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Dempsey, Bennett, Hawk take SGA offices

Mark Harrison
News Editor

The results are in. Chris Dempsey, Jeff Bennett and Emily Hawk were the unquestioned winners in this year's SGA elections.

A disappointing 976 students, approximately 13 percent of the total enrollment, turned out for last week's elections. Despite attempts to lure more voters by heavily publicizing the elections and giving students two days to cast their ballot, fewer students voted during in the SGA elections than in this year's Homecoming contest.

Still, the turnout was better than last year's SGA election, when fewer than 600 students voted. It should be noted however that both the presidential and vice-presidential positions were not contested in last year's election.

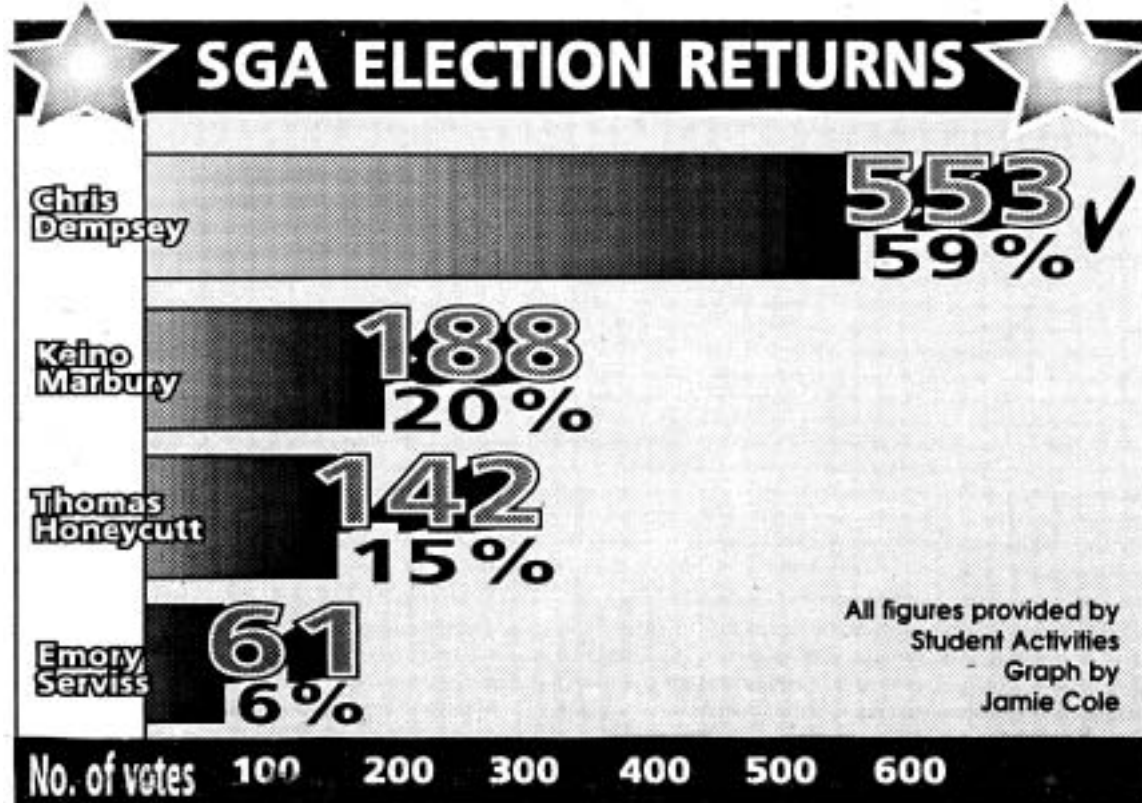
As for this year:

Chris Dempsey was the big winner, with a landslide victory in the presidential race. Dempsey received 553 votes, second overall only to Emily Hawk's unchallenged bid for financial officer.

Keino Marbury finished second with 188 votes.

Thomas Honeycutt finished third with 142 votes.

Emory Serviss finished fourth with 61 votes.



Newly elected SGA Senators

- Sandra Wyckoff-161 votes.
- Cassanova Bristow-119 votes.
- David Jones-104 votes.
- Betsy Arnold-95 votes.
- Sharon Bates-89 votes.
- LaKendra Baker-87 votes.
- Pierre Hambrick-85 votes.
- Julie Campbell-73 votes.
- Kristie Jones-73 votes.
- Forest Harrington-68 votes.
- Allison Logdson-67 votes.
- Alexia Daniels-66 votes.
- Lissy Jones-65 votes.
- Keil Jones-65 votes.
- Jeriann Aldrift-64 votes.
- Marlene Alvarez-Medina-63 votes.
- Amy Atchison-63 votes.
- Christian LeBlanc-60 votes.
- Tabitha Camp-57 votes.
- Fowler Williams-55 votes.
- Richard Adams-55 votes.
- Daniel Wright-55 votes.
- Alisha Rogers-54 votes.
- Jenni Kowalczyk-52 votes.
- Katrina Mitchell-51 votes.
- John Royal-51 votes.
- Angel Narvaez-50 votes.
- Eric McCulley-47 votes.
- Malcolm Davidson-45 votes.
- Matt Crandon-44 votes.
- Jeanne Napier-44 votes.
- Brian Tucker-41 votes.
- Roy Martin-40 votes.
- Ryan Condy-40 votes.
- Jeff Randolph-39 votes.
- Michael Allman-39 votes.

Jeff Bennett was the clear winner in the vice-presidential race, finishing with 477 votes.

Askari Dougan finished second with 144 votes.

Timothy Higgins finished a close third with 141 votes.

Suman Silwal finished fourth with 116 votes.

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The number of people seeking SGA office this year seems to contradict the low-turnout indicator of student apathy. In addition to the hotly contested presidential and vice-presidential races, bids for Senate positions also warmed up.

With 51 people competing for senate seats, this year's election marked the first time in several years that more students sought positions than the 35 seats which

were available. This is quite a contrast to last year's election, when only 16 candidates sought senate positions.

Sandra Wyckoff was the big winner in this year's senate race, with 161 votes, the most received by any senatorial candidate.

Cassanova Bristow received the second highest number of votes at 119.

David Jones finished third with 104 votes.

Wyckoff accused of receiving stolen property

Mark Harrison
News Editor

University Police arrested Jacksonville State's 1993-94 Homecoming Queen, Sandra Wyckoff on March 3 and charged her with receiving stolen property in the third degree.

Details are sketchy at this point, but according to officials at UPD Wyckoff allegedly attempted to sell a stolen book to the JSU bookstore.

The allegation did little to affect Wyckoff's bid for senator in last week's SGA elections. Out of 51 contenders Wyckoff received 161 votes, the most of any senatorial

candidate.

Besides her role as Homecoming Queen, Wyckoff also serves as a peer counselor for JSU and as a Resident Assistant at Logan Hall.

Sgt. Rick Tubbs, who is investigating the case, declined to comment further because the case is still under investigation.

Wyckoff said she did not wish to comment at this time.

Wyckoff has options

According to UPD Deputy Chief Nelson Coleman, a hearing is scheduled for next Monday in Jacksonville City Court. Hearings will begin at 6:00 p.m. at Jacksonville City Hall.

Coleman said Wyckoff's op-

"Police usually take a real hard line about people selling their own books, and using their student ID cards."

*-- Nelson Coleman
UPD Deputy Chief*

tions include entering a plea or requesting a postponement. He said that if Wyckoff enters a plea of "not guilty" a trial will probably be held on the spot.

Coleman addressed the issue of students returning books for others, "Police usually take a real

hard line about people selling their own books, and using their student ID cards," he said.

Criminal code

According to the Alabama Criminal Code, "A person commits the crime of receiving stolen property if he intentionally receives, retains or disposes of stolen property knowing that it has been stolen or having reasonable grounds to believe it has been stolen, unless the property is received, retained or disposed of with intent to restore it to the owner."

-Receiving stolen property that

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

• Taking the College BASE Examination is a graduation requirement for all baccalaureate degrees. Taking the test during the last (graduating) semester is preferred. However, students are eligible to take the test whenever they are classified as a Senior.

Seniors may obtain registration forms in the Office of Assessment, 216 Ayers Hall.

Dates for the exam are as follows:

- 5:30-9:30 PM March 14 23 Ayers Hall.
- 5:30-9:30 PM March 15 23 Ayers Hall.
- 8:30-12:30 PM March 19 23 Ayers Hall.
- 5:30-9:30 PM March 23 23 Ayers Hall.
- 5:30-9:30 PM March 24 23 Ayers Hall.

• Applications for invitation to membership in JSU's chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political science honor society, will be accepted through March 18. Application forms are available in 315 Martin Hall.

• There will be a workshop on "Building Self Esteem" from 3:30-4:30 toaday in 220 Stephenson Gym. For more information call 782-5475.

• Treating sex offenders, providing therapeutic foster care, and dealing with sexual harassment are among the special workshops to be offered during Jacksonville State University's annual Social Work Day beginning at 8 a.m. on tomorrow on the 11th floor of Houston Cole Library. The registration fee is \$35 including lunch and \$25 without lunch. Students will be admitted for \$15 including lunch and \$5 without lunch. Luncheon reservations must be made by March 11. For further information, contact the JSU Department of Sociology and Social Work at 782-5333.

• TV Services and the Communications Department have arranged for an interview of Lloyd Dobyns, visiting Ayers Professor, to be broadcast on Alabama Public Television. Dobyns will appear as a special guest on an upcoming episode of "For The Record," APT's daily news and public affairs program. The interview, hosted by APT's Sandra Polizos, was taped Feb. 22 and will air March 21 at 6:30 p.m.

CAMPUS CRIME DOCKET

- 3/12. Tracy Seals reported theft of property at Curtiss Hall.
- 3/9. Reon Sherina Knight reported criminal mischief in the parking lot of Fitzpatrick Hall.
- 3/9. Tonya Yvette Joshua, 19, of Gadsden, was arrested and charged with theft of services in third degree at Fitzpatrick Hall.
- 3/9. Fabian Corleon Anderson, 21, of Huntsville, was arrested and charged with criminal trespass at Steed Circle.
- 3/9. Reginald Antwan Quarles reported receiving stolen property and shooting fireworks between Crow and Dixon Hall.
- 3/8. Charles Ryland Bowie reported theft of services at Crow Hall.

CORRECTIONS

- The Chandler referred to in last week's "JSU becomes more consumer conscious" should have been identified as Jerry Chandler, who serves on an enrollment improvement committee.
- In announcements last week, the Sigma Nu mentioned should have read Beta Sigma Nu.

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--Winston Churchill

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SGA UPDATE

During this weeks SGA meeting, members discussed issues ranging from public safety to academic improvement.

- One important issue brought to the SGA's attention was the bidding process JSU uses in choosing the cafeteria to be used on campus.

SGA senator David Jones said he was denied access to bids involving the selection of different cafeterias offered to JSU. According to Jones, Joe Whitmore said that there was a law prohibiting public access. After consulting a lawyer, Jones found this to be untrue. David said that he will talk to Whitmore later this week.

• There was some discussion of a proposal to have a preparation week just before final exams. The proposal doesn't involve time out of school, rather it will be a week of classes with no tests or homework. The idea is to give working students and students with families a chance to prepare for tests without the stress of other deadlines. An alternative plan is to have a "Dead Day," one entire day out of class to study and relax.

• An SGA senator announced the safety hazards involving the Library parking lots are already being taken care of. The grey lines that outline the parking spaces are now being painted white so the spaces will be more visible.



The new SGA officers celebrate after their victories last Tuesday and Wednesday.

Dempsey says this past year's SGA activities contributed to his re-election

Wyckoff

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does not exceed \$100 in value constitutes receiving stolen property in the third degree. Receiving stolen property in the third degree is a Class A misdemeanor, which carries a possible penalty not exceeding one year in jail.

Coleman said that Wyckoff will most likely be required to pay a fine, if she is found guilty of the charge.

How can it be determined that a book has been stolen?

An employee of the Jacksonville bookstore explained the process, "If a book has been reported to us as stolen, we go out of our way to try to find it.

"Say you put your social security number on such and such a page, or you've got a certain something written in the book. When the book comes in to us, if we can find whatever you've told us is on such and such a page that's the way we identify it."

Coleman said there are several ways to determine if a book has been stolen. He said that UPD also looks for identifying marks such as a name or social

"If a book has been reported to us stolen, we go out of our way to find it. We determine that books are stolen if a person is going back to the bookstore and selling a lot of new books and they have no class." ---J'ville Bookstore employee

security number.

"We determine that books are stolen if a person is going back to the bookstore and selling a lot of new books, and they have no class, and they have not purchased any of these books," he said.

Coleman said when a stolen book is reported to UPD, the bookstore is notified to be on the lookout for it.

It is not known at this time whether or not the book which Wyckoff attempted to return had any such identifying marks.

GREEK SPOTLIGHT by Scott Martin

The following fraternities and sororities raised more than \$800 for the American Cancer Society: Delta Chi, Alpha Tau Omega, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Zeta Tau Alpha, Alpha Xi Delta, Delta Zeta.

Fraternity and sorority members make up 25 of the newly elected SGA officers and senators. Chris Dempsey and Jeff Bennet, respectively SGA President and Vice-President, commented on the support of Greek organizations following their win in elections.

"I want to thank all the Greeks who voted on Tuesday and Wednesday," Dempsey said. "They consisted of over half of total voter turnout and that is excellent for a school with 11 percent Greeks."

Bennet agreed. "I was very impressed with the support in the SGA elections, and I believe that this shows the Greeks do care about what is happening on campus and where this University is going," he said.

Greek Week is next week. Some of the events scheduled include:

Sunday:
•5 p.m.- Suit Case Race between Stephenson Hall and Paul Snow Stadium.

•5:30 p.m.- Three legged race between Stephenson Hall and Paul Snow Stadium.

•6 p.m.- "Hot Shot" basketball at Stephenson Hall.

•7 p.m.- Dart Tournament at Jefferson's.

Monday:
•2 p.m.- Eating Contest at the Intramural track.

•2:30 p.m.- Chariot Race at the IM track.

•3p.m.- Golf drive at the IM field.

•3:30 p.m.- Horeshoe tournaments at Delta Chi and Kappa Sigma.

Tuesday:
•9 a.m.- 4 p.m.- Greek God and Goddess elections at TMB.

•2 p.m.- Tug of war on the IM field.

•2:45 p.m.- One mile run at the IM track.

•3:15 p.m.- Obstacle course on the IM field.

•3:45 p.m.- Home Run Derby on the IM field.

•7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.- Canned Food Drive at TMB auditorium.

Wednesday:
•2 p.m.- Lap relay at the Coliseum Pool.

•2:30 p.m.- Belly flop for fraternities only at the Coliseum Pool.

•3 p.m.- Tricycle race for sororities only on the IM field.

•3:30p.m.- Four-man beach volleyball at Delta Chi.

•7:30 p.m.- Skit competition at Leone Cole auditorium.

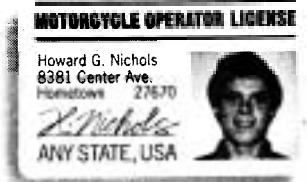
Thursday:
•2:30 p.m.- Jeopardy contest at TMB auditorium.

•7:30 p.m.- Greek Week banquet at Leone Cole auditorium.

There will be a blood drive from 11: a.m.-5 p.m. on Wednesday and again from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. on Thursday at TMB.

The Greek Week banquet Thursday night will include an awards presentation for outstanding adviser, Greek God and Goddess, Greek Spirit Award and Chapter of Excellence.

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New officers look for change in future

Mark Harrison
News Editor

Chris Dempsey will serve a second term as SGA President, while Jeff Bennett takes up the reigns as Vice-President following last week's overwhelming victory. The two addressed the SGA's direction in a recent interview.

"I'd like to see a new constitution in effect that would organize the SGA much more than it's been in the recent two years or so," Dempsey said. "That's very important, because every time we go do something the constitution is hindering us and standing in our way where it should be helping us to achieve our goals sooner. It has a lot of loopholes in it, if we can get this new one in I think we can go forward in a lot of ways.

"I'm looking forward to a year with a lot of Senator participation. I would like to see the Senators be more accountable, that's something that Jeff wants also. Together we're going to try to do that. At the same time, we want to reward those Senators who are doing outstanding jobs. We want to recognize people a little more than we have in the past."

Dempsey said there will be by-laws encouraging Senators to work harder. He also said he hopes to see a morale boost throughout the SGA.

"We did run a hard campaign," Dempsey said on the landslide victory which he, Bennett and Financial Officer Emily Hawk enjoyed. "One thing we pushed hard was for people to come out and vote. We told several organizations it's not enough to tell us you're going to vote for us, we

need to see you out at the polls.

"I think we've had some controversial issues this past year, and it probably helped me a lot that my name was out there. We did just encourage people to come out and vote. We're constantly working on that thing we call apathy, and we we're trying to get as many people as we could to go out and show the rest of the school, who's not going to come out and vote that there is an interest here and they're the one's who are going to be left out."

Dempsey said he was not disappointed with the overall turnout. "We almost doubled our number from last year," he said. "Almost 1,000 is not representative of 7,000 but it's much more representative than 500 so we were excited.

Bennett mirrored Dempsey's concerns, "What we'd like to do is follow up in what we've stated in our campaigns, this fall I hope to bring back the interclub council. I hope to make Senators more responsible to the students."

Bennett said he hopes to keep Senators involved in student activities. He said that he wants to see the entire SGA work together better.

"I want to be out more on campus just walking around," Bennett said. "There's nothing I would ask the administration to do that I wouldn't do myself and for years we've been saying we need to see the administrators out walking around campus more. I see that as the SGA officers role also."

Bennett said the SGA should be more accessible to students. "Hopefully, we can publicize the open door policy more. I'm hop-

ing to have a heavily publicized open forum once a month, we'll have students come in, dispense with the regular order of business and just be there to let students talk.

"We need to know what we need to work on for the students. Sometimes we get involved in little projects that we want and we sometimes forget what the students want."

Bennett attributed the high percentage of votes he and Dempsey received to "past work with the SGA and our activities on campus. Yes, we had a large Greek turnout but I don't think we can just give it to the Greeks, we've also got to thank departments like the drama department and the music department who came out and supported us. The Wesley foundation was a large supporter.

"Also we had the athletic teams coming out, we had a lot of baseball players coming out and football players which had never really happened before. There are activities other than SGA and other than our own respective Greek organizations. Chris is a member at the Wesley Foundation, Emily supports and goes to almost all the baseball games and I'm an alumni Southerner and chamber singer and Chris and myself have both worked in the drama department."

Bennett said the key is understanding the students by actually being in their shoes at different times.

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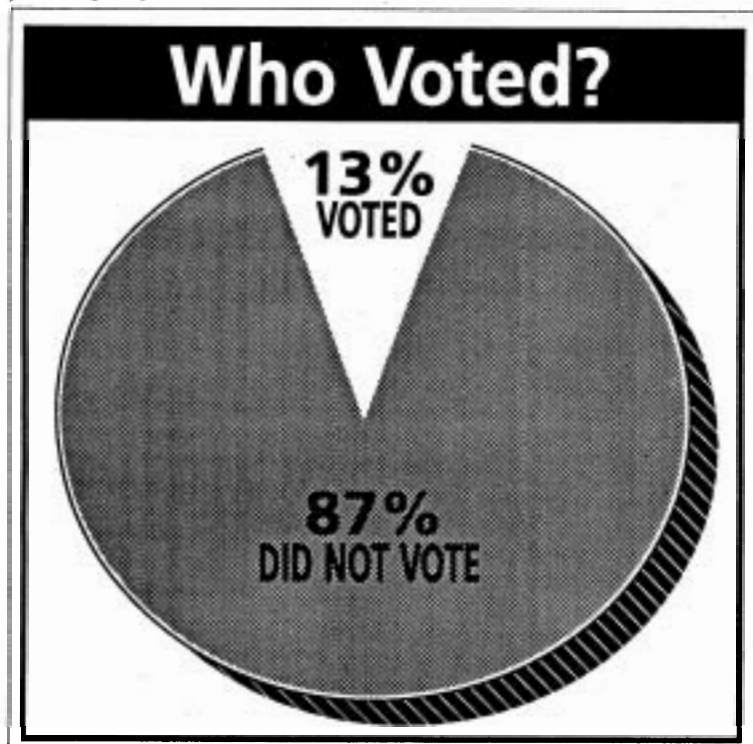
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Students need stress relief

The semester is more than half over. Summer is on its way and you would think students would be happy, but most are not.

This part of the semester, especially the spring semester, is often the most stressful. Instructors are trying to work in all the assignments they put off at the first of the semester. Students are wondering how they will ever pull up the grades resulting from goofing off at the first of the semester.

When they are not studying, students are planning their schedules for next fall, wondering how on earth they will ever fit in all of the classes they need to graduate any time in the next six years. On top of academic worries, some students have to decide where they will work during the summer, whether they should pay rent on an apartment they won't be living in or risk trying to find a place to live in the fall, and wondering if relationships can survive the summer separation.

All-in-all, it is not a happy fun time of the year, and the worst part is that no one seems to know what to do about it. Not only are students worried about classes, finances, futures and relationships, they are also worried about being worried all the time.

That is where the University could come in handy. The Career Development and Counselling Center does offer stress management workshops, but since attending one of these appears to be admitting to a problem, many students will not attend.

A guest speaker sponsored and advertised by the SGA would make students less defensive, especially if they approached with the idea, "Everybody has stress, here is how to minimize it."

Also, instructors could make themselves more accessible to students. An attentive instructor is often in the position to recognize dangerous stress levels in a student long before anyone else can. Approaching a student as a friend and simply saying, "Is there anything you would like to talk about?" could be a big help. Since many students are not able to visit their parents, they sometimes need an authority figure to offer advice and reassurance.

The administration and the SGA could help by collecting used, goofy childrens toys and distributing all over campus. It may sound strange, but bubbles, decks of cards, frisbees, yo-yos and slinkies are wonderful stress relievers. Extending the hours at Stephenson would also offer a constructive way to burn stress.

Until the University takes a more active role, there are some things students can do for themselves. Go play tennis (even if you are clueless), relax at the park, go for a walk, or have a night of safe fun with your friends. Anything non-destructive to help take your minds off of your worries. If you get to the point where you just can't take it anymore, go to the Career Development and Counselling Center in Bibb Graves. No one should be ashamed to find someone to talk to.

Let the water battle begin!

MELANIE LYNN JONES
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Water gun season is almost here. It is that time of year again. Discount stores are stocking their shelves with those brightly-colored weapons of water war. Refrigerators are filling with water arsenals. Those who are really daring are by-passing the toy guns and loading up on water balloons. Some are ready for just filling up the buckets. Forget the tiny toddlers, stressed out college students are ready for war.

It may not be a ritual among all college students, I understand some prefer to chase each other with spewing beer cans than expensive weapons, but as far as I'm concerned, water gun wars are a rite of spring.

It all started my sophomore year when my roommate and I bought cheap little squirt guns to attack her boyfriend. By some odd coincidence, he had found his childhood friend, a water machine gun, and had it handy in his car. Our secret attack failed in part, but we somehow broke his weapon. His revenge was worse than we could have imagined. It ended with about 12 soaking wet

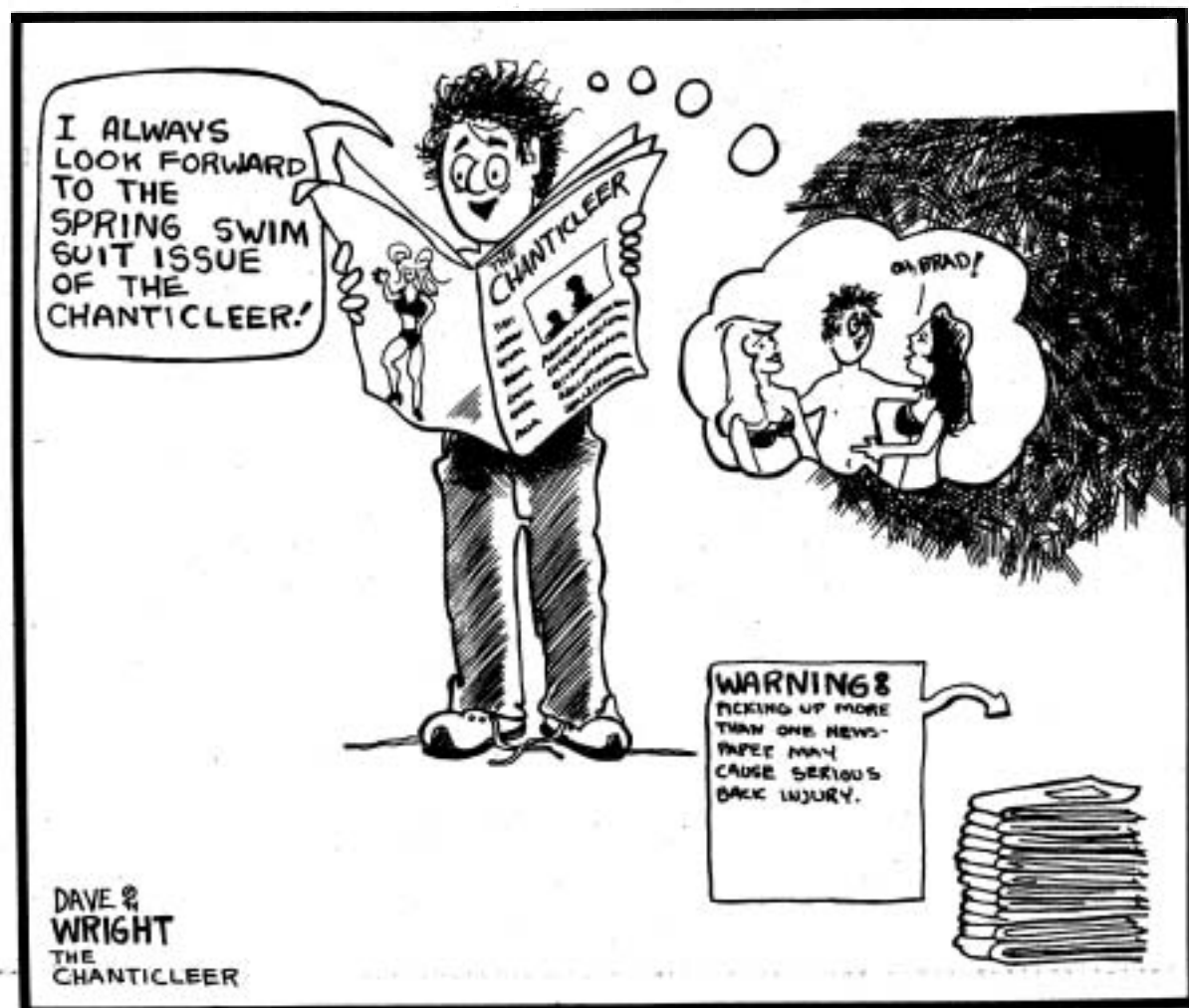
men and women running in and around our house attacking each other with anything that would hold water in the ultimate battle of the sexes. No one knows who won, but I managed one of the best shots by pouring a bucket from the attic. It took every towel in the place to clean up, but it was worth it. That battle gave birth to a tradition, and it also introduced us to "THE LIQUIDATORS," the hideously ugly weapons of mass destruction. We've had dozens of skirmishes since war broke out. The battle lines have been drawn and redrawn, but a winner is never clear, although the men, being very man-like, always claim they won.

Cold weather offers some protection, but we can never be sure of peace. During high-stress periods we must always beware of an unexpected knock at the door. We never know if the person on the other side is armed with anything from a water gun to a can of whipped cream.

In celebration of the end of mid-terms, we carried our battle across the state line to a cattle farm in Georgia. We divided into two groups, one armed, one unarmed, and took off into the wilderness. Once all members of the unarmed group were doused with cold creek water, we traded places. In all, the adventure ended with one broken super soaker, one missing walkie-talkie, and one visit to the emergency room for a damaged ankle, but it was still 10 times more fun than mid-terms.

We managed to keep our last battle within the city limits, but it did take place all over the city. The men took several hostages and I ended up in hiding, but most of us enjoyed ourselves tremendously. I say most only because I'm not sure that the woman who was thrown in the creek when the men ran out of water has fond memories of the evening.

That was how we left off, and now it's the ladies turn for revenge. The leaders of the opposition have graduated and the men are dealing with new recruits, so watch out. The arsenals are ready and stress is in the air.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Has anyone ever noticed that every year there seem to more and more desks being crammed into the same small rooms?

In more than half of my classes the desks are crammed in from one wall to the other. I don't mind getting a wall desk. I think there is some good behind them, especially during that 7:30 class when you can grab some wall space to get that last hour of sleep in before the day begins.

Personally, I like watching students entering their classes and finding their seats. The thinner people have enough trouble getting down the aisles

, sideways and on their tiptoes, but when a person with a weight problem makes his way through the aisles his thighs push the desks aside like Moses parting the Red Sea.

In the class I'm in right now, it's a good thing that everyone in back. If just one person sat in front, the whole class would have to be called, 'cause no one could get past them to get to their seat.

Some of my classes have those desks that are permanently affixed to the floor. They're a lot like the seats found in a movie theater, minus all of the comfortable cushioning. Do the Jacksonville State administrators actually

think they are fooling us into believing we are going to see something that is really entertaining to us?

Does anyone know why these desks are so small?

These desks were small in kindergarten and they're still small today. They may seem smaller because I'm still growing, but I thought I stopped that four years ago!

And the desk I'm sitting in now? It has initials in it that I could swear I carved back in the second grade with a broken pencil sharpener that I traded for with two sticks of gum.

Sincerely,
J. Craig Thieman
junior



THE CHANTICLEER

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SPEAK UP

Should JSU publish a student directory?



"I think JSU should put out a student phone directory because it is difficult to find your friend's numbers when you need them."

Carren Jones
freshman

"I think it would be better because students wouldn't have to call information as much. They could just look in their directory..."

Shelley Arnold
senior



"A phone directory could be necessary because if you're in class with someone and need some notes, you might see them three times a week but never know their phone number."

Claudia Loefer
freshman

"I think the student directory would be a good idea if students were given the option of not having their numbers listed. Some students might not want their number listed in the directory."

Pierre Hambrick
senior



"Most major schools have a directory and it will help people get involved."

Alexia Daniels
sophomore

"At Auburn you can even call and get a student's address. Most major schools have a directory...I think it would be more of a help than a hinderance."

Scott Elrod



--Compiled by Chere Lee

International Week offers taste of culture

Last week you could have stepped off the JSU campus into any number of countries from around the world. Well, sort of.

Last week was International Week here at JSU, and International House director Grindley Curren hopes that such promotions for cultural exchange will continue to become a greater part of the academic atmosphere here.

Making your own video, going to movies, dances, special speakers, and exhibits were just a few of the opportunities International Week offered.

Of course, an integral part of International Week was the international students. Many of these students have given up opportunities in their own countries to come here. Even free tuition. For example, Germany doesn't charge tuition for students who go past high school.

Some students come from countries with free health care, like Sweden.

Life isn't all roses across the borders, though. In many countries, the school's curriculums are harder than they are here. The requirements for a masters degree in some countries rival those for a doctorate here.

"American students are very spoiled," says Karima Belemmia from Morocco, which is located

in North Africa. "If students will just study, they can get very high grades at JSU because the tests are multiple choice." Karima also pointed out that in her country, if a student fails a class, they have to repeat the entire year.

School isn't the only thing that's different in Morocco. If the African sun makes you crave a nice cold beer, you'd better be prepared to chuck out close to \$10. Alcohol is heavily taxed

"American students are very spoiled."

*--Karima Belemmia
International Student*

there. It can also get you thrown in jail. Karima's religion, Islam, forbids alcohol consumption, and you can be thrown in jail if you're caught in the streets with some.

Sweden has a similar situation. "It's not cheap to get drunk in Sweden," says Daniel Stigberg, himself a Swede.

It's not cheap to get a drivers license either. According to Stigberg, after attending 20 or so classes, you can expect to pay anywhere from \$1,000 to \$2,000 to get one.

Nyang Njie, a student from

Gambia, a country in West Africa, wants to point out some more of the benefits overseas.

"We only had 12 murders in our entire country last year," he says, "and we only have two prisons with about 600 inmates." According to Njie, the police are seen as individuals there to help save lives.

Njie also wanted to dispel the myth of his region of the world. He says he'd like for National Geographic to show the whole Gambia in the future.

"We are not a hungry, starving, naked people," he says.

Despite the differences, most international students don't regret their decision to study in the US. Claudia Loeber of Germany certainly doesn't...

"I would say this has been the most important experience of my life."

*-- by Ken J.
Daugherty*



A food tasting was just one of the activities during International Week.



A group of JSU students make their own video at the International House.

Check out new Beck: nothing "mellow" about it

Mike Canada
Features writer

3:30 a.m. Nothing's on TV except old movies you never wanted to see. Change channels. Great...infomercials that stopped being funny last year repeat and repeat and repeat. Switch to MTV. At this time of night they play bad bar bands with worse videos. You're about to pass out. Then something strange happens.

A weird video pops up. Some little guy is bouncing to an almost familiar beat. Two girls practice aerobics in a grave yard. A coffin moves around a city — who knows why?

You notice the music. Is it blues or rap or funk or folk or

just noise? The answer is yes. It's all of those. Say hello to Beck.

The video is for "Loser", and if it catches your attention, you're not alone. The single caused Southern California college students to take their eyes off Seattle last year — and when Southern Cal listens, you can bet the record companies will too.

Early last March, a 23-year old high school drop out recorded a single on Bongload Records. A year later that drop out signed with the David Geffen Company (DGC). That deal yielded Beck's major label review, "Mellow Gold".

The album is a mixture of diverse street music and schizophrenic poetry Beck calls "folk/

noise." A sound he developed while playing the coffee houses and clubs of L.A. over the past five years.

Inspired by "crazy street poets" and old blues, the songs combine folk, rap, and bizarre noises to create an odd collage of sound. Played from beginning to end, the album creates a hazy, carefree attitude — even when Beck is screaming at his neighbors ("Truckdrivin' Neighbors Downstairs")

The potential singles aren't hard to pick...they're the ones that can be played over the air. Don't expect to hear "F***in' With My Head" on 92J, even though it's every bit as good as "Loser". "Soul Suckin' Jerk" and "Nightmare Hippie girl",

two excellent and very different tracks, beg to be released.

A few weeks ago, Beck played "Pay No Mind" on MTV's 120 Minutes. The response: the song became his second single and clips of "Loser" began popping up on MTV commercials.

Now "Mellow Gold" is a hard item to find in record stores — people keep buying it.

Beck is now in the college top-ten and rumor has it he may be on the Lollapalooza tour this year.

If DGC is smart enough to release "Beercan", the best song on the album, the Grammy's might not mean something in '95.

Nah, U2 will probably have a new album out by then.

*Boa makes
'special
appearncce'
in studio*

Snake looks for big break in television

While it's true that journalists occasionally have been accused of being reptiles, it's not often that they get much media attention just for hanging out with them.

A Colombian boa constrictor recently was on the lam for three weeks in the University of Florida's College of Journalism and Communications, alternately terrorizing and amusing students, faculty and staff after he escaped his owner's clutches at the colleges' WUFT television studios.

Van Gogh's three-week slither came to an end in mid-January when the boa was discovered in the studio's master control room, not far from the spot where he made his break in Weimer Hall, the Independent Florida Alligator reported.

All you need is love

Everybody knows that love makes you feel good, but a Southern Connecticut State University researcher says the effects of l'amor on health are more profound than most people imagine.

Loving and being loved have measurable physiological effects, the most important of which is strengthening the immune system, which prevents a host of diseases, including cancer, said Jerry Ainsworth, a professor of physical education who teaches a course on love and health.

In children, X-rays reveal that children's bones do not grow as fast or strong as they should during periods in which they were not loved, he said. Although romantic love is idealized by American culture, the healthiest kind of love is unconditional.

A branch study called "psychoneuroimmunology" acknowledges the mind-body connection. When the spirit is suffering, destructive things, such as malignancies, start happening

-- College Press Service

Silent Expressions 'sings with their hands'

Mike Canada
Features writer

They offered their voices for "Earth Week," voices rarely heard.

Monday marked the beginning of "Earth Week", five days of Earth preservation consciousness sponsored by the JSU's S.A.V.E. (Students Against Violating the Earth). It also marked the debut of Jax State's newest performance group, Silent Expressions.

Silent Expressions isn't your typical singing group, they sing with their hands.

"We formed to promote deaf awareness on campus," says organizer JSU sophomore Michael Cain, "and to participate in Earth Week."

The group of seven hearing impaired students began participating just two weeks before their first performance.

"We only had four practices and we learned our second song in one day," says Cain.

The students, sponsored by S.O.D.A. (Student Organization for Deaf Awareness) use sign language to interpret modern songs. Appropriately, the songs for "Earth Day" dealt with conservation.

Following S.A.V.E.'s treeplanting ceremony on the quad, Silent Expressions began their performance. With the help of a portable stereo, Cain signed the lyrics to Alabama's "Passing It On Down", a song about saving the Earth for future generations. He then acted as conductor for Michelle Durham as she performed Michael Jackson's "Heal the World".

Though their first performance was short, the group relayed a beautiful message to the audience: we all have voices and we each can play a part.

"We want to play a part in JSU...and get the message of deaf awareness across," says Cain. "We'll be back next year."

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'Piano' and 'List' battle for best

An erotic love story versus a Holocaust horror story. That's about what the 66th Annual Academy Award Ceremony boils down to will the Academy shower Oscars on Steven Spielberg for the harrowing "Schindler's List"? Or will Jane Campion's brilliant and entertaining love story "The Piano" sweep the awards? The oddsmakers are at work as you read this, but here are my picks for Oscar 1993.

Best Picture - "Schindler's List" looks like a shoo-in for this one, since it has grabbed so many of the major Oscar indicators including the Golden Globe for Best Dramatic Picture. My personal favorite is "The Piano," but the Holocaust epic should take the big prize. I wish these two movies had been released in separate years so they both could win.

"The Fugitive" is a popcorn movie, probably a token nomination. Like "A Few Good Men" last year, this classic Hollywood entertainment flick has no chance whatsoever of winning Best Picture, and probably has some insiders scratching their heads (i.e. "Where's 'Six Degrees of Separation' and 'Short Cuts'?). Though I personally feel "The Fugitive" deserved its nomination (unlike the dreadful "Ghost" nomination of a few years past), "Jurassic Park" or "Dave" could easily have filled its space on the ballot.

"The Remains of the Day" is the darkhorse, but I don't expect

THE BIG SCREEN

JAMIE COLE

it to play spoiler, either.

Best Director - This is the closest race. There could be a big surprise in store. Jane Campion ("The Piano") has swept a couple of major awards right out from under Spielberg, including the New York Film Critic's Circle award for Best Director. She's also the first woman to take the Palme d'Or prize at the Cannes Film Festival (the equivalent of Best Picture). Everyone expects Spielberg to win, but the Academy has snubbed him before and may not think his shadowy, black-and-white images are as impressive as the lovely color saturations in "The Piano."

Best Actor - Tom Hanks was positively riveting in "Philadelphia," but mixed reviews for that film may turn the prize to Anthony Hopkins for "The Remains of the Day." Liam Neeson ("Schindler's List") has a chance, but the part isn't showy enough for Academy members.

Best Actress - There is no way anyone can bet against Holly Hunter for her stunning work in "The Piano." Her mute character doesn't even need to say anything. She's a shoo-in.

Best Supporting Actor - "The Fugitive" could score a win here, with Tommy Lee Jones taking the Oscar for his cool (and often hi-

larious) performance. John Malkovich is fine in "In the Line of Fire," but the runner-up and nearest competitor to Jones will be Ralph Fiennes for his chilling concentration camp commandant in "Schindler's List."

Best Supporting Actress - "The Piano" has its most charming performance in this category, and if the Academy is voting on sheer talent, Anna Paquin should take home the prize. The 11-year-old was sensational as Holly Hunter's willfull daughter, and it was her very first role. Emma Thompson will probably win, though, since Hunter will beat her in the Best Actress category.

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Literary magazine to hold reading

• JSU's own literary magazine, "Dress for Breakfast," will hold a public reading at 7:30 PM Monday night on the 11th floor at Houston Cole Library. The journal contains poems, essays and short stories submitted by JSU students. Copies will be available for purchase at the reading for \$1.

JSU student Michael Ballard is editor of the magazine. This year's edition of "Dress for Breakfast" features Jamie Fike's award-winning essay "The Finger of God."

Additional contributions can be made at the reading and will be earmarked for JSU's Writer's Club to continue publication of "Dress for Breakfast."

For more information, contact Susan Methvin in the English department.

Top drama students direct

• Mark your calendars. Three one-act plays are coming soon. Performance date is March 22. The plays will be performed in 338 Stone Center. Admission is \$1. The plays will be: Life Underwater written by Richard Greenberg, directed by Melissa Crow; Present Tense written by John McNamara, directed by Kimberley Kinsey; Ikke, Ikke, Nye, Nye, Nye written by Lanford Wilson, directed by Tracey Gamble.



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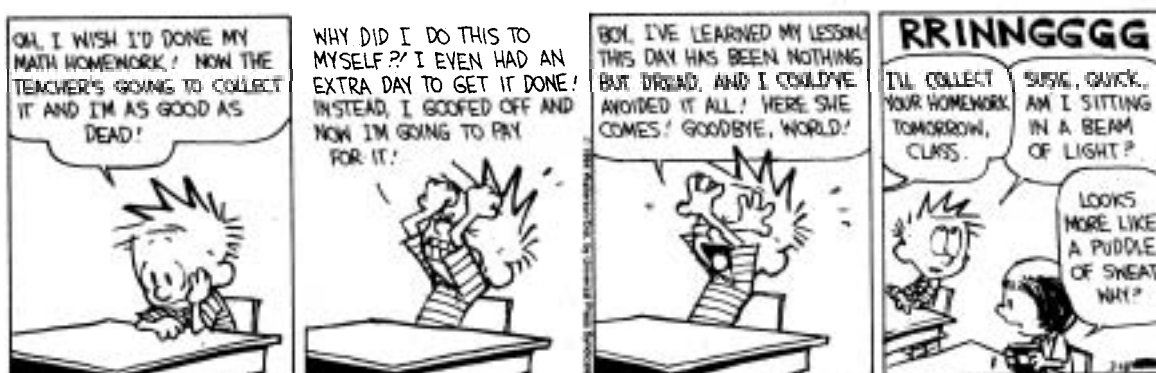
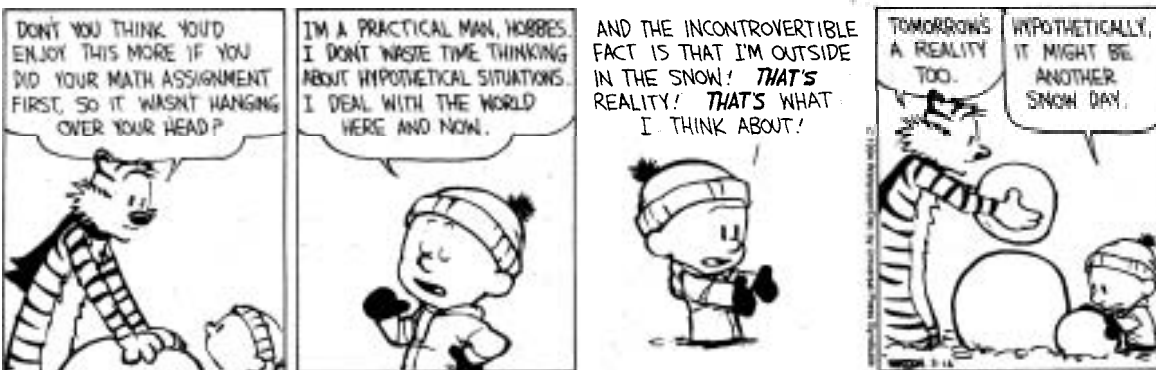
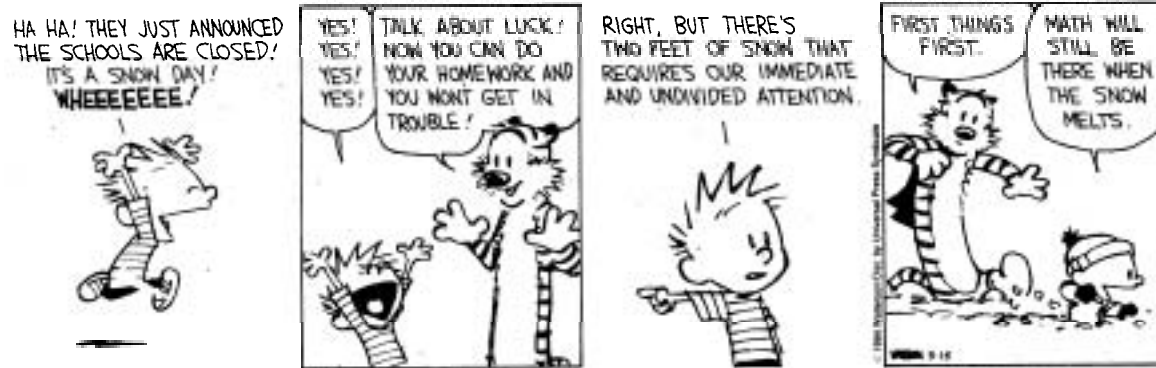
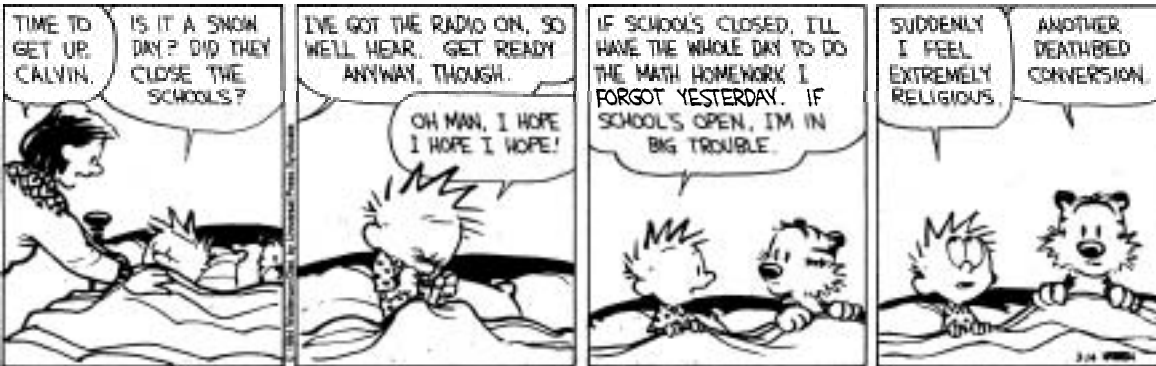
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The Sandwich Mafia sends Luigi to "sleep with the fourth-graders."

Gamecocks take two of three from Ashland

Jeh Jeh Pruitt
Sports Editor

It was a beautiful Saturday and a cold Sunday at University Field as the Jax State Gamecocks won two out of three games against the Eagles of Ashland University (Ohio).

It was intended to be a double-header Saturday, but there was a problem with the umpires showing up. The game was only delayed for an hour and thirty minutes and then it was time for the force to come out.

Tony Shaver came out throwing smoke and recorded three strike outs and two walks. Shaver held the Eagles to no runs in the top of the first.

In the bottom of the first, Chris Duck led off the inning reaching first base off an error from the short stop, followed by a double by Rico Wood that put runners on second and third.

Robby Beaver was up to bat and walked after Duck put the first points on the board off a wild pitch. "Big Train" Richardson had a sacrifice fly that scored Wood. Jason Troup shot a single over short stop's head that allowed Beaver to score.

Catcher Jason Cox dribbled a ball past short that scored Ray Aschenbach after a walk making

the score 4-0 in the first inning.

The Gamecocks played tough defense and turned a double play in the top of the second. Shaver held the Eagles to no runs once again in the top of the second. The Gamecocks batted all the way around in the first.

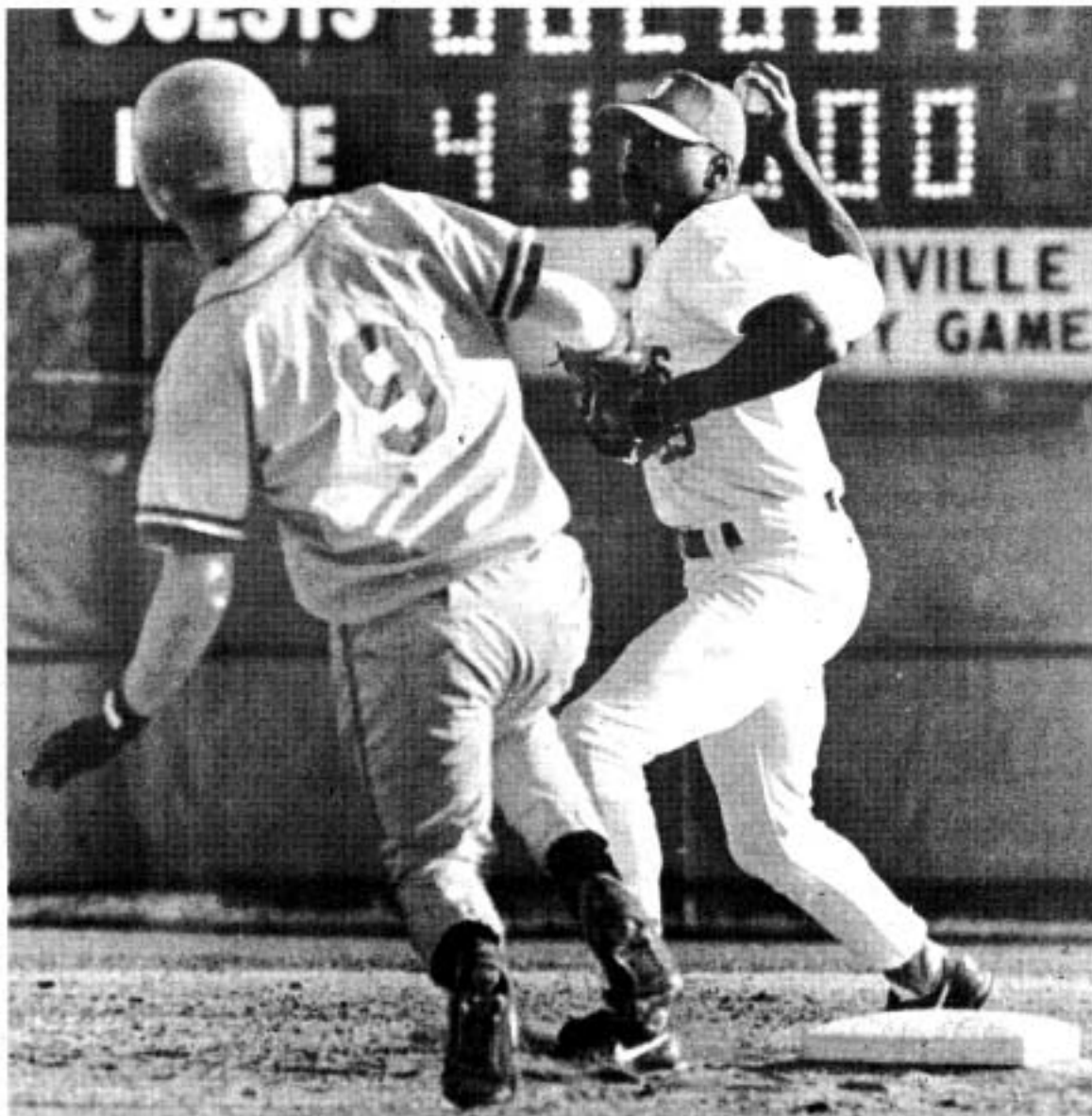
Wood hit a grounder that went up the middle. Richardson reached a double off another Eagle error that brought in Wood. At the end of the second, JSU led 5-0.

In the top of the third, Ryan Gallwitz grounded to first because Shaver couldn't get to it on time. Jack Walton singled to right field and Gallwitz advanced to third. Gallwitz scored off a wild pitch and Walto scored when Brian Butash singled to right field making the score 5-2.

The bottom of the third was the biggest inning in the game for the Gamecocks. They ran in four runs that put it away for them. Cox hit a two run homer over left center field fence that brought Troup and himself in.

Howell hit a solo homerun over left center that made the score 8-2. But it wouldn't stop there, Duck doubled to right field and later scored off a wild pitch to end the inning with the Gamecocks out front 9-2.

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Jacksonville State's Rico Wood turns a double play while avoiding the slide of Ashland University's Kurt Habermehl. JSU won the contest 13-3.

Lady Gamecocks win weekend Invitational Tournament



Jana Simmons swings for the fence at JSU Invitational.

Derrick "Pookie" Griffie
Sports writer

The Lady Gamecocks won big in their tourney Friday and Saturday. The tournament began with Tennessee-Martin defeating Belhaven. Jacksonville State's lady Gamecocks began their first game against Faulkner at 11:00 a.m.

Allana Ellenburg was the starting pitcher for the Gamecocks. The Lady Gamecocks jumped off to a 4-0 lead over Faulkner. But Faulkner came back in the bottom of the second inning that scored three runs to make the score 4-3.

Stephanie Vickers led off the third inning with a walk. She moved to second on a fielder's choice. Terri Moore scored Vickers on another fielder's choice. Glenda Hunter forced Moore out at second base with a grounder to the short stop. Ellenburg hit a single that moved Hunter to third base. She moved to second when a Faulkner

player tried to throw Hunter out at third base. Lynn Batey ripped a shot to the short stop forcing her to make an error and scoring Hunter. Batey stole second base putting her in scoring position. Tammy Smith flied out to the pitcher that ended the inning with the Lady Gamecocks still ahead by a score of 6-3.

The bottom of the fourth inning wasn't a good one for the Ladies of Jacksonville. Faulkner tied the score at 6-6.

The score remained the same until the seventh inning. Moore led off the inning and was hit by a pitch. With Moore on first, Hunter came up to the plate and layed a bunt down first base line moving Moore to second base. Ellenburg got walked by Faulkner's pitcher giving the Lady Gamecocks two base runners. Batey reached first on a fielders choice but forced Ellenburg out at second. Smith came up next and blasted a single up the middle allowing Hunter to score and Batey to move to third.

Jana Simmons lined a single up the middle scoring Batey. Lynn Scott also got a base hit up the middle scoring pinch runner Rogers from second base. Vickers launched a bomb over the right fielder's head allowing Simmons and Scott to score. Her triple sealed the victory for the Lady Gamecocks. They won by a score of 11-8.

The Lady Gamecocks went through the tournament undefeated playing the ladies of West Georgia and Belhaven University. Both games were blowouts

The Lady Gamecocks final test was to come on Saturday at 10:30 against the ladies of Tennessee Martin. The scoreboard didn't see a score until the fifth inning when the Lady Gamecocks put one run on the board. Tennessee Martin wasn't going to be denied in the sixth inning putting one run of their own on the board. The score then read 1-1 going into the seventh inning.

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Tennis team places in tournament

Jeh Jeh Pruitt
Sports Editor

JSU's men and women both placed fourth in a tennis tournament this past weekend in Savannah.

The Women started the tournament off with Wofford College. The Lady Gamecocks won every match in singles and doubles.

The Lady Cocks are Marga Valera, who won her singles match 6-3,6-4, Christina Valera, 6-3,6-2, Tracey Wilder won 6-2,6-2, Maria Zarala topped her opponent in three sets 4-6,6-3,6-1, Bettina Peters stomped Melanie Thompson 6-1,6-1, and Caroline Dunn outscored her opponent 6-4,6-3.

In doubles, it was Valera and Zarala winning 8-6, Wilder and Peters 8-4, and Dunn and Rebecca Slasky winning 8-4.

Next victim was Valdosta State. All ladies won in singles. In doubles, Valera and Zarala won 8-5, Dunn and Slasky won 9-7, and Peters and Wilder were defeated 8-2.

Georgia College were put down in women's singles, but managed to take the doubles 8-4 and 8-0. JSU won one double 9-8.

The Lady Gamecocks' record is 5-4 on the year.

In the Men's game against Florida Tech, Dominick Hinds defeated Neil Hutchinson in three sets 4-6,6-4,6-1, Aasiri Iddamalghoda won 6-2,6-2. Dito Panea won 6-3,1-6,6-1 Will Donaldson 6-4,6-1, Roy van Gelder and John Jacobson won.

In doubles, Hinds and Phillips won 8-6, Iddamalghoda and Donaldson topped 8-5, Panea and Bryan Foshee won 8-4. In the second game against UNA, The guys won all matches. In doubles, UNA defeated the Gamecocks 8-6 and 8-3.

The team to beat was Armstrong, but JSU couldn't pull through with the win. Van Gelder and Jacobson were the only Gamecocks to win in the singles. Van Gelder and Jacobson both won 6-3,6-2. JSU were dropped

by Armstrong in doubles, also. Panea and Foshee collected the only win in doubles for the Gamecocks by a score 8-2.

JSU played Georgia College and was set down once again. Van Gelder and Jacobson were the only ones to obtain a win in singles. In doubles, Iddamalghoda and Donaldson obtained a win defeat-

ing their opponents Sebastian Perreault and Eric Verrett 8-5.

The Gamecocks played Tuesday against the University of Alabama at Huntsville and recorded a team win in both singles and doubles.

Head coach Steve Bailey would like to encourage the students to come out and see the Gamecocks in future matches.



Chere' Lee

Marga Valera returns a serve to her opponent. The Gamecocks hosted UAH Tuesday.

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The next run was recorded in the top of the sixth when Cox missed a third strike that allowed Tye Denney to reach first. Troup missed the throw from Cox and Brian Butash scored off an error making the score 9-3.

The Gamecocks added two more runs in the seventh when Chris Dalton scored off a wild pitch and a close tag at home and after Wood scored off an error from the third baseman to make the score 11-3.

Cox finished the game when he hit a two-run shot over center field to end the game with a score 13-3.

In Sunday's double header, the Gamecocks went down in the first game 4-5.

Howell scored off Wood single to right field. The Gamecocks had an opportunity to put more points on the board, but with bases loaded, Dalton went down swinging to end the first.

The Eagles came right back to take the lead with sacrifice bunts to make the score 2-1.

Ashland scored three more runs in the fourth with their favorite play, "the sacrifice bunt," but JSU didn't allow any more runs for the rest of the ball game.

The bottom of the fifth started with a solo homer by Duck over left center and a two run homerun by Aschenbach to cut the Eagle lead to one run. It looked as if the Cocks would pull it through in the bottom of the seventh. With two outs and Wood on third, Aschenbach popped out to shortstop to end the game 5-4 Eagles.

In the final game, the Gamecocks made amends by defeating the Eagles 10-3.

The Gamecocks are 18-5 for the season and will play a double-header today against Earham College and another one tomorrow March 18th against Hope College.

The games start at 2 p.m. today and 1:30 tomorrow.

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The eight inning proved to be the punch out to Tennessee Martin. The JSU fans were screaming as their Ladies came off the field after they held the Pacers from getting any runs.

The Lady Gamecocks went to work as they posted another run to put them ahead of the Pacers this time for good. The Lady Gamecocks went on to win the game 3-2, making a six game winning streak. Lynn Batey got the game winning RBI.

Coach McGinnis said, "we didn't start playing Gamecock ball until the later innings, but we pulled together and played as a team."

The streak was broken when the Lady Gamecocks hosted Faulkner University at Woodland Park Monday. The Lady Gamecocks failed to win either of the games in the double-header. In the first game, the Lady Gamecocks lost 9-1 and in the second game they lost 3-2 in extra innings.

The Lady Cocks travel to Tennessee Tuesday March 22nd to take on UTC.

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