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## IN THE News

### Automobile Accident Claims Life of JSU Freshman

A JSU freshman was killed Monday in an automobile accident. Michelle Lynn Harwood, 19, of Cedar Bluff, was driving on Cedar Springs Drive when her car was hit head-on by a wrecker truck, according to County Coroner Benny Hulsey. The accident occurred at 1:54 p.m., and Harwood was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident.

The driver of the other vehicle, identified in the coroner's report as Stephen B. Howell, 30, was uninjured in the accident. Hulsey says Howell was driving a truck belonging to Dillard and Sons Wrecker Service of Lincoln.

Both Hulsey and the Alabama State Troopers said that they could not comment, pending further investigation.

Services for Harwood will be held at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, at the Perry Funeral Home in Centre.

—by Tim Lockette

### JSU Students Can Learn for Free in China

Students interested in learning about China have an excellent chance to learn it all first hand. Since 1992, JSU has been involved in a partnership of academic exchange with Wuhan University in central China.

Students are responsible for their own airfare to China, which can cost thousands of dollars, though the costs of living in the country are minimal, according to Adrian Aveni of JSU's Department of Sociology and Social Work. Wuhan University will pay the student's cost of travel for the port of entry to Wuhan. Students live in a dormitory for free, and are given an allowance for food and local travel. Students can study classes on the Chinese language for free.

Students interested in the exchange program should contact Aveni at 782-5334, or Grindley Curren at the International House at 782-5303.

## Falling Debris Hits Library Elevator

by Ben Cunningham  
Chanticleer News Editor

Students at Houston Cole Library this Sunday had their studies disturbed for about 20 minutes as an alarm bell went off in response to a piece of debris which fell on the roof of one of the library's three elevator cars.

According to George Lord, assistant director of the physical plant, a report was made Sunday evening that something had hit the roof of one of the cabs, and an elevator service contractor was called to check it out.

"What he found was a piece of old forming material, which was a piece of plywood ... about 3 inches by about 24 inches," says Lord. The plywood had apparently been in the elevator shaft since the library was built in 1972. According to Lord, the forming should have been removed when the construction was completed.

See Elevator  
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## White House Proposes Pell Grant Increase

by Charles Dervarics  
College Press Service

The Clinton Administration has proposed what it calls an "unprecedented" increase in the Pell Grant program for 1997, despite lingering disputes between the White House and Congress on education funding for the current fiscal year.

The administration's 1997 education budget plan recommends a maximum Pell Grant of \$2,700, up nearly \$400 from current funding. "We are requesting the largest increase in the maximum grant in more than 20 years," Education Department (ED) secretary Richard Riley said in presenting the budget March 19. The plan also would provide grants to 155,000 more students than in 1995, he said.

Fast-approaching deadlines have forced Congress and the White House to begin working on next year's budget without an



Disability Awareness Day, held April 3, included an obstacle course on the Quad (photo by Hope Sims).

agreement for the current fiscal year.

As the White House unveiled its 1997 fiscal year budget, the Clinton administration and GOP leaders remained mired in a budget deadlock for fiscal year 1996, which began Oct. 1. Both parties are seeking a small to moderate increase in the current Pell maximum of \$2,340, but cannot bridge larger disputes on achieving a balanced federal budget within seven years.

Riley has maintained that any plan to balance the budget should not be done at the expense of key education programs. "What we cannot do is close the budget deficit by creating an education deficit," Riley said of the 1997 plan, which provides for a seven-year balanced budget with only moderate cuts in spending.

Aside from the Pell Grant increase, the budget plan includes:

•A 10 percent increase in college

work/study funds to \$679 million. This is part of the administration's plan to increase participation in the work/study program from 700,000 students to 1 million students within five years.

•\$130 million in Presidential Honor Scholarships, a new program that would offer a one-time \$1,000 grant to students who finish in the top 5 percent of their high school classes.

•A tax break allowing families to deduct up to \$5,000 in college tuition expenses. This amount would increase to \$10,000 by 1999.

"The overall higher education budget contains increases that are very substantial," said Education Department Deputy Secretary Madeleine Kunin. She praised the "unprecedented increase" sought for Pell Grant Increase

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## CAMPUS CRIME DOCKET

- 4-4-96. Ronnie Lavelle Craig reported trespassing and assault at Penn House Apartments.
- 4-5-96. Larry Tyrone Cohill, 20, of Childersburg, AL, was arrested for criminal trespassing and assault.
- 4-5-96. Ivorica Lee Brackins, 22, of Moulton, AL, was arrested for criminal trespassing and assault.
- 4-5-96. Leon Greg Barber, 21, of Stone Mountain, GA, was arrested for criminal trespassing and assault.
- 4-7-96. Yoland Janelle Ball reported assault in the parking lot located behind Jacksonville High School.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Financial Aid Office** will be conducting a workshop to help students complete the 1996-97 Federal Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Students must bring 1995 U.S. income tax returns, driver's license and social security card. The workshop is April 17 at 6:00 p.m. The workshop will be held at the Round House and will last approximately one hour. Deadline to turn in Federal Direct Loan Applications for Summer 1996 is June 7, 1996. This includes May term, Summer I, Summer II and Marathons A, B, C, D and E.
- The Chanticleer** is accepting applications for the following positions: Managing Editor, News Editor, Director of Photography, Features Editor, Sports Editor, Advertising Director and Assistant Advertising Director. These paid positions are scheduled to resume Fall semester 1996. For more information, call *The Chanticleer* at 782-5701.
- The Chanticleer** is looking for volunteer writers and photographers for *The Abstract*, a summer orientation magazine for freshman and transfer students. For more information, call Emily Wester at 782-5701.

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The deadline for *Announcements and Organizations* is 12:00 p.m. Monday prior to the paper's publication on Thursday. The deadline for *Letters to the Editor* is Friday 12:00 p.m. prior to the paper's publication on Thursday. All submissions must be typed and include your name, student number and phone number. Submissions may be sent through campus mail to the Chanticleer at 180 Self Hall. Off-campus submissions should be mailed to 700 Pelham Road North; Jacksonville, AL 36265. Editorials are the opinion of the majority of the staff.

## NATION • STATE

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Plans For New Jacksonville High School  
Unveiled at City Council Meeting

by **Tim Lockette**  
*Chanticleer Managing Editor*

"All I'm asking is that you look me over... with prayerful consideration," said State Senator Ted Little at Monday's meeting of the Jacksonville City Council. "I will be here in Jacksonville several times again." Little, an Auburn Democrat, is running for Glen Browder's seat in the U.S. Congress. The meeting opened with Little's stump speech. According to Mayor George Douthit, this opportunity is open to any candidate for office.

Plans for the new Jacksonville High School were unveiled at the meeting. The plans will be available for viewing at the City School Superintendent's office, and will be discussed by the school board at an open meeting at 6:00 PM Thursday.

The Council disapproved a request to place a stop sign at an intersection of Church Street near

Food Outlet. They did, however approve a plan to allow the Alabama Department of Transportation to place two directional signs on roads in the city. The signs are meant to direct drivers to local historical landmarks. "There'll be a green sign there that says, 'historical district,'" said Douthit.

The Council appointed City Clerk Jeanne Jordan as absentee election manager for the 1996 elections for city office. "By the way," said the Mayor, "We will have pens at the desk this time." The use of pencils by voters signing in at polling places has been a point of contention at recent meetings.

The Council also agreed to reimburse a local resident for damage to a washing machine. "What happened was that the Water Department was doing some work over there," said Douthit, "And some dirt got into (the resident's

water) meter." Water from the meter later entered and damaged the residents washing machine. JSU student and Council candidate Charles Reese, who has often addressed the Council on problems related to the Water Department, was not present at the meeting. Student mayoral candidate Scott Hammond was also absent.

In other business, the Council awarded a \$2,200 contract to Bill Kennedy Systems for 50 hours of software maintenance work at the city clerk's office. They also agreed to hire two employees for the new Animal Control Unit, and appointed seven residents to the Jacksonville arts council.

In closing remarks, the mayor announced that the renovation of the Square is complete. He said that a dedication ceremony may be possible in the future: "We'll let you know when it's going to be."

#### Pell Grant

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Pell Grants even as the administration tries to streamline other federal education programs.

Among the losers in the 1997 plan are many small graduate fellowships for students. The budget would terminate funding for Patricia Roberts Harris Fellowships and Javits Fellowships, two programs to help support underrepresented and high-achieving graduate students. The White House also would eliminate funds for national science scholarships as well as Douglas teaching scholarships that provide aid to those pursuing careers in education.

Overall, these fellowship programs received about \$22 million in fiscal year 1995. Education Department officials said these programs duplicate other small federal grant and scholarship activities.

The administration also would eliminate endowment challenge grants for most higher education institutions and reduce funding for a grant program designed to strengthen colleges and universities. The budget would freeze aid to historically black institutions.

"This budget is the product of difficult choices we made," Riley told reporters in discussing the plan. Overall, the Clinton 1997 budget would eliminate about 40 education programs, but Riley said the reductions will allow the Education Department to target funding "to priorities that have the greatest impact on teaching and learning in the classroom."

One program that would gain under the 1997 budget is TRIO, which helps recruit low-income and disadvantaged students for college. The president's budget would increase spending on the program by \$37 million, to \$500 million, next year.

The budget plan also would freeze funds for Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants at the current \$583-million funding level and would eliminate State Student Incentive Grants, a \$63-million program to supplement state education aid. The Clinton administration in past years has sought to cut this program, saying it has served its purpose of getting states to provide their own student funds.

Elsewhere, the 1997 budget plan would continue the Direct Student Loan program, a favorite of the White House. The administration

maintains that sending loan capital directly to schools—and bypassing banks—will save the government more than \$4 billion by the start of the next century.

Congress for the past year has tried to terminate or control the growth of direct loans, calling it an inefficient program. Lawmakers recently dropped plans to reduce the number of colleges and universities participating in the program for next fall.

The 1997 budget now goes to Congress, where Republicans quickly termed the entire plan "dead on arrival" for failing to break new ground in the balanced budget debate. However, Republican education leaders on Capitol Hill had no immediate comment on the Education Department budget. Attempts to contact Rep. William Goodling (R-Pa.), who chairs the House of Representatives' education committee, were not successful.

The House and Senate are beginning work on the 1997 budget with an assortment of hearings this spring. Lawmakers are expected to start crafting 1997 spending bills once they complete work on budget legislation for the current fiscal year.

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Lord says that annual inspections of the shafts by various service contractors never found the plywood. No other debris was found after Sunday's accident, and Lord says the other shafts will be inspected carefully.

According to Will Henderson, the librarian on duty at the time of the accident, the debris fell when library patrons on the third floor called for the elevator. "They heard a great crash," Henderson says. "A student came along and recognizing the danger, pulled the emergency stop button." This was the source of the alarm, which Henderson said could be heard on all floors.

A number of students took the stairways from the upper floors to the lobby, where a small crowd briefly gathered to see what had happened. Henderson says that he turned the alarm off, and called maintenance. Service contractors arrived, and according to Henderson, the elevator was running again in about an hour.

No one was hurt in the incident, and the car was apparently undamaged.

**Final Examination Schedule**

Bold print dates and times are that of final examinations. Dates and times that follow bold print, but are listed in plain print, reflect the time that the class normally met during Spring semester.

Please check the final examination date and time listed on your course syllabus to confirm that it corresponds with the date and time listed below.

**Exam Date: Wednesday, April 17.** Exam Time: **10:00-12:00** for 15:00 MWF class; **13:30-15:30** for 07:30 MWF class; **17:00-19:00** for 16:30 W class; **17:30-19:30** for 18:00 MW class; **18:00-20:00** for 18:00 W class; **20:00-22:00** for 19:45 MW class.

**Exam Date: Thursday, April 18.** Exam Time: **07:30-09:30** for 07:30 TT class; **10:00-12:00** for 11:00 TT class; **13:00-15:00** for 14:30 TT class; **17:00-19:00** for 16:30 Th class; **18:00-20:00** for 18:00 Th; **19:00-21:00** for 19:45 TT class.

**Exam Date: Friday, April 19.** Exam Time: **08:00-10:00** for 12:30 MWF; **10:30-12:30** for 11:15 MWF class; **13:30-15:30** for 13:45 MWF class.

**Exam Date: Saturday, April 20.** Exam Time: **Same time as class usually meets.**

**Exam Date: Monday, April 22.** Exam Time: **08:00-10:00** for 08:45 MWF class; **10:30-12:30** for 10:00 MWF class; **16:00-18:00** for 16:00 MW class, 16:15 MW class, 16:30 MW class; **17:00-19:00** for 16:30 M class; **18:00-20:00** for 18:00 M class.

**Exam Date: Tuesday, April 23.** Exam Time: **08:00-10:00** for 09:15 TT class; **10:30-12:30** for 12:45 TT class; **16:00-18:00** for 16:00 TT class, 16:15 TT class, 16:30 TT class.

**ORGANIZATIONS**

•**Earth Day 1996: Yesterday. Today! Tomorrow?** will be held Tuesday, April 16 on the Quad from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. For more information, call Elizabeth at 782-6573 or Sharon at 238-6564.

•**S.A.F.E (Sexual Acceptance for Everyone)** would like to announce their formation on campus. For more information, call Bryan at 782-7216.

•**The Chanticleer** is looking for volunteer writers and photographers for the Abstract, an orientation magazine for freshman and transfer students. For more information, call 782-5701 or drop by 180 Self Hall.

•**The Social Work Club**, a community service organization, would like to invite all students interested in helping the community to become new members. For more information, contact the Social Work Office at 782-5333.

•**Karate Seminars** are held every Monday, 12:15-12:45 p.m. in Stephenson Hall, Room 205. Seminars are free of

charge to JSU students, faculty and staff. Instructor Chuck Torruella will cover self-defense, kicking techniques, flexibility and physical conditioning. For more information, call Recreational Sports at 782-5072.

•**The Department of Military Science** will hold its Army ROTC Spring Commissioning Ceremony on Friday, April 26 at 10:00 a.m. at the Wallace Hall Auditorium. Seven Cadets will be commissioned as Second Lieutenants in the United States Army. The public is invited to attend.

•**Phi Beta Kappa** will present its annual alumni lecture series Thursday, April 18 at 8:00 p.m. on the eleventh floor of Houston Cole Library. Distinguished Professor Emeritus Dr. Edward Grant of Indiana University will present a lecture entitled "Science began in the Middle Ages." Admission is free, and the public is invited to attend. For more information, call 782-5246.

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### The Chanticleer Grade Report

This Tuesday we sent our photo director out to ask students, "What do you think of the newspaper?" Amazingly, the answers were all more-or-less positive: if we were being graded, we probably would have gotten a C. This was probably largely the result of blind luck, but apparently there are some people out there who really like us.

**We Suggest:  
You Studied Hard  
Take the Summer  
Off.**

Well, we like you, too. The student body at JSU has shown more interest in life, art, and politics this year than this town has seen in over a decade. At the start of the school year (under previous editorship twice removed), we lambasted JSU as "The most apathetic campus in the South." Today we are happy to eat our words. Perhaps our new school motto could be "JSU: We're not just getting wasted anymore."

Of course, more could be done -- few students showed up for the rally in Montgomery, and students have yet to make themselves heard on a host of issues which transcend race and local politics. But all in all, we give this year's student body a B+.

And while we're passing out grades, here are a few more:

•Harold McGee: C. He may not know the proper use of the word "deficit," but he will defend the funding that allows us to gorge ourselves on Big Macs.

•Scott Hammond: A. Okay, so he doesn't have a snowball's chance in the election. But he did get students registered to vote, and he seems to have killed the consumption curfew...for now.

•Minority Affairs Office: A for ambition. Has any organization on this campus ever risen so quickly to such a prominent position? Whether or not you agree with MA's politics, you've got to admit there's some real leadership here.

•The SGA: Incomplete. The Student Government Association provides the training which assures that America's future leaders won't be able to come up with a budget either.

•Heather Whitestone: a non-transferrable F. If it's right for Miss America, it's right for us... but we can only afford to go to school here.

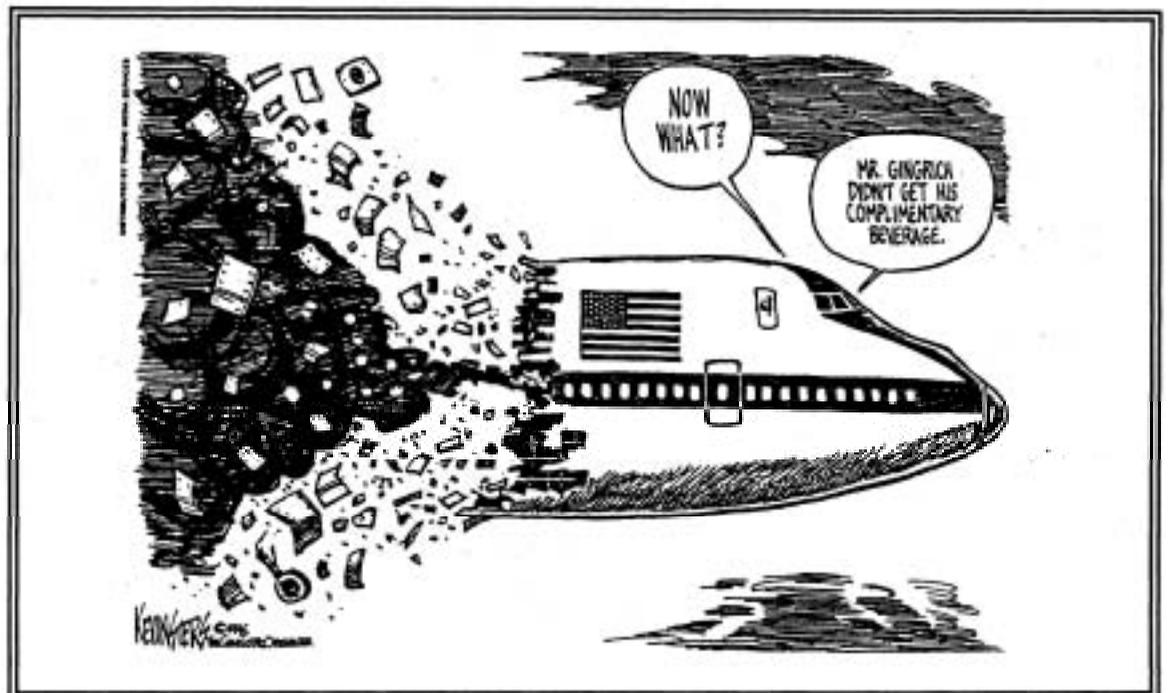
•Certain Figures in the Administration Who Want to Help Us...Sort Of: an Incomplete. We can't grade your paper if you don't put your name on it.

•Rick and Bubba: A. If only wrestlers and cat fanciers were as kind, our Managing Editor could sleep soundly at night.

•Huddle House: C-. What's with the new interior design? Did we complain? Didn't you know that your establishment is a kind of secular church, a place people go to avoid change? And where the hell's Earl?

•Governor Fob James: A conference is suggested. Forrest seems to be a nice boy, but he has trouble sharing, and he brings weapons to work. A little tough love might teach him to play well with others.

And finally, the award of Class Clown goes to Police Chief Tommy Thompson, for the statement that he would be more likely to arrest women than men on charges of public intoxication. You really had us going there, Chief. For a minute there we actually thought you were serious! We mean we really thought that... we had no idea you were jo...after all, it's the Nineties and.... Chief?



# Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I read Mr. Victor Cypert's cleverly and brilliantly worded Letter to the Editor in the April 4 edition of *The Chanticleer*. Cypert's letter made me sick.

I am a bit confused about the purpose of his letter. Is he upset that his previous letter was not printed or an advertisement was published to raise funds for the newspaper? His letter is certainly not a right-wing piece of Christian propaganda, but was printed anyway; this confirms that the newspaper is unbiased. Being a full-time student and taxpayer does not warrant an automatic printing of anti-social ideas.

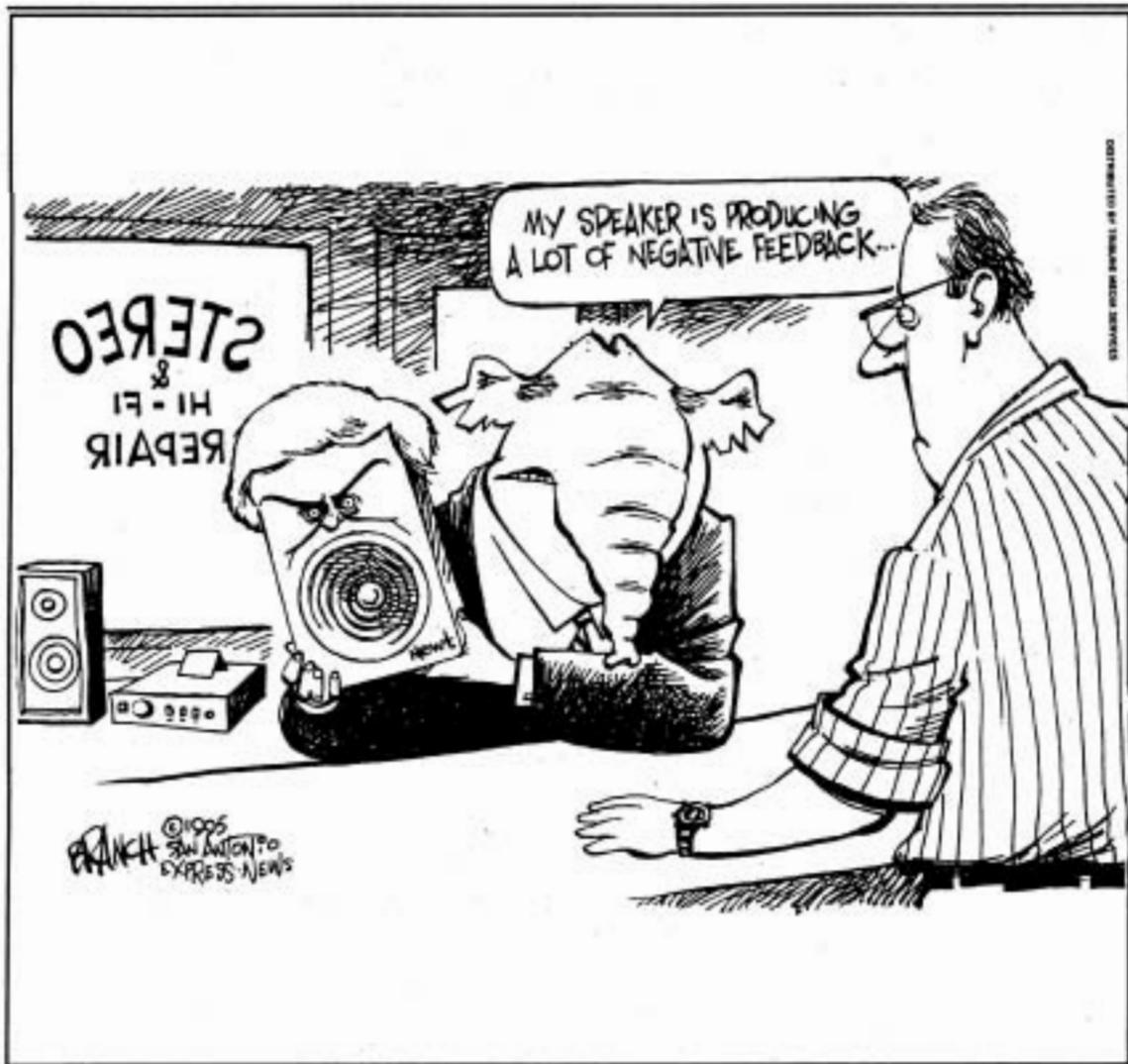
The views expressed in the March 21 Pro-life insert were not imposed on anyone. As rational individuals, we are left to make our own judgements on any subject; however, we must keep in mind that we are responsible for the choices we make in life.

I am convinced that just as *The Chanticleer* will not run a full-page color spread of a pair of homosexuals engaged in sodomy, the same goes for a full-page color spread of a pair of heterosexuals engaged in "normal" intercourse. Both examples are unethical and inappropriate for a scholastic publication.

In such a time when big brother Fob James is cutting funds for schools, I believe *The Chanticleer* made the best decision in accepting the advertisement to keep their office open. Yes, *The Chanticleer* may be a non-profit organization, but it has to survive to keep its papers in circulation. *The Anniston Star* has a whole page for religious events. Is that a violation of the separation of church and state?

Anyone who would like to go and "knock off a few doctors" due to the pro-life advertisement must remember that there is always room for one more offender in our jails. Finally, I would like to congratulate *The Chanticleer* and its staff for keeping up the good work, and for maintaining the integrity of journalism.

Nii Botchway  
JSU Student



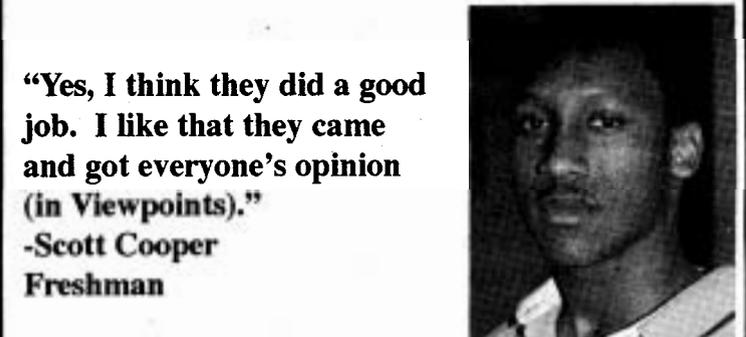
## VIEWPOINTS

**Do you think the staff of *The Chanticleer* did its job this semester?**



**"I think they did pretty good, but they should get more information from international students."**

**-Jose Duarte  
Senior**



**"Yes, I think they did a good job. I like that they came and got everyone's opinion (in Viewpoints)."**

**-Scott Cooper  
Freshman**



**"I think they did a good job. I was disappointed by the coverage of Black History Month."**

**-Teon Knox  
Sophomore**

**"Definitely, they kept us up with what was going on on campus. They made us aware of any changes we needed to know about as students."**

**-Brent Vohun  
Sophomore**



# Features

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It's Kafka  
in color  
”  
see below

## WAL★MART'S New **Supercenter**

### Everything You Ever Wanted In A Store ... And Less!

Illusions of Southern cultural superiority break down in the parking lot of the Wal-Mart Supercenter. The traffic here is big-city traffic, Yankee traffic, and people conduct themselves accordingly. Pedestrians gain the right-of-way by stepping out in front of moving cars. One acquires a parking space by stopping in one of the parking lot's "aisles" and waiting for some presently-parked person to leave. Never mind the line of cars behind you.

I'm here to see what all the fuss is about: what is it about this store that can fill these acres of asphalt rim-to-rim with cars? Is it true, as some sources have told us, that the Supercenter has everything — including beer? Should we be frightened of a store — one store — which promises to be our main source of

which seems common enough. The second is a crown-shaped car air freshener: all these people have to be getting the things somewhere. Finally, I hope to find a product — any product — inspired by or dedicated to U.S. troops in Bosnia. Now that the shelves are finally cleared of Desert Storm merchandise, one would suppose there would be room for such a thing.

After ten or fifteen minutes circling the parking lot, I decide to pull around to the back of the store — there, near the loading dock, I find a place to park among the tractor-trailer rigs. Here behind the building, it's strangely placid: a picturesque pasture rolls right up to the lip of the concrete, and few head of cattle languish nearby, regarding me with a worried

illusion — you can't really judge its size from any distance. Entering, I say hi to the greeter, who stands dumbfounded amid the flood of

family of products. I want to gawk, but I have to move on: customers here bounce against each other like agitated air molecules in a high-

Next stop: magazines. Now I begin to see a trend developing. I had expected the Supercenter to be an expression of Wal-Mart's social



Temple of Commerce: Actual Size Not Shown.

“ The second is a crown-shaped car air freshener: all these people have to be getting the things somewhere. ”

everything?

I've decided to test the superstore's capabilities by searching for three items, ranging from the mundane to the rare. First is a copy of Time Magazine, a product

look, as if to say, "You can't park here."

The walk to the front of the store is longer than I expected: the giant edifice, featureless save for a some lighted lettering, creates an optical

consumers. Floodlights hang from metal rafters on the cathedral-high white ceiling of the Supercenter, glowing down on a rat's maze of free enterprise below. Sales associates bark out urgent messages over the PA system: it sounds like a Top Secret hangar scene in a Spielberg movie. The Supercenter combines third-world bustle with post-industrial alienation. It's Kafka in color.

And it does have beer. Not Sam's Choice, unfortunately — but a pile of shockingly well-priced Coors half-cases stands in the aisle, a proud addition to the Wal-Mart

school physics video.

Currents of traffic waft me toward the rear of the store, through the gently rolling, seamless consumer landscape. Groceries melt into clothing, clothing merges into sporting goods, sporting goods becomes auto parts. Soon I'm face-to-face with the entire selection of car air fresheners. The Supercenter has more air fresheners than anyone could possibly want: the ever-popular pine tree, pairs of 8-Balls covered in rubbery black dust, big pills that look and smell like Chewy Sweet-Tarts. But no crowns.

agenda on a massive scale, but they seem to have gone upscale. There's not a single book by Pat Robertson on the rack. In fact, the inspirational book section is tiny, and carries childrens' illustrated Bibles and the like. Across from this section stands a massive selection of cigarette cartons. One might think Wal-Mart would also carry general interest magazines like Time, but no. Arabian Horseman, Soldier of Fortune, a host of bikini-and-hot-rod magazines, but no Time, no Newsweek, no US News & World Report. I consult a clerk, who is shelving

cigarettes with her back to the Bibles. She tells me to look at the checkout counters. I do so, and find Life (not close, no cigar) a number of tabloids ("Dead Sea Scrolls Predict the Future") and the usual fashion magazines. I don't see Time, but later, a fellow staffer will tell me he bought one there. Oddly enough, he wasn't looking for it.

Now for the tough part: Bosnia merchandising. My first stop, again, is the book section. I hope to find a copy of Scott O'Grady's book. No luck there. Fiction then? The paperback rack is loaded with military techno-thrillers, most of them about madmen piloting hijacked airliners full of crack and weapons-

“ The prices here are breathtaking, and they don't just have beer — there's wine, too. Even, believe it or not, Thunderbird, the crack cocaine of the legal drug world. Don't worry, this fortified wine is made right here in the USA, just as Sam Walton would have wanted. ”

grade plutonium. Muslim madmen, of course. The entire book section seems free of any reference to the Bosnian operation, except of course, for the elusive Time.

So I try the toy section. Here I find plastic toy soldiers in classic WWII uniforms, and many replicas of military warplanes, real and imagined. None is marketed toward supporters of any particular military venture, though many are decorated in desert camouflage. I find much the same selection in the computer section. Using combat flight simulators, one could conceivably recreate a fighter mission in our latest combat zone — perhaps a morbid pastime, but one which thrilled millions of Americans during the Gulf War — but there is no software expressly dedicated to Operation Joint Endeavor. Nor are there T-shirts or

bumper stickers, unless, of course, someone snatched them all up before I arrived.

You can get yellow ribbon, though.

And, as I said, you can get beer. Before leaving, I have to go to the grocery section and revel in the paradox that is the Wal-Mart beer selection. The prices here are breathtaking, and they don't just have beer — there's wine, too. Even, believe it or not, Thunderbird, the crack cocaine of the legal drug world. Don't worry, this fortified wine is made right here in the USA, just as Sam Walton would have wanted.

I must admit I arrived at the Supercenter expecting traditional Wal-Mart motifs on a grand and utterly taste-

less scale: thirty-foot cardboard cut-outs of Travis Tritt, a boutique dedicated to Oxford Yellowjackets merchandising, a House-of-Judgment amusement park. I've been disappointed. If Jacksonville Wal-Mart is the Pat Buchanan of retail, then the Supercenter is its Bob Dole. You can even buy a bottle of rotgut to go with your children's illustrated Bible.

Walking to my car, I feel the temptation to turn back, grab a bottle of Boone's, and enjoy the fine view available to those lucky enough to park in the back of the store. The massive bulk of the Supercenter blocks out the urban noise, and a light wind ruffles the surface of the pond behind the loading dock. The cows, however, have lost interest entirely, and are headed off into the trees.



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**Afghan Whigs**  
*Black Love*  
 Electra/Sub Pop Records

★★★★★

This Cincinnati foursome has always been on the breaking point of success. That hairline edge between ultimate failure and ultimate arena-rock stardom. Now, frontman Greg Dulli has crooned his way through four amazing albums, and has gained loyal fans as well as devoted haters. There is even a hate magazine called *Fat Greg Dulli*. Now the Whigs have released their fifth album, *Black Love*, and the stadiums are getting ready. It's about time.

The Whigs are exactly what our generation needs in order to get those lighters up in the air. *Black Love* is so steeped in 90's disillusionment, masquerading as 70's soul, that many people won't realize how truly wonderful this album is. Songs like "Blame, Etc." and "Going To Town" have all the grooves of disco, they wouldn't be out of place if found on *The Shaft* soundtrack, but somehow the Whigs manage to keep the mirror ball from spinning out of control, and let the rock take root and grow. And grow it does—like Kudzu—through the entire album. From heart wrenching ballads to foot stomping rockers, *Black Love* is just the kind of stadium rock we have been waiting for. Now, if the Whigs would just accept their place on the mantle and sit on it ... I'm sure Bon Jovi and Motley Crue won't mind the company.

Combine  
*The History of American Rock and Roll*  
 Caroline Records

★★★★

Combine is punk rock—not the kind of punk rock that is defined by radio, TV, and all other media—but a punk rock of spirit! There is so much bite and bile to their records that you're just waiting for something to explode when you listen to them. Their first record was a wonderful mix of hard-core and humor, but on their second and latest release, Combine buries the humor a little deeper and lets the hard-core edge become a hard-core sledgehammer.

*History* is like a ton of bricks crashing down all around you, but for some reason you're not getting hit by a single one. You feel great and oh, so lucky, until you look up to find the members of Combine holding a 2 ton anvil over your head—right before they drop it. Sure it's gonna hurt, but damn it's funny! That's the best way to describe this 17 track opus: it hurts, but it's fun too.

I said once that Combine sounded like the Dead Milkmen getting run-over by the Jesus

Lizards tour bus. Now after hearing *History* I realize that I was right all along, except that the Lizard decided to dump the septic tank on the Milkmen, too. It hurts ... but it's funny.



Front Line Assembly  
*Hard Wired*  
 Metropolis

★★★★

FLA has been a mainstay in the industrial music scene since their inception over a decade ago. However, they have never managed to break out of the underground, although they pulled many people to their side after NIN frontman Trent Reznor said some rather distasteful things about them in a *SPIN* article a few years back. That aside, not many people know about FLA. Perhaps it's because they've been on more labels than NIN has been on magazine covers, or because they have always been one step ahead of the "popular" industrial sound.

They did Ministry and KMFDM a long time ago, and now FLA is forging into newer territory. What was hinted at on their last album, *Millennium*, has come full force on *Hard Wired*. The mix of over-bearing guitars, synthetic scrapings, and a slew of bargain bin horror movie samples, *Hellraiser III* must be

one of their favorite movies, has never sounded better or scarier. "Neologic Spasm," "Re-Birth," and "Barcode" will probably be remembered as some of the greatest hard-core cybercore songs ever recorded. FLA is an amazing force of technological power and a wonderful way to gauge the on-coming industrial trends. Skinny Puppy is gone, and it seems that FLA is ready to take their place and show Mr. Reznor that revenge is best served cybernetically cold.



Van Gogh's Daughter  
*Shove*  
 Hollywood Records

★★★★

Did you ever wonder what L7 or Hole would have sounded like if they had been the Go-Go's? Well, wonder no longer—truly believe—because San

Francisco's Van Gogh's Daughter is here to set the record straight.

They have all of the anger that makes bands like L7 and Hole so lovable, but VGD has the common sense and talent not to let that anger rule the music. There are some surprisingly quiet moments on this record ... between the feedback and screams. Songs like "Through the Eyes of Julie" and "Struggle and Sting" have the potential to go careening out of control, but VGD use that talent and common sense to shut up, and let a calm in the storm save the music. Now, there are some great all-out frenzies on this record, so don't let any quiet moments fool you, VGD just uses those to gain a foot-hold, so they can knock you on your ass. Songs like "U F@#\*" and "Crystal" have enough power to blow (a) Hole to China. This is one album that fans of brutality in general will just love. In addition, there are those Hallmark moments for all you wussies.

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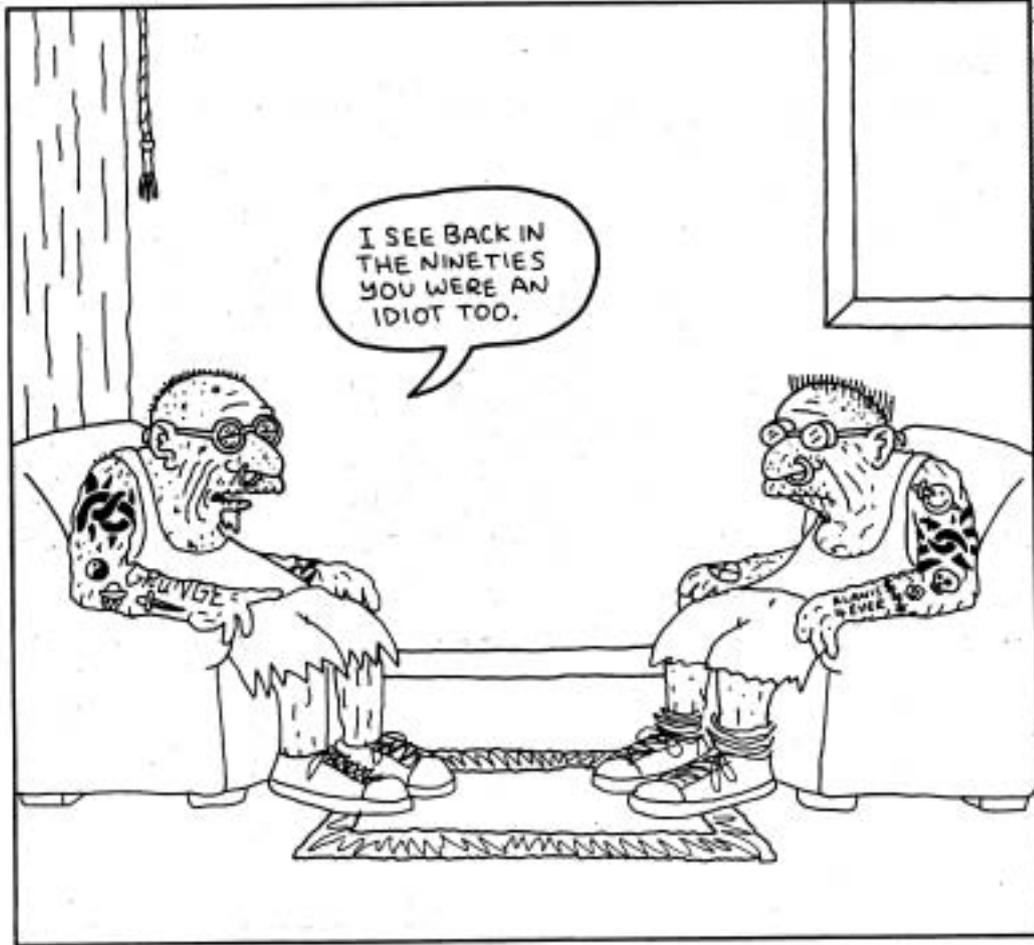
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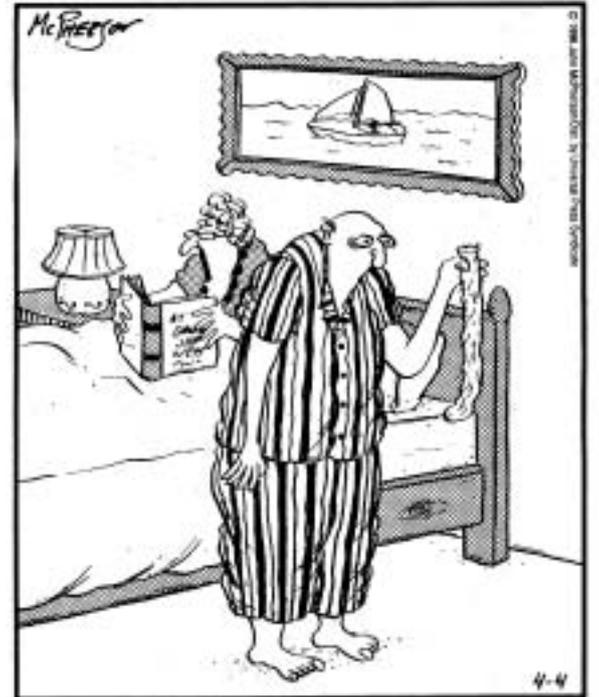
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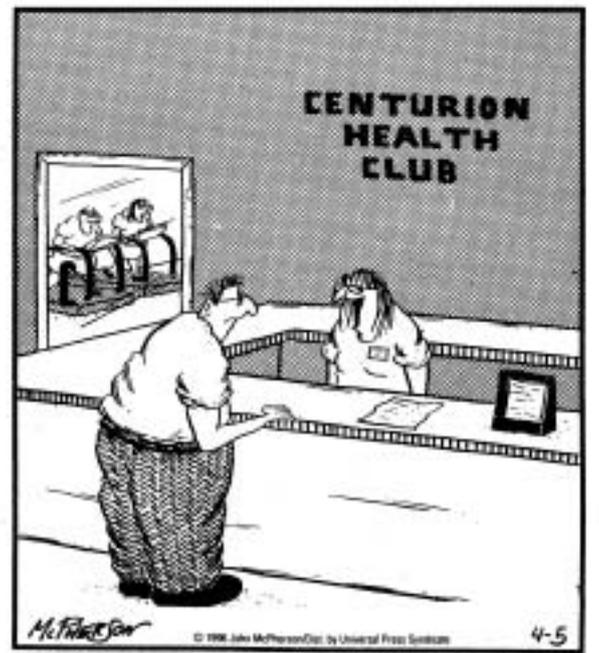


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## Baseball Squad Loses Double-Header

by Will Roe  
Chanticleer Sports Editor

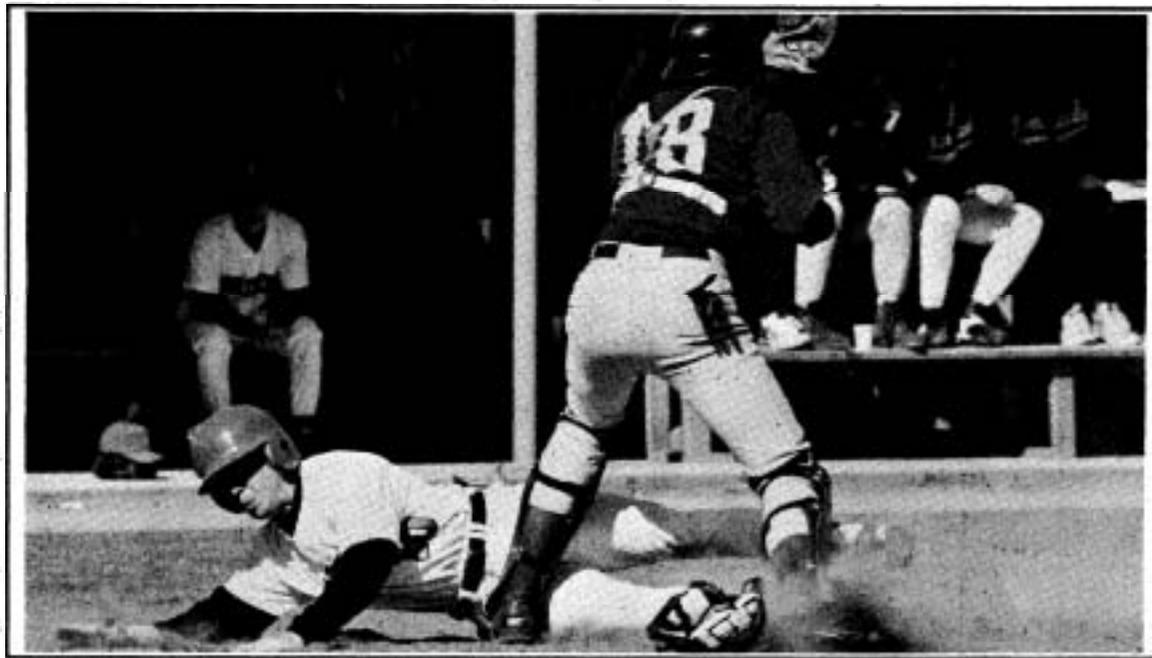
After splitting two games at Middle Tennessee State on April 3rd (3-4, 8-6), Jacksonville State came home to a very hard task: the western division leading Southeastern Louisiana Lions. Here is a look at the three-game series with the Lions of SLU:

SLU 13, Jax State 6  
SLU 9, Jax State 2

NEW BASEBALL FIELD- In the doubleheader played on Friday, April 5th, the Lions pounded Jacksonville State pitching in both games. In

game one, JSU's Jason Craft lasted just over two innings, giving up six earned runs off of four hits. Craft did strike out four hitters. Thomas Strain came in to relieve Craft, but he did not fare much better, giving up seven earned runs off of eight hits. For JSU, Roby Brooks hit his third homer of the season, Mike Garner hit his seventh, and catcher Andy Henderson hit his fifth of the year.

In game two, SLU knocked J.R. Allen around, getting seven runs off of six hits. Allen pitched six innings of the seven inning game. SLU got six of their runs in the sec-



Sliding into home plate...(photo by Ed Hill).

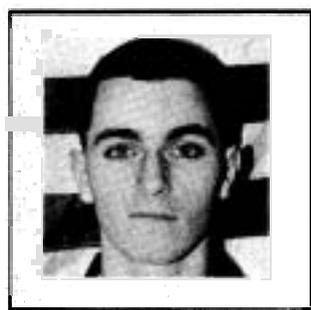
ond inning. Things got a little ugly in the seventh inning, as Jacksonville State threw three wild pitches in the seventh inning. David Beers was responsible for two of them. Jax State 11, SLU 2

NEW BASEBALL FIELD-

After the JSU pitching staff took a pounding during Friday's games, Saturday was a little bit more relaxing for Head Coach Rudy Abbott. The Gamecocks cruised to victory behind a brilliant pitching performance by

Craig McGillivray. He pitched over six innings, giving up only two hits and one earned run. JSU's Mike Garner clobbered his eighth homer of the season, as he went 3 for 4, knocking in four runs.

## Where Is Everybody?



by Will Roe  
Chanticleer Sports Editor

Needed: Students to fill empty seats at Jacksonville State's sporting events. Cost: Nothing. Just show your I.D.

Our Athletic Department needs your help. We need some great sports fans (i.e. fans who genuinely love JSU sports) to come to the sporting events rather than sitting in their dorm trying to figure what to do at night.

Do you realize that at

Jacksonville State, we have Division I sports (football is Division I-AA). Sure, it has been a tough first year for some of our sports teams, but I guarantee you that with a packed venue, the players and coaches will be more pumped up and more wins will be the end result.

The numbers back up what I am saying. Take basketball, for instance. When College of Charleston, a team that has been to a postseason tournament for the last three seasons now, came to Pete Mathews Coliseum, only 867 fans showed up. JSU played the Cougars tough, but with a little more noise in the 'ole gym', JSU might not have come up on the wrong end of an 89-80 score! For the Lady Gamecocks, their average

home attendance was only 493 fans a game.

You might be saying to yourself or to someone around you: "If they would win, I would go to the games." Well, that's a good excuse, but no marbles. You see, you can't expect national championships in our first year at the Division I level. We will have to work our way to that point. I hope that you are not one of those 'jump on the bandwagon' type fans. You should come to our games, every sporting event that you can. It really hurts me, our players, coaches, and our athletic department as a whole when you sit in your dorm room and watch a basketball game on TV when you could watch Division I basketball at Pete Mathews Coliseum here

### SPORTS CALENDAR

**Baseball**

Friday, April 12 at Samford 3 pm  
Saturday, April 13 at Samford 12:00  
Monday, April 15 at Tennessee Tech 2:30 pm

**Softball**

Friday, April 12 vs South Carolina State at University Field 3 pm  
Saturday, April 13 vs Samford at University Field 1 pm  
Wednesday, April 17 vs North Alabama at University Field 2 pm

on campus. We hate to see empty seats.

This goes a whole lot deeper than just basketball. Our football stadium should be filled to capacity at all home games. There should be so many students at the games

that, like Troy State, we should have to expand our stadium to around 30,000. Our baseball team seemingly does nothing but win, and in fact, has lost only one game

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all year at the new baseball field. The softball team is having a spectacular season, going 29-5 to this point.

I challenge you to support our sports. Whatever your liking, we probably have it here at JSU. You WILL enjoy yourself while seeing quality opponents and, hopefully, a lot of JSU wins. Come on out and watch JSU beat up on teams like Samford, Troy State (Whup Troy!), and Middle Tennessee State in football this fall; Houston and Marshall this winter in basketball, and any other games not mentioned here. Do you really want to graduate from JSU and later in life say to yourself: "Gee, I wish I had done more while I was in college, like getting to watch the Division I sports they have there!" Help us make Jacksonville State the "University of Champions" once again. No more excuses ... Be there!

# Lady Gamecocks Win Fourteen in a Row

by Will Roe  
*Chanticleer Sports Editor*

What a hot streak! Jacksonville State's softball team has won 14 of their last 16 games, dating back to the 1-0 shutout of Centenary on March 16. Here is a look at the past few games for the Lady Gamecocks.

Jax State 4, SLU 1  
Jax State 7, SLU 1

UNIVERSITY FIELD-It was a low scoring affair, if you will, for the Lady Gamecocks in the first game. JSU managed only the four runs off of just eight hits in the first game of the doubleheader on April 3rd. TAAC Softball's version of Greg Maddux, Ann Shelton, got yet another win, her 19th of the season.

In game two, JSU put a seven spot on the scoreboard

behind nine hits. Rachel Riddell picked up her sixth win of the season for JSU.

Georgia State 5, Jax State 4  
Jax State 6, Georgia State 1

UNIVERSITY FIELD-In game one, Ann Shelton lost her fourth game of the season, as JSU managed only six hits in the game. The loss in game dropped JSU to 8-3 in the TAAC.

In game two, Rachel Riddell made her record 7-2 on the season as Jacksonville State banged out twelve hits for the game. The win makes Jacksonville State 32-6 on the season, and 9-3 in TAAC play.

The Lady Gamecocks play South Carolina State on Friday at 3:00, and will battle Samford on Saturday at 1:00. Both games are doubleheaders and will be played at University Field.

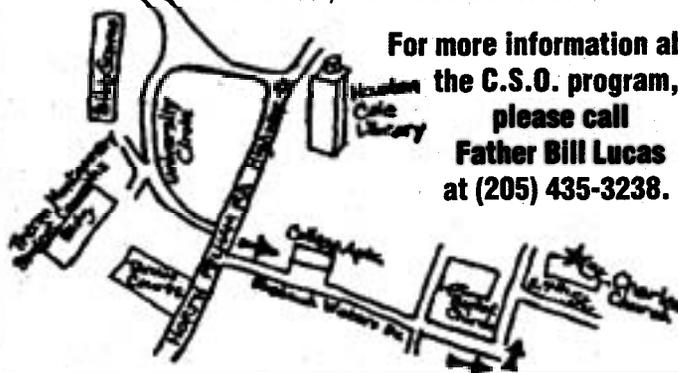
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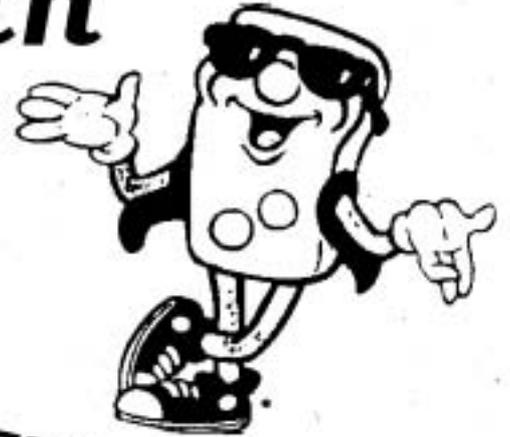
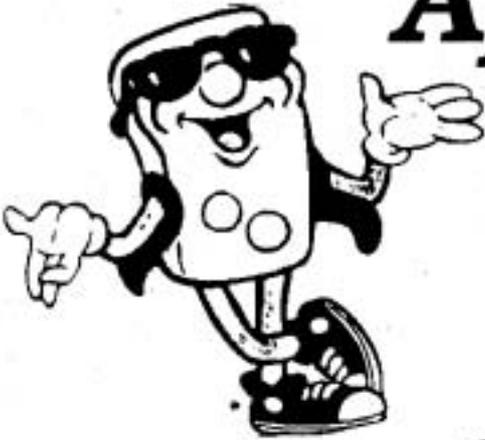
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