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Enrollment improvement plan in effect

Administration looks to high school seniors to fill gaps in enrollment

Jamie Cole
Managing Editor

Just call it a bonding experience.

That's what JSU administrators hoped to achieve with last Saturday's visitation day, and there was some major bonding going on, to the tune of about 300 high school seniors who showed up to sign up.

Entering freshmen, still high school seniors, were allowed to get a start on their college degrees even before they get their high school diplomas. Most freshmen signed up for core classes, but some even declared majors.

Enrollment on the decline

The well-publicized enrollment drop over the last two years was even worse this year (see graph). With more than a five percent drop in enrollment this past fall, JSU decided to incorporate the help of a professional educational advisement firm, Noel and Levitz. One of their suggestions was not only telephone registration for present students, but early registration for high school seniors. JSU implemented that policy this semester for freshman visita-

tion days.

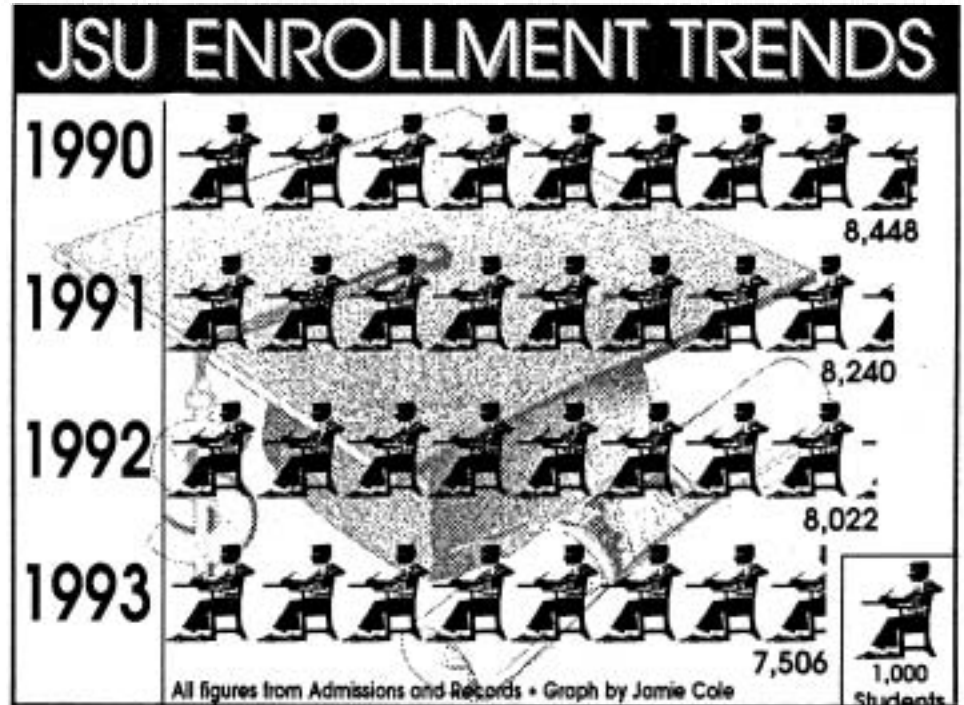
"Let's face it, times are not real rosy here, enrollment-wise," said Jerry Smith, Dean of Admissions and Records. "A lot of things are happening. And a good marketing tool is to give these high school students an opportunity for early registration. We're trying to get those people to bond to JSU."

Core classes were the hot item Saturday, with 147 high school seniors registering for English Composition alone. One section is 96 percent full, leaving only a few seats open, with some others as much as 25 percent full.

Other heavy registration focused on low level math courses, such as College Algebra. One section was 40 percent full, while others averaged around 15 percent.

Class closings a 'non-issue'

Some students have expressed concern over the number of seats filled in the classes. One adviser on campus said she felt it was unfair to the students already here at JSU to allow high school seniors priority registering. "The whole idea of pre-registration is to allow juniors and seniors priority," she said. "There are a few courses they may



have problems with as a result of this early high school registration."

Smith disagrees with that concept. "A college senior has had four years of opportunity to take the course. If a college senior is bothered because a high school senior is registered for Math 102 (College Algebra), I have a hard time feeling sympathy for that person."

Despite concern, Smith says entering freshmen registration is a "non-issue." "If we're looking at filled classes, and we're looking at students who need those classes, we're going to come up with something, I guarantee you that," he said. "That something will either be an alternate course, or

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Students enjoy Punch Line Comedy Club. The comedy game show was held at TMB

last week. Kirby Swenson was the big winner.

CJ video focuses on rape

Melanie Lynn Jones
Editor in Chief

One out of every eight American women has been raped, but the majority of those crimes go unreported and unprosecuted. Why? In many cases, it is because the investigation and trial only add to the emotional trauma.

To help ease that process, students in JSU's criminal justice department are working with Television Services to produce a training video they will market in trade magazines.

Robert Benson, a criminal justice instructor, said the video will teach police officers the best way to question a rape victim. The video will portray the wrong way, and then show the right way. "The first thing in the movie is a police officer saying, 'Tell me about this

alleged rape,'" Benson said. That is the wrong way. "The wrong way is a lack of sympathy and understanding. (Rape) is the most traumatic experience anyone can go through and still be alive."

Benson said the interview with the victim is a critical part of the investigation, but it is also a problem. Immediately following a rape, the victim needs professional care in the form of counseling and medical treatment. "But at the same time," Benson said, "we have the needs of police to get the story. Neither can wait."

The police need to talk to the victim as soon as possible, Benson said, because victims often "bury the events in the psyche" as a way of coping with the trauma. They feel that if they cannot remember

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

•The Episcopal Campus Ministry now holds its weekly meeting on 6 p.m. Wednesday nights. Also, the ECM center is now open between 3-9 p.m. on weekdays.

•Spring Volleyball leagues are forming now at Anniston's Lenlock Community Center. Deadline for registration in the Co-Ed league is March 7. Players may form their own team or enter as individuals. For more information, call Lenlock Community Center at 231-7626.

•Seniors may obtain registration forms for the BASE exam in the Office of Assessment, 216 Ayers Hall.

Dates for the exam are as follows:

- Feb. 26 8:30-12:30 p.m. 23 Ayers Hall
- March 8 5:30-9:30 a.m. Inzer Hall, JSU Gadsden.
- March 14 5:30-9:30 a.m. Rm. 23, Ayers Hall.
- March 15 5:30-9:30 a.m. Rm. 23, Ayers Hall.
- March 19 8:30-12:30 a.m. Rm. 23, Ayers Hall.
- March 23 5:30-9:30 a.m. Rm. 23, Ayers Hall.
- March 24 5:30-9:30 a.m. Rm. 23, Ayers Hall.

•The SGA will hold an election forum at 6 p.m. Feb. 28 in TMB auditorium. SGA elections will be held from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. March 8 and 9 on the fourth floor of TMB.

•There will be an exhibition of JSU art students work from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. March 1 through 16, Monday through Friday, at Hammond Hall Art Gallery. There will be an opening reception from 7 - 9 p.m. March 1. Light refreshments will be served and the winners for best work will be announced. The show consists only of JSU student art work that has been accepted into the show by the JSU art faculty. There will be no charge for admission. For more information contact Steve Loucks at 782-5708 or Charles Groover at 782-5626.

CAMPUS CRIME DOCKET

- 2-21. Mellisa D. Kaylor reported theft of property at Sparkman Hall.
- 2-21. William Craig Raber reported theft of property at Dixon Hall.
- 2-17. Sgt. Rick Tubbs reported a minor in possession of alcohol.
- 2-17. Johnathon Atmore Wilson, 20, of Jacksonville was arrested in the parking lot of Luttrell Hall and charged with illegal possession of alcohol
- 2-17. Jason Reynolds reported a civil disturbance at Salls Hall.
- 2-17. Elizabeth Glenn Reid reported criminal mischief at Houston Cole Library.
- 2-16. Jann Anderson reported disorderly conduct and public intoxication at Patterson Hall.
- 2-16. Lyonel LaGrone, 21, of Michigan, was arrested at Patterson Hall and charged with public intoxication.

Place your bets! Casino gambling coming to JSU

Mike Canada
Staff writer

Casino gambling is coming to JSU.

For one night, gamblers won't have to travel to Vegas or Biloxi to test their luck or spend their money. They can place their wagers on campus, in Leone Cole auditorium, beginning March 2.

Citizens need not worry, there are no Mafia influences at work here. This "casino" is a fundraiser, sponsored by the SGA. According to Emily Hawk, Chairwoman of the Academic Affairs Committee, all proceeds will go toward the purchase of computers for the planned student lab in Houston Cole library.

Casino Night begins at 6:30,

when comedian Vic Henley takes the stage. The games begin an hour later. Admission is \$3 for students, \$5 for the general public.

"When students pay their \$3, they will be given play money to gamble with," Hawk said. "We'll have craps, roulette, five-card stud, bingo and blackjack."

Participants will also be able to buy more "money" from the "house bank".

Players will have a chance to win door-prizes throughout the night.

"Local businesses have donated cash, CDs, gift certificates for lunches and dinners, passes to City Stages and the Talladega Speedway, and so much more," said Hawk. "We plan to give away

over 100 prizes."

At 10 p.m., the games will end and gamblers will use their winnings to purchase the "big prizes." Local businesses, such as Wal-Mart, Diamond Dave's and the Sports Nut have donated prizes such as: a VCR, an oriental rug, a 19-inch television and other items for the fund-raiser. According to Hawk, much of Jacksonville has been involved with Casino Night. "We've had a lot of donations and all of the games will be operated by JSU faculty, staff and administration."

"Our goal is to raise \$7,000 for the computer lab. We've raised \$3,000 already. Hopefully we'll make around \$2,000 with Casino Night," Hawk said. "We'd like to raise more."



Sophia Bryant pulls the cards at last week's SGA sponsored spades

tournament. The tournament took place after the Comedy Club activities.

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if there is no other option, we will find a way to cover that student."

Smith says there are only a handful of schools trying the "Cold Weather Orientation" program as advised by the Noel and Levitz firm. "This activity is not meant to replace Orientation. There will still be an orientation to campus, this is just an early bonding experience," said Smith.

Already college students

Some students even left the visitation day with JSU identification cards, already registered with JSU student numbers. At a time when some high school seniors have not decided which college to attend, these students have already established a college identity.

Aimee Brock, a high school senior from Hokes

Bluff, declared her major in communication at JSU Saturday. "I don't think it's too early to register," said Brock, "but I do think it's too early to declare majors for some people. Honestly, I don't know what I'll be doing in school."

Brock said the early registration made her feel more relaxed about the college experience. "I know where I'm going, for sure," she says.

Several faculty advisers were on hand to deal with the new incoming freshmen's questions, and to advise them on class choices, just like at Summer Orientation.

Smith said he hopes JSU will continue to hold registration for high school seniors at an early date. "I think it's a good thing," he said, "and I'm glad to be a part of it."

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"A free press is the unsleeping guardian of every other right that free men prize; it is the most dangerous foe of tyranny."

--Winston Churchill

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New law prohibits newspaper theft

Chanticleer staff reports
and College Press Service

Large-scale confiscations of student newspapers has prompted the Maryland Legislature to consider a bill that would make thefts of publications for the purpose of censorship illegal.

The Student Press Law Center submitted testimony on behalf of the legislation, which "will help the public fight a growing effort to censor newspapers by stealing them," according to Mark Goodman, who heads the student media advocacy group based in Washington, D.C.

"Regrettably, many school administrators and law enforcement officials have treated newspaper theft as an insignificant prank, if they have reacted to it at all," Goodman said.

Even though the newspapers are free, thefts still exact a price, he said. "Thefts represent the loss of thousands of dollars to cover the costs of reprinting stolen publications or advertising

revenue that had to be refunded, money that the college press rarely has to spare," Goodman said.

Under the bill introduced by state Sen. Howard Denis, a Republican lawmaker from Montgomery County, anyone caught stealing free newspapers with the intent of destroying or trashing the publications for censorship purposes would face a misdemeanor charge, punishable by a \$500 fine, 18 months in prison or both. Similar legislation was introduced in the state House of Representatives.

The bills were introduced after student newspapers were stolen from distribution points at the University of Maryland's College Park and Baltimore County campuses.

Gregg Ginsberg, acting general manager of *The Retriever* at the University of Maryland-Baltimore County, testified before a Senate committee Jan. 24 that several hundred copies of student newspaper were taken in December 1993 by students protesting the paper's editorial content,

which they viewed as being racially insensitive.

Drew Weaver, editor to *The Diamondback*, the student newspaper of the University of Maryland-College Park, testified that an estimated 10,000 issues were confiscated Nov. 1, 1991 by students protesting racism. Two suspects in that case must face university judicial proceedings and face expulsion if found guilty.

Ginsberg and Jay Livingston, executive editor of *The Retriever*, also said they were pressured by some university administrators to downplay the incident.

Similar situation at JSU

A similar incident occurred at JSU in the fall semester of 1992. Thousands of copies of *The Chanticleer* began disappearing from distribution bins after a controversial editorial was printed. Though the newspaper thieves weren't caught in the act, hundreds of copies of the

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it, it cannot hurt them.

The need for immediacy often makes the police seem impatient and inconsiderate, but the way some officers approach the questioning can make it even worse. "All too often police would take the attitude of, 'It's your fault,'" Benson said.

That is the type of attitude the video will teach officers to avoid. "I tell students to be sympathetic," Benson said. "Men cannot be empathetic, they can't feel it, but they need to be sympathetic." For officers who are terribly cynical, Benson teaches, "Even if you are not sympathetic, you need to act like you are."

Video will center on victim, initial interview

The wrong attitude can carry a heavy price, both for the victim and for justice. "There is no court and no conviction. That is the bottom line ..." Benson said. If the victim did not feel the police believe her respect her, she may believe attorneys, judges and juries would treat her the same way. Pressing charges may seem futile, causing her to relive the trauma for no reason.

The way police handle the initial interview can influence the entire case. "We're hoping our little video will shed some light on this."

Students involved in every aspect

Benson said the video will be more than a broad-based learning tool. It is a project of Lambda Alpha Epsilon, the criminal justice society. LAE and Television Services will split the cost and the profits, and while Television Services is providing professional direction and casting, Benson said he hopes to involve students in every aspect of the production. In fact, the 30-minute script was written by Mike Canada, a JSU sophomore.

The students will market the video through several national trade magazines, but learning, not profit, is the primary goal. "If we break even, we will be enormously happy. If we make a nickel, we'll be even happier. ...Even if we don't make any money ... I still think it will be worth it."

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paper ended up being burned on the Homecoming bonfire later the same evening. Papers also disappeared the next week.

The authorities were notified, but there was no precedent set concerning the matter. JSU police said that no theft had occurred since the newspapers were free.

Lloyd Dobyns, a JSU visiting professor, disagrees. "It is a First Amendment issue," he said. "Not only does the staff have a right to print the news, the audience has a right to read it. It was not a criminal issue."

Meanwhile, in another newspaper confiscation case in Louisiana, criminal mischief charges were dropped against a former student government association president who was accused of taking part in the March 1993 theft of thousands of copies of *The Lion's Roar* at Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond, La.

Judge James Kuhn dismissed the charges against Mark Morice, saying the state did not prove beyond a reasonable doubt that Morice had taken part in the newspaper thefts.

Morice, former SGA president and student delegate to the Board of Trustees for State Colleges and Universities, graduated in December. He was indicted by a grand jury for allegedly inciting pledges at the Delta Tau fraternity to remove copies of the March 4 edition of *The Lion's Roar* because it contained an article critical of his SGA administration. According to police reports, several witnesses said Morice told them the article could hurt his chances for re-election as SGA president.

In his ruling, Kuhn noted that another student, Ryan Pruett, testified that Morice had asked him to steal the newspapers but had later rescinded the request. Pruett said he took the newspapers despite Morice's request. The judge also criticized university officials for failing to resolve the theft on campus internally and choosing instead to pursue criminal charges.

Winners announced

From staff reports

James Winfrey was the big winner in last week's Black History trivia contest at TMB.

The contest, sponsored by the JSU African American Association, was a part of the celebration of Black History Month.

Each dorm held a separate contest. Students were required to answer questions about black history. The winner of each individual contest then advanced to the final round of competition, which was Feb. 17 at TMB.

Individual winners were: Dixon Hall-James Winfrey; Luttrell Hall-Kelcey Lucas and Chris Stewart; Crow Hall-Marcellous Cook; Fitzpatrick Hall-Laticia Crusoe and Alisha Cahill; Sparkman Hall-Sharon Hawkins. James Winfrey correctly answered 23 out of 25 questions taking first place.

Winfrey received prizes from the Village Inn, the JSU book store, the Jacksonville Book Store, and the UPC.

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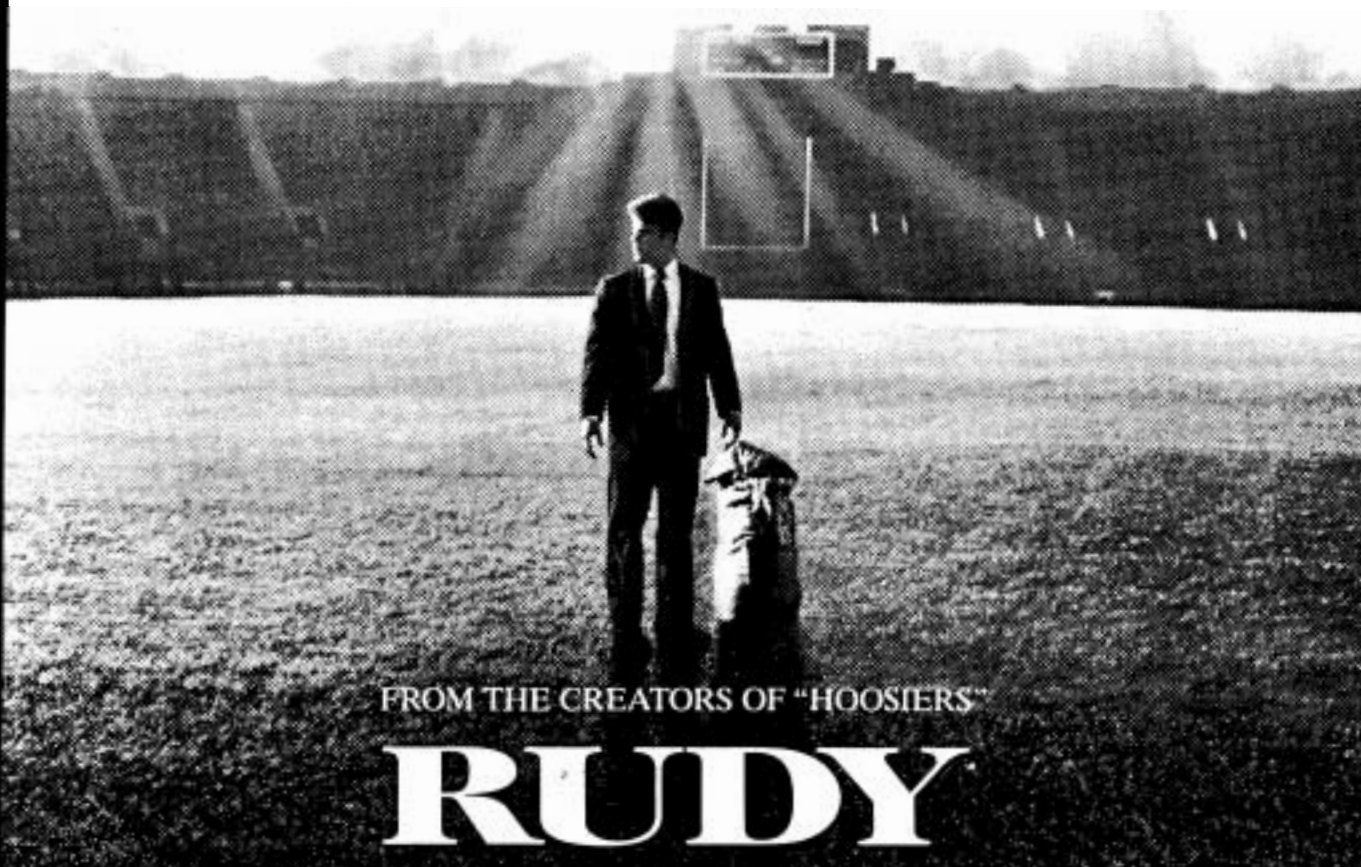
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OPINIONS

Take responsibility for each other, use buddy system

Every year thousands of parents send their children off to JSU. They know their children will gain independence, but they also expect a certain amount of protection. That is especially true of students with known health problems.

This year two students have been found dead on or near campus. Both had been dead for more than 24 hours. Both had been diagnosed with chronic health problems. A dorm director found one during a fire drill, and police found the other after calls from concerned friends and family.

JSU needs a program to check up on students who live alone, particularly those with life-threatening illnesses. If discovered early enough, other students might be saved. If not, at least it could save family members and friends the anguish of knowing their child or friend lay dead and alone for days before anyone thought to look for him.

A buddy system would be easy to initiate. Any student with a serious illness should be able to register with Williams Infirmary and, if he lives on campus, residence life. Registration should include the student's name and home number, his address and phone number in Jacksonville, the nature of his illness, a list of medications, his doctor's name and who to contact in case of an emergency. The student's class and activity schedule could be updated every semester.

If the student called at a given time each day, or if someone called him, the program would provide an easy way to make sure the student was not having problems. If he/she were having complications due to illness, it could provide a reminder to visit the doctor. If he/she failed to call, someone would know there was a problem.

Until the University sets up a formal system, students can take care of each other. Students with health problems who live alone could give a friend the same information they would use to register with a program. If they don't call by a designated time, the friend could double check, and then call his/her parents to see if they knew of a schedule change. If things do not seem right, the campus police have said they would be glad to check on a student if there is some concern.

All of this may seem like the thoughts of a pessimist: a lot of work to prevent a problem that may never occur. It may seem like busywork, but if it could save one student's life, or one parent's anguish, wouldn't it be worth it?

Condom ads show half-truths

MELANIE LYNN JONES
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The federal government has launched a multi-million dollar advertising campaign to prevent the spread of AIDS, but instead they are spreading lies.

The commercials use the latest technology to promote the use of condoms among sexually active young people. One features a cute little animated walking condom that jumps out of a dresser drawer and onto a bed for the theme, "Wouldn't it be nice if condoms were automatic." The animation makes me wonder exactly what age group are they targeting here. They say 18 to 22, but it looks much more like 12.

The animation isn't really the problem though, it is the overall message. Although the small print at the end of the commercial tell us condoms are not 100 percent effective, the voice over boldly states, "The use of latex condoms has been proven to prevent the spread of AIDS." WRONG. There is a word missing in that sentence, and that word is "help." They only thing proven to always prevent the transmission of AIDS through sexual contact is abstinence. Simply stated, no sexual contact.

Everyone says you cannot tell young people not to have sex, so you just have to tell them how to have sex safely.

First of all, you certainly cannot order young people not to have sex, but sex can certainly be discouraged.

Secondly, it is great to tell people how to protect themselves, as long

as you tell them the full truth. Nothing offers full and complete protection against AIDS.

That is not to say you might as well not use a condom. Not by any means. Researchers place the effectiveness of condoms at anywhere between 75 and 90 percent. You are still taking a chance, but the correct use of latex condoms does greatly minimize the risk.

Sex education doesn't mean telling young people, "If you are going to do it, use a condom," but that is all this new string of commercials has to say. Unfortunately, it is all many young people hear.

When you hand out free condoms with a pamphlet, who can say for sure people will read the pamphlet. The effectiveness of condoms is already questionable, but improper usage makes it even more of a problem. Everyone knows you are supposed to use them, but few people are going to take the time to read directions in the heat of passion. That is why it is important to sit down with young people and make sure they know all there is to know ahead of time.

Sex education is failing students in another area as well. Adults would be surprised to know how many young people think they are protected against AIDS if they use any form of birth control. AIDS is spread through the ex-

change of bodily fluids, not by sperm or eggs. Birth control pills and implants stop the release of eggs, but there is still a full exchange of bodily fluids. Sponges and diaphragms block sperm to some extent, but only after the fluid has entered the body. Spermicides kill the sperm, but have no affect on the spread of AIDS. The so-called "natural" forms of birth control offer no protection against AIDS, and very little against pregnancy for that matter.

The only proven protection against AIDS is the use of latex condoms (and only latex), and there is still some risk.

The bottom line is that more open communication is needed, and sometimes that means telling people they are placing their lives in the hands of their sexual partners, and even with a condom, that takes a lot of trust. People need to know that the best protection is abstinence, second best is monogamous sex with a latex condom, and so on down the ladder.

Making a statement does not always constitute communication. To communicate, both sides must understand what is being said. Telling people to use condoms is easy. That way you can avoid the embarrassing questions, the moral issues, and ultimately, the truth.

To go back to the animated condom commercial: wouldn't it be nice if wisdom were automatic too?



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to a letter published in last week's *Chanticleer*. I too am a heterosexual Christian, and I hope that by this one person's comments the rest of us are not given a bad name.

It seems as though, lately, issues concerning gays and lesbians are topics of discussion everywhere.

The issue of sexual orientation is not an issue similar to most. This is an issue involving people. You can choose to be for or against drinking. When you choose to be for or against ho-

mosexuals, you choose to be for or against drinking. When you choose to be for or against homosexuals, you choose to be for or against people whom God created and loves just as much as you or I.

God has not put us in the place of judgment. He has reserved that right only for Himself.

We, as Christians, are called to love others. I read once that "loving is a commitment to treating people as Jesus would treat them if He was in our place."

To me, that means that we are to love all people, not just those who are like us. It also means

those who are of a different race, culture, socio-economic class, religion and sexual orientation than we are.

I am not saying that the homosexual act is not a sin. What I am saying is that what someone else does in their bedroom or feels toward another person, same sex or not, is none of mine or your business.

When I can stand before God or anyone else and I am no longer a sinner, then, maybe, I have the right to tell someone else they are wrong.

God bless,
Megan Keller

Dear Editor:

In reference to the letter written last week by Tim Higgins, I would like to respond simply by saying that I do not wish to participate in a battle through the media with anyone.

Since that letter by Tim was published I have met with him personally and would gladly do the same with anyone else who has a problem with the SGA or myself.

By no means have I ever claimed to be perfect, and I would welcome advice from anyone who wants to state his or her opinion. However, I do feel that I have accomplished some positive things and I am trying as hard as I possibly can.

On a positive note, I hope we will see the students of JSU at Casino Night next Wednesday to support our fundraising efforts to construct a new computer lab in the library.

So far over 400 tickets have been purchased by the top ranking faculty and administrators of JSU.

Students will leave that night with t-shirts,

sweatshirts, free dinners, oil changes, and even a television set — all donated by community businesses.

It is easy for us to talk about problems we have and the so called "apathy" that plagues our campus, but I would much rather focus our energy on finding solutions that will help solve these problems. Be a part of the solution. Show up at Casino Night and drop by TMB with some suggestions on how we can improve.

For certain, we have a long way to go, but we should not forget how far we have come.

Office hours: Monday 2:15 - 6:00
Tuesday 9:15 - 11:00
Wednesday 2:00 - 4:00
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Sincerely,
Chris Dempsey
SGA President

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SPEAK UP

Do you feel new freshman should register now?



"I feel that being able to register first is a privilege that should be earned."

Debbie Thomas
senior

"As long as we (upperclassmen) get the classes we need then who cares."

Wes Vorhees
freshman



"I spent five years waiting to register before everybody else. Let them wait."

Tracey Gamble
junior

"Part of the ritual of becoming an upperclassman is having to come through the crap, and (entering freshmen) should have to go through it."

Jason St. John
junior



"It think that it is wrong. It is unfair. The students at Jacksonville State University now have problems registering, and now you have seniors in high school getting to register before they can and its just not right. ... We should get the first choice at classes..."

Tammy Herron
junior

"I think it's a disadvantage to the students because if the high school seniors register early and in the summertime they decide they don't want to go to Jacksonville, that seat they had in a class might be a seat that a freshman or sophomore could have had..."

Chiquita Thomas
junior



"What happened to you? You used to be so cute and thin in high school."

In addition to expanding minds and horizons, college freshman all too often end up expanding their waistlines. In a time that is supposed to be filled with new friends and good times, many freshmen fall into the food trap and the depression that goes along with it.

There are many reasons college freshmen gain weight, and the amount of weight gain can vary with individual situations.

When students enter college, the changes are so frequent and so numerous, the adjustments themselves contribute to weight gain.

"College students concentrate



Eating right on a budget

Microwave options:

•Baked potatoes — they are dirt cheap, the only problem is that some people think they taste like dirt. By themselves they are low in fat and calories, but they also seem boring. If you add just a tad bit of light margarine (no, a tad is not half a stick) and some Creole seasonings, you have something that provides flavor and energy, but low on fat and calories.

•Soup is the perfect student food. It is cheap — less than a dollar a can. You can eat a whole can for less than 300 calories, and with all that soup sloshing around in your stomach, you feel like you couldn't eat another bite. Some soups have plenty of salt and fat though, so if you really want to watch it, spend a few cents more and get the special, good-for-you kind. A few minutes in the microwave and voila — you have a meal. Count in extra calories and fat for the crackers, but you can buy healthy crackers too.

•If you whine to Mom and Dad about how hard it is to eat right in college they'll probably be so glad you are thinking about eating right they will be glad to give you extra money for microwave dinners. There really are some healthy frozen dinners.

•Do not eat dehydrated noodles. We repeat, do not eat dehydrated noodles. You know those little dried up bricks of noodles that you add water to and eat, well they are loaded in fat, salt and calories. Sure they are cheap and quick to fix, but the flavor certainly isn't worth it.

•If you are looking for a low-calorie snack, stay away from nuking that whole stick of Velveeta and pouring it over nachos. Both elements of the tasty "Nachos-n-cheese" combination are high in fat. Try microwave popcorn instead. Even heavily seasoned brands are lower in calories and fat than cheesy snacks.

-- Amy Bagwell
Features writer

Hungry?

on everything else first and weight control afterwards," says Tonya Boggs, a JSU senior majoring in dietetics.

The problem begins the first day on campus. Mom is no longer around to provide nutritionally balanced meals. Instead all night pizza binges, keg parties, and study snacks replace nutritional meals.

Money is a problem too. When funds are limited, so are food choices. According to Boggs, "The less the food quality, the less it costs."

Students who do not have access to kitchens, or those who do not have time to prepare a meal may find themselves with a quick-to-fix menu. Often the frozen foods seem like they would provide a balanced diet, but unless you go for the more expensive meals designed for weight control, they often have added fat and sodium.

Be careful at the restaurant

Eating out may seem like a solution for those with a tight schedule and loose budget, but students

should watch their choices. The fast food trap is the major pit fall on the road to good nutrition for many students. The food from fast food outlets is food loaded with fat, sugar, and empty calories.

Campus cafeterias do not provide students with many more options. Some campus dining halls are now incorporating healthy foods into their menus, but in many, the only low-calorie foods in dining halls consist of a salad bar and perhaps a fruit juice fountain.

Students have to devote so much time to school that eating well is not a major concern, and staying fit is virtually impossible on their limited time schedules.

"I know when I would start a new semester I would have great plans for how I was going to get in shape," says Monita Mason, a senior chemistry major at JSU. "Two or three weeks into the semester my exercise program had fallen by the wayside," she continued. "There simply weren't enough

hours in the day. College just isn't a nine-to-five job." Junior forensics major Sylvia McAphee admits to similar problems. "Not only do I not exercise, I eat a bunch of junk because a good meal cannot fit in one hand. Alcohol = major calories Alcohol makes its own contribution to the problem as well. It has no fat, but it is plagued with empty calories — calories that provide no nutrients to the body. Alcohol consumption adds another problem — the salty junk foods that go along with it. "A bottle of JD whisky, a coke, and some nachos make a great midnight snack," says Greg Mason, a junior education major. Boggs agrees. "When you go out drinking and partying, sticking to your diet is really the last thing on your mind."

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Out with the gang

Society also contributes by placing such social importance on

food. Sometimes the only way freshmen can make new friends is by going out for pizza or a beer — hence food means acceptance.

When studying, food can become a good excuse for a study break. When "munching" students feel as if they're doing something and food becomes associated with accomplishment.

Food and weight gain affect different people in different ways. To effectively combat the dreaded "freshmen fifteen," one must first understand the problem. Once you understand the causes, you can take steps toward combating the added pounds all too often involved in the first year of college.

Tori Amos' *Under the Pink* explores growing up religious

Piano virtuoso Tori Amos, by far the most underrated female artist in the business, had one of the most auspicious debuts in all of music. Not that it sold millions of copies or anything, but it was simply brilliant.

Very few artists, despite the literally hundreds who attempt, are able to capture their emotion in music without sounding terribly cliched and hokey. Amos doesn't. Her experience with sexual violence is not just evident on her first album, *Little Earthquakes*, it is dealt with frankly, openly, and explicitly. Unrestrained anger is the driving force behind her sound. In the a cappella masterpiece "Me and a Gun," she lays everything on the line: "So I wore/ the slinky red thing/ does that mean/ I should spread/ for you/ your father/ your

friends/ Mr. Ed."

Her life shows up in her music. It doesn't have to be a jarring experience like rape. In "Precious Things," the best song from *Little Earthquakes*, Amos verbalizes what so many of us thought of our friends in college and high school...the very common feeling of always seeming to feel inferior to the popular crowd: "with their nine inch nails/ and little fascist panties/ tucked inside the heart of every nice girl/ These precious things/ let them bleed."

Her latest, *Under the Pink*, was worth the wait.

New album is different

Don't buy *Under the Pink* thinking it's going to be like *Little Earthquakes*. The anger and frustration that propels her music is still there, just in a different form.



Amos is the daughter of a minister, and some of the music on her new album is somewhat of a treatise on religion and the questions she has about Christianity.

Amos deals with theology directly in the second cut on *Under the Pink*, "God": "God sometimes you just don't come through/ Do you need a woman to look after you?"

She also seems bitter about growing up as a preacher's kid; her song "Icicle" is frank about her rebellion against accepted belief: "And when my hand touches myself/ I can finally rest my head/ and when they say 'take of his body'/ I think I'll take from

mine instead/ Getting off while they're all downstairs/ singing prayers/ sing away."

Not all introspective

She restrains from self-indulgence by throwing some wonderful pop in the mix. The coming-of-age story in "Pretty Good Year," the first cut on the album, is emotionally touching without being cheesy. The song is smooth with strings and piano and then breaks into a few bars of outrageous metal, a Tori Amos trademark that makes every song interesting.

"Cornflake Girl," though the lyrics are obscure (could you tell from the title?), is a wonderfully jaunty piano set. The last song on the album, "Yes, Anastasia," is a pop opus, inviting despite its 10-minute length. The only thing wrong with it is the fact that it follows the worst song on the album, "Space Dog," below Amos' standard only because it is a bit too uneven.

This is another four-star effort from Amos. We can only hope she stays enraged for another 20 years or so.

Adventures at JSU's Camp Floyd

Katrina Mitchell
Features writer

One hundred and fifty minutes! That's how long it took to make ticket sales history for Pink Floyd. Pink Floyd, now on a 40-city U.S. tour, announced a performance at 8 p.m. May 1 at Legion Field.

Tickets went on sale Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m., and according to Robert Ray of 92J were sold out at 12:30.

The Fastix outlet at TMB sold tickets on a first-come-first-serve basis. Fans began showing up around 4:00 Friday afternoon well prepared to pull an all-nighter.

A sign-in sheet allowed campers the privilege of taking short breaks throughout the night without losing their places on line. By morning, around 75 people had arrived.

Chris Wright of K98 and a representative from Q104 stopped by to support those waiting.

"I decided to sleep on the grass like a real nature boy because the concrete would kill my back."

--Chad Smith, all-night camper and loyal Floyd fan

As the night progressed, some decided to turn in. A few people pitched tents, and some slept in cars, but most hung in for the duration. Campers affectionately named the event "Camp Floyd."

This was senior Chad Smith's first campout for tickets. He lounged at TMB the whole evening, taking one break to "cop a buzz to kill the boredom." He decided to "sleep on the grass like a real nature boy because the concrete would kill my back."

Some said it wouldn't be the

same with short lines. "The lines for concerts are a personification of the rock sub-culture," said graduate student Craig Heidrick.

"The crowd was great," said Ray, who broadcast until 2 a.m.. "We didn't have any problems with them, and the UPD helped us out by not bothering us."

Some credited 92J with the way things went. Tim Phillips, a JSU graduate, said that "92J handled it [the event] very well, and kept everyone informed," said Tim Phillips, a JSU graduate.



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UP CLOSE

Eva Brozicevic



Exchange students often talk about how different college in the States is, as compared with events and activities of their prep school back home. But JSU has an international student with a slightly different set of memories.

Not only has Croatian student Eva Brozicevic had experience on the campus of an American university at JSU, but she also spent her last year of high school at Lineville High School, about 40 miles from Heflin.

How did a student from half-the-world away end up in a small town in Alabama? She's not quite sure herself. Eva admits that she didn't know the difference (between living in a small town vs. city) when she first arrived

in the U.S. three years ago. "I was just excited to be in a different culture" she says.

Since her arrival in America, Eva has traveled to both coasts, including California, Washington D.C., New Orleans, and Florida. This is Eva's second year at JSU. She is a sophomore studying pre-med.

Eva finds it difficult to be in America with civil unrest spread across the entirety of her country. She says, "It's hard to watch T.V. and know your friends might be fighting each other." Despite the turmoil, Eva still returns home every Christmas and summer. And though she is enjoying herself here, she finds it increasingly harder to be away from her family as the years progress.

Eva's main interest is sports. She swims, dives, and plays tennis and team

handball. She is also very involved with the International House (where she lives). As a program director she plans parties and other social events for fellow residents.

-- Allison Graydon
Features writer

WORTH WATCHING

New Music

BMF needs original sound

With the release of their debut album, "Bind," on Relativity records, Black Market Flowers has contributed to the general sound heard every day on college radio stations. It is difficult to tell who they're influences aren't...they sound like most of the college top-10 of the past two years.

This Southern California based trio has recorded 11 tracks that really aren't bad. They're on the bland side, but they're not bad.

Musically, bassist Bryan Ray and drummer Heath Patterson mix well with guitarist/vocalist Matt Neth, especially on "Sick to the Gills," "Kenny and Cleo," and the title track, "Bind."

"Bind" is a decent first effort. They're biggest set back is a lack of originality in sound. They have nothing to set them apart from the rest of the college crowd.

With a little more time spent developing their sound, it wouldn't be surprising to hear BMF in regular rotation.

Strange name, bad band

When I heard the name of the band was Piss Factory, Beavis immediately spoke to me, "Yeah, I bet they're cool." Then I learned that the New York based band was heavily influenced by punk. Butthead piped up, "Huh...huh...huh...cooler."

Then I listened to the disc. Eleven of the 12 songs sounded the same - unfortunately, the sound was about as exciting as the sex education videos I watched in the eighth grade.

The lyrics were mundane and monotonous. Spoken over the continuous drone of the same guitar riff, they were unbearable.

The twelfth track, "Simple," is the only one that stands out. Apparently during an odd moment of creativity, the band exchanged their stock guitar licks in for a toy piano. They then proceeded to bang on the piano for three minutes and put the same uninspired vocals over the incessant banging.

Piss factory has the look and attitude of a standard late-night MTV band. If only their self-titled album had the music to go with it.

If Beavis and Butthead were still allowed to burn things, I'd send my copy to Mike Judge with a pack of matches and some lighter fluid.

-- Mike Canada
Features writer

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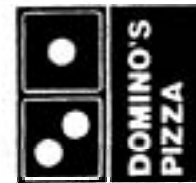
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Hours later, when they finally came to, Ha! and Ruby groggily returned to their yard work — unknowingly wearing the radio collars and ear tags of alien biologists.

Seniors steal show in painful loss

Jeh Jeh Pruitt
Sports Editor

It was an all out war! Tension was in the air! The court was so cold it felt like the Antarctic. Neither Jax State nor Clark could control the animosity that was displayed Monday night as JSU were defeated by the boys from the Peach State 81-78.

The fans showed their appreciation to senior players Jeff Terry, Carl Harris, and Gerald Jones (injured) when they played their last game at Pete Mathews Coliseum. A crowd of 1,233 people showed up to watch the festivities at hand.

"I'm very, very hurt," said Carl Harris. "I was real excited to come out and play. I wish I could have stayed in there a bit longer to contribute a little more."

The Gamecocks were behind almost the entire game. It seemed that none of their shots would fall. In addition to not scoring, JSU got three technical fouls throughout the ball game due to pushing and shoving.

"We're not that kind of ball club. We don't initiate that kind of stuff," head coach Bill Jones said. "Our kids played hard and they played hard. Defensively our effort was good. It was just a tough loss."

The referees were a big factor to the way the Gamecocks played. Clark jumped out with a 19-9 lead. But out of nowhere, three back to

back slams off of steals by Pat Armour and John Session cut the Panthers lead to four points

John Session slammed one that looked like he took it from the free throw line. Clark seemed to get every shot to fall for them the entire game. With 6:00 left in the half, JSU trailed by 19 points, but fought back to cut the lead to 10 points. Clark was out on top 48-38 to end the first half.

In the second half, the Panther's lead was slowly decreasing. Armour was the top scorer for the Cocks with 26 points. Jeff Terry followed a close second with 21 points.

Session, with the help of the other guys, put the pressure on Clark cutting their 19 point lead to a four point lead with 3:47 left in the game. A free throw by Armour and a tip-in by Posey made the game very interesting.

It was a one point game at this time and the fans were on their feet. With 1:49 left in the game, Posey had a chance to take the lead after he was fouled by Jerome Baker, but missed.

JSU had three more chances to score, but the ball just wouldn't drop. A pair of Brevon Preston free throws sealed the win for the Panthers. The Panther's record jumps to 10-15 while the Gamecocks' record fall to 17-7.

The Gamecocks play their final regular season game in Huntsville when they take on Alabama A&M February 26th. Tipoff is at 7:30 p.m.



Carl Harris



Jeff Terry



Gerald Jones

So this is home?

Lady Lions spoil homecoming for two Lady Gamecocks

Jamie Cole
Managing Editor

Homecomings are supposed to be joyous occasions.

But the Lady Lions of North Alabama spoiled a homecoming of sorts for Lady Gamecocks Brandy White and Kristal Turpen in a 75-69 icing of Jax State.

The loss dropped JSU to 10-14 overall. Former Gulf South Conference rivals North Alabama kept tournament hopes alive by winning their sixth straight game.

White and Turpen both admitted to being nervous before the game. "A lot of my ex-classmates from Lauderdale County were there," White said. Most had not seen her play basketball as a Lady Gamecock. Turpen said she saw several familiar faces in the crowd. "It was like being in Rogersville again," she said.

In their high school careers, winning was more than just expected. It was almost inevitable. While White and Turpen played at Lauderdale County High School in Rogersville (near Florence), their girls' basketball team was 98-4. That's a 96 percent win ratio. Not bad. Add in three state

"It was like being in Rogersville again."

--Kristal Turpen

"A lot of my ex-classmates from Lauderdale County were there."

--Brandy White

championships, some of those won right here at Pete Mathews Coliseum, and you've got a high school basketball powerhouse.

White and Turpen now play for a team that's under .500, something neither is used to. "It's different," said Turpen, "but we realize we're playing on a higher level."

Turpen finished the game with nine points and White added five. All of Turpen's points came from three-pointers, while White was one of six from three-point range.

UNA scored first and never lost the lead. The Lady Lions, who lead the Gulf South Conference race, pounded their way to a 47-31 halftime lead. The Lady Gamecocks had pulled within one in the first five minutes, but an 11-0 run in which all five UNA starters

scored ended the first-half threat.

Jana Simmons scored eight points to lead a 14-2 for the Lady Gamecocks to start the second half and pull within three. Simmons ended the game with 21 points. That was followed by another offensive surge from the Lady Lions, a 10-2 sprint that left JSU behind by 11. Though JSU brought it within four before the end of the game, they never posed another serious threat.

Simmons was the high scorer in the game for JSU, while Alfredia Seals finished with 16 points.

The Lady Gamecocks' zone defense worked, at least outside and perimeter, against UNA. The Lady Lions failed to score a single three-point basket in 16 attempts. Most of JSU's offensive surges were set up by solid defense, with the Lady Gamecocks beating UNA to the boards most of the night.

In the end, though, it was the Lady Gamecocks who came up short. White continues to be optimistic, however, about the future. "It's hard losing any time," White said. "We're having a rough season, but I feel we'll get better over the next few years."

JSU to host tourney

Jacksonville State University is playing host to the Northeastern Region of high school playoffs. The games started Tuesday and will continue to play until Saturday.

JSU is one of four hosts for the tournament, where men and women in all classifications participate. Other hosts include Alabama State with the central region, Troy State with the southern region, and Wallace at Hanceville with the northwest region.

Each regional winner will go to Birmingham March 4th and 5th. For the last two years, JSU has hosted half of the girl's state tournament. Wallace at Hanceville hosted the other half. The boys state tournament was held at Auburn and Alabama.

Jax State's involvement was initiated when JSU President Harold J. McGee and Vice President of Academic Affairs H. Bascom Woodward approached Bill Jones with the task of getting more events of this nature on campus.

"We've had University-wide support for the last two tournaments. Each department gets involved, serving as hosts for each team," said Jones.

Connie Edge, Director of Special Projects, said, "Faculty, staff, and retired faculty serve as hosts. The hosts fill bags from the Chamber of Commerce with coupons, candy, pens and pencils. The bags are given to each player and coach.

"Each host does their own thing. One host bought each player a rose. Another host gave the team a pizza party. Anyone wishing to help can contact me at my office in Bibb Graves. This is a great recruiting tool."

With the success of last year's tournament, Jones is expecting big crowds. "There are 48 teams in the tournament. We are expecting between 15,000 to 20,000 people."

The regional tournament is divided into sessions. Friday and Saturday offer three sessions. A ticket for each session is four dollars. 1A, 2A, and 3A finals are on tap Friday. 4A, 5A, and 6A finals follow on Saturday.

Edge warns parking could be tedious around the Coliseum. Students may wish to leave for class a couple of minutes early.

Michael Graven
Sports Writer

Lady Gamecocks lose heartbreaker to FVS



Jana Simmons shoots a three-pointer in Monday's game against Fort Valley State.

Jeh Jeh Pruih
Sports Editor

Kim Rogers said she'd rather get beat by 30 points than to lose a close one like this.

The Lady Gamecocks couldn't come out with a win this past weekend when they were upset by a very aggressive Lady Wildcat team from Fort Valley State 94-89.

At first, the pace of the game was intense for JSU. Jana Simmons and company jumped out front playing Lady Gamecock b'ball. With just three minutes ticked off the clock, Jax State fell behind until Simmons nailed a three-pointer to tie the game at nine points. Alfredia Seals came right back with a 10-footer to take the lead for the Lady Cocks.

During the course of the game, the Lady Gamecocks' style of play changed drastically. They became careless and turned the ball over. The Lady Wildcats took advantage of the situation and rallied against JSU. With 12:02 left in the half, FVS jumped out front

pushing the score 13-24. FVS went on to further the lead to 20 points. But Jax State wouldn't lay down and lose. They started showing some guts, fighting with shackles on their feet for every point. JSU ended the half trailing 45-56.

Keeping it close

In the second half, the Lady Cocks erupted like a volcano. The fans were at the peak of emotions as both teams bounced and rolled around the court giving their all for the win.

Brandy White hit one from three point range to cut FVS's lead to nine with 17:55 left in the game. But it wouldn't stop there. With 11:27 left in the game, Seals hit a lay-up cutting the Lady Wildcat's lead to five points. A pair of Alfredia Seals free throws cut the lead to three points.

The game at this point was like a tennis match. The ball was going back and forth without anyone scoring. With 6:34 left in the game, Simmons cut the lead to two with a 16-footer. A controversial foul called on Seals put the fans in an uproar. The referees

were not well liked when they stopped Cocky from being too close to the court.

The biggest play of the night was when JSU's Simmons nailed a three-pointer to take the lead with 4:31 left in the game. Pandemonium set in at Pete Mathews Coliseum.

With 43 seconds left, LaShelle Humphrey got a steal that would make the Lady Cocks potential winners. JSU had a chance to win off a Kim Rogers' lay-up but she opted not to take it. FVS had the last shot but failed to sink it.

The game went into overtime. Despite a tremendous effort, the Lady Gamecocks couldn't pull it out.

"It's very disappointing to the coaches and the players to have fought back that hard and not get a win," head coach Dana Austin said. "Our inexperience showed tonight. They did some great things, but in the end it showed."

The Lady Gamecocks drop to 10-15. They play in Huntsville along with the guys Saturday February 26th. Tip-off is at 5:15 p.m.

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GAMECOCK PLAYER OF THE WEEK



Simmons

When she was in the sixth grade, she was the only girl on the boys basketball team. She could only shoot the ball with both hands. Now she shoots the ball with both hands on a collegiate level.

Jana Rebecca Simmons is a very strong, hard nosed player. She was born on March 10, 1972. She is the daughter of the Reverend Jerry and Janet Simmons of Fyffe, Ala.

"You feel like everybody thinks your supposed to be perfect," said Simmons on being a preacher's daughter.

"It wasn't until my junior year that I started playing

basketball. I didn't know what I was doing. It just seemed a little better than cheerleading."

Simmons is an Exercise Science major and a Nutrition minor. She plans on being a trainer and a volunteer firefighter.

"I told my mom as soon as I get through playing ball, I was going to quit school and be a firefighter."

Simmons scored 21 points against UNA Saturday night to earn Player of the Week honors.



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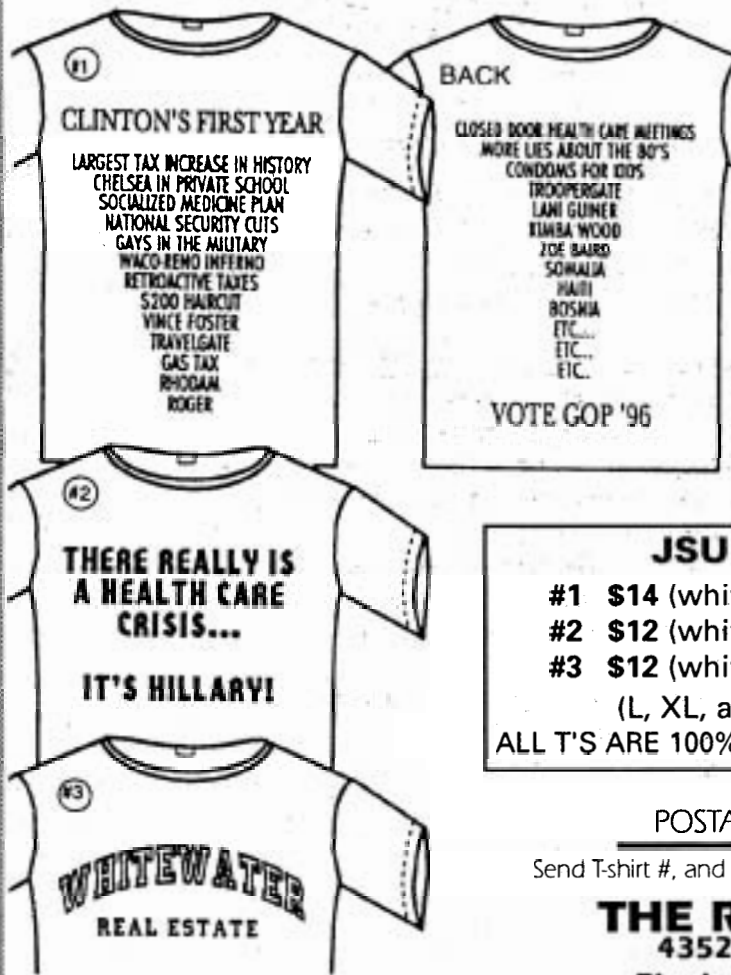
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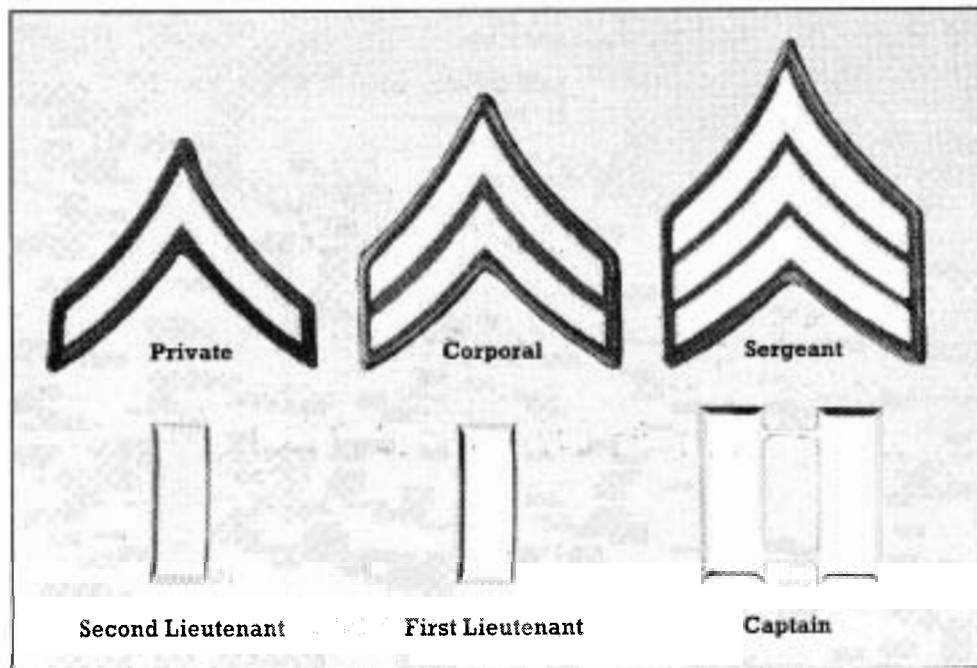
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Lady Gamecocks get wet start Softball season opens

Jeh Jeh Pruitt
Sports Editor

The Lady Gamecock softball team was plagued by bad weather in their season opener against Troy State as they lost to the Lady Trojans 7-3.

The Lady Cocks started out behind in the first game and never caught up.

Some of the players said they were nervous because this was their first game of the season. Also it was the some of the players' first time hitting a fast-pitch softball.

The second game started wet and muddy after the rain had begun in the first game. The first inning was scoreless, although both teams threatened to score with runners at third base.

In the bottom of the third inning, Stephanie Vickers advanced to second base off a hit from a teammate. Terry More popped a big base base hit for Jax State to score the only run of the game.

"I feel good about our team's performance. It's our first game... we couldn't run like we wanted to."

*--Jana McGinnis
head coach*

Catcher Tammy Smith gave the fans a scare when she was hit by a swinging bat. She left the game temporarily but returned in the third inning.

The rain got worse and the officials decided to call the game with the Lady Gamecocks leading 1-0.

"I feel good about my team's performance," said head coach Jana McGinnis. "It's our first game and the girls were up for the game, but they didn't know if we were going to play. Also we couldn't run like we wanted to."

Coach McGinnis would like to thank the fans for coming out and would hope to see more next game.



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