Accreditation
SACS committee comes to town to re-evaluate JSU

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Melanie Jones
Managing Editor

A committee visiting JSU next week may determine the course of the University's future.

Fifteen representatives of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools will be on campus Monday through Thursday talking to students, faculty and staff and reviewing the institutional self-study.

The committee will use the information they gather next week in their recommendation to the association concerning JSU's re-accreditation.

The review could have a great impact on students' futures.

"It gives your degree a certain amount of worth," said University President Harold J. McGee.

If the University were not accredited, students would not be eligible for financial aid. It is nearly impossible to get into a graduate or professional school without a degree from an accredited university.

A degree from an accredited university is also a requirement for licensing in such fields as nursing and accounting.

Public school teachers in Alabama must have a degree from an accredited university. Professional accreditation for the individual colleges also depends on whether or not the university itself is accredited.

While at JSU, committee members will gather their information through contact with the people they see on campus as well as through reviewing the University self-study.

William D. Carr, director of Institutional Self-Study, said representatives of all student groups will have an opportunity to meet with various members, including students in off-campus classes and night classes.

According to Carr, most of the interviews will be spontaneous. "If you are sitting in the student dining room on Tuesday or Wednesday, do not be surprised if (a committee member) walks right in and sits down and says, 'May I chat with you?'"

Based on his conversations with students during work on the self-study, Carr said he believes most students will show a positive attitude toward the University. In a poll conducted by The Chanticleer, the majority of the students responding did say they believed JSU is headed in the right direction, but some weren't so sure. "I think the University puts too much emphasis on athletics, and not enough on academics... Higher tuition for less classes offered is not a good equation, either," said one student.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

• The College BASE test, which all seniors must complete to graduate, will be given from 9 am-12 pm March 13 in 23 Ayers Hall. 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.

• A workshop sponsored by the Career Development and Counseling Services on facing differences in a multicultural university environment will be held from 3:30-4:30 today in 220 Stephenson Hall.

• There will be a Kinetic (Body Language) Interview Technique Seminar sponsored by Lambda Alpha Epsilon, the Professional Criminal Justice Organization from 9 am-4 pm Saturday in 141 Brewer Hall. The cost is $40 per person and certificates of completion will be awarded.

• A "Dance for Heart" aerobics class will be held for the American Heart Association at 7:30 pm Tuesday in Stephenson Gym. It is possible, pre-register at Stephenson before the event. For more information call Mark at 782-5072 or Cindy at 435-3898.

• JSU students, faculty, staff and their friends are invited to join Team JSU for this year's May 22-23 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. This year's tour journeys from Pell City to Centre and includes an overnight stop here on JSU's campus. Registration fee is $25 until April 5. For more information call Dorothy Tobe at 782-5525 or 820-7818.

• The Chanticleer and Mimosa are seeking applications for editors in chief for 1993-94. These are paid positions. To apply, submit resume and cover letter explaining your interest in and qualifications for the job to: Ralph Carmode, Department of Communication, 104 Self Hall, JSU. Application deadline is Mon., Mar. 15, 1993.

• The JSU Child Center is now accepting applications for the 1993 Fall semester. The center offers a half-day (8 am-12 pm) preschool program for three- and four-year-olds. For more information call 782-5054.

• The 10th annual "Making Tracks 5K Road Race and One Mile Fun Run" will be held at 8 am Mar. 13 at the Anniston Army Depot in Bynum. There is an $8 registration fee before Mar. 9 and a $10 fee between Mar. 9-13. For more information call Janet at 235-6385 or 235-7720.

• Attention all female JSU students: With JSU's move to Division I, there will be an increase in the number of sports offered for females. The Athletic Council would appreciate your input as an involved female student as to which sports you would like to see added for women. A number of women will receive questionnaires in their campus P.O. boxes. If you receive one, please fill it out and return it through campus mail. If you do not receive a questionnaire and would like to complete one, contact Janice Pace or Dick Bell in Pete Mathews Coliseum.

Changes planned for campus bookstore

Dyana Blythe
News Editor

The Bookstore Committee met with representatives of Follett Corporation last week to discuss problems that have surfaced about bookstore practices.

According to Scott Brannon, a member of the Bookstore Committee, the bookstore has agreed to lower its prices. Employees of the bookstore did their own investigation into price differences between their store and the Jacksonville Bookstore on the square and discovered they did have significantly higher prices.

In fact, the bookstore will now offer a lower price guarantee. If a student buys a book from Follett and then finds the book cheaper on the square, Follett will match the price by returning money paid in excess.

They also agreed to start buying books back at half the original price, but only during the "big buy" time—the time during finals when many students are selling their old books and buying new ones. The half price promise does not go into effect until finals have begun. Many students had complained at the end of last semester that the bookstore was only buying their books back at a fraction of what they originally paid.

Another item discussed by the committee was the problem some students have had getting checks accepted at the bookstore, although Brannon did not say if they have devised any solutions to the problem yet.

The bookstore did admit to supplying only a portion of books for each class because it knows most students will buy their books on the square. They supply around 30 percent of the books, but agreed to supply more books for classes having only 25 or fewer students enrolled in the class.

The committee plans to meet again in early April in order to decide on exactly how to put the new policies into effect.

GreeK Spotlight

The sisters and pledges of Phi Mu recently sold Valentine cards to raise money for the Children's Miracle Network.

They travelled to Tuscaloosa last weekend for State Day. Phi Mu's from all over the South came and participated.

State Day is when members of Phi Mu from across the Southeast meet to discuss what has been done in the past year and what will be done in the future. The women go to conferences and lecture series to learn how to improve their chapters.

The sisters and pledges of Zeta Tau Alpha will be participating in the Adopt-a-Mile. One time each month they clean up one mile along the sides of the road near Stone Center.

ZTA also recently held a meeting on Alcohol Standards. They will be travelling to Mobile March 5-7 to participate in Zeta Day.

--Tracy Morris
Greek Correspondent

CRIME RELATED ACTIVITY

• 2-16-93 Wilford Ash, 36, of Coldwater, MI was arrested and charged with unlawful solicitation.

• 2-18-93 Dexter Williams reported disorderly conduct and assault in the lobby of Lutrell Hall.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

• In the 2-18-93 edition of The Chanticleer, Mandi Miller was mistakenly quoted as saying the bookstore will cash checks for $25 or more. The bookstore will only cash checks up to $25.

In the First Amendment...our founding fathers affirmed their belief that competing ideas are fundamental to freedom.

---Ronald Reagan

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Lack of interest results in SGA appointing senate, no elections

Dyana Blythe
News Editor

The SGA will not hold senate elections this year because there were not enough applications turned in to make up an entire senate.

Currently 35 students sit on the SGA senate. This number was reduced from 50 to 20 two years ago because there were not enough students applying for the positions.

According to Jeff Bennett, SGA Elections chair, only 19 students turned in applications for senator for the 1993-94 academic year. These students fulfilled the requirements of turning the application in by Feb. 24 and attending a mandatory meeting last Thursday of all senator and officer candidates.

Bennett believes that because these 19 students showed responsibility in these areas, they have proven their competence to become senators. Therefore, students will not be voting this year, the qualified applicants have already become senators.

If any more students are interested in becoming senators, the SGA will set another deadline, said Bennett. Then, when the new senate composed of the first 19 students meets for the first time in mid-April, it will be up to them to appoint all other applicants to the senate.

However, elections will be held for officers. The candidates for SGA President are Ashley Richards and Chris Dempsey. The only candidate for Vice President is Emory Sewiss and the candidate for Financial Officer is Shelley Arnold.

Students do have the option of writing in votes. Elections for SGA officers will be held March 9. The booth will open at 9 am and close at 5 pm.

Bennett said the Elections Committee decided to keep the booth open later so that student workers could come and vote without having to leave work. Specifically, the education department asked for more accessible voting hours.

Report: Give all students $14,000 in financial aid

Jeff Goldfarb
Washington Correspondent
College Press Service

All full-time undergraduate college students should be eligible to receive $14,000 in federal aid through a combination of grants and loans, according to a congressional study on how to make college affordable for more Americans.

While "Making College Affordable Again" suggests that the amount of funds available to all should be equal, the type of aid should vary according to financial need and tuition costs.

The poorest students would receive more grants, and students from richer families would be eligible for unsubsidized loans, where interest accrues throughout the life of the loan, including the time the student is in school, the proposal said.

The report, the result of two years’ study by the National Commission on Responsibilities for Financing Postsecondary Education, calls its recommendation STEP, or the Student’s Total Education Package. It suggests that STEP would streamline the current federal financial aid system.

Under the STEP recommendation, each student would be eligible for about $14,000. The program assumes a maximum federal grant of $4,000 and a combined maximum work-study and federally subsidized loan award of $10,000.

The federal loan system should cut its bureaucracy and provide "user-friendly" repayment options for students, the report recommends. It also supports President Clinton’s community service option by suggesting that 20 percent of loan principal be forgiven for every year of service, with a maximum of three years of service available.

"Many college students today graduate with debts that exceed their family’s home mortgage payments," said Daniel Cheever Jr., president of the American Student Assistance, one of the country’s biggest federal student guaranty agencies.

Cheever praised the study, saying, "The commission's report forcefully and creatively tackles one of the major threats to the stability of our nation’s higher education system, the affordability crisis."

The report points out that in the 1980s, the cost of attending college skyrocketed 126 percent, twice the rate of inflation for the decade. In fact, the cost of going to college increased even more than the cost of health care during the decade, the report said.

"The most productive step the federal government can take in strengthening the postsecondary education financing partnership is to lead by example," the report's authors wrote.

The Education Finance Council, a non-profit member association of state student loan secondary market organizations, applauded the commission's efforts, but offered a few criticisms, as well.

"The report fails to emphasize the dramatic improvements delivered to students in last year's reauthorization of the Higher Education Act," the council said.

The council also chided the report's direct lending concept because the administrative costs of such a project "will be transferred to colleges and universities and create upward pressure on tuition while reducing a student’s financial options at the same time." The report estimates its proposals would cost around $7 billion in the first year of implementation.

The Education Finance Council said it was "unrealistic" to expect the government to put up such funding.
More hiring, less recruiting on university campuses

Although employers are expecting to hire more college graduates this year, recruiting efforts on campuses are expected to be lower than in previous years, a study by the College Placement Council found.

"Students will have to be more flexible in the types of positions they want to take," said Dawn Oberman, a statistical services specialist with the College Placement Council.

"Many came into school four years ago in hopes of landing a job with a major corporation in a particular area of the country. They will have to be willing to relocate, perhaps work for a smaller employer and not expect high salaries."

In the survey, 316 employers said they plan to hire more graduates this year than they did in 1992. Overall, the firms said they project hiring 7.7 percent more graduates than they did in 1992.

Services employers were planning to increase hiring by 12.5 percent, and manufacturing employers were projecting a 5.4 percent increase. Government and non-profit organizations, however, were decreasing their college hires by 18.4 percent because of hiring freezes and downsizing.

Oberman said because of travel costs and recruiting cutbacks, employers were planning to cut back both recruiting efforts and visits to college and university campuses this spring.

Nearly 40 percent of the employers are decreasing the number of campuses they will visit. By 1993 fewer campuses in the 1992-93 recruiting season than they did last year. They will visit an average of 23 campuses this year, compared with an average of 26 campuses last year.

Firms can be picky in their hiring this year, the report said. "The 1991-92 job market for new college graduates was a buyer's market -- and 1992-93 promises to be more of the same," the report said.

Part of the reason is that with many companies restructuring and eliminating jobs, there are fewer job openings, analysts said.

And depending on the major, there is a glut of certain jobs in the market. Salaries and job availability in health-related fields are still growing, but other areas, such as aerospace engineering and the humanities, are shrinking.

Graduates from nursing programs can expect initial salary offers to rise 7.2 percent to $31,732. Allied health graduates also gained, posting a 3.8 percent increase for an average of $30,555.

Starting salary offers to electrical and mechanical engineers increased only slightly (1.7 percent and 1.4 percent respectively) because there is a surplus of these graduates.

The percentage of job offers to aerospace engineers reported to the College Placement Council has fallen. In 1989-90, aerospace represented 4.2 percent of all engineering jobs offered, and it has fallen to an estimated 1.6 percent this year.

The situation remains about the same for humanities and social sciences graduates: salaries are remaining flat and are lower.

Starting salary offers for humanities graduates were expected to be 2.7 percent lower than last year, for an average of $22,941. Social sciences graduates saw their initial salary offers rise slightly to an average of $21,623.

Business students work on Wall Street

Sherry Fraser
News Writer

Twenty-seven JSU students are receiving practical experience on Wall Street by competing in the AT&T Collegiate Investment Challenge.

Students from across campus, but mainly in the Financial Management Association are competing in the challenge to gain experience in the stock market without risking money that they cannot afford. According to Gene Padgham, sponsor of the FMA, "Everything is real except the money. You start out with a fictional $500,000 account that you have to invest in about 5,000 different stocks."

Holly Downard, FMA secretary, describes the contest as a hands-on experience. "You get to buy, sell and trade stocks. Then you get a 1-800 number to call. They ask for your account number and how many shares of stock in Wal-Mart or whatever. The order gets put in your portfolio and that's it. Once a month you get a statement to show you how well your portfolio has been doing."

The last day of the challenge is Friday. JSU students competed in the last three years with increasing interest. Padgham attributes the rising number of JSU participants to a cash award made through the dean of the College of Business.

"The award was used to help defray the entry fees so that the students didn't have to come up with the full $49.95," Padgham said. With this financial aid, the cost was lowered to about $30 per student.

Participants compete in high school, college or educator divisions on a national and local scale. National prizes range from new cars and vacations to scholarships and scientific calculators.

Warren Dotson, a senior at JSU, sees the potential gained by practicing in the stock market with fictional money. "The reason I got interested is because I did want to start investing some of my own money. I thought I would practice a little bit and find out about the market, and I did invest some of my own money after I did this for a while," he said.

Other than personal finance, the reason many college students participate in the challenge is for practical business experience.
Monday, March 1

9 am-Noon
JSU staff transports visiting committee members from Birmingham Airport to Victoria

Noon-1:30 pm
Committee members have lunch at Victoria

1:30 pm-3:30 pm
Organizational meeting of visiting committee at Victoria

4 pm
JSU staff transports committee members from Victoria to campus

4:30 pm to 5:15 pm
Tour of campus

5:15 pm-6:15 pm
Reception at Gamecock Center, Stephenson Gym

6:30 pm-8:30 pm
Banquet at Leone Cole Auditorium

8:30 pm
JSU staff transports Committee to Victoria

Tuesday, March 2

6:30 am-7:30 am
Committee members have breakfast at Victoria

8 am
JSU staff transports committee members to campus

8:30 am-9:45 am
Committee meets with President Harold J. McGee, North Conference Room, 11th Floor, Houston Cole Library

8:45 am-9 am
Orientation to exhibits, files, and secretarial and computer support in Self-Study Office and Workroom, 10th Floor, Houston Cole Library

9 am
Committee on campus

11:30 am-1:30 pm
Lunch at Student Dining Room at convenience of individual committee members

2 pm-2:45 pm
Committee meets with Self-Study Steering Committee, North Conference Room, 11th Floor, Houston Cole Library

3 pm
JSU staff transports committee members to Victoria (Note: some committee members may be visiting Gadsden, Fort McClellan, Anniston and Oxford from 4 pm-7:30 pm)

6 pm
Committee members have dinner at Annistonian Restaurant

Wednesday, March 3

6:30 am-7:30 am
Committee members have breakfast at Victoria

8 am
JSU staff transports visiting committee to campus

8:30 am-9:30 am
Committee on campus

Noon
Lunch at Student Dining Room at convenience of individual committee members

3 pm
JSU staff transports visiting committee to Victoria (Note: some committee members will be visiting Gadsden, Fort McClellan, Anniston and Oxford from 4 pm-7:30 pm)

8 pm
Committee members have dinner at Victoria

Thursday, March 4

6:30 am-7:30 am
Committee members have breakfast at Victoria

8:30 am
JSU staff transports committee members to campus

9:15 am
Exit Report by visiting committee, 11th floor, NE Conference Room, Houston Cole Library

10 am
JSU staff transports committee to Birmingham Airport

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24 subcommittees and more than 170 faculty, staff and students,” Carr said.

The purpose of the report and the review committee is to guide the University toward improving its programs and to guide the Commission on Colleges in its decision whether or not to reaffirm accreditation. Originally, the report contained 125 recommendations and suggestions. In the terms of accreditation, recommendations must be met while suggestions should be met.

The final version of the report contains only 75 of these. Carr said the University fulfilled most of the 50 requirements left. Others were eliminated because the needs had been met before the report was published. Both McGee and Carr said they are pleased with the self-study and feel the review committee will find it to be accurate.

“The steering committee has just done an outstanding job putting the self-study together,” McGee said. “It’s a good portrait of an institution that has done very, very well in difficult times.”

McGee said the University has had difficulty meeting some of the requirements due to a lack of funds, but he said the University is looking towards other sources of funding outside of the government to achieve all of the goals set forth in the report.

The University has been accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools since 1935. The association reviews schools every 10 years in order to reaffirm accreditation.

Visiting Committee Members

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The Chanticleer is now accepting resumes and cover letters for paid positions. Call 782-5701 for details.
Next week, Jacksonville State University will be host to some very important people. The Visiting Committee on school accreditation comes to town Monday morning, and JSU is definitely rolling out the red carpet.

The purpose of the committee’s visit, in the most basic of terms, is to examine the state of the campus and decide if JSU is worthy of continued accreditation.

VIPs, indeed.

No accreditation means a bite is taken out of government funding. While the university obviously has its problems, it would take a lot for the school to lose its accreditation.

But that has not stopped a push for an overall positive view of JSU. There’s nothing wrong in purveying a good atmosphere, but campaigning for positive feedback is a bit much.

Various students have been asked, or advised, to respond positively if approached by a committee member next week and asked questions about JSU. That’s ridiculous.

There are enough happy, content students on campus without lobbying others. And if a student is dissatisfied, that student should let it be known.

Just how much student interaction there will be is not really known.

The students, however, are not the biggest concern. Faculty members had to work on departmental self-studies on JSU last year. It seems the purpose of a self-study would be to see if there are any problems and if so, what to do about them.

However, at least one faculty member was told his self-study was too negative. It was re-written. That doesn’t appear to be the way to improve problems within the system.

When the Visiting Committee makes it to campus next week, they will be reviewing many different aspects of JSU. They will also be lodged and fed five of their meals in the Victoria and treated to a banquet the night of their arrival.

Two days the committee will be eating lunch at the cafeteria. And aren’t the suites in Patterson Hall there for visitors?

What’s good for us should be good for our visitors next week. After all, that’s the point of their coming here, isn’t it? To see how the students are benefitting?

So why the sugar-coating? Let’s take the bad with the good.

Maybe reports of silver-engraved serving trays especially for the reception are not true.
Letters to the Editor

Attendance policy should be kept

Dear Editor,

I have seen and read of the letters printed that most want the attendance policy abolished. Why?

Carol Morgan wants to be treated like a "responsible, independent adult." It sounds as though she and most others, don't understand the meaning of being a responsible, independent adult.

The attendance policy is there for a reason. In Texas, all colleges and state universities have attendance policies. If one in Texas wants to enter a university, i.e. Texas A&M, one must have a 2.0 GPA to enter and retain it to stay in. Therefore urge the JSU administration to keep the attendance policy but also make it stricter. If one expects to be treated as an adult, one must act like an adult.

If you go to class, know what to study for, you will pass.

If you don't know what to study for, and don't go to class, you will not pass.

Thank you,
Mike Wilson

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- In order to ensure fairness, there will be at least two weeks between publication of letters from the same person.
- The Chanticleer reserves the right to refuse publication of any letter.
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He's trying to please everybody all the time, and you can't please everybody all the time. Somebody's going to get hurt.

--Tameeka Thurman senior
Birmingham band hits the big time with debut

“Growing up in the South has had an absolute effect on our music.”

Damon Johnson, lead singer and guitarist of the Birmingham-based rock band Brother Cane, makes no apologies for the band’s Southern influences. “When we were kids, we got a lot of gospel music, a lot of country music and a lot of R&B.” And the variety of the South’s influences make the up-and-coming Brother Cane a well-rounded band, both in sound and style.

Brother Cane played Brother’s Bar in Jacksonville last Wednesday. The show was part of a “sneak preview” tour promoting their debut album on Virgin Records, scheduled for a May 18 release.

All members of the band live in Birmingham, and all grew up in different towns across the state. Drummer Scott Collier grew up in Piedmont. Johnson was raised on a farm just outside of a small town called Geraldine. Bass player Glenn Maxey is from Huntsville, and guitarist Roman Glick has lived in Birmingham for the past 10 to 12 years.

So how do a bunch of ‘Bama boys get signed to a label like Virgin? “We went through pretty much the same process that a lot of other bands do,” says Johnson. “We recorded a demo tape and a pretty high profile attorney we knew out of New York really liked the tape and...started shopping it to all the companies.”

The band played for anywhere from 10 to 12 labels before Virgin “belled up to the bar and pulled out their checkbook,” says Johnson. “They liked the sound that we had and the vibe that we had,” Johnson says. “Even more importantly, they could tell we were just wanting to work hard. I think a lot of bands, once they get a record deal, think ‘Cool, we’ve made it.’ Now we’re going to rock stars. Believe me,” he laughed, “getting the deal is the first thing and then the hard work starts.”

And so it did. The album was recorded in three different studios over eight weeks. The bulk of the recording was done in Los Angeles, but the band came back to Birmingham to lay down background vocals and keyboard parts.

Everyone who played on the album lives in Birmingham, including keyboardist Chuck Leavell, who was a member of the Allman Brothers and also toured with the Rolling Stones and Eric Clapton. Another Birmingham musician is the blues harp player Copper Price, whose playing accentuates the album’s first cut, “Got No Shame” - most likely the first single from the album.

Johnson says the band is happy with the label’s choice for the first single because it “establishes more of our harder edge” and lends more of a live feel. “I think that song is pretty indicative of how we’d like to present ourselves to the public,” he says.

If all goes as planned, the band will start shooting a video in April, but Brother Cane isn’t fretting about image.

“I think when it’s all said and done, the most important thing is the songs, and that’s what we put our emphasis on,” Johnson says. “This is our first record, and we’ve got a long way to go and a lot of growing to do, but we feel like this is a good place to start.”

by Will Chandler • Music writer • See review, page 9

Sam Raimi's 'Army of Darkness' can't stand ground

Where else can you watch an army of stop-motion skeletons marching across the screen?

Not since special effects master Ray Harryhausen’s brilliant effects in “Jason and the Argonauts” has such an astonishing collection of special effects been correlated for our viewing pleasure.

Too bad they’re held together by nothing more than a bland string of horror film cliches.

In director Sam Raimi’s “Army of Darkness,” a sequel to his “Evil Dead” films, star Bruce Campbell returns as Ash, the sole survivor of the previous two films. In this latest, and probably last, “Evil Dead” installment, he is transported back in time to the Middle Ages. Once there, he must recover the Book of the Dead, that seemingly indestructible entity that he has been chasing since the first “Evil Dead.” This way, the local Wiseman (Ian Abercrombie in an innuocuous performance) can send him home and these medieval people can get on with their medieval lives. There’s only one problem: when retrieving the Book, Ash forgets to recite the Latin phrase the Wiseman taught him and, in doing so, wakes a multitude of dead, decomposed guys that decide to form an army behind Ash’s evil twin in order to retrieve the book.

If at this point you’re saying, “Huh?” that’s fine, so was I. The convoluted screenplay by Sam and Ivan Raimi is merely a stage set for the astounding special effects in the film (this is nothing new; see story at left).

I would talk about performances, but there’s not really a performance in the film. Bruce Campbell (who also sits in as a co-producer) tries to pull off the Schwarzeneggar-like one-liners with a touch of wit, but ends up being humorless and annoying. Embeth Davidtz, who plays Campbell’s love interest, does the same. After being converted to the “other side” by Ash’s evil twin, she looks into the camera and...

See Raimi • page 9
Fiddler on the Roof, the musical, will run Feb. 25-Mar. 7 on selected nights. The traditional musical, focusing on the life of a Jewish family, contains some of the most popular show tunes in music, including "If I Were A Rich Man" and "Sunrise, Sunset."

Tickets are $6 for adults, $5 for faculty, staff and senior citizens and $4 for students, military personnel and children. For reservations, call 782-6648 or 782-5623.

Brother Cane reflects its influences

Will Chandler
Music writer

Led Zeppelin. Thin Lizzy. The Allman Brothers. Lynyrd Skynyrd. Ghost-voices from the past that shine through in the music of Brother Cane.

Brother Cane's debut album, due out May 18 on Virgin Records, successfully fuses the country, gospel and blues from their childhoods with the southern rock and mainstream rock of more recent times.

The album was co-produced by Jim Mitchell, who engineered "Use Your Illusion I and II" by Guns N' Roses, and the album echoes it in places. The first song, "Got No Shame," explodes with a blues furor accentuated by blues harp player Copper Price. The second song, "Hard Act To Follow," follows up with an equally memorable tune. Other pieces, such as "Woman" and "Don't Turn Your Back On Me," leave you with a moving impression of another's soul.

Lead singer/guitarist Damon Johnson did the majority of the writing on the album, but co-wrote several songs with guitarist Roman Glick. The third track, "How Long," was a group effort. Johnson said that everyone in the band contributes his own style to the songs, and you can feel it in their live show. "Sometimes you're playing these same songs five or six times a week. It's a lot easier when you feel it's a part of your own creative expression."

Although diverse, the album has a definite cohesion. Johnson attributed this to the fact that only the four band members and a few friends played on the album. Over all it is focused, an earthy album by a band whose roots tap the very soul of rock 'n roll.

Raimi

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says, "I may be bad, but I feel good."

There are a few funny parodies, though. Raimi pokes fun at "Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves" with his middle ages motif and an archery segment. He also takes a shot at the "Terminator" films in a sequence in which Ash creates a new hand for himself (he had lost it in a previous film and replaced it with a chainsaw).

Some of the battle scenes, in which villagers rally around Ash to fight the army of skeletons, are pervasively fascinating. But nothing in the film rivals the all-out wackiness of the first two "Dead" films. I guess you could say that as movies go, this is bare bones filmmaking.

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8. A Few Good Men Shai
9. Aladdin Soundtrack
10. Timeless Michael Bolton

Movies
1. Groundhog Day ($15)
2. Sommersby ($10)
3. Homeward Bound ($7.3)
4. National Lampoon's Load Weapon 1 ($6.3)
5. Aladdin ($5.9)
6. Untamed Heart ($4.2)
7. Vanishing ($3.7)
8. A Few Good Men ($3.4)
9. Scent of A Woman ($3.0)
10. The Temp ($3.0)

Source: Exhibitor Relations

Video Rental
1. Single White Female
2. Houseafter
3. Raising Cain
4. Boomeranger
5. Patriot Games
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9. Digstown
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1. The Bridges of Madison County Robert James Waller
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3. Healing and the Mind Bill Moyers
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Source: Billboard

Chart Notes
- Whitney Houston continues her record-breaking stint at No. 1, now in her 14th week with the hit "I Will Always Love You," making it the longest-running single at No. 1 in history.
- For the first time in 8 months, there is no Stephen King novel on the bestseller charts.
- Oprah Winfrey's interview with Michael Jackson was the fourth-highest rated program of all time.

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Calvin and Hobbes

THE FAR SIDE

By Gary Larson
Gamecocks in GSC tournament field

From staff reports
JSU, by virtue of its third-place finish, will play Livingston in the opening round of the Gulf South Conference tournament to be played this weekend in Cleveland, Miss., at Delta State.

The host school will play Mississippi College in the first round at 7:30 p.m. Friday. JSU and Livingston tip off at 8:30.

The Gamecocks and Tigers have split their two games this season. JSU won 95-78 in Jacksonville on Jan. 9. Livingston beat the Gamecocks 101-86 Monday in the season finale.

The two winners play at 7:30 p.m. Saturday for the championship and the GSC's automatic berth in the NCAA playoffs.

Last year, the tournament was held at Jacksonville and the Gamecocks won the title by beating North Alabama and Mississippi College.

JSU has won the conference tournament four times, more than any other school. Delta State has won it only once, in 1986. Livingston won the tournament in 1982.

Mississippi College has never won the tournament, but did win a conference regular season title in 1978.

Delta State was a unanimous preseason pick to win the conference. The Statesmen finished league play with a 1-3 record. Livingston was 8-4, while JSU and Mississippi College both finished 6-6.

This is the Gamecocks final appearance in the GSC tournament. JSU begins a two-year compliance period next year in an attempt to move to Division I.
JSU beats the odds to qualify for conference tournament

JSU's men's basketball team faced a precarious position heading into the final week of the regular season. The Gamecocks needed a win in their final two games to secure a spot in this weekend's Gulf South Conference tournament. Which would normally be no problem. But JSU had not won a road game all year long in conference play.

And, the two teams it was playing, Mississippi College and Livingston, were ahead of the Gamecocks in the GSC standings. JSU got it done against Mississippi College. The Choctaws were in a similar situation as JSU. Win and be in the tourney, lose and face possible elimination.

With all the odds against them, JSU still managed to pull out the win. The win, coupled with North Alabama's win over Valdosta State, brings another gem to the Gamecocks.

JSU women beat MC

From staff reports
The JSU Lady Gamecocks, having already wrapped up second place in the Gulf South Conference, hit the road last week to finish regular season conference play against Mississippi College and Livingston.

The Lady Gamecocks pulled out a thrilling win against the Lady Choctaws by a score of 55-54. Tracy Linton led JSU with 19 points and 12 rebounds. Shaun Thomas had 12 and Simmons 11.

Livingston beat up on the Lady Gamecocks in Livingston on Monday by a score of 91-70. Linton again paced JSU with 19 points and 18 rebounds. Simmons scored 13 points.

JSU hosts Troy State tonight at 7 pm at Pete Mathews Coliseum. JSU plays Livingston in the GSC tournament March 5 at Delta State.

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Rain forces tennis teams indoors; men lose, women win

From staff reports

Instead of the rain dampening the spirits of the JSU tennis team Saturday, it simply tricked over to the Anniston Country Club to play its match with Troy State on its indoor courts.

The men’s team wishes it hadn’t. The Troy State men defeated JSU 8-1.

The JSU women, however, were much more successful, winning 9-0.

Tracy Wilder won 6-1, 6-0, Maria Zavala won 6-1, 6-2, Caroline Dunn 6-0, 6-1, Lara Ashley-Root 6-1, 6-0 and Wendy Weserman 6-1, 6-0.

The doubles team of Dunn and Root triumphed 6-2, 6-0 and Helm and Tina Shambin won their doubles match 6-0, 6-1.

JSU's games with Talladega and Delta State are the host of the Gamecocks final regular season game was a 15-point loss to Livingston Saturday.

JSU will face Livingston in the first round, instead of host Delta State.

The Gamecocks split with Livingston, but lost in two blowouts to the Statesmen.

That’s the good news. The bad news is the Gamecocks final regular season game was a 15-point loss to Livingston.

But, anything can happen on a neutral court.

Also, the last Livingston game was tight until a JSU drought midway through the second half gave the Tigers a lead which they never lost.

JSU won’t have to contend with the Tigers 3-point shots like they did in Livingston.

Look for the Gamecocks to advance to the finals of the conference tournament with a win by a score of...

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against Shorter. Dave Spence came on for the save, striking out the Hawks’ Bryan Hamrick on a 3-2 pitch with the bases loaded. “Bums gave us three of four real good innings,” said Abbott. “He pitched well. Spence came in and did a good job.”

First baseman Jason Troup said the comeback was not unexpected. “We knew we had to comeback in and pick everybody up,” he said. “We swung the bats well and got some clutch hits.”

“You have to get excited about a team that can be behind four runs in the first inning and come back,” said Abbott.

“We’ve got the hitters,” said Deemman. “It doesn’t matter how far behind we are, we can come back.”

JSU’s games with Talladega and Faulknor were rained out and were to be rescheduled if possible. The Gamecocks travelled to Auburn Wednesday for the first road game of the year.

JSU is back home today against Siena Heights for a doubleheader beginning at 1 pm. Former Gulf South Conference foe Troy State visits for a doubleheader at noon Sunday.

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## Gulf South Conference Tournament

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### Saturday
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- 7:30 p.m.
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APPLICATIONS FOR UPC DIRECTOR, PR/ PUBLICATIONS EDITOR, CHIEF JUSTICE, STUDENT SERVICES DIRECTOR & GOVERNANCE BOARD DIRECTOR ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE ELECTION FORUM.

MEET THE CANDIDATES MONDAY, MARCH 8TH (AFTER SGA MEETING)

SGA ELECTIONS TUESDAY, MARCH 9TH 9:00AM-4:00PM, TMB

BLACK GREEK COUNCIL WEEK MARCH 1-7

MONDAY PARTY ON QUAD, 3-6PM
TUESDAY MOVIE NITE, 7 & 9:30PM
WEDNESDAY PICNIC/GERMANIA SPRINGS, 3-6PM
THURSDAY PARTY WITH AKA'S, TMB AUD., 9-12PM
FRIDAY SEMI-FORMAL BALL, 7-11PM
SATURDAY STEPSHOW, TMB AUD., BEGINS AT 7PM

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