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State grant helps JSU teach about Little River

Eric G. Mackey
Editor in Chief

JSU biologists got a boost Thursday when U.S. Rep. Tom Beville (D-Jasper) announced his legislation to set aside 15,000 acres of Alabama for a national preserve had passed the House Interior Subcommittee.

The Little River Canyon National Preserve would protect pristine areas of Cherokee and DeKalb Counties from dangerous development and exploitation. Even though the announcement was received with joy by most of the area's citizens, JSU has an especially vital stake in the future of the canyon.

The biology department has received a \$16,000 grant from the state to set up research programs in the canyon, and graduate students will open the Little River Center for Environmental Education this summer.

David Whetstone, professor of biology, said the University eventually wants to build a permanent facility at Little River from which research could be conducted.

For now, however, the department

has three summer workshops planned. "One will be for science teachers from the area, a second will be for students from high schools in the area, and one will target families with small children," Whetstone said.

Terri Dobson, a graduate student who will help teach the courses, enjoys studying the canyon and wants to promote it "because Little River needs to be a national preserve. It would bring a lot of economic improvement to the area, a lot of tourism," she said.

She wants people to understand what a valuable resource might be plundered away if it is not protected now. "The river area has several species that need to be preserved — both plant and animal," Dobson said. "It is also a good re-introduction area for a lot of species that used to occur in Alabama but were forced out by man's encroachment."

Dobson said the canyon's environment is perfect for the Peregrine Falcon, an endangered species which could flourish if introduced into such a protected area.

Jeri Higginbotham, instructor of biology, is also interested in the area's protection and is now doing a study of

one plant found only around Little River. She was granted \$3,000 by the Faculty Research Committee to study the plant and compare it to its nearest cousin not found here.

She is also working on a brochure about the summer programs to send to area schools. She expects good interests for workshops, especially the one for teachers. "I think that would probably be a well-attended workshop because it is professional development."

She also says Little River must be protected because of its valuable fresh water resource. Development around the river causes sewage to be flushed into the cold mountain waters already. Further development could destroy the river's habitat forever.

Beville's bill would cause the National Park Service to take control of DeSoto State Park, Little River Wildlife Management Area, owned by Alabama Power Co. and the Canyon Mouth Park owned by Cherokee County.

Early on, the bill had called for the purchase of adjacent lands, but that

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Graduate student Dan Spaulding helps Rhonda Jones identify a plant. Spaulding is one of the two graduate students who will teach workshops this summer at Little River.

More students give gift of life

Krista Joseph
News writer

The JSU spring blood drive resulted in more donors this year than in the past according to Sonya Wormley of the Alabama Red Cross.

During the two-day blood drive, held March 18-19, 272 donors gave blood. Wormley said the first-day turn-out of 159 donors was nearly 20 more than usual for an opening day.

Despite the increase in donors, the blood supply in Alabama is the lowest in the nation at this time. The national blood supply is also at a low level.

Alabama has more than 100 hos-

pitals, each of which require 800 units of blood every day to keep up with the increasing demands of patients requiring blood for transfusions or during surgery.

Red Cross representatives said many Americans are still afraid they can contract AIDS from giving blood, which may be one reason the blood supply is so low.

Melinda Dorming from the Birmingham Red Cross said people should not be afraid to give blood because every needle and bag used to take the donated blood is sterile before the donation. After the donation is received, Red Cross workers dispose of the needle ac-

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Greeks battle it out for fun in week-long activity

Melanie Jones
News Editor

Pi Kappa Phi and Alpha Xi Delta won top honors as first place fraternity and sorority in last week's Greek Week activities.

The events of the week brought JSU's fraternities and sororities together for some friendly competition in events ranging from skit night to best belly-flopper.

"It brought together all of the greeks," said Bill Dobilas, a junior majoring in communication who is a member of Delta Chi. "A lot of greek sportsmanship was shown on all sides."

While bringing the greeks together was one purpose of the events, entertainment was another.

Griff Fairley, sports director for the Pi Kaps, said his fraternity didn't really set out to win, they just wanted to have fun.

"It was a spur of the moment thing," he said. "We didn't

even know what the events were until a few days before it started."

Fairley said he found such events as the belly flop competition the most enjoyable, but his fraternity did the best in the athletic events which included a variety of sports like volley ball and tug-of-war.

Others ranked skit night among the most entertaining activities. Sigma Phi Epsilon took the number-one spot in that event with its skit titled "Condom Man."

Participating members agreed that this year saw an increase in interest in the events, which made everything more exciting.

"It was a lot of fun this year because more people came to the events. In the past two or three years, there wasn't as much participation," Fairley said.

In the overall awards, Sigma Phi Epsilon won as second place fraternity while Delta Chi took third.

Second place sorority went to Alpha Omicron Pi, and the Zeta Tau Alphas ended the week in third.

Board selects editors

Melanie Jones
News Editor

This is the first of a two part series featuring the future editors of the *Mimosa* and *The Chanticleer*. Next week's issue will contain an article featuring Carey Baine, the Communications Board's choice for editor of the *Mimosa*.

JSU's Communications Board selected Jason Thompson, a junior majoring in Communication, as editor of *The Chanticleer* for 1992-93.

Thompson began writing for *The Chanticleer* during his freshman year. He took over the office of business manager the next year and has served in that position for the past two years.

As well as his knowledge of the business side of the newspaper industry, Thompson has proven his leadership skills as president of JSU's chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists.

Eric G. Mackey, the current editor of *The Chanticleer*, supports the Board's choice of Thompson as editor.

"Jason believes it is the students' right to speak out," Mackey said. "He'll be there for the students, and that is

what *The Chanticleer* needs."

Thompson sees his relationship with the current staff at *The Chanticleer* as a definite advantage for the paper in the upcoming year.

"As far as the newspaper's staff is concerned, every section editor is planning on returning to work next year, which will make for a very smooth transition. So that end doesn't concern me," he said.

While Thompson does not foresee any problems with the staff, he does believe there will be a few obstacles next year.

"One (problem) is with proration, of course, and exactly how heavily it will affect the paper. New equipment is desperately needed, equipment that would have already been in use if it could have been purchased when it was ordered over a year ago," he said.

Thompson also plans to address the issue of public access during his editorship. "The first and foremost objective heading into next year is to work out a solution over the issue of campus crime records," he said. "The administration continues to ignore the fact that it has no legal ground upon which to base its stand of withholding crime reports. A lawsuit is the last thing that we want, but we do plan to access the University police docket next fall."

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was dropped when some residents protested. The area would continue to be used for recreation including hunting, fishing and canoeing.

However the bill must still be passed by the House and Senate.

Local environmentalists encourage those interested in preserving the area to write Senators Howell Heflin and Richard Shelby as well as their local U.S. Representatives.

Your Congressmen would like to hear your opinion on the Little River National Preserve. You can write them at these addresses:

Rep. Glen Browder
Room 1221
Longworth Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Senator Howell Heflin
Room 728
Hart Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Sen. Richard Shelby
Room 313
Hart Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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cording to careful, government regulated standards. Every unit of blood is then tested for the HIV virus and AIDS.

All donated blood stays in the area it is taken, so donors serve the people in their own communities. The blood donated in the JSU blood drive will go to the Jacksonville Hospital, Regional Medical Center, Stringfellow Hospital and other area clinics or hospitals.

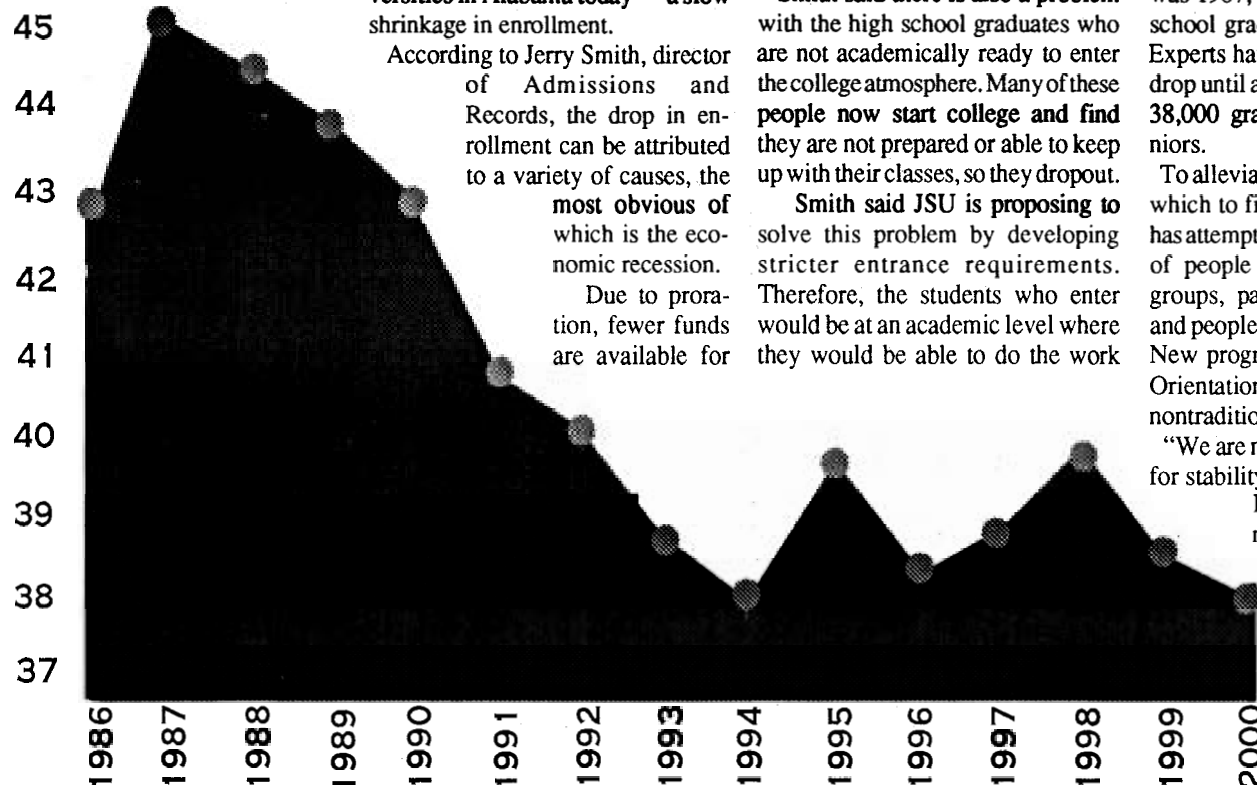
In order to remedy the low blood supply in Alabama, the Anniston Red Cross is sponsoring two more blood drives in Jacksonville in the near future.

The next blood drive is on April 7 at the First Baptist Church of Jacksonville. On April 14, Jacksonville High School will also host a blood drive. However, anyone who donated blood in the JSU blood drive should be aware that it is not recommended to give blood again within 52 days of the first donation.

If anyone would like to donate blood outside of the local drives can give at the Red Cross office at 220E 10th Street in Anniston or call 237-2393 for information.

Enrollment drops with fewer eligible students

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David Tolley
News Writer

When enrollment dropped below 8,000 this semester, the JSU administration realized a growing problem that is not uncommon to most universities in Alabama today — a slow shrinkage in enrollment.

According to Jerry Smith, director of Admissions and Records, the drop in enrollment can be attributed to a variety of causes, the most obvious of which is the economic recession.

Due to proration, fewer funds are available for

advertising directed at prospective students.

With fewer and fewer jobs available and the increased problem with the availability of money to students, many people make the choice to live at home and go to school at a local college such as UAB and UAH.

Smith said there is also a problem with the high school graduates who are not academically ready to enter the college atmosphere. Many of these people now start college and find they are not prepared or able to keep up with their classes, so they dropout.

Smith said JSU is proposing to solve this problem by developing stricter entrance requirements. Therefore, the students who enter would be at an academic level where they would be able to do the work

required for a college degree and would remain enrolled.

The main reason Smith gave for the decreasing enrollment at JSU is the number of high school graduates has dropped each year for the past several years in Alabama.

The last year there was an increase was 1987, when the number of high school graduates peaked at 45,000. Experts have said it will continue to drop until at least 1994, with a low of 38,000 graduating high school seniors.

To alleviate the shrinking pool from which to find eligible students, JSU has attempted to attract a wider variety of people from the nontraditional groups, particularly older students and people who work during the day. New programs, such as an evening Orientation, are planned to increase nontraditional enrollment.

"We are not looking for growth but for stability," Smith said.

He believes that approximately 8,000 students is the ideal number of students for JSU. Currently, JSU's enrollment is not far from that number with 7,673 students registered for the spring semester.

Announcements

•All announcements and letters to editors must be typed or legibly written and submitted by Friday before publication to 180 Self Hall.

•A career fair designed to expose Alabama college students to international career opportunities will be held April 10 at UAB.

The fair is sponsored by the Alabama Council for International Programs, the Alabama Export Council and the Alabama World Trade Association. ACIP is comprised of the state's four-year colleges and universities, including and promotes cooperation among its member institutions to enhance international education, research and public service.

The fair will be held from 10 a.m. -2 p.m. at the UAB Arena, 617 13th Street South, in Birmingham. Admission is free. For further information, contact Jerry Gilbert at 782-5313, or the UAB Center for International Programs, 934-3328.

•Spring and Summer Fashion Show 7p.m., April 8 in Leone Cole Auditorium. No admission. The look is for you. Fashions from Jacksonville, Anniston, Oxford and Birmingham.

•JSU students, faculty, and staff are invited to join Team JSU for this year's May 16 & 17 MS-150 Tour for Cure, a go-at-your-own-pace bike tour designed to raise money for research in the cure for multiple sclerosis, a debilitating nervous system disease.

The cost for an enjoyable bicycling weekend through the farms and peach orchards of central Alabama is only \$35 before Monday (\$40 afterwards) and gas money to and from Clanton. the MS Society provides all food, nice hotel accommodations in Montgomery, and mechanical and medical support.

Call Dorothy Tobe at 5525 or 820-7818 for more information on why and how to join Team JSU.

•Voter Registration will be 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. on April 13, 4th floor of Montgomery Building outside the SGA office.

•Auditions for the 1992-93 Encore, JSU's show choir will be held 10 a.m., April 11 in The Performance Center of Mason Hall. Please bring a solo piece to sing, any style, and be dressed to dance. For further information, please call Darnelle Preston at 782-5045 or 435-4690.

•Encore, JSU's show choir will give its annual spring concert at 7:30 p.m., April 13 in Stone Center Theater. Admission is free. For further information, please call Darnelle Preston at 782-5045 or 435-4690.

Campus police promote racial understanding

Melanie Jones
News Editor

When JSU Public Safety Director David Nichols heard a black student leader say everything the campus police does is directed toward the black students a few weeks ago, he became concerned.

The statement was heard on a local news station during a story concerning the controversy over a black student arrested for criminal trespassing for allegedly going too close to a

dorm, which was a violation of an agreement that he would not enter a dorm after he was forced to leave his dorm room for allegedly cooking in his room.

After looking into the issue, he said he discovered the student was right. Much of what the campus police does is directed to the black students, but in a positive way.

Over the past semester, the campus police have increased crime prevention efforts and stepped up talks to residence halls.

"All of that is aimed at making

"Nothing negative that we do is aimed at a particular segment. We only want to make the University safer."

*--David Nichols
public safety director*

school safer for all students, not one particular set of students," Nichols said.

As well as traditional law enforcement efforts, the campus police de-

partment has a high number of minority employees.

Two of the three uniformed officers hired this spring are black. "This was intentionally done to provide good role models and to provide a fair representation of the students," Nichols said.

The highest percentage of minority employees of the campus police work as dorm guards, of which 81 percent are minority, which more than matches the percentage of minority students living in the dorms.

Nichols said his department is

proactive in the area of race relations. "We meet with minorities to discuss activities and needs on a daily basis," he said.

He said his department encourages race relations between students and its employees and meets with student representatives to discuss special problems.

"We're not just doing restrictions on black students," he said.

"Nothing negative that we do is aimed at a particular segment. We only want to make the University safer."



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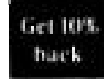


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Students give a lot, administrators should give a little

Share and share alike. It is a noble concept and one which the staff of *The Chanticleer* believes. It may be noble, but it is not necessarily the way things are done at this institution of higher education.

When proration became evident last year, *The Chanticleer* was warned it and the *Mimosa* would take the brunt of the College of Communication and Fine Arts' proration. And they did suffer.

The Chanticleer itself was prorated at 8.5 percent when the University total was only 6 percent. In a bad advertising year, it hit especially hard. The *Mimosa* was prorated 34 percent.

Together, the two student publications contributed \$23,000 of the \$39,000 prorated from the College of Communication and Fine Arts -- more than the four departments combined.

But this staff continues to work hard even though Ralph Carmode, head of the communication department, said Friday he does not know if funds will be made available to print the paper through the end of the academic year.

Furthermore, Dr. Carmode refused to allow *The Chanticleer* to send a reporter to the basketball Elite Eight in Springfield, Mass.

A reporter is, however, covering the games for the paper. But he is going only because of the generous support and concern of JSU President Harold J. McGee. Dr. McGee personally found a way to pay for a reporter's trip.

The department is under heavy financial strain. That is understood. However, Dr. Carmode plans to take a tuition-funded trip to Las Vegas this April while JSU — and student services — bend under the pressure of proration.

It is understandable that professors have to travel to keep up with academic changes. But it is wrong for students to be told the budget manager cannot even come up with the \$75 for meals at the Elite Eight tournament when that budget manager is headed to Las Vegas on University funds.

According to Dr. Carmode, there may not be another issue of *The Chanticleer* printed until sometime next fall, unless the advertising staff can come up with enough money on its own after Spring Break. Staff members may have their paychecks prorated without their consent at the last minute again in April as they were in January.

Publications are not alone. The SGA has also lost a considerable amount of its budget. The executive officers have also been able to readjust the budget to keep the SGA functioning, though at a considerably reduced level.

The Chanticleer, *Mimosa*, SGA and other student groups have paid their share. It is time all administrators start giving a little, too.

Promoting Arts part of mission

The Arts are important. Though my major is not in the Arts, I do enjoy art whether paintings, drama, music or fine writings. These are the things that set us apart as to who we are. They are expressions of our culture and lifestyle.

Having grown up in rural Alabama, I know what a drought of artistic culture our area of the state can suffer. A drive to Montgomery, Birmingham or Atlanta takes more time than most of us have to enjoy productions and exhibits.

Moreover, many folk local to this area will not make the long drive to be introduced to the Arts.

Luckily, they do not have to travel the globe to find all these things. As part of its mission to the people of Northeast Alabama, JSU has long sought to put on good drama productions and art exhibits, concerts and even public readings.

Eric G. Mackey
Editor in Chief



Let me admit here, I do not attend all these events all the time. I suppose none of us has enough time for that. But I support their continuation. These activities are pertinent to a strong University that meets the needs of its students and community.

This institution really is the hallmark of cultural education standing alone between Birmingham and Atlanta. And it is a part of our mission which must never be put aside.

This all came hurling back at me when I learned, as many of you did, during "Brigadoon" there would be no dinner theater this summer. I understand proration, believe me I do. I

understand the decision to suspend this expensive operation.

But my real dilemma is seeing what is happening in our state and nation. Now, we can fund neither quality classroom education or the Arts.

It has always been disappointing to note so many empty seats in Stone Center Theater when the cast is putting on a good show — the best, by the way, you will ever see for the money.

I hope this is not an harbinger of things to come. I am confident many others on this campus agree.

Summer Dinner Theater cannot be saved this season. It is no fault of administrators here that the money just is not in the coffers.

But it is now time we take thought about the Arts and the future. If it is to keep its cultural identity, this nation must never become willing to sacrifice art for the budget.

Turning down raise for precedent

The big boss here at the paper summoned me to his office. I wondered why. Could I be in some sort of trouble? Or was he sending me on some exotic assignment.

There had been the constant rumors that Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton, the front-running Democrat in the presidential primaries, possibly had had an affair with cartoon character, Daisy Mae.

Would I be off to Dogpatch, USA, in the Ozarks, to investigate?

I could see the headlines: "Grizzard Exclusive: Li'l Abner Says Daisy Mae Rocked with the Guv in Li'l Rock."

"Take a seat," the big boss said, blowing blue rings of smoke from his cigar that turned to dollar marks as they reached the high ceilings of his inner chamber.

Perhaps he was giving me a raise. It might be as much as ten bucks a week. "I've had my eye on you," he continued, "and I like what I see."

Fifteen bucks?

"I've been talking to my accountants and my lawyers and I've decided to give you a raise."

If he said \$20 a week, I'd faint.

"We kicked the amount back and forth and we finally agreed on a number," the big boss went on.

"I'm offering you a new, six-year contract at \$6 million a year. These baseball players are getting salaries like that these days, and, by darned, it's time we in the newspaper game caught up."

Did he say \$6 million a year for 6 years? That's about what Ryne Sandberg of the Cubs got.

"I just want to be certain I heard you correctly," I said to the big boss. "Did you say \$6 million a year for 6 years, which comes to a total package of \$36 million?"

"That's what I said, son," he answered. "And on top of that, you always get to fly first-class, have a suite in every hotel, get a couple of hundred per diem for meals and expenses and if you get a hangnail and can't type for a month, we'll still pay you the entire amount."

Lewis Grizzard

The Atlanta
Journal-Constitution



I was shocked. Here we are in the middle of a horrible recession. There's the problem with the homeless and the problems with health care.

Everybody knows these superstars professional athletes are nothing but a bunch of spoiled brats and don't deserve anything near what their beleaguered owners are paying them.

How could I, in good conscience, accept such an exorbitant salary.

"I really appreciate your offer, sir," I said to the big boss, "but it just wouldn't be right for me to accept that kind of money."

"It's just not the American way for a worker like myself to take advantage of his or her employer. Perhaps a few more people buy our product because of me, but I don't need anymore compensation for that."

"You already provide me with a desk and a telephone. What more could I really ask?"

The big boss looked puzzled. "Sir," I went on, "I'd rather you keep your money. I'm sure you need it. Take the wife on a long vacation or buy her that small New England state she's been wanting."

"I can get by just fine on what you pay me now. And perhaps I can set an example for these money hungry ballplayers and show them how wrong it is to accept the enormous salaries team owners are giving them."

"This will be a better society if everybody who was rewarded with an increase in salary just said 'No.' Now if you'll excuse me, I'm off to Arkansas."

"At least fly first-class," said the boss.

"Nope," I replied, "The bus is just fine with me."

Letters to the Editor

Campus police commended

As a fellow Law Enforcement Officer, I commend the University Police for their display of professionalism at the NCAA Division II South Region championship basketball game.

The manner in which they completely ignored the blatantly antagonistic actions of Mr. Jose Martinez is evidence of their superior intelligence, self control, and respect for the University. Most of all, they did not allow Mr. Martinez's juvenile actions to disrupt, or divert attention away from a superb performance of

the basketball team.

As a fellow student, I strongly disagree with Mr. Martinez's choice of forum. His decision to protest whatever it is that he is protesting - at that particular basketball game was nothing more than a feeble attempt to gain media attention.

Thankfully, the media attention remained focused on something newsworthy, our championship basketball team.

Roy E. Turman, Jr
Student

From experience: JSU 'Friendliest Campus'

I have been associated with this University since becoming a student here in 1967. I obtained both my undergraduate and graduate degrees here and I have been employed as a teacher with Disabled Student Services since 1986.

As a former student and later as a professional, I have seen university life from both ends of the spectrum.

Is JSU really The Friendliest Campus in the South? I must answer a triumphant yes! Not only is JSU the friendliest campus, it is also the most caring and understanding. Upon Director of Student Development, Alice Cusimano's request, I conducted a mini-workshop for Peer Counselors and Faculty Mentors on March 18.

The workshop included a field trip to DSS as well as orientation to various disabilities as represented by JSU handicapped students. My mindset was to condense the program because of the threat of severe weather (tornado warning).

Frankly, I was amazed to see such a gathering for an after-hours workshop in horrible conditions. The attendance was admirable in and of itself, but the general receptivity of the group was wonderful. Here were

faculty and students who were truly interested in learning how to befriend and assist students with handicapping conditions.

The workshop should have concluded at 6:30, but because of extensive questioning many lingered until after 7:00.

Faculty and students alike posed questions of all sorts, demonstrating a true zeal to understand the unique population represented.

I actually had students to volunteer to attend classes for which they are not registered in order to take notes for some of the hard of hearing and blind students.

Many faculty members commented that even though they have previously had "handicapped" students in their classes, they had not really become aware until they heard what the disabled students had to say at the workshop.

Handicapped people—real people with real needs. What are the needs? People who will care - cope - and understand. JSU has that kind of people.

Janet B. White
Instructor

The Chanticleer

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

—John Milton



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Guests commentaries are welcome. Contact the editor for details.

Editorials are the opinions of the editorial board unless otherwise noted.

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Send all submissions to Eric Mackey, The Chanticleer, Box 3060, JSU, Jacksonville, Ala. 36265. Deadline for all submissions is 2 p.m. Friday.

CAN YOUR TRASH



WLJS does hold to federal regulations

It has come to my attention that I, as a undergraduate communication student, have paid more attention in my COM 260 class than James D. Ballard, the graduate student who wrote a letter to the editor last week.

First of all, this student should have gotten his facts straight. Our professor, Mr. Langston, stated it in the following way:

"The FCC is the organization which allows no commercial educational stations to carry commercials on a syndicated program as long as its just barter - a type of payment for syndicated programming in which the syndi-

cator withholds one or more minutes of time on the program and sells these time slots to national advertisers."

WLJS is a noncommercial radio station. We only use bartered commercials. Therefore, we are not violating FCC rules. Therefore, he doesn't know what he is talking about. James D. Ballard, your midterm grade report for this letter is a F-.

Shannon Maddox
Sophomore DJ, WLJS-FM

Black History Month column one of best

Your editorial concerning Black History Month was one of your best pieces of work, and was right on target. How much better to have one truly memorable event to honor persons or groups than to have a series of easily forgettable ones.

So, I have followed with interest the responses to your editorial. It is obvious that two of the respondents have vested interest in the program because they are a part of the "student government." The "senator" who wrote called you ignorant. Real ignorance is the inability to tolerate those who disagree with your opinions or your work. Mr. Freeman could have made a case for his position simply by giving facts. Instead, he chose to attack *The Chanticleer* and you personally, a sure sign that you hit home with your remarks. Finally, the young lady who

wrote hid behind the worn-out accusation of "bigot" or "racist." If any of these persons had taken time to thoroughly read and carefully consider your editorial, they would have realized that you are the best friend that the observance has found.

Just as an observation, one wonders how many people really understand education to be learning to exchange ideas and consider others opinions, even when one disagrees.

Perhaps we are too busy getting the almighty degree to worry about an education.

Keep up the good work. We need more persons to attack the status quo and challenge us to think.

Franklin B. Reach

Homosexuals decent, respectable citizens

I would like to remark on Paul M. McGuire's opinion presented in the March 12 issue of *The Chanticleer*. It is repugnant to realize someone in 1992 can be so close-minded to actually dismiss a minority as immoral and repugnant.

Though I am not homosexual, I have friends who are, and they, despite their sexual preference, are decent

and respectable members of society. It is ignorant to judge someone on his or her sexual preference or race. Wake up to 1992, Mr. McGuire, and realize that despite your "phobia" (obviously you have one), homosexuals as any minority are not repulsive and will continue to eternally have their place in society.

If anyone should be repugnant it

would be that part of society who is unwilling to "educate" themselves on issues or lifestyles they are unfamiliar with. Racial attitudes towards anyone—whatever their race, sexual preference or alternative lifestyles—must cease.

Steven W. Pope
Student

Anti-homosexuality disgusts student

The attitude of some JSU students, like the one who wrote the anti-homosexuality letter to the editor (*The Chanticleer*, March 12), disgusts me. People with such a horribly closed-minded view deserve no space in today's society. Such discrimination gives JSU a bad reputation. There is nothing wrong with homosexuality - it only becomes a problem when people begin to resent and fear it. The situation at Auburn proves that.

It might interest you closed-minded people to know that over 10 percent

of the U.S. population is homosexual - everyone knows a gay person - you just might not be aware of it yet (it could be your best friend- would you start hating him or her, too?) Many, many historical figures have been homosexual.

The list of homosexual musicians and actors is miles long. Their contributions to society obviously outweigh the contributions of an ultra-conservative JSU student's, who only had the audacity to condemn (and therefore hate) 10 percent of the na-

tion because of their sexuality. What next, eye color?

Such bias is nothing short of ridiculous. If last week's letter to the editor writer wants to be outspoken, he should spend his time speaking out against important issues like abortion rights and the environment- not wasting his time trying to condemn people because they happen to love someone of the same sex.

Alice Jansen
student

Spring Fever '92 attacks JSU -- finally



Michelle Martin
Features Editor

Somehow, Spring Whoopee 1992 just does not seem to have the impact it usually does. Blame it on the fact that Spring Break itself is late this year, blame it on the fact that there is no lead band providing the entertainment.

Blame it on proration. UPC Director Andy Freeman says the University does not have the money due to proration to sponsor a spring concert.

Despite cutbacks, Freddie Britt, chairperson of the UPC Special Events Committee, says Spring Whoopee 1992 will include musical entertainment, featuring a battle of the bands concert.

Other scheduled activities include miniature golf, tug-of-war, air-walk, Karoke sing-along and magazine photo shoots.

The tug-of-war and air-walk contests will give away cash prizes of \$50 - \$300. Organization booths will also give away prizes.

For the first time in Spring Whoopee

500,000 people are expected to flood Panama City Beach, which replaces Daytona as the sun-and-fun hot-spot -- during Spring Break

history, this year a video dance party will be held later in the evening at Stephenson Hall. Britt says this is a free event with student I.D., and reminds students that no alcoholic beverages, glass bottles, cans or coolers are allowed into the gym.

Spring Whoopee begins at 1 p.m. April 9 on the Quad.

Before Spring Whoopee, comes Spring Break, however. And it could not be any too soon as Spring Break is a week later this year. Nevertheless, it is upon us and students are ready for fun and sun.

Tommy Hoobler, a 19 year-old freshman from Bremen, Ga., got an early start on Spring Break.

As his friends from West Georgia

College were out for Spring Break this week, Hoobler took off a few days early to join them in Panama City, Fla.

"It was a great deal," Hoobler says of joining his friends in Panama City. "I get a free room, to lie around on the beach and do some bikini-watching for a few days."

Hoobler says he will return Saturday to Bremen to look for a job.

Tim Hinds, a 22 year-old junior from Scottsboro, Ala., is going to Panama City as well. He says he is going to "get obnoxiously drunk and meet a nice girl."

Hinds says he chose Panama City Beach because it is the new Spring Break hot-spot, as opposed to yesterday's hot-spot, Daytona.

"My friends and I are not yet sure where we are going to stay," says Hinds.

Considering some 500,000 people are expected to flood Panama City Beach during Spring Break, Hinds should have no problem finding a place to rest his weary head for a few days.

Movie Review

Pesci's latest, 'My Cousin Vinny,' depicts Alabama in false light

Jamie Cole
Features Writer

Joe Pesci's post-Oscar list of employment would not look good on a resume.

Immediately following his Oscar-winning performance as the fledgling gangster in "GoodFellas," Pesci appeared in a not-so-flattering role in the box office phenomenon "Home Alone" — torched hair, branded hand and all.

Then he starred in "The Super," a movie no one saw.

Pesci's spiraling performance this winter in "JFK" is his best since "GoodFellas," but Pesci gets stuck in a generous helping of Alabama red clay in his new film, "My Cousin Vinny."

It seems that two college students, Billy (Ralph Macchio) and Stan (Mitchell Whitfield), have been sent up for murder after shoplifting a can of tuna in, guess where? ... Wahzoo

City, Ala.! Enter Billy's cousin, Brooklyn native and law school dropout Vincent LaGuardia Gambino (Pesci), to get them off the hook.

What follows is not a funny courtroom farce; rather, we get Pesci and his high-strung, New Yorker girlfriend (Marisa Tomei) romping and stomping through a small Alabama town that looks more like the set of a spaghetti western.

After what seems like an hour and a half of set-up, the comedy finally takes off. Pesci is hilarious in the courtroom, playing off the by-the-books Alabama judge (Fred Gwynne). But the phrase "too little, too late" aptly applies here. After seeing Pesci and Tomei witness a good, old-fashioned, Alabama hog-slaughtering and watching as their car discovers the perils of parking in a field of red clay, we lose patience for real laughs.

It has been a while since a major film panned Alabama to the extent

"My Cousin Vinny" does. In their respective calls home, both Macchio and Whitfield have charming things to say about our state:

"They sleep with their sisters here, you know."

Oh, really?

"They're probably setting us up as patsies. You know how corrupt they are down here."

At least Tomei and the wonderful Gwynne, in perfect deep south accent, manage to salvage the last half hour. As for the younger set, Whitfield never rises above frantic, and I am sure Macchio wishes this movie was another "Karate Kid" sequel.

As for Pesci, his fourth hyper-performance since "GoodFellas" cannot pull this one out of the muck. It looks like "My Cousin Vinny" is destined to be the black sheep of the family.

"My Cousin Vinny" is now playing at Plaza Cinemas in Anniston. For show times, call 236-0222.

Jobs easy to find at right time, place

Clavius Gresham
Features Writer

Spring Break is not only a time for fun and sun, but also a time when students have the opportunity to make some extra money. Unfortunately, not everyone can mix business and pleasure like MTV, which is broadcasting this week from Daytona, Fla.

But some can, thanks to Pearl Williams, coordinator for off-campus and part-time employment. Williams and executives at Winter Park ski resort in Colorado have organized a ski/work program for JSU students during Spring Break.

"This is an excellent opportunity for students to see another part of the country and earn some money at the same time," says Williams.

Williams says there are two different work programs available. Students may either work a full, 40-hour week for minimum wage or work one day in return for skiing privileges the next day.

"Students working at Winter Park during Spring Break have full benefits of the club — access to all facilities, free equipment use and ski instruction and passes for downhill and cross-country skiing," Williams says. "They also get free room and board at the resort."

The only part of the program at the expense of students is in transportation to Winter Park. Williams estimates transportation to be \$125, but says, "The trip pays for itself in the end, because students will earn enough money while working at Winter Park to cover the transportation costs."

Greetings from beyond

Today on Consumer Quadrant we are pleased to announce an exciting new service for those consumers who expect, at some point in the future, to be dead. We found out about this service through an advertisement in Yankee magazine that was sent to us by a number of alert readers. It states:

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"On this special day in your life, take joy in the fact that those of us who have gone before would give anything to be in your shoes."

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Dave Barry
The Miami Herald



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We think that Cards From Beyond is a needed service, and we'd like to see it expanded into other areas. For example, we'd be very interested in sending Letters From Beyond To The Sears Appliance Repair Department. We have been trying for the bulk of our adult lives to get an appliance-repair person to come to our house, and we'd like to continue trying after our demise by means of an annual card that would say:

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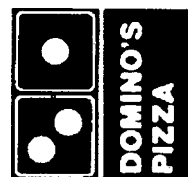
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Cause & Effect, Skinny Puppy releases revive techno-pop, industrial popularity

Cause & Effect: "Another Minute," Zoo Entertainment

Grunge music is the current industry craze as bands like Nirvana, Soundgarden and Pearl Jam dominate the music charts. But what about yesterday's craze — techno-pop? Remember Pet Shop Boys, Human League and Depeche Mode?

Cause & Effect, a twosome featuring vocalist/guitarist Robert Rowe and keyboardist Sean

Rowley from Northern California, is doing all it can to resurface the techno-pop sound of the '80s with its latest release, "Another Minute."

Having grown up listening to The Who, Electric Light Orchestra, Human League and Depeche Mode, Rowley developed an interest in keyboards and began playing in local bands. Rowe says he listened to "obscure punk bands," and played guitar, but eventually took up keyboards himself before shifting to vocalist.



Cause & Effect are vocalist/guitarist Robert Rowe, left, and keyboardist Sean Rowley.

The Flip Side

Michelle Martin
Features Editor



Since forming Cause & Effect more than four years ago, Rowe and Rowley have been compared to Tears For Fears and (not surprisingly) Depeche Mode, gained recognition from both alternative and dance crowds and featured on MTV's "120 Minutes."

"You Think You Know Her," the first single off "Another Minute," even broke through Billboard's Top 10 dance chart. Other notable songs include the title track, "The Beginning Of The End," and "The Echoing Green," which discusses child-like innocence and perception, ending with sounds of laughter on a playground.

"What Do You See" also entered Billboard's Top 10 dance chart and is arguably the best track on "Another Minute." Cause & Effect attack the drug abuse epidemic, asking "What conclusion did you come to/When you rolled up your sleeve/What do you see?... I'll show you once again/Of the dangers of once more/You're

going to be lost with what's in store."

Skinny Puppy: "Last Rights," Capitol Records

The ultimate in industrial, gothic rock — the latest release from Skinny Puppy — hit retail stores Tuesday. Entitled "Last Rights," Skinny Puppy's eighth release just might be indeed their last right.

"It's too early to tell yet what shape things will take," says vocalist/guitarist Ogre. "If this is the last record and the beginning of a new direction for all three members, I can't yet say." Ogre says the title refers more so to death, and the reading of "last rights" than to the future state of Skinny Puppy, however.

Death and all its relativity (like darkness, horror and confusion) is the prevailing theme of "Last Rights," as is expected of Skinny Puppy material. Ogre, drummer cEVIN KEY and keyboardist Dwayne Goettel have produced albums like "Cleanse, Fold and Manipulate," "Rabies" and "Too Dark Park" during their nine-year Skinny Puppy existence.

Skinny Puppy go beyond even themselves with "Last Rights." The

first track, "Love In Vein," for example, sounds like a death call as screams of torment encroach the devil's children into hell.

Most of the songs on the first part of the "Last Rights" are just as frantic and horrific as "Love In Vein," but the second part, particularly "Riverz End" and "Download," is a bit more tame.

Skinny Puppy explain their morbid, violent musical approach simply as a part of life. "The sick thing is that violence really is a big part of our lives, and all we do is suppress it; not deal with it," says Ogre. "It completely motivates our behavior, yet we never seem to admit that to ourselves."

"I'm not at all a violent person, but I think it's important to confront people and shock them into dealing with the truths they're too afraid to deal with."

Not violent? Right -- Skinny Puppy's "Worlock" video off "Rabies" was banned and even members were arrested in Cincinnati for their outlandish stage antics.

Violent or not, Skinny Puppy's "Last Rights" is, as Ogre himself describes, "way out there," and worth the risk.

Barry

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ing Flagrantly Bogus Tax Deductions From Beyond, Ordering Take-Out Chinese Food From Beyond, and Calling Up Phyllis Schlafly At 4 a.m. And Making Comical Barnyard Noises From Beyond.

Speaking of appliances and death, one question that people ask us constantly here at Consumer Quadrant is: "Is it possible to generate electricity using dead hornets?" We are pleased to report that the answer is: yes. We have here an article from the Feb. 2 Chicago Tribune, mailed in by alert reader Stephanie McGrath, which states that scientists at Tel Aviv University have discovered that hornets have a special kind of skin that can convert sunlight into electricity.

"Researchers find that they can hook up a circuit of hornets to produce electricity to run small appliances," the article states. There's a photograph of a digital clock attached to wires that scientists have connected to six dead hornets.

This is exciting news, because unlike ordinary flashlight-style batteries, which are designed to start losing power rapidly the instant you pay for them, hornets represent a

natural and renewable energy source that could provide major benefits for all of humanity, including campers:

FIRST CAMPER: Darn it! Night has fallen and my flashlight batteries are drained!

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HORNETS: BZZZZZZZZ

SECOND CAMPER: OUCH! (slap) OWW! (slap)

FIRST CAMPER: YOW! (slap) OHHH!

SWEDISH BIKINI TEAM: AIEEEE!

SECOND CAMPER: Well, that was extremely painful, but I've rigged up a simple 10-hornet circuit here, and as soon as morning comes and sunlight strikes their skin, we'll have light!

FIRST CAMPER: Woog. (dies)

OK, so maybe we need to work out some "bugs." (Ha ha!) But the important thing is that you, the consumer, are benefiting from the amazing new concepts that regularly spew from the minds of inventive people who may be ingesting more than their share of Halcion. We at Consumer Quadrant promise to monitor these developments and keep you informed just as long as we're around. Even longer, if you want to sign up for our new service, Columns From Beyond.

Editor's Note: On Miss JSU

It has come to the attention of this staff some of the comments attributed to Miss JSU, Heather Whitestone, in an article about her last week were misunderstood by some students.

According to Miss Whitestone, "When I said many deaf people have

low self-esteem and use their hearing-impairment as an excuse for not trying, I was not talking about the hearing-impaired students here at JSU. I want to encourage deaf students, especially young high school students, to do their best and become successful."

Whitestone wants to be a positive

role model to all young people -- hearing and deaf alike. She says students who believe in themselves can stand up to peer pressure and stand for what they believe in.

The Chanticleer regrets some people mistook Miss Whitestone's comments and is glad to help them understand her true concerns.

Worth Watching

Events of today - Wednesday, April 8 in Atlanta, Birmingham and Calhoun/Etowah counties:

Music

Slick Lilly with Gasoline (celebrating the release of Slick Lilly's new CD, "Brotherhood"), performing at 10:30 p.m. Friday at The Nick, 2514 10th Ave., S., Birmingham. 322-7550.

Hank Williams, Jr., performing at 8 p.m. Saturday at Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center, Birmingham. 939-3278.

Metallica, performing at 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at The Omni, 100 Techwood Drive, N. W., Atlanta. (404) 249-6400.

Lush with Poster Children, performing at 9 p.m. Wednesday at The Masquerade, 695 North Avenue, Atlanta. (404) 249-6400.

Mr. Bungle (featuring Faith No More's Mike Patton) with Grotus and Imaginary Friend, performing at 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, at The Roxy, 3110 Roswell Rd., N. W., Atlanta. (404) 249-6400.

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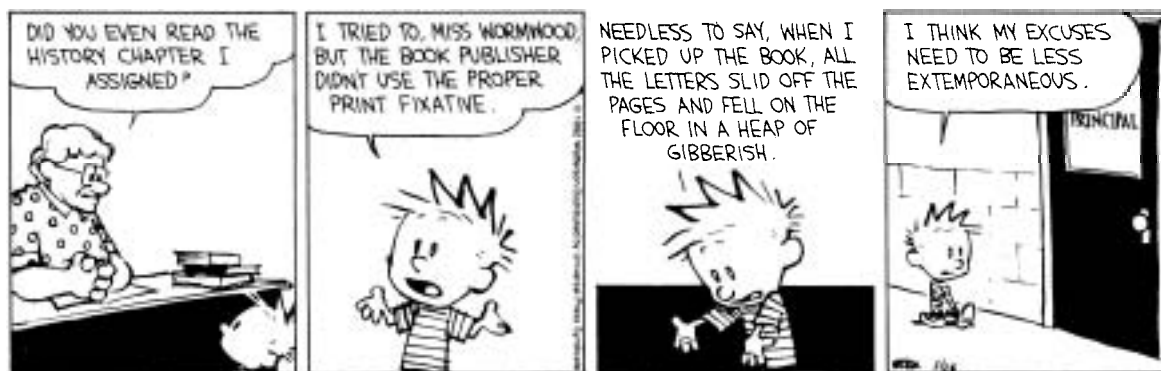
"Romeo and Juliet," beginning at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Wednesdays-Saturdays until May 16 at Atlanta Shakespeare Tavern, 499 Peachtree Street, N. E., Atlanta. (404) 874-5299.

Special Events

JSU Marimba Ensemble Beach Party, featuring a "Tacky Hawaiian Shir't" contest at 8 p.m. today at Leone Cole Auditorium, JSU. 782-5878.

Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson



THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON



"It's 'Them,' gentlemen."

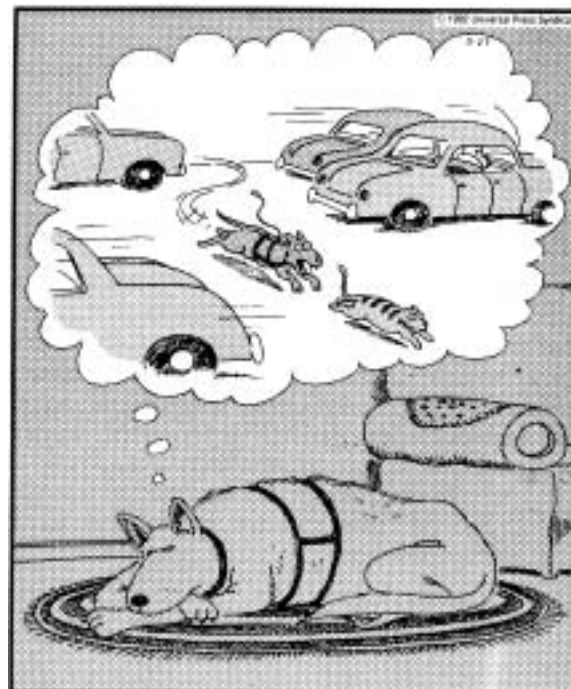
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Pitching key to recent victories

JSU hits midway point of season

Tim Hathcock
Sports Editor

JSU's baseball team is redefining the word rebuilding. After two consecutive national titles it would be easy to dismiss this season as a time to start over.

But, as this season has reached the midway point, the Gamecocks have done anything but put the year on the shelf.

Head Coach Rudy Abbott has led JSU to a 10th-place national ranking and a 15-8 record.

That is where JSU stands after Monday's non-conference game with Milligan College. The Gamecocks beat Milligan 7-1 behind a strong pitching performance by Randy Gravett.

Gravett pitched seven innings, gave up three hits, struck out five and allowed no runs.

Trajan Breitbarth pitched the final two innings. He was touched for only one hit, that being a ninth-inning two-out home run.

Abbott was pleased with his pitcher's performances. "Our pitchers are starting to pitch well and do what we want them to do and that's get some ground balls," he said.

Gravett moved to 2-0 on the season. It was his first starting assignment.

The Milligan game was much more relaxed than Saturday's doubleheader sweep of Mississippi College.

JSU won the first game in 10 in-

nings 2-1 on outstanding pitching performances by Stacey Roberts and eventual winner Jason Tidwell. Roberts pitched the first seven innings and allowed only one unearned run and four hits. He struck out 12 Choctaws before giving way to Tidwell.

Tidwell did not allow a hit in his three innings and struck out five. Paul Hawk plated the winning run with a single.

Game two went to the wire as well. Mark Adams ended this one with a home run in the bottom half of the seventh inning for the 4-3 victory.

Tidwell stayed on as the starter in the second game before giving way to Breitbarth in the fifth inning. Breitbarth gave up no runs on no hits in his three innings of work to even his record at 2-2.

The Gamecocks upped their Gulf South Conference mark to 2-3 with the wins. Sunday's game with the Choctaws was rained out and will not be made up.

JSU gained momentum for the weekend series with a 22-8 outburst against Sienna Friday. Mike Parris picked up the win which ended a five-game losing streak.

That game marked the most runs JSU has scored in a game this year. Although the Sienna game was a high-scoring affair, pitching has proven to be the strong part of this team.

Tidwell is the ace of the staff with a 4-1 record and an earned run aver-

age of 2.18. His only loss was a 3-2 decision to Livingston.

Roberts is 3-1 with a 4.60 earned run average and Breitbarth has a 5.76 earned run average. Those three are the only pitchers with more than one victory other than Gravett who is the top pitcher out of the bullpen. He is 2-0 with the team's only save. His earned run average is 2.64.

The staff has a combined earned run average of 5.28 and the opponents are batting only .236 against JSU pitching.

Among everyday players Adams, Hawk, Burt Mabara and Robby Beaver are the only ones to see action in every game. All are batting over .300. John Stratton leads in batting average at .396 and is tied for the team lead in home runs with Scott Maneri with three.

Going into the Milligan game, JSU had 25 sacrifices to only seven for its opponents.

"The only way we know how to play is to bunt and run the bases," said Abbott. "If that's the only way we can score, that's the way we'll do it."

The Gamecocks have been doing it just fine so far. Now, heading into the second half of the season, JSU must work its way into one of the top four places in the GSC to qualify for the conference tournament.

They begin that task with a three-game series against Valdosta on the road this weekend.



Robby Beaver makes a hit for the 10th-ranked Gamecocks.

Gamecocks tip off tournament today

Alan Beckett
Sports Writer

JSU begins its journey toward a second national championship when it plays California State-Bakersfield at 2 p.m. in the Elite Eight, Division II's national tournament. Play begins today in Springfield, Mass.

The Gamecocks advanced to the round of eight by beating Troy State 96-91 and South Carolina-Spartanburg 105-87 in the South region championship.

JSU Head Coach Bill Jones said, "We are obviously tickled to death to be in the position we are in. We are looking forward to going to Springfield. I think this team is hungry. They

went through some adversity to make them better."

The Gamecocks bring a 19-game win streak into the game and a 28-1 record. The only blemish being a 92-91 loss to North Alabama. Only North Alabama, Lincoln-Memorial and Delta State played the Gamecocks within three points.

JSU is making its eighth post-season tournament appearance and its fourth trip to the Elite Eight. The Gamecocks are 16-8 in the NCAA Tournament. JSU won it all in 1985, finished third in 1989 and fourth in 1990.

During the regular season, Charles Burkette led JSU with 19.3 points per game. Burkette hit double figures in 28 of 29 games this season. David Edmond followed with 18.2 points per

game and was the top scorer in a team-high 12 games. Willie Fisher scored 16.8 points per game, Anthony Kingston 12.2 and Willie Williams 11.5. Burkette also leads the way rebounding with 10.1 per game. The top assist player is Willie Fisher with 7.2 per game.

JSU averaged 100.8 points per game and gave up 81.6 points per game. The Gamecocks hit the 100-point mark 15 times this season. JSU scored 105 and 96 points in wins over Spartanburg and Troy.

The Gamecock's opponent California State-Bakersfield brings in a 25-6 record. California State-Bakersfield comes out of the West Region with wins over California State-Chico and California-Riverside. It finished the season ranked 18th in the country.

"We are looking forward to going to Springfield. I think this team is hungry."

*-- Bill Jones
JSU Head Coach*

The winner of that game will face the winner of Kentucky-Wesleyan and Virginia Union on Friday at 5:30 p.m. in the semifinals. The winner there goes on to play the championship Saturday at 1 p.m.

The games can be heard live on WLJS-FM with Mike Parris giving play-by-play coverage.



Stacey Young focuses her attention on the game. The Lady Gamecocks are 11-9.

Team places 2nd in JSU Invitational

Hardeman pleased with softball season

Tim Hathcock
Sports Editor

I wasn't expecting us to do this well. I'm thrilled to death.

--Amy Hardeman
Softball Head Coach

JSU's Lady Gamecocks moved their mark to 11-9 in softball with a second-place finish in the JSU Invitational this past weekend.

The tournament was a round-robin affair teams from Mississippi College, Tennessee-Martin, North Alabama, Mississippi University for Women and Huntingdon College participating.

The Lady Gamecocks tied Huntingdon with a 4-1 record in the tournament but lost the tie-breaker due to their loss to Huntingdon in the tournament.

Head Coach Amy Hardeman is pleased with the team's success thus far. "I wasn't expecting us to do this well. I'm thrilled to death," she said. "The only conference games we've lost are to Livingston and Valdosta. We've beaten everyone else."

JSU is in the Eastern division of the Gulf South Conference along with Livingston, Valdosta State and West Georgia.

North Alabama, Mississippi College and Delta State make up the Western division.

The GSC tournament will be played April 24-

25 at North Alabama this year. It will be a double-elimination tournament with the teams being seeded according to its finish in the regular season.

The schedule for the remainder of the regular season is not favorable for JSU. Its only remaining home game is a doubleheader with North Alabama April 9.

Hardeman had confidence in her team's ability to adjust to playing on the road. "It's really not that bad," she said.

"We've got several days in between games. Our players are pretty good about keeping themselves focused."

JSU plays this weekend in the North Alabama Invitational. They will play Athens State, Mississippi College, Tennessee-Martin and host North Alabama.

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March brings shower of sports

March Madness is upon us and I'm loving every minute of it. March Madness is the term applied to the NCAA basketball tournament, although the Final Four is played in April every year.

But March Madness means a little more than just the best sporting event in America. It also signals the time of year when sports fans can absolutely shut the rest of the world out.

March signals the end of basketball, not just for major colleges, but for small colleges as well. For JSU, it means three victories and a national championship.

The NBA starts playing games that actually mean something about now, too. Teams jockey for playoff positions. Teams in the Eastern Conference try to avoid the eighth spot so as

Tim Hathcock
Sports Editor



not to play Chicago in the first round and teams in the Western Conference are trying to keep those damn Lakers out of the playoffs. Go Clippers.

March also means major league baseball is right around the corner. It's a wonderful time of year for fans of all teams because nobody's in last place yet. I correctly predicted Atlanta would win the National League West division last year, but no one believed me when I said it. That may have something to do with the fact I've said the same thing every March

since I was five years old.

I'll say it again now. Atlanta will win the National League West.

Baseball and basketball aren't the only things happening in the sports world now either. With the warmer weather, tennis courts and golf courses are beginning to swell with weekend warriors.

Hockey is even about to begin its playoffs, but I confess I'm not particularly interested in who wins the Stanley Cup. By the time the finals are done with it's June, and I refuse to watch hockey in June.

Another non-favorite of mine recently kicked off it's second season. The World League of American Football started last Saturday when the Sacramento Surge beat the Birmingham Fire. The league must have

wanted to make that old trivia question — name four team nicknames that don't end with an 's' — a little easier.

The league also proved its sense of humor with the acronym WLAF. How can a league garner respect with that moniker? At least I can watch the NHL and WLAF during breaks in the basketball tournament.

Heck, I don't watch anything else. I usually consider myself to be politically and socially up to date. But not in March. I hear whispers in the periphery that clue me in. Paul Tsongas quit the race for president? Saddam Hussein is acting up again?

I can't help but notice a few things. The local newspaper wouldn't allow me to subscribe to only the Sports section.

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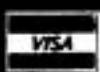
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Golf team begins spring season

Jay Ennis
Photo Editor

The JSU Golf team began the spring season with two excellent matches. The Gamecocks finished second in the Slippery Rock Invitational and third at the Auburn Links regional tournament.

Cairo, Ga. was the sight of the Slippery Rock event on March 17-18. On completion of the 54-hole event, JSU and Troy State were tied for the lead. An ensuing playoff loss left the Gamecocks in second place.

JSU's Mike Butler won the individual championship with rounds of 70, 71 and 77. Butler capped off what Coach James Hobbs called, "the best overall effort as a team to date."

Jeff Jordan shot rounds of 72-73-

78, Mike Swaggert 73-81-81, Jack Napier 76-78-73, Brian Nay 77-81-78 and Randy Burns 74-80-74.

"We came in with consistent scores despite the lousy weather conditions on the second day," Hobbs said. "That's a real good sign."

The weather also played havoc with last weekend's tournament at the new Auburn Links course. The two day event was hampered by wind and rain.

The course is not yet open to the public, but the players commented that the site was beautiful and challenging.

The Gamecocks took third place honors in this District 3 regional tournament, ending just five shots out of first place. Troy State finished first with a final 590 score, while Columbia College took second with

a 592.

"We missed some opportunities to win this event," said Hobbs. "But we showed a lot of the same qualities that put us in the playoff at the Slippery Rock tournament."

"Consistent team scoring and confidence will make us contenders not only in the Gulf South Conference, but also the nation."

Jordan led the team with rounds of 73-75, Butler posted a 74 both days, while Napier turned in 75-74, Swaggert a 74-77 and Burns a 79-76.

"The two teams that beat us were both able to post sub-par scores on the last day, we could not. We played well, but not up to our full potential," Hobbs said.

The team hopes to peak for the GSC Championship on April 27-28 in Birmingham.

Scoreboard

NCAA Elite Eight Tournament Schedule

March 26-28
Springfield, Mass.

First round

Bridgeport vs. Central Oklahoma
South Dakota St. vs. California, Pa.
JSU vs. Cal. St.-Bakersfield
Ky. Wesleyan vs. Virginia Union

Bridgeport/C. Oklahoma winner vs.
S. Dakota St./Cal., Pa. winner
JSU/Cal. St.-Bakersfield winner vs.
Ky. Wesleyan/Virginia Union winner

Finals

Semifinal winners

1992 JSU Baseball

2/15	Shorter	rain
2/21	Faulkner	W,W
2/22	Cumberland	W,W
2/23	Cumberland	L
2/26	Auburn	W
2/29	AUM (2)	W,W
3/3	Talladega	W
3/4	UAB	L
3/7	Troy State (2)	W,L
3/8	Faulkner (2)	W,W
3/11	Montevallo	ppd.
3/14	Livingston (2)	L,L
3/15	Livingston	L
3/17	AUM (2)	L,L
3/20	Sienna	W
3/21	Miss. Coll. (2)	W
3/22	Miss. Coll.	rain
3/23	Milligan	W
3/24	Oberlin	1:30 p
3/28	Valdosta State (2)	3 p.m.
3/29	Valdosta State	1 p.m.
4/2	Milligan (2)	TBA
4/4	Lincoln-Mem. (2)	1 p.m.
4/6	Troy State	4 p.m.
4/7	N. Alabama	6 p.m.
4/8	Montevallo	6 p.m.
4/11	West Georgia (2)	1 p.m.
4/12	West Georgia	1 p.m.
4/13	Miles (2)	1:30 p
4/15	Birm.-Southern	4 p.m.
4/17	Delta State	2 p.m.
4/18	Delta State (2)	1 p.m.
4/25	N. Alabama (2)	1 p.m.
4/26	N. Alabama	1 p.m.
4/27	Georgia State	5:30 p.
5/1-3	GSC Playoffs	TBA

Division II Collegiate Baseball Poll

1. Florida Southern
2. Armstrong State
3. UC Riverside
4. South Carolina-Aiken
5. Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo
- tie. Missouri Southern
7. Tampa
8. Shippensburg
9. Valdosta State
10. JSU
11. Cal St.-Dominguez Hills
12. Georgia College
13. Mississippi College
14. Grand Valley State
15. Adelphi
16. Longwood
17. Barry
18. Columbus
19. Northern Colorado
20. Missouri-St. Louis
21. SIU-Edwardsville
22. North Alabama
23. Sacred Heart
24. Sonoma State
25. Lewis

1992 Men's Tennis

- Mar. 12-15 SE Region (A)
- Mar. 18 Shorter (H)
- Mar. 20 Fla. Southern (A)
- Mar. 21 Barry (A)
- Mar. 22 Abilene Christian (A)
- Mar. 25 Berry (H)
- Mar. 27 B'ham Southern (H)
- Apr. 3-5 GSC Invitational (H)
- Apr. 7 B'ham Southern (A)
- Apr. 8 Samford (H)
- Apr. 14 Shorter (A)
- Apr. 16-18 GSC Tournament (A)

1992 Women's Tennis

- Mar. 12-15 SE Region (A)
- Mar. 18 Shorter (H)
- Mar. 20 Fla. Southern (A)
- Mar. 25 Berry (H)
- Mar. 27 B'ham Southern (H)
- Mar. 29 Auburn-Mont. (A)
- Mar. 30 Mobile (A)
- Mar. 31 Spring Hill (A)
- Apr. 7 B'ham Southern (A)
- Apr. 8 Samford (H)
- Apr. 10-12 GSC Invitational (H)
- Apr. 13 Livingston (A)
- Apr. 22 Shorter (A)
- Apr. 24-26 GSC Tournament (A)

1992 JSU Softball Schedule

- 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)

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