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Transfer GPAs uneven, lower in mathematics

Atmosphere at 4-year institution makes big difference

Kyle Shelton
News writer

Students transferring from area junior colleges hold their own academically against native JSU students, according to a report from Admissions and Records.

The report, is primarily used by junior colleges to assess how well their students progress when they transfer to JSU. Students are classified by the report into two groups: those who have earned 16 to 32 hours and those who have earned 33 or more.

JSU students did not seem to out-pace transfers, but the general GPAs of transfers seemed to drop off in the process of starting at JSU. There are a lot of reasons this happened.

Many transfer students feel as if they could have prepared themselves better for the transition from high school to college. "When I first went to junior college, I goofed off, but I finally got my act together and now I've got a two point something," said a senior criminal justice major. He added that he did not believe classes or preparedness helped or hurt him.

According to Al Searway, Office of Planning and Statistics, one reason could be the differences in the way the hours are applied when students transfer from a junior college to JSU. Under the current system, if the class is taken at a junior college and is not the equivalent to a university course, it does not transfer. "There are moves being made to charge the requirements to ease (the transferring of hours)," said Searway.

Director of Assessment Allen Smith said, "One could only hypothesize on the reasons (why their GPA drops in any given area), but one of the things we can't control for is their high school curricula." He added that there might be a

difference in the preparedness of the students who come from junior colleges, but there is no way to tell for sure because JSU does not receive ACT scores for them.

Clyde Cox, chair of the English department agree that there are several contributing factors.

"It may be that the overall system (at JSU) is more challenging," said Cox, "But I would suspect if it's the first time away from home (for the student) that would also be a contributing factor."

Diane King, an instructor in the math department who has taught both at Gadsden State Community College and at JSU said that the different atmosphere is the difference, not caliber of faculty or level of difficulty.

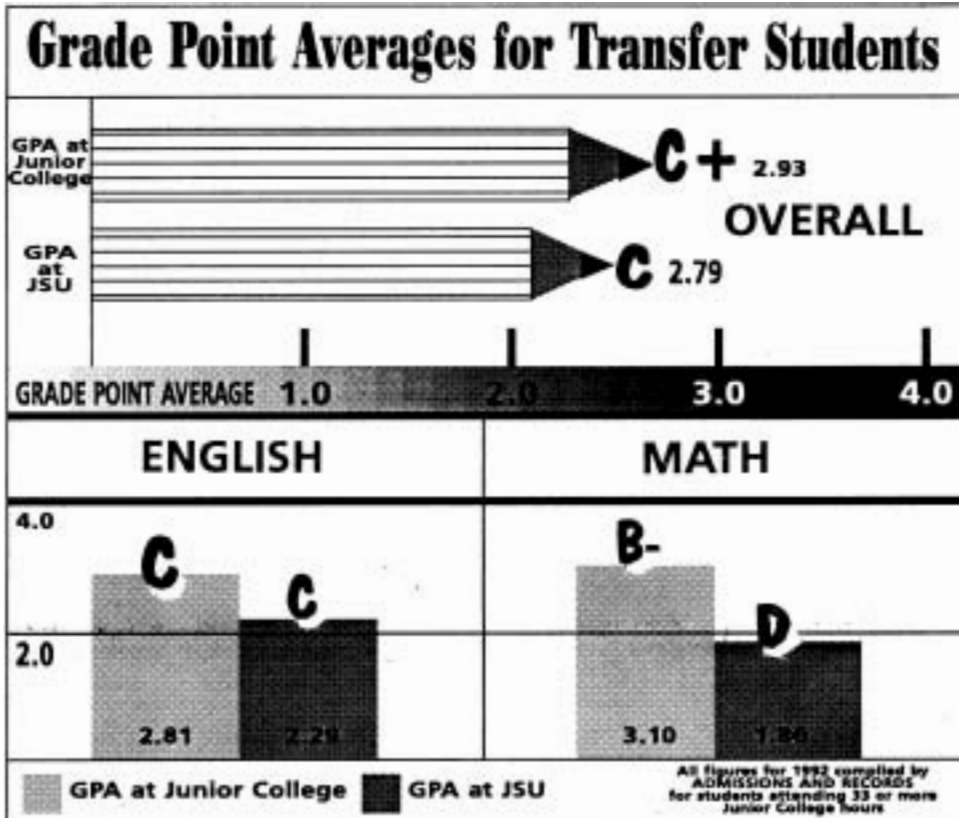
"The classes at JSU," said King, "are larger and more structured, while at Gadsden the classes are smaller. This allows the students (more access) to instructors."

King also feels that faculty and teaching methods are excellent at both schools.

Lucie Boluc, a sophomore student who transferred this fall agrees, "From what I've seen so far, the faculty is very good," she said.

Though the 1993 statistics are not yet available, Dean of Admissions and Records Jerry Smith said there ought to be an increase in the native student GPA because of changes in admissions requirements.

Experiencing Student Success in Education and Life, which is one of those changes, was implemented this past summer and is designed to help students who want to succeed in college. The program lasted eight weeks and was designed to provide extensive development in non-academic areas such as study skills, career orientation, and interpersonal skills. In turn, these skills will help make for a successful academic career.



Opposition to topless bar meet for strategy

Mark Harrison
News Editor

The debate goes on. Topless bar or not a topless bar? Citizens For Safety met this past Monday to discuss possible strategies for blocking the installation of a topless bar near Weaver.

The majority of those attending the meeting, which was held in Anniston, were residents of the Anniston Beach Road area, the proposed site of 'Club Platinum.'

Bill Lusk and Reverend Gary Sims, respectively Chairman and Co-Chairman of the Citizens for Safety group spoke at the meeting.

"Every time we go home after dark, we're going to be playing Russian roulette," Lusk said, in reference to concerns about potential traffic problems on Anniston Beach Road.

Several of those present at the meeting voiced concern over the fact that traffic is already increasing on the narrow road, even though Club Platinum hasn't opened yet.

Lusk also expressed dismay over what he perceived as lack of cooperation on the part of state agencies, but applauded the efforts of local government. "We've gone to county commission meetings, we've gone to Montgomery," he said, "The net result of

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-- Bill Lusk

Chairman, Citizens for Safety

this is, we've been turned down everywhere we've been in Montgomery. In the county, the commission has been behind us 100 percent."

Lusk said that Susan Frost, an attorney out of Anniston, had been hired on the groups behalf, and said that she may intervene on behalf of the Calhoun County Commission.

Harvey Bowman, owner of Club Platinum, currently has a lawsuit filed against the Commission.

Sims passed out literature concerning "the effects of pornography on behavior," which included such statements as, "From 40 percent to 75 percent of the 1.5 million children who run away from home each year do so because of incest in their families. (Sam Jaus, Death of Innocence).," and "Goldstein and Marshall found in a 1983 study that 87 percent of the molesters of girls and 77 percent of the molesters of boys admitted to imitating the behavior they had seen modeled in pornography."

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

• The United Parcel Service will interview JSU students for Christmas driver helpers on Sept. 30 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. in 102 TMB.

Please contact Pearl Williams, off-campus part-time employment coordinator, at 782-5289 to sign up for an interview. Workers will earn \$8 per hour and will be considered for permanent part-time help in the Spring.

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

6-9:30 p.m.	Sept. 30	23 Ayers Hall
3-6:30 p.m.	Oct. 13	23 Ayers Hall
3-6:30 p.m.	Oct. 14,	23 Ayers Hall
5-8:30 p.m.	Oct. 19	Faith Hall, Ft. McClellan
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

• During the fall term, the English Competency Examination will be given at the following times:

6-7:30 p.m.	Oct. 5
3-4:30 p.m.	Oct. 6

If you are eligible for the Fall semester exam, you must pre-register by Sept. 30 in 215 Stone Center. There you'll be assigned a specific room for the test. When you take the exam, be sure to bring with you a photo i.d., a blue book and a blue or black pen.

Workshops for the fall examination will be held from 6-7:30 p.m. Sept. 27 and from 3-4:30 p.m. Sept. 28 in 101 Merrill Hall. Attending a workshop does not guarantee a passing score, but it should help you prepare for the exam. NOTE: Workshop attendance is not required to take the exam.

CRIME RELATED ACTIVITY

• 9-11-93, Michael Lee Peters, 30, Anniston, was arrested at Pannel Hall and charged with drinking in public.

• 9-10-93, Banyon John Allison, 20, Anniston, was arrested at Salls Hall and charged with possession of alcohol.

• 9-10-93, Ralph Logan reported criminal mischief at the Matinence Shop.

• 9-9-93, Tanya Bomith Clark, reported unauthorized use of a vehicle in the Coliseum parking lot.

• 9-7-93, Allen Reynolds reported criminal mischief at Rowan Hall.

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--Winston Churchill

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Colleges develop counseling programs

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The nation's college counseling services are straining under the burden of a burgeoning client load as insurance companies cut funds for private therapy, forcing students to seek support at campus mental health centers.

A report issued by the International Association of Counseling Services Inc., which provides data from the directors of 298 college counseling centers nationwide, shows that 87 percent of the directors said they saw more clients in 1992 than in 1991.

This figure is up 13 percent since 1990 and up 31 percent since 1988.

To meet the demand, some counseling centers have resorted to short-term counseling, cutting the standard 50 minutes to a half hour, referring students needing additional help to outside sources.

The practice of "brief therapy," which consists of seeing students in a limited number of intense sessions, has become popular.

The shortened therapy, which has created a controversy among health professionals, consists of as few as three meetings or as many as 26 sessions.

"The way the number 26 was arrived at was the fact that 75 percent of clients have resolved many problems in 26 sessions," said Jane Williams, director of the counseling center at Albright College in Reading, Pa. "But many students need many more months, even years, or therapy.

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Director of counseling, Albright College

Williams noted that there has been a 40 percent increase in the use of the Albright counseling center in the past two years.

"More students are coming from homes where incest and substance abuse are all too common.

"College is the first time many students are able to get out of these dysfunctional situations, but they carry a lot of problems with them," Williams said.

But unhappy families are not the only reason students are seeking out counseling, say experts.

Counseling has received a social acceptance unheard of a generation ago. Many of the children of parents who shudder at the idea of talking over problems with a professional don't hesitate to try therapy.

In addition, today's students are more sophisticated about the use of anti-depressants, and are quicker to recognize depression in themselves than the generation before them, said Linda Jo Pym of the University of Washington student mental health clinic.

The clinic always has a waiting list, she said, with many students referring other students to their favorite counselor.

"Students are under incredible pressure. They are worried about their economic future, their relationship future.

"They've been brought up, like all of us, to think a relationship is going to make us happy," Pym

said.

The clinic limits counseling sessions to 12 per academic year; however, students who are on medication receive unlimited sessions.

To handle the greater caseload at DePauw University's counseling center in Greencastle, Ind., the two counselors have resorted to short-term sessions, and refer the student to outside help if they need more extensive treatment.

"This is the first generation of students I've seen that are concerned about whether they will be able to find the jobs that will provide a living standard they are used to," said Patsy Donn, director of counseling and psychological services at Ball State University at Muncie, Ind.

At Kalamazoo College in Kalamazoo, Mich., Pat Ponto, director of counseling, says that they have had to increase the counseling staff since 1986 to better serve students.

"We're trying to be more proactive by doing programming that fits the issues that students are bringing to us...sexual abuse, eating disorders and acquaintance rape," Ponto said.

Students can access listening tapes at Ohio Northern University in Ada, Ohio by dialing a number at certain telephone locations on the campus. The tapes provide

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"For several years I worked as a minister in prisons and jails," Sims said. "And I've worked with literally hundreds of people who are in jail for sexual crimes, and you won't find a case of incest or rape that's not centered in (the area of pornography)."

Sims warned that decreased property value and increased crime rates were possible if Club Platinum becomes a reality, citing the opening of a topless club in Huntsville as evidence.

Sims said that although Bowman has been granted a beer and wine license by the ABC Board, he has not yet been granted a local business license, and expressed hope that the license will be turned down.

Both Lusk and Sims voiced concern over the manner in which the ABC Board granted the license. Lusk

said he had a letter which was sent to the ABC Board by local legislators, asking that Bowman's beer and wine license be turned down.

"Two people with the ABC Board rule the state of Alabama," Lusk said.

"They (the ABC Board) enforce themselves, they write their own rules, they're in business to sell alcohol and they turn around and enforce the place they sell it to."

"They can override what your county commissioner says," he continued, "What your legislators say, what your law enforcement officers say."

The next meeting of the Citizens For Safety Group will be held Sept. 27 at the Fellowship Baptist Church in Weaver.

Lowest prices guaranteed on campus Follett forum yields little student feedback

Clavius K. Gresham
Staff writer

Lowest prices guaranteed. If we don't have the lowest price, we'll refund the difference. That was the message from the JSU bookstore at Tuesday's open meeting, entitled "Get Involved, Be Heard." Other topics discussed included low prices and better buy back rates.

Officials from Follett College Stores Inc. and SGA representatives were among those in attendance at Theom Montgomery Building to hear and answer concerns of students regarding the JSU bookstore. However, despite heavy advertising, only two students attended the meeting.

The meeting was called by George E. Miller, Vice President of Business Affairs.

"Students had questions which needed responses from Follett Company representatives and we are here to answer you," said Miller.

The first issue addressed was price. SGA President Chris Dempsy said that he had conducted a price check and found that it was slightly cheaper to buy books off-campus. Dempsy said he returned books he'd bought at the on-campus bookstore and asked for a refund. He said bookstore manager Rene Long gladly refunded the difference. "Most students are not aware of the policy," Dempsy said "Students need to be aware of our guaranteed lowest price policy."

"We have not done as good of a job as we need to get to point across,"

said Howard Taylor, Vice President of Follett College Stores and Zone Manager.

The second issue discussed was the buy back policy. The policy at Jacksonville Book Store (the book store on the square), the process is simple: the student hands his or her books over to the cashier, who makes an offer on the books. At the JSU Bookstore, a student is required to present a student i.d. which must be checked against a computer. The book is then scanned. After that process is finished, the student is required to fill out a name and address form. Only then can the student receive money. Taylor explained that this process is necessary because of inventory purposes and also, to remain consistent in giving refunds. Demsey backed the statement by pointing out that at times offers to buy back book on the square are inconsistent. One student may be given a refund price on a book, and another student may be given a different refund price for a book.

One strength the bookstore raised was the fact that they try to have as many used books on hand as possible. "Last year we sold almost \$500,00 in used books which benefited the students \$114,000 in savings," said Taylor. This is because they aware that bookstores can resale these books year after year.

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SGA UPDATE

The SGA met September 13 as it does every Monday from 6:00-7:30 on the 3rd floor of the TMB Hall. Students are welcome to attend. The meetings are informative about campus issues, while the board maintains a lively atmosphere. Last night the board proposed and passed eight bills.

The following were elected through the bills: Emily Hawk—Senate Clerk, Scott Brannon—Student Service Director, Courtney Walker, Askari Dougan, Greg Morris, Pierre Hambrick, Ray Morris, and Chris Williams—Senators.

Senator John Boyd who heads the Committee of Recycling needs the name, phone number, and PO BOX of anyone interested in joining this committee. (Send the information to the SGA office.)

Rene Long, manager of the Campus Bookstore, the guest speaker, stated that the Bookstore would match the price of any other bookstore with proof of a lower price.

The SGA discussed the continuing parking decal dilemma. The JSU Administration approved a peel-off parking decal. However, the decals issued are easier to remove but will not re-attach.

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counseling information, inspirational messages and attempt to boost students' spirits.

The school also provides students with a guidance program that include stress management and tips for emotional adjustment.

Judith Provost, director of the counseling center at Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla., said she has seen progressive growth in the number of students requesting counseling support in her 18 years at the college.

"It's a reflection of what's going on in society. Families are more chaotic. There are problems with violence. We see it all reflected in counseling," Provost said.

Due to budget cuts, the Rollins counseling center eliminated a position from its staff, leaving two counselors to work with students this fall. Provost said that as of this year the center has not had to trim the time spent in therapy.

"We just do psychological counseling. We are separate from academic and career counseling, so that helps with the load," she said.

"The average student makes three and a half therapy visits, and we do a lot of brief therapy, yet there are some students who come in every week for the whole nine-month calendar," Provost said.

At a meeting of directors of Florida college counseling centers last year, it was observed that there has been an increase in serious

psycho pathology such as manic depression or obsessive disorders among college students, Provost said.

"Sometimes students need the expertise of a psychiatrist as well as a counselor. It is a challenge to find services that the students can afford," she said.

According to Williams, the problem is growing nationwide.

"We used to see common adjustment problems among a number of students, but now it's far more serious than that," she said.

Driven by low self-esteem, isolation, substance abuse and withdrawal, about eight in 100,000 college students take their lives, according to a report by the Journal of College Student Psychotherapy, which studied the issues at 200 campuses last year.

Since mental health services are usually highly accessible to college students, there is an opportunity to prevent suicide that their non-college peers do not have, experts say.

Finding help in a university system isn't always enough. Some college students who suffer unmanageable depression, anxiety or develop serious substance abuse problems may leave school in hopes of recovery. However, when they leave school they lose their student status, which often making them ineligible for insurance that would cover treatment.

JSU offers counseling

What do you do when you are miles away from home and need someone to talk to? Here at JSU there are several places a student can call when he or she needs help dealing with the stress of college life.

First year students are given a peer counselor to help ease the transition into college life and the many changes it brings. According to Raquel Bryant at the Office of Student Development the Peer Counselors show students what to expect from classes and professors and to help with whatever problems the student faces. Students are free to call their Peer Counselors at anytime during the first year here.

A little known office on campus is the Career Development and Counseling Services. Career and personal counseling is available for any student. Kelly Ryan at the CDCS says that the center is a full service counseling facility and works with problems ranging from relationship to mental problems. Rape counseling is also offered. Any severe problems seen at the CDCS will be referred to the Calhoun County Mental Health Center or to private doctors.

As with any counseling facility, anything a student reveals is held in strict confidence. Last year the CDCS only saw about 600 students with personal counseling needs. Compared to the over seven thousand students attending JSU, this is a small number. Although counseling centers nationally report a change in student attitudes regarding counselors, Ryan believes that the stigma traditionally associated with seeking professional help remains.

The campus ministries also provide students with personal counseling. Baptist Campus Minister Bob Ford says he speaks with many students but if a problem goes beyond his qualifications, he will refer students to the health center or to other Christian Service Centers in the area.

The CDCS is offering to students various workshops dealing with stress, time management, alcohol, rape prevention and many other topics. The first workshop will be Sept. 30 at 3-30 p.m. on the topic of Assertiveness Training. For more information about the workshops or the many different services the Career Development and Counseling Services offer call 782-5475.

-By Krista Delff

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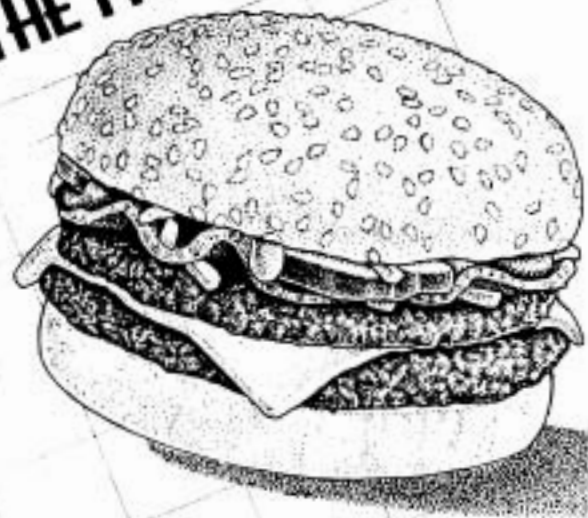
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university. They contribute to keeping the tuition from rising, and also they add to the salary paid to campus employees. Last year the bookstore gave two \$2,500 scholarships and \$130,000 to keep the tuition down. "So it's not to the best interest of the students if we supply our shelves one-hundred percent and the students go to the square to purchase books because some of that money returns to you," Taylor said, "If you shop here the money stays in the school for scholarships and tuition and helps supplement campus needs. This is an on going situation and we need to work harder to get better service," he added.

Another issue addressed was the amount of personal items carried by the bookstore. Long said that this is not a problem, and expanding to carry more brand name personal items would increase prices.

Expanding to carry Greek tee-shirts and other Greek items was also explored. Many college bookstores around the state cater to Greek organizations by vending Greek items such as keychains, caps, mugs, etc.

Whatever the complaint or suggestion, the bookstore wants to be aware. "We think we are aware and sometimes we are off target in getting our message across," Walsh said.

ON THE MOVE

Students commute from all over

Wayne Hopper
News writer

Despite the accommodations offered by JSU to its full-time students, many choose to live off campus and commute daily to and from class.

For these students, living at home is more convenient and affordable than renting a dorm room or apartment on or near campus, and well worth the additional time and fuel expended while driving between home and classes.

"It's cheaper to live at home, and I have some space and freedom," said Lisa Graves, a junior residing in the Alexandria area. Even though Lisa makes the journey to Jacksonville two or three times a day, she has no plans to relocate.

"I'd go crazy in one of those tiny apartments, and the rent on some of them is outrageous," she said.

Graves is apparently not alone in her sentiments. According to Admissions and Records, current enrollment at JSU is 7,474, although not all students are full-time.

Director of Housing Craig Schmitt states that of 1,523 available dorm rooms, only 1,270 are currently occupied. All of the 157

University owned apartments are rented.

If one assumes that most dorms and apartments are shared by two residents, the total number of students living off-campus is approximately 4,600. That makes for a large number of commuters, and a lot of traffic.

As any student not living under a rock (on or off campus) knows, traffic and parking continue to be a headache at JSU. Deputy Police Chief Nelson Coleman estimates that over 4,500 student parking permits have already been issued this semester, and more are issued every day. The problem, Coleman said, lies not only with commuters but with campus residents as well.

"If students who could walk to class would walk to class, instead of driving, traffic and parking problems would be significantly decreased," Coleman said.

But many students walking to class is not an option. Kevin Comfort, a sophomore, drives 33 miles from his home in Anniston every day.

"I have more privacy at home," Comfort said, "And with reductions in financial aid imposed by the Hillary administration, I couldn't afford to live on campus even if I wanted to."



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Forum proves student apathy

JSU students had the chance they'd been waiting for when Follett Bookstore officials visited campus Tuesday for an open forum.

It could have been an excellent opportunity to bring about some much needed changes at the campus bookstore, but only two students attended.

The University ran announcements on WLJS and in *The Chanticleer*. They also posted signs on virtually every blank wall on campus. Anyone who didn't know about the forum hasn't been paying attention. Ignorance is no excuse.

At the start and close of every semester, nearly every discussion finds its way to the bookstore problems. The books cost too much. They don't carry enough copies. They don't pay enough at buy-back time. Even the teachers complain.

All of the complaints may be valid, but they don't mean anything if you just whine to your friends. The same holds true for every issue on campus.

The best way to have a voice in what happens at JSU is to get involved in the SGA. The student government has representatives on every University committee, but they often have difficulty finding enough dependable people to fill those positions.

The apathy on this campus was so bad last spring, the SGA cancelled Senate elections because there weren't enough candidates to fill all of the seats. The problem extended to the election of officers. The vice-president and financial directors ran unopposed.

Students complain that the SGA never does anything, but the SGA is made up of every student. If the SGA is going to accomplish more, they need more students to get involved.

Other students say the University doesn't offer good concerts or that Homecoming activities are boring. If you feel that way, get involved in the University Programs Council. Students do have a say in what bands come to JSU, but not enough people take advantage of it.

Getting involved could also resolve the issue of parking decals. Many students are still complaining about the fact that we have stickers instead of hanging cards. If you feel that strongly about it, take your arguments to the police. Start a petition. Do something. Don't just sit around and whine about it.

JSU is not perfect, nothing in life is! But "things" always remain in their imperfect state until you do something. Complaints are just words. Change takes your action.

Movies entertain, not train

When Disney's "Aladdin" comes to video stores in a few weeks, we'll be hearing a slightly different movie than what was on the big screen.

"Aladdin" was one of the many movies targeted by ethnic, racial and religious this summer as promoting stereotypes.

The Arab-American Anti-Discrimination organization claimed certain lines in the movie were racist. The most offensive scene involved a vendor threatening to cut off the hand of a suspected thief.

For those of you who may not have noticed, Aladdin is not set in the 20th century. Things have changed in the Middle East during the last few hundred years. When Sir Richard Francis Burton translated the ancient tale, "Arabian Nights," political correctness was not an

I realize Disney did not copy the classic story word for word, but there is nothing wrong with using social history to set the mood for a legend.

Although Disney was the only company to give in this summer, it was not the only one accused of bigotry.

Some people found Hocus-Pocus, another Disney release, offensive because it portrayed

MELANIE LYNN JONES
EDITOR IN CHIEF

witches as mean and foolish. Now that witchcraft is considered a religion, the image of the Wicked Witch of the West is no longer acceptable. If American society has to improve the image of witches, we'll have to rewrite nearly every childhood fairytale and ban the Wizard of Oz from the airwaves.

In the summer's blockbuster "Jurassic Park," Steven Spielberg appeared to have developed a politically correct product. The Michael Crichton novel was even changed to make the little girl a computer whiz instead of the boy. The villains certainly weren't stereotypical — they don't even exist.

However, one Entertainment Weekly reporter and several readers found Spielberg's flaw. The man who shut down the computer systems which allowed the dinosaurs to escape was fat. He shut down the computers out of greed, therefore reinforcing the notion that all fat people are greedy and will do anything to get what they want. That's absolute nonsense. It was the actor's storyline, not his waistline, that people should have noticed.

"Rising Sun," another Michael

Crichton adaptation, suffered widely publicized criticism from Japanese-Americans because of its negative portrayal of Japanese businessmen. Prejudice against Japan is already a problem, and they say the movie increases the problem.

Traditionally speaking, all movies have a hero and a villain. Somebody has to be the bad guy, and that role is often the most sought. If we have to limit the villain of the nineties to a white, Anglo-Saxon, non-religious, heterosexual, physically fit male from the Midwest, casting calls will be terribly limited. What are directors supposed to do? Turn away minorities for the roles of villains and goof-balls because they are afraid of offending someone? Choosing the most talented actress or actor makes much more sense. The same is true for creating a villain, find one that will frighten audiences the most.

Hatred on the basis of race, creed or color is ludicrous, but it's also ridiculous to say only average people can be bad. If people protest a certain role or portrayal, they must be looking for the problem themselves. It's time audiences stopped pegging every character into a demographic group and enjoy the movie. There is more than enough to protest in real life.



Return power to parents, teachers

I can't imagine children shooting and killing other children in school. Can't figure out how it can happen. Can't deal with it really. I come from another time. I graduated from Newman High School (Ga.) in 1964.

If they caught you chewing gum they took you outside and flogged you.

Well, they didn't do that, but they made you write, "I am a juicy fruit," 14,000 times on the chalkboard.

Shoot somebody? Mrs. Evans, the librarian, made the boys take off their watches and the girls take off their bracelets so they wouldn't scratch the tables when they sat down to read.

When students walked in the halls, boys and girls couldn't be closer than five feet from each other. Teachers carried rulers around with them.

O.P. Evans, the principal, read biblical warnings against disrespecting authority at assembly meetings. He would cite a school rule and bellow in his frightful voice, "Just challenge us! Just challenge us!"

Shoot somebody? I was afraid to breathe.

I also got a great education and never feared for my life.

One kid blows another kid away at Atlanta's Harper High School recently. The dead kid is 15. In

LEWIS GRIZZARD

1989 another 15-year-old was beaten to death at Harper High.

You know what one of the problems is? Get some of the reaction to the latest shooting.

The mother of the suspected murderer said her son's "tragic side of the story hasn't been told."

There we go again. The criminal as victim. He's still alive, isn't he?

Vanessa Shareef, described as the cluster coordinator at Harper High, had this to say:

"From what I get talking to my child and others, the boy (who did the shooting) didn't feel he had an option of anyone to talk to, anyone who was listening, anyone who would address the fact that he was getting beaten by these other boys. The children at the school, they feel there was some justification (for the shooting) I'm sad to say."

Poor misunderstood kid. He's getting pushed around and nobody will listen to him, so he shoots a fellow classmate in the back.

And some fellow students think he was justified.

But not to worry. We've got a task force on the situation now. Has there ever been a task force in the history of task forces that accomplished anything?

Here's what an article in the paper said: "A new state task force on violence in schools kicked off Wednesday with a brainstorming session on how to develop safe schools without creating armed camps of shakedowns and metal detectors.

"...without creating armed camps?"

I've got news for the state task force. Some of our schools already are armed camps. The problem is it's the kids who are armed.

If it takes armed camps of shakedowns and metal detectors to stop the violence, then why the hell not?

I wouldn't care if they strip-searched my kid three times before lunch if it lessened the chances of him or her getting shot before fifth period.

"The task force will hold hearings throughout the state this month and compile a preliminary report," said the papers.

Public hearings and preliminary reports. Horse manure. Parents and school officials have to get mad and mean and dare the punks to challenge them. O.P. Evans would have called up the National Guard.

At one local high school where a policeman carries a gun in the hallway, a student said of the cop's presence: "It sucks."

Not nearly as much, young fellow, as being dead.

SPEAK UP

Would you support a topless bar in this area?



"From an economic standpoint, I don't see why a topless bar could hurt, so why not? I wouldn't do it myself, but if they want to ... It's just money for the city."

*Anna Hidalgo
graduate student*

"I think it should open because that sort of entertainment is lacking in this area, and the premb people have with it they would have with any bar that opens."

*Kirby Swenson
junior*



"I say no to a topless bar because I don't believe in it. According to the morals and standards that I have it goes against my beliefs."

*Laura Teems
junior*

"I don't think they ought to have a topless bar because it will cause a lot of sexual crimes, I think... The girls will be harrassed... That's part of the reason I disagree with it."

*Cathy Higgins
sophomore*



"God gave women breasts for the purpose of nourishing their children, not for men to have an extra play toy. Any man who needs something like that for entertainment is lacking in morals."

*Jonathan Blevins
freshman*

"I don't think they should open a topless bar in Weaver. Number one, I think it's one step towards pomography. Number two, where are we going to draw the lines in society today."

*Mitzi Gibbs
junior*



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 THE CATHERINE CALLAWAY INTERVIEW



Imagine it. You have to go to bed at 4:00 in the afternoon and you have to be at work the next day at 3:30 am. And that's this week. Next week your hours could be completely different. Very often you spend your weekend nights working. You have little time for anything else.

Sounds like a glamorous job, doesn't it? What is it, you're wondering? Security guard? Factory worker? No, actually it's a CNN anchor.

JSU alumna Catherine Callaway landed a job as anchor at CNN two months ago. "It's just a dream come true," says the Atlanta native, "I love working there. I always aspired to work at CNN."

If the name sounds familiar, you may recognize Callaway from when she anchored the news at WBMG, the CBS affiliate in Birmingham. In fact, most of Callaway's work

STORY

"PEOPLE THINK, 'SHE'S YOUNG, HOW DID SHE GET THIS JOB?' BUT THEY WEREN'T THERE AT MIDNIGHT WHEN I WAS ... BANGING OUT STORIES ON A BEAT-UP TYPEWRITER..."

in the broadcasting field was done right here in Alabama. "I started off at WDNG (radio in Anniston) and then went on to channel 40 (WJSU-TV also in Anniston)," says Callaway. She also worked at stations in Huntsville and Gadsden. "I know a lot of people at CNN started in radio," she says.

Callaway graduated from JSU in 1982, completing her Bachelor of Arts degree in a mere two and a half years. "I decided that if I took 21 hours I could get a degree in two years, so that's what I did. I wouldn't recommend that to anyone."

She had plans to go to the University of Georgia afterwards and get her Masters degree before she was 21 years old, but a job offer put plans for an additional degree on hold. "I stayed working in radio. I figured, what could be better than actually doing it?"

Callaway feels that her time at JSU gave her a good background for when she entered the "real world." She feels that the size of the school was an important factor. "The President of the university gave me a recommendation for my first job. Without that I know I wouldn't have gotten that job. Something like that wouldn't have happened at a larger school."

She stressed the importance of making the most of the time people have in school. "Students don't really take advantage of the time (they have in school). I guess they just think it's four years to have fun and perhaps squeeze in an education. You can't expect the University to make you what you'll be. If you want to be a writer, that's what you should be doing in school, writing," she says. "People graduate and say, 'I have this degree in communication, I'm ready to be a reporter now,' and it's not about that."

The road to CNN was not an easy one. "People think, 'she's young, how did she get this job?'" she says, but they weren't there at midnight when I was at the radio station banging out stories on a beat-up typewriter and putting the sound together. They weren't there when I was out in the pouring rain covering a tomado," Callaway says. It took 12 years in the business before Callaway got to CNN. "My first radio job I said, 'look, I'll work for nothing for a week just to show you I can do it,'" she says. "You have to have that attitude throughout your career."

Just because she's reached the big leagues doesn't mean she has a chance to rest. Far from it. CNN has continuous up to the minute news, and that requires constant concentration for those on the hot seat. The anchors have to be up on everything that's going on in the world, always be prepared to explain a situation to viewers around the world. "It's pretty exhausting," she says, "when you get off the set you're just shot because you have to be so mentally and physically alert. You certainly can't daydream, especially when things are being thrown at you left and right."

She doesn't regret a minute of it, though. "You can't get any better than CNN, especially if you love news. I'm happy for myself because it's what I want to do. I don't think that if you have an absolute goal that you won't reach it. You have to work hard and never give up. For every 'yes' you've had 10 'no's.'"

"I never second guess myself," she says. "I know how lucky I am...I can't imagine ever wanting to leave CNN." **BY WILL CHANDLER • FEATURES EDITOR**

UP CLOSE

Judith Gamble

Though she has rambled down the road through several teaching assignments, history instructor Judith Gamble, the self-proclaimed "Gypsy Professor", has finally ended her pilgrimage at JSU.

Her career in teaching history began in 1988, teaching part-time in Denver. Leaving Denver, she went to Southern Utah University where she taught for the 91-92 academic year and then traveled to Poughkeepsie, New York to Vassar College, then on to the University of Rhode Island, by way of which she came to JSU. With all that traveling, the idea



that a job couldn't be found might enter the equation, however that is not the case.

"I did it out of choice," says Gamble, "which is kind of unusual, because a lot of people are doing these one year jobs because they can't get permanent jobs. I discovered

when I started applying for jobs—even when I told (in my application letter) that I was doing this by choice—people were beginning to read my letters as 'well, this is her excuse.'"

There was always a reason for her wanting to take the shorter jobs, and her main priority was her own writing and research. Because of this, she did not take teaching assistantships in graduate school. Instead, she chose to get a job as an editor. After finishing graduate school, she started on the road to teaching by teaching night classes part-time in Denver. Leaving Denver behind and starting her journey in earnest, she moved to Utah.

"But what I also liked," says Gamble, "this pullin' up stakes and going someplace alto-

gether new."

The traveling gave her an opportunity to learn and interact with people and cultures she had had no previous experience. She saw these opportunities as a way of studying these new cultures without having to become a permanent part of them.

"Utah, of course, has a strong Mormon presence and I didn't know much about that at all," says Gamble. "So here was an opportunity (to learn)."

And learn she did; about religions, about traveling and also about students.

Though there are basic similarities among students, there are some in this world that have more on their mind than the Big Game. Students at Vassar College, says Gamble are of this different breed.

"Vassar students were there to learn," says Gamble, "they came to college with the intent of getting the best education they could. So, they were not very tolerant of what you didn't know."

Imagine, the students pressuring the instructor to want to learn more. All students could learn from an instructor who has been under that kind of pressure, and students at JSU can have the chance. It seems that the "gypsy professor" has found a home.

"The jobs that I took in Utah, New York and Rhode Island were just one-year contract jobs," says Gamble, "but the idea is that I am going to be here longer."

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THIS VELCRO REALLY STICKS!!!

The Pygmies 'ain't from Athens' but rock all the same

Will Chandler
Features Editor

"We're the cheesiest band in America." That's how Cam Flener, lead singer of Louisville-based The Velcro Pygmies, describes his band. It's true.

Their live show included a mutated version of the classic song "Superman," re-vamped with Flener wearing a cape and condom hat (purchased from Spencer's. Cam says it's a great pick up tool) singing "Condom-man." It also included a re-enactment of sorts from Prince's movie "Purple Rain," performed to a cover of the title track.

The Pygmies were at Brothers on Friday to promote their new independent release, "Three?". It is actually the second release from the Louisville-based band.

'Lots of bands have bad luck with their second release, so we

just decided to skip it and go strait to our third," says Flener.

The philosophy of the band is simple, and very obvious on their album. The liner notes include a message to all critics: "If you are looking for 'Trendy let's save the world messages' don't waste your time 'cause there aren't any."

Flener and guitarist Blake Baumeier explain themselves over burgers at Hardee's. "We don't feel that the stage should be used as a pulpit," says Flener. "When you go out to see a band you should have a good time and not have to be bombarded with all sorts of messages. Life's bad enough as it is. Music should help you forget."

Just because the Pygmies aren't activists in their music doesn't mean they aren't in real life. In fact, the band is working on an anti-drug campaign for elementary school kids back in Kentucky. "They're

doing a comic book on us and everything," said an excited Blake.

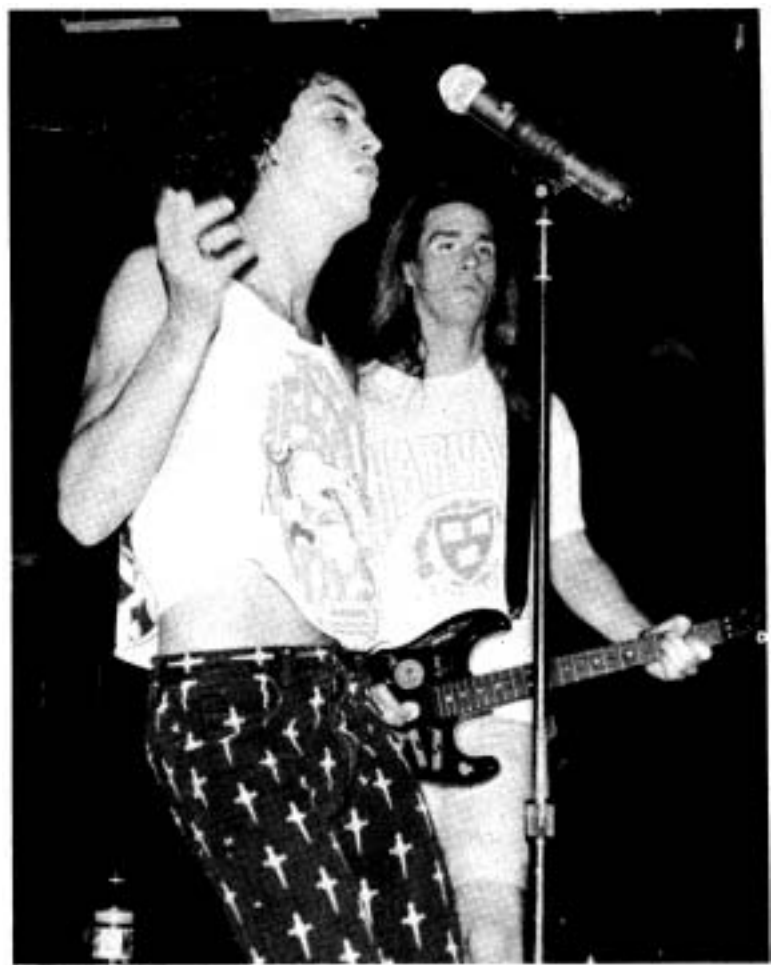
The Pygmies album is a testament to three chord, hard driving rock and roll. No complex lyrics here. Songs with titles like "Love Machine" and "Trash the Night" follow the simple sex-lyrics, rhyme every time formula. Some of the songs echo of early Kiss. In fact, "Dr. Love" is covered on the album.

The songs are catchy. If you're not careful you'll wake up singing "Mona Lisa" or "We Ain't From Athens."

"We go to the stations and let these guys see that we're real and that we really care about the music and about getting played," he says.

As the Pygmies point out in "We Ain't From Athens" the Southern music scene is more than just Athens. More than just Atlanta. Good or bad, Southern music is everywhere.

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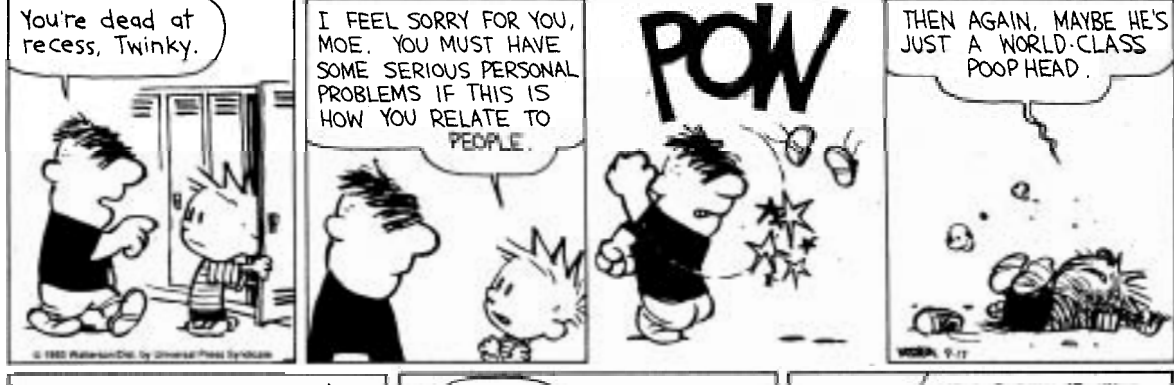
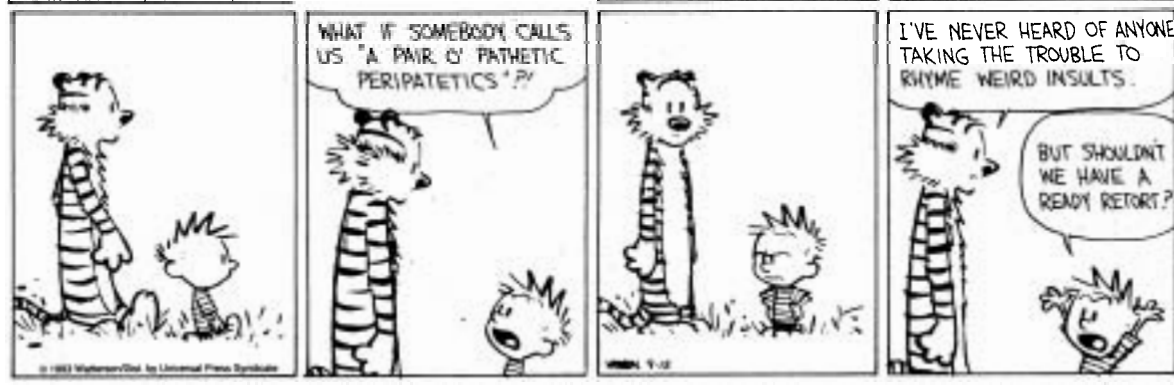
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JSU pounds A&M before home crowd

Bill Dobilas
Sports Editor

The only thing more exciting than the Alabama A&M band's half-time show was the way Jacksonville State blasted the Bulldogs 44-18.

Excellent run blocking was the key to victory for the Gamecocks, who amassed 305 yards rushing on the night. Eleven different backs carried the ball for JSU and the offensive line controlled the line of scrimmage the entire game.

"Our line was flying off the ball real well," said running back Derrick Griffie after scoring three touchdowns, "A&M gave us good reads, they weren't giving us anything confusing."

After struggling in last week's 12-7 win over Henderson State, the Gamecocks captured an early lead when kicker Lee Sutherland connected on a 32-yard field goal after an A&M fumble.

"We got out of the gate early," JSU head coach Bill Burgess said, "We got some breaks early and we got some points early."

JSU's defense came up big on Alabama A&M's next offensive series forcing them to punt.

Russel Meeks fielded the line drive punt and rumbled 41 yards down to the A&M 15-yard line before being brought down by Bulldog punter (and quarterback) Jay Roberson. This set up a four-yard touchdown burst, on fourth and goal, by Eric Powell.

On its next possession, the Bulldogs embarked on a seven-play, 33-yard drive to the Jax State 38-yard line, where the drive stalled

and A&M turned the ball over on downs to the Gamecocks.

On the next play, junior fullback Jermille Pruitt bumbled and stumbled 42 yards to the A&M 19-yard line. Two fifteen-yard penalties, one for clipping and a personal foul for fighting, pushed JSU back to its own 46-yard line where they were forced to punt.

Sutherland's punt hit an A&M player and was recovered by Jax State center Matt Hollis at the A&M 24-yard line. Three plays later Derrick Griffie carried over from the A&M 5-yard line to give JSU a 17-0 lead.

Jax State's defense held again on A&M's next possession and forced another Bulldog punt, and Russell Meeks returned it 17 yards to midfield.

Both defenses forced the offenses to exchange punts, and when Meeks fielded the A&M punt he dashed 42 yards all the way down to the Bulldog 13-yard line.

"I did what I had to do," Meeks said of his returns, "I don't know how long the returns were, I just followed my blockers."

Griffie zipped around the end two plays later and dove into the end one to put the Gamecocks ahead 23-0. JSU's kicking problems resurfaced momentarily as the extra point snap was fumbled by holder Russel Meeks. The score remained 23-0.

JSU defensive end Mondreco Blair came up big on A&M's next series with a bone crushing sack of quarterback Jay Roberson, push-

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Corkey Gordon and JSU enroute to victory



JSU players celebrate win over A&M

Gamecocks take to the skies to face Northeast Iowa

The Gamecocks are getting set to embark on the first of road trip of the season and in consecutive weeks they will travel to Cedar Falls, Iowa, Harrisonburg, Va. and Bowling Green, Ky. Two of the trips, to Virginia and Kentucky, will be by bus. However, the first game, at Northern Iowa, will be a plane trip, something many of the players on the team have never experienced.

"A lot of guys haven't flown before," cornerback Eric Stephens said, "so a lot of guys are pretty scared."

Those fears were compounded this week by a scare-tactic conjured up by offensive lineman Keith Maple. He

suggested the team watch the movie "Alive." For those who are unfamiliar with the movie, a South-American rugby team is flying across the Andes, their plane crashes, and the team is forced to feed on their dead to survive. The perfect movie for a person who has never flown before, right?

"I'd rather take the bus," offensive guard Andre Allen said, "the team watched the movie, and now I'd rather not fly."

Why would a 6'0" 320 pound offensive lineman be scared of flying?

"They said they'd eat me first."

BILL DOBILAS
SPORTS EDITOR

Andre says that he'll listen to a Walkman to keep his mind off flying while on route to Iowa.

but he is taking some other precautions, just in case.

"About six of us have never flown before, that I know of," Allen said, "but we're calling our parents Wednesday night to tell them 'bye.'"

The Gamecocks should not have to worry about the flight, but they will have to tangle with a tough Northern Iowa team that has lost its first two games.

I was 3-0 on my picks last week and here's what I see this weekend:

Jacksonville State 13...Northern Iowa 10
I can't go against the Gamecocks in their first game against a Div. 1 opponent this season. The defense should be able to contain the Panther offense, and I don't think NIU will be able to shut down the JSU ground attack all evening. Look for Mondreco Blair, Sean Richardson and Lee Sutherland to star for Jax State. My crystal ball says a last minute field goal by Sutherland will win the game for the Gamecocks.

Alabama 24...Arkansas 10

The Razorbacks should give the Crim-

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1. Florida State	3-0-0
2. ALABAMA	2-0-0
3. Miami	1-0-0
4. Syracuse	2-0-0
5. Notre Dame	2-0-0
6. Nebraska	2-0-0
7. Tennessee	2-0-0
8. Colorado	2-0-0
9. Florida	2-0-0
10. Michigan	1-1-0
11. Ohio State	2-0-0
12. Penn State	2-0-0
13. Oklahoma	2-0-0
14. North Carolina	3-0-0
15. Arizona	2-0-0
16. Texas A&M	1-1-0
17. North Carolina State	2-0-0
18. Brigham Young	2-0-0
19. Stanford	1-1-0

20. Arizona State	1-0-0
21. California	2-0-0
22. Iowa	2-0-0
23. Virginia	2-0-0
24. Boston College	0-1-0
25. Wisconsin	2-0-0

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SEPT 4	JSU 12	Henderson State 7
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SEPT 18	JSU at	Northern Iowa
SEPT 25	JSU at	James Madison
OCT 2	JSU at	Western Kentucky
OCT 9	Fort Valley State at JSU	(Parent's Day)
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ing back the Bulldogs to their own 9-yard line. On second down, it was more Blair with a pulverizing pummeling of running back Jermaine Jackson for a 4-yard loss.

A poor Roberson punt gave Jax State the ball on the A&M 33-yard line. A six play, 33-yard drive, highlighted by a Corky Gordon 15-yard scamper, culminated with a 5-yard touchdown pass from Gordon to Derrick Griffie. The extra point gave the Gamecocks a 30-0 half-time advantage.

JSU dominated every facet of the game in the first half. The Jax State defense held the Bulldogs to only 37 yards rushing and 57 passing yards, while the Jax State offense rolled up 127 yards on the ground, and another 21 through the air.

The second half was no different, as the Gamecocks took the opening kickoff and marched on a nine-play, 91-yard drive ending with a Darryl Nicholls one yard touchdown plunge. The drive was highlighted by a 38-yard gallop by fullback Sean Richardson that gave JSU the ball on the A&M 3-yard line. Two plays later Nicholls carried it in making the score 37-0.

It didn't get any better for the Bulldogs. On their next possession, JSU cornerback Eric Stephens intercepted a Roberson pass and returned it 29 yards to put JSU ahead 44-0. "I didn't think I had it at first," Stephens explained, "but when I cut back, I didn't see anybody and I knew I had the touchdown."

Alabama A&M would not be shut out, though. Midway through the third quarter, Jay Roberson was flushed out of the pocket, and darted around the end for a 17-yard touchdown. The Bulldogs added two late touchdown drives to end the scoring.

The 44-18 win gives the Gamecocks a 2-0 record going into this weekend's game with Northern Iowa. The NIU Panthers are 0-2, having lost to Div. I-AA power Nicholls State 27-10 and Div. I Wyoming 45-42.

The game takes place Saturday in Cedar Falls, Iowa at Northern Iowa's 14,500 seat UNI-Dome at 6:30 p.m. CST.

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GAMECOCK PLAYER OF THE WEEK



There were a lot of stars in Jacksonville State's 44-18 thumping of Alabama A&M: defensive end Mondreco Blair, offensive lineman Matt Hollis, or even running back Derrick Griffie. But the one player's performance that outshone the rest was

defensive back and kick returner Russel Meeks. Meeks returned three kicks for 91 yards, made two hard hitting tackles and a leaping interception on the JSU one-yard line. After coming up with a big game both on defense and returning kicks, Meeks remained unaffected by his success. "I did what I had to do," Meeks explained. "I don't know how long the returns were, I just followed my blockers." After sitting out the 1992 season as a redshirt, Meeks looks like he is ready to make a major contribution to the defense and the kicking game. Before arriving at JSU, Meeks played football at East Central Mississippi Community College where he was named first team All-State, All Region and All-America. Meeks is a junior from Tuscaloosa, Ala. majoring in Criminal Justice.

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son Tide a little bit of Trouble, but with Jay Barker and David Palmer clicking the way they are, it should not be too difficult. The Arkansas defense is tough, but it doesn't measure up to the Tide's.

LSU 21...Auburn 16

The Bengal Tigers are an improved team and should give Auburn all they can handle. I'm a little leery picking against Auburn, but I do not believe they can win it. LSU is coming off a big win over Mississippi State and should be riding high again this week.

Penn State 27...Iowa 12

Another Big-Ten game for the Lions and another victory. Penn State held on to win against USC last weekend, while Iowa slipped by Iowa State, 31-28. The Lions, like the Gamecocks, will win in Iowa this weekend.

In other action:

Florida St. 44, North Carolina 7; Tennessee 31, Florida 17; Notre Dame 24, Michigan St. 13; Colorado 38, BYU 14; Georgia 19, Texas Tech 17; Oklahoma 45, Tulsa 20.

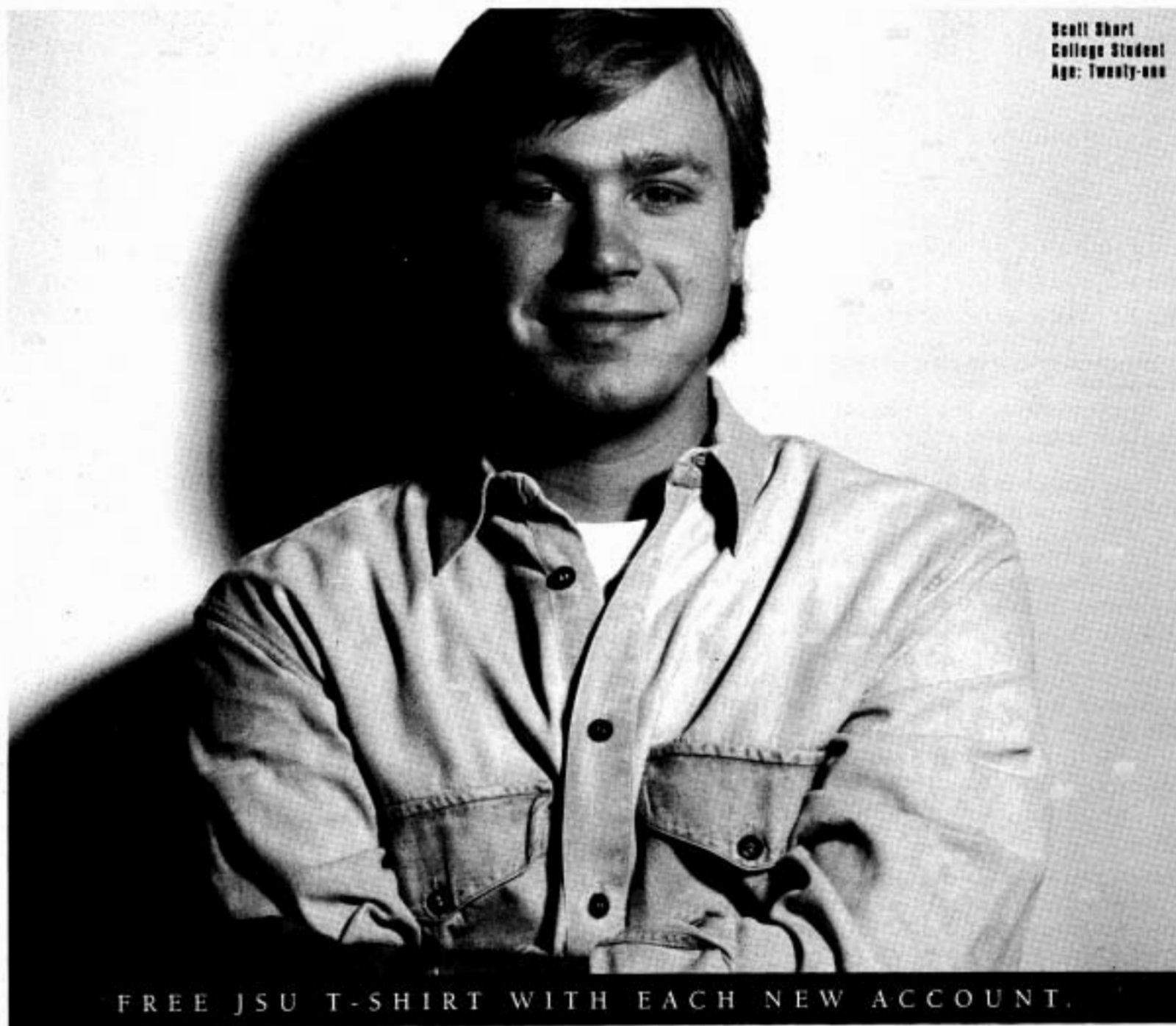
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