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Tech students aid computer shortage

Kris Jackson
News Writer

Thanks to a new departmental program, both JSU Technology students and the University have a new opportunity. The students are assembling computers and the University is buying them.

JSU can now purchase computers for \$250 to \$350 per unit less than they previously paid outside vendors for the same level computers, according to Stanley Aman, Technology Department Head. Aman says that another plus is the fact that the program supports itself. The money made from the sale of these computers covers all costs of the program, including a Technology Dept. lab worker.

At present, the department can't sell these computers to students, but they can sell to any state or federal agency or institution and to local municipalities, Aman says.

He stresses that while his department can provide the computers to JSU for less money, that is not the most important aspect of the new program. The greatest benefit is to

the students. "The practical application our students get is as close as they're going to come to a factory situation without us actually moving the students into a factory."

"The students go through all phases: they are customer centered, they contact the vendors for the components, they work with the bookkeeping and business aspects and also the maintenance/warranty facet."

Aman says that if the department bought computers to keep in the lab for assembling and disassembling, it would cost \$30,000 to \$40,000 to establish the lab. Another problem would be that those in-lab computers would be out of date in six months, resulting in the students having to learn on old equipment. As it is, the students are constantly cycling in new computers, and can keep pace as the technology advances.

Randy Harper, Head of Computing Services, speaks of another benefit of the program. Previously, Computing Services had some problems with computers purchased from outside vendors. When



Dean Jakiel, a JSU Technology student, works assembled for a campus user. He is one of 32 on the main board of a computer being as- students building computers for JSU.

computers are networked, they must be able to communicate with each other. However, when vendors put together computers, they often buy the same type of part from different companies at different times. While these parts may be the same type, they don't always speak to each other completely in a network. They

don't always mesh.

Harper says that this has been a problem Computer Services has had to fix, time and again, when JSU was buying from outside vendors. But now the Tech Dept. is working closely with Computer Services to insure that all the parts are compatible with the current system. This

means that Harper's staff spends less time in getting new computers hooked into the network.

There have been some other problems. Tech Instructor Terry Marbut is in charge of the program. Marbut says that the first computers built

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Monday's SGA meeting touted as 'about the same'

Mike Canada
News Writer

Anarchy ruled Monday's SGA meeting in spite of pleas for order by student officers and the senate. This disorganization later led to feelings of frustration and the SGA missing a valuable opportunity.

The meeting was led off by Vice President Emory Serviss' comments on the SGA's need for improved communication.

"We did some soul searching at the last meeting. For some reason we've had problems getting started this semester," Serviss said.

"I think one of our problems is the meetings themselves. We work hours and hours on the procedures and not the issues ..."

Serviss continued by explaining that the senators should raise their hands if they had something to say and that stiff procedures needed to be relaxed.

"No 'points of information.' No parliamentary procedure. That's just a waste of time," Serviss said. "We continue to beat the issues to death...we're not getting anywhere."

Discussions remained orderly through announcements and officer's court, but fell into chaos over bill #38.

The bill concerned the appointment of Elena Kayo to the senate. Someone raised an objection even though Kayo had applied before the semester and had been reviewed by officers.

The Senate had a roll-call vote to decide whether the issue should be discussed. The senate began to openly protest, calling the objection "ridiculous" and "unnecessary."

Serviss called for a "time-out" to squelch the developing argument.

A much-interrupted vote followed, leading Serviss to explain the proper way of voting: "If you want the bill say 'yes.' If you don't want the bill say 'no.' Does everybody

understand?"

The vote for discussion failed which led to a vote to pass the discussion which finally led to the vote for the original bill. After more than 20 minutes and Serviss explaining to the Senate three times how to answer yes or no, Kayo was approved.

Uncontrolled discussions, laughter and arguments filled the Senate until Student Services Director Terry McCarthy intervened.

"You're so wrapped up in procedure, we need to concentrate on important issues," McCarthy said. The uncontrolled discussions, laughter and arguments continued.

At this point a group of students representing Disabled Student Services left. The group of seven students and an interpreter, Janet White, had been waiting patiently in the audience. Their leaving brought a rare silence to the meeting.

Greg Owen, former SGA president of Clarkston High School in Atlanta and cur-

rent JSU student, stayed behind to explain. Through his interpreter, White, he told the SGA that they had been invited here as guest speakers for Disability Awareness Week.

"We were here to inform you," Owen said. "We could have used this time to study. You aren't learning anything. I'm disappointed by coming here."

White later informed Chris Dempsey, SGA President, that students representing each disability had volunteered to come.

The idea was to form a panel to teach the SGA about disabilities.

Dempsey and many other members of the SGA. None of the officers knew about the panel of guest speakers. The member of the Senate who invited them, Courtney Walker, did not tell the SGA.

"I'm sorry this happened...I take full responsibility," Walker said.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

•The College BASE test, required for graduation, will be given on the following dates:

8:30-noon	Oct. 30	23 Ayers Hall
6-9:30 p.m.	Nov. 9	23 Ayers Hall
8:30-noon	Nov. 13	23 Ayers Hall

•Williams Student Health Center will be sponsoring "Sickle Cell Anemia Testing" today. There will be a testing and information table from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. on the 4th floor of TMB.

•The Department of Art Faculty Show will be held from 8 a.m. - 4p.m. Nov. 2-24 at Hammond Hall. Recent art work by faculty members will be on display. There will be no admission charge. An opening reception to meet with the faculty will be held on Friday, Nov. 2 from 7-9 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. For more information call Steve Loucks at 782-5708 or Charles Groover at 782-5625.

•The advisement schedule for Early Childhood/Elementary and Special Education majors for Spring Semester 1994 will be held in 310 Romona Wood on the following dates:

1:30 - 3:30 p.m.	Today
9 - 11 a.m.	Oct. 29
1 - 4 p.m.	Nov. 2
9 - 11 a.m.	Nov. 5
2 - 4 p.m.	Nov. 9

Advisement for JSU Gadsden students will be held in 106 Naylor Hall, at Gadsden State, on the following dates:

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Nov. 1
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Nov. 2
9 a.m. - 12 p.m./1-4 p.m.	Nov. 3
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Nov. 4
8 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Nov. 12

•A workshop on rape prevention will be held from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. on Nov. 4 on the 10th floor of Houston Cole Library in Classroom B. For more information, call 782-5475.

CRIME RELATED ACTIVITY

•10-24. Joel Erdman Schender reported theft of property at Dixon Hall.

•10-22. Lonnie DeVaughn Johnson reported harrasing communication in the parking lot behind Ayers Hall.

•10-22. UPD confiscated a weapon (a taped, wooden baseball bat) at Cow Hall.

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--Winston Churchill

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Change makes dropping easier

Kyle Shelton
News Writer

To drop or not to drop...making that decision without adequate information has been difficult for JSU students. But help is on the way.

To ease some of the pressure the University is changing the "drop without academic penalty" date beginning Spring 1994. The federal government will ease the application process for financial aid beginning in the Fall.

According to Jerry Smith, dean of Admissions and Records, the dates for dropping a class without academic penalty will be moved to later in the semester, which will allow students more time to make a more intelligent decision if they decide they need to drop a class.

"What the academic counsel did," Smith said, "is realize in many of the courses students were not getting feedback from instructors prior to that first date, which was three or four weeks into the term and we had created a situation where students could not drop a course without being certified as passing."

The problem was that the student, in some cases, had no idea how he or she was doing in the class and had to "gaze into a crystal ball to see if he was passing."

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did have some faulty equipment. He explains that normally when a computer is constructed, it is set up in the lab and run for 48 hours straight. This is called the "burn-in" time. If any of the parts are faulty, this is usually enough time for the part to fail and the problem to be caught before the computer ever leaves the lab.

However, there was a rush on the first computers built, he says, because they need to be constructed and delivered before the end of the JSU fiscal year (so they could be included in last year's budget). Because of the rush, the units got little or no burn-in time. Some of the computers predictably had problems because of that.

"We do have a standard one-year warranty on our computers. So, when the problems started showing up, we serviced the units and replaced the faulty parts," Marbut explains that when anyone orders parts in bulk from a manufacturer, a percentage of them will be faulty, much like car companies produce a percentage of "lemons." The burn-in time catches most of these "lemons," but when there is no burn-in time the problems have to be corrected after the fact. "We replaced the faulty parts on the first computers, and now that we're in the new fiscal year, we are doing the burn-in time as planned.

David Watts, vice president of Academic Affairs, is very much behind the program. While he likes the fact that the school saves money, he stresses that his main interest is in the quality of learning the program offers the Tech students. "Not many universities are constructing their own computers. It's not just saving

To alleviate this problem the Academic council has a new policy which will move the date for dropping without academic penalty from three-quarters into the semester to about midterm.

"The point of this policy is very student oriented," Smith said. "We want students to succeed. We don't want to create a situation where we're making someone fail a course and I think this policy will give much more latitude to the student. It will let the students know that the university is (re-examining) a lot of policies and practices and we are trying to find some things that we can do that would be friendlier to the student without impeding the quality (of education)."

The federal government is re-examining policy also.

According to Bill Yates, associate director of Financial Aid, students currently receiving financial aid will receive a reapplication form in the mail starting in November and December that will already have basic information. All the student will have to do is fill in information that might have changed since last year, such as income and change of address, and mail it in.

Students who have not applied for financial aid in the past will have to go through the current pro-

cess of filling out an application for federal student aid, which can be picked up in the office of Financial Aid.

Yates also said the new forms will expedite the application procedure and avoid a six to eight week delay that sometimes occurs when errors are present on the application. Students receiving them should not "throw them away or not know what they are," said Yates.

"It's better not to send it in as soon as you get it," Yates said. "You should wait until your taxes are filed, because if you send it in with estimations you are automatically selected for verification." This requires the student to send in copies of his or her tax return, causing a further delay.

According to Yates the new form will aid the staff in counseling students on financial aid. Students should read the financial aid information in the JSU catalog before meeting with a member of the financial aid staff. Any questions the students have can be answered at that time, he said.

"If the students come in and feel like they don't get their questions answered," Yates said, "they should ask to see me or Larry Smith."

The deadline for all financial aid applications is April 1, 1994.

money; it gives students a practical-based application of their education."

Marbut agrees. When his students are in the lab, he goes over each kind of part: how it's used, when it is or isn't needed in a system, and what other kind of parts could be used and for what. He wants them to be able to construct computers that meet their customer's needs, and to know how to do it.

Watts says that in the summer of 1993, Marbut and Aman developed a proposal for the program, based on parts cost and other data. Academic Affairs provided funding from their budget for Tech to build one model computer. Computer Services tested it. After the model proved out, the program was approved.

According to Aman, his department constructed 38 computers in the first 20 days of the program. Two of these were the 80486 DX models, and the rest were 80486 SX's (slightly slower than the DX). They built the 13 computers for the Personnel Lab.

Watts says 16 computers were purchased by Academic Affairs, many of which are slated to go into the MCIS computer labs, as soon as space problems in the rooms have been worked out. Some of these will replace old computers already in the labs. Five or six of the computers went to the College of Education, where that college will distribute them to faculty members. Watts has also signed a purchase order for 10 more computers.

Aman says that Student Services is beginning to purchase computers from his department as well.

Phone center sets credit limit for long distance

Mark Harrison
News Editor

Bills, bills, and more bills.

That's what seems to run through the mind of students everywhere. What some students may not realize is that paying bills is also requirement for on-campus long distance service, and some of those bills are pretty costly.

Last spring, the JSU telephone center adopted a new program to help students keep the cost of their phone bills down. Each student has a credit limit that cannot exceed \$100. Once this limit is reached, the student must pay the bill at the bursar's office. The service will be disconnected until the bill is paid.

Telephone Center Manager Elaine Roberts said that service limit will help students stay within the amount set for JSU's long distance service.

Roberts said that prior to this credit limit some students received bills of several hundred dollars. "As a result, some students found it difficult to pay the telephone bill, in addition to other monthly expenses," she said.

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President Chris Dempsey continued the apologies and explained, "I'm very embarrassed by this...it was miscommunication."

"I plan to personally invite them back," Dempsey said.

Hurt feelings were smoothed over and the situation was explained to all members of the SGA. The meeting was quickly adjourned.

Frustration and embarrassment over the meeting dominated discussions as SGA members left the room.

When asked how this meeting compared to others, Senator Chris Williams said, "They're about the same."

"I'm glad the limit is enforced because it helps me balance my budget."

-- Ivy Allen
JSU Student

JSU student Ivy Allen said, "I'm glad the limit is enforced because it helps me balance my budget."

Other students feel it is an inconvenience to pay the bill every time the limit is reached.

Roberts said this adds to the work load of the Telephone Center, but added that the extra burden is worth it if it helps the students better manage their money and stay within their budgets.

She also feels many parents will be pleased with the plan.

Roberts said the phone center's long distance rates compete with those of major long distance companies. She encourages anyone living on campus to inquire about the university's long distance service.

For more information, contact the telephone center in Room 116-A in Bibb Graves Hall.



VIRTUAL REALITY

Virtual reality visited the JSU campus Monday from noon until 6 p.m. Students stood in line for more than an hour, sometimes more than once, to take part in this futuristic video game that puts you in the action.

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Take a stand: No incinerator

We've heard the facts. Nerve gas leaks. Search for solution. Incineration found. Technology not safe. Dioxins. Danger to us all.

We've also heard the sirens. Banshees crying in the distance forewarning possible future disaster. Which got your attention more?

Facts are scary, but there's nothing to jar you out of a sleep like a scream from your nightmare.

The nerve gas incinerator is on the way. They've already started clearing land at the Anniston Army Depot. This area got stuck with it because of its silence. Other proposed sights were thwarted by the voices of concerned citizens. People who dared to speak.

When the proper time came for our area to speak, we were silent. Several years ago when the Army first held public meetings, no one showed. Yes, this area is dependent on the military. Certainly there is an unwritten rule among the governing and elite not to offend such a viable industry. Just because they acquiesce doesn't mean we should.

The Anniston area is one of the most densely populated sights proposed. There have been only two other incinerators to date. One was on an island 700 miles from Hawaii. The other is in the middle of the desert. Tell you something? Forty sheep died mysteriously 40 miles from the one in the desert. Jacksonville is a lot closer than 40 miles.

The army claims this is state of the art technology. Twenty years ago, state-of-the-art technology for the army was sealing waste in barrels and dumping it in the ocean.

Something else to think about—incineration has already been outlawed in Kentucky and Indiana, and litigation has basically stopped it in Maryland. These sights still have chemical agents. Think the government is going to spend millions of dollars, burn the agents here and then tear it down?

Sure, we can debate about the economical effect on our community. We can talk about the biological effect. But talking about it isn't going to do any good. Sitting back and worrying won't do any good. Ignoring those sirens certainly won't do any good. Someday they could be signaling a real emergency.

Action is the only thing that will save us now. It may seem like it, but it isn't too late. It's never too late. Write our government representatives. Call them. Confront them. Join a group like Families Concerned About Nerve Gas Incineration. Start a group of your own. Verbally, morally and physically stand in the way of this thing. It's the only way. We as a community have a voice. A right. A say in our health. Our economy. Our future. Act now. Shout back at the banshees.

Carelessness not fault of media

Recently, a 5-year-old playing with matches started a fire that destroyed her home and killed her 2-year-old sibling. What made this incident different from any other child playing with matches is that her mother said the little girl got the idea from "Beavis and Butthead."

If you haven't heard, Beavis and Butthead are two-obnoxious, metal-head teenage cartoon characters who love to watch violent videos, especially those with scantily clad women and fires. Dialogue consists of such moving lines as "Fire! Cool man."

So Mommy says two dim-witted cartoon characters on MTV made fire seem cool and inspired her child to torch the family home, and MTV agrees to remove all references to fire from future episodes, at least temporarily.

I am not a fan of "Beavis and Butthead," but to blame such an incident on a television program is foolish.

Children have accidentally started fires years before "Beavis and Butthead" became every parent's nightmare, and children will still be playing with matches long after they are gone, which I

MELANIE LYNN JONES
EDITOR IN CHIEF

hope is soon.

I would also like to know why a 5-year-old was allowed to watch such a program. It comes on at a time when most parents are home and able to monitor children's viewing habits. Being a cartoon does not automatically qualify it as a kiddie show. The program is for teenagers. It contains adult (although immature) humor, sexual references and violent videos. I would hope most kids wouldn't even understand what they were talking about.

There are lessons two be learned from this incident: 1.) Kids, don't play with matches. 2.) Parents, don't let kids watch Beavis and Butthead. It is as simple as that. There are plenty of reasons MTV should change the program, but this incident is not one of them.

This is not the only recent example of people blaming tragedy on entertainment.

In the Disney movie, "The Program," a football player lies down on the yellow line in the road at night to show his teammates how

he can control his reactions. Shortly after seeing the movie, a high school football player did the same thing and got hit by a car. Disney is taking the scene out of the movie.

Apparently, people have decided to stop using common sense and are operating under the premise of, "I saw it in the movies, it must be safe."

"Blame it on the media," is a cop-out for people who are afraid to take responsibility for their own, or thier children's, actions. It is for people who are afraid to admit when they really messed up.

I am sincerely sorry for the family who lost their home and their child to fire, just as I would be for any family in the same situation.

I also have sympathy for the boy who died after being hit by a car, as well as the young men who have died or been seriously injured playing this new "game." But I wish people would stop blaming their mistakes on the media.

Movies and television are designed to entertain, not to offer a guidebook to daily living. If we delete every incident that might cause problems if life imitates art, there will be nothing left to see.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To thee offended,

It seems the winds of culture cannot so much as turn a vane in the Bible Belt. Many a patron could not stomach the rocking of thier righteous boats last week when JSU's production of Red Noses blew in. It is absurd that these people lambast the Drama Department for poor taste regarding this play. Do these people screen a preacher's sermon for any distasteful words or references? Do they "white out" the vulgar and sexual passages in their

Bible? No because these ideas are part of the whole. They support the theme which apparently is too deep for most to excavate. The problem here is not the content of the play. It is the lack of content of people. The message of the play is not carved verbatim into ivory tablets. It is written into whores, lepers, Popes and nuns. Spend the time you do criticizing others by culturing yourself and expanding your perceptions. See the forest beyond the trees.

Phil Pyle

Dear Editor,

I am a JSU student who has studied the chemical weapons demilitarization program. As Charles Baronian stated, over 400,000 pounds of chemical agent were destroyed at Johnston Atoll. What he omitted was this produced over 1 million pounds of hazardous waste which was deep-well injected in Texas and landfilled in California.

A U.S. Justice Department attorney representing the EPA, admitted in a court of law in January that he could not produce data showing that a 99.999 percent destruction removal efficiency ratio on dioxin could be achieved. Additionally, the CDC says it will take 30 years to document the effects of the incinerator emissions; and what about the food chain? Dioxins, furans and

heavy metals are bioaccumulative in the environment and our bodies.

The 1992 Government Accounting Office (GAO) report states, "The Army failed to achieve its desired destruction rates because of unplanned and unscheduled maintenance downtime problems, which occurred on an almost daily basis. GAO found that, due to equipment reliability problems, the prototype equipment did not operate at all for 32 of 105 days during which testing was scheduled."

The MITRE report (independent evaluators) stated that the Dunnage incinerator did not operate satisfactorily during Operational Verification Testing.

Will this facility be dismantled after destroying the chemical weapons? The report of the Committee

on Appropriations for 1992 states, "The Army is directed to include in the annual report to Congress...an updated assessment regarding the future use of chemical demilitarization facilities and when modifications to the facilities or to current law would be needed in order to accomodate follow-on uses." This sounds like there will be transportation of additional material to Anniston for continued use and/or future commercial use of the incinerator.

I urge you to oppose the chemical weapons incineration program. There are alternative technologies available, but the Army will only look at them seriously if they are forced to.

Sincerely,
Brenda Lindell

Dear Editor,

Charles Baronian stated in last week's article that chemical agents "have been successfully destroyed by incineration." I question his definition of successful.

According to one report, the incinerator accomplished 500 hours of active demilitarization and was down for 929 hours! Many problems occurred during the campaign which Baronian openly admitted in the Army's public meeting on Aug. 19, 1993. Some of the problems include the following: on 32 occasions, active agent was released into the corridors frequented by workers; on 15 occasions, active agent was detected in the life support air system; on five occasions, identified as "likely" false positives, active agents was detected by perimeter monitors; and on at least one occasion, active agent was evidently released from the incinerator stack, although the stack monitor was not functional during this event. Is this successful?

Also, an incinerator is a very complex and hi-tech system of machines that is highly vulnerable to mechanical and human errors. Can we afford an ERROR with these extremely dangerous materials? NO! Hazardous waste incinerators do not have a good track record of operation.

So, why must the Army proceed with a flawed technology? Many are concerned about the condition of the M-55 Rockets and the threat they pose in storage and as "leakers." According to the Army's annual report to Congress on Dec. 15, 1992, the quantities of leakers were: 1989 - 125; 1990-74; 1991 - 68; 1992-54. The Army has been successful recontaining them. Baronian has stated, "The chemical stockpile is safe. And, it can be safely stored almost indefinitely with proper monitoring and occasional over packing." Mike Williams, Manager of the Chemical Demilitarization Program at the Anniston Army Depot, has stated that the risk of continued storage is small and that we have 25 to 30 years.

Further, the National Research Council stated, "Initial weapons disassembly (separating the agent from the energetic or bomb) and agent detoxification and partial oxidation could meet international treaty demilitarization requirements and eliminate the risk of catastrophic agent releases during continued storage." Why doesn't the Army pursue this alternative?

Be concerned, ask questions, find out more! Do not be misled by theories on how incineration should work. Do not let them build the incinerator. Write your Congressmen today.

Sincerely,
Steve Loucks

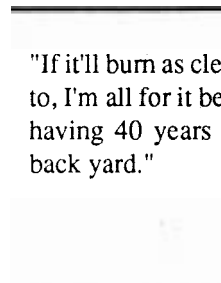
SPEAK UP

How do you feel about the Incinerator?



"An incinerator is necessary because it is the only way to get rid of the waste, but we do not need to incinerate everybody else's waste because that ruins the purpose because it's dangerous to carry the stuff from place to place."

Iain Abernathy
senior



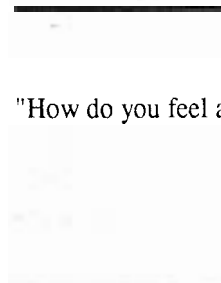
"If it'll burn as clean as they promise it to, I'm all for it because it's better than having 40 years of nerve gas in my back yard."

Christopher Bond
senior



"I feel that they shouldn't do that because the chemicals might spill and pollute the whole area."

Michael Burdette
sophomore



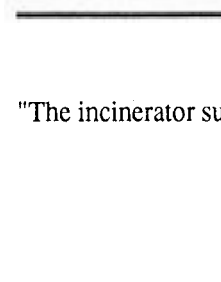
"How do you feel about lung cancer?"

Megan Keller
junior



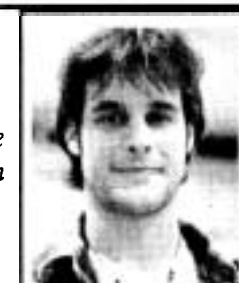
"It's not fair to the community or to the families who have invested money in homes who have built a future here. It's just not fair for the kids, too."

Renee Copeland
sophomore



"The incinerator sucks, basically."

Michael McKenzie
freshman



--Compiled by Chere Lee

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Letters to the Editor
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Jamboree provides flight of fancy

Allison Graydon
Features writer

This weekend brought the third annual JSU-/Bell South Mobility-sponsored Jax Jamboree, held in its usual home of the Intramural Fields.

JSU students volunteered to run many of the rides and booths at the Jamboree. Michelle De Sauthell and Leslie Cochran sold tickets to ride a hovercraft built by Leo Murphree. A hovercraft is a special vehicle that is propelled over land on a bed of air. Murphree built his hovercraft from a kit that cost him a little less than \$10,000. His money was not spent foolishly, however. In the eight hours DeSoutell and Cochran had been there, Murphree made \$800.

"Spin, somersault, free fall! You're the pilot!" screams Tim Jackson's business card for The Human Gyro, a machine used at space camps.

The Human Gyro is a 12-foot high device in which the user is surrounded by three giant metal rings. By shifting the user's weight around the inner ring, speed and

direction change. While most consider themselves brave enough to attempt The Human Gyro, according to an amused Jackson, many "chicken out; then you'll get 6-year-old kids who will ride it great."

A special highlight of the Jamboree was a helicopter named OTTO. Bob and Annette Hosking's "famous clown helicopter," provided many with their first helicopter ride. Adult tickets were \$20 and children could ride for \$15. While these prices may seem hefty, OTTO performs approximately 25-27 air shows a year, "to help pay for the discounts given to families," Mrs. Hoskings said. There were also drawings for free rides in OTTO. The Hoskings' next stop will be an air show in Sylvania, Ga. next week.

The main attraction at Jax Jamboree was the Hare and the Hound hot-air race. The race is the first national hot-air balloon race held in Jacksonville. A lead-off balloon took flight in order to mark the spot in which the participating balloons were to drop sand bags. More than 20 balloons competed for the



Sophomore Christy Vella has her world turned upside-down on the Human Gyro at the Jax Jamboree.

\$10,000 purse Saturday and Sunday. There were 10 winners.

Robert Bush, owner of The Magic Carpet, "The most photographed balloon in the world," was the first participant in the air and in pursuit of the Hare. Bush has traveled all over the world flying in air shows, competitions and other special events. In 1989, he was present at the French Bicentennial Celebration along with 700 other balloons. "Ballooning is just like everything else. You get hooked on it. One ride and you're hooked," says Bush. This "ballooning bug" is present in what he refers to as his "balloon groupies" or crew.

Michele Champagne was in charge of Jax Jamboree. "There was a good turnout (considering) the weather, ... it was a terrible weather weekend," Champagne says. Despite the wet weather, people from all over the county attended the event. As publicity for the Jamboree grows each year, Champagne and other organizers hope that attendance will increase as well.

It rained on our parade

Felisha Fowler
Features writer

A helicopter overhead and dazzling bands had the attention of everyone waiting to see a hometown performance. It was Jax Jamboree.

A crowd of about 100 people turned out for the Parade at 6 p.m. last Thursday. McDonalds, a sponsor, started it off with Ronald McDonald as the Grand Marshall. Several sponsors, who appeared at Saturday's Jamboree, followed.

Among the sponsors were numerous hot air balloon teams and surrounding town businesses.

"We are a big supporter of JSU and we help every year," said Bonny Jenkins of RE/MAX, a real estate company.

The Jacksonville High School marching band, along with the Pleasant Valley High School marching band and the JSU Marching Southerners added flavor to the parade with their performances.

"There was supposed to be a marching competition, but since only three bands were able to perform, each will split the money," said Tonia Lipscomb, an onlooker.

Heather Reed of the Southerners said that it has always been her childhood dream to

play with them. "I had really forgotten how exciting it can be to play in a parade."

The Southerners ended their smashing performance by singing a unique version of "I'll Fly Away."

"We were excited," said Amber Manning, a ballerina, "but the weather kind of drained it."

The rainy weather also drained the rest of the night by cancelling the block party on the square.

Banana Republic, a band that plays everything from classic rock to alternative music, had been scheduled to perform an outdoor concert, but due to the bad weather, the band couldn't set their equipment up outside.

The change in plans caused one serious problem.

The party was moved to the Sports Nut, a local bar, where many fans were unable to attend because they were not 21.

Mike Williams, owner of the club, was very apologetic. He stood outside the front doors and explained the situation to those who were not allowed in.

"We are contemplating the possibility to work out and try to create a raincheck and have them back at Homecoming," he said.

The weather may not have cooperated, but the show went on.

Hang with the ghouls

WILL CHANDLER
FEATURES EDITOR

Broke? Need to amuse your friends, a date or even yourself this Halloween on a strict budget? It can get rather expensive making the haunted house rounds. Save your money.

This area is rich in ghost lore. I grew up here; let me share with you some of Calhoun County's more "haunting" spots.

You can visit the gateway to Hell! In Oxford there is a road with an old bridge near a sod farm (grass, not idiots). Just over the bridge is a twisty-turny road that parallels a creek. If the moon is just right and you drive with your lights off, you can see something that looks like a gateway of fire. Really. I've seen it. And if that isn't enough, you can turn around and go back to the bridge. Legend

has it that a guy committed suicide on it. Supposedly if you stop your engine and chant something, you won't be able to start your car and he'll appear. This, however, I have tried and it didn't work. Oh well. It's a busy one lane bridge anyway. Probably not wise to block it.

If you're just really keen on the bridge thing, though, you can go to heart beat bridge. It's on the first or second road to your left after you pass Federal Mogul. The story goes like this-there was a couple during WWII that loved each other dearly. He had to go to war. They couldn't get married. Their last night together they went out on the bridge, never to be

seen again. Their car was therewith the motor off. There were large footprints in the dirt near the car, and a heartbeat was audible. You can still hear it.

In the same general area, there is a glass house. Years ago, Max Wellborn (yes, the town is named for him.) had a mansion. He buried all his gold on his property and said if anyone went after it, he'd get 'em. The mansion has long since burned down, and is now a kudzu-covered ruin. The people who lived in the glass house went looking for the gold. They haven't yet returned.

There are even ghosts at JSU. Bibb Graves, Daugeette and Forney Halls are all said to be haunted.

A free fright is close for those who dare...

*The R&B band Silk played at JSU last night. Due to publishing deadlines, a full write-up will appear in The Chanticleer next week

The Best Horror Movies

What to watch for scares

What's good at the video store for Halloween holiday viewing? Here's the answer...the 10 best horror films of all time.

10. "A Nightmare on Elm Street"
The acting is pure amateur night, but Wes Craven's original nightmare, that first introduced us to Freddy Kruger, is clever and genuinely scary, despite what the other critics say. An A+ for special effects. This one's a gorefest and decidedly not for the squeamish, but it's a ghoulish delight for those who are game.

9. "The Omen"

Richard Donner's classy film about the birth of the anti-Christ features filmdom's most famous decapitation. Don't be surprised if this one gives you nightmares. Gregory Peck is letter-perfect in his role, and look out for the creepy Harvey Bernhard as child Damien. Lee Remick makes an appearance as the child's mother, but dies midway through the film (lucky her...she didn't have to stick around for the sequels).

8. "The Exorcist"

For a hardcore Halloween film festival, this story of demon possession is a must. Writer William Blatty and director William Friedkin might have meant for this film to be a comment on the widening generation gap in the early 70s, but the result is a spectacular horror film that reinstated the big-budget horror genre.

Great performances all around, with Jason Miller in a standout role as a troubled priest. Excellent special effects with an eerie portrayal of the demon's voice by Mercedes MacCambridge.

7. "Invasion of the Body Snatchers"

Still scary after all these years, the original "Snatchers" hasn't lost its raw power despite endless imitations and two remakes (one is due later this fall). Though the plot seems hackneyed now, give this one a chance. Guaranteed uneasy feeling after watching.

6. "Carrie"

Classic Stephen King, classic Brian De Palma. Writer and director work together for the best of the post-"Exorcist" supernatural horror films from the late 70s. Introduced Sissy Spacek in a powerful performance as the telekinetic title character, with John Travolta, Nancy Allen, Amy Irving supporting. It's the lively performance by Piper Laurie as Carrie's religion-crazed mama you'll remember.

5. "Night of the Living Dead"

George A. Romero didn't mean to create a cult classic, but this cheaply produced film became one of the most critically acclaimed horror films of all time. It's scary, but the shoestring-budget effects might get some giggles when compared to today's standards. Very gory.

4. "Halloween"
'Nuff said.

3. "Rosemary's Baby"

A masterpiece of subtlety by director Roman Polanski based on Ira Levin's late 60s bestseller. The performances are the best ever in a horror film. A brilliant movie. All those who think Mia Farrow should stop fighting with Woody Allen and go back to making movies where she has sex with the devil, please raise your hands.

2. "Psycho"

The real crime is that Alfred Hitchcock never won an Oscar. In this, the consummate psychological thriller, Hitchcock redefined the genre. A brilliant performance from Anthony Perkins and inarguably the most stunningly shot murder scene in film history make this 1960 scarefest just as chilling today as it was then.

1. "The Silence of the Lambs"

Five Oscars went to this, the greatest horror film of all time. The psychological interplay between Anthony Hopkins and Jodie Foster (both Oscar winners) is as intense as anything ever filmed, and anyone should get goose pimples at the first sight of Hannibal Lecter standing in the middle of his glass cell. Director Jonathan Demme's dark dream of a thriller (pictured at left) is the stuff of nightmares...and for the two of you who haven't seen it, it's perfect for Halloween.

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Editor

UP CLOSE

Susan Methvin



Methvin said.

When she made the switch, Methvin wasn't really thinking about teaching.

"All my life I had wanted to be a teacher," Methvin said, "but at that point I was married and had children to raise and I was more concerned with my writing.

"I had decided that I was going to

write no matter what and so I thought I might as well be the best writer I could possibly be."

She was helped by the short-term residency program she was able to participate in. It allowed her to remain at home and "still be the mommy," she said smiling.

Staying at home, however can change the way you write, according to Methvin and writers need to experience life in order to write well.

"You need to be out in the world. You need to have some grounding in the world and you need the world's experiences to fill your writing's subject matter."

Methvin's subject matter has been not only influenced by her experiences in the world but also her childhood.

"I was raised in the Catholic church and I went to Catholic schools all my life. So, I am realizing more and more how predominate those images are," says Methvin. "I've just had two poems

published and one accepted and I realized they all had to do with religion in some way—or my upbringing."

Methvin has written poetry since she was "a little kid," and though she is not confined to it, she feels more comfortable with poetry than with other forms of writing.

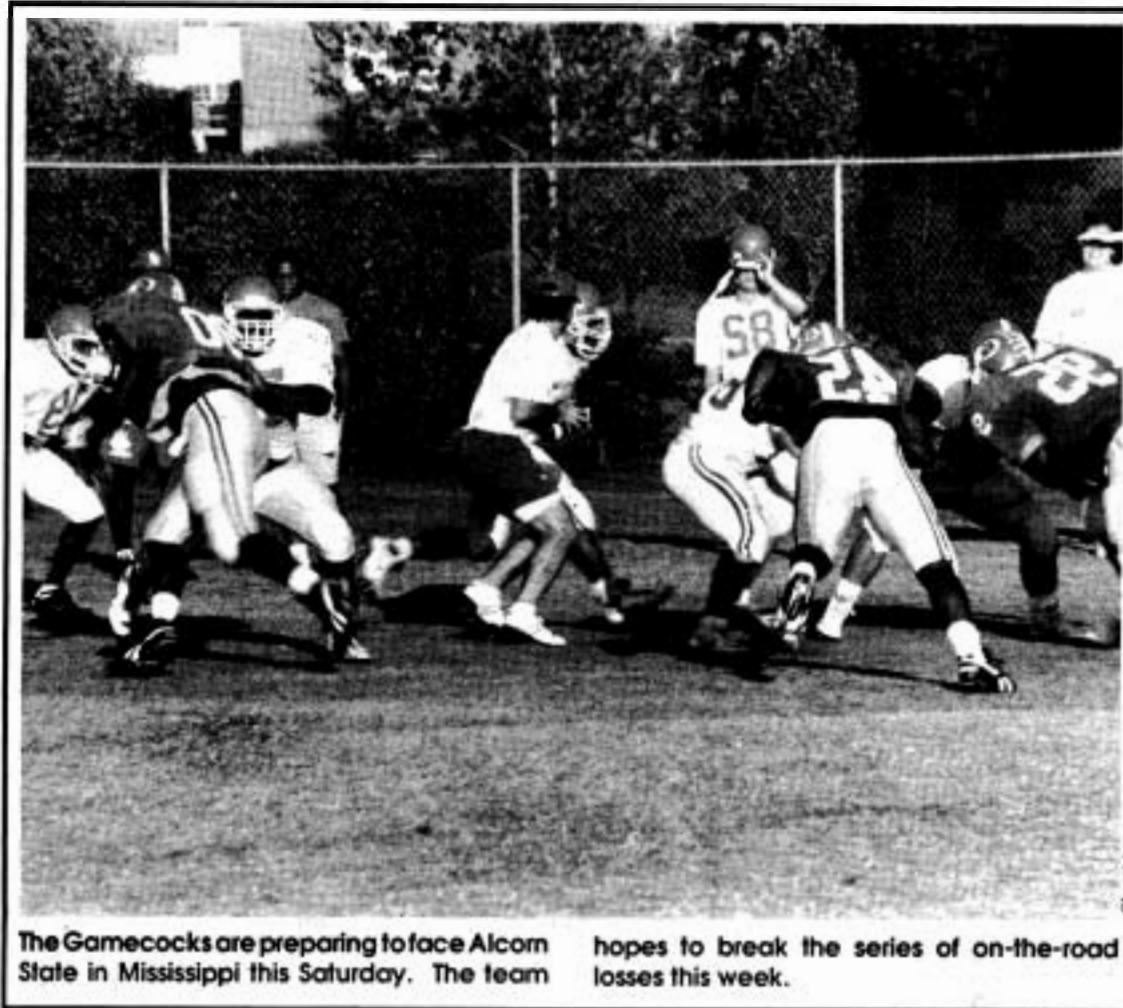
"I have tried some other things and I keep changing.

My poems are very narrative and everybody keeps telling me they're like stories and what I finally realized would happen is that when I tried to put things into stories I would get too wordy and too sentimental. The poetry forces me to compact it and make it as clean as possible."

With this kind of insight and eyes that smile when she smiles, she can help bring a new level to the writing of students and a new level of humanness.

-- by Kyle Shelton

JSU drops to 3-5 after loss to Montana



The Gamecocks are preparing to face Alcorn State in Mississippi this Saturday. The team hopes to break the series of on-the-road losses this week.

Bill Dobilas
Sports Editor

The University of Montana's vaunted passing attack was all it was cracked up to be as the Grizzlies handed JSU its fifth straight road loss, 37-7.

The loss was the worst by the Gamecocks since suffering a 50-3 shellacking by Mississippi College in 1985, Bill Burgess' first season as head coach.

"We're 3-5 with two games to play," Coach Burgess said. "We've played excellent football teams and five of them lined up and kicked our butts."

Passing is Montana's strength and the Grizzlies threw all day on the JSU defense. The passing game was led by quarterback Dave Dickenson who was impressive. The sophomore racked up 343 yards and three touchdowns in leading Montana to 587 yards of total offense.

It all didn't start out well for the Grizzlies, however, as on their first possession Dickenson was intercepted by JSU's Ja'Karl Barnett who returned the miscue to the

Montana 44-yard line. The Gamecocks could only move the football 5 yards on three plays and were forced to punt. Jason Porch booted a tremendous blast that was downed by Jax State at the 5-yard line.

The Gamecock defense stopped the Grizzlies again, and after a Scott Gurnsey punt JSU took over at its own 44-yard line. On first down, quarterback Chuck Robinson pitched to Derrick Griffie who scampered 21 yards to the Grizzlies' 35-yard stripe. Two plays later, Robinson kept the ball on the option and zipped around the end for 27 yards and a first down at the 5-yard line. However, the Gamecocks could not convert the excellent field position into points as Lee Sutherland's field goal attempt went wide, keeping the game scoreless.

The Grizzlies embarked on a 9-play, 80-yard drive that culminated in a 12-yard touchdown pass from Dickenson to Shalon Baker to give Montana a 7-0 lead.

Following a JSU punt, the Grizzlies wasted no time in picking up

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Turtles topple Bears, take title in flag football

Bill Dobilas
Sports Editor

"It ain't over 'til it's over." Alpha Xi Delta found that out the hard way, as Delta Zeta scored with just 2:14 remaining to give the Turtles a 14-13 victory and the sorority flag football championship.

This was only the second season of sorority flag football, however the ladies are much improved. Not only do they play well, but they are better than the guys in one important area.

"They've come a long way," said Mark Jones, Director of Recreational Sports. "They appear to be showing a much better understanding than the guys have."

"A reason for that could be that the guys are having a tough time making the transition from tackle to flag football," referee Jason Burchfield said.

Back to the game. The Turtles came out slow. Although they moved the football fairly well, Delta Zeta couldn't punch it in and turned

the ball over on downs to the Bears.

Alpha Xi moved the ball to just inside Dee Zee territory, but that's where the drive stalled and that's where the Bears made their first mistake. On fourth and about 20 yards to the first down, quarterback Renee Heatherly lofted a pass into a crowd and the Turtles' Amy Dunn made a leaping interception. The diminutive Dee Zee wasn't stopped there as she wove her way through the Bears' pursuers and rambled 60 yards for a touchdown giving the Turtles the lead.

Alpha Xi did not quit and embarked on a drive that ended when Kristy Chapman took a pitch from Heatherly and zipped around the right end and into the end zone cutting the Delta Zeta lead to one. The extra point attempt failed as the Bears' Jennifer Gaydon was ruled out of the end zone to keep the score 7-6.

The Turtles, on their next possession, moved the ball all the way

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Delta Zeta celebrates the sorority flag football championship in intramural sports. The Turtles

narrowly defeated the Alpha Xi Delta Bears in last week's game with a final score of 7-6.

And you thought Montana was tough...

JSU faces stiff competition from Braves

**BILL DOBILAS
SPORTS EDITOR**

If you thought that Montana was the last rough spot on Jacksonville State's schedule, think again. This week the Gamecocks travel to Lorman, Miss. to face the Alcorn State University Braves and Steve 'Air II' McNair.

The Braves play in 25,000-seat Jack Spinks Stadium, and it should be filled to capacity with revenge-minded Braves' fans. The Gamecocks defeated Alcorn 59-45 last season in a wild affair that featured a 500-yard passing outburst by McNair.

The junior quarterback has shattered all of the numbers posted by his brother, Canadian Football League quarterback Fred 'Air' McNair, and will possibly shatter some national records before his career with the Braves is up.

McNair's numbers are amazing in his three seasons as the Braves' quarterback. To date, 'Air II' has completed 654 passes on 916 attempts for 8,833 yards and 66 touchdowns. That's not all — McNair can run. The junior quarterback has rushed for 1,400 yards on 233 carries and 23 touchdowns. No wonder he is a Heisman Trophy candidate.

Oh, I didn't mention that did I? Well, the Mt. Olive, Miss.

native was a pre-season Heisman Trophy candidate and has done nothing this year to harm his chances, except that he is up for the award in the same year that Florida State's Charlie Ward is dominating the college ranks.

The Gamecocks' defensive backs will have to be on their toes according to Wesley Goggins, who says they will be ready for the 'Air II' show.

'Pressure is what you strive for in the secondary, Goggins said. 'It's a thrill to play against someone like that so that you may be able to shut him down. I don't think, however, that we can shut him (McNair) down, but if we make the tackles in the secondary, we'll be able to contain them.'

Don't get me wrong. I am not on this guy's jock, but he is a good quarterback, who will play at the next level.

Well, my crystal ball was pretty cloudy last week, but I bought some glass cleaner that should do the trick. My record was a dismal 5-3 to increase my record to 40-14 on the college scene, so I am still respectable, that is when I'm

not slobbering. Here goes: JSU 35 Alcorn State 31

Although I am impressed by the 'Air II' show, it may not be enough to beat the Gamecocks. Plus I cannot go against the 'Cocks three weeks in a row. The Brave defense has a lot of speed, but no discipline and will not be able to stop the sluggish Jax State ball carriers.

Alabama 31 So. Miss 10

The Tide slipped by another average team this past week as 'Bama had to rely on David Palmer to come in at quarterback. Alabama must use Palmer more in order to win the important games. The 'Duece' has proved in the past two weeks that he is the team's heart and its duece in the hole.

Auburn 35 Arkansas 7

The Razorbacks are no match for the 'best team on radio' and should lose big. If the Tigers play with as much emotion as they did against Florida two weeks ago, they could beat just about anyone in the country, except FSU.

In other games:

Ohio State 27, Penn State 21; Florida St. 44, Wake Forest 0; Colorado 17, Nebraska 10; Arizona 17, UCLA 13; Tennessee 28, S. Carolina 17; Michigan 24, Wisconsin 20; Virginia 23, N.C. State 10.

Rifle team establishes new records while in Tennessee

From Staff Reports

It was a record-setting weekend for JSU's Air Rifle as it posted its highest score in more than a year, set a new JSU record and set new personal highs.

In a shoulder-to-shoulder match against Memphis State University Saturday, the team, consisting of Josh Newton, Matt Peters, Kathy Schuneman and Eric Sodergren, posted JSU's first score of more than 1,500 since February of 1992.

They defeated Memphis State in Tennessee. Peters led all shooters in the match with an individual score of 381, a new match personal high.

In Sunday's match at Tennessee Tech, the smallbore rifle team set a new JSU rifle team record.

Adam Barton, Schuneman, Sodergren and Peters make up the smallbore rifle team.

Again, Peters led with 1,154 and set another personal high in competition.

Rifle Team Coach Gerald DeBoy Jr. said he was

"Now that (the team members) have come together and seen what they can do, I believe that they will get better with each match."

*--Gerald DeBoy Jr.
Rifle Team Coach*

very pleased with all shooters' performances.

"I knew that we were practicing really well, but for all the shooters to overcome the added pressure of firing in a match tells me that their confidence level is increasing," he said.

"Now that they have come together and seen what they can do, I believe that they will get better with each match. We should see some new team and individual records set this year."

JSU's next rifle team match is at home against North Georgia College on Oct. 30, then they travel to Cinnicinnati, Ohio and Lexington, Ken. for matches on Nov. 13-14.

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Lady 'cocks place third in tourney

Eddie Burch
Sports writer

This past weekend the Jacksonville State women's volleyball team hosted the JSU Invitational tournament. The Lady Gamecocks got off to a great start defeating North Alabama in three straight games 15-6, 15-7, 15-13. Next up for the Gamecocks was Rollins College of Florida. The match went five grueling games, before the Lady Tars of Rollins prevailed with a 16-14 win in the final game.

"That was a really good match. I think that is what probably turned it one way or the other for us since Rollins won the tournament ultimately," Coach Janice Slay said. "I think if we had won that match, we would have won the tournament."

JSU rebounded with win over West Georgia. Following that game, the Lady Gamecocks faced the Lady Blue Hose of Presbyterian College (South Carolina). The Blue Hose came into the tournament with twenty wins and added to that total with a three game sweep of JSU.

"Presbyterian was not nearly

as good as Rollins and we should not have lost to them," Slay said. "By that time we had been drained physically and emotionally."

Rollins College won the tournament with Presbyterian finishing second, followed by JSU in third.

Senior Lisa Smith was the lone Jax State representative on the All-Tournament team, while Lynn

Weaver also made an excellent showing.

The Lady Gamecocks next home match is tonight against an old nemesis, the Mississippi University for Women. The Lady Blues have defeated JSU twice this season at their home court, and are ranked fifth in the South Region. The Lady Gamecocks are currently ranked ninth.



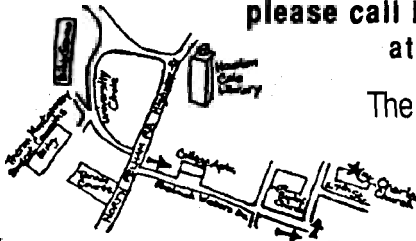
Number 24 Lynn Weaver spikes one in the JSU Invitational Tournament this past weekend. The Lady Gamecocks finished third.

Bradley Mickelson



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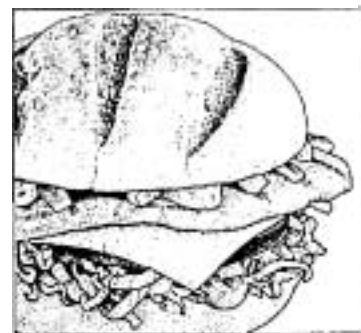


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their second touchdown. On the first play, Dickenson passed to Kelly Stensrud for 14 yards to the JSU 33-yard line. Dickenson connected with Stensrud again, good for a 33-yard touchdown and a 14-point lead for the Grizzlies.

The Gamecocks couldn't do much on their next possession, but they did keep the ball for 11 plays, but only picked up 23 yards. Porch punted his second ball inside the Montana 20-yard line, giving the Grizzlies the football at their own 16-yard line.

That did not seem to faze Montana as they moved 84 yards on 9 plays that ended with a 22-yard field goal by Andy Larson to give the Grizzlies a 17-0 half-time advantage.

Unfortunately for JSU, the only scoring in the third quarter was done by Montana. On their first possession, the Grizzlies moved 55 yards in 10 plays to set up a 31-yard field goal by Larson to put Montana up 20-0.

Midway through the quarter, the Grizzlies put up another three-spot as Larson connected on another field goal, this time from 46 yards out.

After another Dickenson touchdown pass to give Montana a 30-0 advantage, the Gamecock offense finally got moving. It took 18 plays for JSU to travel 76 yards, highlighted by a 16-yard pass from Robinson

to Tracy Pilot, to get into the end zone. When Robinson dove in from the 1, Jax State trailed 30-7.

After the two teams exchanged punts, Montana's air assault struck again. Back-up quarterback Bert Wilberger connected on a 53-yard strike to Daniel Alexander who bumbled and stumbled into the end zone to end the scoring.

The Gamecocks got out of their game plan at times against the Grizzlies. JSU threw the football 22 times, but only connected on 5 of those for 36 yards.

"I think we threw it entirely too much," Coach Burgess said. "If we get into position where we have to go vertical to win, we're kidding ourselves. We don't believe in it, but it would have been nice to hit three or four of them."

One bright spot for the Gamecocks was that they did intercept Dickenson three times. Ja'Karl Barnett, Bo Bo Horton, and Marty Bridges all intercepted the All-American candidate, but all three pick-offs came in the first half.

The Gamecocks travel to Lorman, Miss. to face the Alcorn State Braves this Saturday. The Braves are led by Heisman Trophy hopeful quarterback Steve 'Air II' McNair. Game time is set for 1 p.m. CST at Alcorn State.

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down to the Alpha Xi Delta 10-yard line, but the Bear defense came up big, when Kristi Glascox's pass was batted down in the end zone on fourth down.

On first down, Alpha Xi came out firing. Heatherly hit Shannon Simpson with a 35-yard pass to midfield. The ball traveled approximately 40 yards in the air and the spiral was so tight that it would have made Ken Stabler envious. The Turtle defense held there however, and the half ended 7-6 in favor of Dee Zee.

Both teams exchanged punts to begin the second half as the two squads played excellent defense. The Bears, on their second possession, began to growl. They ran the option to perfection, moving the ball inside the Turtles' 20-yard line, where on second down, Heatherly hit a diving Ginger Long in the end

zone to put Alpha Xi ahead. Heatherly dove in for the extra point to give the Bears a 13-7 lead.

Dee Zee's Amy Dunn returned the ensuing kickoff to midfield and the Turtles began to drive. However, they could not get the first down as the Bears' Kaci Smith pulled Dunn's flag a yard short of the down marker and Alpha Xi took over with 2:30 left in the game.

The Bears were just trying to run out the clock, when Heatherly's option pitch was picked off by Turtle Stacey Carrigan who returned the miscue 20 yards for a touchdown.

"I made the read on the pitch," Carrigan said. "The ball was right there and I took it away."

The score stood tied at 13, so the extra point attempt was extremely important. Delta Zeta knew it and converted it as quarterback Glascox kept the football and darted into the

end zone to give the Turtles the one point victory.

"He (Dee Zee coach Sean Crawford) told me to yell screen to spread out their defense," Glascox said, "but I saw an opening up the middle and I ran it in."

This was the third time this season that the two squads played, and each time the Turtles captured the victory by one point.

In other flag football championship news, the men's title game pitted Lords of the Underground and Kappa Sigma Fraternity. Kappa Sigma defeated the Lords 25-20 in an exciting and well-played game that went down to the wire. It was a long road to the championship game for both squads. The Lords had to first defeat The Team 21-14 and then Crow 21-7, while Kappa Sigma beat Alpha Tau Omega 14-6 and then Pi Kappa Phi 18-12 in 3OT.

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