Hundreds gather to remember

By Emily Wester

Staff writer
with Mark Harrison

Managing editor

Five hundred people gathered at the Congressional Holiness Campground in Piedmont Sunday to pay their respects to the 20 people whose lives were taken six months ago, on Palm Sunday, when a tornado destroyed Goshen United Methodist Church.

“We remember their smiles, their touch...with tears running down our faces,” said Bishop Robert Fannin. “We experience at this moment the dance of growth.”

The emotionally charged service reached its crescendo with a heartfelt sermon from Fannin during which he said, “We shall build the present and the future on remembrance of the past.

“They (victims of the tornado) were celebrating life. They were giving their witness to God and each other. Their witness has literally shaken the world.”

Following the sermon, Reverend Kelly Clem read a “Litany of Hope.” The litany closed with Clem reading, “Yes, let us remember the saints who have gone before,” followed by the congregation confirming, “Whose souls rest in the hands of God. Amen.”

After the litany, Clem read aloud the names of the 20 who were killed during the tornado. Nine men, five women, six children.

Parishioners were given a handbook which listed the names of those killed, along with a brief biography. Several quotes were listed in the back of the booklet, ranging from poets to people who were involved in rescue operations.

Officer Michael Nessler of the Piedmont Police Department, was quoted as saying, “As I got closer, I could see a wall had collapsed and the roof had come down and...”

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Right or wrong?

ROTC reacts to forces in Haiti

By Donny Brown

News writer

The crisis in Haiti may arouse little interest among students, but ROTC members have good reason to be interested.

Many ROTC members will seek careers in the armed forces and are paying close attention to President Bill Clinton’s decision to intervene in Haiti.

Clinton, in cooperation with the United Nations, decided to send American troops into Haiti to restore democracy and clear the path for the democratically-elected president, Rev. Jean-Bertrand Aristide, to return to power.

An all-out invasion of the Caribbean island was averted when former President Jimmy Carter, General Colin Powell and Senator Sam Nunn (D-Georgia) negotiated a peaceful settlement with the military rulers on September 18.

ROTC members have been generally supportive of the President’s decision to...
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Ag Secretary Espy steps down

After being the subject of an intensive investigation for several months, Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy resigned Tuesday when it was revealed that the nation’s largest poultry producer gave his 37-year-old girlfriend a $1,200 college scholarship.

Recently, however, other issues surfaced, centering mostly on allegations he improperly charged the government for personal travel to his home state, Mississippi, and billed taxpayers for vehicles he used for personal transport.

President Clinton said that although Espy had said he had done nothing wrong, the President was troubled by the appearances of the incidents and felt Espy’s decision to resign was correct.

White House officials insisted Espy was not forced out, but his decision to leave came at a time when his support in the White House had collapsed. He met with Leon Panetta, the chief of staff, and White House counsel Abner Mikva on Friday. Espy’s resignation was discussed along with the possibility he would be reprimanded as a result of an ethics review.

Panetta advised Espy to “think about it” over the weekend — a sign he should step down for the good of the President.

Espy spoke to Clinton by phone on Tuesday afternoon after another meeting with Panetta in which Espy said he would resign.

TUSCALOOSA, ALA.

UA student shot

A University of Alabama student was shot and killed on campus early Monday morning.

Eddie Folk, a senior from Sylacauga, was shot three times in the chest, but managed to get back to his car. He then drove about one mile before crashing.

No weapon was found and police have no suspects as of yet.

Folk was a well-known student who had been a staff member of UA’s student newspaper, the Crimson White. He was a copy editor for his sophomore year.

He also sat on the Student Life Committee and was the president of the Resident Hall Association for two years.

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send it troops as a peace-keeping force.

Kevin Comfort, a senior officer and the cadet Lieutenant Colonel of JSU’s ROTC battalion, agrees with the move.

“Personally, I agree with it. I believe in the system. I don’t understand every reason but if we vote for the politicians that make the decision, we should support them,” Comfort said.

Confort believes that because other countries want to see the injustices in Haiti stoped, the United States is doing the right thing.

Doug Oberholtzer said that since Haiti had a democratic government before the Junta took over, the dictatorship should be dissolved.

“You need to have some sort of intervention. I think the government did the right thing,” said Oberholtzer, a junior cadet.

Second Lieutenant George Harris, a junior cadet, is neutral on the matter, but maintained that if the government feels that the presence of troops is needed in Haiti, the troops should do whatever necessary.

However, Harris doesn’t believe the soldiers should be required to carry their weapons without ammunition.

“They are not allowed to take as many precautions as they could,” he said. “They should be allowed to use everything at their disposal.”

Jennifer Fadley, a senior cadet and a captain, believes what the U.S. is doing is ethical.

“It is close to home,” Fadley said. “It is important to keep peace if it will affect the United States in the future.”

ANNISTON, ALA.

Anniston Army depot enacts emergency

Test 'successful'

Despite a “successful” chemical emergency exercise here last week, problems still remain with the Anniston Army Depot’s safety procedures.

The exercise, held last Wednesday, included some 400 depot employees and many community agencies. Parties involved disagreed on whether the public would have been in danger had the emergency involving mustard gas — one of the compounds stored at the depot — been real.

Among the chief areas of concern:

It took the Calhoun County Emergency Management Agency 12 minutes to spot a mistake in the information, specifically, the wrong wind direction at the depot.

Dan Civis, an Army official from Savannah, Ga., who helped direct the exercise, said the change in wind direction was part of the exercise, but participants were told too late about it.

According to Jack Phelps, the director of the depot’s Emergency Operations Center, someone would have been watching the weather constantly in the event of a real emergency and the change would not have taken participants by surprise.

Accident information was relayed over hotline to eight parties including the depot and Calhoun County emergency management agencies. The call began about two minutes after the accident occurred, but took nine minutes to complete.

Mike Burney, communications officer for the Calhoun EMA, blamed the problem on the telephone line. The hardware was procured by the state EMA over Calhoun County’s protests that the people on the line wouldn’t be able to hear clearly.
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Clem says 'God is with' us in suffering

By Emily Wester
Staff writer

"In the midst of tragedy, God is with the suffering," said Dale Clem during a program which took place Sept. 28 at the Wesley Foundation. Clem serves as director for the Wesley Foundation, a Methodist-sponsored campus ministry at Jacksonville State University.

Six months ago, the Palm Sunday tornado claimed the life of Clem's four year old daughter, Hannah, along with 19 other worshippers as it leveled Goshen United Methodist Church, where Clem's wife serves as pastor.

The program, entitled "God and Suffering," consisted of a video-collage of television news clips, a group discussion among student members of the Wesley Foundation and Clem speaking about personal tragedy.

"Was it God's plan that there be a tornado that killed people?" Clem said, "I don't think so. "God is not a puppeteer running things. We have free will to do what we want to do. Nature also has free will."

Reflecting on the week the tornado hit, Clem said, "It was Holy Week and we experienced that ironically and dramatically. We lost a child; God lost a child. When I think of my tears, I think of God's tears because God cries with us. One thing that is so important to know is that people suffer everyday. And God cries with them too."

According to Clem, there are three stages of disaster: suffering person will commonly experience. The first stage, emergency, typically lasts about two days. Relief is the second stage which, according to Clem, lasts ten times that of emergency—totaling twenty days. The last stage, Clem said, is recovery which usually runs around 200 days or more.

"Car crashes, disappointments, heart-breaks, parents aren't what they're supposed to be—everyone experiences suffering. "Students come to me, they think God is punishing them. I work with people in their framework. I accept them where they are in their own set of beliefs," Clem said.

He said he feels it is a very natural thing to be angry and question God when you're suffering.

"Be mad at God. Yell at God. Curse at God. Get it over with and love God and allow him to love you back," Clem advised. "If we're going to work on stuff that really brings us to healing, we have to get it out and express our pain."

Clem said he feels God has supported him throughout the healing process. "What I have felt," he said, "is tremendous strength, support and inspiration—not wrath, but grace."

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there were people scattered around. The way I view it is that it's a miracle 126 people lived. We could have had many, many, many more people killed than we did."

Of the 146 people in worship, the Palm Sunday tornado injured more than 100 people in addition to the 20 who were killed. Goshen United Methodist Church was destroyed.

According to literature handed out during the memorial service, the tornado, in conjunction with other tornadoes which touched down that day, caused more than $25,000,000 in damages over several states and claimed a total of 45 lives. 1,406 homes were damaged in 16 Alabama counties. 275 mobile homes were destroyed, 86 businesses were damaged and four schools were damaged.

The tornado registered F4 on a scale which is used to measure the intensity of tornados. F4 is the second highest intensity, topped only by F5.

Since the tornado, more than 1,500 volunteers have assisted with rescue and clean up operations, building more than 45 homes.

Patricia Abbot, whose husband and grandson were killed during the tornado, will serve as Chair for a Memorial Site Committee. A memorial fund has been established and plans are underway to build a memorial park at the former site of Goshen United Methodist Church.

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Brushing back tears: Rev. Kelly Clem and her husband Dale at the memorial service. Their daughter Hannah died in the church at Goshen.
Meeting with Hillary Rodham Clinton

by Dave Barry
Miami Herald

As a maturity-impaired individual, I have had the honor of being invited to the Cartoonists’ Dinner on several occasions, which, as I mentioned, is how I came to meet Dick Cheney. I actually met him about six times. You know those situations where you have consumed a few unnecessary beers and think you’re being the funniest thing on two feet, whereas in fact you’re just being stupid? This was one of those situations. We were mingling before dinner, and for some reasons that I cannot explain now, whenever I encountered Cheney, which was fairly often because this was a smallish room, I’d thrust out my hand and say, “Hi, Dick! Dave Berry!” There he was, the Secretary of Defense, probably trying to think about the Persian Gulf, and every 45 seconds he was shaking hands with the same grinning moron. It’s a good thing I didn’t have car keys.

But humiliating yourself in front of the Secretary of Defense, as impressive as it is, is not on a par with being invited to a private luncheon with the first lady. I was especially eager to show my views on health care, assuming I could think some up. Also I wanted to find out what it was like to be a first lady. Once, at a dinner, I sat next to a very funny lady of a large state that shall remain nameless. She told me that she and some other governors’ wives had once come up with the idea of getting life-size smiling photographs of themselves and mounting them on pieces of cardboard to be used as portable first ladies. Thus the real first lady could have a life, while the portable one would be carried around to political events and propped up behind the governor.

“That’s all they really need to represent us,” the governor’s wife told me, “because all we ever do is stand there and smile, and they introduce the governor, and then they say, ‘And here is his lovely wife.’ That’s what they always say, ’Here is his lovely wife,’ even if she is actually a dog.”

So we see the first ladies can be pretty entertaining, and I was fired up about my impending luncheon with Mrs. Clinton. We had set a date and a time, and everything seemed set—until Mrs. Clinton’s staff person, Lisa Caputo, informed me that the luncheon was going to be “off the record.” I asked what that meant.

“Mrs. Clinton would like to meet you,” Caputo said. “This is a chance for you to get together and have a good time. But you can’t write about it.”

My crest fell when I heard those words. I am a professional journalist, and if I’m going to have luncheon with one of this nation’s most powerful political figures, then I feel a deep moral obligation to provide you, my readers, with an irresponsible and highly distorted account of it. I explained this to Caputo, but it was no use; either the luncheon had to be off the record, or there would be no luncheon. So there was no luncheon. I think this is a real shame, because I bet it would have been a fun occasion, possibly culminating, if we really hit it off, in my showing the first lady how to make comic hand noises.

So in closing, I want to say: Mrs. Clinton, if you’re reading this, I sincerely appreciate the invitation, and I’m sorry it didn’t work out, and some day I hope we can sit down and have fun on the record, and if it would make you feel more comfortable, you’re certainly welcome to also invite you-know-who (Dick Cheney).
Instructor questions meaning of 'non-meritorious' teaching

To the Editor:

I recently learned that the quality of my teaching is not meritorious and thus was denied a merit pay increment in spite of the fact that in May 1992 Dean Wade presented me with the first annual Core Curriculum Award “for teaching excellence in the College of Letters and Sciences.” Excellence (or exceptional) is defined by the College of Letters and Sciences as one step above meritorious, not one step below it.

And it was not a case of one “lucky” year of excellent teaching out of five. My chairman rated the quality of my teaching meritorious in 1990 and 1991 and exceptional in 1992, 1993 and 1994. He also strongly endorsed my merit application.

A basic principle of good communication is not to send mixed messages, yet that is precisely what Dean Wade did when he informed me that, while my teaching is not meritorious at this time, I should know that he encourages me to apply for a merit increment again at the next opportunity. In response I asked him to explain to me the meaning of my Core Curriculum Award and he said that it was generated by the students’ opinion of my teaching, implying that it had little value as applied to merit increment considerations. He also stated in metaphorical terms that my “boxcar” in the “train” of the University is not near the front and is perhaps only one-third to two-thirds full.

While I will always be sincerely grateful to my students for their high opinion of my teaching ability, I removed the plaque itself from my home, where I had hung it with pride two years ago, and returned it to Dean Wade in the hope that he will think about the meaning of sending mixed messages to loyal, hard-working faculty members.

I share this publicly for three reasons, in order, from least to most important: personal catharsis; so that other faculty members similarly demoralized will know that they are not alone; and so that a more just system will be developed—one that, among other things, does not exclude from merit increments college-wide recipients of awards for excellence in teaching and/or scholarship and/or service.

Rufus D. Kinney
English Department
The Galley...a haven for up-and-coming bands? If Stonehouse is any indication, Jacksonville is in for a treat.
And, they're coming back to town soon.

What do you do when four guys and a pit-bull come to your town in a green school bus? Don't grab a shot gun or call the police. It's O.K. They're Stonehouse, a harmless funk and blues band from Florida.

Chief, the pit-bull, just guards the bus.

BEWARE: Keep your hands and feet away from Chief, he's not in the best of moods these days. The temperamental puppy has been on a tour bus constantly since his friends released an album.

“We've played twenty-five nights a month since March,” remarks singer and rhythm guitarist Rob Mantovani. “Sometimes we play until the sun comes up.”


“We've sold most of the copies on the road,” said Mantovani, “but, there may be a few hanging around in stores that sell independent bands.”

Due to financial reasons, only a few thousand copies of “Egg” were pressed. The band plans to show off their “true style” with a live album in January or February.

“There's a big difference in recording and playing live,” says Mantovani.

See Stonehouse page 10
Dale Clem bummed around England for a year after graduating from Lee High School in Huntsville, hanging out with punk rockers before the fad caught on in the states. If that doesn't conjure up an image of a Methodist minister, too bad. That's exactly what Dale Clem is, as well as the director of the Wesley Foundation, a campus ministry.

Clem makes no apologies for loafing around London with people who had green hair. "I try to build a bridge between people who are very different," Clem says. "I try to make them see that they do have similarities."

Clem's time abroad wasn't all loafing, by the way. When he wasn't busy helping Sid Vicious wannabes write song lyrics, he worked—yes, in a church.

"The best things that have happened in my life have to do with relationships. Significant ones like God, wife, friends...who accept and love me the way I am. I've been really lucky to have a lot of different types of experiences."

Clem hit Birmingham (Alabama, not England) about one year after finishing high school, where he began his studies in religion at Birmingham Southern. He went on to earn a masters in religion from Duke University. Then he served as a minister in the Birmingham area for one year. After expressing an interest in working with college students, the Methodist Church Bishop and Board of Directors appointed him to Jacksonville.

Clem, along with the Methodist Board, raised funds to build the Wesley Foundation, a Methodist Campus Ministry. "It houses 10 male and 10 female students," Clem says. "This is the fourth year that the Wesley Foundation has been open."

Clem has helped to found other organizations, such as Alabama Arise: a group dedicated to influencing Alabama government to give more consideration to the poor. "The poor have something very inspiring. They have a peace I don't have. They have a joy I don't have. Many of them have learned to rely on God in a more concrete way because I live in a culture that allows me to have things that they don't have access to," Clem says.

Clem has been active where politics and social issues are concerned, one example being his participation in a Washington D.C. march protesting the illegal arming of Contras in Nicaragua.

Clem rose to prominence last March when the infamous Palm Sunday tornado leveled Goshen United Methodist Church in Piedmont, where Clem's wife, Kelly serves as pastor. Their daughter Hannah was one of 20 who lost their lives. Although Clem has much to be bitter about, he isn’t.

Clem, fond of quoting Carl Sandburg, is apt to do so if asked about that fateful day this past March: "If I should pass the tomb of Jonah, I think I would stop there and sit for awhile because I was swallowed once deep in the dark and came out alive after all." 

Dale Clem: Not bitter in spite of hardships of past six months. His daughter Hannah died in the Palm Sunday tornado at Goshen.
You don't know me...but you will

1995 Mimosa brings changes

By Mai Martinez
Features writer
with Mike Canada
Features editor

This year’s Mimosa will receive a complete make-over, says Hester, “from cover to content.” The traditional solid color cover with only a JSU emblem will be tossed out and replaced by original art work.

“The cover will be designed by JSU art students and judged by the Mimosa staff,” says Hester. To encourage students to participate, a cash prize will be awarded to the one selected. The artist’s signature will also appear on the cover.

Pictures will also change this year. “In the past, the turnover for yearbook pictures was terrible. It was difficult and inconvenient for students to find the time and place to have pictures made,” remembers Hester. “This year, we’re going to the students.” Photographers will be in different buildings around campus, not just TMB. Students can have pictures made at the dining hall, Merrill building, Martin Hall and on the fourth floor of TMB. Pictures will be taken until Friday, Oct. 7th.

Action shots will look a bit different in the new Mimosa, says Hester. “Students want to see more color and more pictures of themselves. We’re adding more action shots, fun stuff on campus.” The new Mimosa is being created now. “We welcome students’ suggestions,” says Hester. “We want to involve all of the students; it is their memories.” With the new edition comes changes in how the yearbooks purchased. Due to budget cutbacks, the Mimosa now costs students $10. “A small price to pay for a huge book filled with memories from one of the greatest times of your life,” adds Hester. Seniors will be allowed to order their copy in advance. The copies will be mailed to the them. Beginning with the 1994 issue, underclassmen can pick up their copies on “Yearbook Sale Day,” to be held in October at the TMB. No date has been announced. Now you know.

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ROTC group attends summer camp

By Charles Ray
Features writer

Five JSU students spent their summer gaining physical fitness and leadership abilities at Camp Challenge, a program sponsored by the U.S. Army ROTC Cadet Command. Jana Hall, Senaida Gomez, Douglas Oberholtzer, Stephen Wedell and Michael Suarez all attended Camp Challenge this summer.

The camp is held each year at Fort Knox, Kentucky. It is six weeks long and is designed to allow students who have no previous experience with the military the opportunity to enter the advanced ROTC program. In just two years these students can become Army officers on active duty, in the reserves or in the National Guard.

Most attendees find that Camp Challenge pushes them mentally and physically. Camp Challenge is set up to introduce the participants to Army life, teach basic military skills, develop fitness and begin building leadership ability and experience.

Jana Hall, a junior, finished second in her platoon out of forty students. "I think ROTC is a great program," says Hall. "The basic camp I went through this summer was an enjoyable challenge that I would recommend to anyone." Jana is one of three JSU students to receive a scholarship. "I got a full scholarship from the Army that really helps me cope with the many expenses of college that I have," she says.

Oberholtzer says, "Most attendees find that their self-confidence, physical fitness and leadership ability all improve significantly during the course of training. "Basic Camp is a good tool to teach you discipline and leadership which is good whether you decide to make the Army a career or not," says Oberholtzer. "I also got an Army scholarship, which means that I don't have to work as many hours anymore to pay for school."
Disability Awareness week begins Monday

By Sandy Campbell
Features writer

Learn what it’s like to be disabled. Participate in Disability Awareness Week, scheduled October 10th-14th.

According to Janet White, an instructor at Disabled Student Services and an advisor/mentor for Heather Whitestone, the purpose of the week is “to help the JSU community become aware of the needs of the disabled population and to help them understand the necessary accommodations needed by the disabled to achieve success.”

“Many of the activities will give chances for people who are not disabled stimulating experiences,” said White.

White will promote Disability Awareness Week on WJSU TV-40 on Monday, October 10th, on the 12 noon program "By the Way."

Heather Whitestone will speak along with a reception will be in the Leone Cole Auditorium on Thursday, October 13th.

Finally, the faculty will have an open house at the DSS offices Friday.

Janet White hoped that “all students, faculty and administration will participate in Disability Awareness Week.”
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by Bill Watterson

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Gosh! Are you here to do chain smoking, home computer repair research?

Actually...my brain functions are being controlled by this cray 2000 computer.

As cruel as this might sound.

It's clear I'll never have a career in sports until I learn to suppress my survival instinct.

Tough down!

I got a perfect score on my quiz.

What did you get?

I ran out of time.

What did you get?

It's biological.

Maybe it's opposite day. Maybe all these girls are correct. Maybe your, it's really an "I". That must be it. I win the bet.

I flunked it. But only because I ran out of time.

The worst part, though, was that Susie Derkins won our bet. On who'd get the better score.

I only gave her three times. Ha!

I think you'd better study harder.

Oh, now don't cry start on me.

How did you do on your math quiz?

I cheated her. I only gave her three times. Ha!

But get this: I cheated her. I only gave her three times. Ha!

I think you'd better study harder.

Oh, now don't cry start on me.

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Get off the swing or I'll punch your lights out.

What a sissy. Hmm!

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Customs

Marv remained calm. No matter how thoroughly they searched, the agents never discovered his "secret" pocket.

The Far Side

By Gary Larson

I wouldn't do that, Spunky — I have friends in pie places.
Gamecocks take third straight

JSU mauls Knoxville College 48-26 in offensive battle

By Eddie Burch
Sports writer
with Scott Stansell
News editor

It was as uncharacteristic of the Gamecock offense to throw the football as it was for Frank Sinatra to rap.

Nevertheless, with Knoxville College expecting JSU to grind it out on the ground, that's just what the Gamecocks did.

Chuck Robinson completed two passes to Jason Reynolds, who hauled them in and outran the defense for touchdowns to lead JSU to a 48-26 victory over the Bulldogs at Paul Snow Stadium Saturday.

It was the third straight win for the Gamecocks, after dropping their first two. Knoxville fell to 1-4.

"I thought we probably played as fine a first half as we have in a while," Coach Bill Burgess told reporters after the game. "We did everything we worked on all week in practice."

The defense choked the life out of the Bulldog offense in the first half. JSU three first quarter possessions began at the Knoxville 29, the 42, and the 31, respectively.

But the defensive plot of the game belonged to Sidney Tyus.

The sophomore linebacker intercepted a pass and raced untouched 21 yards for the touchdown. Lee Sutherland's extra point gave JSU a 7-0 lead.

The interception return set the tone for the defense the for the rest of the game, as the Gamecocks held Knoxville to just 52 yards on the ground.

The other three JSU possessions yielded a 17-yard run by Robinson, a 25-yard field goal by Sutherland set up by Darron Edwards' second interception of the year, and Robinson's 31-yard touchdown pass to Reynolds as time ran down.

Knoxville put as many as 10 men on the line of scrimmage, but the Gamecocks converted on third downs on all three possessions.

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Diving!: #29 Gabe Walton flies for extra yards after a shoestring tackle.

(top)

Breaking free: #20 Amel Jackson tries to shed Knoxville College defenders.

The important thing is, we had enough points to keep them from winning the ballgame.
Jeh Jeh questions the rules of the game

There is an old saying among the Gamecock football team — "We're out of control today." This statement does not mean what you think it means.

It is a motto among the players that gets them fired up for the game. It means the level of play will be so great, no team can stop them.

This past Saturday, one Knoxville College player was literally out of control.

Player "X" was ejected from the game because he thought he was Superman and that no one had the right to interfere with his tantrum. The problem originated when player "X" delivered a swift kick to the head of yours truly. However, this was not the determining factor that resulted in his ejection.

After the kick, player 'X' exchanged a few choice words with the officials, kicked the football down the field after it had already been marked, and to top the other antics, played referee and threw a flag over on the patio by the fieldhouse (not your everyday football highlight).

The saddest thing about this incident is not what player "X" did; it's the fact that he thought he was right in doing so.

The NCAA has made many rules concerning celebrating, fighting and poor sportsmanship over the past years.

One of the rules established within the last few years concerning these matters was the Miami rule. This is the rule where celebrating in the end zone too long would result in a penalty. You can celebrate but you can't dance like you're at a Janet Jackson or the man formerly known as Prince concert.

This year the NCAA enforced rules on wearing all the required pads. It is tradition that running backs, quarterbacks and wide receivers not wear all their pads. But that rule won't change anything here at JSU because Coach Burgess won't allow it.

The biggest rule enforced this year is the taunting/fighting rule. If a player gets into a fight in the first half, he has to sit out for the second half. If a player is ejected during the second half, he has to sit out the first half of the following game.

Some coaches feel this is a very good rule while others think it's an opportunity to create more problems.

Some coaches take the taunting/fighting rule and tell their players to pick fights with the opposing teams. This has happened three out of five games this season. Other coaches, like coach Burgess, enforce the rule because they feel it's silly to initiate such acts.

Burgess is right when saying this is the only game in the world where a player can hit someone as hard as they can and it still be legal.

Two things we as fans and players are encouraged to learn: There is a time and a place for everything. And there are no excuses.
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with the cornerbacks playing face-to-face with the receivers. It was a challenge to the Gamecocks: beat us in the air if you can.

“We’re not going to let you put that many people on the line of scrimmage,” Burgess said.

Robinson followed his first touchdown pass with the third longest in school history: an 84-yarder to Reynolds that put JSU up 31-0.

Robinson has now two of the three longest touchdowns in JSU history. The longest is his 90-yard completion to Danny Lee against New Haven in the 1992 Division II playoffs.

Sutherland kicked a 44-yard field goal, his career best, to give the Gamecocks a 34-0 halftime lead.

Reynolds scored for the third time, this time on a two-yard plunge with 13:02 left in the third quarter to stretch the lead to 41-0.

Knoxville cut the lead to 41-18 with three third quarter scores and outscored the Gamecocks 26-14 in the second half.

But Burgess found some good in the Bulldogs’ rally.

“I think it helps to be put in those situations with our backs to the wall, trying to fight to keep them out of the end zone,” he said. “The important thing is we had enough points to keep them from winning the ball game.”

Jermelle Pruitt scored the other Gamecock touchdown, a one-yard run with 4:30 left in the game.

Pruitt led all rushers with 80 yards on eight carries.

But the 115 yards through the air stands out as the game’s most telling statistic. It could have doubled, if two long bombs hadn’t been dropped by Tyrone Cohill.

“We set all that up with the run,” Burgess said. “But we’re not going to let you put 10 or 11 men on the line of scrimmage like that.”

Modreico Blair led the JSU defense with six tackles, including three sacks.

An altercation?: An enthusiastic JSU fan and Gamecock mascot Cocky exchanged words at Saturday’s game. Cocky was “beheaded” in the process.
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