Weaver debates bar

Mark Harrison
News Editor

Will a topless bar open near Weaver? Many in the Weaver Community hope not, but club-owner Harvey Bowman says the club will proceed as planned.

Bowman recently purchased a building on Anniston Beach Road, just outside of Weaver, which he plans to convert into a topless club. Remodeling is currently underway, and Bowman has already been granted a beer and wine license by the state ABC board. But residents of the Anniston Beach Road area and other concerned citizens still hope to thwart Bowman’s plans.

Last week, approximately 25 residents of the Anniston Beach area met and formed, “Citizens For Safety,” which Chairman William Lusk said was primarily formed “to stop the sell of alcoholic beverages in residential areas, where children are very much in danger as a result of these sales.”

“The only purpose of the topless bar,” Lusk said, “is to sell more alcohol and keep the people there longer.”

According to Citizens For Safety Co-chairman Larry Simms, the group is concerned about the number of “liquor, beer and wine establishments cropping up all over the place,” and the number of alcohol related deaths and injuries, as well as the number of D.U.I.’s.

“When it came to our attention that the proprietors of this club, Mr. Bowman and whoever else is with him, were planning to open this establishment, which was just going to take it to the next level of what we consider indecency and lewd behavior, it just sort of began to be the nucleus to bring a group together to fight this. Where they’re wanting to put this club, there’s just no safe way for a person who’s been consuming alcohol to get in and out of this place.”

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Society tries to increase clout of twenty-something generation

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Concerned that the mounting national debt, environmental degradation and inner-city strife will devastate their lives in the next century unless drastic changes are made, a group of twentysomethin’ leaders are organizing on college campuses this fall to increase the political savvy and clout of young voters.

“The message is that our generation’s future is being sold out and unless young Americans become energized and more involved in the political process, we’ll have no one to blame but ourselves,” said Jonathan Karl, co-founder of the New York-based Third Millennium.

The non-partisan group has received a “tremendous response” since its opening salvoes were sounded in mid-July with the distribution of a declaration that calls for solutions to great ills in American society and politics, Karl said. Third Millennium received about 100 inquiries a day from interested people and in its first two weeks 300 people from 44 states and three Canadian provinces paid $9 to become members, he said.

Now Third Millennium will focus much of its energies on motivating 20- to 29-year-olds into political action, partly by reaching college students with its message. Karl said. He’ll be speaking at several campuses this fall, including California’s Chapman University, the University of Kansas and Princeton University, and the group will form chapters at schools across the country. The new chapters are expected to plan political awareness events on their campuses, including hosting 1994 congressional candidate debates and encouraging higher voter turnout among young people, who typically vote at a low rate.

David Stevens, a University of Kansas sophomore who is arranging Karl’s visit and helping organize a chapter, said that the Third Millennium’s message speaks directly to college students concerned about how issues such as the national debt will affect their futures and careers.

“If you ask most college students these days, their primary worry is whether the economy will support them once they leave college,” Stevens said. “This program offers some explanations about why things are this way and what needs to happen economically to improve things.”

The last time young people united to radically change American politics was in the 1960s when unrest about the Vietnam War and fear of being drafted into the military spurred college demonstrations around the country, eventually shifting public opinion to oppose the war. Will today’s 20-year-olds be as motivated by economic projections?

“Although the threats are not as visible as in the 1960s, the economic hardships they pose for the future are just as important to this generation,” Stevens said. “That’s the uphill battle—trying to show people that there is a threat out there that is just as menacing as your draft card coming up.”

In its declaration, the Third Millennium acknowledges that the Cold War and its threat of apocalypse is over but warns that “political and social time bombs threaten our fragile successes at home and abroad. Like Wile E. Coyote waiting for a 20 ton Acme anvil to fall on his head, our generation labors in the expanding shadow of a monstrous national debt.”

With a $4.4 trillion debt staring them in the face, this new generation has every reason to fear for the future and to do something about it, according to the declaration, which likens the debt to an unfair “taxation without representation” for future generations that will have to deal with its legacy.

Third Millennium calls for an end to deficit spending by 1999 and proposes that the United States begin paying off the debt

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According to Lusk, these safety concerns are compounded by the fact that the proposed site of the club lies outside the police jurisdictions of Weaver, Anniston and Jacksonville.

Weaver City Clerk Annette Estes said that the club will be solely within the jurisdiction of the Calhoun County Sheriff’s Department.

Bowman said that he plans to open the club, despite protests. He declined further comment on the grounds that is currently involved in a lawsuit with the Calhoun County Commission.

An employee of Bowman said that safety concerns about the club were unfounded, and said that there was no legal reason for the club not to open as scheduled.

“I don’t foresee a problem at all with (Bowman) getting a liquor license,” the employee said. “How can they refuse him? This establishment has had many liquor licenses in the past, the roads were the same width, the residents were the same.

“The Moose Lodge has seven to eight thousand members, and it’s right across from our driveway. How can they stop this thing?”

“Everybody is entitled to their own opinion,” the employee said. “That individual has the right to think and feel the way they want to, but as long as (Bowman) is in the bounds of the law, I don’t think a committee or anyone else has the right to do anything. This business is going to go over, and Bowman is going to be a taxpayer, and he is going to raise money for Calhoun County.”

Lusk, Simms and Citizens For Safety are determined to stop the club from becoming a reality. However, “We’re attacking this from various angles,” Simms said. “One angle is to help the safety of the community. The club is actually located in a flood plane, we know that is an issue. The roads going in and out of the community are very unsafe, especially for people who have been consuming alcohol.”

“We know that in areas that have these type of clubs, property values go down, and the crime wave goes up dramatically,” Simms said.

**Crime Related Activity**

- 9-2-93 Carolyn Holt, 20, Gadsden, was arrested and charged with harassment at UPD.
- 9-1-93 Lesia Rena Hann, 30, Ashland, Ala., was arrested and charged with harassment at UPD.
- 9-1-93 Jeff D. Myers, 22, of Lawrenceville, Ga., reported burglary.
- 8-31-93 Travis Dewayne Emory, 21, Anniston, was arrested and charged with giving a false name to a police officer.
- 8-31-93 Charles Christopher Wadkins, 21, Lafayette, Ala., was arrested and charged with DUI on Peltom Rd.
- 8-30-93 Jeffery Lamont Phillips, 21, Columbus, Ga., was arrested at Weatherly Hall for drinking in public.

**A+ system reforms teaching methods**

By Chris West
News Writer

Education majors standing on the pinnacle of graduation may soon find their future career changing dramatically.

Reforms for public secondary education seriously challenge the traditional methods of teaching. The Coalition for Better Education is attempting to institute a package, called A+, which will, over a period of years, radically overhaul the present teaching system. The package contains 14 individual points that will address if the state of Alabama adopts it.

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Although most people feel as though this is a step in the right direction, others disagree. "They (teachers) know their jobs. Why should they have to go back to school if they already have a degree?" said Beth Balcomb, also an education major. Most of the reforms will not affect post-secondary education directly. The only effect the college campus will witness is when it is full of students who were still in elementary or high school while these reforms were implicated.

Some people feel that these reforms are doing no more than liberating the present-day system, while others feel that we must make changes because our current methods aren’t effective enough. Perhaps the only solution to satisfying everyone is to try a little of it all and travel the most productive path.
by the year 2000. "We must stop incurring future generations for today's spending sprees. Everything must be put on the table: defense, entitlements, farm subsidies and, as a last resort, tax increases aimed at debt reduction," according to the declaration.

As part of its strong language, the declaration also goes on to call Social Security "a generational scam—fiscally unsound and generationally inequitable," since future generations are unlikely to reap the same benefits as today's retirees and may have to raise payroll taxes to as high as 40 percent to provide benefits for retirees 25 years from now. The 25-page document also examines urban strife, poverty, crime, education, welfare reform, and "our endangered environment" in its call for young people to become active and committed to curing these ills.

"Therefore, we as a generation, the generation that will come to power in the third millennium, must reaffirm our commitment to individual responsibility—for our actions and to our communities. The future of our country demands no less," the declaration ends.

Third Millennium is the result of a weekend retreat last spring which included young people from diverse backgrounds and political orientations, including Democrat, Republican and Perot supporters. Karl is a writer with Freedom House, an international human rights organization. Douglas Kennedy, son of the late Robert F. Kennedy, also attended. During the weekend retreat, the group discovered that however different its members, all shared some basic concerns and frustrations about the current political agenda.

"People come from all over the political spectrum. We find that there is a lot of common ground on the core future issues," Karl said. He calls the group "post-partisan" in that it doesn't endorse any political party—just solutions to shared concerns. He agreed its centrist ideology isn't likely to attract extreme liberal or right-wing activists and its declaration espouses putting some hot political issues such as abortion and capital punishment to the side so that attention can be focused on bottom-line problems such as the national economy.

An "absolute frustration with both political parties" led to Third Millennium's bold approach, Karl said, noting that Republicans in the group were disappointed with former President George Bush and many see "more of the same" with President Bill Clinton. The group isn't forming a third party—rather it's informing the current two parties that some things must change.

"We're sick of the labels, sick of the partisanship," he added. "If we are going to get over these serious problems that we face, then it's going to have to be on a bipartisan basis."

Michael Evans of the College Democrats of America contends that this approach is not the most effective way to deal with the nation's ills. "There are no non-partisan Congressmen and senators. To be effective in politics, you need to be in a party," he said. "Party politics works. It's not the only way to get something done, but it's very effective."

Evans also disagrees with Third Millennium's contention that today's young voters are powerless to influence national policy, citing the 1992 presidential election in which 11 million 18-to-24-year-olds voted. Of those votes, 5.5 million provided "the margin of victory for Clinton," Evans said.

"The young people we speak to already are very active," Evans said. "Maybe Third Millennium is looking in the wrong place."

Stacey Leyton of the U.S. Student Association said that today's college students are very active and argued that Third Millennium's organizers demonstrate little understanding of the problems of today's college students.

She noted that Third Millennium's declaration didn't include any recommendations about improving higher education.

"We're very concerned about the economy. Our generation is the first that will earn less than its parents," Leyton said.

For that reason, her group believes the federal government should be making a bigger investment in higher education by providing more financial aid. Financial aid grants in the past decade have decreased while college expenses increased, forcing many students to either drop out of college or to be burdened by heavy debt to complete their education.
WASHINGTON, D.C. — A new report by the Department of Education has students concerned over whether their school is on the list of 900 colleges and trade schools that may lose federal loan funding due to high student loan default rates.

For some of the threatened institutions, most of which are two-year, for-profit career schools, it could mean closing their doors, according to Stephanie Babyak, a spokesperson for the Department of Education.

The national default rate for federal student loans was 17.5 percent in 1991, the latest year figures were available, a decline from 22.4 percent in 1990.

“Defaults are one important measure of a school’s performance,” said U.S. Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley. “This year’s overall rate drop shows most schools are taking their jobs seriously, but many others must do better.”

A law enacted in 1989 makes it possible for the Department of Education to eliminate funding to any school with a default rate of at least 30 percent over three consecutive years. The new report reflects figures from 1989, 1990 and 1991.

“We want students to know if they have a loan, and their school is out, they can continue to use that loan,” Babyak said, noting that there are also special programs being set up that allow a student to continue his or her education at a neighboring school should a school close down.

“The schools can appeal and continue to receive funding until the appeal is exhausted,” Babyak said.

“Schools must offer financial counseling. People need to understand their obligations to repay, their rights and responsibilities as borrowers,” Babyak said, noting that in certain cases, students have not realized that a loan is not a grant, and that they had to pay back the money.

“It is also necessary for schools receiving funding to offer education and training to help students pay off their loans,” Babyak said.

Some schools aren’t doing this. They rush kids in the door, then out of the door,” she said.

Officials are concerned that many of the schools are not making certain the student gets the training necessary to hold a job to pay back the loan when they graduate, Babyak said.

In addition, colleges and trade schools must also make certain the student will benefit from the education. “For example, if a student doesn’t speak English well, they need to take English language classes,” she said. The department estimates that defaulted student loans will cost taxpayers $2.5 billion in the current fiscal year, down more than $1 billion from the 1991 total of $3.6 billion.

“By working closely with state agencies, we can better protect the taxpayers’ and students’ investment in education,” said David Longanecker, assistant secretary for postsecondary education.

In addition to identifying the schools that may be disqualified from federal aid programs, the department released lender, guaranty agency, and state-by-state default rates for the first time.

Students and parents with questions may contact the Federal Student Aid Information Center weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., EDT. The toll-free number is 1-800-4-FED-AID. Hearing impaired callers may use TDD 301-369-0518.
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Proposed school unnecessary

Alabama State Senator Doug Cheo is trying to revive the idea of an Anniston community college for the second time in two years. If we're lucky, city officials will drop this plan as quickly as the old one.

The educational facilities already in this area are perfectly capable of meeting all of the needs of the community. JSU is less than 15 miles away from Anniston for those students who are prepared for university level study but who don't want to leave home.

Students who don't feel ready for a four-year university have less than a thirty-minute drive to Gadsden State, or they can opt for the Anniston branch of Gadsden State.

JSU also has branches in Anniston, Oxford and Ft. Cello to meet the needs of individuals trying to balance work and school.

Both schools provide the entire community, not just traditional students, a chance to learn. Gadsden State has special classes for women planning to join the workforce, and JSU offers lectures for small business owners.

Continuing education classes at JSU and Gadsden State allow people a chance to expand their interests without seeking a degree. Also, most guest lectures and concerts are open to everyone.

Every field is covered in this area, so why create a college when there is no need? Politicians are pushing for it to please civic leaders. Civic leaders want it because they hope it will bring more money, but all it can possibly be is a financial drain on an already struggling state educational system.

Another community college is not economically feasible in this state. Alabama currently has 23 junior and community colleges, and we're struggling to provide adequate funding for what we have. Colleges are already competing for students in the face of declining numbers of college age people, which makes the operational cost per student increase. Why add to the economic burden?

Most of these schools were created by the man three of them are named for - former governor George C. Wallace. He reasoned that many high school graduates are not prepared for college, so community colleges could provide a middle step.

That was during the sixties and seventies. These are the nineties. If that reasoning still holds true, we need to examine the high schools in this state and provide them with the money they need to prepare students for life outside the schoolroom doors.

The bottom line is this: We don't need it, we can't afford it, and we don't want it.

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Make all students safe, welcome

Imagine crossing the street with only the sound of the cars to guide you. Imagine attending class if you cannot hear the teacher. It isn't easy, yet for many of the disabled students at JSU, it's every day life.

For the most part, the administration, students and faculty here are to be commended for their efforts to assist disabled students.

The University offers interpreters in the classroom for hearing impaired students and readers to assist visually impaired students. Special sign language classes do more than teach people to communicate, they also promote a better understanding of the hearing impaired.

But the University has failed to provide assistance where it is needed most.

Many of the crosswalks on this campus are dangerous for all pedestrians, but they are worse for visually impaired students.

The walk/don't walk signs at controlled intersections are not equipped with sound devices, and there are no crossing guards to assist those who cannot see the traffic.

Unless there are other people waiting at the intersection, visually impaired students have no way of knowing when the light has turned.

According to some visually impaired students, not all elevators are equipped with Braille labels, making it difficult for them to determine where they are.

Most of the students at JSU are considerate of the disabled students. They remember to watch for blind students with canes or guide dogs, and they offer assistance when it's needed. The readers and interpreters at Disabled Student Services are mainly students.

However, these students cannot make up for those who are consistently rude, thoughtless and sometimes cruel to their fellow students.

Last spring, several blind students complained about drivers in front of Sparkman Hall. People had made a game of stopping at the crosswalk, then revving their motors and inching into the walkway while blind students were crossing.

That would be annoying to any pedestrian, but it's terrifying to a person who cannot see the car to determine exactly where it is located.

Other students rudely stare at students communicating through sign language, sometimes mimicking their hand movements and their speech patterns. You know its rude, to eavesdrop when you can hear what people are saying, it should not be any different for a language you can see.

The majority of the students aren't cruel or rude, they're just thoughtless. A student sees an empty handicap parking space when he's running behind and he grabs it without thinking of the trouble he may cause someone else.

Some people think an open space in front of a crosswalk may be worth the $10 parking ticket. They don't realize they may be blocking the path of a visually impaired student who could be injured by bumping into the car or becoming disoriented by leaving the usual path.

Calling out to a guide dog is another thoughtless danger. When a guide dog is in harness, it's not a pet, it's a worker. Trying to pet a working dog or calling out to it on the sidewalk can distract it from its duties and endanger its owner.

When talking with a hearing impaired student, many of us forget to look directly at the person we are speaking with so he/she can read lips. Many students tend to leave the hearing impaired out of conversations because they feel uncomfortable about their differences.

Most of these situations are not life-threatening, but they are often inconvenient or embarrassing. So let's do our best to make JSU a safe and enjoyable environment for every student here.

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"What does it look like I'm doing? I'm making a patriotic contribution to the national health plan of course!"
Leave politics out of corn pone

My hero and professional role model, Chicago Tribune columnist Mike Royko, wrote an astounding piece recently. (And if this is stealing a column idea, then I'm at least stealing the best.)

According to Royko, at an auto giant in Normal, Ill., an executive asked the company that ran the plant's cafeteria to offer some more variety.

"Man cannot live by tuna paddy alone," wrote Royko.

So the cafeteria people decided to offer some Southern cooking one day. They picked the wrong day.

The Friday before the Monday holiday honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the cafeteria planned to serve barbecue ribs, black-eyed peas, grits and collards.

Two black employees at the plant, Royko further explained, went to see the executive and complained that such a meal, just two days before Dr. King's birthday, was a stereotyping of black dining habits.

They threatened a boycott of the meal.

The executive, also black, ordered the cafeteria people to offer some Southern cooking "dam good to me, a white man."

I grew up on soul food. We just called it country cooking. My grandmother cooked it. My mother cooked it. Friends cooked it. Still do. I might not have made it through my second heart operation if it hadn't been for the country cooking of one of the world's kindest ladies, Jackie Walburn, who delivered such food to me in the hospital.

And my friend Carol Dunn in Orlando has served me many an enchanting spread featuring her wonderful roast pork.

My Aunt Una cooked me fried chicken, speckled-heart butterbeans, turnip greens, mashed potatoes and creamed corn as recently as Thanksgiving eve.

The creamed corn, the best I ever ate, was provided by my Aunt Jesse.

I scour the world for this kind of food.

Hop Towns will serve you the best pan-fried cornbread you ever tasted in Nashville, and I've driven miles out of the way to taste the country cooking at New Perry Hotel in Perry, Ga., hometown of Sen. Sam Nunn.

Don't tell me serving food like that is an affront to the memory of Dr. King. What it would have been in Normal is a celebration of the sort of cooking that has been prevalent in the South, both for blacks and whites, for 200 years.

"Royko asked, "Next Columbus Day would it be an insult to serve spaghetti and meatballs?"

What a plate of hogwash, and I can get by with that. I have a pig in my own heart, and I can eat my share of barbecue ribs with anybody, black or white or whatever.

To charge stereotyping over food trivializes the King holiday. The man didn't give his life for something like that.

It's silly and it's stupid and it makes me want to throw up. Had I eaten meat loaf and egg rolls for lunch, I might.

I think Anniston needs a community college because it's not a small town. It's a community. I think instead of wanting to come to a university or go somewhere else ... they could go to a community college, start off better and then have their credits and come here.
"Alex" never thought he'd be augmenting his college education fund in such a fruitful way. But after seeing a student on "Donahue" who was putting himself through college by donating sperm, Alex said he remembers thinking it sounded like an appealing idea.

The $25 or $50 Alex receives for a cupful of his sperm at University of California-Davis isn't exactly going to solve a student's financial worries, but it is a pretty simple way to earn a buck.

Alex is one of the many students whose participation as a sperm donor helps supply semen for various ongoing research and fertility programs operating out of the UCD Medical Center.

The university regularly buys sperm for purposes of artificially inseminating women who cannot otherwise conceive a child, according to Dr. James Overstreet, a professor in the division of reproductive biology and medicine.

Participants in this program receive $50 for producing a sample of their sperm. And because the donor and his sperm sample are put through a critical screening process, it can be an effective method of determining the health and potency of the donor's sperm.

"That's another great thing about this program," Alex said. "I found out that I have good stuff. You know, good testosterone level." Candidates must first undergo an exhaustive screening process which evaluates them genetically and traces three generations of their family genealogy before the program accepts them, Overstreet said.

Overstreet added that a candidate's physical makeup can also be a factor in his eligibility.

"We try to match the physical characteristics of a donor with those of the infertile couple," he said. "We want a variety of physical characteristics in the donors."

The artificial insemination program maintains the anonymity of both the donor and the recipients.

"Participants get paid, but they have to meet the requirements." -- Dr. John Gould

"In law, (the donor) is not the natural father of the child," Overstreet said.

Alex, however, said he realized that the notion of even indirectly impregnating a woman was troubling to him.

"It's not like a firmly thought, 'I don't want kids of mine running around out there.' But I was having enough of a problem with it that I didn't want to make a decision that I would regret later," he said.

Instead, Alex opted to donate his sperm for medical research purposes, a task for which he collects $25.

Dr. John Gould, assistant professor for the Department of Urology, said that a donor such as Alex can expect his sperm to be used in numerous clinical studies on male infertility.

"These (research) samples are usually used as controls in a variety of experiments that look at sperm functions," he said.

Gould is currently conducting research for a pharmaceutical company that creates a drug to treat prostate enlargement in older men.

"The purpose of the study is to examine the effects of this drug on male fertility -- specifically young, healthy male volunteers," Gould said.

Participants are expected to take either the FDA-approved drug or a placebo for a 60-week period, during which they receive $1,000 for 21 sperm samples.

"Participants get paid for doing it, but they have to meet the requirements," Gould said.

Gould said he recognizes the emotional aspect of being involved in any of the sperm donor programs -- especially as an infertile recipient of donated sperm.

"People have difficulty coming in and talking about infertility," he said. "Semen is not like urine, blood or mucus. We endow it with a special quality. There's a sensitivity to this."

For Alex, however, the act of handing someone a cupful of semen over to someone is no big deal.

"You've got to realize these people do it for a job," Alex said. "It's not like you're handing it to just anyone. They wear gloves and everything."
Another uneven adaptation for King

It was one of those movies that was troubled from the start. When Castle Rock Entertainment first optioned the Stephen King novel “Needful Things” for a film adaptation, the world was in its proper orbit and all was well. Larry Cohen, who had adapted two other King properties, “Carrie” and the massive “It,” into brilliant release and the promise from lead. Reiner left to work on “A Few Good Men,” and Peter Yates, another fine director, took the reins. Obviously neither did the film.

Top it all off with a summer release and the promise from Columbia Pictures of a big promotional send-off. I smelled a blockbuster.

But, alas, it was not meant to be. Yates stayed on as executive producer, Stephen King slated to direct. And would you believe it? Max von Sydow, a legendary actor, was to play the lead.

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Bart Bell, a cyclist who once trained for the Olympics, has returned to JSU to complete his education after a serious accident last year put his plans on hold.

Bell began racing in 1985 as an amateur. When he graduated from high school, he was accepted by the U.S. Olympic committee to attend a preliminary olympic discovery camp in Colorado. Out of approximately 500 participants, only two candidates were selected to continue — Bell and cyclist David Hartman.

Bell continued his intense training, and in 1988 he claimed his first major victory as the first place national champion in Houston, Tx. Bell continued his successful cycling record in Belgium where he finished fifth in the world. "That's when everything took off," says Bell. "I have traveled 31 different countries in the past seven years."

An accident that left him in a coma interrupted Bell's cycling career. Since his recovery, he has returned to JSU to complete his education. "My next objective is to become a doctor," Bell says. "I intend to finish school with the same intensity that I had in cycling."

Bell has set high standards for himself in life after cycling. "My main goal is to be the best I can be. Not one to focus on his broken dreams, Bell says, "Part of my young life was taken away from me by cycling. Since my injury, I have to continue my education and not just be an athlete."

Bell credits his success to his family because they stood behind him and pushed him. However, he considers his grandfather to be his hero. "My grandfather passed on some words of wisdom to me which always remain in my mind. 'Don't lie. Don't cheat. Don't steal.' But his most meaningful advice is more direct, 'And don't quit.'"

— Clavius K. Gresham
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The Rebirth of a Tradition--Fall '93
I originally thought I was going to be a teen-ager. Now I'm a genius, but I'm a misunderstood genius.

What's misunderstood about you?

Nobody thinks I'm a genius.
The two point conversion failed giving JSU a 12-0 lead.  "Dropping the snap on the first extra point," Burgess said, "and then not getting it in on the second one, that's not recommended."

At this point it seemed as if the Gamecocks were well on their way to posting another big win, but they ran into a brick wall, now known as the Henderson State defensive line, who held JSU to

**SCORE BY QUARTERS**

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**JSU -- Pilot 70-yd pass from Robinson (run failed)**

**JSU -- Richardson 7-yd run**

**JSU -- Stinson 3-yd run (Moses kick)**

...only 145 yards in the final three and a half quarters of the game.

"They gave us a defensive front that we didn't expect," Burgess said, "and that's where the scoring stopped and the defensive struggle began.

**Jacksonville State 12**

**Henderson State 7**

Jax State moved the ball into HSU territory four times in the second quarter, but could not capitalize on any of them. The best opportunity of the quarter was missed when Lee Sutherland missed his second 41-yard field goal attempt.

The second half was much like the first, with Jax State trying to take advantage of HSU mistakes. Linebacker Willie Jeffett intercepted an errant Dexter Nelson pass and returned it to the Reddie 40-yard line. The Gamecocks came up empty again when Sutherland missed his second 41-yard field goal attempt.

"Lee Sutherland is going to be a heck of a kicker," Burgess said. "I thought for the first time in a game, he did real well.

Early in the fourth quarter, Stinson rambled 32 yards to the JSU 33-yard line, but that was all the Reddies had to offer. On fourth down from the Jax State 29, Nelson's pass to Tommy Moses was stopped for a 2-yard loss by linebacker Bo Bo Horton.

The JSU defense held the Reddies in check in the rest of the way, sealing their first win of the season.

"We just played a good football team," Burgess said, "and we had 12 and they had 7." The Gamecocks play their second home game of the season, and their last for a while, as they face Alabama A&M Saturday night at 7.

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**A word to the fans:** The game is not over at halftime.

First and ten Gamecocks, and with ten minutes left in the third quarter, half of the student section is getting up to leave.

In past years, I could understand leaving...well, not understand it, but live with it...for the Gamecocks have often led by as many as forty-nine points at this juncture. However, this game was a little different. You see, the score was 12-7, and Henderson State had the ball.

As the mass exodus started, I really could not believe my eyes. People were leaving and voices could be heard in the night air.

"Are you going to Brother's tonight? Where are you going first? Are you going to the liquor store?"

In my four years of experience at JSU, I know that parties do not start until after ten o'clock and the Bucks do not start their first set at Brother's until around ten-thirty. People were leaving at 8:30.

Maybe I should not be upset about it, but I am. Football games are not places to be seen, or a fashion show, they are a place to show support for your school, have fun with your friends, and get a little bit rowdy.

Students weren't the only ones guilty of this infraction. The 'Home side' of the stadium, or should I say the side the Southerners play to, was more than half empty as well. I guess you can't schedule a game on the same day that Alabama plays.

Only two really big upsets this past weekend, South Carolina upended Georgia 23-21 and Washington buried Stanford 31-14. Those were my only two misses for an 8 and 2 record, not bad for a rookie.

Here's how I see the big games this weekend:

**Jacksonville State 31...Alabama A&M 7**

Jax State should have no problem with the Bulldogs Saturday night. A&M returns 10 starters from a team that finished 3-8 last season. Look for the Gamecock offense to rebound from a slow start to put some big numbers on the board, and the explosive A&M band should be able to move down the field better than the Bulldog defense.

**Alabama 24...Vanderbilt 13**

On the Bear's birthday the Crimson Tide will be lucky to get out of Vanderbilt Stadium alive. The Tide will have to get the crowd out of the game early or it might be a long afternoon for Bama fans. Alabama will have to deal with one of the most vociferous crowds in the SEC, but should overcome a slow start for the victory. Look for David Palmer to return a punt for a touchdown.

**Auburn 41...Samford 3**

Can you say outmanned?
Defense will win you football games as the Gamecocks proved this week, and it’s only fitting that the first Chanticleer Player of the Week for the 1993 season should come from the vaunted “Red-Bandit” defense. The award goes to No. 30, junior outside linebacker Willie Jett.

Jett played an outstanding game, helping the Gamecock defense limit Henderson State to only 186 yards of total offense and seven points. He made four solo tackles, intercepted a pass, and even recovered a fumble. The interception was de’ja’-vu for Jett.

“It was just like two years ago (in the opening game), (Defensive end) Mondreco Blair was trippin’ on me to get one tonight in warm-ups,” Jett revealed, “and I got one.”

Although the game was ugly, Jett was pleased with the defenses’ performance.

“I think we came out sluggish at first,” Jett said, “but we showed them typical Jax State defense.”

That hard nose, shove the ball down their throat defense is what Willie Jett is all about. The Jax State media guide calls Willie Jett “a player who gives everything he’s got on every play,” and he proved that time and again Saturday night.

Jett is a junior from Eufaula, Alabama and is majoring in Pre-Business.

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Jacksonville
Former JSU twin standouts return as coaches

Eddie Birch
Sports writer

Former JSU women’s basketball standouts Dana Bright Austin and Jana Bright McGinnis have returned to JSU as head coaches.

Austin is the new women’s head basketball coach, taking over the position vacated by Tony Mabrey, the new top assistant for the men’s program. McGinnis is now Jacksonville State’s head softball coach.

Over the course of their playing careers at JSU, Austin and McGinnis led the Lady Gamecocks to a 98-22 record, four NCAA Tournament appearances, and one Division II South Region championship in 1991.

Austin is JSU’s all-time leading scorer with 2,128 points, while McGinnis holds Gulf South Conference records for single season assists with 204 in 1991 and for career assists with 603.

During the completion of their Lady Gamecock basketball careers in 1991, the twins served one year under Coach Mabrey as graduate assistants, but they then chose different paths. Austin, who grew up with her sister in the shadow of Jacksonville State in nearby Piedmont, Alabama, accepted the job as head women’s basketball coach at White Plains High School for the 1992-93 season, but she always knew where she wanted to be.

“I felt honored and quite privileged to have been asked to apply for the job,” Austin said, “I was ecstatic because my heart has been here for the last six or seven years.”

McGinnis took over the reigns of Cherokee County High School’s women’s basketball program in 1993, and promptly led the team to the Class 4A state championship. Although Cherokee County did not have a softball team, McGinnis has played the sport since childhood. She has worked with many youth softball camps, from which she will draw her experience.

Surprised was the word McGinnis used to describe her feelings on being offered a collegiate head coaching job so early in her career.

“It has always been one of my goals to coach at the college level. Jacksonville State is where we (Austin and herself) played our college career. It is our home,” McGinnis said, “and the place that we love. We always had dreams (of coaching here), but we never expected it to happen at this young of an age.”

The two new head coaches are getting acquainted with their teams at this point. However, from her discussions with Coach Bonds, Austin feels that the Lady Gamecock basketball team has a good group of returning players. There are also three incoming freshmen who Austin thinks will make an impact during the upcoming season.

“Jacksonville State is where we played our college careers. It is our home and the place that we love.”

--Jana Bright McGinnis
JSU Head Softball Coach

McGinnis’ softball team held its first meeting Sept. 2, so it would be difficult to predict how the team will perform. However, there are four talented freshmen joining an experienced squad.

“We’ve got some young talent and we’ve got some senior leadership with great talent and great experience. Combine those two and I feel like we could have a good year,” said McGinnis.

Returning to coach at JSU so soon after graduating, Austin will be coaching one former teammate.

“Although at first I thought it might be a little awkward, I look at it as a coach/student relationship,” said Austin, “It has worked out very well.”

Both first year coaches face the task of trying to move their respective programs toward the Div. 1 level. Rather than tackling a Div. 1 schedule immediately, the teams will add Div. I opponents at a time over the next couple of seasons.

The softball team has such Div. I schools as Tennessee Tech and Austin Peay on its schedule, and it is the only Div. II team participating in Georgia State’s tournament. Their season begins Feb. 22, while the Lady Gamecocks’ basketball squad opens its season Nov. 22 at 7 p.m. against the Lady Bulldogs of Alabama A&M.

In addition to Austin and McGinnis, and the move of Coach Mabrey to men’s basketball team, there is one other significant coaching change. Head golf coach James Hubbs relinquished his job as assistant men’s basketball coach, and is now Jacksonville State’s Compliance Director. He will continue to coach the golf team, which won back to back Gulf South Conference Championships in 1992 and 1993, but will also assist all JSU coaches in the interpretation of Div. I standards and track athletes’ academic progress.

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