Battle continues over parking at Brewer Hall

Dyana Blythe
News Editor

Any student with a class in Brewer Hall knows what it’s like to scurry for a parking space in the parking lot across the street from Brewer. And those who fail to get a legal parking space will often resort to parking in the back spaces, which are illegal.

But now many students are demanding to know why those spaces have been designated with a yellow curb and are pointing fingers at the UPD and the Traffic Appeals Court.

According to Director of Public Safety Dave Nichols, the curb in front of the parking spaces was painted yellow three years ago when the whole parking designation was changed. “We changed the lines from diagonal to horizontal, which added more spaces to the parking lot,” Nichols said. “And now we even have fewer cars here than we did three years ago.” However, when the lines were changed to add spaces, 29 spaces were eliminated by making the back spaces off-limits.

Changing the lines made it necessary to extend the amount of space between rows of cars, because cars would no longer be able to back out diagonally, but must back out straight.

The state requires that a specific number of feet must be present between rows, and according to Nichols, the back parking spaces are a few feet too close to the row in front of it.

Nichols and UPD Sgt John Maurer believe that having too little space between rows will increase the chance of accidents. Many students, however, feel that there is not a problem in maneuvering into and out of the illegal spaces. Jason Crook, a freshman who received a ticket for parking in one of the spaces, never experienced any problems, nor does he think most people would.

“Since school started, I parked on that same curb. I’ve never had any problems with accidents.”

In fact, Nichols and Maurer could recall only one or two instances since the beginning of fall semester that any accidents have been reported at that area of Brewer Hall parking lot due to the problem of lack of space. “There’s been no major damage — probably less than $150,” Maurer said.

When students are given tickets for parking on the yellow curb, they often dispute them because there are still painted lines.

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Parking your car along the yellow curb will get you a parking ticket.

Spring enrollment down more than 600 from fall

Sherry Fraser
News Writer

JSU enrollment has decreased by nearly 1,000 students since the University implemented new standards in the fall of 1991, but its average ACT score has risen by close to a full point.

Figures from the admissions office show enrollment dropped from 8,022 last semester to 7,382 this spring. Those numbers are down even more from the 8,240 in the fall of 1991.

Jerry D. Smith, Dean of Admissions and Records, said the University usually experiences a drop of about 500 to 700 students between fall and spring semesters.

Last year, the figures dropped by approximately 6.5 percent between semesters. This year’s drop is around 8 percent.

Smith attributes this annual drop to students who attend fall semester, but cannot return in the spring because of other obligations.

Although enrollment is down, ACT scores at JSU rose from 19.1 in the fall to 19.2 this semester. The fall semester had seen a more dramatic increase from 18.3 the previous year.

“The figures probably will increase again in the fall,” Susan Harris, secretary in Admissions and Records, said.

Enrollment standards alone are not responsible for the enrollment drop.

Some potential students may have chosen to postpone expenses for a few years and attend a community college instead.

Other potential students may have decided that the difference between JSU’s tuition and that of larger schools such as Auburn is no longer as competitive.

A decline in the number of high school graduates in Alabama during the last few years has caused a decline in the number of college students as well.

Smith is very optimistic about next year’s ACT and enrollment figures. He expects ACT scores to rise with the new admission requirement of 16 beginning this fall.

This should not have a negative impact on enrollment due to the probationary standards of the Excel Program for students who score lower than a 16 and still wish to attend JSU.

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**Announcements**

- The third annual summer job fair jointly sponsored by the JSU off-campus part-time employment office and the Placement Office at Gadsden State Community college will be held at JSU from 10 am to 3 pm on Feb 24 in TMB Auditorium. Students and alumni who are seeking a summer job, part-time job or temporary work should attend this fair. Applicants are encouraged to dress professionally and bring several copies of their resumes. For more information, please contact Pearl Williams, coordinator of off-campus part-time employment at 102 TMB or call 782-5269.

- The College BASE test, which all seniors must complete to graduate, will be given at the following times: 5:30-8:30 pm Monday JSU-G, Enzor Auditorium
5:30-8:30 pm Tuesday Ft. McClellan Center.

- 2:30 pm Faith Hall. 9am 12 pm March 13

Students may register for the BASE test in 216 Ayers Hall

- All students graduating in Spring from the College of Letters and Sciences must apply now for graduation in 114 Martin Hall.

- The absolute deadline for accepting Stafford SLS or PLUS loan applications for the Spring semester 1993 will be March 15. This is to ensure that the application will be processed and the loan check received before the end of the semester.

- An art exhibition of ceramic sculptures by Scott Meyer and paintings and drawings by Kenneth Procter will be presented from 8:30 am-4 pm until Feb. 26 at Hammond Hall Gallery. A gallery lecture will be given by Meyer and Procter, two artists/professors from the University of Montevallo, at 10 am today.

- The Social Work Club will meet at 2:30 pm on Feb 18 in 231 Brewer Hall. Delores Malone from A.S.K. Incorporated will speak on AIDS. All are invited to attend.

- Sigma Tau Delta, the International English Honor Society, will meet at 4 pm Feb 24 in 236 Stone Center. Minima pictures will be remade and the annual writing contest will be planned. All interested in joining, please see Gloria Horton at 214 Stone Center. Applicants must be English majors or minors, have at least a 3.0 GPA and must be at least a second semester sophomore.

- Free Phi Eta Sigma T-shirts are available to eligible members on a first-come, first-serve basis, limit one per member. About 30 t-shirts remain. They are available from Rufus Kinney, 105 Stone Center. There will be no reordering anytime soon, so come immediately to receive one.

- Phi Eta Sigma Freshman Honor Society will grant 10 $2,000 graduate scholarships and 22 $1,000 undergraduate scholarships nationwide. Any Phi Eta Sigma graduating senior may apply for a graduate scholarship. Any eligible member of Phi Eta Sigma interested in applying for a scholarship should contact Rufus Kinney. Local deadline for application submission is Feb. 24.

**Parking**

Designating parking spaces: “How was I supposed to know the yellow curb overslaides the parking spaces?” Crook said. “The spaces were painted with gray paint to make them less obvious,” Nichols said. “But even if you can see the spaces, the curb is yellow and that means don’t park there.”

Kingsolver recommends students go to Traffic Appeals Court if they feel they do not deserve the ticket.

But Enny Serviss, Chief Justice of the Appeals Court, insists that “appeals are not for ‘I don’t think this is right,’ but only for discrepancies in traffic policy.

“We are given guidelines to follow,” Serviss said. “Students park on red curbs, actually on blue curbs, and no one parks on yellow curbs. That’s the policy.”

“We can’t make changes. Every appeal we’ve had from Brewer, we recommend going to the SGA meetings and presenting their arguments before the senate. That’s the only way to change things. But they never show up.”

Nevertheless, Serviss understands why students are upset about the parking situation at Brewer Hall.

“Students are mad because they know there was parking there before, and now there’s no parking,” he said.

Crook believes it is “deceiving to have the lines still there. I don’t deliberately try to get a ticket. Just the average student wouldn’t know not to park there,” Nichols, on the other hand, gives students more credit. “A reasonable person should know not to park there. There’s plenty of parking places on this campus and some students don’t even walk to class.”

While students have questioned the influx of money from those particular spaces, Nichols asserts that no money from tickets goes to the UPE. Instead, the money goes to the general fund budget.

Nichols said they are considering changing the parking situation in Brewer Hall, but will not make any changes until school is out.

He does not specify what changes will be made, such as making the curb red again or eliminating the lines.

**Crime Related Activity**

- 2-02-93 Frederick Mock reported disorderly conduct and possession of a firearm without a permit.
- 2-02-93 Arno Meadows, 25, of Gadsden was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct.
- 2-02-93 Michelle Carpenter, 20, of Gadsden was arrested at Salls Hall and charged with disorderly conduct.
- 2-03-93 The UPD reported violation of University firearms policy in Merrill Hall.
- 2-03-93 Kimberly Mitchell reported criminal mischief at Houston Cole Library parking lot.
- 2-04-93 Joseph Smith, 16, of Lula, Ga was arrested at Luttrell Hall and charged with minor in possession of alcohol.

**Greek Spotlight**

Gamma Sigma Sigma is a women’s national organization made up of 22 women whose main purpose is to serve the community. The women are involved in many projects this semester, such as working with the March of Dimes, the American Heart Association and the Alabama Organ Donor Association.

They are currently helping with a fund raiser for the Anniston Parks and Recreation Department. They will be giving concessions to participants in a 100-mile Bike-a-thon.

Because this is not a social sorority, anyone is welcome to join. Members of social sororities and other organizations are welcome to become a part of this group.

Service is the first priority of the women, but they also have a close sisterhood. They have formal events and other social events. For more information about this organization, contact Adrian Barnard at 435-3336.

--Tracy Morris
Greek Correspondent

**New Firearm Act may help reduce crime on campus**

David Hayes
News Writer

Some students feel they may soon be a little safer thanks to a new firearms law in the Alabama legislature.

Senate Bill 216, also known as the Gun Free Zone Act, will outlaw firearms on campus throughout the state. It will also carry hefty penalties for those who do not comply.

Anyone caught carrying firearms can be charged with a Class C Felony, fined up to $5,000 or imprisoned for up to 10 years.

Director of Public Safety David Nichols has personally been involved in the reintroduction of the bill. As Chairman of the Alabama Peace Officers Legislative Committee and a school board member, he admits to having a great personal interest in seeing the bill become law.

State Senator Ryan DeGraffenreid introduced the bill to the legislature and believes it will soon be passed.

“We have met no opposition so far,” Nichols said.

Nichols and Jack Walton, chief of police at Auburn University, have worked more than a year to have the bill reintroduced.

“It was turned down last year,” he said, “but I believe it will pass this time.” The Peace Officers Legislative Committee has joined forces with the Parent Teacher Association and other organizations to act as a catalyst to help the bill through the Senate.

Because most crimes involving firearms on JSU’s campus involve non-students, this act may help reduce crime on this campus. Although JSU has a gun policy, it cannot be enforced on non-students. If the bill passes it will...

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Mr. P's barbeque restaurant vies for student business

Kelli Dobbs
News Writer

Jacksonville residents now have another choice of where to go to eat that's cheap and quick - a barbeque restaurant.

Mr. P's Bar-B-Que and Burgers, located in the building where Kentucky Fried Chicken used to be on South Pelham Road, opened Wednesday after weeks of making renovations in the building's interior.

Frank Nelson, part owner of Mr. P's, said he is optimistic about the restaurant's future in Jacksonville.

"We decided to move into Jacksonville not only because of the facilities but also because the city of Jacksonville is growing and we want to be a part of it,"

Barbeque is not the only food served at Mr. P's. Hamburgers, cheeseburgers and ribs are also sold.

For the student on a budget, Mr. P's offers barbeque sandwiches for less than a dollar.

There was a large group of people gathered at Mr. P's to eat on opening day Wednesday.

One reason some people gave for eating at the restaurant was the inexpensive prices of the food.

"The prices are very reasonable for the quality of food you get," said sophomore Brent Martin. "It is very hard to find a good place to eat for a reasonable price. Mr. P's seems to have put both of these together."

Mr. P's Bar-B-Que and Burgers is the newest restaurant to hit Jacksonville.

Four-year degree a myth

John Williams
College Press Service

The hard realities of rising tuition, closed classes and the increasing number of non-traditional students attending colleges or universities are changing perceptions that most students earn their undergraduate degrees in four years.

School officials recognize that because of financial and personal pressures, many students are taking longer to get their degrees, not quite making the traditional four-year degree a dinosaur, but at least putting it on the endangered species list.

In some cases, university systems are trying to graduate students in less than four years to make room for new students who are competing for fewer classes.

"Many students have to take less courses and have to work. It's not such a bad thing," said John Duff, president of Columbia College in Chicago. "Nobody would raise their eyebrows about going to graduate school to get a doctorate in eight years. Part of our culture is that there is some kind of stigma if you don't graduate in four years."

A major factor in the increased time it takes to earn a four-year degree is the fact that federal loan and grant money is being reduced, forcing students to work part time or full time to help finance their education.

In some cases students take an occasional semester off to make money for tuition.

"There are significant numbers of small liberal arts institutions that take in students mostly out of high school and graduate in four years. But their numbers have not grown," said David Morkowitz, spokesman for the Virginia State Council of Higher Education.

"The growth (in enrollment) is in state colleges and community colleges, which are oriented toward non-traditional students."

Spokesman Mike McDowell said the council conducted a study and found that students attending residential universities in rural areas of the state tended to graduate within four years.

Those students who went to schools in urban areas tended to be commuters who may take time off from school to work and pay for tuition.

According to McDowell, some students are taking up to seven years now just to earn undergraduate degrees.

McDowell said students who opt for the three-year plan get credit for high scores on advanced placement tests taken during high school. If the students pass the tests, it's determined they have achieved a proficiency in the subject matter and don't have to take it in college.

"We want schools to eliminate obstacles for those who want to go this way," he said. "For some students, this is very much a cultural thing that they don't want to graduate in three years. But for others, they would rather save the $10,000 and get out earlier or go on to graduate school."

Duff said that his school's curriculum is designed for most students to graduate in five years and one semester, if they go full time.

The college, which primarily offers degrees in the arts, considers itself to be non-traditional.

It has open enrollment, tuition is $6,300 a year and most of its undergraduates are first-generation college students.

There were 430 students who did not return for the fall 1992 term, Duff said.

They all had at least a "B" average and owed no money to the school. The school sent out letters to them to find out why they didn't return, and Duff said most of them said they had to take the term off to earn money.

However, many schools - especially small liberal arts institutions - encourage students to graduate in the traditional four-year period.

"Given what a student is paying for college, why should an undergraduate degree be more than four years?" Owen Sammelson, vice president for administration at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minn., said. "They should be able to do it in four years."
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apply to everyone

Currently there is no state law prohibiting someone from carrying an unloaded gun on campus while it is locked in a vehicle. Similarly, the new Gun Free Zone Act exempts unloaded guns and guns locked in vehicles, as well as allows police officers to carry loaded guns on campus. "If this bill is passed, we will have the authority to enforce gun control and make this campus safer," said Nichols.

Carl Morris, a former resident assistant in Luttrell Hall, believes that the Act will not really change things. "I once asked a student living in the dorm why he carried a weapon. He said he didn't feel safe," Morris said. "I never actually saw someone carrying a gun, but one night while doing a room check I opened a door to a dark room. Someone said 'man I almost shot you.'"

The RAs often stop confrontation, and the thought of someone carrying a hand gun is always in the back of their minds.

"I don't think the legislation will stop people from carrying weapons," Morris said. "Shout of adding metal detectors, there is no way to keep guns out of the dorms.

The students will live in a very structured environment, according to Cusimano. They will be living with graduate students who will closely supervise each student. There will be out-of-class meetings, seminars and workshops that the students will be required to attend.

Alice Cusimano, Student Development director and director of the program, spoke to the SGA Monday night about the program because some senators were questioning the importance and goals of the program.

She stressed that requiring students to live in the dorms for the duration of the program is essential for them to get the full "college life" effect.

The students are also being required to purchase a meal ticket from Marriott to eat in the cafeteria. Cusimano said that financial aid is available - she has already discussed the option of Pell Grants and loans with Financial Aid Director Larry Smith.

The program will consist of about 100 students. Currently only about 50 students have applied for ExSel.

The students will continue to be supervised in the fall, but not as strictly as during the summer. They will be allowed to participate in any activities, such as rush, Marching Sinisters and sports teams.

If the students complete the fall semester as conditionally accepted students, they will continue in the fall and the number of students entering those developmental courses.

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The Great Yellow Curb Controversy

Students love to complain. They love to complain about classes. About teachers. About exams. About projects, papers, work, money. You name it. Students don’t like it.

Here at JSU, students love to complain about traffic. From stop lights to stop signs, from one-way streets to right-only turns, anything is fair game for criticism. Granted, traffic is definitely a problem in Jacksonville. But traffic is a problem at any college.

And a lot of student complaints about the traffic situation are pointless and silly. But there is one complaint that is not only getting a lot of attention, but makes a valid point.

In the parking lot across the road from Brewer Hall, in the very back, is a yellow curb. No yellow curb on campus has created quite the stir that this yellow curb has.

Because students can see the logic in most yellow curbs around JSU, but not this one. Supposedly, the curb was painted yellow in order to cut down on traffic accidents in that particular parking lot. But the space in between the two back rows, or what used to be the two back rows, is not much narrower than the space in between the next rows up.

And if there were parallel spaces put against that curb, the difference in the space between the rows would barely be noticeable.

Many students have gotten tickets at that yellow curb so far this semester. Yes the curb is yellow, but when a student is in a hurry, and if that student has parked in those spaces before, that student does not take time to check out the color of the curb.

An added problem is that the spaces were not painted over properly. Anyone can drive down that back lane toward the Kappa Sigma house and see that the lines are not only noticeable, but look as white as any in the entire lot. Especially on a sunny day.

Yes, the curb is yellow, and no one is supposed to park at a yellow curb. We all know that.

What the students don’t know is why those spaces can’t be painted over properly, or better yet, why they can’t be put back, at least in the form of parallel spaces.

The yellow curb may be there to help the students, but many of the students see it as an unneeded waste of space, and easy ticket money.

America the Beautiful

Hate groups dirty the freedom that protects them

Every once in a while, you realize you need to go to the doctor. When it’s been four years or more since the last checkup, and strange pains are filling your stomach, you should just go to the doctor.

My appointment was at 3:30 p.m. Not having been to the doctor since high school, I had forgotten the futility of showing up on time. At 5:05 p.m., I went to the back.

So I had about one and a half hours to kill in the office lobby, which is perhaps the quietest waiting area there is, except for a funeral home. I made sure no one was looking and opened a Redbook magazine, mainly because Cindy Crawford was on the cover.

The article that caught my attention, however, was not about the supermodel, but about a family from Idaho. A father, a mother, and their son. They appeared normal enough in the big picture accompanying the first page of the article, except for the Nazi flag flying alongside the American flag above their home.

The family, it turns out, was being featured because of their involvement in the Asian race or white supremacy movement. They deal in hate and celebrate Adolf Hitler’s birthday. They hate anyone who is not white, and that is the only reason they hate them. They teach their children the same thing.

The son spoke to the article’s writer about going to a cross burning the previous year. “It was fun. I hope there’s another one soon,” he said.

I wondered how people could be so uneducated and blind as to praise Adolf Hitler and propagate such hatred to their children.

Then last week, a fax came to the Chanticleer office from a Mr. Gregg Clammer. The headline on the fax said “Auschwitz Director Comes Clean About Fraudulent ‘Gas Chamber’ in Exclusive Interview.”

It was an order form for sorts for a VHS tape on “deception that is still going on about the Holocaust.” The informative part of the page tells of how “the alleged homicidal gas chamber at the Auschwitz-main camp was shut off to tourists...is a reconstruction, designed after the war to look like a gas chamber.”

Of course, the obligatory “suspected scholars” are quoted to lend some form of credibility. But, I couldn’t help but wonder as I read this propaganda what kind of people are taken in by this sort of thing and why.

And as an aside, the videotape was done by a production company, and Clammer is probably just the contact person. For anyone who would like to let Mr. Clammer know what they think, his address is 10070 S.E. Orient Drive, Boring, OR 97009.

This kind of hate groups come in all kinds and in all places of the country. Just a few miles southwest of Jacksonville, in the town of Tuscaloosa, a girl running for president of the University of Alabama’s SGA was attacked and told to drop out of the race. This came a few months after she came home to find a cross burning in her yard.

A group known as the Machine is thought to be responsible. It represents an all-white coalition which seeks to control campus politics year after year. Through intimidation and under-the-table activities, it usually does. But now, UA president Roger Sayers has disbanded the SGA until the matter can be investigated and proper action can be taken. A very wise and sensible move.

No society is without its ills, but America’s are so ironic. People criticize the only country in the world in which they are this free to make criticisms. America’s freedoms are the fuel for their hate.

And the saddest part of all is knowing that such things will probably never go away, and that these people and others like them will never learn to benefit society.

I read the entire article on the family from Idaho as I was waiting in the doctor’s office. And when I had finished, I didn’t even care about Cindy Crawford.
Heavy petting in the '90s

Just when you thought there could never be another ism to plague us (people who think we are plagued by isms are guilty of ismism), I’ve found another one. “Petism.”

I found it in an article I was reading about how our language is changing in our never-ending battle to remove various isms and isms from the way we speak and write. You can’t say fireman or firewoman or even fireperson anymore. It’s simply firefighter, according to the article.

The same goes for mailman, mailwoman or mailperson. To be politically correct one must use mail carrier.

As far as one is concerned it’s the way you stay out of trouble when you want to avoid “pronomism,” which is using he or she at the wrong time.

But back to petism. If you have a dog or cat or horse or orangutan, a boa constrictor or a duckbilled platypus, you don’t refer to any of them as your, for example, pet duckbilled platypus.

Pets aren’t pets anymore, said the article. They are now “animal companions.” The word pet, I gather, is awash in sexism. There is the Penthouse Pet of the Month, of course, where a popular magazine photographs a woman in the nude to appear in the magazine for a lot of money.

This is blatant sexism, of course, because the woman is handcuffed and forced into the photo session and then she is also forced to take the money. You can’t see the handcuffs in the photographs because they have been airbrushed out. A lot of people don’t know about that.

At any rate now all of us, including myself, must deal with petism. I can no longer refer to my dog Catfish, the black Lab, as my pet dog Catfish, the black Lab.

Catfish is now my animal companion. When I refer to my animal companion, the way somebody finds out what kind of animal it is they must ask me. “Just exactly what sort of animal companion do you have?” they must ask.

And I answer, “My faithful animal companion is a big black dog.”

After reading the article I went to the pet store to get my animal companion some flea powder. I sought out the owner, but I can’t tell you if the owner was a man or a woman because that would be sexist.

“Do you know, my good person, to be politically correct you must now call your establishment an animal companion store?” I asked the animal companion store owner.

“I didn’t know that,” said the animal companion store owner, scratching the animal companion store owner’s head. “Well, now you do,” I continued.

The animal companion store owner assured me the animal companion store owner would make the change as soon as the animal companion store owner could.

So now the section at the grocery store will not be known as the pet food shelf. It will be the animal companion food shelf, and the former pet food industry will be the animal companion food industry.

What the article didn’t say was what should be done about the word “pet.”

Can I still say, “This morning the first thing I did was pet my animal companion” or is “pet” out altogether?

Should I say, “This morning the first thing I did was rub/scratch/care my animal companion?”

I will entertain any mailed-in answers.

By the way, the animal companion store owner’s name was Ralph.

Letters to the Editor

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In honor of Valentine’s Day...

What is love?

“Well, I think love is caring, sharing, trust and friendship. You must have the friendship first to love someone.”

“I think it’s trust and honesty and showing each other that you care about each other. And never forgetting Valentine’s Day.”

Edna Wynn

senior

“I haven’t had much success at it. Basically, I think both parties have too many expectations of each other. They should take more of a relaxed attitude...go with an open mind.”

Gregory Mikell

sophomore

“Love is having the best man in the world. His caring is love for me.”

Yolanda Parks

junior

“I don’t know. That’s kind of hard. Caring, personal feeling toward someone, more than just a friend. Love is different than friendship.”

Karol Cox

senior

“It’s exciting. A new challenge everyday that is wrapped in a secure blanket of trust, understanding, honesty and an unspoken force of loyalty. It’s a familiar hard to go through fun adventures with.”

Amanda Ennis

senior

“Well, I think love is caring, sharing, trust and friendship. You must have the friendship first to love someone.”

Raquel Bryant

junior

Compiled by Jay Ennis
When you look in the mirror, what do you see? If you’re like the majority of young Americans, you’re not always pleased with the reflection of your life.

College students are constantly on the brink of change. They are crossing the bridge from high school and parents to a career and a spouse. The metamorphosis is not always easy. Facing a competitive job market and the social pressures of contemporary society can be intimidating. They force students to deal with the most frightening question of all: “Am I good enough to make it?”

More than likely, the answer is yes, but the path to a successful life is less of a climb for those who believe in themselves. Many experts believe that self-confidence has more of an impact on daily life than most people realize.

“To some degree... self-esteem is the most important factor in your self-image,” says Les Hill, JSU sociology professor. He says people with high self-esteem seem to be happier, more optimistic and less likely to blame themselves when things go wrong than others.

Sociologists believe most of a person’s self-image is formed during childhood, in fact, some believe it begins at infancy. “The core of self-esteem is created from the moment you are born,” Hill says. “Placed in the world you exist in with your physical condition.” Hill says this biographical self-esteem is biological or hereditary, but it begins forming in the earliest stages of life, even before language development.

Hill emphasized the fact that the manner in which children are taught has as much of an impact on self-esteem as what they are taught. He pointed out that parents who frequently say positive things to their children but never hold them or express affection are sending a mixed signal to the child that can confuse him and damage self-esteem. This means even children of positive parents can sometimes experience problems with self-esteem.

Although individuals develop the core of their self-worth as a child, the image can fluctuate throughout their lives. It doesn’t drastically change, but it can go up or down in relation to the core.

A number of things can cause self-esteem to fluctuate, such as a poor grade report, family or social problems and several external factors, such as the media. Some experts believe media-created myths of a perfect figure or a perfect family add to the self-esteem problem.

“The media play a large part in cultivating our ideas. Our self-esteem can be built from how we see others portrayed there. A modeling trend of the 60’s — the ‘Twiggy look’ — is making a comeback today. Girls and young women may view these seriously thin models as a paradigm for their own look,” says Robyn Eoff, associate professor of communication.

Eoff is quick to point out that women are not the only ones susceptible to this unrealistically media image. “Men can be affected, too. TV commercials may cue men that playing a certain sport or driving a certain car equals success. It doesn’t always happen and the self-esteem can drop,” she says.

In her theory and ethics classes, Eoff’s students discuss the media’s role and responsibilities in areas such as this, but professionals in the field still maintain the public realizes media images are unreal.

Individuals with a strong sense of self are less vulnerable to these images, but in weak moments, nearly anyone could be susceptible.

A person’s environment also can have a positive influence on his or her self-esteem. There are several things you can do if your self-esteem needs a boost. “Try to be with friends you know will be supportive,” Hill said. “It’s almost like getting your batteries charged.”

“When you are in danger of going down... you tend to want to focus on the bad things,” Hill says. Instead, you could boost your sense of self-worth by focusing on the positive. Think of times when you felt good about yourself, when you had done something you were proud of. That alone can help prepare you to escape the low self-esteem trap.

Sometimes focusing on the good things can mean complimenting yourself. It may seem uncomfortable to you at first. Looking in the mirror and saying nice things about yourself may cause you to feel like Al Franken’s “Stuart Smalley” from Saturday Night Live: “I’m good enough. I’m smart enough. And doggone it, people like me.” It’s easy to laugh at poor Stuart, but sometimes everyone needs a compliment, even if he has to do it himself.

The Center for Career Development and Counseling offers a workshop for students looking for more ways to improve their self-image. For more information, call 782-3475.
Take your pick: American or Dutch, neither 'Vanishing' proves to be a viable thriller

I think they call it deja vu. Not too long ago, I was reading one of those entertainment periodicals and came across a review of a Dutch movie called ‘The Vanishing.’ Now, the last movie I saw from a Dutch director was ‘Basic Instinct’ from naughty Paul Verhoeven, so I wasn’t too excited about seeing this one. It didn’t help that it was subtitled. I call it ‘Dances With Wolves’-ophobia.

It was only a little while later that I opened the same periodical and ‘The Vanishing’ was back…same director, same basis, same movie...only different stars! Wait, is this now an American movie? And a thriller, too! I’m there!

So I saw this movie, ‘The Vanishing,’ starring Jeff Bridges, Kiefer Sutherland and Nancy Travis. I was very familiar with two of the three. Travis I would be experiencing for the first time in a starring role. The director, George Sluizer, had in fact made an American version of his film.

The story is about as strange as it gets. As the film opens, we find Bridges’ character inhaling a dose of chloroform and leaving its effects. Hmmm. Cut to a nice, average couple, Jeff and Diane, (Sutherland and Sandra Bullock, in an effective performance) driving through a tunnel and running out of gas. After arguing for a while, the man leaves his girlfriend to get gas.

When he returns, she’s not there. But this isn’t the “vanishing” of the title. No, that comes later, when they get to the gas station. Apparently, Bridges’ character, Barney, has been practicing his chloroform trick and saving it for a woman of his choice, because the next thing we know, the girl is gone, and Jeff is wandering around the station parking lot looking for his woman.

Mayhem ensues.

We learn that Barney is a twisted character, and that he has taken Diane away. Enter Rita (Nancy Travis) as Jeff’s new woman. She wants him to forget the one that was kidnapped. But he can’t. He’s obsessed. And a publisher wants a book about the whole experience.

The real fireworks begin, though, when he meets Barney. And here is where the movie takes off. Watching Sutherland kick and punch Bridges down two or three flights of stairs is had enough. At this point in the story, it has been three years since the girl has disappeared, and Kiefer’s character is left with nothing but an obsession to find his long lost woman.

Barney’s obsession is a bit twisted. It appears Barney is trying to get in touch with his evil side and feels he must do something truly evil in order to do so. What he did to Diane, and eventually tries to do to Jeff, is truly evil and, in Barney’s opinion, worse than death. I won’t tell you what he does. I’ll just say it’s a claustrophobic’s nightmare.

Leave it to the new girlfriend to save the day. Rita shows up in the middle of the melee and rescues her boyfriend. What a nice little sitcom package the movie turns out to be. Why, Jeff even forgets Diane and gives Rita a big hug, that is, after splitting Barney’s head with a shovel. Charming.

So I saw the original. And discovered that neither film was very satisfying. The Dutch film was only adequately acted, and while the direction was tight, the overall product lacked suspense and coherence. Of the two, I suppose I enjoyed the American version more, but here’s what was wrong with it.

It’s about time the American film industry gave us some credit as an audience. While entertaining, the film is glazed with that Hollywood varnish, “let’s tell ‘em everything, then tell ‘em again, so they’ll know what’s going on.” There’s none of that subtlety that worked in ‘Cape Fear.”

Speaking of, you’ll see more than a passing resemblance to Martin Scorsese’s masterpiece ‘Vanishing’ worth a bloody pulp by Sutherland’s character, the camera locks on him so tightly that I squirmed at the sight of his face, much like I did at the battered DeNiro in ‘Cape Fear.” Cinematographer Peter Suschitzky does his job well.

Todd Graff’s script is a bit more interesting than the one Tim Krabbe adapted from his own novel (“The Golden Egg”) for the Dutch version. Jerry Goldsmith adds a fine score to the American version, as well.

Also in the American version, there’s a nifty performance from Maggie Linderman as Barney’s daughter Denise. And TV’s Park Overall (the nurse of ‘Empty Nest”) is very funny in a bit role. But it’s Bridges’ show. It’s a brilliant performance, and it makes ‘The Vanishing’ worth seeing. And, if you’re into foreign films, the Dutch version is on Cinemax this month.
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Applications are now being taken for the 1993 Miss JSU Scholarship Pageant sponsored by Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia. The applications may be picked up at the information center in the office of Teresa Stricklin beginning on Monday, January 18. The Information Center is located on Hwy. 204, just across from Self Hall and next to Dixon Hall. Applications must be turned in to Teresa Stricklin by February 23. Miss JSU is a preliminary pageant to Miss Alabama. If you have any questions please call Teresa Stricklin at 782-5260.

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ANSWERS

The living hell of Maurice, Jacques Cousteau's cat

The Zeonions came with the answers to many secrets of the universe. Vern, regrettably, came with thick glasses and his deer rifle.

And then the bovine watchers were given a real treat. On a small knoll, in full splendor, there suddenly appeared a Guatemalan cow of paradise.
New-look JSU hits the field Saturday

Reynolds Wolf
Sports Writer

Ever notice that by simply glancing around campus you can tell that spring isn’t far away? You don’t need a calendar. Just look. Sorority girls are taking afternoon walks down Mountain Avenue. Birds are starting to migrate north. Guys are chugging beer between classes. The JSU baseball team is practicing at University Field.

Say what?

The JSU baseball team is practicing at University Field.

Smile. A new season is on its way. And along with the new season comes a new team. The 1993 Gamecocks have an excellent mixture of enthusiastic new players, seasoned veterans and one of the best Division II baseball coaches in the country.

JSU opens its season by hosting Faulkner in a doubleheader scheduled to begin at noon Saturday at University Field. Southern Tech comes to town for a single game Sunday and Talladega is here Wednesday.

Our new players can hardly wait to make a positive impact on the 93 season. What are veterans? Veterans are people who have been through many obstacles in their lives and have experienced both success and bitter disappointment. JSU has players who have felt the thrill of winning national championships as well as the pain of falling short of their dreams.

The ‘92 season was a good season in any book. Many universities would love to have the winning season that the ‘92 campaign brought. Many players would have been satisfied. But not ours. They want and expect the best. This is a hungry team that won’t settle for anything less than a trip to the World Series.

“Everyone’s been asking me to compare this team with the national championship team of ‘90, and we’ve got the capability of hitting pretty good.” Beavers will get help around the infield from Saks’ Mike Howell. Rico Woods from the Bahamas at second and Oxford’s Jason Troup at first base. The outfield will consist of some combination of Ray Aschenbach, Anthony Richardson, John Stratton and Eric Ford. Chris Duck is the regular center fielder when he returns from a broken leg. Tony Shaver is the No. 1 pitcher on the staff and will start Saturday’s first game with Brad Angle in reliefs. Bill Woff starts game two as Jeff Edmonds awaits in the bullpen.

Rudy. The only other people in Alabama who have acquired single-name status are “Bear” and “Bo”. Like Bear Bryant and Bo Jackson, JSU head coach Rudy Abbott is also a legend in his own right.

His back-to-back national championships in ‘90 and ‘91 will attest to that. Success follows him everywhere.

“Last year,” said Abbott, “was a disappointment. We weren’t competitive in the league. ‘He feels that things will improve. It is Abbott’s belief the infield and pitching staff will sound. Hitting, however, is questionable. ‘We’ve got four or five guys who can swing the bat...how they’ll do against other pitchers, you’ll never know. Hitting is a lot like getting married’. said Abbott with a grin.

“You think you know a lot until you get in there...then you find out you didn’t know as much as you thought.”

One characteristic Abbott finds interesting about this team is the fact that it has no glaring weaknesses. “Oh, we’ve got some positions we’re concerned about, but we’ll have pretty good balance.”

Gamecocks drop two road games; fall behind in GSC

Tim Holtcock
Sports Editor

Despite forward Anthony Kingston’s 41 point effort — a career high for the senior — the Gamecocks still dropped a tough loss to Gulf South Conference cellar-dweller West Georgia by the score of 97-95 in Carrollton, Ga. Monday night.

The Braves’ Lance Reinhardt hit a 3-pointer with four seconds left to give the home team the winning margin. The Gamecocks didn’t manage to get off a final shot.

That shot put dim hopes on JSU’s chances for a GSC title.

JSU is now 13-7 overall and 4-4 in the conference, one and a half games behind leaders Delta State and Livingston.

Reinhardt finished with a team-high 23 points, including five of five from 3-point land.

His big shot put a damper on the night of Kingston, who surpassed his previous career high of 36 points on 14 of 20 shooting.

He was a sterling five of seven from behind the 3-point land.

JSU returns home for a game with Delta State Saturday at 7:30 pm.

Valdosta State 89, JSU 80

After pulling to within one-half game of the lead in the Gulf South Conference, the JSU Gamecocks appeared poised to take a run at yet another title when they hit the road for a pair of key conference games against opponents well down in the standings.

JSU had beaten Valdosta State eight consecutive times heading into Saturday’s matchup at Valdosta.

The road to the GSC title got a little rougher as Valdosta State whipped the Gamecocks 89-80. Darius Dunson knocked in 22 points for the Blazers as JSU fell to 4-3 in the GSC and 13-6 overall.

The Gamecocks actually tied the game at 60-60 on Jody

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Arthur Ashe died Saturday of AIDS-related pneumonia. His story has become something of common knowledge by now. Ashe contracted the HIV virus, he said, during open-heart surgery in 1983. He disclosed his illness last year after a newspaper allegedly was about to go public with it. After his disclosure, Ashe became a spokesman for AIDS awareness.

That was nothing new for Ashe, who made as much noise off the tennis court as he did on it. And he made plenty of noise.

Ashe remains the only African-American man to win both Wimbledon and the U.S. Open tournaments. He became the world's top tennis player. Then, all that came crashing down on him when he suffered a heart attack and was forced to undergo triple bypass surgery.

Heart surgery slowed down Arthur Ashe! Hardly. Ashe became a social activist. Always was, actually, even during his playing days.

It was all too ironic then that he would be struck down by the disease that has elicited as much negative reaction, fear and misunderstanding as has AIDS. Ashe fought to the very end against the pain and indignity heaped upon people for whom little or no hope exists.

Ashe's death came at a unique time. The National Research Council had recently released a report saying, in essence, AIDS is a disease mainstream America will soon forget about because the disease will be confined to the fringes of society.

Those groups no one cares about, the drug abusers, the poor, the African-Americans and, especially, the homosexuals are the ones most afflicted with the disease. While the NRC may have intended to put to rest unnecessary fears of contracting the virus, the result may be that it will be pushed back to the back of people's minds.

Even when a famous person like Ashe dies from AIDS and puts a face with the disease, people have already demonstrated the ability to forget.

Remember Liberace and Rock Hudson (we don't have to worry about them because they were gay, right?). What about Ryan White and now, Ashe? Will we forget them, too?

How long after Magic Johnson finally succumbs to the disease will we forget about him and go on our merry way?

In the aftermath of Ashe's death, people across the country sounded a familiar theme.

Hoping for some kind of good news in a horrible situation it has been suggested maybe now people will become more aware of the killer disease.

Sounds very familiar to the words we were hearing about a little more than a year ago after Johnson's shocking announcement. Somehow those thoughts seem wishful. Even Ashe said in his closing days the fact people feel so uncomfortable about the disease was in some ways more frightening than the disease itself.

We have a long way to go.

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Lady Gamecocks win big road games

Tim Hatcok
Sports Editor

After a disappointing loss to Alabama A&M, the Lady Gamecocks came back strong to whip both Valdosta State and West Georgia on the road.

The West Georgia game was especially gratifying as JSU closed the game with a 26-4 run to cap an incredible comeback. West Georgia led 30-20 at halftime as the Lady Gamecocks couldn’t make their shots. JSU shot only 25 percent in the first half.

The Lady Braves stretched their lead to 14 before JSU’s swarming pressure defense took hold.

With both West Georgia’s guards out of the game with five fouls, JSU turned up the heat, forcing 24 turnovers.

Meredith Crowder led a balanced attack with 17 points. Jana Simmons had 12 points and Terrance Spears added 11. Tracy Linton had 12 rebounds.

The Lady Gamecocks, 12-8, and 6-2 in the Gulf South Conference, play conference leader Delta State Saturday at 5:15 in Pete Mathews Coliseum.

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JSU 72, Valdosta State 65

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JSU is in second place in the GSC, behind Delta State, which sports a perfect 9-0 record.

Alabama A&M 85, JSU 70

JSU showed once again that the troubles it has winning on the road as the Lady Gamecocks lost to a team they had defeated earlier in the year by a score of 112-74.

JSU trailed by five points at the half, but fell behind by as many as 20 points before slicing the lead to five once again.

But the Lady Bulldogs pulled away late for the 15-point win. JSU fell to a disappointing 10-8 for the year with the loss.

More than 6,000 fans packed Elmore Gym for the game, and the hostile environment was too much for the Lady Gamecocks to overcome.

Alabama A&M hit 10 of 12 free throws in the closing minutes to ice the game.

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Being there, you couldn't help but get the feeling this is what Dr. Naismith had in mind when he invented the game. Seeing the boys' and girls' bodies flying all over the place in front of sometimes sparse crowds, just for the sheer competition, makes even the biggest cynic remember why he became a fan of the game to begin with.

Even the sometimes numbingly boring opening round games - often brutal mismatches - were enjoyable in their own way (though I wouldn't want to be forced to watch it every day).

Next month high schoolers invade the Coliseum once again as the girls' state tournament comes to town. This year, the Class 2A, 4A and 6A champions will be crowned at JSU. Last year, Class 1A, 3A and 5A champions were determined at Pete Matthews Coliseum.

If you enjoy good basketball, drop by to catch the action.

Good luck to Mark Jones, Eric Brasher and their staff as they promises to be a hectic schedule.

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Some people just can't stand prosperity. Former Alabama running back Bobby Humphrey recently was found in a hotel room with former Alabama teammate and best friend Vantriese Davis. Cocaine was present and, allegedly, Humphrey attacked Davis with a broken bottle.

Then, Humphrey failed to show up for a preliminary hearing on the charges.

To top it off, Humphrey was found asleep on the side of the road in Alabaster with a gunshot wound to the leg. This time, it was another former teammate from the Crimson Tide who shot Humphrey, apparently in self-defense.

Humphrey got his wish last season and was sent packing from the Denver Broncos to the Miami Dolphins, where he was expected to get more playing time, but didn't, and was expected to play on a winner, which he did. The Dolphins lost in the conference finals to the Buffalo Bills.

We don't know yet where this strange tale will end, but let's hope Humphrey gets his act together.

All too often talent goes to waste. Maybe Humphrey's won't.
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