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## Students deal with death of friend

**Mark Harrison**  
News Editor

A tangible oppression covered the campus like a blanket last Thursday. A student's body was found in Dixon Hall the night before. One of our own was gone. Even those who barely knew him, or who didn't know him at all, felt a very real sense of loss.

The student was 23-year-old Howard Wayne Edwards II, of Kennesaw, Ga. He was known to family and friends as "Howie."

The facts: His body was found at approximately 11:30 p.m. on Wednesday night by Dixon Hall Residence Assistant Rob Reynolds after Edwards failed to respond to a routine fire drill.

"Of course, it's our duty to check the rooms and make sure people have exited the building. His was the first room we went to. We found him at 11:20 p.m. His roommate had just left (the University) the week before (for a job), so he had no roommate at the time," Reynolds said.

A coroner's report verified that Edwards died from natural causes, related to a medical condition.

"It was a medical related death," said Calhoun County Coroner Benny Hulsey, following an autopsy conducted by the Department of Forensic Sciences in Bir-



**Howard Wayne Edwards II**

mingham. "There wasn't any foul play or anything else. It was a medical condition that he had. It was natural causes, due to a medical problem."

That's it. That's how he died. No foul play. No drug overdose. Natural causes. More important than how he died, however, is how he lived. Jacksonville senior TJ Jacobs has some insight into that; he met Howie Edwards in kindergarten.

"We were really good friends," TJ said. "We both had different sets of friends, but we were always friends. We would go out together on Sundays and we would call each other."

"He was a very concerned person. He was always involved with church, with helping everybody else out. He made sure everyone else was okay before he thought about himself. He was always a leader, whether he was a vocal leader, or a silent, moral leader. He was always making sure people had a good time, always concerned with other people's feelings."

TJ recalled an example. "We were talking (at Pizza Hut) about something and some people at the other end of the table didn't understand the topic, so Howie went out of his way to go to the other end of the table to explain it to them, just so they wouldn't feel left out."

TJ and Howie were separated when TJ went to Catholic school, but met up again when he returned to public school. They graduated from high school together in 1989 and came to Jacksonville together that fall.

According to TJ, Howie left at the end of the year, deciding to join the Navy Reserves in 1990 in order to become a medic.

But "he couldn't decide between medi-

cine and marine biology. After the reserves, he went to Kennesaw College and worked as an orderly at the hospital."

TJ said that after that, Howie decided to return to Jacksonville State and pursue a degree in marine biology. He was officially listed as a history major, because that was the field he and TJ both chose when they came to Jacksonville as freshmen. Howie returned to Jacksonville just this past semester.

Voicing the thoughts of many students, RA Reynolds said, "What bothers me most about it is his age."

"He died so young," TJ Jacobs said, "It really makes the words Carpe Diem take on a whole new meaning. I would just like for everyone to know how special this guy was. Howie was a clean-cut, wholesome boy. He would go out of his way for a friend or a complete stranger. He was a true Christian. He would spend time teaching Sunday school and leading the youth group."

"I was talking with Howie's grandmother, and she explained that at the age of 10 they found a heart murmur. Through the years, checkups and physicals did not reveal any indication of the murmur. I know how he died, but I don't know why he died. I know that I lost a great friend and the human race lost an important person."

## Counseling aids in coming to terms with death

**Kyle Shelton**  
Staff writer

After the death of Howard Wayne Edwards II in Dixon Hall last week, Counseling Services began to oversee the healing and acceptance by offering services to students in the residence hall along with any students who may have been emotionally affected by the death.

According to Kelly Ryan, a counselor with Career Development and Counseling Services, the ground for the basic counseling was laid Thursday night.

"After the initial things that must be done, as far as notification of parents," Ryan said, "we try to—within the next 24-hour period—at least have a group

*"We talked and some of the residents wanted to share what they were feeling..."*

*-- Kelly Ryan  
Counselor*

meeting in the residence hall."

There were about 25 to 30 participants at Thursday night's meeting at Dixon Hall. The goal of the meeting was to confront and deal with rumors and details about the death.

A university police officer was at the meeting to relate facts about the death and to provide up-to-date information.

After the facts were addressed the counseling began in earnest and the session was opened to the students to express their feelings

and concerns.

"We talked and some of the residents wanted to share what they were feeling with the others, and some didn't," Ryan said. "We just left it that, but we have seen several of the people on an individual basis."

Several students expressed their fear of dying and some have since had a problem with nightmares. Ryan said this is due to a student coming face to face with their own mortality and is normal.

The counseling will continue as needed and the staff at Dixon Hall will be able to help assess what the students need as far as counseling is concerned.

"We try to utilize the residence hall staff," Ryan said. "The (staff) are trained at the beginning of the

school year, and we talk a little bit about what (to do) if this happens. They're our first response and we do give them some front line training."

Along with the counseling, students have taken it upon themselves to provide an outlet for their grief. A bulletin board was erected in memory of Howard Wayne Edwards II.

In addition to erecting a memorial, the students have used this experience to grow closer to one another.

"They were questioning 'Why don't we look in on each other more often?'," Ryan said.

Students are dealing with a difficult issue, and with the help of counseling services, they are using it to grow.

### COUNSELING OPTIONS

**JSU COUNSELLING CENTER**  
782-5475

### RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

Baptist Campus Ministries  
Between Brewer and Martin  
Halls  
435-7020

Catholic Student Organization  
St. Charle Church  
435-8678

Covenant Lutheran Church  
North Pelham Rd.  
435-8678

Episcopal Campus Ministry  
St. Luke's Church  
435-9271

First Presbyterian Church  
East Clinton St. (one block off  
the public square)  
435-2208

Jacksonville Christian Student  
Center

Jacksonville Church of Christ  
(Northwest of Self Hall)  
435-9356

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

• The College BASE Test, required for graduation, will be administered on the following dates:

5-8:30 pm	Oct. 19	Faith Hall, Ft. McClellan
8:30-noon	Oct. 30	23 Ayers Hall
6-9:30 pm	Nov. 9	23 Ayers Hall
8:30-noon	Nov. 13	23 Ayers Hall

• The JSU Board of Trustees will meet at 1:30 p.m. on Monday on the eleventh floor of the Houston Cole Library.

• An "Alcohol And You" Workshop will be held from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. on Thursday in Classroom B on the 10th floor of Houston Cole Library. For more information, call 782-5475.

• Disability Awareness Week will be Oct. 25-29. There will be an information booth every day on the 4th floor of TMB. Activities will be held throughout the week. For a list of events call Janet White at 782-5093.

• George Richards, professor of English at JSU and Jane-Ford Richards, a psychologist with Anniston City Schools and a photographer, will present a lecture entitled "The Pleasures of Ruins: The Old Erie Canal" beginning at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 25 on the 11th floor of Houston Cole Library.

• Sue Tidwell of Gadsden will present a workshop on the Eneagram, a nine-part personality profile system, Friday and Saturday at the Wesley Foundation. Reservations are requested so information packets can be prepared. For further information, call 435-2208.

• Jerome Greer Chandler, JSU assistant professor of communication, will discuss the reality and myth of modern television and docudramas during his Faculty Scholar presentation, "Fact & Fiction - Docudramas and the Subtle Lie," from 7-9 p.m. on Oct. 26 on the 11th floor of the Houston Cole Library. Chandler will analyze excerpts from "JFK," "Mississippi Burning," "Fire & Rain" and "The Marie Hilly Story." A reception will follow. The presentation is open to the public.

## CRIME RELATED ACTIVITY

• 10-11. M. Tubbs Regenes reported harrasing communications at Bibb Graves.

• 10-11. April L. Christopher reported theft of property at Paul Snow Memorial Stadium.

• 10-11. Sarah Ashleigh Burnette reported harrasing communication at Fomey Apartments.

• 10-11. Ellis Tyron Nation Jr. reported criminal mischief in the parking lot of Crow Hall

• 10-8. Mary Paige Robinson reported theft of property at Brewer Hall.

• 10-9. Anne E. Sheppard reported harrasing communication at Fitzpatrick Hall.

• 10-8. Martin Luther Curtis, 22, of Jacksonville, was arrested and charged with dinking in public

• 10-6. Lenise Y. Williams reported "assault" information and harrasing communication at the parking lot of Curtiss Hall

## THE CHANTICLEER



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--Winston Churchill

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# GREEK SPOTLIGHT



Students danced the night away on the Jacksonville Square Tuesday to help raise money for flood victims in the Midwest. 92-J broadcast live for the 24-hour event.

Philanthropy and community service has been the focus of the sisters and pledges of Phi Mu. They have many activities planned for this month to raise money for their service projects.

Phi Mu and Alpha Tau Omega sponsored a dance-a-thon earlier this week to raise money for the relief of the flood victims. The dance-a-thon was a 24-hour event, with members of Phi Mu and ATO dancing in different

shifts. Prizes were given away every hour, and everyone was invited to join in the fun.

Members of Phi Mu will be working at the Anniston Air Show this weekend, in order to raise money for the Children's Miracle Network. The members will be hosting and helping with public relations during the air show events.

On Oct. 26, Phi Mu will be presenting a chapter development meeting on rape and how it

changes a person's life. Phi Mu will be holding the seminar at the Anders Roundhouse, and all other sororities will be invited to attend.

Members of Phi Mu and Sigma Phi Epsilon will be visiting the Wessex Nursing Home on Oct. 29 for the annual Halloween party.

--Amy Ledford  
Greek Correspondent

## Words hit as hard as a fist.



"You're pathetic. You can't do anything right!"

"You disgust me. Just shut up!"

"Hey stupid! Don't you know how to listen."

"Get outta here! I'm sick of looking at your face."

"You're more trouble than you're worth."

"Why don't you go and find some other place to live!"

"I wish you were never born."

Children believe what their parents tell them. Next time, stop and listen to what you're saying. You might not believe your ears.

**Take time out. Don't take it out on your kid.**

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Box 2866E, Chicago, IL 60690

# R&B band Silk scheduled to perform at Coliseum

Dyana Blythe  
SGA writer

Much to the relief of many audience members, the SGA announced at Monday's meeting that the R&B band Silk will play at JSU.

The SGA made the decision based on suggestions given by students attending last week's meeting. The officers felt that it was their responsibility to reconsider Silk, a group they had dismissed after questions of cost and scheduling.

"We wanted to listen to the students," SGA President Chris Dempsey said, "and we got (Silk's) price down some when we negotiated further with them."

The executive committee decided Thursday to approve the concert, which will be held at 8 p.m. Oct. 27 in Pete Mathews Coliseum.

Freddie Britt, University Programs Council director, urged the students to get word-of-mouth out to everyone to buy tickets to this concert. "You all wanted this concert, and we got it," Britt said. "Now it's time to sell this thing out and pack that Coliseum."

*"You all wanted this concert, and we got it . . . Now it's time to sell this thing out and pack that Coliseum."*

--Freddie Britt,  
UPC Director

The concert tickets will sell for \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door.

"We'll be spending about \$20-\$25,000 on this concert," Britt said. "We're risking a lot of our entertainment budget on this."

The concert will not be listed as a Homecoming concert, but as a UPC concert.

The Homecoming committee decided they will try to provide a free concert as "the Homecoming Concert" after the Homecoming pep rally and bonfire.

According to Dempsey, they are trying to book The Bucks, a band who frequently plays at Brother's bar in Jacksonville. The

concert will be held on the intramural field.

## SGA UPDATE

Attendance was higher than usual for the Monday night SGA meeting.

In reaction to last week's meeting and because of increased advertising of the meetings, about 25 students attended. But this week attention was on a local potential environmental problem, homecoming, and a future meeting with Jacksonville's mayor.

Rufus Kinney, an instructor in the English department, spoke to the senate about the facts of the incinerator proposed to be built at the Anniston Army Depot. He accepted questions about the incinerator from the students and persuaded the audience to oppose the incinerator.

SGA President Chris Dempsey announced that Jacksonville Mayor George Douthit will speak at next week's SGA meeting. Dempsey said Douthit is interested in concerns and legitimate complaints of the students about the city of Jacksonville and any changes they would like to see.

Tina Cody, chairwoman of the Homecoming committee, announced that the Homecoming pageant will be Oct. 28, and the students will be voting on Homecoming Queen Nov. 9. The Homecoming T-shirts have been designed and will be going on sale soon. The cost will be about \$7.

Recycling committee Chairman John Boyd questioned the senators as to why they are not more interested in the Recycling committee. He also said the committee is taking an active role in opposing the Anniston incinerator.

The senate voted by ballot on David Jones as President Pro Tempore, but according to the SGA's by-laws, they must vote on it again next week and approve it by a two-thirds majority to take the position.

The SGA's budget sheet for the year has been posted and is available to the public in the SGA office.



is showing

# The Rocky Horror Picture Show

Saturday Night, October 30th

11:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.

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## Rumor-control policy needed

It is always difficult to deal with the death of a young, seemingly healthy person, whether a friend, neighbor, classmate or stranger. The death of Howard Wayne Edwards was made even more tragic by the rumors surrounding it.

Edwards died due to health problems, but because he was found in his dorm room, it became a media event. Early reports said basically this, "A body was found in a JSU dorm room. It is not known whether foul play was involved."

That little snippet of information was enough to panic parents and stimulate the imaginations of students.

The main problem was the lack of information. At that time, the University had not released the student's name, which was understandable since his parent's were not notified until that morning, but they had given more information the media chose not to use. The police had said the student was a male in Dixon Hall, he had been found at 11:30 the previous night and there were no marks on his body.

The student's sex and the name of the dorm would have alleviated some parents' fears, and it should have been clear that there were no marks on his body. By the end of the day some students were saying he was murdered and others believed he had shot himself.

All of the correct information should have come directly from the office of Student Affairs before rumors had time to start. The campus radio station would have gladly given a few minutes for an administrator to give a brief statement and offer sympathy to Edwards' friends and family on behalf of JSU. As it was, there was a short release available from the police on request by the middle of the day.

There still has been no official gesture from the administrators to share the students' grief. Although there have been some activities in Dixon Hall, there has been nothing around which the general student body can focus its attention.

Some students have suggested lowering the flags. Some are already wearing black armbands. Others say we should drive with our lights on during a given hour on a given day. The students' want some official way to demonstrate that the university community cares.

It seems the small group activities have not been enough to serve the needs of the entire student body. Perhaps a lesson can be learned here, and we can develop a policy to better deal with these events in the future.

## How to survive midterm rush

It's that time of year again. Your teachers are all conspiring against you. You cannot prove it, but you are sure they meet in the Bibb Graves bell tower in the dead of night and schedule tests, projects and reports to be completed in a two-day period.

Believe it or not, it isn't really a conspiracy. It is just that horrible, hectic, pre-midterm crunch that hits every semester. I'm not exactly a stress-free individual, you can trust me on that one, but with the help of a few close friends, I have discovered there are better ways to deal with stress than having an emotional breakdown and dropping out of school. So, as my contribution to mental health, I will share with you my non-traditional stress busters.

\*Editor's note: I will not be held responsible for any bad grades as a result of goofing-off instead of studying. These activities are only for when you have time for a study break, or for relief of post-midterm depression.

1. Buy a stuffed animal and abuse it both physically and verbally. That's the wonderful thing about stuffed animals. You can force them to endure horrible tortures and they have to love you anyway. Make sure you abuse your own stuffed animal though. Abusing other people's stuffed animals can destroy a friendship.

2. Watch the last 15 minutes of "Beaches," "My Girl," "Steel Magnolias" or any other movie in which

MELANIE LYNN JONES  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

a sweet, wonderful person dies a tragic, untimely death.

3. Watch any of the musical numbers from the "Brave Little Toaster." Operatic fish, a co-dependent blanket and Phil Hartman as a psychotic hanging-lamp. 'Nuff said.

4. Scream stupid words. Some people use profanities to relieve stress, but I find saying stupid words is much more effective. Try saying crappydoodles (pronounced krap-eeeeeee-doodles) without smiling, and you will find it is impossible. True, people will often stare at you as if you have lost your mind, but sometimes you can make them laugh too. Oh yeah, Albuquerque.

5. Sing children's songs. The Barney song may get you shot, but there are some good alternatives. "Rubber Duckey," first made popular by the world-famous Emie, and "The Hokey Pokey" are two favorites of mine. "Skidamarinkidinkidink" and "Supercalifragalistic" are a few with an extra benefit. Like all stupid words, they make you smile anyway.

6. Go to the park. Germania Springs is a wonderful stress buster. Just studying there is less stressful than studying at the library or in your room. Get on the swings for a few minutes and imagine your-

self flying to some distant land. Hop on the slide or the merry-go-round and remember the time in your life when midterms were non-existent. Most importantly, walk on the log across the creek. It makes you feel in control again. It reminds you that you can do anything you set your mind to.

7. Okay, this one is hard to follow and you really need some spare time, but it is the best. Start a war with some of your friends. Now I'm not talking about your average war. I mean cans of whipped cream, BIG water guns and a bucket or two of ice. Use your imagination. Be creative.

Make sure you choose friends who will fight back because running and screaming is just as fun as chasing and scheming.

Once again, Germania springs is the best location. You just wouldn't want to try this in your dorm or apartment.

8. One friend suggests running naked through a field, flying a kite and yelling, "Kumbyah! Kumbyah! Here I am! Kumbyah!" but I wouldn't recommend it.

9. Sunsets at Mt. Cheaha. They are peaceful, beautiful and serene. Best of all, it is far away from Jacksonville.

10. Finally, and this one is serious, go up to a good friend and be honest. Simply say, "I need a hug"

Note to my teachers. No, this isn't what I was doing when I was supposed to be studying for your tests. Honest. I made it all up.



# Instructor questions hazardous effects of Anniston incinerator

*\*Editor's Note: Due to the controversy surrounding this subject, we have chosen to run this letter in its full form. Next week a representative of the Anniston Army Depot will share their side of the story.*

**RUFUS KINNEY**  
GUEST COLUMN

"Hazardous waste incinerators should not be located near populated areas nor near food producing areas," writes Adlene Harrison, former EPA regional administrator.

Yet Calhoun County today stands on the brink of hosting the only chemical weapons incinerator east of the Mississippi River and the only one anywhere in a thickly populated area.

This is disturbing in view of what is known about dioxin, a byproduct of the incineration of hazardous wastes.

Dioxin is a virulent, bioaccumulative poison that is a known carcinogen and can also wreak havoc on the immune and reproductive systems. It is emitted from incineration smokestacks and ingested through the air, water and food chain.

At Alsen, La., home to the Rollins Hazardous Waste Incinerator, there were "three cancer deaths in one block of nine houses.

"Two children in one family came down with cancer," notes Florence Robinson, Assistant Professor of Biology at Southern University.

Such revelations are not surprising in view of the fact that in a courtroom in Jacksonville, Ark., the EPA earlier this year admitted that not one hazardous waste incinerator in America consistently meets

EPA's own standard of 99.9999 destruction and removal efficiency. Yet Bill Clinton, our "Environmental President," continues to support incineration.

Jacksonville, Ala. is about 15 miles northeast and directly downwind of the proposed site for the Anniston Army Depot incinerator, which will not be built or operated by the U.S. Army, but by private contractors. I will not have my 5-year-old and my 3-year-old children breathe, eat or drink dioxin-tainted air, food and water. Why would any parent allow it?

"Commercial hazardous waste management facilities do not bring about industrial growth. Rather they tend to depress any area in which they are located, from the point of view of economics, public health, the environment and morale," according to EPA administrator William Sanjour.

The devastated economy of Emelle, Ala., in terms of housing depreciation, businesses leaving, unemployment and population decrease is ample testimony, but check out East Liverpool, Ohio; Calvert City, Ky., and El Dorado, Ark. as well.

Why haven't our community leaders done comprehensive studies of the health risks and economic impact of hazardous waste facilities on communities that already have them? Is this leadership? Are we a community of sheep?

The incinerator will have a disastrous impact upon JSU. At a time in which our University is already experiencing declining enrollment and retention problems it cannot afford the inevitably huge additional losses of students because of the incinerator.

Do you think our students don't go home for the weekends and tell their parents about those obnoxious noises of the chemical emergency tests? Does this inspire confidence and a feeling of security in one's "home away from home"? It doesn't take a genius to answer that.

Do you think that just because we in Calhoun County have our heads buried in the sand others around our region don't know about the dangers of incineration? Even if incineration were safe - which it isn't - people will be afraid to send their children to JSU.

Heaven forbid there be a real emergency. What if it came on Parents/Visitation Weekend or during a football game? That would be the end of JSU as we know it, even if everyone got out safely, which would be highly unlikely. Can you imagine the publicity?

The army and the AAD have said within the past year that these weapons should be safe for another 25-30 years.

In five to 10 years we should have an alternative closed-loop destruction process in place which will not emit dioxins.

We must write Congressman Jim Browder and Governor Jim Folsom immediately and demand there be no incinerator.

## SPEAKUP

# Does JSU have a race relations problem?



"I don't think there is racial tension on the campus because I haven't run into anything dealing with it. If there is racial tension going around, there should be meetings between the black and white people or whoever is having the tension."

**Tamika Sanders**  
Freshman

"Yes, I do feel as if there is racial tension among the students but I think that it stems a lot deeper than that. I think that we also need to look at our administration as well."



**Sandra Wyckoff**  
junior



"I do feel that racial tension can still be found on our campus, however, I also feel it isn't as obvious as it has been in previous years. ... I think that JSU, as a whole, should try to institute more programs to promote better race relations among their students."

**Kim Northington**  
junior

"Yes, I believe there is a racial issue on campus in both sides. Segregation comes not just from the whites, males and females, but also from black people. And what can improve it is time and education."



**Pedro Ferrelsa**  
senior



"Yes, there is racial tension, there always will be racial tension and the only thing that can be done about it is for people to stop pointing fingers and start looking at themselves"

**Scott Sealy**  
junior

"I feel that there is racial tension at Jacksonville State University and one key to get rid of racism is education because racism is caused from people's ignorance."



**Ami Benefield**  
sophomore

--Compiled by Chere Lee

## THE CHANTICLEER

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## JSU welcomes parents with activity-filled weekend

### From staff reports

JSU was invaded last weekend by parents and high school seniors considering this campus for their future academic home.

Each year the University sends out fliers and free football tickets to the parents of all JSU students inviting them to find out something more about where their children are living and learning.

Most of the Parent's Day activities were on the Quad where ROTC students demonstrated the survival and rope-work skills they have learned in military science. An SGA sponsored football toss provided more amusement.

To display students' varied talents, the JSU Gospel Choir performed in the Anders Roundhouse.

The activities change every year, and some parents say this year the University had less to offer. Pat and Joanne Graydon of Huntsville have been attending Parents Day each year for several years now, and they will probably be attending them for several years to come. They have two children who are JSU graduates and two others who are

currently enrolled. "It was enjoyable," Mrs. Graydon said, "but I don't think the reception was as large this year as it has been in previous years."

In Stephenson Hall, potential students had a glimpse of everything JSU has to offer. The gymnasium was filled with booths and tables representing nearly every department and organization.

Recruiters say this can be an important part of a high school senior's decision-making process.

Since each department has an information table, students can investigate any major that interests them. If they are impressed by the field that interests them most, chances are that they will come back.

A tour van made seven rounds of the campus to point out the local highlights to high school seniors and their parents, and they topped off both events with an all-you-can-eat picnic on the quad.

Jerry Smith, dean of Admissions and Records, said he would guess total attendance was between 1,500-2,000.

Around 260 students actually signed in for Visitation Day.

### PARENTS DAY 1993

A clown shapes balloon animals for Jacksonville area children. These children, along with thousands of other students and parents, took part in the weekend's activities which began Saturday morning and climaxed with a JSU victory over Fort Valley State. Students and their parents were given free tickets to the game.



## The fiddler strikes out on her own *germano*

**WILL CHANDLER**  
FEATURES EDITOR

You know that girl who plays fiddle with John Mellancamp? Yeah, she's the one who stands in the back, the one with long dark hair. Mellancamp found her playing in a bluegrass fiddle show in Nashville, Indiana. He took her on tour and recorded three albums with her. She has a name, you know. It's Lisa Germano.

Did you know that she's also graced the recordings of Simple Minds, Bob Seger, U2, Indigo Girls the dB's and Billy Joel?

Now she has a solo album, "Happiness" out on Capital Records

(it's really her second, her first was a self-financed independent release).

The 13-song album is a tribute to happiness, or perhaps lack thereof. While on tour with Mellancamp, Germano had to do a lot of growing up. "Going on tour with a rock n' roll band was the dream of my life, but it was difficult," says Germano. "I cried all the time...I learned to be responsible for my actions, my feelings and myself."

Germano hopes that she can help guide others through rough times through her music.

"If you want to feel sorry for yourself, that's your choice," says the fiddler. "People choose to be victims. That's why one of my goals is to help people.

"I want to relate to them and make them laugh about how stupid we all can be."

She does it well. Poking fun at the melancholy side of all of us with lyrics like, "You wish you were happy/But your not/ha ha ha/But if life was easy/You

wouldn't learn anything now would you?" in the song "Bad Attitude," or in the title track, "Happiness is like T.V./On or off...Relationships are like a cow/Growing strong just for now...Mom and dad are like my head/I won't listen to 'em 'til they're dead/Or I'm dead...Try again/Give it up/Try again/Ain't life fun?"

Other songs move into the more frustrating realm of acquiescence and break down, like in the song "Puppet"... "Speak, speak, my little heart/Is that such bad a sin?...But if I were a puppet/We'd get along just fine...I used to have a thought or two/But now I only smile/Cause when I'm a puppet/We get along just fine/And maybe for a while/We could play together," or in "Everyone's Victim," where she laments, "I'm done/Everything is over/High strung...My thoughts are cracking," and warns, "Don't you come a step closer."

Even the most popular single from the album, "You Make Me Want to Wear Dresses" (I didn't misspell it, That's how it is on the album) explores a sort of submissiveness, only this time to a relationship:

"Take me to your castle/It feels so good in there/Much, much safer

in your castle/ Mine got lost somewhere/Make me think nothing/I think that makes me happy/At least I might be better/So take me to your castle."

The wonderful thing about the album is the way the words are presented. Placed over a bed of folksy music, accentuated by Germano's fiddle and breathy, innocent sounding voice, the dark undertones of some of the songs can be hard to detect without close examination of the lyrics.

Some of the songs don't sound together at first, they seem almost

thrown together, but that just brings the music closer to you.

It's just like it were being put on right there in your living room.

You can hear many influences in Germano's music - Suanne Vega, Kate Bush, even Patti Smith, but the artist feels her music is unique.

"The truth is, I don't think I sound like anyone or anyone sounds like me," she says.

"I don't want people to think I'm this sweet little folk singer. I want people to feel the things I'm feeling. Then your relating, then your connecting."



## WORTH WATCHING

The JSU Drama Department begins its new season with a production of "Red Noses," the bawdy play by British playwright Peter Barnes. The Monty Pythonesque comedy focuses on the Flagellants, a band of comics that roam the countryside during France's Black Plague in 1348, offering redemption through laughter.

The play opens Thursday night at 8:00 and continues through Friday, Saturday and Monday nights at 8 PM. A matinee Sunday afternoon begins at 2:00.

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# Scorsese delivers flawed masterpiece

THE BIG SCREEN

JAMIE COLE  
MANAGING EDITOR

REVIEWED:

THE AGE OF  
INNOCENCE

Starring: Daniel Day Lewis,  
Michelle Pfeiffer, Winona  
Ryder

Director: Martin Scorsese  
Rating: \*\*\* (out of four)

I'll tell you a secret: It's not nearly as good as some critics think.

Martin Scorsese's adaptation of the Edith Wharton novel "The Age of Innocence" is beautiful and will win its share of acclaim, but it fails to deliver that knockout punch that is so common in Scorsese films.

In "GoodFellas," we had Joe Pesci getting blown away.

In "Cape Fear," we had DeNiro putting his thumb in Juliette Lewis' mouth.

In "The Last Temptation of Christ," we had a fictional Jesus hanging in the balance between God and man.

There were similar conflicts in "Raging Bull" and "Taxi Driver."

But in the pivotal scene in "Innocence," when Winona Ryder's character tells Daniel Day Lewis why he can't leave her, the film reaches an anti-climax and an unsatisfying denouement.

I guess I just kept wanting Ryder to look up at Lewis and say, "You lookin' at me?"

The story centers on the high society families of New York in the 1870s. Wharton's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel is not the least bit compromised.

Scorsese's script (co-written by Jay Cocks) leaves in all the intrigue, suspicion, drama, sacrifice, guilt, passion, etc., without taking away from the visual aspect.

As the film opens, Scorsese introduces us to the characters. The camera weaves in and out of the brilliantly decorated homes and hangouts of the New York elite. Scorsese's camera acts like a character within itself, with the voice of Joanne Woodward narrating. We join conversations, spy on private meetings, attend a gala ball.

It's when we start to get involved in the personal lives of Newland Archer (Lewis), his fiancee Mae Welland (Ryder) and the eccentric Countess Olenska (Michelle Pfeiffer) that the plot takes off.

Archer is secretly in love with Olenska, but her previous marital



Michelle Pfeiffer stars with Daniel Day Lewis in "The Age of Innocence," a Martin Scorsese film.

troubles keep her from being an "acceptable" choice for a bride. This set-up leads to some brutal dinnertable banter between the other characters, who do their best to drive Olenska away from the New York elite.

Archer doesn't hide his affection for Olenska, though. And Welland knows what's going on. She's the most brutal of them all. At the end of the film, the narrator tells us that Welland died thinking all was good in the world; ironic, when she was far from good herself.

There aren't any shootouts or car chases. Anyone that dies does so of natural causes.

That's not to say there's no violence.

As a matter of fact, this film is every bit as violent as Scorsese's previous works. I left the theater mad at everyone in the film. These people are cruel.

Scorsese makes plenty sure that their world is unrealistic. Even the food they eat looks like fine sculpture. Scorsese spends so much time with the details — what kind of china and silverware they use, what they're wearing, who will be there. These trivial facts are the proof that the character's lives are trivial.

The cast is, for the most part,

fabulous. Pfeiffer has the most emotional role, and she works it well. Ryder is effective as the conniving character she portrays, and there's a hard edge to her saccharin sweetness. Miriam Margoyles as the social matriarch of the New York families is letter-perfect, and should get a Supporting Oscar nod for her work.

The real letdown here is Lewis. I realize his character is repressed, and I suppose that was the reason for his static approach, but did his performance have to be so smug? His emotionless interpretation of Newland Archer is the second most annoying thing about the film.

Only Woodward's narration surpasses Lewis' performance in that regard.

The narration proves quite useful at the beginning for discovery purposes, but as the film moves on, it would have been nice if Scorsese had allowed his audience to observe and form their own opinions about the characters instead of having his narrator tell us incessantly about how they "feel." This is the script's major flaw.

So, then, call it a flawed masterpiece. This adaptation will blow you away emotionally or leave you cold.

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## Gamecocks even season record JSU returns home with win over Fort Valley State, moves to 3-3

**Bill Dobilas**  
Sports Editor

Home. There's no place like it. Jacksonville State showed why as they returned home, for the first time in a month, to defeat the Fort Valley State Wildcats 27-13.

"It was great to be home," JSU head coach Bill Burgess said. "Those three weeks seemed like three years."

Jax State ran their 'broken bone' option attack to perfection in the first half rolling up 228 yards on the ground and 27 points while the defense shut down the Wildcats limiting them to just 96 total yards.

JSU forced three straight incomplete passes by FVS quarterback Hubert Hogan and the Wildcats had to punt.

The Gamecocks moved the ball early and often against Fort Valley State. A 10-play 48-yard drive was capped by a 27-yard field goal by Lee Sutherland to put JSU ahead 3-0.

However, the Wildcats came back moving the ball down to the JSU 22-yard line, but Stev Lindsay's field goal attempt ricocheted off the left upright keeping the Wildcats off the scoreboard. The Gamecocks had stopped FVS at their own 36-yard line, but were called for a late hit on running back Bennie Nelson. Nelson had been stuffed by JSU linebacker Ja' Karl Barnett several yards short of the first down.

Jax State took over possession at their own 22-yard line. First down saw Eric Powell scamper around the right side for 14 yards.

On the next play, quarterback Corky Gordon carried around the right end and headed toward the sideline then BOOM! Tight-end Rich Schomburg flattened a FVS defender springing Gordon for a 64-yard touchdown run. It was the first time this season a Jax State quarterback had scored a rushing touchdown.

"I wasn't going to get caught. I refused to get caught," Gordon said.

"Corky has a knack for picking us up when he comes into the game," coach Burgess said.

FVS's next possession ended with a 56-yard punt by Edrick Laney. However, the excellent punt was for naught as

JSU return man Darron Edwards brought it back 52 yards before being dragged down at the FVS 19-yard line by Shay Hatcher.

Three plays later, Gordon jetted into the end zone for the second time giving the Gamecocks a 17-point advantage.

The Gamecock defense forced another Laney punt and JSU took over at their own 20-yard line. JSU moved methodically on a



JSU quarterback Corky Gordon #6 high-steps into the end zone against FVS last Saturday.

10-play 80-yard drive, highlighted by a 22-yard run around the end by Chuck Robinson. Sean Richardson capped off the drive with a 2-yard touchdown blast.

The Wildcats were again stymied by the 'Red-bandit' defense which forced another FVS punt giving the Gamecocks possession with just 3:55 left in the half. JSU's hopes for a final score before half-time were aided by

a 22-yard pass completion from Robinson to tight-end Scott Peavey down to the FVS 41-yard line. Derrick Griffie sprinted around left end for 16 yards on the next play, but that's where the drive stalled. With :06 left, Lee Sutherland booted a 38-yard field goal to give JSU a 27-0 half-time advantage.

**See Game • page**

## Division I-A should consider playoff system

College football took center stage this past weekend.

Forget baseball, Florida State was playing Miami. Two of the most successful programs duking it out for college football supremacy. The game was played on the field, not in a board room, or drawn up by some 'bowl coalition'.

The board room is no place to settle the National Championship, but that's where it will be decided in Division I-A and it's wrong. National Championships in Division I-A should be decided by playoffs just as it is in other divisions.

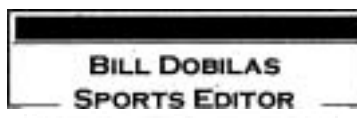
They could incorporate a playoff system, giving each game a 'Bowl Name', thereby satisfying corporate sponsors and big businesses who control Division

I athletics. Get a grip and move into the twentieth century Division I.

College football, at least in the South, takes center stage again this weekend. There are two games in the state of Alabama that feature four top 20 teams. No. 2 Alabama plays no. 10 Tennessee in Birmingham while no. 19 Auburn faces no. 5 Florida on the Plains. The four teams have only one loss between them, so these two games are tough picks.

One thing's for sure... we'll finally know how tough both Alabama and Auburn are come Saturday night.

Last week, I was 3-0 in my picks to raise my record to 30-9. My lucky tie seems to be doing the trick, but I sure do miss my



crystal ball. Well, here goes SW Missouri St. 27 JSU 20

I sure hope not, but I have picked the Gamecocks to win in every game and they lost, so I'm hoping to reverse the trend. JSU's offense has to get more consistent in order for the 'Cocks to be successful. Corky Gordon and Chuck Robinson will split time equally against the Bears which could prove troublesome for the defense. Prove me wrong Gamecocks!

Alabama 24, Tennessee 21

This will be the Crimson Tide's first real test of the season and they should pass it. Heath

Shuler and the Vol's will be ready when they arrive on the scene at Legion Field Saturday. The Tide has had a 'cream puff' schedule thus far and Tennessee could surprise Alabama, but the injury ridden Tide should find a way to win. They always do.

Florida 27, Auburn 14

Auburn's six game winning streak will come to an abrupt end this weekend. Florida drilled LSU 58-3 last Saturday. Florida's Danny Wuerffel is a hot quarterback, but should have some minor problems with the Tigers. Auburn's James Bostic should pick up another 100 yards and look for the 'best team on radio' to play well at times... just not well enough to win.

Penn State 21, Michigan 10

An angry pack of Wolverines travel to Happy Valley Saturday to face the unbeaten Nittany Lions. Michigan lost to Michigan State, while PSU had the week off to prepare for the Wolverines. Penn State's high powered offense should be enough to beat Michigan, and their defense will stop the overrated Tyrone Wheatley. The Lions will roar and Michigan will go home with their second straight Big 10 loss.

In other games:

Syracuse 24, Miami 19; Ohio State 27, Michigan State 17; Colorado 19, Oklahoma 14; Florida State 41, Virginia 6; North Carolina 44, Georgia 31; Notre Dame, BYU 10.



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# Soccer team expects stiffer competition

## From staff reports

Soccer at JSU? You may not have known about it, but it's here.

The JSU International Stars soccer team is off to a great start. The soccer club soundly defeated Alpine Bay Correctional Institute, a professional team in Talladega, 9-2.

The team lost twice to Alpine Bay last season but are much improved this year.

JSU dressed 14 players for the contest with Alpine Bay.

The offensive attack was led by freshman sensation Alejandro Barrantes who scored 4 goals in the first half to give JSU a 4-0 half-time advantage.

Senior offensive players Sam Fiol and Lars Van Gelder each scored

in the second half. Freshmen Rodrigo Piquet and Humberto Aguilar and junior Pedro Burachaga added late goals to pace the International Stars attack.

Defensively, the Stars were spectacular. Freshman goalie Gene Townley allowed two late goals by Alpine Bay, but was otherwise excellent between the twines. Defensive stars for JSU included Ahmad Alzoubi, Carlos Fiol, Micheal Suarez, Jorge Engellend, Marco Dunn, and Micheal Thomton.

The JSU International Stars are preparing to take on some stiffer competition later in the season. Clemson, Auburn, Vanderbilt, South Alabama, Birmingham Southern, and Emory are just some of the teams the Stars are expecting to play.

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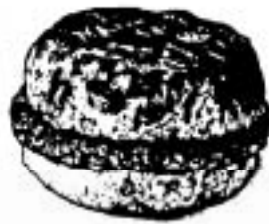
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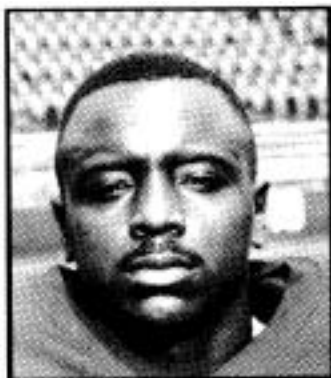
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# GAMECOCK PLAYER OF THE WEEK



Gordon

Corky Gordon gave the Jax State offense a big boost Saturday. Gordon, splitting time with Chuck Robinson at quarterback, carried only four times, but picked up 75 yards and two touchdowns.

"Corky has a knack for picking us up when he comes into the game," JSU head coach Bill Burgess said.

On his second snap of the game, Gordon raced around right end bumbling and stumbling 64 yards for the Gamecocks' first rushing touchdown by a quarterback this season.

"I never thought I would do that," Gordon said. "It was wonderful."

In 1992, Gordon began the season as the Gamecocks' No. 1 quarterback, but when he was injured, Chuck Robinson, his best friend and roommate, led JSU to the National Championship. Gordon did play, but remained in a back up role the rest of the season.

How does he keep up the intensity level he shows when he usually comes off the bench?

"It's something that (coach Burgess) instilled in us to play hard on every play," Gordon explained.

Is there any animosity between Gordon and Robinson?

"It's not that competitive to me," Gordon said. "He's my best friend, we love each other like brothers. I cheer him on when he's out there, and so does he (when I am playing)."

Gordon is a 5'7" 155 pound junior from College Park, Georgia majoring in Corrections.

-- by Bill Dobilas

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