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University plans to adhere to affirmative action rule

Eric G. Mackey
Editor in Chief

JSU administrators soon will begin to deal with the recent 1000-page federal court decision designed to end segregation in the state's post secondary system. And, according to H. Bascom Woodward III, vice president for Student Affairs, that could be a tough job with ongoing proration.

The decision was handed down in December by U.S. District Judge Harold Murphy of Rome, Ga., who was brought in especially for the suit against Alabama colleges. Murphy set up guidelines ending program duplication where traditionally white and black schools exist in the same city. He also ordered many colleges to increase recruitment of minority students, faculty and administrators.

According to Woodward, the court order's most direct language at JSU calls for more important administrative positions be filled with black personnel. Woodward said the language of the order is not specific, but he assumes important will be interpreted to mean higher level positions such as deans, directors, department

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"If I'm gonna spend good money on underwear, I sure want some women to see them." The winning line helped push Jason Legan over the top to win the Open Mike Night comedy competition sponsored by the UPC. Six people competed Jan. 22 for the top prize.

Students do well in first Model UN

Melanie Jones
News Editor

College students took on the roles of the rulers of the world last weekend, and Auburn was its power center as it hosted the 1992 Southeastern Invitational Model United Nations.

Students attending the conference said JSU did well for its first appearance in the invitational. The founder and captain of JSU's team, Chris Buhagier, said they received many compliments from conference leaders. One JSU delegate, Leopold Sambou, received an honorable mention as best delegate, and the team's resolution was one the three passed out of the one hundred written.

Both Buhagier, a junior majoring in political science and pre-law, and Sambou, a junior history major, believe the Model UN is a way to gain recognition for JSU.

"There's no Division I or Division II in this. It's all Division I," Buhagier said.

JSU worked with students from Middle Tennessee University, the University of Tennessee, Florida State University, the University of Florida and Auburn, as well as several other schools.

The Model UN functions exactly like the actual organization. Students from various colleges attend conferences and form a duplicate of the UN. In the Southeastern Invitational, each college chose which countries it wanted to represent, then chose delegates for each committee.

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*--Chris Buhagier
team captain*

For this competition, the JSU team chose Gambia, a country in West Africa, and the Republic of Malta, a Mediterranean country.

Sambou is from Gambia, and Buhagier, who is from Canada, said he has some knowledge of Malta. The two men said their international background was definitely an advantage in competition because it cut down on the amount of research necessary.

Sambou had a particular advantage in representing his own country. "I know the way my country votes," he said. "I was real."

Delegates are expected to have a thorough knowledge of the countries they're representing, including their economic concerns, international affairs and their allies.

"You don't take your own personal view. You have to portray what that country would feel," Buhagier said.

The way to gain favor is also similar to the real UN. "You get to the point... where you end up selling your vote," he said. "You have to be able to act on your feet and change your

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Get-rich-slow makes for better investment

Jennifer Lynn McLaughlin
News Writer

While get-rich-quick schemes may be tempting — especially in recessionary times, Merrill Lynch financial consultant Jan Hornsby urges the money-conscious to apply a get-rich-slow approach to investing.

Hornsby, who manages over 400 accounts

and \$9 million in assets at the Anniston brokerage firm, addressed a group of potential investors at JSU last Thursday and encouraged them to examine several possibilities before making investment decisions.

"Explore alternatives that you've never considered before," she said. "Be informed, ask questions and make intelligent, informed choices. It's your money, so you need to make

sure it fills your objectives."

In order to achieve their financial objectives, investors must first evaluate their total financial pictures and needs, according to Hornsby.

"Before you do anything, you should know exactly what you hope to accomplish," she said. "Nothing is suitable for everyone, so I can't really make blanket recommendations for investment.

"I do believe, though, that adopting a long-term approach to investing is usually the best way to go."

Hornsby's long-term approach includes three investment alternatives to Certificates of Deposit. The alternatives -- utility stocks, tax-free

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Browder addresses local economy at breakfast

Dyana Blythe
City News Editor

In a speech to the Anniston City Council Friday morning, Rep. Glen Browder, D-Ala., announced that he does not see any immediate solutions to the country's economic crisis, but is optimistic that Calhoun County will remain economically stable.

Browder, a JSU faculty member on leave of absence, spoke to City Council members and representatives of service agencies at a breakfast at the Carriage House Inn in Anniston.

He acknowledged what Congress has been doing on certain issues and how it will affect us locally.

"The big issue we're looking at is the economy," Browder stated. "We need to be careful when dealing with our problems that we don't make them worse."

He discussed the Budget Agreement of 1991 — either raising taxes or cutting a program — but does not agree with that method of improving the economy.

"The notion that we can grow out of this is just not going to work," he said.

According to Browder, the main solution already being put to work by Congress is lowering the interest rate more.

"I think it is working, we just don't see it yet," he said. "But in the past, when we've (lowered interest rates), we just haven't seen the remarkable results that were predicted."

Browder would like to see emergency aid given to state and local governments.

Although Browder made some vague predictions about the future of the economy, he admitted that he really does not know what will happen.

"The long-term great threat to our country is that we'll be driven deeper into debt. No measure, long-term or



Jay Fennell

Glen Browder

short-term, is going to help us right away," he said.

Browder also discussed the decline of the defense budget, which includes both a decline in weapons and in personnel.

Because Alabama is so heavily involved in defense, economists predict that it will lose about 25,000 jobs; however, Browder is confident that Ft. McClellan will continue to improve after its near shut-down a year ago.

"I believe it is a good sign that Ft. McClellan is now being written into the federal budget. It wasn't in the budget for awhile, and we were worried. But now it is back in," he said.

While entertaining questions, Browder was verbally attacked by a member of the audience who claimed that Congress was to blame for the economic crisis, stating, "It is not the lack of funds, but the mismanagement of funds. I think there is mismanagement of funds."

"All I can say is we are trying to do the best we can," Browder responded.

He said he would like to see the University sponsor a high school UN conference, and he wants to attend the National Model United Nations World competition in New York in the United Nations building.

Buhagiar said the students are good enough, but funding is an obstacle. The group requested \$100 from the SGA to attend the Auburn conference, but was turned down due to a lack of funds. The students who attended the conference paid their own way, but that would be impossible for the New York trip.

"We've proved why there's no reason we can't compete," Buhagiar said. Now they need the money to do it.

Anyone interested can call Buhagiar at 782-6520 or attend the meeting at 3 p.m. Thursdays in 333 Martin Hall.

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policy."

Delegates often agree to vote a particular way on an issue that doesn't really involve their country in exchange for a favorable vote on an issue they are pursuing.

The team from JSU wrote a resolution concerning refugees in the committee stages that was co-sponsored by both Gambia and Malta. It changed the UN's definition of a refugee, which had not been altered in nearly 50 years. "It passed overwhelmingly," Buhagiar said. "We did our job there."

Japan was the only country to vote against the resolution, and 12 of the 40 countries abstained, including the United States.

Buhagiar has set high goals for the JSU organization.

Job outlook not promising this year

College Press Service

The national employment picture isn't pretty for college students who plan to graduate this spring.

Two of the most-watched annual studies that deliver job predictions agree that the market is worse this year than last, that fewer jobs exist for college graduates, and that people still searching for jobs from the class of 1991, in addition to experienced laid-off workers, are flooding an already-saturated market.

The 1992 Northwestern Lindquist-Endicott report predicts the worst job market in 20 years. And a report issued by the Children's Defense Fund said all young workers, not just graduating seniors, are typically the first to lose jobs, both corporate and otherwise.

The crunch is expected to be the

worst this summer when students seek jobs in restaurants, factories and professional internship programs.

The CDF study noted that, "The net job loss for young workers (people under 25) has occurred both because they cannot find jobs and because they have grown too discouraged to enter or remain in the job market."

The Lindquist-Endicott report and a 1992 Recruiting Trends report from Michigan State University delivered similarly depressing news for graduates, with few exceptions.

"For seniors, in the sunset of their college careers, it is looking bleak on their horizons," said Dale Austin, director of career planning and placement at Hope College in Michigan.

The Michigan State study also reports a list of what employers see as the most noticeable shortcomings among recent college graduates. The top of the list includes unrealistic

work expectations and career aspirations, a sense among graduates that they have already "paid their dues," and poor writing, communication and public speaking skills.

Career placement workers at schools across the country agree with the findings.

"There are steps that students can take whether it's an internship, volunteer work, good extracurricular activities or networking... They just can't let (the predictions) overwhelm them," Austin said.

There was one positive finding among the job studies. Data collected by the College Placement Council, a national association of career planning, placement and recruitment workers, reports that "overall, the 1991-92 outlook is better than last year's, and the hiring projections give 1991-92 graduates some hope."

Announcements

•During the spring term, the English Competency Examination will be given at the following times: 6-7:30 p.m. Feb. 11 and 3-4:30 p.m. Feb. 12. If you are eligible for the spring term exam, you must pre-register for it between Jan. 22 and Feb. 6 in the English department, 215 Stone Center. There you'll be assigned a specific room for the test. When you take the exam, be sure to bring with you a photo i.d., a blue book, and a blue or black pen.

Workshops for the spring examination will be held 3-4:30 p.m. Monday and 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Merrill Hall Auditorium (101 Merrill Hall). While attending one of the workshops will certainly not guarantee a "pass," it should familiarize the student with what to expect on the examination. NOTE: Attendance at the workshop is NOT a requirement to take the exam.

•Entry forms for the Miss JSU Pageant are now available in 109 Mason Hall. This is a preliminary to Miss Alabama and includes talent, evening gown, swimsuit and interview competitions. Applications are due Feb. 14. For further information, call Darnelle Scarbrough at 782-5045 or David Owens at 435-6257.

•The College Base Examination will be offered 9 a.m.-12 Feb. 8, 251 Merrill; 5-8 p.m. Feb. 11, 251 Merrill; 6-9 p.m. Feb. 12, 251 Merrill; 9 a.m.-12 Feb. 15, 251 Merrill; 6-9 p.m. Feb. 17, Enzor Hall(JSU-G); 6-9 p.m. Feb. 18, Educ. Center/Bldg. 328 Ft. McClellan.

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 through 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.

•Students who have received scholarships for the 1991-92 academic year are requested to report at 4 p.m. today in Montgomery Auditorium to have photos made for hometown newspapers.

Faculty scholars and all other current scholarship recipients (except those who received Leadership Scholarships) are urged to attend. "Sunday clothes" are recommended so you'll look your best.

Call the News Bureau at 782-5468 for further information.

•Alpha Phi Omega, a national coed service fraternity, will hold rush 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, at the Mail Center in Montgomery Building. Anyone interested is invited to stop by and talk to members about the program of leadership, friendship and service. A rush party will be 7:30 p.m., Feb 11 in the Alumni House.

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heads and vice presidents.

Woodward, who is the University's affirmative action officer, said he had not met with JSU President Harold J. McGee yet to discuss how a plan to hire more black administrators might be implemented. He said the largest setback in fulfilling the order may be a shortfall in funding. Currently, the University is under a hiring freeze. "If we're not going to fill any positions that become vacant, we're not going to be able to (obey the order)."

He said the other areas dictated by the decision will not seriously affect the University, and that the number of black students and faculty has never been an issue at JSU. However, those numbers have increased since the suit was first filed in 1983.

Another section of the order may

affect JSU less directly, but just as seriously. Murphy ordered that the state allot an extra \$10 million dollars to each of the state's two traditionally black colleges. "There's just so much money in the pot," Woodward said, "and if (those schools) are going to get an increase, obviously the other institutions will lose money." The Alabama Commission on Higher Education has not decided how to come up with the extra money.

According to Woodward, a committee must report progress to the judge periodically. "Obviously, if they're going to report to the court, we will have to report to this committee," Woodward said. The committee will consist of presidents of the state's colleges and universities.

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investments and tax-deferred investments — should improve cost-efficiency and financial consistency, according to Hornsby.

"Utility stocks are a good investment alternative because they are quarterly divided," she said. "If you've got a CD now, utility stocks may be good for you because the set-up is similar."

Tax-free investment alternatives are also avenues Hornsby encouraged CD holders to explore.

"A lot of people are looking into tax-frees, such as municipal bonds, right now because the rates are much better than CDs," she said. "Interest on municipal bonds is not taxable to you on a federal and sometimes a state level."

Hornsby said tax-deferred alternatives are ideal for investors who have kept their money in CDs over a long period of time.

"Every time you let a CD roll over in maturity, you pay tax on that," she said. "Why not put that money into a tax-deferred alternative, such as an annuity?"

In addition to offering investment alternatives, Hornsby also offered the audience low-risk stock investment

advice.

"If you're conservative, be careful about putting your money into things that go up and down," she said. "Instead, put your money into safe, basic things."

"There are three things you can count on people doing even in a recession: They have to eat, they have to go to the doctor and they have to shop at discount stores. So food service, health care and discount retail are usually safe."

While Hornsby acknowledged the state of the nation's economy as a discouraging factor for new and mature investors, she said the recession could be a good opportunity for financial decisions.

"This is an excellent time to get started because the demand for stocks is going to increase as interest rates stay low," she said. "The economy should gradually improve in 1992, but it will be slow."

"We're expecting a 3% growth rate this year, but things could get better. After all, this is an election year, and strange things can happen."

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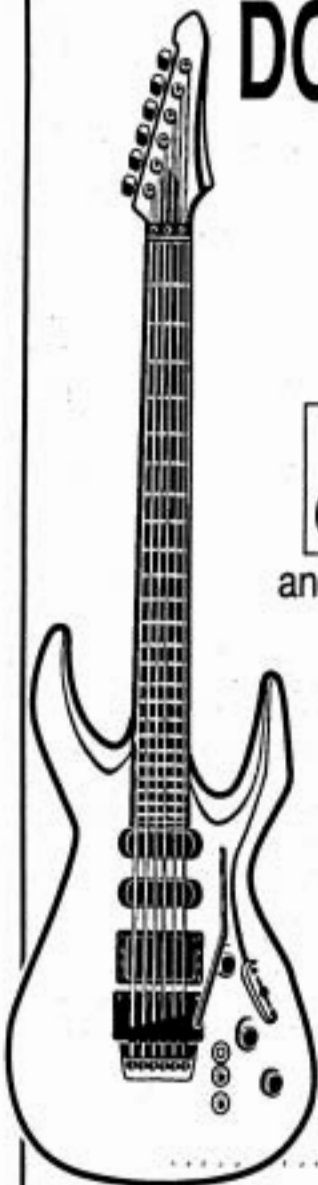
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Save with attrition

In an effort to retrieve needed revenue for the state, last week House Speaker Jimmy Clark called for state employees earning more than \$40,000 a year to take a 5 percent pay reduction. It was a noble idea, but not the most likely one to work.

For one thing, the request comes from a member of the state legislature — the governing body which voted itself a 20 percent pay increase just last year. A request for others to sacrifice coming from a legislator is somehow ironic. Yet, somehow it is believable.

Noble ideas often come out of the legislature, but prudent actions rarely do.

It is an attempt, though, and clearly the state must come up with money to support its schools from some source. Wayne Teague, the superintendent of Alabama schools, has another idea. He suggested the state cut its educational bureaucracy by attrition, and thus save money on salaries while making the Department of Education more efficient.

According to Dr. Teague's plan workers would be put out of work until they reached their natural retirement or left the department. But positions would be filled from within, and little by little the work force would be cut.

Recently in the Gadsden Times, the Guntersville superintendent was quoted as saying half the department's employees could be let go, and in six months they would not even be missed.

Unfortunately, he is probably right.

Unfortunately, it probably will not change, either. Bureaucracies grow themselves. Politics determine a lot of the hiring in state government, and there will be little positive reform unless...unless it starts at the top.

If state leaders elect to take a pay cut it, will, no doubt, be applauded widely. It will signify a step toward a solution.

But, most of all, the bureaucracy needs to go. Not only does it waste money, it destroys efficiency and compounds the problems already burdening our State Department of Education.

\$1 billion more to catch up

One billion dollars. \$1,000,000,000. One thousand million dollars.

That's a lot of money, isn't it? But according to the facts presented by the Council of Presidents of the state's colleges and universities, that is how much we are behind the Southern average for education funding, kindergarten through college.

As reported in last week's paper, the presidents are holding public meetings around the state to push for tax reform, including the one in Jacksonville. They wanted to drive home a solitary message: we must have an improved tax structure, and we must improve it soon.

Tax reform is an old topic. I have heard it thrown around since I was a tiny kid. I knew the term long before I knew what it meant, or cared. But now I do care because, like all Alabamians, now I must.

Quite simply, the tax system in this state is heavily based on sales. Sales taxes provide a lot of the support for our schools. Ad valorem, or property taxes, are used in most states to build

Eric G. Mackey
Editor in Chief



a basis for education support.

And the difference is clear. Sales tax income fluctuates with the economy. No one can really predict the revenue that will come in during the next year. No one knows if the economy will have an upswing or a downturn.

And even if we could predict it, it would only mean lots of money in good years, leading to expansion and growth; and barely any money in other years, leaving schools not only unable to expand, but also unable to maintain a stable learning environment.

However, the borders of this state will not change. Property taxes provide a steady, easily predictable flow of income. And property taxes are fair. Some big land owners disagree.

They contend renters don't pay property tax and property owners carry all the burden.

But property renters would carry as much a burden through increased rent. Everyone would share the same tax burden, that is everyone except the poor, who are exempted from property taxes.

I for one think the poor of this state deserve a break. As it stands now, they pay a heavy burden through sales tax — as high as 10 percent in some Alabama cities.

As a proud native Alabamian, I worry about our future. I worry about all four of the states on our borders surpassing us in educational improvement.

We are 13th in the amount we spend on education out of 15 Southern states. \$1,000,000,000. It's a lot of money, but somehow we have got to do it. It cannot be done overnight. But if we don't start now, it will never be done at all.

Served with a side of smiles

It was one of those "Open 24 Hours -- Breakfast Anytime" joints. I was sitting at the counter finishing off my order of eggs. Randy Travis was on the jukebox.

The guy sitting next to me wore a white T-shirt with nothing written or pictured on it, a relic.

He was nursing a cup of coffee and smoking a Winston. He had a tattoo on his left arm. A large one.

I think it was a tattoo of some sort of bird. Or maybe it was a flower. Poor tattooist nonetheless.

Tattoo says to my waitress, who is sweeping the area behind the cook, "You push that broom pretty good."

The waitress was mid-30's. She might have been pretty at one time.

"I oughtta be gettin' good at it," she said to the man, "I been doin' it all week."

"You do look tired. You ain't been partyin' too much, have you?" the man said.

"Partyin'?" she answered him. "I've worked all seven days this week and put in three double shifts."

"Anybody tell you they appreciated it?" asked the man at the counter.

"Appreciated what?"

"Appreciate you done worked hard all week."

"Honey, ain't nobody said nothing to me all week but, 'Do this and do that.'"

"Well, I ain't surprised," the man went on, crushing his Winston.

"It's just expected of you today to give all you got. Nobody appreciates it when you do everything they ask of you."

"You can break your back for a man these days and he won't thank you for it, but if you slow down, he'll get rid of you in a minute. Workin' folks can't win."

Other waitresses were shouting their orders to the cook, who was working feverishly over his greasy flat

Lewis Grizzard

The Atlanta
Journal-Constitution



grill. He had eggs, various assortments of meats and potatoes going in a symphony of butter and grease.

"Give me two scrambled with cheese, side of bacon," a waitress called to him.

The cook never acknowledged the order, but you sensed he didn't need to. What seemed like a lot of confusion obviously was a precision drill.

"Where are you workin' these days?" the waitress with the broom asked the customer with the tattoo.

"Honey, I ain't worked in three months. They laid 200 of us off the last of February."

"How you gettin' by?"

"Barely," said the man. "Pour me another cup of that coffee."

The waitress dutifully put down the broom and filled the man's cup and smiled and topped off mine.

"I guess I'm lucky," she said to both of us. "They're workin' my tail off, but at least I'm workin'."

"I heard that," said the man.

He lit another Winston and took another sip out of his coffee. I stood to pay my bill.

My eggs had been cooked perfectly. The coffee had been reassuring on another foggy, rainy morning and my cup had never approached empty. All that and it had been served with a side of smiles.

After I got my change, I left a generous tip. Even in hard times, it doesn't cost all that much to show a little appreciation.

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"Give me the liberty to know, to utter, to argue freely according to conscience, above all liberties."

—John Milton



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Stone deserves chance to make people think

Jamie Cole
Staff Writer

A little over a month ago, Oliver Stone took us all back to the 60s, and some of us who weren't alive then were shocked. When I bought my ticket to "JFK," I was expecting to see a slice of history that I was not around to witness first-hand; when I left the theater three hours later, my mind was reeling with questions. In the darkness of a theater in Florence, Ala., I began to question the truth of those brief, passing comments in the textbooks about the assassination of John F. Kennedy. And I made my firm opinion, as the curtain went up, that Oliver Stone deserves a chance, even if what he has to say could shake the government to its highest levels.

"There is a saying," says Stone. "A lie is like a snowball -- the longer it is rolled, the larger it is." The Warren Commission conclusion -- that Oswald, acting alone, killed Kennedy - is that lie." That is the synopsis of Stone's film: he completely discredits the Warren Commission's findings, and brings to light the discoveries of one Jim Garrison, the former New Orleans district attorney that researched the JFK assassination and actually brought a man to trial for being involved in a conspiracy to kill the president. Stone's film tells his story, one that raised eyebrows 25 years ago and one that is raising emotions today.

Garrison was the victim of widespread media apathy for his theories, but his questions should not be over-

looked. How can the Warren Commission claim that Lee Harvey Oswald was simply a lone drifter when his connections to the U.S. intelligence community are so obvious? How can the Warren Commission claim that only one "Magic Bullet" wounded the president fatally and even seriously wounded Texas governor John Connally? How can they completely discredit the testimonies of numerous witnesses that claim they both heard and saw a shot from the infamous grassy knoll? And, possibly most important, why won't the government release the still withheld Warren Commission files that may hold the key to the mist of confusion and mystery surrounding the assassination? Why is it that this important information is being kept out of the light, despite the fact that a 1979 report from the House Select Committee on Assassinations acknowledged a 95 percent probability that a shot was actually fired from the grassy knoll at Dealey Plaza?

Why can't we just know the truth about what happened in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963?

Thank you, Oliver Stone, for bringing these questions out of the darkness that has surrounded them for the last 28 years. Thank you for encouraging us to take yet another look at the integrity of our government. Thank you for having the courage, as Jim Garrison did over two decades ago, to take a step toward the elusive truth.

And thank you for making us question history.

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Letters to the Editor

Grizzard should see whole story on rap before writing

I, along with scores of other black students, am appalled by Grizzard's article on the "evils" of rap music. To sum up the article, Grizzard says that rap music is worthless. While it may be true that some rap lyrics are disgusting and uncalled for, it is a blatant untruth to say that rap music has no positive value. Mr. Grizzard should have studied the positive side of rap music before writing this detrimental editorial.

Take, for instance, the song "Knowledge is King" by Kool Moe Dee. In the song, Kool Moe Dee implores young listeners to educate themselves because gaining knowledge is the key to better living.

And what about the rap tune "Independent" by Salt-N-Peppa. "Independent" encourages young women of all colors to be their own persons and learn to stand on their own without the help of men. And let's not forget "Be a Father to Your Child" by Ed

O.G. and the Bulldogs which encourages fathers to take care of their own children and not let other men take on their fatherly responsibilities.

Now, can Grizzard honestly say that rap music has no value? Of course not, when you have rap artists like the aforementioned who are pioneers in positive rap music.

It should also be noted that Grizzard has his facts screwed up. He mentioned that people were trampled to death during a rap concert in New York. That was not the case. Actually, those people were trampled at an AIDS benefit basketball game featuring rap artists as team players.

Grizzard seems to be blaming rap for this misfortune; however, the blame should be placed on the proprietors of the auditorium in which the game was held and the promoters of the event because the auditorium could not house all of the people to whom they sold tickets.

My final response is to Grizzard's question, "Where's the Rev. Jesse Jackson in all this?" Grizzard's answer to this question was, "Somewhere premiering his new television show."

Well, just what is Grizzard trying to say? Might he be saying, in so many word, that Jesse Jackson keeps "us black folk" in control? Frankly, I don't know what he's trying to say, but I do know that Jesse Jackson has done too much for middle and lower class persons of all races for Grizzard to attempt to discredit Jackson in such a way.

However, we are all entitled to our own opinions and I would like to extend an opinion of my own -- my opinion being, Lewis Grizzard is one editorialist who gives the wonderful world of editorialism a bad name.

Raquel K. Bryant
Sophomore

Do you agree with the 21-year-old drinking age?

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Gene Hithox
Sophomore

Yes, I do agree with the law. But if a guy is responsible enough to go to war and die for his country, he should be responsible enough to make his own decisions.



Reginald Jones
Freshman

I think you should be able to drink when you're 18. I feel you are old enough to be considered mature.



Demeke Browne
Freshman

If you're old enough to vote, you're old enough to know how to handle your alcohol. I don't agree with the 21 drinking age.



John Paul Robinson
Senior

Drinking should be dealt with more maturely as a society. Putting artificial bans on the drinking age just because you think a person is not responsible will only encourage that person to break the law.



Tanya Hunter
Sophomore

No, but I think it depends on the maturity of the individual. I believe it should be lowered to 19.



Jim Powell
Freshman

A 21-year-old is considered a legal adult and if they want to take the responsibility of drinking, that's fine.

Features

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Student meets mother at reunion



Chris Capps

Jean Sager stands between her children, Christy and JSU student Chris Capps, whom she gave up for adoption in 1969.

Jamie Cole
Features Writer

Family reunions are usually taken for granted; we see them as nothing special. Images of aunts, uncles, cousins and other relatives swarming in Grandma's back yard may be what most of us picture, but for 22-year-old JSU student Chris Capps and his twin sister Christy, "family re-

union" means something totally different.

Capps and his sister were born July 3, 1969, and were immediately separated from their natural mother. "Back then, when a mother gave up her children for adoption, they normally didn't let her see the children," says Chris Capps. "We were taken immediately after birth to a different hospital." Both were adopted three months later.

Capps says the circumstances at his birth were too much for his biological mother to handle. "She was just unable to care for us," he says. But when Capps and his sister needed important information like medical backgrounds, it was time to try to relocate the mother they never had met.

"My sister first went to a lawyer," says Capps. "Then we went to the Alabama Resources Center." It was at that center in Scottsboro, Ala., that a woman named Judy Arnold was able to trace Capps' biological mother's name and address through the father's military records.

"I was both nervous and excited to meet her," says Capps. "I guess I was just curious... I wanted to know what she looked like."

Capps and his sister met their biological mom, Jean Sager of Montgomery, in Huntsville on Friday. They were also able to meet an older biological sibling at the reunion.

The reunited family shared some touching moments in their short time together. "My sister showed them a scrapbook she had made in the sixth

grade," says Capps. He also learned that his older brother and sister were both able to see him when he was born and actually hold him before he was put up for adoption.

Capps' natural family consists of an older brother and sister and a younger sister. All now have families of their own. "My younger biological sister was very young when we were born and doesn't remember us very well," says Capps, "and my older brother was 16 (when I was born) and was a bit reluctant to meet us."

Although Capps now has the name and address of his natural mother, with whom he promises to keep in touch, Capps says with his adopted family is where he belongs.

"My adopted parents are my mom and dad, and that's what I call them," says Capps. "My natural mother isn't 'mom' to me, just Jean. That was one of the hardest things about meeting her."

Up Close

Curtiss Hall maid more than just housekeeper

Oge Ozojiofor
Features Writer

Stepping into the lobby of Curtiss Hall, one immediately sees the beautiful, wide variety of plants. When flowers are in bloom, it is not unusual to see fresh yellow roses in a glass vase in the lobby, nor is it too much to expect a neat, well-kept and clean walkway in the hall.

Most Curtiss Hall residents take the simple luxuries of clean meeting rooms and fresh flowers for granted, but those who do the work have not gone unrecognized. In fact, Naomi Hulsey, one of the Curtiss Hall maids, was named November 1991 Employee of the Month.

Hulsey takes pride in keeping Curtiss neat. "I love my job," Hulsey says. "I enjoy being around young people. I love plants, and I try to create as much of a (home) for the residents as possible. It does not seem like a job to me."

A housekeeper at JSU for 23 years, Hulsey worked in Weatherly Hall for 15 years and Rowan for three before coming to Curtiss Hall in 1988. She feels the most saddening aspect of working around students is knowing some of the students with whom she is friends will graduate or leave.

The most frustrating aspect of the job, Hulsey says, "is cleaning up after the dorm had been egged. It once took four hours for the other housekeeper and me to clean up the mess — and there was also extra anxiety in knowing we had (the regular day's) work to do."

But Hulsey does not seem to mind the work. She always keeps a positive spirit, and thinks of others before herself. "She cares enough about us to buy a microwave oven," says Becky Desha, a resident assistant at Curtiss Hall. "Her concern for the residents is genuine, and she is a very friendly, hard-working lady — always willing to help."

"Paige is not only a housekeeper, but also a friend to the residents," says Curtiss Hall Director Claire Selix. "Curtiss has the best. We are very fortunate to have her — not only for her performance on the job, but also for her genuine concern for the residents."

Mr., Miss Jax State good role models

Tony Entrekin
Features Writer

Clinton Gilder, of Valley, Ala., and Sherita Poe, of Birmingham, are both actively involved with various organizations at JSU. This heavy involvement on campus, as well as their example as students are reasons they were elected Mr. and Miss Jax State for 1991-1992.

Both Poe and Gilder were elected Nov. 14, 1991, by their fellow students, 582 of whom voted. Gilder won with 189 votes and Poe with 202. Surprisingly, neither campaigned much except by word-of-mouth.

"At first, I didn't believe it when I heard I'd won," says Gilder.

Poe was also surprised. "(Winning the title) was overwhelming," she says.

After the initial shock of winning wore off, Gilder and Poe were grateful to the students who voted for their show of support.

"If it weren't for the students who went out and voted, we wouldn't have won," Poe says.

"I'm also thankful to God," says Gilder. "I want to give all the glory to Him."

Gilder and Poe were also glad they knew each other before being selected Mr. and Miss Jax State.

"It felt good knowing (I would) be familiar with

the other person, and (we would) both be trying to attain the same goals," says Poe.

Gilder has only one regret in winning the title; he wishes his parents, both deceased, could have shared in his victory.

"I really wanted my dad to see me graduate," Gilder says, "but this is another accomplishment (I wish he could have seen)."

Gilder, a senior majoring in productions management, is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha, Omicron Delta Kappa and R.A. of the Year for Weatherly Hall. He has also received many honors in ROTC, including M.S. 1 (Military Science) Superior Cadet, Distinguished Military Student, ROTC Leadership Award and was inducted into the Scabbard and Blade Military Honor Society.

Poe, a junior majoring in elementary education, is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi, ODK, Alpha Kappa Alpha, and is an Orientation Peer Coordinator. Among Poe's past involvements were the SGA, for which she was a senator, Alpha Psi Omega and Afro-American Association.

Following graduation, Gilder will be commissioned as a second lieutenant and will go to Officers Base Camp at Fort Benning, Ga. Poe will remain at JSU to attend graduate school. For now, though, both are enjoying the notoriety that

comes with their titles. They want to strive to be good role models to other students but feel the best way is to just be natural.

"I feel like I am a good role model," says Poe, "but you have to be on your toes and think about the things you do. I always try to be myself anyway."

"I feel the same way," says Gilder. "My motto is 'It's good to be yourself.'"



Jay Kinnis

Mr. and Miss Jax State, Clinton Gilder and Sherita Poe

Black History Month

SGA plans events to bring cultures together



Tre (Cuba Gooding, Jr.) clings to his girlfriend Brandi (Nia Long), in despair over the seemingly endless violence in South Central Los Angeles in "Boyz N The Hood" -- playing Tuesday as part of Black History Month.

Clavius K. Gresham
Features Writer

Activist Malcolm X and Martin Luther King, Jr., are the two black leaders featured in February for Black History Month.

February's black history theme is "It's a Black Thing — Let Me Help You Understand."

"(February's) activities are designed to bring blacks and whites, as well as other cultures, together," says Sharnell Mitchell, co-chairman of the SGA, which is sponsoring the Black History Month activities. "Some students who wear the Malcolm X and King T-shirts do not truly know the meaning of these names. However, by the end of Black History Month, we will be able to tell what we know about these leaders."

"Boyz N The Hood," featuring rapper Ice Cube, will be shown at 7 and 9:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Montgom-

ery Building auditorium as Black History Month's first event.

Ahamid Mahdi will lecture on the importance of black role models at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Montgomery Building. Other scheduled activities for next week include a lock-in, 7 p.m. Tuesday at Montgomery Building; "Ignorance is Darkness II," a drama bringing diverse cultures together also Tuesday; and a salute to Malcolm X, 7 p.m. Wednesday at Leone Cole Auditorium.

Among the activities scheduled for the rest of Black History Month are as follows:

Feb. 13: "Showtime at JSU" talent exhibition, sponsored by the Afro-American Association, at 7 p.m. in Montgomery Building

Feb. 15: "Another United Greek Production," a greek Step Show, at Mathews Coliseum

Feb. 16: "Back to Church," featuring Rev. Meriweather, at 6 p.m. at

Leone Cole Auditorium

Feb. 18: "Long Walk Home," a movie about the Selma, Ala., march featuring Whoopie Goldberg and Sissy Spaceck, at 7 and 9:30 p.m. in the Montgomery Building Auditorium

Feb. 19: Comedian Mark Curry, at 8 p.m. at The Roost

Feb. 25: "Ricochet," a movie featuring Denzel Washington, John Lithgow and Ice T, at 7 and 9:30 p.m. at the Montgomery Building auditorium

Feb. 26: "How Black/White Are You?", a lecture featuring Stephanie Ray, at 7 p.m. at the Round House

Feb. 26: JSU Gospel Choir, at Leone Cole Auditorium

Call Sharnell Mitchell at 782-5490 at the SGA office for details.

More black history at Anniston Museum

Beth Tate
Features Writer

The 12th annual Black Heritage Festival at the Anniston Museum of Natural History includes many entertainers and activities for people of all ages, with the theme being "The Black Family: The Tie That Binds."

"This theme was chosen because of the troubles families are having, and we wanted to bring into public families that are living on meager earnings," Georgia Calhoun, the festival director, says. "Whatever the tie is that binds them together, God bless it."

The highlight of the festival will be two performances by "The Shelby County Big Four," the oldest a capella Glee Club, which has the distinction of having been recorded for the Library of Congress. Their performances, made possible by the Alabama State Council on the Arts, are scheduled for 11:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. Saturday.

Area elementary and high school students will compete in an oratorical contest at 10:30 a.m. They will be judged on their interpretations of black poetry. At noon there will be a soul food luncheon for \$3 per plate.

The Alabama Humanities Foundation's funded performance

"The more knowledge we all have in diversified cultures, the better off we all are."

*-- Georgia Calhoun
museum director of Black
Heritage Festival*

entitled, "Hey, Let Me Tell You About Rosa Parks," as told by Ramona Hyman, will be at 2 p.m.

Calhoun, a librarian at Norwood Elementary School who has been the Heritage coordinator for the past 12 years, anticipates a crowd of 300-400 people.

"When I first started this, I thought we didn't have enough black participation in the museum, and I wanted a way to draw that participation in," says Calhoun. "One good way is by making an affirmation of our black heritage and at the same time, sharing it with people from other cultures. The more knowledge we all have in diversified cultures, the better off we all are."

The Festival begins at 10:30 a.m. and ends at 3:30 p.m. Saturday.

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Movies keep entertainment flowing to campus

Jamie Cole
Features Writer

Tuesday nights: JSU Night at the Movies. It has become an institution. Movie night, held every week in the Montgomery Building auditorium and sponsored by the SGA and UPC, has become the only continuing source of entertainment on campus from semester to semester, and it is the students who choose what they will see.

At the end of each semester, a student committee meets to choose the

films for the next semester. "We try to choose films that students want to see, based on an availability basis," says Steve Whitton, faculty advisor of the campus film series and English teacher. A list is compiled based on informal surveys from students who attend the films. These surveys are found on the table outside the Montgomery Building auditorium toward the end of each semester.

"At our meeting we try to find a good variety of films," says Whitton. "Most students seem to like current blockbusters, but we try to work in

some old films, too."

The film series accommodates students with all tastes, comprising of films from all genres, such as drama, comedy, and horror. Older films, such as "Gone With The Wind," also draw crowds.

After films are chosen, they are checked for availability. JSU works with two distributing companies, Films Incorporated, which has supplied movies to JSU for 17 years, and Swank Motion Pictures. "Between the two distributing companies, we can usually get all the major films,"

says Whitton. Once films are released to these non-theatrical film distributors, they then release films to colleges and high schools. Rental of these films is fairly expensive.

"Most of these films are released to these film distributors before release on video cassette," says Whitton. "We usually try to get them early."

Admission to the films on campus is less expensive than even a rental movie. For only \$1, students can see hit movies before they are released on video cassette.

To fit with the theme of Black History Month, the film committee chose three films for the series by black film makers: "The Long Walk Home," "Straight Out of Brooklyn," and next week's film, "Boyz N The Hood."

"Boyz N The Hood," last summer's successful and powerful drama about coming of age in urban black America, is directed by 23-year-old black film maker John Singleton. The film, which was released with a groundswell of critical acclaim, comes to JSU on Feb. 4.

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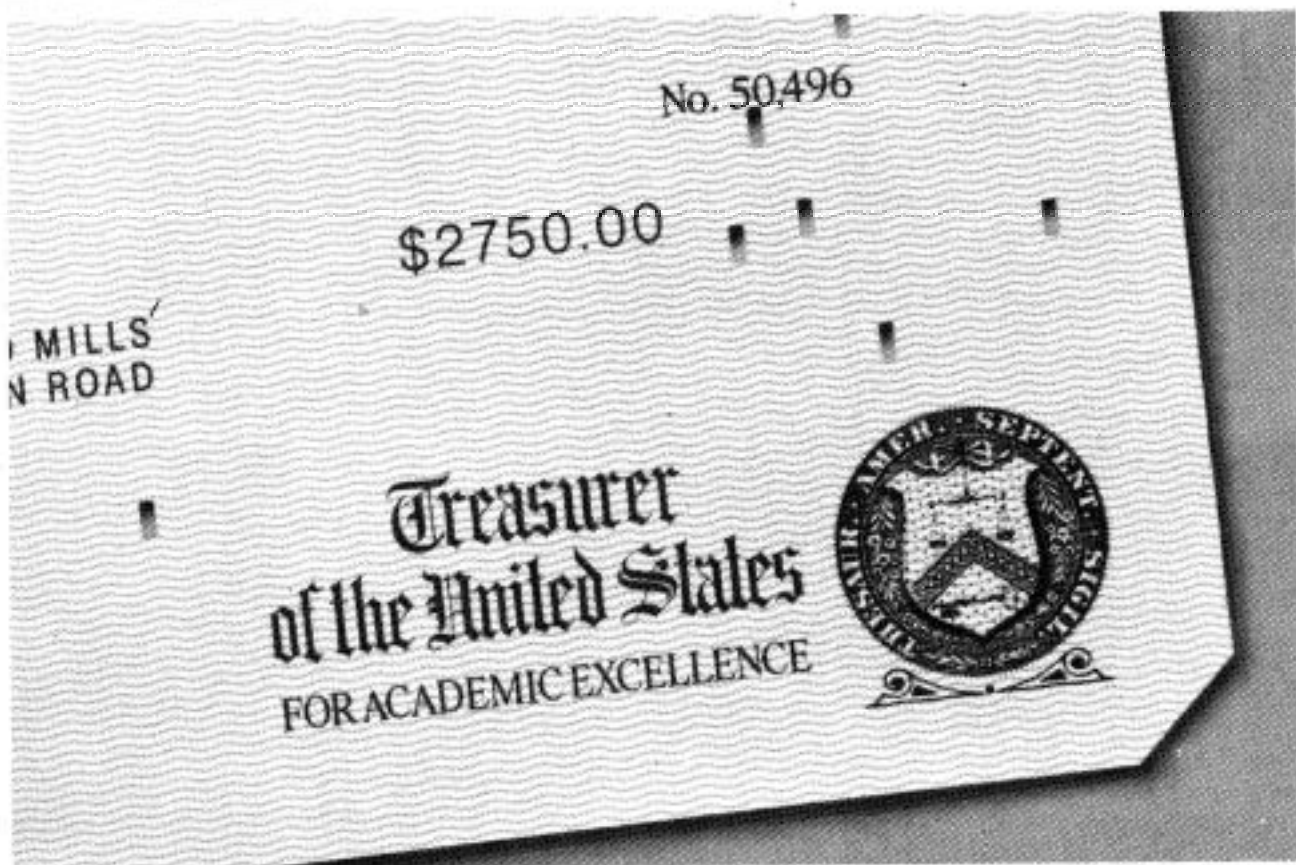
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 7:00 P.M.
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TUESDAY FEB 11

LOCK-IN:
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**COMEDY
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Trouble of tenants, landlords

If you were to make a list of the most unpopular professions, you'd have to include landlord, which generally ranks, in public-opinion polls, down with attorney, journalist and salmonella.

I myself have had some unpleasant experiences with landlords, most notably back in the early 1970s when I shared an apartment with Randall Shantz. One Saturday night we hosted a party (theme: "Many People In A Small Loud Room") that was a major social success as measured by the number of National Guard units ultimately involved. Mankind can be certain that there are no other advanced life forms in the universe, because if there were, they would have complained about this party. Everybody else did.

The next day, Randall and I received a snippy note from our landlord suggesting that we would probably be happier renting a more appropriate habitat, such as the Gobi Desert. This was typical of my youthful experiences as a tenant, the result being that, like many people, I had a negative opinion of landlords.

Until I became one. This happened about 15 years ago, when some friends and I, in an effort to become wealthy real-estate investors — similar to Donald Trump, but warm-blooded — obtained a loan and purchased two small apartment buildings in West Chester, Pa.

We set out to be Nice Guy landlords. We listened to the tenants' complaints and fixed their apartments and went over immediately whenever they called with problems. I was the Plumbing Specialist, which was unfortunate because our apartments were equipped with highly complex

Dave Barry
The Miami Herald



toilets containing millions of parts that were constantly decaying due to some kind of deadly toilet leprosy. Also, inappropriate items kept mysteriously getting lodged in them. I'd respond to a toilet alarm in the middle of the night, and, using techniques that are too disgusting to reveal here, I'd determine that the toilet had been clogged by, say, a frozen chicken, or a bowling shoe. I'd show the item to the tenants, who always appeared to be amazed.

"How did THAT get in there?" they'd say. It was as though that jolly old elf, Toilet Claus, had been going around leaving little surprises.

So we found that it wasn't easy being Nice Guys, and it didn't help that about half of our tenants viewed paying the rent as an optional part of the deal, like leaving a tip. The rent would be overdue, and we'd come around to collect, and our tenants, who operated on a strictly cash basis, would say things like, "I had it Tuesday night, but you weren't here," in an accusing tone of voice strongly suggesting that it was our fault for not showing up when they had the money, thereby leaving them with no viable option but to buy 17 cases of beer.

At one point I took one of our tenants, Julius, to the bank and helped him open a checking account. Unfortunately, he didn't grasp the concept: He thought that all he had to do was correctly fill out the blank spaces on the checks, and the bank would pro-

vide money in infinite quantities. Julius thought this was a swell system. He couldn't believe it took him so long to find out about it. He's probably in Congress today.

Our tenants were full of surprises. One time a tenant who went by the name of "Fud" called to complain that there were holes in his ceiling. So my partner Buzz and I went over, and sure enough, there were holes in his ceiling. Bullet holes. They were put there when Fud, after a few beers purchased with rent money, decided that the apartment was as good as a place as any to shoot his gun. So Buzz and I, hearts pounding, rushed up to the apartment above, which was occupied by Julius. Julius was very comfortable with the fact that he had bullet holes in his floor.

"Oh yes," he said, cheerfully. "Fud was shooting his gun."

Another time Fud's wife called Buzz at 2 a.m. and mumbled something about bats. We learned about bats one night while watching the local TV news out of Philadelphia.

"Coming up next," the anchor person said, "bats in West Chester."

It seems tenants in a West Chester apartment building had been terrified when, suddenly and mysteriously, a huge colony of bats — literally thousands of them — had come swarming out of the attic and dropped to the ground, dead. Of course we recognized the tenants and the building. If mystery suicide bats were going to live in an apartment building, it naturally had to be ours. We never did find out what caused them to die.

But I'm glad they're gone. They never paid their rent.



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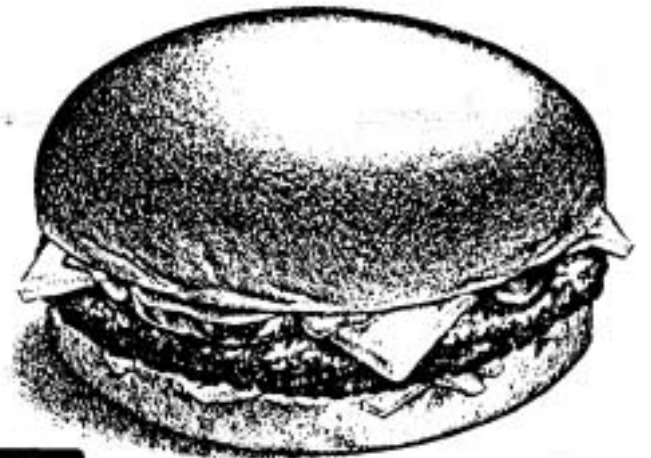
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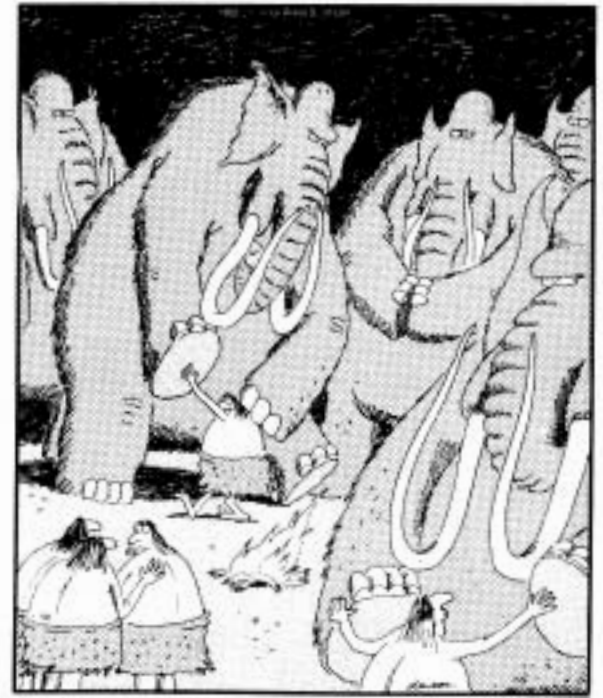
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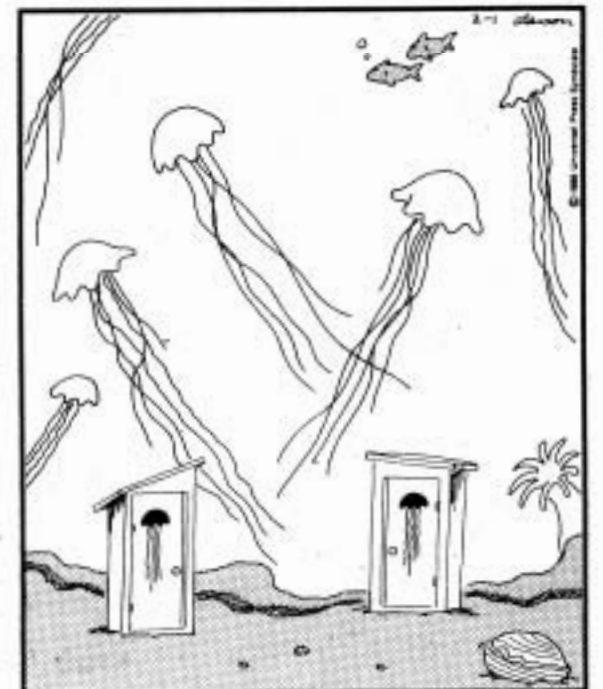
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Tomorrow, they would be mortal enemies. But on the eve of the great hunt, feelings were put aside for the traditional Mammoth Dance.



Mike Wallace interviews the Devil



Only they know the difference.

Sports

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JSU wins 2, sets up showdown with North Alabama



Jay Ennis

Willie Fisher drives to the basket for two points against Mississippi College. Fisher has led JSU in scoring the last two games.

**Alan Beckett and
Tim Hathcock**
Sports Writers

JSU captured a pair of conference home wins to set up a key home game Saturday with North Alabama.

Willie Fisher and Charles Burkette led the way in last Saturday's 102-83 win over Mississippi College.

Fisher scored 31 points and Burkette knocked down 25 points and grabbed 15 rebounds in the rout.

JSU took command early in this one, leading 51-39 at the half paced by Burkette's 19 points. Burkette scored 13 straight points for JSU late in the first half.

Coach Bill Jones was impressed by his squad's performance. "I'm very proud of our basketball team," said Jones. "To play at the level of intensity we played is a credit to our team. They deserve a lot of credit."

While Fisher and Burkette were filling it up, the Gamecocks' other top gun, David Edmond, couldn't find the mark. Jones went to his bench, which performed well.

"We had several players that came in and did a good job for us," said

Jones. "I thought Mitch Rice came in and did a super job."

Despite their considerable size advantage — the Choctaws have three players taller than any JSU players — the Choctaws played a fast-paced game, just as JSU likes it.

The Gamecocks were able to out-rebound the taller Choctaws by a 39-33 margin.

Another factor that went JSU's way was free throws. The Gamecocks made 31 of 44 attempts compared to Mississippi College's 6 of 12. Mississippi College made only two of eight in the first half. The Choctaws didn't reach the bonus situation in the second half until 0:32 left in the game.

Jones said he literally drew up two plays at halftime the Gamecocks used in the second half. "A team has to be able to make adjustments," said Jones. "You have to give a lot of credit to our players for being able to do that."

JSU survived a weird game against Livingston to go 17-1 with a 107-88 win. The game was marred with four technical fouls and several temper flare ups.

"I had visions of being in the twilight zone tonight," said a puzzled

"We feel fortunate to win. We need to be concerned with us. I think we were more concerned with what was going on at the mall."

--Coach Bill Jones

Bill Jones. "We kept losing players. We even had two managers thrown out."

"We feel fortunate to win," Jones said. "We need to be concerned with us. I think we were more concerned with what was going on at the mall."

Jones continued, "I thought our players did a good job. Our players made the changes we needed to make to win."

Livingston jumped out to an early 7-3 lead. The Gamecocks quickly pulled even at 18-18 at the 9:41 mark. JSU then went on a 16-0 run and stayed ahead for good. The Gamecocks led at halftime 42-33.

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Lady Gamecocks stay in conference race with 2 wins

Tim Hathcock
Sports Editor

The JSU Lady Gamecocks remained perfect against one Gulf South Conference opponent, then drilled another one to pull into a second-place tie in the conference race.

JSU and Mississippi College have met only six times in women's hoops and the the Lady Gamecocks have won all of them. The latest victory was a 79-64 win before a crowd of about 1,650 in Mathews Coliseum.

Michelle Hamilton led a balanced attack with 16 points, while Tracy Linton added 10 points and controlled the boards with 19 rebounds.

But it was a seldom-used guard who sparked JSU in a lackluster first half. Terrace Spears, a Piedmont native, was a perfect 4-for-4 from the three-point line in the first half to jump-start to the Lady Gamecock offense.

JSU Coach Tony Mabrey was at a loss at his selection of Spears from the bench. "I don't know why we put Terrace in tonight," said Mabrey. But Mabrey does know this, he wants his players to shoot when the opportunity arises. "I don't care who has the shot, if you've got it, shoot it," said Mabrey.

Spears certainly did and the other Lady Gamecocks followed her lead. JSU went on a 25-8 run in the last five minutes of the first half to

"We have got to get better every game, and we have."

--Coach Tony Mabrey

take a 41-27 lead at the break.

Mabrey liked his team's reaction after a tough loss to Delta State. "I felt like we had our backs to the wall a little bit," he said. "I thought our team turned it up a notch."

JSU took the same attitude into its contest against the Livingston Lady Tigers, which resulted in a 93-66 victory.

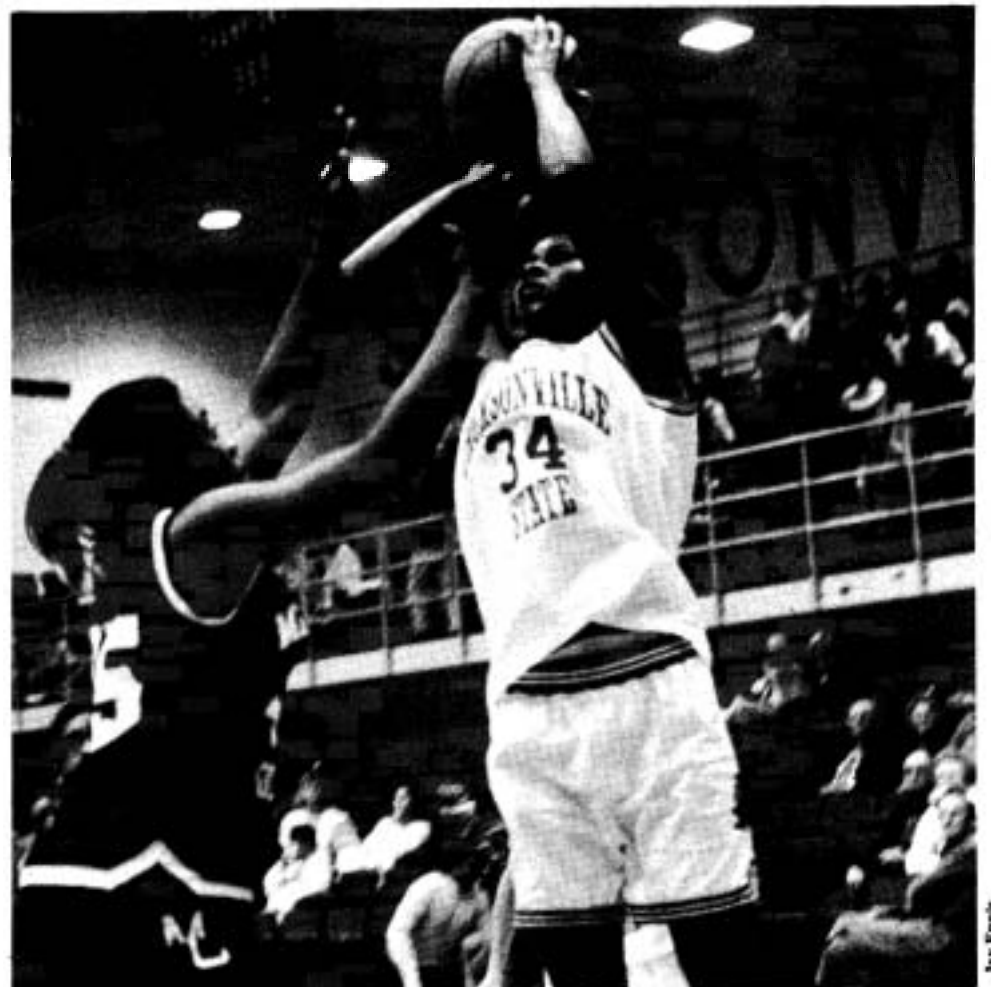
The Lady Gamecocks took no pity on Livingston, taking early leads of 8-2 and 16-4 on their way to a 50-25 halftime lead.

JSU totally dominated the game, never letting up on the Tigers. "That may be the first time all year we did that," said Mabrey. "We didn't hit a lull all night."

JSU outrebounded the undersized Lady Tigers by a margin of 55-32. Mabrey was pleased with that statistic. "It's amazing to me, 90 percent of the time, the team that whips somebody on the boards is going to win the game."

The Lady Gamecocks got considerable help

See Lady Gamecocks page 14



Jay Ennis

Tracy Linton shoots over a defender in Saturday night's win over Mississippi College. Linton finished the game with 10 points and a game-high 19 rebounds.

Linton works hard, leads teammates

Brandt Dooley
Sports Writer

There is a quiet, consistent force leading the JSU Lady Gamecocks down the road to success this season.

Tracy Linton, a senior forward, leads by examples of hard work and determination. Coach Tony Mabrey says Tracy has "...tremendous impact and leadership. She plays hard every day."

Tracy's hard work doesn't stop on the floor either. "Tracy is the epitome of the student we try to recruit here at JSU," said Mabrey. "She is as close to a perfect student-athlete (as) there is. I'd have the highest regards for Tracy even if she didn't play basketball."

Tracy credits her brother and sister for luring her into the sport. "It kind of ran in the family," she said. "My sister played in high school and my brother played in high school and college." She learned her skills in "backyard pickup games" where she says "you can just pick up things from other people."

While her actions on the court are admirable, even more so is her work

off the court.

Tracy, majoring in recreation, enjoys working with children. This past summer, at home in Thomasville,



Tracy Linton

Ga., Tracy worked with children in a recreation league. She describes the work as "very exciting."

When asked about her basketball goals, Tracy speaks in terms of the team. "Our goal is to try to win the Gulf South Conference and the national championship."

Coach Mabrey feels Tracy's ability on the court will bring her high honors this year. "No doubt she can make All-GSC. She has just as good a chance as anyone in the country to make All-American," said Mabrey.

This former GSC Freshman of the Year has her priorities straight. "I plan to graduate next spring and work with juvenile delinquents. I love working with little kids," she said.

Tracy will continue to have success if she sticks to her self-proclaimed ideal — "be the best person I can be and strive for excellence."

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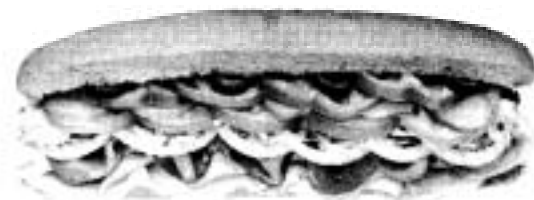
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Tragic events can sometimes galvanize

On Sunday at the Super Bowl, the Washington Redskins honored Mike Utley — the paralyzed Detroit Lion offensive lineman — with a "thumbs up," the inspirational sign Utley gave as he was carried off the field after his freak injury.

Utley was injured as he fell while trying to make a block. His head hit at an odd angle on the artificial turf at the Silverdome damaging his spinal cord to the point Utley will never walk again.

The Lions rallied around their fallen teammate and carried a wave of emotion all the way to the National Football Conference finals before losing to the Redskins.

Almost two years ago, Loyola-Marymount University's basketball team carried similar emotions after losing teammate Hank Gathers to a heart ailment.

Gathers — who a year earlier had become only the second player ever to lead the nation in scoring and rebounding in the same season — had returned to action after missing some games early in the season when his heart problem was diagnosed.

After complaining of sluggishness due to his medication, his dosages were reduced before LMU played in its conference tournament. Gathers' heart gave out during the opening round of that tournament, which was canceled following his death.

Conference officials awarded the conference crown to LMU. The Lions went on to play inspired ball, making it all the way to the quarterfinal round. Bo Kimble honored Gathers by shooting his first free throw of every game left-handed. Gathers had struggled with his free throw shooting and had taken to shooting them left-handed. Both Kimble and Gathers were Philadelphia natives.

Like Gathers, Oregon State's Earnest Killum played with a life-threatening disease. And like Gathers, he died from it.

Killum suffered a stroke due to a brain aneurysm last summer. He had been treated continuously for what was thought to be a mild stroke. But on Jan. 17, he suffered a second stroke, lapsed into a coma and died a few days later.

His teammates were stunned by the news like everyone else, but have played inspired basketball since then, losing narrowly to second-ranked UCLA at Pauley Pavilion.

Killum's death brought back some not-so-fond memories of my high school days.

Tim Hathcock
Sports Editor



at wide receiver for Austin Peay State University in the fall of 1981. At the same time I was a senior at Southside High School. Rodney graduated from Southside High the year before me so I was excited when I got the opportunity by virtue of a recruiting trip to see him play.

After what seemed almost an endless trip to Clarksville, Tenn., I got my chance to see my former teammate perform. He didn't disappoint me, making several catches and one near-miss of a spectacular grab in the endzone.

Following the game, I met with some of the coaching staff and was beginning to get used to the idea of playing so far from home. It may not seem like such a big deal, but I was only 16 years old at the time. But the idea there was someone there I knew comforted me.

Austin Peay stayed in touch with me afterwards and showed more interest than any other school. I was preparing to become one of the Governors.

That all came to an end one day late in the fall when the news hit that Rodney Long was missing.

After several weeks his body was found off of a secluded spot of a highway just across the state line. Rodney's good nature and desire to help his fellow man had done him in.

Two men had approached him at a fast-food restaurant in Clarksville and asked for a ride. Rodney consented. The two men had recently been released from prison. They needed a car and there was a nice guy with a car willing to give them a ride.

They forced Rodney to drive to the spot on the highway in Kentucky, told him to get out of the car and run, then shot him in the back. The gunman then walked up to him — it is unsure if he was still alive — and shot him in the head at point-blank range.

The communities of Rainbow City and Southside were shocked at the loss of one of their favorite sons as I'm sure Killum's and Gathers' respective communities were. Death comes often at unexpected times and hits people we don't expect, but it's a part of life we must deal with and move on.

But it's OK to stop and reflect every once in a while.

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Livingston made a couple of runs in the second half but never cut the lead under 14 points. JSU scored 65 second-half points for the final margin of victory.

"We faced quick, agile rebounders," said Jones. "They made us struggle to get loose balls."

The Gamecocks were led in scoring by Willie Fisher who had 23 points and eight assists. Eric Hosey followed with 20 points and 11 rebounds off the bench. Anthony Kingston added 18 points.

"Our bench is our strongest asset," Jones said. "If our bench comes to play, we will be all right."

Livingston, 8-7 and 1-4, was led by Floyd Patterson who had 25 points.

"At least now we get a break," Jones said finding some comfort after playing three games in five days.

Saturday's game with North Alabama will be a matchup of the two top teams in the Gulf South Conference. The Lions saddled JSU with its only loss of the season, 93-92, earlier in Florence.

North Alabama — the defending national champions — and JSU are both nationally ranked.

Lady Gamecocks

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from their bench. Every player who dressed scored with the exception of starter Cassie Duncan. Mabrey mentioned the play of Meredith Crowder, Jenny Pitts and Anita Davis.

The win coupled with West Georgia's loss to Delta State puts JSU in a tie for second in the conference with the Lady Braves.

"We have got to get better every game and we have," said Mabrey. "I think we'll still get better. We have got a lot of ball to go."

JSU hosts the Mississippi University for Women at 7 p.m. tonight. North Alabama comes to JSU at 5:15 p.m. on Saturday.

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Scoreboard

NCAA Div. I Associated Press Basketball Poll

Jan. 27

	Rec.
1. Duke	14-0
2. UCLA	14-0
3. Oklahoma State	18-0
4. Indiana	14-2
5. Kansas	14-1
6. Connecticut	15-1
7. Arkansas	17-3
8. Missouri	14-2
9. Arizona	13-3
10. Ohio State	12-3
11. North Carolina	14-3
12. Syracuse	14-2
13. Michigan State	13-2
14. Kentucky	14-4
15. Michigan	11-4
16. Tulane	15-1
17. N.C.-Charlotte	13-2
18. Oklahoma	12-3
19. UTEP	16-1
20. Georgia Tech	14-5
21. UNLV	17-2
22. Alabama	15-4
23. Florida State	12-4
24. Louisville	11-4
25. USC	13-3

1992 JSU Softball Schedule

Mar. 3	Livingston	(H)
Mar. 6,7	W. Georgia Invit.	(A)
Mar. 9	N. Alabama	(A)
Mar. 10	W. Georgia	(H)
Mar. 13	Valdosta St.	(A)
Mar. 14	Florida A&M	(A)
Mar. 16	Athens St.	(H)
Mar. 19	Miss. U. Women	(H)
Mar. 20,21	JSU Invit.	(H)
Mar. 23	Calvin College	(H)
Mar. 27,28	N. Ala. Invit.	(A)
Apr. 7	Livingston	(A)
Apr. 9	N. Alabama	(A)
Apr. 10	West Georgia	(A)
Apr. 11	Valdosta St.	(A)
Apr. 14	Athens St.	(A)
Apr. 16	Miss. U. Women	(A)
Apr. 17,18	MUW Invit.	(A)
Apr. 24,25	GSC Tournament	(A)

Gulf South Conference Scoring Leaders

Through games of Jan. 20

Men

Floyd Patterson, Livingston	22.4
Charles Burkette, JSU	19.9
John Neal, Valdosta St.	19.6
David Edmond, JSU	19.3
Willie Fisher, JSU	17.2

Women

	Ave.
LaTanya Patty, Delta St.	19.8
Tracy Linton, JSU	19.6
Sabrina Smith, N. Alabama	19.4
Gina Flowers, W. Georgia	19.3
Laine Scarborough, VSU	16.3

NCAA Division II Basketball Top Twenty

Jan. 28

Team (rec.)	Previous
1. Washburn, (15-1)	2
2. California, Penn. (17-1)	4
3. JSU, (17-1)	6
4. Virginia Union, (13-2)	7
5. Philadelphia Textile, (13-2)	1
6. South Dakota State, (15-2)	3
7. New Hampshire, (13-3)	10
8. California-Riverside, (16-2)	13
9. North Dakota, (14-3)	5
10. North Alabama, (17-3)	12
11. Ky. Wesleyan, (12-4)	9
12. Alaska-Anchorage, (18-4)	15
13. Pittsburg State, (15-2)	NR
14. Bridgeport, (13-4)	NR
15. Ind.-Purdue/Ft. Wayne, (12-3)	NR
16. Missouri Western, (13-3)	10
17. Johnson C. Smith, (12-4)	NR
18. Cal. St.-Bakersfield, (16-3)	NR
19. Rollins, (16-3)	NR
20. E. Stroudsburg, (13-4)	NR

Gulf South Conference Men's Standings

	Conf.	Overall
1. JSU	5-1	17-1
2. N. Alabama	3-1	17-3
3. Miss. College	4-2	14-4
4. Delta State	4-2	13-3
5. Livingston	1-5	8-7
6. Valdosta St.	1-5	8-8
7. West Georgia	1-5	5-12

Gulf South Conference Women's Standings

	Conf.	Overall
1. Delta State	6-0	14-2
2. West Georgia	4-2	14-3
3. JSU	4-2	11-5
4. Livingston	2-4	9-5
5. North Alabama	2-4	6-11
6. Miss. College	2-4	11-6
7. Valdosta State	1-5	6-12

1991 JSU Shooting Team Schedule

Oct. 20	Tenn. Tech (H)
Oct. 27	Tenn. Tech Invitational
Nov. 9	U.S. Military Acad. (H)
Nov. 16	The Citadel (H)
Nov. 23	Walsh Invitational
Jan. 18	N.C. State (H)
Jan. 19	James Newkirk Inv.
Jan. 25	Withrow Invitational
Feb. 9	Middle Tenn. State
Feb. 15	Collegiate Sectionals

1991-92 JSU Men's Basketball

Nov. 23	Athens (H)
Nov. 29-30	Georgia Coll. Tour. (A)
Dec. 3	Alabama A&M (H)
Dec. 6-7	Tom Roberson Classic (H)
Dec. 10	Clark College (H)
Dec. 18	Athens State (A)
Jan. 4	Pfeiffer (H)
Jan. 6	North Alabama (A)
Jan. 9	Campbellsville (H)
Jan. 11	West Georgia (A)
Jan. 13	Valdosta State (A)
Jan. 18	Ala.-Huntsville
Jan. 20	Delta State (H)
Jan. 23	Lincoln Memorial (A)
Jan. 25	Mississippi College (H)
Jan. 27	Livingston (A)
Feb. 1	North Alabama (H)
Feb. 8	Livingston (A)
Feb. 10	Mississippi College (A)
Feb. 13	Lincoln Memorial (H)
Feb. 15	Delta State (A)
Feb. 22	Valdosta State (H)
Feb. 24	West Georgia (H)
Mar. 6-7	GSC Tournament (TBA)

1991-92 JSU Women's Basketball

Nov. 23	Kennesaw (A)
Nov. 29	Paine (H)
Dec. 3	Alabama A&M (A)
Dec. 5	Montevallo (A)
Dec. 7	Kennesaw (H)
Dec. 9	Paine (A)
Dec. 14	Brewton-Parker (H)
Jan. 4	Montevallo (H)
Jan. 6	North Alabama (A)
Jan. 9	Alabama A&M (H)
Jan. 11	West Georgia (A)
Jan. 13	Valdosta State (A)
Jan. 18	Ala.-Huntsville (A)
Jan. 20	Delta State (H)
Jan. 25	Mississippi College (H)
Jan. 27	Livingston (H)
Jan. 30	Miss. Univ. for Women (H)
Feb. 1	North Alabama (H)
Feb. 4	Talladega (A)
Feb. 8	Livingston (A)
Feb. 10	Mississippi College (A)
Feb. 15	Delta State (A)
Feb. 18	Talladega (H)
Feb. 20	Miss. Univ. for Women (A)
Feb. 22	Valdosta State (H)
Feb. 24	West Georgia (H)
Feb. 27-29	GSC Tournament (TBA)

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Feb. 3 Billiards mixed doubles

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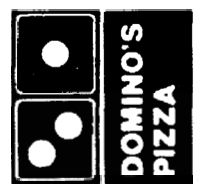
Feb. 5 Billiards singles

Meetings

Jan. 30 Table tennis doubles
Jan. 31 Racketball doubles
Feb. 7 Billiards singles

Play Begins

Feb. 3 Racketball doubles
Feb. 3 Table tennis doubles

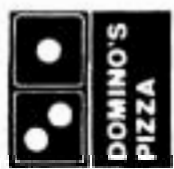


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