has been very successful this year and Willie Fisher has come into his own as a big-time player. The two statements are interchangeable. Fisher’s success has a lot to do with the success of the Gamecocks and vice versa.

The Gamecocks are having a successful season with a 17-1 record. Fisher is having an outstanding senior year as well as averaging 17.9 points and 7.7 assists per game.

He is first in the league in assists, fifth in scoring and fourth in free throw shooting percentage at 78.6 percent. However, the one statistic that shows what Fisher means to the Gamecocks is the 39-7 record while he has been here.

Fisher was signed as a point guard coming out of Lake City Community College. He came even though the Gamecocks already had point guard Pat Madden.

Fisher came to JSU along with two other Lake City players Glen Wyche and Willie Williams. “I chose JSU because I knew two players here and I knew the reputation of JSU,” Fisher said.

Coach Bill Jones said, “It is hard to sign a player to come in when their position is already filled. But Willie liked JSU and we signed two of his teammates.”

Fisher immediately made a spot for himself after having several double-figure games coming off the bench. Jones then decided to go to a three-guard system with Fisher and Madden having dual roles.

“We had to have him on the floor,” Jones said. “He made it evident he needed to be on the floor. He created his spot. Good players create their own position.”

Fisher started the last 10 games last year. He hit double figures in each of those games and his best performances came against the better teams. He scored 20 points against North Alabama and 34 against Troy.

Fisher said of last year, “Toward the end I got my confidence and became a team player. I had to adjust to being a two-guard and learn the system.”

Senior enjoys his leadership role

Alan Beckett
Sport Writer

Last fall, JSU had football scheduling difficulties. This fall, JSU has a difficult football schedule.

After playing only nine games last fall, the Gamecocks added Division I-AA power Georgia Southern to its schedule in addition to Alcorn State, another Division I-AA school.

The Gamecocks will once again open the season at Valdosta State.

JSU will play its six Gulf South Conference games as usual.

Kentucky State rounds out the schedule on Nov. 14.

And learn the system he did. Jones said, “We run 30 or 40 plays and a point has to know what is going on at all times. A point guard in our system has to know where everyone should be. Willie fits that role.”

“He is leader by example,” Jones said of Fisher. “He is going to do his part to work hard. It is important that all the seniors be leaders.”

Fisher said, “He (Jones) expects me to be the floor leader. He wants me to get out and execute. The point guard’s role is to control the team and dictate the tempo.”

Fisher seemed to be happy with the current JSU team. “After playing together for a year we have grown as a team. We talk, joke and know each other. The good thing about us is we have five or six players who can step forward and perform. No one player has the pressure to go out and score a lot of points.”

Fisher continued his praise of the team saying, “It’s a senior-oriented team. We want to put every effort into this year. And put in 100 percent effort every night. It is a team I’m not afraid to take up against anyone.”

The next time No. 12 brings a smile to your face with a sharp pass or long three-pointer think about where the Gamecocks would be without him.
JSU avoids the Blues, tames the Lady Lions

Tim Hathcock
Sports Editor

JSU stayed on a hot streak with wins over the Mississippi University for Women and North Alabama. The Lady Gamecocks are now 13-5 overall and 5-2 in the Gulf South Conference.

Against MUW, reserve guard Terrace Spears led all scorers with 16 points, all in the second half. After a lackluster first half, the Lady Gamecocks took apart the outmatched Blues, resulting in a 92-58 victory.

"In the first half, they played harder than we did," said Coach Tony Mabrey. "We had to turn it up a notch and play a little harder." Play a little harder is exactly what they did. After leading by 37-29 at the half, JSU pulled away for the win in front of only 170 fans on Jan. 30.

"At this point any time we play its important for us to come out and play hard," said Mabrey. Felicia Owings didn’t get the opportunity to play against her old teammates — she transferred to JSU from MUW — because of an illness.

North Alabama must have felt a little ill after the rough treatment it received on Saturday.
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