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Campus crime down; arrests consistent

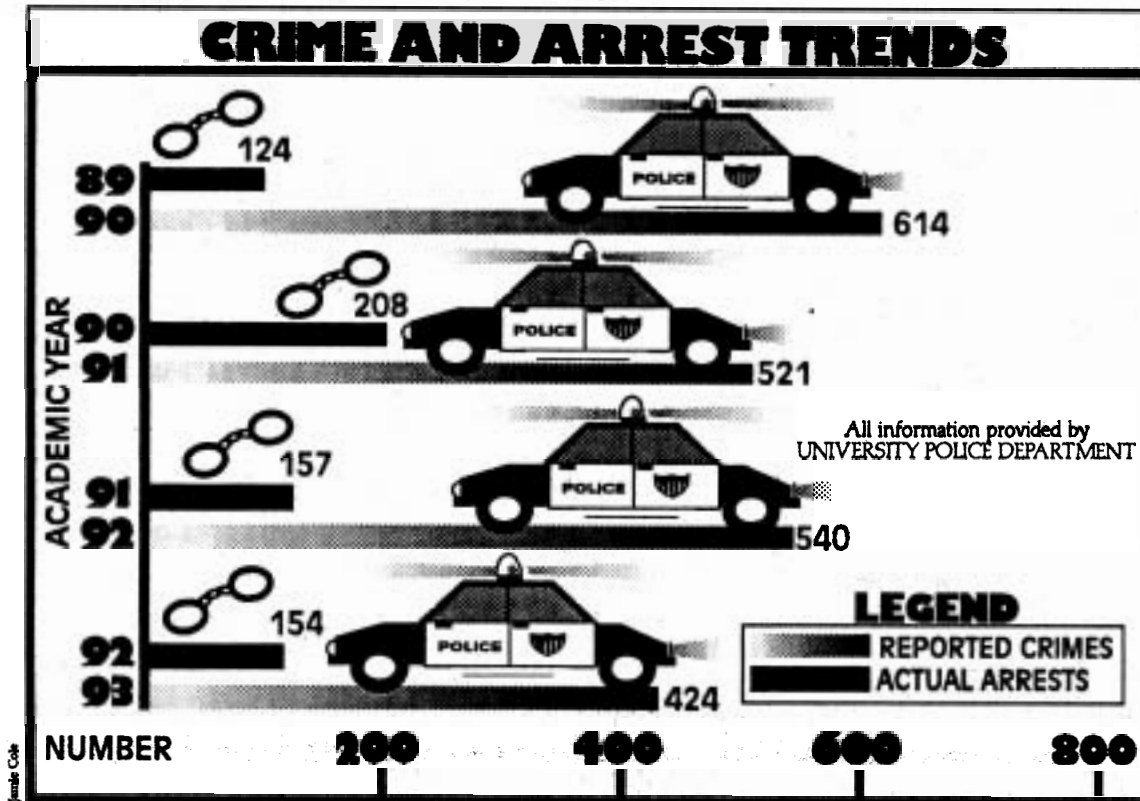
Mark Harrison
News Editor

The University Police Department's annual report for 1992-93 shows a significant drop in the amount of reported crimes, compared with the 1991-92 school year, although the number of actual arrests has remained relatively constant.

Deputy Chief Nelson Coleman of the University Police Department attributed the lower crime rate primarily to "increased cooperation between University Police and University Housing," as well as students "who caused fewer problems (than those in the past)."

"We kept up patrols in and around the residence halls," Coleman said, "We still have that in place for this year. We're going to be concentrating more on crime prevention seminars and things of that nature in the coming year."

According to the report for 92-93, criminal mischief was the most common type of crime, with 54 incidents reported and four arrests made. Criminal mischief covers many areas. Fifty-two incidents of rendering a false alarm were



reported, with no arrests made.

Theft and harrasment/hazing tied for third, with 48 incidents of each reported. Eight arrests were made for harrasment/hazing, while 10 were made for theft.

"Theft is one of our biggest problems," Coleman said. "We do

investigate theft, but if we have no evidence or witnesses, it's hard to close a case."

He said that students will soon be able to borrow an engraving device from the University Police Department, enabling them to engrave a name or initials on

bicycles and other personal items. This would increase the likelihood that the property would be returned to the rightful owner, if stolen.

"I really give everybody credit," Coleman said of the decreased crime rate. "Police, housing, anyone with an influence on students."

Violent crime drops steadily

Violent crime is on the decline at Jacksonville State University.

No incidents of murder or suicide were reported, and only two rapes. Other sex crimes totaled six.

There were 15 reports of weapons violations.

The 1992-93 scholastic year was tame compared to the 1991-92 school year, when several violent incidents involving gunfire, culminating in a murder in Weatherly Hall clouded the school year.

Director of University Housing Craig Schmitt said he believes that Jacksonville State stacks up well when compared with other universities. "We have a very good student body," he said, "Part of it has to do with a University Police Department that works well with other departments and other divisions in the University system. And I think a lot of it has to do with a smaller campus, in a smaller town."

UGA's 'Hazing Hotline' becomes an example

Karen Neustadt
College Press Service

Ron Binder is about the last person a party-hearty University of Georgia fraternity brother wants to see standing on the front steps of the fraternity house at three in the morning.

Nightmare City.

For bleary-eyed fraternity men, the appearance of the hastily-dressed Binder can only mean one thing: Somebody called the Hazing Hotline.

Binder, the university's adviser to fraternities, has to be one of the most respected, yet most feared, officials among the 2,000 fraternity brothers on campus.

An anonymous phone call to his 24-hour hotline, which played a key role in cracking two major hazing incidents this past spring, can make or break a fraternity.

Sigma Phi Epsilon received a five-year

suspension from the campus when an underage pledge almost died from guzzling nearly a fifth of whiskey. Kappa Alpha Psi was also suspended after an investigator from it's national headquarters discovered that a pledge needed surgery from severely inflamed buttocks resulting from a paddling incident.

The hotline, which is nothing more than a phone line to Binder at his Greek Life office and to his home in the evenings, has caught the attention of other university officials throughout the country who want to use it as a model.

"I know Auburn has one, and Florida, Florida State and Indiana University are seriously thinking about it," Binder said.

Binder doesn't mind being roused from a sound sleep by worried brothers, parents and girlfriends, he said. His wife is not thrilled about the phone calls, he said, but for him, it's all part of the job. If he can

interrupt a hazing incident, or any other kind of misconduct, he doesn't mind the lack of sleep.

The success of the Hazing Hotline -- he's received as many as 10 calls in one pledge period -- is because Binder promises anonymity to callers, he said. He investigates as many as six incidents a month.

"We tell them we don't need names. We ask, 'what is the behavior? and give us the chapter name.' We try to make it as easy as possible," Binder said, noting that unless information is corroborated, it can be a struggle for the university to take measures to intervene.

"I really got the idea from my mother," said Binder. "She had a friend whose son was joining a fraternity elsewhere in the country, and he called my mom about some things he was worried about. She advised him to call the dean's office at his school. But they told him that he had to identify himself."

Binder said that very few of the hotline calls are bogus; however, some callers don't take the time to stay on the phone and give him enough information to follow up with the fraternity.

The calls that Binder receives usually come in after an incident. However, Binder has received calls about incidents about to happen, and that's when he makes an appearance at the fraternity house.

"We try to make certain the complaint is credible. Then we document the phone call before we say anything at the fraternity," he said.

Mark Scobee, president of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, called Binder's hotline a "double-edged sword," and though most fraternity men on the campus support it, it can leave fraternities vulnerable to false charges.

"It has really helped to stop hazing at the

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Mathews establishes trust

Virginia Teague
News writer



Mathews

Pete Mathews, chairman of the JSU Board of Trustees, has established a \$700,000 trust fund for the JSU Foundation. Eighty percent of the fund — one of the largest donations to JSU — will be designated for scholarships for graduates of Clay county schools.

"Clay county was so good to me by sending me to the Legislature for four terms, it is a privilege to return something to my home county," said Mathews, of the donation.

"When I came along and was ready to enter college, someone had to help me. Now I in turn want to help other young people," Mathews said.

Mathews has served on the Board of Trustees since it was created in 1967 and currently serves as Board Chairman. He is a 1939 graduate of Jacksonville State University.

Mathews was honored by an Alabama Senate Joint Resolution commending the trust, and was allowed to address the Senate during a formal recess. "This was a significant honor by the Senate. It was a very emotional time," Vice-President of Institutional

Advancement Jack Hopper said. Addressing the Senate from the floor is usually restricted to the 35 members.

Hopper said that he envisioned the scholarships resulting from this trust to cover more than tuition, "Things like books and room and board would probably be included," he said.

The trust is a Charitable Remainder Trust, which means Mathews is eligible to draw the interest from the trust for the remainder of his life. The trust will not actually go into effect until the time of his death. At that time, the University Scholarship Committee will set up the terms of qualification.

Harold J. McGee, University president, praised Mathews for creating the trust.

"We are most appreciative of our Board Chairman's commitment to our students," McGee said.

"It is with pride that we accept this endowment. This trust will provide financial assistance to students at Jacksonville State forever."



Sorority sisters at Alpha Omicron Pi's Squeal Day await news of their bids for 1993-94.

Sorority rush brings changes

Kyle Shelton
News writer

Formal sorority Rush began on August 21st and ran through the 25th. There were 112 participants this fall with 90 applicants pledging. According to Director of Student Activities Terry McCarthy, Rush is not just a time for partying.

During the course of Rush there are four days of parties that last about 30 to 45 minutes each. During the first two days every participant in Rush visits every sorority. The next two days is spent narrowing the field as far as what sorority each "Rushee" wants to be a part of. The last day a decision is made and the "Rushees" become pledges. According to McCarthy, the criteria used by the sororities to determine who will pledge is widely varied.

"I think that as far as what each individual sorority does, they all might be a little bit different," McCarthy said. "They look at how well (the participants) get along with other people, and they look at (the pledge's) grades, because a lot of their national organizations have a certain grade requirements."

The purpose of this whole process is not only to meet people and to make lasting friendships, but also to become aware of some responsibilities that come with growing up. As part of this, Students Activities

recently sponsored a representative from the Alabama Beverage Control Board who spoke on underage drinking and drinking responsibly. "It's kind of hard to tell someone not to drink," McCarthy elaborated, "because statistics show that people are going to drink anyway, but the purpose of the speaker was to let them know what the consequences are if you are going to drink."

The changes are not just limited to speakers, however. Though no exact plans are made at this time, McCarthy said he would like to bring the national Adopt-A-School program to all the greek organizations. As part of this program, the greeks would "adopt" a local school and the members of the sororities and fraternities would aid in tutoring, teaching sports and helping out in general. McCarthy believes this will give the greeks a chance to work together for a common goal.

Student Activities will be putting the parents of pledges at ease by providing information about hazing and a phone number they can call if they suspect their child is being exposed to it. "The number will be so that they can call. And when they do call, we will investigate," McCarthy said.

Interested individuals who missed Formal Rush, can go by or call the office of Student Activities, which is located on the top floor of TMB adjacent to the mail center or call 782-5491.

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university, but you can get phony calls," Scobee said. "They don't ask your name, you know. But I think Ron has a good feel for what he should believe and what he shouldn't."

Binder said the presidents were against hazing.

The hazing hotline only works as a supplement to a strong educational program, he said, and a very clear hazing policy.

He cited the university's policy of banning 14 specific behaviors that are spelled out to "take the guesswork out of hazing."

Fraternity members on the Georgia campus must attend alcohol abuse, date rape and liability

seminars every year and fraternity presidents have to sign hazing contracts that hold the organization accountable for almost all misconduct within the fraternity house.

"There are two kinds of hazing: It's either on the organizational level where a chapter has a traditional activity that's against the policy, and then there are individuals," Binder said.

"These are the ones who try to mold the pledges. I tell presidents: 'Make a list of the top 10 that don't pay their dues, don't show up for formal events, don't go to rush, don't keep up their grades. These are the 10 who probably are hazing,

and the chapters can do without these people."

Binder said the hotline could have legal ramifications if it is not handled very carefully. Individuals could hold the university responsible if they prove they reported behavior that resulted in injury or harm to someone and nothing was done about it.

"Some people are hiding behind their fraternity, and unfortunately, the officers have to be accountable for these jerks. The presidents are great. They take a stand and say, 'Look, we will not put up with any of this crap,' and these guys say 'I'll do it anyway. I just won't tell anyone,'" Binder said.

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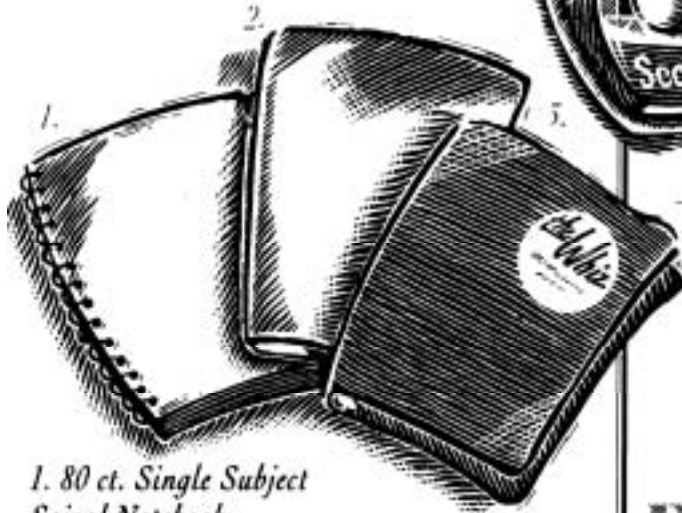
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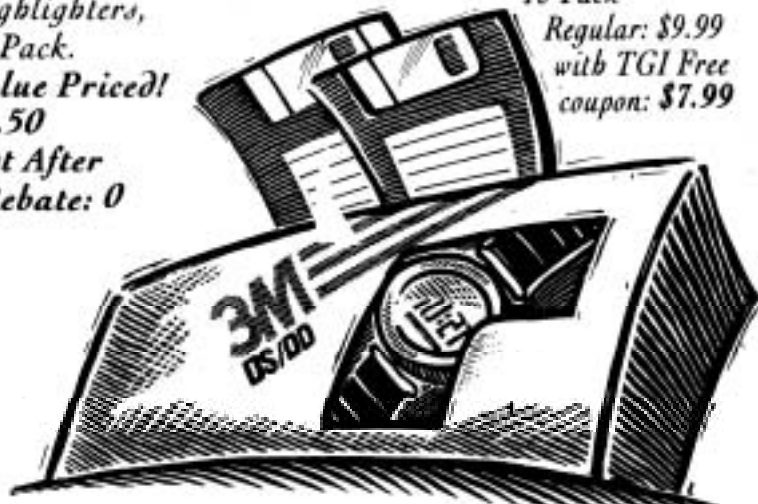
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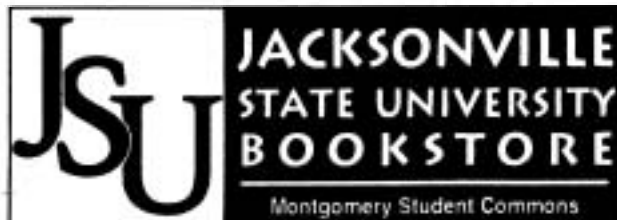
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JSU Board of trustees decides on new policies, expenditures

From staff reports

The Jacksonville State Board of Trustees unanimously passed a Financial Exigency Policy over the objections of the universities faculty senate during their last regular meeting, held July 19.

Harold J. McGee, University president, told the Board the policy would go into effect in times of dire financial crisis. The plan includes provisions for faculty layoffs in times of financial distress.

The Board also agreed to purchase several parcels of land for the construction of a new baseball complex. Property on the corner of Alabama Highways 21

and 24, which currently belongs to AmSouth Bank, will be purchased for the project, as well as property on Pennsylvania Avenue. The total cost of the purchase will be \$63,500. Board of Trustees Member Bob Kenamer said the project will give the University "a more defined boundary."

In other business, the board discussed revising its housing rental policies in order to better compete with off-campus housing. They also discussed the possibility of moving fraternities on-campus.

The meeting was the first since Board member Jim Folsom Jr. replaced Guy Hunt as governor of Alabama.

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Let the buyer beware: 'Slumlords' abound

John Williams
College Press Service

While off-campus housing may offer students more freedom and independence than living in dorms, rental agreements for apartments or houses are fraught with legal landmines, housing officials and attorneys warn.

The initial adrenaline rush when students rent their first apartments can dissipate quickly when plumbing falls apart, deposits are withheld or a roommate abruptly departs, leaving other renters in the lurch.

College officials say moving into off-campus housing, especially during the junior and senior years, has almost become a rite of passage. But many students don't know what questions to ask landlords and can end up with much larger headaches than having finals and papers due at the same time.

"The first time students rent they aren't savvy consumers," said Mark Karon, an attorney with student legal services at the University of Minnesota. "They're excited. They're away from home. Mom and Dad aren't there. This is great. Nobody is going to be here to tell them when to go to bed or anything else. But they don't consider the property or location. They may not look at what else is going on with the landlord."

Karon, who is president of the National

Legal Aid and Defense Lawyers Association, Student Legal Services Section, said about 343 colleges and universities have some form of student legal services on campus. When students get caught in a problem with a landlord or a roommate, they can get free representation and try to solve the problem

through negotiation or arbitration.

He said the majority of cases that his office deals with are landlord-tenant issues. "The biggest reason is that students are transients who are targeted by landlords," Karon said. "At the end of the school year they keep someone's deposit. And students aren't going to take the time necessary to make claims."

Roane Akchurin, manager of the community housing office at the University of California-Santa Barbara, said her office mediated about 600 cases last year between students and landlords, and about 40 percent of those cases involved deposit disputes.

Officials found that landlords were holding deposits due to claims of damage—real or not—to apartments and houses in Isla Vista,

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**- Mark Karon
U. of Minnesota**

a one-square-mile neighborhood that borders the university and is home to about 800 UCSB students.

About three years ago Akchurin's office began a free videotaping service so students could videotape the condition of their apartment before they moved in. "It's been real helpful. It's a proactive kind of thing to decrease problems," she said.

"It holds both parties accountable. It's been a tough sell, but it's catching on."

Of UCSB's 18,000 students, about 5,000 live on campus. The remainder either live on their own or with parents or relatives, she said.

Thorny issues that off-campus roommates face include cleanliness and overnight guests, Akchurin said. A majority of problems occur when one roommate takes off and leaves the other roommates in a financial and legal bind," she said.

Her office attempts to get the roommates to settle the issue among themselves, and probably 40 percent go through mediation, she said. "But sometimes it does end up in court."

One problem is the fact that many students

are transient and many of the building owners are absentee landlords, officials said. Neighborhoods around many campuses don't tend to house permanent residents, and landlords may not be willing to put money into the buildings because of the high turnover rate.

"Older homes near campus are a lot of work. Property values drop. Single families don't want to buy these things," said Patt VanDyke, director of the Talent Development Center at Northwest Missouri State University in Marvill. "We have the usual number of slumlords. The area near the college is full of old homes cut into three or four apartments."

Northwest Missouri provides computers in dormitory rooms and other services to create incentives to stay on campus, VanDyke said. But many students want to move off campus for various reasons.

"Many of them are over the partying frenzy. They have established their freedom and don't have to prove anything," VanDyke said. "They may have a significant other in their lives. That's their business. They're grownups. They want more privacy. It's part of the maturation process in moving from the campus community, and having activities taken care of for you, to managing on your own."



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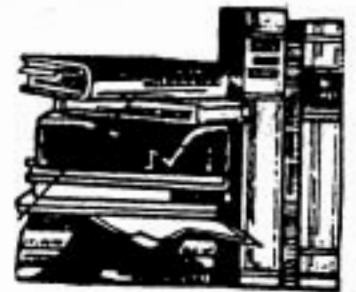
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Well, perhaps those things aren't too hideous, but there are more serious ethical decisions that face us every day. Practically every step we take in life has repercussions far beyond our comprehension. Just by living you affect others' lives. That's why it's important that we consider our actions, and take responsibility for them.

College has it's own personal set of moral dilemmas just waiting to prey on poor vulnerable students. Ones like - how do you explain that D in MS 102?

"Why yes, Dad," you explain, "when I told you I thought I had a B, I meant beer. Yeah, that's it. See beer starts with B and that's what we call it down here. That's what I meant."

That, though an ingenious bit of reasoning will probably not go over well on the home front.

Another one could be explaining that \$200 gas card bill. Jacksonville just isn't that big.

And as for that mule that ate the first set of books you bought, well...

There are other temptations. Which side will win the battle later on in the semester when that 10-page term paper is due in a mere six hours? Your roommate has a reeeaaaaly smart friend who had that class a few semesters ago. Made an A. Quick. Decide.

Or what about that darn word problem about the big chemical vats that you almost have the answer to, just not quite. The girl beside you has a coherent looking answer. What do you do?

Leave it blank. You know very well just how much you caught up on beauty rest the last week or so in class. Cheating isn't the way. It's indecent, amoral and wrong, and it can get you in a lot of trouble. Besides, the girl might have the wrong answer.

And as for the term paper, take a late grade if you can. Just watch out for the big procrastination monster next time, and remember just how many points he ate off your grade. Just another note, teachers keep things like term papers for several years, so it's easy to get caught.

And as for lying to Mom and Dad, hey, they're your parents. They brought you into the world. They were young once, they'll understand if you tell them the truth.

College means new freedoms. New freedoms mean new responsibilities. Take them seriously.

Learning requires listening

MELANIE LYNN JONES
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Another semester has begun, which means there are new lessons to learn both in and out of the classroom.

College is not about memorizing and regurgitating dates and names. It's about learning the facts, processing them and then forming your own ideas. Until you can do that, your knowledge is of little use.

To get the most from your college experience you must expose yourself to as many new ideas as possible.

Learning opportunities are everywhere. Listen carefully to others, then tell them what you think. Don't yell at them. Don't shove your opinions down their throats. Just tell them.

You may find yourself agreeing with others, but then again you may have to fight an irresistible urge to laugh. Either way, the important thing is that you listened and came to a conclusion on your own.

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We all have a right to our own opinions. We also have a right to express them, but we have a duty to do so responsibly.

Opinions aren't all we seek from

our readers. We also want story ideas. We have a very limited staff, and we all have classes just like you do. It is impossible for us to find out about every newsworthy event that occurs on campus.

If you hear of an event you think others should be informed or something you think everyone would find entertaining, let us know, and we will see what we can do. We cannot cover everything, but we do our best to cover stories that will interest the entire student body.

The problem is, we can't cover anything unless we have writers. That is another area where we need you. You don't have to be a communication or English major to volunteer. We can teach you everything you need to write newspaper style. You may not always get to do exactly what you want, but you will discover new talents, make new friends and have something incredibly impressive to put on a resume.

This paper cannot be a forum for the students unless more students take an active role. My views are not representative of the entire student body. They aren't supposed to be. That isn't my job. My job is to keep you informed and make you think. The rest is up to you.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Alabamians have traditionally used the Labor Day Weekend to celebrate the end of an enjoyable summer season. Tragically, this celebration will sometimes result in avoidable highway deaths and injuries. Though seat belt usage is now mandatory by law, too many of our citizens continue to risk their lives, and the lives of their children, by ignoring the safety benefits of seat belt and child-restraint usage.

Additionally, Alabamians continue

to combine the use of alcohol with driving. Last year's Labor Day weekend produced seven traffic fatalities in the state. Shockingly, six of these were alcohol related, and none of the occupants were using seatbelts. We must not be complacent in assuming that all Alabama drivers will obey the law concerning driving while intoxicated. Friends should not let friends drive drunk, and hosts should encourage guests to drink non-alcoholic beverages, and we should all support the designated

driver concept.

The Council on Substance Abuse-NCADD urges all Alabamians to join local officials who proclaim September 3-7th, 1993, as S.O.B.E.R. Days (Stay Off the Bottle, Enjoy the Road). Let's use a little common sense and regard for one another this Labor Day. We can keep the summer of '93 – and ourselves – alive!

Judge Sally Greenhaw
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Letters to the Editor 1993-94 Policy

True equality of the sexes

Editors note: This column was originally released on September 22, 1992

A male friend showed me a group of photographs of women in an issue of U.S.A. Today.

"Women are coming after us," he said. "These are photographs of women running for the Senate."

There was a pack of them to be sure. But read my words:

I have nothing against women running for the Senate or being elected to the Senate. I'd even take Murphy Brown over Ted Kennedy.

I also have nothing against gains women have made in the business world, nor the fact they are achieving equal pay status with men in the work place.

But let us look into the future here. We could have a woman president, an all-woman Congress, and women could take complete charge of the business world, but there would remain one ultimate inequity between men and women.

They have the babies, we don't.

They're the ones who have to go through morning sickness, carry around all that extra weight for nine months and endure the pain of childbirth, while all their husbands (providing they have husbands in

LEWIS GRIZZARD

this day and time) have to do is pace around in the waiting room.

I'm not saying all women resent this inequity, but perhaps the most radical and militant portion of the women's movement do.

I don't think these women will ever rest and consider the sexes equal until men have to start having babies, too.

This could never happen, you say? Did you read the report that said with genetic engineering it might be possible for people to live 400 years.

If scientists and researchers can figure out a way to add 325 years to the average life span, you don't think they'll eventually figure out a way for men to have babies?

Certainly they will, and I think they should begin working immediately on such a project. It would solve a lot of modern day problems.

"Honey," a wife could say, "I've really got a big project going on down at the firm. Why don't you have our next baby?"

"But, Sweetheart," the husband might reply, "I've got the member-guest golf tournament coming up at the club. If I were pregnant the extra

weight would really louse up my swing."

"Darling, I had our last baby. It's your turn. That's only fair."

Fair. That's the key word here. How can men and women ever be completely equal and how can the reproduction process be totally fair until both sexes are able to give birth?

I'm no scientist, so I don't have all the details worked out here, and there would be certain anatomical matters to be considered.

But we've sent a man to the moon haven't we? And we're soon going to be able to live 400 years.

Figuring a way for men to have babies, too might be nothing compared to all the other things we've accomplished. Would I have a baby if science ever comes up with a way to make that possible?

Sure I would. Equal is equal. And fair is fair, and I'd like to see an end to the war between the sexes.

But I'd wait a while, I think. Like at least until I was 225. I just don't think it's a good idea for kids, male or female, to have babies.

And that would also give me 180 years to find a wife with whom I can get along.

Even for me, that should be plenty of time.

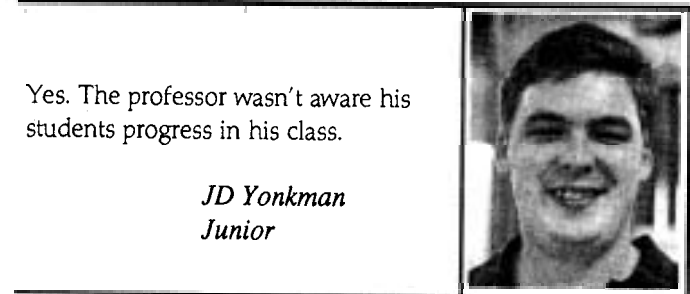
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Have you ever blamed a teacher for a bad grade?



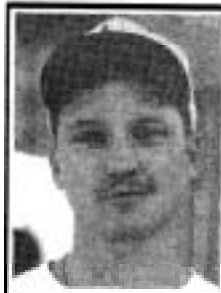
Yes. Everybody has. It is just hard to admit that I didn't try hard enough.

*Christie Dasinger
Senior*



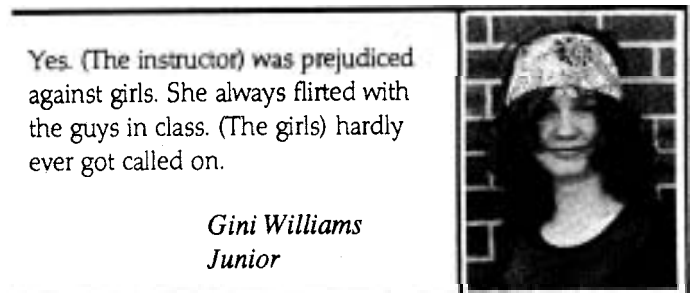
Yes. The professor wasn't aware his students progress in his class.

*JD Yonkman
Junior*



No. If I made a bad grade it was my fault.

*Andy Hadley
Senior*



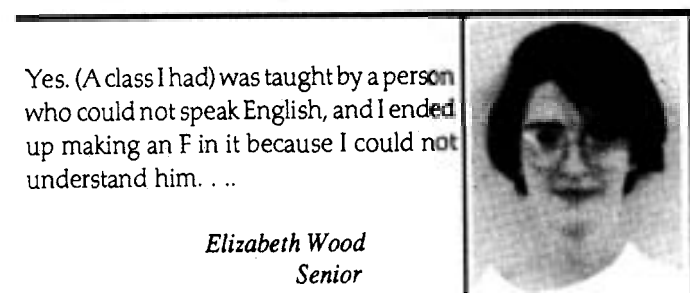
Yes. (The instructor) was prejudiced against girls. She always flirted with the guys in class. (The girls) hardly ever got called on.

*Gini Williams
Junior*



I felt like (my grade) was my fault, not (the instructor's).

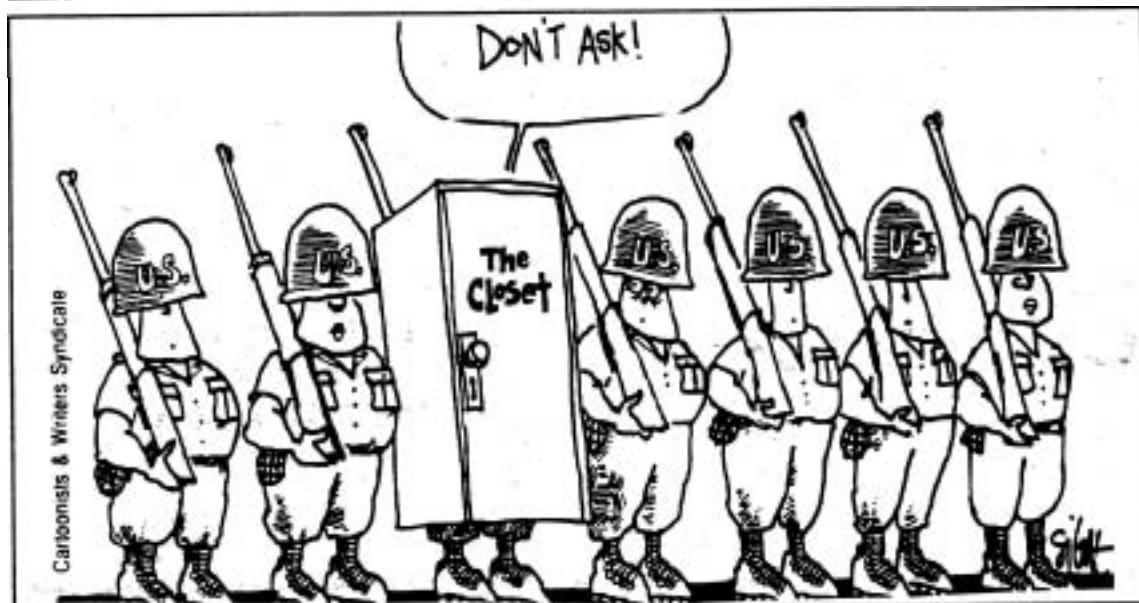
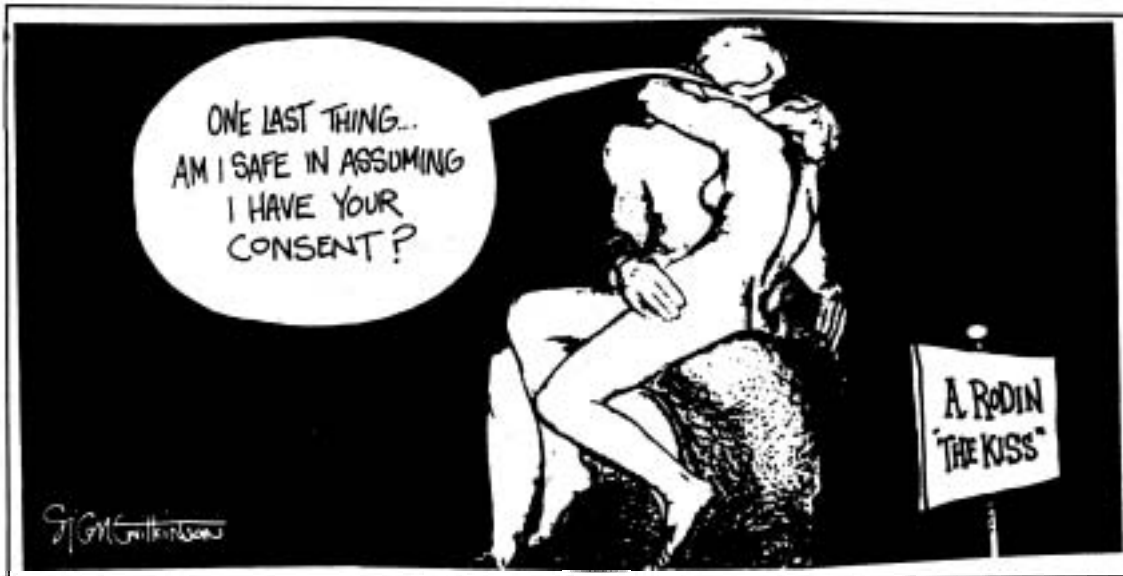
*Tarran Hayden
Sophomore*

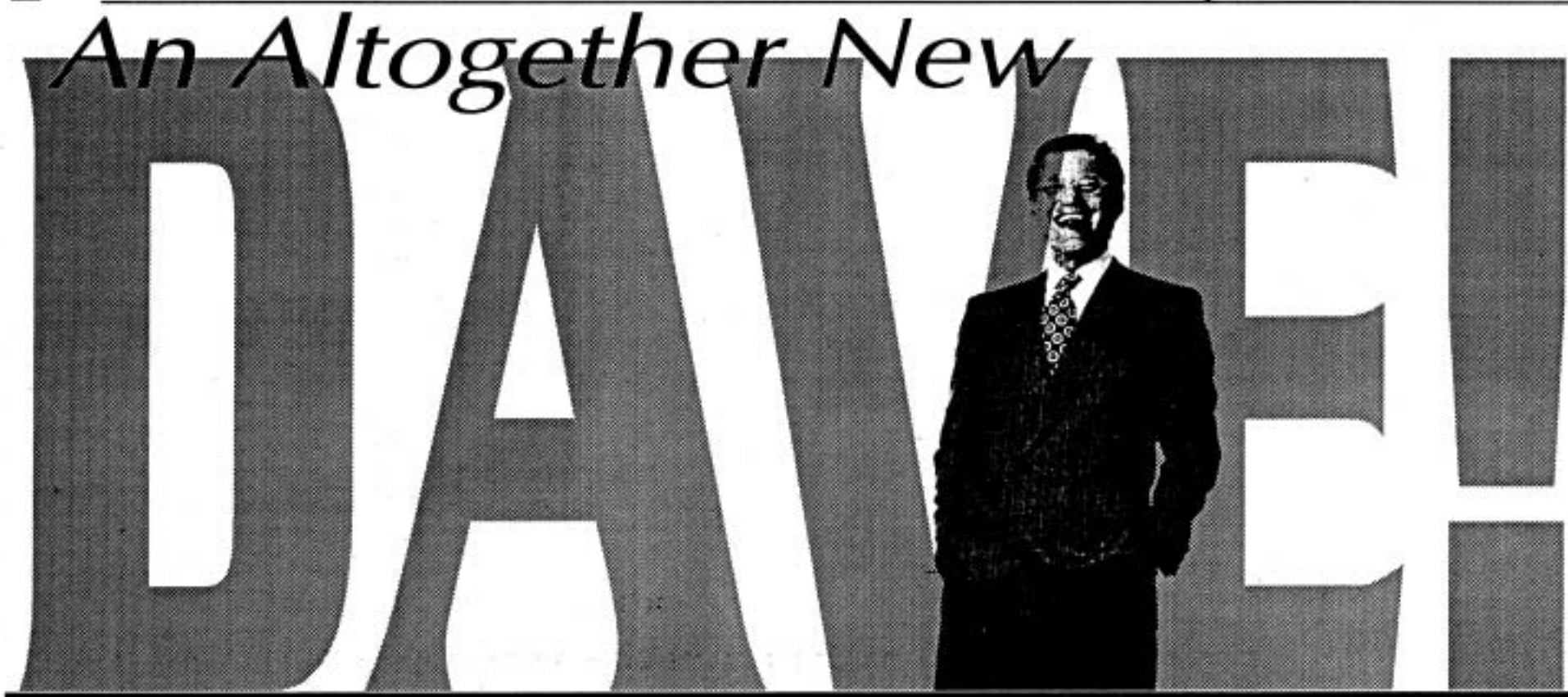


Yes. (A class I had) was taught by a person who could not speak English, and I ended up making an F in it because I could not understand him. . . .

*Elizabeth Wood
Senior*

--Compiled by Jay Ennis





LETTERMAN'S

"You know, if you think about it, I really just took the summer off."

With that rather relaxed wry comment, David Letterman launched his first show, and ushered in a new age in late night competition. Up until this point, NBC had the two most well known late night talk shows, *The Late Show with*, at first Johnny Carson, the king of late night, and then with moon-faced replacement Jay Leno, and of course *The Late Show with David Letterman*.

But then Letterman made his move to NBC rival CBS, and it sparked off not only a flurry of legal battles, but also a plethora of new shows to join the ratings fray.

Dipping his feet into the late night waters is veteran funny man Chevy Chase. Chase's face is not new to late night television, having gotten his start first writing for and then acting on NBC's *Saturday Night Live* and then moving onto movies that we've all probably seen on one of those I-can't-go-to-sleep-so-I-guess-I'll-watch-cable nights. He will now have another late night shot on the Fox network. It will premier September 7. Also taking the plunge is Conan O'Brien, who was president of Harvard's renowned humor magazine, *Harvard Lampoon*. (I suppose that made him the funniest man at Harvard - hmmm.) O'Brien will be taking Letterman's old slot on NBC. His show will debut September 13.

"But wait," you say. You've forgotten someone. What about Arsenio?

Apparently Hall doesn't feel like duking this one out. He was quoted in *TV Guide* as saying, "There is no late night battle for me. I have no comments about this."

Does Dave stand a chance?

If Monday night's show is any indication, yes. It is the same Dave through and through. NBC may have taken "Stupid Pet Ticks" and "Larry 'Bud' Melman" as casualties in the late night war (although Melman made a special appearance just before the show identifying CBS), but they can't copyright Dave. His witty humor shone through.

Bill Murray (who was also a guest on his very first show) made a rather wacky appearance on the show. Billy Joel was

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the spirited musical guest, with a song from his latest release "River of Dreams."

Letterman made the most of his legal battle right off when NBC head anchor Tom Brokaw made a guest appearance and promptly walked up to the cue cards and took two saying, "These last two jokes are the intellectual property of NBC," and walked off. Letterman was quick to come back saying how strange it was to hear "intellectual property" and "NBC" in the same sentence.

Next Letterman went into a trance of sorts, aided by Paul Shaffer's "spooky swampy" music, in an attempt to bring back the spirit of Ed Sullivan whose renovated theater Letterman occupies. The "spirit" appeared and introduced yet another special guest, Paul Newman, who was sitting in the audience.

"Where the hell are the singing cats," asked an apparently perplexed Newman, "I thought this was 'Cats!'"

JSU sophomore Christy Vella was glad that Newman wound up in the wrong theater. "He looked good," she said, "tasty. Like his popcorn."

Vella approved of the show's location for reasons other than Newman's presence. "I liked the fact that it was in the Ed Sullivan theater," she said, "it gave the show a sense of nostalgia. A certain aura."

Letterman's student audience wasn't as big as you might think. In a crowded hall during registration, only one man responded to the desperate plea, "Didn't anyone watch Letterman?" The guy didn't even watch the whole show.

One reason for the limited audience was brought up on the show - only insomniacs are familiar with Letterman's style. JSU junior Michael Mote agrees. "I didn't watch it because I never stayed up to watch it before," he said.

Vella said that she liked Letterman's earlier slot. She feels that now she'll be able to see "a lot more Dave."

How ever you felt about late night in the past, it's worth watching now. With all the new shows coming on, there will certainly be something for everyone. And if you're up that late and don't particularly enjoy comedy, there's always Ted Koppel. Try and stay up. You might find it enjoyable.

by Will Chandler • Features Editor

A maze of maize: College graduate finds unique way to aid in flood relief

Staff reports
College Press Service

ANNVILLE, Pa. -- There's a dinosaur lurking in a cornfield next to Lebanon Valley College. No one can see him, but everyone knows he's there.

What could be the largest maze in the world, visible only from the air, has been created by a former Lebanon Valley graduate hoping to raise money for Midwest flood relief efforts.

The 116,000-square-foot maze in the three-acre field is shaped like a giant dinosaur, the stegosaurus. Lebanon Valley students prepared the field to a maze designer's plans, and the college will open the walkways to the public for two days in early September.

"Well, this is the year for dinosaurs, isn't it?" said Adrian Fisher, of Hertfordshire, England and designer of the oddity. Fisher, with Lebanon Valley alumnus Don Frantz, a Florida-based producer of

entertainment events, pulled off the project.

"I've never done a maze like this," said Fisher, who has designed mazes in Europe. "The sheer scale of it was quite daunting." Fisher has worked with bricks, mirrors, fountains and timber, but never with corn stalks, he said.

Richard Roland of Cleona, Pa., the owner of the cornfield, and Gerald Hoffer of Anville, who farms the property, both gave their blessings to the stegosaurus. They said they were willing to sacrifice the corn for the project. "Mazes are terribly good for family life," Fisher says. "Grandparents and grandchildren can compete equally."

It is estimated that there are two miles of pathways inside the maze, and that most people wander for about a mile before they find the solution.

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With the numbers already rolling in, it's looking like one of the best summers on record, both critically and financially. Even the worst films seemed to find their audience. Out of all films released this summer, several stand out.

The good news:

"Jurassic Park" - Spielberg didn't disappoint. Period. Richard Attenborough as the grown-up living out his childhood fantasy is letter-perfect, and Sam Niell and Laura Dem as the dino-doctors look like kids in a playground throughout the film. "Jurassic Park" is well-staged, well-photographed, and well-calculated, both scary and sensational. And for all those who felt that the true spirit of the book (i.e. "Science is a big, evil, ugly giant that does only bad things") was compromised, I'll humbly remind you that author Michael Crichton co-wrote the script.

"In The Line of Fire" - Clint Eastwood plays the straight man to psycho John Malkovich in this assassination thriller designed to keep your stomach tied in knots. Malkovich is brilliant in his understated performance (certainly Oscar-calibre, even

this early in the year). Fast-paced direction by veteran Wolfgang Peterson makes this a truly exciting two-hour diversion, however dubious the plot seems.

"The Fugitive" - Hands down the finest action film I've ever seen. I'm not a fan of the genre, but if "The Fugitive" sets the pace for future action flicks, I may be buying lots of tickets. Harrison Ford does his turn as the hero, but the star of the film is Tommy Lee Jones. He may be on his way to becoming Hollywood's chic villain.

"What's Love Got to Do With It?" - A smashing performance by Angela Bassett and an equally impressive turn from Larry Fishburne made this Tina Turner biopic the movie to see in the pre-"Jurassic" period. Only question: Why a biographical portrait this early? Turner's career is far from over.

"The Secret Garden" - This dark, brooding adaptation of the classic tale is the kind of movie that children will enjoy and adults will relish. Fine performances all around, especially from the child actors.

"Dave" - Or, "Mr. Kline Goes to Washington." This fine comedy is so Capraesque I almost expected Kevin Kline to speak in Jimmy Stewart's voice. An excellent script and a fantastic supporting

performance from Sigourney Weaver lend credibility to the far-fetched premise, and Kevin Kline is wonderful as usual.

"The Crying Game" and **"Unforgiven"** - Good for you if you caught either one of last year's best movies in their second runs. Both lost impact in the transfer to home video.

The bad news:

"The Last Action Hero" - Since it has already been panned by every living movie critic and virtually everyone who saw it, I may as well add my opinion. This atrocious, over-long, over-hyped film did more than just insult me; when I left the theater, I felt like I'd been mugged for five bucks. Proves once and for all that "Ah-nuld," like Bruce Willis before him (a la "Hudson Hawk"), can't carry a film on marquee value alone.

"Sleepless In Seattle" - Meg, Meg, Meg. My favorite actress couldn't make me like this sappy film from "When Harry Met Sally..." writer Nora Ephron. Tom Hanks sleepwalks through his role and Rob Reiner is sorely missed in the director's chair and nothing more than annoying on screen. At the end of the film, I heard audible "Awwwws" from around the theater.

Yuck! Sure, it was the summer's biggest date



Eastwood, the real last action hero, and Ah-nuld with Austin O'Brien.

movie, but the romance was predictable and downright comy.

"Dennis the Menace" - America finally taught John Hughes a lesson. It seemed everyone forgave him for "Curly Sue" and

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by Jamie Cole
Managing Editor

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for cashing in on "Home Alone 2," but when he tried to milk the formula for another go-round (The John Hughes Film Formula: cute kid + stupid adults x cartoonish violence = megabucks) we all said "NO!" Thank you, America. I'm feeling patriotic.

"So I Married an Axe Murderer" - Mike Meyers and Nancy Travis were surprisingly good, but couldn't save the bad script in this tepid comedy from the "SNL" crew. There were funny moments, but when funny moments can't come often enough to keep an 80-minute film interesting, there's a problem.

"Much Ado About Nothing" - The title of the film is a testimony. The much-ballyhooed production from the seemingly can't-lose wunderkind Kenneth Branagh lost its footing and fell flat on its Bard, but it wouldn't be on this list if it weren't for Keanu Reeves.

"Sliver" - From the creator of "Basic Instinct" comes this adaptation of the Ira Levin novel, another excuse for Sharon Stone to be naked. The Icepick Princess delivers the worst performance of the summer in the worst movie of the summer.

UP CLOSE

Terry McCarthy



In June, a new face arrived at the campus of Jacksonville State University - Terry McCarthy, the new Director of Student Activities.

McCarthy will be an advisor to all student organizations, including the Student Government Association, Panhellenic Council, Interfraternity Council and Black Greek Council. He will also supervise leadership development and help organize special events such as Homecoming and College Bowl.

"I am very excited about being here in Jacksonville," says McCarthy. "I'm new here, and I would like to meet as many students as I possibly can. I would like to encourage people to come by here and introduce themselves and be patient with me as I learn everyone's name and face."

McCarthy has several ideas for the upcoming year. He hopes to utilize the amphitheater more often and organize a Greek marketing campaign which will help attract more people to Greek life. McCarthy feels a need to have more honor societies on campus. He hopes to establish new ones, such as Lambda Sigma, for freshmen with a 3.0 GPA and leadership qualities, and

Pinnacle, a society for non-traditional students.

In the spring, McCarthy is hoping to hold the first "Leadership JSU" retreat which will bring together the leaders of different organizations on campus to teach them some new leadership skills and how to work together.

McCarthy has two graduate assistants, Terry Casey and Lori Coker, working with him this year. "Since I am coming from outside the University, it will be nice to have them here because they are used to Jacksonville. I think that with us working together, we can accomplish a lot."

McCarthy grew up in Birmingham. He attended Auburn University, where he received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a major in finance. He received a Master of Education in Counseling and Guidance with Student Personnel Concentration from the University of Montevallo.

He is currently working on a doctorate in Higher Education Administration at the University of Alabama.

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THE FAR SIDE

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Ironically, Barnum's and Bailey's respective kids—Sid and Marty—both ran away one night to join corporate America.



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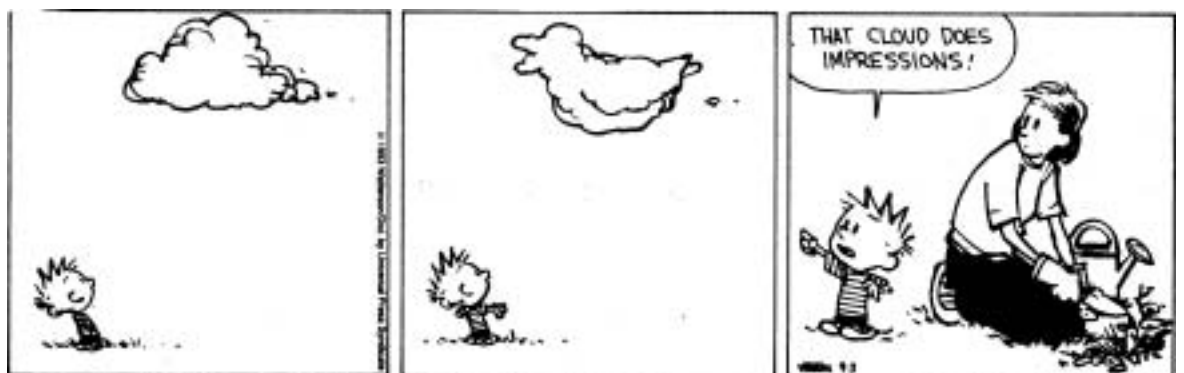
"Say, Will — why don't you pull that thing out and play us a tune?"

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New baseball complex needed for move



JSU's current baseball complex, University Field, is inadequate for Division I competition.

Bill Dobilas
Sports Editor

University Field will not house the Jax State baseball team for much longer. The Jacksonville State Board of Trustees voted on July 19th to begin work on a new baseball complex on Pennsylvania Avenue. The site consists of the current intramural field and some surrounding lands.

According to JSU Athletic Director Jerry Cole, the University is in the early stages of the project's development.

"We are in the process of finding an architect to design the facility, and then we'll need to get construction companies to bid on it," Cole said.

Whenever construction begins, the complex will not be built at once. It will be phased in over an approximate three-year period. The field will be constructed first, then as funds become available lighting, a grandstand and bleachers will be built. The University may even add track and field facilities to the completed facility.

Many students may ask why

the University needs a new baseball stadium. There are several reasons according to Head Baseball Coach Rudy Abbott, but two stand out above the rest. First, no Division I school will come to play because of the short fences. It's 310 feet down the left field line. That's about 30 feet shorter than an average field, and it's probably even shorter down the right field line. The fences are just too short for a team the calibre of JSU and its Division I opponents. The Jax State baseball team probably would have to play the majority, maybe even all, of its games on the road if the situation is not remedied.

Abbott's second reason would be to move the field out of the academic community. The field's current position is across the street from the Martin Hall parking lot. Coach Abbott says there have been many problems over the years with baseballs flying out of the field and hitting cars parked there, and with all of the academic buildings that surround University Field, the stadium does not add to the academic environment of the school.

Fighting Gamecocks face tough schedule, fewer home games

Bill Dobilas
Sports Editor

The Jacksonville State Gamecocks won the 1992 Division II National championship, but can't defend their crown. The Gamecocks have moved up to Division I-AA, and begin the two year compliance period that is a prerequisite to competing in the division. That means no playoffs and no post-season glory. Even Sports Illustrated isn't sure how to classify the Gamecocks. They ranked the defending National champions number four in its Division II poll and number 21 in its Division I-AA rankings. Head Coach Bill Burgess is not worried about missing the playoffs.

"Our players just like to play, it won't bother them. We'll just line it up and just try to have one more point than the other team," Burgess said.

The Gamecocks should not have any trouble scoring points this season. The offensive line returns all five starters. Senior center Matt Hollis and senior guards Keith Maple and Andre Allen anchor a very experienced line. Junior tackle Banyon Allison and John Ingram, a sophomore tackle, will help protect starting quarterback Chuck Robinson and back up Corky Gordon. Robinson amassed more than

"We'll just line it up and just try to have one more point than the other team."

--Bill Burgess
JSU football coach

a thousand total yards last year and should improve on that this season. There won't be a shortage of bodies in the backfield this year for the Gamecocks with leading rusher Sean Richardson returning. The senior rushed for 732 yards last season and will be joined in the starting backfield by senior Derrick Griffie and junior Eric Powell. At split end the Gamecocks will start junior Tracy Pilot who led the National Champions in receiving last year with 14 receptions for 267 yards and three touchdowns. Senior Richard Waid will share time at receiver with Pilot.

The Red Bandit defense is led by Jax State's version of the "Killer B's", senior linebacker Ja' Karl Barnett and junior backer Marty Bridges. Barnett sacked opposing quarterbacks six times last season while Bridges had one sack, but recorded eight tackles for a loss. Curtis McDaniel and Mondreco Blair head up the defensive line.

McDaniel, a preseason All-American along

with Barnett, had three quarterback sacks and 112 total tackles, while Blair merely had four quarterback sacks, nine tackles for a loss, and 14 quarterback pressures. Controlling the opposition's receivers will be up to senior Eric Stephens and juniors Tim Sudduth and Wesley Goggins. Sudduth had a team-leading seven interceptions in 1992, while Stephens led the team with 12 pass break ups. Goggins picked up the first interception of his Gamecock career against Pitt State in last year's championship game.

"We've got a good nucleus of experienced players," Burgess said, "but we don't have proven depth on offense or defense. We'll have to go two deep to be successful."

The only question mark for the Gamecocks is the kicking game. The place kicking and punting duties will be handled by red-shirt freshman Lee Sutherland. He has never kicked in a college football game, but that should not be a problem.

"God knows that the only way to get experience," coach Burgess remarked, "is to get in there and play (the game)."

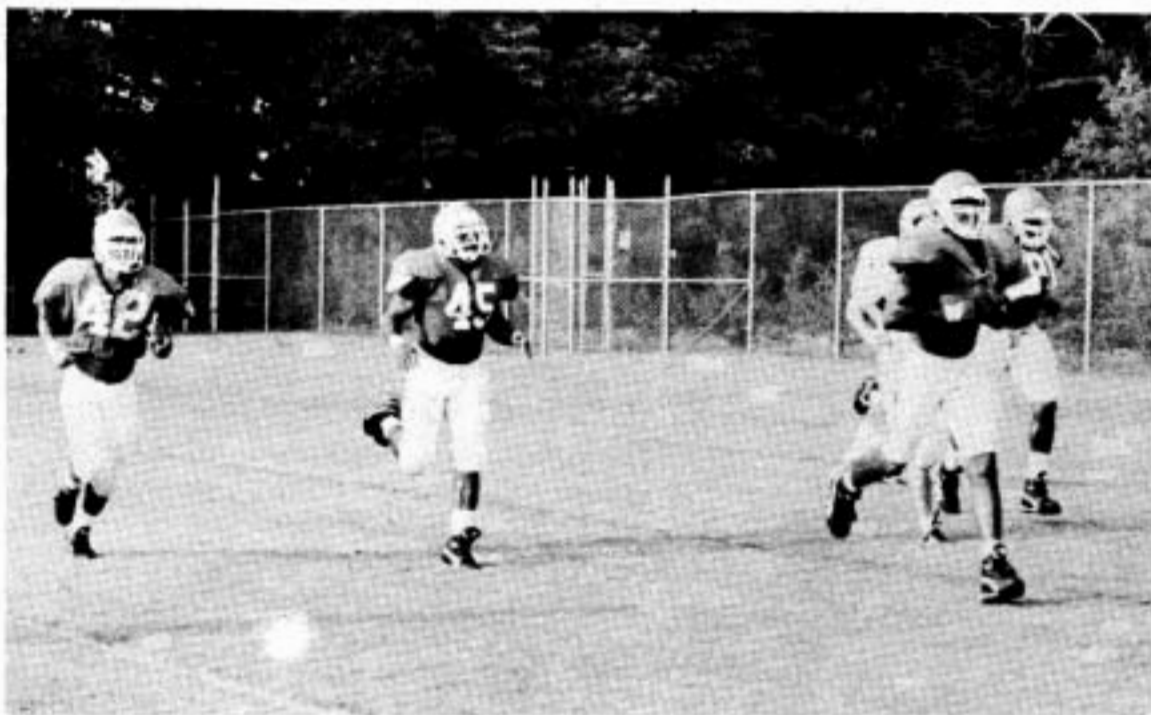
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- Oct. 16 • SW Missouri
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JSU begins transition years for move to Div. I



The Gamecocks are preparing for their first season of facing mostly Division I opponents.

Bill Dobilas
Sports Editor

For JSU's athletic teams, last year was a winning year.

Head Coach Bill Burgess led the football team to the 1992 National Championship. The basketball team

performed well in the Gulf South Conference Tournament under the tutelage of head coach Bill Jones, and Rudy Abbot's sluggers were ranked in the top 10 almost the entire season.

Times are changing at JSU. The teams are headed for Division I.

"We've accomplished about all we can accomplish in Division II. We've won six championships over the years. Now it's time to move on," said Mike Galloway, Sports Information Director.

The road to Division I is not going to be easy. JSU has left the GSC and

now will begin a two-year compliance period in order to meet the standards of Division I. The Gamecocks are now classified as a Division II independent in every sport except football. JSU offers more football scholarships than Division II standards allow, so the next two years will be spent trying to bring all of the sports up to the Division I level.

Competing as an independent school has its share of problems, the most serious of which is scheduling. "We're trying to build a schedule around teams we've had little experience with in the past," Jones said.

Although the football team has garnered enough games for a full season, they faced some scheduling difficulties. The team has only four home games and must travel extensively to the other six. Traditionally, the football team traveled to schools in the Tennessee Valley area. Now these "Road Warriors" will spend the fall semester traveling to schools as far as Montana and Northern Iowa.

Burgess said the other schools

were aware that JSU had to meet certain requirements, so they could choose the site where the games were to be played. Needless to say, almost all of the schools chose their home field. As in the case of the basketball team, the football team will be facing most of these schools for the first time, so they don't really know what to expect.

Abbott said the baseball team is a little more fortunate in the scheduling area. They won the Division I World Series in 1990 and 1991. Their past competition has taken them out of the Southern region, and they have faced several Division I schools.

The University believes a future in Division I will be worth the current problems. Jones said, "There is a prestige factor that goes with being a Division I team." But the benefits will not be in name alone. "We will receive more publicity on the national level," Galloway said. The three major networks and ESPN often update scores for all Division I teams.

The coaches appear to be excited about the move, and they believe

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offensive lineman Brent Opdyke, a 5'11" 260 lb. guard from Brandon, Miss. should see some playing time at right guard.

Also, running back Anton Whitt out of West End High school in Birmingham should see some action.

JSU's first opponent in the 1993 season is Henderson State, located in Arkadelphia, Arkansas.

The "Reddies" (yes, the Reddies) were 4-6-1 last year and return 17 starters from last year's squad including All-American punter Chris Carter who led the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) in punting with an average of 43.61 yards a punt.

Henderson State, like the Gamecocks, love to run the ball. They operate out of the Option I formation on offense, but will be missing their leading rusher,

Anthony Jenkins, who will miss the game due to an enlarged heart muscle.

"We have to stop the run to win the game," Burgess said. "...and our players will be ready to play."

The Gamecocks should be healthy and ready to play Saturday night. Several key players who were nursing injuries were back practicing this week.

Defensive tackle Curtis McDaniel and linebacker Marty Bridges were out with back problems.

Running back Eric Powell, who suffered an injured hamstring, and running back Jermille Pruitt, who had an injured ankle, should all see action.

Game time is Saturday night at 7 p.m. at Paul Snow Stadium here in Jacksonville, the first of the only four home games this season.

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The first predictions...

Bill Dobilas
Sports Editor

Baseball. Catch the fever. Until this summer, I had forgotten what it was. I could not understand why the people of Atlanta and the South had taken such a love for the Braves. I mean it's just baseball.

However, this summer has changed my perspective. Baseball is fun to watch again, with pennant races in three of the four divisions and the Philadelphia Phillies running away with the National League East. Yes, my team is back! Despondently, I watched the Phillies toil along for 10 years in the basement of the National League, never cursing them, but attending games when I could.

I once lived in the "City of Brotherly Love"? I don't know if that name fits anymore, but...now the Phillies have the second best record in baseball, and may even win the World Series. Sorry Braves' fans, but that's my opinion.

Now I am not saying that the Braves won't win, for they will win the National League West by three games, but they won't get past the Phillies.

In the American League, the Blue Jays will win the East and I am pulling for Nolan Ryan and the Texas Rangers in the West. The Phillies will beat the Rangers in seven games and win the World Series Championship. That's my dream, anyway

If the baseball pennant races are not enough for you, hold on to your hats, college football, "the heartbeat of the South", kicks into high gear this weekend with each member of the Top 25 beginning their schedule, and with the Gamecocks beginning their first year as an independent it should be an exciting season.

There are some intriguing matchups this weekend, here's how I see them:

JSU 31...Henderson State 6

Div. I

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their players are ready.

"It's an exciting challenge for our baseball team," Abbott said. "We've played dozens of Division I teams and managed to hold on....the next logical step is Division I."

Even though some critics believe the football team should remain in Division II where they could remain the best for a few more years, Burgess said he is ready for the move.

"We will never forget the national championships," he said. "Now it's time to go on to something else."

"We're not going to defend our National Championship. It's something (the team) can always be proud of."

Burgess said he realizes the upcoming year will be a challenge, but he has confidence in his team. "We're going to try our best to win every game we can," he said. "I think our players understand that. As a matter of fact, I know they do."

Coach Bill Burgess will have his troops ready for their first game as a Division I-AA independent. With fifteen starters returning the Gamecocks should not have any trouble with the "Reddies." Look for the "Killer Bees," Linebackers Ja' Karl Barnett and Marty Bridges to have big games for the Red Bandit defense. On offense, look for starting quarterback Chuck Robinson and back up Corky Gordon to lead the way to victory.

Alabama 27...Tulane 6

The Crimson Tide's only weakness seems to be at quarterback, where Jay Barker continues to lead the national champions. The running game will be solid and the offensive line led by All-Southeastern Conference center Tobie Sheils will open holes for the rushers, but the real strength of this team is defense. The Tide's defense should again be dominating and should lead the team to victory

Auburn 14...Ole Miss 10

This Thursday night game was originally scheduled to be nationally televised, but due to Auburn's one year TV ban, you might miss a heck of a game. Look for Auburn to slip by the Rebels.

Penn State 21...Minnesota 13

Penn State's first game in the Big Ten (or should I say Big Ten with eleven teams) will be a successful one. Joe Paterno is one of the top two coaches of all time (along with Paul "Bear" Bryant), and his team will not lose its inaugural game.

Other scores:

Michigan 30, Washington State 7; Miami 24, Boston College 17; Florida 41, Arkansas State 0; Colorado 31, Texas 13; Georgia 35, S. Carolina 9; Stanford 20, Washington 10.

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