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Enrollment may be down, but you can still expect to stand in line at the bookstore. Students lined up to spend money on textbooks for the new semester and to get money

for old ones. Business has been steady to heavy at both the on campus and off campus bookstores since the beginning of the semester.

Cheri Lee

Gun incidents down on JSU campus, on rise nationally

Justin Turner
News writer

While incidents involving guns on campus are on the rise nationally, gun use at Jacksonville State University has steadily declined over the last few years.

According to David Nichols, JSU's Public Safety director, gun incidents are down due to a variety of measures taken by the University.

"We've done everything from use metal detectors at concerts and parties to posting signs regarding gun regulations at the football stadium," he said.

Nichols was also involved with formulating an Alabama gun bill that would make it a violation of state law to possess a firearm on any public school campus.

Although it is a class three felony to possess a firearm on any college campus, Alabama does not

have a state law prohibiting guns on campus.

"With gun control laws on the books in most other states, I feel it's time Alabama moved toward more stringent controls," Nichols said.

Whichever side of gun control a student takes, the student should be aware that the JSU student handbook states "No student shall keep, use, possess, display, or carry any rifle, shotgun, handgun, knife, or other lethal or dangerous weapons or devices capable of casting a projectile by air, gas, explosion, or mechanical means on property or in any building owned or operated by the University or in any vehicle on campus."

Students may possess hunting guns but first must check them in with UPD. Students with questions about firearms should contact the University Police Department.

"UPD is here to assist the students in any way possible," Nichols said.

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Victim makes desperate 911 call Dispute ends in tragedy

Mark Harrison
News Editor

"He's here with a gun, he's gonna kill me..." That's how Jacksonville Police Chief

Tommy Thompson describes the call Emergency 911 received from Jacksonville resident Brandy Nicole Vincent this past Friday. Ms. Vincent was referring to her estranged boyfriend Scottie R. Christopher, who was also the father of her 18-month old daughter, Anita Nicole Vincent. Before police could arrive on the scene, Christopher apparently turned a 12-gauge shotgun on his girlfriend and child, shot and killed them. He then committed suicide.

The E-911 call came at approximately 10:15 a.m. this past Friday. Police were immediately sent to the Vinson residence, located at 1420 Lake Mill Road in Jacksonville.

"We deployed units out there," Thompson said. "Meanwhile she put 911 on hold, and was talking to a family member. That family member later told police they heard a gunshot. We're not sure what it was.

"We went out there, we couldn't get anybody on the phone, we tried the bullhorn to call them out and talk with us. We deployed units around the mobile home, thinking (Christopher) was holding them hostage. In fact, we got a call from another family member who said, 'He's out there with a gun, holding them at gunpoint.' That added a little credibility to what we were thinking. We surrounded the place, and called the City of Anniston Special Reaction Team," Thompson said.

When the Anniston Police Department's Special Operation's Team arrived on the scene, officers were deployed onto the rooftop, and used technically advanced listening devices to listen for footsteps. Officers determined that there was no movement inside the mobile home and made a tactical entry at approximately 3:30 p.m. That's when the bodies were found.

"They had been dead, apparently, since right before we got there," Thompson said.

When asked about a possible motive, Thompson said the couple were having some problems. "He was the father of the child, but they weren't married. Talking to some kin folks after it happened, he (Christopher) apparently thought he wasn't going to get to see the baby anymore. She wasn't going to see him anymore." According to police, Ms. Vinson ended an approximately three year long common law relationship with Christopher this past Sunday, following a fight. Christopher had moved out of the couple's mobile home and was living at another residence. "He had a history of depression," Thompson added. "You know, why does anyone do something like that?"

Christopher's mother Anne Christopher told the Gadsden Times that he had attempted suicide about three years ago, over another girl. And Lisa Vick, Ms. Vinson's aunt, stated to the Times that Christopher had called her on Friday morning, told her he had not slept all night and threatened to kill Ms. Vinson and then commit suicide. Vick said she urged Christopher to leave the mobile home when he threatened violence.

Christopher has a history of this type of violence. Jacksonville Police say he was arrested this past June on domestic violence charges. Christopher was from Piedmont.

Guns on campus a nationwide security concern

Jennifer Burgess
College Press Service

Students at campuses nationwide are packing more than books in their backpacks. A recent survey shows many students are carrying handguns onto campus.

According to a survey published on Jan. 20, 1993 in The Chronicle of Higher Education, there were more than 1,500 arrests for weapons on campuses in 1991. These arrests included violations of federal, state and local weapons laws, including illegal possession and permit violations.

The arrest information was compiled under the Student Right-to-Know Act and Campus Security Act of 1990. These laws were enacted to warn college students

and parents about criminal activity on campus.

Bringing a gun onto a college campus, even if it is properly registered, is a third-degree felony under federal law.

At the University of Texas-Austin, freshman David Matthew Larsen was arrested after police received an anonymous phone call indicating Larsen had weapons in his possession. He was charged with having weapons in a prohibited place, police said.

When police searched Larsen's room they found a Chinese-made AK-47 semi-automatic assault rifle, two daggers, a switchblade, a sword, two pounds of ammunition and a cannon fuse. Police also confiscated an "Anarchist Cookbook," a guide to making



bombs.

Capt. Silas Griggs of the university's police department said Larsen told police he didn't realize he was breaking the law by storing the weapons in his dorm room.

"If he had been living off campus with those weapons it would

have been perfectly legal," Griggs added.

The university reported 10 arrests for weapons in 1991, Griggs said.

Lt. Brad Wigtil, with the University of Houston police department, said the guns on the university's campus can also be attributed to the fact that the university is in a high-crime urban area. A majority of the guns involved in arrests on campus belong to visitors, not students, he said.

Wigtil said it is impossible to restrict visitors to prevent them from bringing guns on campus.

The University of Houston had 16 gun arrests in 1991 and has had four gun arrests within the past year. The first incident of 1993

occurred in February when a female student was arrested and charged with possession of a .22-caliber revolver on campus. The arrest was made after a shot was fired through a male student's windshield during an argument, Wigtil said.

The three other guns were found in the possession of campus visitors. There were no shootings, but the visitors were arrested and charged with a third-degree felony.

On the other hand, few students in Gainesville, Fla. have been arrested for gun possession since the student murder near the University of Florida campus. In the past four years, nine students at the university and nearby Santa Fe College have been killed.

CRIME RELATED ACTIVITY

- 01-11-94. Stephanie Cathen reported theft of property at Sparkman Hall.
- 01-7-94. Keena Laner Jones reported burglary at Campus Inn Apartments.
- 01-7-94. Building Services reported arson on the first floor, north hallway of Crow Hall.
- 12-17-93. Taeko Tanoro reported harrasing communications at Campus Inn Apartments.
- 12-15-93. Jim Yarborough reported a missing person.
- 12-14-93. Micheal S. McCormick reported theft of property on the 12th floor of Houston Cole Library.
- 12-14-93. Masaru Takekaina reported theft of property theft of property on the 12th floor of Houston Cole Library.
- 12-14-93. James Robert Dunlap reported theft of property at Dixon Hall.
- 12-13-93. Joel Martin reported possible breaking and entering of an auto in Forney Hall Parking Lot.
- 12-13-93. Anya T. Eogecombe reported theft of property at Fitzpatrick Hall.
- 12-10-93. Corry Keynatta Petty reported theft of property at Luttrell Hall.
- 12-11-93. John Hood Plant reported theft of property at Rowan Hall.
- 12-9-93. Teri Michael Hill, 20, of Birmingham, was arrested at UPD and charged with receiving stolen property.
- 12-9-93. Mark Bernard Shine, 20, of Birmingham, was arrested at UPD and charged with receiving stolen property.
- 12-9-93. Bobby Joe Dansby, 23, of Birmingham, was arrested on Street Avnue and charged with receiving stolen property.

THE CHANTICLEER



"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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Send all submissions to Melanie Jones, The Chanticleer, 180 Self Hall, JSU, Jacksonville, AL 36265. Deadline for all submissions is noon Friday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

•The Miss JSU pageant will be held at 7 p.m. on Jan. 15, at Leone Cole Auditorium.

•The College BASE examination will be held as follows. The examination is required for graduation. Students should plan on being in the test a minimum of 2 1/2 hours. Registration for the examination is in the Office of Assessment, 216 Ayers Hall.

Jan. 24	5:30-9:30p.m.	23 Ayers Hall
Jan. 25	2:30-6:30p.m.	23 Ayers Hall
Feb. 1	3:00-7:00p.m.	23 Ayers Hall
Feb. 17	5:30-9:30p.m.	23 Ayers Hall
Feb. 26	8:30-12:30a.m.	23 Ayers Hall
March 8	5:30-9:30p.m.	JSU-Gadsden, Inzer Hall
March 9	5:30-9:30 p.m.	1025 Faith Hall, Ft. McClellan
March 14	5:30-9:30p.m.	23 Ayers Hall
March 15	5:30-9:30p.m.	23 Ayers Hall
March 19	8:30-12:30a.m.	23 Ayers Hall
March 23	5:30-9:30p.m.	23 Ayers Hall
March 24	5:30-9:30p.m.	23 Ayers Hall

•A regional invitational art exhibition will be held Jan 11-27 at Hammond Hall Gallery. There is no charge to view the exhibition.

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

Feb. 8	6:00-7:30p.m.
Feb. 9	3:00-4:30p.m.

If you are eligible for the Spring semester exam, you must pre-register for it by Feb. 2 in the English Department, Stone Center 215. There you'll be assigned a specific room for the test.

When you take the exam, be sure to bring with you a photo i.d., a blue book, and a blue or black pen.

Workshops for the examination will be held on Jan 31, from 6:00-7:30p.m. and Feb. 1, from 3:00-4:30 p.m. in the Merrill Hall auditorium (room 101). While attending one of the workshops will certainly not guarantee a "pass," it should familiarize the student with what to expect on the examination. Attendance at the workshop is NOT a requirement to take the exam.

•Parke-Davis announces the 1994 Epilepsy Scholarship Program. Applications are being accepted through March 1, 1994 for high school seniors, and college freshmen, sophomores and juniors with epilepsy who excel in academic and extracurricular activities.

Fourteen outstanding students with epilepsy who are pursuing college educations will be selected to receive a \$3,000 scholarship, students must have applied to a college or university, or be n the first three years of a four-year degree program; submit an application with two letters of recommendation, one of which must be from a physician, and currently be under the care of a physician fo epilepsy.

Qualified students can obtain applications by contacting Parke-Davis Epilepsy Scholarship Program, c/o Intramed, 1180 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036 or call 1-800-972-7503. To obtain an application from the Epilepsy Foundation of North and Central Alabama, call 1-800-950-6662.

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Report challenges education system

College Press Service
From staff reports

"A disturbing and dangerous mismatch exists between what American society needs from higher education and what it is receiving."

*-- Wingspread Group
on Higher Education*

America's system of higher education is not preparing graduates to meet the nation's future needs in terms of skills, knowledge and ethics, a report charges.

The report, issued in December by the Wingspread Group on Higher Education after a year's study by business and education leaders, challenges the nation's 3,400 colleges and universities to engage in a candid, far-reaching assesment of the state of higher education.

"A disturbing and dangerous mismatch exists between what American society needs from higher education and what it is receiving. The mismatch is most dangerous in the area of undergraduate education," the report said. "The American imperative for the 21st century is that society must hold higher education to much higher expectations or risk national decline."

The United States will find it increasingly difficult to compete in a global economy unless undergraduates gain a higher degree of skills and knowledge than they are currently getting, said William Brock, a former U.S. senator, secretary of labor and the current chairman of the study group.

"We have issued this 'wake up call' to alert the leadership of the nation's college and universities that they must rethink their basic assumptions and how they go about their business," Brock said. "Too much of higher education and education at every level seems to be organized for the convenience of educators.

"Too many of our instutions of higher learning fail to put student learning first. Too many are conveying to students that individual

and community values—civility, tolerance, hard work, compassion—don't matter very much. And, too many are failing to create the habits of mind necessary for lifelong learning."

The report also challenges trustees and students to:

- Evaluate themselves against a 42-point "self-assesment checklist" and make public an institutional development plan to build on strengths and remedy weaknesses.

- Define and publish higher standards of admission and graduation and develop ways to measure institutional and student progress toward those standards.

- Develop a required core curriculum to assure students a broad liberal education in addition to professional education.

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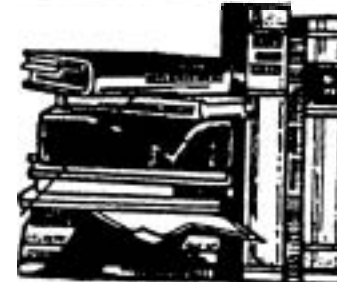
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NEW AND USED

Leave showing up to the student

Most students who attended high school in the state of Alabama's public school system are still aware of its uniform attendance policy: an automatic failure due to ten unexcused absences per semester. Most students also expected to be rid of this type of policy once their schooling became their responsibility.

Not so at Jacksonville State University.

It's a reasonable thing to expect. After all, a student should be responsible for what he or she pays for. However, administrators and faculty at JSU have, for the most part, turned that responsibility around by keeping an attendance policy for most classes.

Not every class has an attendance policy. For instance, biology classes, rather than punishing a student for cutting too many classes, offer incentives to students with perfect attendance. Other departments have tried dropping the attendance policy and some are trying it for the first time this semester. Classes in the Department of Communication, for instance, are testing the waters for the first time.

There is a contingency that feels a class attendance policy should be left up to the individual instructor. Under this scenario, the instructor would judge the content of his or her own class and thereby establish an attendance policy based on difficulty and class technique.

The only problem with that is: some students are better prepared and more responsible than others. That type of policy would basically be the same as holding up students who are ready to move on in a subject just because a few are lagging behind. Most professors will tell you that's a bad idea.

The only real solution to the problem is to leave showing up to the individual student. By the time we graduate from high school, we all have certain goals we set for ourselves. Granted, they're all different, but once that check for tuition and fees is paid, we have bought the classes we are signed up for. When you buy a ticket to a movie or a sporting event, no one requires you to be there. This is basically the same thing.

By the time we graduate from high school, we are ready for a little more responsibility. Mom and Dad aren't around to tell us when to go to bed, when to study, when to get up, when to go to class.

It's about time administration and faculty at JSU stopped trying to play that role.

An introduction to newspapers

In all areas of life, it seems that most disputes are caused by simple misunderstandings. The same is true for readers' complaints about newspapers.

Many people get upset about aspects of a newspaper that are inherent to the nature of a publication. In order to avoid future problems, I thought it might be best to talk about some of those situations.

For example, many people get upset when news about their organization or an event they considered important is not covered. More often than not, editors would welcome the opportunity to cover those types of stories, but unfortunately they are restricted by time and space.

The size of a newspaper is not determined by how many articles exist. It is determined by the amount of ad space. The money made from ads pays for a certain number of pages, and editors fill the remaining space, called the newshole, with articles.

When the number of possible articles outnumbers the space of the newshole, I have to decide what has to be cut. That decision is based on what will be of the most interest to the greatest number of people. If the remaining articles will not be old news by the next issue, we'll use it, otherwise, the story is dead.

The events that get coverage are not based on personal bias, they

MELANIE LYNN JONES
EDITOR IN CHIEF

are based on a combination of space and copy available.

Once the staff determines what issues and events will be covered, the stories fall into categories and are handled by section editors. The first thing presented in every newspaper is the news. The majority of the articles are just straight-forward presentations of fact. They include the who, what, when, where, why and how that provide the skeleton of the story and quotes which show what the people involved have to say, with explanation and clarification then added.

Another type of story sometimes found in the news section is news analysis. They go beyond the bare bones of the story and try to interpret what the events described will really mean for the readers. Taking this step often calls for conjecture on the part of the reporter, which means personal biases could become involved, therefore, all analysis will be labeled as such.

Most complaints stem from material on the editorial pages. This is how it works — our paper dedicates two pages every week to opinions and editorials. We consistently run one editorial, one staff-produced column and SpeakUp. The rest of that section

is filled with letters and editorial cartoons.

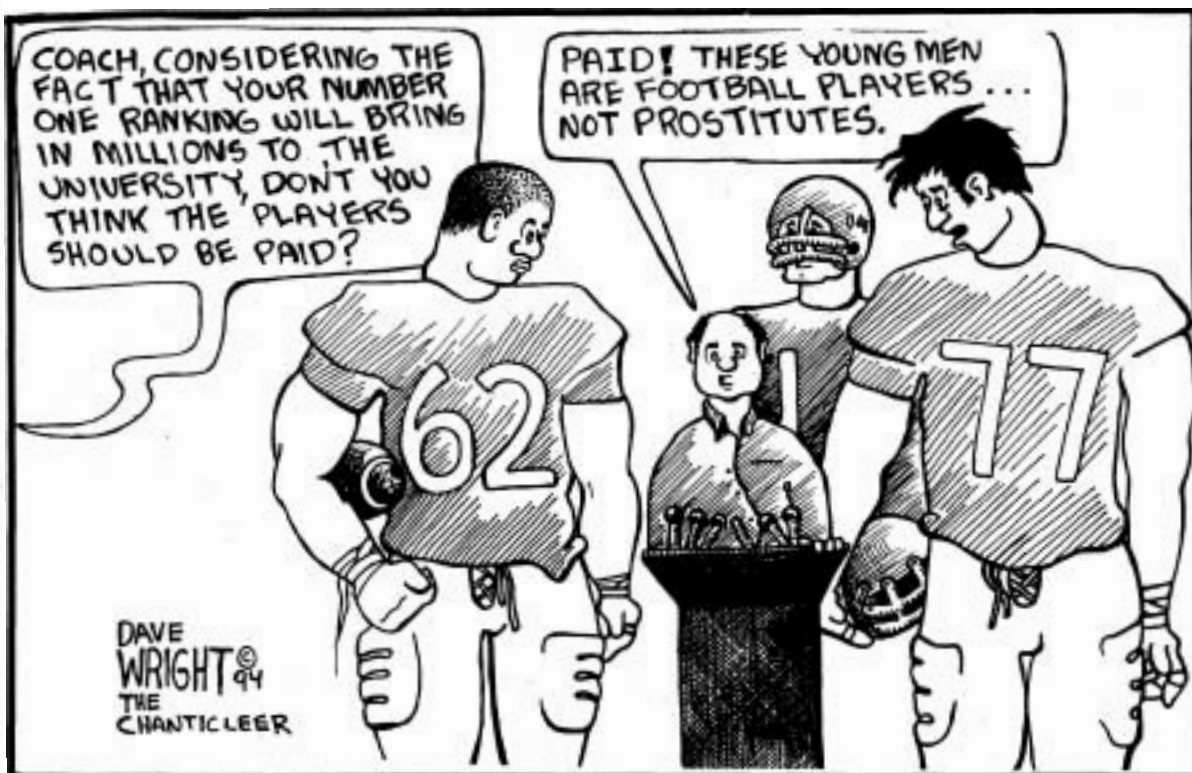
Columns should be read as the opinion of the author and as opinion only. While most are researched, they are not based on interviews. The facts used must be accurate, but they are not required to be balanced.

The most commonly misunderstood item in the paper is the unsigned editorial. Contrary to popular belief, it is not a tool for people too cowardly to state their names to propagate their ideas. That item represents the opinion of the majority of the paper's staff. It is not important who writes it because we are all responsible for the opinion it contains.

Topics for both the editorial and the SpeakUp are determined by issues we hear students discussing.

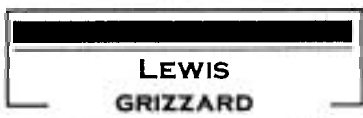
We don't write things just to make people mad. We write about the issues that concern the community, then we form our own opinion. Our opinion may not be the most popular one, but we stand behind it none-the-less.

When you disagree with our opinions, feel free to let us know by writing a letter to the editor. If you find a factual error, we want to know and will correct it. But if you are angry about one of the things I have mentioned in this column, you can complain, but very little can be done to change the ideas presented.



The best human being I ever met

**Lewis Grizzard is being held hostage by an IV pole at Emory Hospital in Atlanta. Until he escapes, this blast from the past:*



Brownie Stephens is dead. He was 59. The woman at the hospital said she went in to shave him and he said, "Don't shave me yet. Let's just talk."

And she said as they talked, Brownie went to sleep and then he stopped breathing. He had cancer.

There's not enough room in a thousand columns to say what there is to say about Brownie Stephens. He was the best human being I ever met.

He was my friend. He was my older brother. Often, I wished he were my father.

I met him when I was 18. I never saw him angry. Not once. I never heard him make a disparaging remark about another person. Not once.

Brownie taught me a lot about newspapering. The other day, as we visited, he said he had tried to remember and he thought he had worked for 47 different newspapers, from his native Tennessee to Georgia, to Alabama, to Texas, to Ohio and even to Montana.

Most of those newspapers were small, and Brownie routinely worked 18-hour days for rotten pay and little gratitude.

Brownie also taught me my re-

gard for the out-of-doors. We went all over this country — mostly in that old blue VW van of his — in search of white-water rapids.

We ran the Nantahala River in North Carolina together maybe a hundred times. And we ran the French Broad River in North Carolina, and the Chatooga River in Georgia, and we even went to Idaho and put in eight days on the Middle Fork of the Salmon.

One day out in the wilderness in Idaho, Brownie said, "I never got much out going to church. But here on this river, looking at this sky, I lose any doubts there is a God."

Brownie was one of the few of my friends who knew all three of my wives.

He also met the candidate for fourth when we added her to our entourage and went for one last camping and river adventure.

Skunks got into our campsite, and the rain put out our fire. But we laughed at it all and sang some Merle Haggard and had us a time.

The last years of his life Brownie was an egg-and-poultry man. He was managing editor of something called the Poultry Times. And he knew every other egg-and-poultry person in the coun-

try. The last time we talked, the egg-and-poultry folks, thousands of them, were gathered for their annual convention, and because they loved him too, they scheduled a benefit for him.

Hearing that, Brownie said, "I'll be with more of my friends and family at one time than at any other time in my life."

"I'm going to try to talk for 20 minutes. I hope I can last that long. I'm just going to look around that room and find a face and talk about what that person has meant to me."

The benefit was scheduled for 5 p.m. An ambulance was going to bring Brownie to the party. A little after 3 p.m., Brownie died.

We held the party anyway. Brownie's son and his daughter got up and talked about him.

His son told how much he had loved his daddy, and his daughter said to appreciate the outdoors and don't litter, because that's the best thing we could do in remembrance of her father.

As sick as he was, I just never thought Brownie would die. He would have said to me, "Take some time off and get back to the river."

But I don't think I ever will again. I couldn't. Brownie always put up my tent for me, and I never learned to do it by myself.

SPEAKUP

Has political correctness gone too far?



"By a good bit."

Kevin Bacchus
sophomore

"Yes, I think it really has. We've gone so far on not stepping on people's feet that we're stepping on a lot more people's feet like employers...that they're really in a bad shape having to avoid hurting people's feelings..."

Ava Gregory
senior



"... I do acknowledge the fact that you have to consider other people's feelings and other people's beliefs. I think you take it too far when you have to butter things up as a matter of pacifying people. That's when you're taking it too far."

Kristina Henry
sorority advisor

"Yes, it's become a fad. It's become something of a nature that everyone who has to fit an alternative lifestyle to be the point of fashion has to believe in. Yes, it's gone too far."

Steven Pope
junior



"I believe that when we keep putting people in little niches and everyone is here, here, here and here we lose the common ground that we are all the same person, we are all the same people. So yes, I think that we have gone too far."

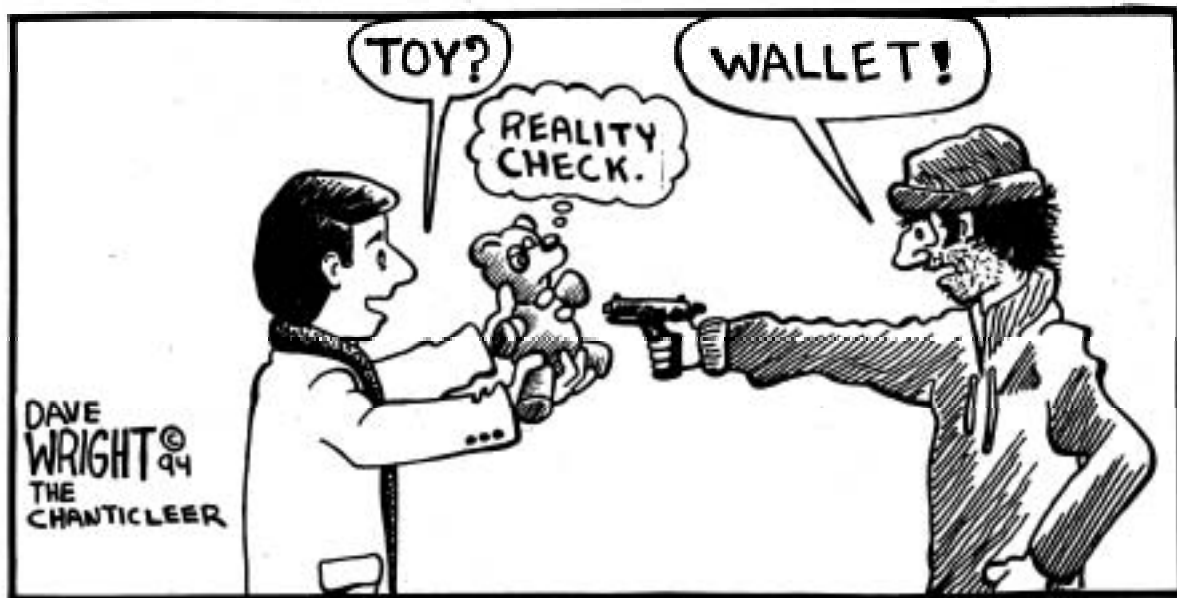
Gena Holcombe
sophomore

"I think this political correctness has gone way out of hand. There are a lot more things that we should be concerned about now. We're going through a crisis and with all of the things that are happening now, that's the last thing on my list."

Dorothy Richardson
freshman



-Compiled by Chere Lee



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Letters to the Editor

1993-94 Policy

- The Chanticleer will not print letters which are longer than 300 words.
- The Chanticleer will not print letters which are libelous and/or defamatory.
- The Chanticleer reserves the right to edit letters, and limit rebuttals to two weeks past publication date of the article in question.
- In order to ensure fairness, there will be at least two weeks in between publication of letters from the same person.
- The Chanticleer reserves the right to refuse publication of any letter.
- Deadline for letters to be in the upcoming issue is noon on the Friday preceding the preferred date of publication.
- Letters may be brought or mailed to The Chanticleer office in 180 Self Hall. All letters must be signed and include a phone number.

The Gallant Pelham

Jacksonville's Own Chapter in the History Books

by Virginia Teague

In March of 1863, people from across the South converged on Jacksonville to mourn the passing of a young hero — Maj. John Pelham.

"The Gallant Pelham," was a military hero, a lady's man and a rebel. He is also a man of mystery because history provides only a brief glimpse of one of its most intriguing figures.

Pelham is seen by many as a military genius, but he is also remembered as a ladies' man, the epitome of the Southern Gentleman.

His military successes inspired the founding of a historical society with more than 200 members in the United States and around the world.

Pelham's exploits in battle are extraordinary, even by 20th century standards. In the Battle of Evelington Heights, on July 3, 1862, Pelham held off the entire Union forces present for five hours with only a 12 pound Howitzer. This type of weapon fires a 12 pound shell and has only a medium range. Although the exact number of Union soldiers at the Battle of Evelington Heights can only be estimated, Pelham's great performance is undeniably amazing.

At the Battle of Fredericksburg, Pelham opened up with two cannons on the flanks of the Union forces and held up the division for at least an hour. According to Ted Childress, JSU history professor and Pelham scholar, this action broke the morale of the Union forces and led to one of Robert E. Lee's greatest victories. Childress also says Pelham's ability to survey the terrain and set up his strategy accordingly made him the great Artillerist that he was. "I believe he was better than Napoleon. The only thing is that he did not live as long as Napoleon and therefore did not have the experience." Childress says.

Pelham was born and raised in Calhoun County, and for a brief time, he attended the Jacksonville Male Academy, the forefather of JSU. A truly focused individual, he always knew what he wanted out of life—he wanted to be a soldier.

In pursuit of this desire, he attended West Point. During his third year at West Point, Pelham received 156 demerits. Childress stresses that Pelham's behavior was not as bad as it may seem. "He didn't drink, but would smoke a cigar now and then," he said.

Pelham's charming personality was one of the characteristics that made him a leader. He was quite popular with his West Point classmates. "His camaraderie made him outstanding." Childress said.

Fellow cadets were not the only ones who held Pelham in high esteem. He was somewhat of a



This monument still stands to Pelham in the cemetery on Church St.

ladies' man. In a letter written at West Point to one of his brothers Pelham said, "I have devoted all my time, talents and energies to the fair sex." This must have been true, because when Pelham died, three young women in Virginia went into official mourning. In the 1860's that was serious business.

"He didn't go around seducing young ladies, but he would smile and talk to them." Childress said.

Some historians believe Pelham was engaged to a young lady named Sallie Dandridge who lived on a plantation called The Bower. However, no one can be sure of this. Peggy Voghtsberger, the editor of "The Cannoneer", the paper published by the John Pelham Historical Society, is sure about one thing — he was a flirt.

One story shows a more modest tendency as far as ladies were concerned. In 1862, Pelham and General Robert E. Lee were at a plantation in Caroline County, Virginia called The Hayfield. A young girl who lived there kissed Lee on the cheek. Lee said that he didn't understand why she would want to kiss an old man while the young Maj. Pelham was right there. Pelham blushed violently and tried to leave as inconspicuously as possible after the inci-

dent.

Pelham left West Point shortly before he was to graduate to serve as an artillerist in the Civil War, and it was that work that brought him such acclaim.

Many aspects of Pelham's life are left to the imagination because his Civil War correspondence has never been found. He continues to be a man of mystery even to those who study his life.

"It's a great, great tragedy that he died so young," Voghtsberger said. "It appeals to the romantic in all of us. His like will never be seen on this earth again. It's the passing of the times."

The dashing figure of the young Pelham appeals to many. He has even been the subject of many romance novels.

"I think what's interesting about Pelham is that you will find a lot of the praise that was given to him was received when he was alive. They didn't wait until he in in his coffin and dead to say these wonderful things about him," Voghtsberger said. Even after his death, Pelham received praise of his colleagues. After his death he was granted a promotion to Lieutenant Colonel.

Pelham died at the Battle of Kelly's Ford on March 17, 1863 at age 24.

Pelham and Gen. J.E.B. Stuart were off duty and attending a party at a nearby plantation when soldiers rode by and informed them that the Yankees had attacked Kelly's Ford.

Pelham and Stuart immediately left for the battle, where Pelham received a fatal gunshot to the head.

The funeral train took about 10 days to get from Virginia to Alabama. To accommodate the crowds, a glass panel was installed in the coffin so everyone could get one last glimpse of his face.

Although the Pelhams' were Presbyterians, the funeral had to be held at the First Baptist Church in Jacksonville.

The Presbyterian Church had been built by slave labor and was not fully complete when the Civil War broke out. It was being used as a hospital at the time.

There is a legend that from the roses cut by the ladies of Virginia for Pelham's funeral train, roses bloom around old home in Jacksonville to this day.

Pelham was buried in Jacksonville on March 31, 1863. A monument to him still stands near his grave in the Jacksonville Cemetery on Church St. as a tribute to the gallant cavalier.

Blonde is back

L.A.'s darker side sings once again in Concrete Blonde's newest Capitol Records release, "Mexican Moon."

With Johnette Napolitano's lyrics, Jim Mankey on guitar, and Harry Rushakoff on drums, Concrete Blonde has evolved through three albums from a gutsy alternative/rock band into a more mature gutsy alternative/rock band.

It is almost frightening the way each track on "Mexican Moon" grabs the listener into a trance-like state. In the gloomy ballad, "Rain," or the hard, angry track, "Jesus, forgive me (for the things I'm about to say)," the listener is sucked into a similar daze.

Napolitano uses her confident, sultry voice and daring lyrics to show that, like most, she is unsure about many things. Her questions about life are mainly seen through the recurring theme of

God and religion, whom she appears very angry with.

While "Jonestown," which relates to the tragic cult mass suicide of the seventies, was Concrete Blonde's first release off "Mexican Moon" to college radio stations. "Heal It Up" was their first national single and video release.

"Mexican Moon" combines straightforward, hard songs and dreamy ballads, which include a Spanish version of the title track, to give fans an honest album that epitomizes the sound of Concrete



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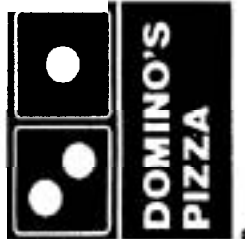
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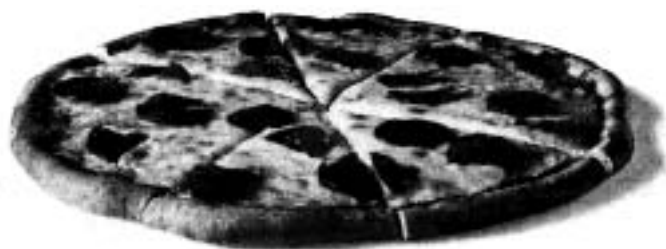
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JSU's John Session slams it home at the JSU Invitational tournament. JSU took first place.

Home team wins Invitational

From staff reports

The JSU Gamecocks exploded this weekend for yet another championship.

The Gamecocks won their own Invitational tournament to improve to 11-3 on the season.

In the first game on Friday night, the Gamecocks faced St. Thomas (Fla.). John Session led the scoring for the Gamecocks as JSU won 97-72.

Session opened the game with a three-pointer to begin his 20-point performance. JSU was 9-14 from the three-point range in the first half to lead at halftime 62-34.

The Gamecocks spent the second half shooting 60 percent from the freethrow line to take the victory.

Lenoir-Rhyne was next for the finals on Saturday night. Again, Session led the scoring with 18 points. JSU shot 53 percent from

the field and was 18-21 from the free throw line to take the victory by a score of 93-81.

Session took Most Valuable Player honors for the Invitational. Session, Pat Armour and Tim Scott led the All-Tournament Team for Jacksonville State.

This weekend, JSU faces Paine College Friday and Augusta College Saturday. Both games are away.

Lady Gamecocks outlast Kennesaw

Jeh Jeh Pruitt
Sports Editor

Sorority Support Night brought many Greek letters to Pete Matthews Coliseum Monday as Jacksonville State held on to defeat the Lady Owls of Kennesaw State 82-72.

After losing to Augusta College Saturday, JSU prepared for Kennesaw State a lot harder than normal. Skinned knees on the legs of the Lady Gamecocks showed evidence of a hard practice, a practice that resulted in a win.

"We went through a four hour practice and that gave us a lot of extra preparation," JSU senior Anita Davis said.

The Lady Gamecocks started out slow, allowing Kennesaw State to stay within scoring range. KSU found a weakness in JSU's defense and tied the Lady Gamecocks 11-11 with 12:31 left in the first half. But a three pointer by Brandy White and a jumper by Jana Simmons pushed the lead to eleven. Jana Simmons, the top scorer for JSU with twenty points, was very humble about being the top scorer: "I don't think about it. Sometimes it surprises me when I'm the top scorer."

Both teams turned it up a notch on defense generating 32 team fouls in the first half. Anita Davis got tough on the blocks pulling

down thirteen rebounds and contributing twelve points. "It was do or die. We had to win this game. The team was a lot more motivated this game," Davis said.

Despite the effort by Kennesaw State to take the lead, JSU managed to hold the lead 38-27 at the half.

In the second half, KSU guard Shannon Bradley got hot from three point range. Bradley cut JSU's eleven point lead to three with eight minutes left in the game.

"Shannon didn't have any help," KSU head coach Susan Montgomery explained. "We didn't take advantage of the opportunities. They just outplayed us."

JSU took advantage of Kennesaw State's lack of height by putting the ball in the hands of Alfredia Seals. The six-foot, four-inch center made two key baskets late in the game that put it away for the Lady Gamecocks.

With exactly two minutes left in the game, KSU's Tara Solomon cut the lead to two. Kennesaw State had the chance to take the lead, but center Aridith Gibbons fouled out and Rosheta McClain hit four key free throws in the final minutes to secure the win for JSU.

JSU's next game is Friday evening as they travel to Augusta, Georgia to battle the Lady Lions of Paine College. Tip-off is at 5:00 p.m.

Palmer opts for NFL draft

From staff reports

It was a sad day for Alabama fans as they heard the announcement of David Palmer, the most versatile athlete in college football, was leaving for the National Football League in a press conference Monday night.

Palmer, who finished third in the Heisman Trophy balloting this season, struggled with the decision of completing his senior year. Palmer wanted to return for his senior year and contend for the Heisman, but he felt a "great financial need" to move on to the professional level.

Palmer's main concern was for his family. His mother, Peggy Parker, lives in a small house in Ensley in Birmingham. Palmer also has three children—David, 5, Davian, 3, and Davida, 2—who he tries to spend as much time as possible when he's not at school.

Alabama head coach Gene Stallings had nothing but good comments about Palmer's decision to the NFL. "I hope he goes in the first round so as to benefit him financially," Stallings said.

Palmer said in a written statement, "I tried to look at it from all sides.

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Dallas and Buffalo in Super Bowl?

Denver Broncos defensive coordinator Charlie Waters could only wonder what went wrong after being blown out 42-24 by the Los Angeles Raiders in Sunday's AFC wildcard game.

"I was confused," said Waters, who repeatedly hung his head in despair as Raiders quarterback Jeff Hostetler picked apart the Broncos defense.

The Broncos, without starting cornerback Charles Dimry, certainly expected their deep pass coverage to be tested, and so it was. Raiders wideouts Tim Brown and James Jett created one headache after another sparking the Raiders to a win.

"I don't think Denver matched up so well," said Jett. "That's why they blitz so much. They can't match up with a lot of teams."

Denver certainly tried to match up flooding the secondary with seven defenders, but the speed of Brown and Jett were too much for the Bronco defense.

JEH JEH PRUITT
SPORTS EDITOR

"It was probably our worst defensive game of the year," said Denver's head coach Wade Phillips, the team's former defensive coordinator.

Denver will be watching the remainder of the playoffs from the stands while Los Angeles (11-6) flies to Buffalo (12-4) Saturday for the Conference semifinals games. Kickoff is at

11:30 pm on NBC.

Other playoff games this week are Kansas City at Houston, Green Bay at Dallas, and New York at San Francisco.

My predictions this week : Buffalo 24, Los Angeles 17; Houston 20, Kansas City 10; San Francisco 28, New York 21; Dallas 35, Green Bay 14. All games will be televised.

And, my early prediction for the Super Bowl: the Dallas Cowboys will face the Buffalo Bills in the Georgia Dome.

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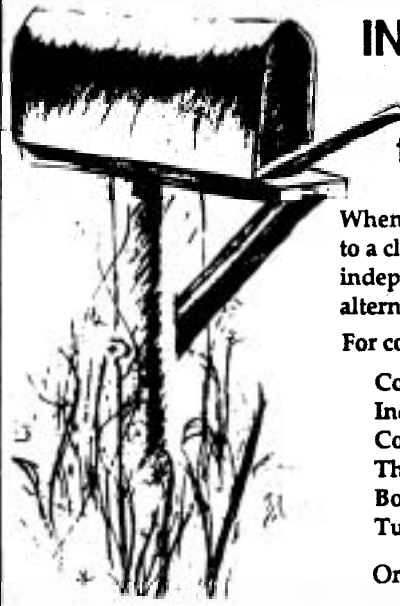


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And I have decided to help my family. It is my intention to remain in school this semester and work hard as I can to get my degree and try to better myself and my kids.

"I would like to thank coach Stallings for staying behind me even when everything was going bad. Coach Stallings gave me a second chance, and I am grateful for that," he said.

Palmer will probably be a punt/kickoff return man in the NFL, but he can play almost any skilled position on the offense.

Among other college juniors leaving were Auburn running back James Bostic and Tennessee quarterback Heath Schuler. All three players are expected to go in the first round.

Palmer will be remembered at Alabama finishing his college career with 102 catches for 1,611 yards, including a school record 61 catches for 1,000 yards and accounting for 16 touchdowns.

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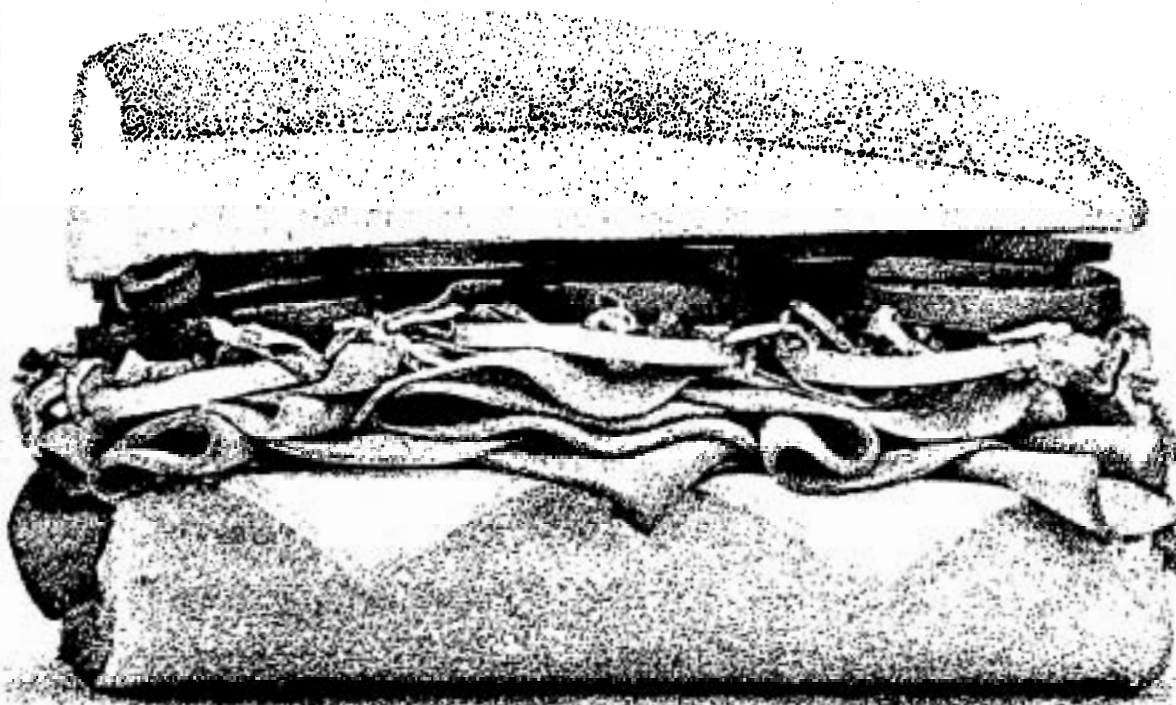
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