JSU narrows search for football coach

by Rebecca Matanic
Chanticleer Sports Editor

JSU’s football search committee has narrowed the list of candidates to replace Bill Burgess to under six names, according to athletic director Jerry Cole. Cole says the committee will meet again Monday and intends to submit a final list of two to three candidates to JSU president Dr. Harold McGee on Tuesday.

“We’ve narrowed it down to a manageable list of candidates,” Cole says. He added that he is optimistic that a new coach will be named by commencement ceremonies December 20.

Cole says that he cannot release the names of the remaining candidates, but said that the committee has been really fortunate to have many qualified candidates apply. He says the committee has interviewed young, upcoming, enthusiastic applicants along with older, more experienced coaches. He adds that one prospect from Atlanta, who has been eliminated, wears two Pittsburgh Steelers’ Super Bowl rings.

Cole says that he thinks naming a coach before Christmas will not only help the Gamecock football team, but will also benefit the entire JSU community.

“It would be a flag we could all rally around,” says Cole. “I think our football team has had a difficult past two or three weeks.” Cole also says naming a football coach before the holidays would help with recruiting.

He says that regardless of when a new coach is named the first order of business will be to bring the football team together. He also adds that the players have had a voice in the selection process. Although many programs lose a few players after a coaching change, Cole says none of the Gamecocks have approached him about transferring to a different school.

Holiday traffic may lead to accidents

by Katrina Oliver Thomas
Chanticleer Writer

For someone involved in, what could have been, a tragic accident, Mr. Jerry Chandler talks fervently about the accident he was in during the Thanksgiving break. “I want to make sure it doesn’t happen to anyone else,” says Mr. Chandler, an instructor in the Department of Communication.

On Saturday November 30, Mr. Chandler was on his way back from taking out-of-town relatives to the Birmingham Airport. The accident occurred as he was driving west of the city of Lincoln. It was raining and he was going well below the speed limit. Suddenly, his car began to hydroplane, and he lost control. The car crossed the median and was hit by an 18-wheel truck, that took off the back of his car.

Mr. Chandler is thankful for being able to walk away from the accident and offers these words of advice: “Even though you have driven that route before, it can change quickly,” says Mr. Chandler. He also adds you should check and replace tires that show any signs of wear. “Wear your seatbelt,” he emphasizes, “it’s really, really stupid not to.”

Trooper Stanley Lemon, Public Information Officer with Alabama Department of Public Safety, agrees wholeheartedly. Not wearing seatbelts is something troopers will be cracking down on during this season. The fine for not wearing your seatbelt is $83. However, Trooper Lemon cited the biggest cause of accidents this time of year, in this area as inattentiveness. “Pay attention!” says Lemon. “Don’t park your cars to where you can see,” he adds. Most college students tend to park their cars front to back, leaving them no way to check the rearview or passenger side mirrors. Trooper Lemon strongly advises against this. “Leave clear vision and leave unnecessary things in your room,” he adds.

The travel period for this year will start at 6 p.m. the Monday before Christmas and continue through midnight Christmas. This is the time frame in which they calculate accidents for the holidays. 

Gov. James Suggests New Primary Date

Montgomery - Gov. Frank James suggests that Alabama’s primary elections be moved from June to September to cut the time between the primaries and the regular elections. He says that this will reduce the time and money spent on campaigns.

CBS Poll Finds Clinton has 60% Approval Rating

Washington - 60% of Americans say they approve of the job Clinton is doing, but half think that Congress will set the country’s course, according to a new CBS news poll. Despite this, 2/3 of Americans feel that Clinton and the Congress will be able to cooperate on important issues. A similar poll in 1994, when Republicans first won a majority in both houses found Clinton’s approval rating to be only 38%.

Nobel Winner predicts improved treatment for AIDS

Stockholm, Sweden - Swiss researcher Roll M. Zinkernagel, who won the Nobel prize for his studies into the body’s immunity in the 70s, predicts that within 10 years there will be a vaccine sharply slowing the outbreak of full-blown AIDS in infected people. However, it would not completely eliminate chances of contracting the infection.

JSU Student Dies

Jacksonville - JSU student Stephen Ray Bryant, 29, died Tuesday, November 19, 1996. Bryant was a sophomore art major. Bryant’s funeral was held November 22 and he was buried in Hanceville, AL. Bryant is survived by his ex-wife Tina Bryant, mother Linda Bergeron, step-father Joe Bergeron, sister Melinda Bryant, and several step-siblings.

compiled by Thomas Webb
Chanticleer staff writer
CAMPUS CRIME DOCKET

12/8/96 Mark W. Lambert reported theft of property from Patterson Hall.
12/8/96 Marceea Michelle Hamby reported criminal mischief at the Sparkman Hall Parking Lot.
12/6/96 Georgia Lynn Gammon reported burglary at Penn House Apartments.
12/5/96 Christopher Sean Austin, 21, of Birmingham, AL was arrested at UPD and charged with harassment.
12/5/96 Demetrius Carlos Campbell, 19, of Birmingham, AL was arrested at UPD and charged with harassment.
12/6/96 Rebecca Lynn Holling, 19, of Montgomery, AL was arrested at Forney Avenue/Rowan Hall and charged with consumption of alcohol by a minor.
12/5/96 Angela Lenette Johnson reported harassment at Sparkman Hall.
12/5/96 Jeffery Lamar Smiley reported menacing at Jack Hopper Dining Hall.
12/4/96 Salik Broderick Johnson, 19, of Montgomery, AL was arrested at UPD and charged with harassment.
12/4/96 Lavagon Maurice Foster, 26, of Jacksonville, AL was arrested at UPD and charged with harassment.
12/3/96 Hope Blankenship reported theft of property at Houston Cole Library.
12/1/96 Susan Annette Head reported theft of property at Pannell Hall.
12/2/96 Tara W. Anderson reported theft of property at Merrill Building Snack Area.
12/2/96 Cheryl L. Slater reported theft of services at JSU.
12/3/96 Morris Richard Bell reported burglary at Pete Mathews Coliseum.

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Programming team places 1st

by Scott Hopkin
Managing Editor

"It would be like trying to do a semester’s worth of problems in three hours," says Roger Luallen, a member of JSU’s Programming Team.

On November 9, JSU placed first and third in the Southeastern Small College Computer Competition. They placed fifth at last year’s competition. Dr. Guillermo Francia, the sponsor of the team says, "I was very impressed with the performance of the groups...compared to some other programming teams I’ve taken to competitions."

More than seven colleges competed, totaling twelve teams. According to Luallen, Jax State was the only university that fielded three teams. He says that the programming team went originally as two groups, then broke into two teams of three and one of four when they got there.

According to Luallen, the competition is based off of a packet of six programming problems. Teams have three hours to complete as many problems as possible. He says that the team who completes the most problems wins, with ties going to the first group who turns in their problem. The JSU team was the only team that completed three of the six problems.

One of the major limitations that the programming teams faced was computer time. Each team is only allowed to have two members at the computer console at a time. The remainder of the group stay in a "logic room" discussing how a problem could be worked.

Later this spring, the JSU team will compete in a national Programming Competition over the Internet. Anyone interested in the team should contact Dr. Francia at his office.

British university forbids kissing

by College Press Services

LONDON— In an effort to combat a deadly meningitis outbreak, students at a British university were ordered November 30 to avoid kissing and all other forms of intimate contact.

The rather unusual command follows the recommendation of health officials, who say a recent cluster of extremely rare meningitis cases at the University of Wales warrants a speedy and serious reaction.

"Everyone is behaving very responsibly. I have certainly not seen any panic among the students," said Dr. Bill Smith, chief medical officer for Bro Taf Health Authority, in a Reuters report.

Vaccinations were planned for about 800 students following the death of a 19-year-old female student. Four other students have so far been affected, according to Reuters.

Meanwhile, at the campus at Cardiff, 140 miles west of London, bars have been closed and parties cancelled on health officials’ advice. One student described the atmosphere as "morbid."

Talking condom has problem

by College Press Services

OAKLAND, Calif.—A condom manufacturer is warning customers its stocking stuffer might give recipients...ur...the wrong message.

A batch of talking condoms bound for a Las Vegas convention were mistakenly sent to various mail-order catalogs and drug stores.

Instead of a cheerful "Merry Christmas," the talking condoms say "Thanks For Your Business." The Marc Snyder Company, which makes the talking prophylactics, announced that 1,000 condoms with the wrong message were mistakenly sent to retailers.

"We wanted to know about our bonheur mistake," company founder Marc Snyder told reporters. "Somebody once told me that some things are funny and sad. That’s what this is."
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Marriage: A different view

One of the hottest topics in the current public eye is the issue of gay marriages. A judge in Hawaii recently ruled that banning homosexual marriages violates the state’s constitution. The Hawaii Supreme Court is expected to uphold an earlier ruling by another lower judge’s ruling making gay and lesbian marriages recognized and legal.

In anticipation of Hawaii’s projected rulings on the issue, President Clinton signed the Defense of Marriage Act and many states have already passed legislation which will not recognize gay and lesbian marriages.

Most polls indicate that approximately 75 percent of Americans disapprove of legalized gay and lesbian marriages. Many of these Americans base their view on religious grounds and/or traditional marriages. However, in the greatest democracy in the world, the constitution is still, and must be, the document that dictates judicial decisions.

Whether or not you approve of homosexuality, gays and lesbians make up a percentage of the American population. The Rev. Louis P. Sheldon, chairman of the Traditional Values Coalition asserts that the gay and lesbian population in the United States is approximately 1 percent. However, numerous other studies indicate that about 10 percent of Americans are either gay or lesbian. No matter the actual number or percentage, gays and lesbians are a part of America; they are citizens, they are Americans and they are taxpayers. Therefore, they should be afforded the same protections that most Americans take for granted.

Heterosexual citizens don’t have to worry about being denied housing because of their sexual orientation. They don’t have to worry about being fired from their jobs based solely on sexual orientation. Heterosexuals are also assured that if their spouse is sick and in a hospital they will be able to visit them, consult with physicians and make medical decisions. Homosexual couples do not have these rights. You may not agree with their choices, but who should have the visitation rights and a voice in difficult medical decisions? Should it be the homosexual partner of 30 years, 10 years or even just two years or should it be someone else? Does denying equal rights to homosexuals eliminate homosexuality? Certainly not! Homosexuality is evident throughout history and found throughout the world.

Sheldon said in a recent editorial in USA Today that, “They (homosexuals) are the wealthiest, most educated and most traveled demographic group today. Per capita income for the average homosexual is nearly twice that for the average American. They are the most advantaged group in America today.”

Following Sheldon’s logic, rich heterosexual Americans should be stripped of some of their rights because they have made the effort to become educated, wealthy and well traveled aren’t some of these Americans the same people who make this country great? Whether you’re sleeping with an adult of the same or opposite sex, aren’t you making a contribution to our great country if you’re wealthy enough to see nearly 40 percent of your income go to the government? Aren’t you making a contribution if your education has allowed you to make a difference in your chosen career field? And if you are a member of the most traveled demographic group in America, don’t you contribute more knowledgeable and more understanding and appreciative of cultural differences?

It is obvious that some Americans will never approve of or condone homosexuals or their relationships. However, it is important to understand that granting all law abiding, tax paying citizens equal rights is not an endorsement of homosexuality, but what is required constitutionally.

Discrimination in Minority Affairs?

As the University continues its search for a full-time Director of the Minority Affairs Office, this would be a good time to remember what this office was created to accomplish.

A “full-time, permanent” Office of Minority Affairs for JSU was established after this spring’s controversial SGA election, in which many charges of racism were brought to the attention of University administrators, and, through local and national media coverage, the public.

It was created to help achieve campus-wide understanding, tolerance, and acceptance of diversity. One was led to believe that this would pertain to all races, cultures, and other “minority” groups present on campus, but almost since its inception, our current Office of Minority Affairs has concentrated its efforts on the majority group within the minority population of this campus.

Whether this concentration is intentional or not, it is blatantly obvious. This is something I, as a student this office is supposed to be representing, am disturbed by. One example of this is the Office’s display of “Women in History.” The display consisted entirely of prominent African-American women in history. What about Susan B. Anthony, Marie Curie, Helen Keller, and Florence Nightingale, all of whom played major roles in history. Does this office not acknowledge their accomplishments simply because they were white? I’m sure there were some Hispanic, Asian, Native American and disabled women who made significant contributions to history also, yet none of these women were included in the display.

This imbalance in representation can also be seen, more recently, in the planning of events for Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15-Oct. 15) and Native American Heritage Month (Nov.). There was a definite absence of planning for these months of celebrations, both of which occurred this semester, but passed almost completely unnoticed.

The Office has however already initiated its plans for Black History Month which is celebrated in February. These plans include a bid of $4,000 to have Chuck D perform on campus.

Last month, I received a four-paged newsletter from the Office which, with the exception of a few articles, was almost entirely African-American oriented. This was a far cry from the one-page flyer I received concerning Hispanic Heritage Month.

This flyer, in fact, wasn’t even about the events planned, but instead it was to announce the “coordination meeting” which was to be held on October 3. Maybe it’s just me, but 12 days before the end of an event (or 18 days after the beginning of an event) seems a little late to begin planning it. As for Native American Heritage Month, the events the Office advertised were organized by and held at the Anniston Museum of Natural History. Why weren’t any campus-based events planned?

This office is supposed to represent all these groups equally, yet it seems to have instead become an extension of the African American Association. This is an opinion many minority students, including myself and some African-American students share.

If this office is indeed needed, then maybe it’s time it reevaluated its performance and stopped overlooking some of the very groups it was created to represent.

I realize some people may disagree or be upset by what I’ve written. But as a half-Vietnamese, half-Cuban, 100% American student whose tuition is in part funded by this office, I feel the need and have the right to address some of these issues which others constantly discussed but seldom dare to do so publicly.

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Dear Editor,

While I agree with Mr. Cypert’s letter last week that the SGA isn’t perfect, I feel that many of his statements are greatly exaggerated. I think that the SGA should be controlled more by the administration of the University. I think there should be a policy that allows alumni to speak at SGA that allows alumni to speak at SGA meetings. However, if Mr. Martinez wants to speak at the SGA meeting, he should make an appointment so that there is a scheduled time for him to speak. Otherwise, he should leave the SGA to current students and not interfere with University events.

I agree with Mr. Cypert that the SGA should have better leadership. A complete overhaul of the SGA is not out of the question. However, I’d personally rather have a person with a 4.0 GPA in an easy subject, a person with common sense and some leadership than a person with a 2.0 in quantum mechanics who is arrogant. However, I do not think that GPA should determine one’s status in the SGA.

Jose Lowe

Dear Editor,

This is a “condensed” edition of an “open letter” I am writing to Bob Boyle, JSU’s Student Government Association president. In response to his letter to the editor which was published in your November 21 “Forum” section:

a. The SGA constitution is a very politically convenient and SGA “self-serving” document, altered through “suspensions of the rules,” which summarily and without student consent automatically makes “all JSU students” its members.

b. The SGA is not a truly “independent” student union or student government representative body.

c. In fact, the “Association” in “SGA” is more “associated” with the JSU administration than with any students the SGA claims to represent.

d. Some SGA executive members, such as Mr. Boyle, are in fact on the payroll of the JSU administration and/or on “administration granted” scholarships, are issued “BLUE” color parking permits, and attend administration “social” functions.

e. The SGA presidency is only a figure-head office.

f. The SGA is directly controlled and supervised by two “NON-CONSTITUENT NON-STUDENTS!” Two JSU administrators!! These administrators, without whose approval no SGA business can be conducted, currently are Terry Casey, the Director of Student Activities, and Dr. Alice Cusimano, the Assistant Director for Student Affairs.

g. The conduct at recent SGA meetings has been infested with an excess of “suspended rules.” (Didn’t a certain government in Germany also “suspend the rules” not too long ago, to “enable” Hitler to do what Hitler did? How will the “SSGA” enforce Bill 25? Will “SSGA” fraternity “enforcers” require students to “bring papers and forearm tattoos” for positive student identification at future SGA meetings? Will “non-students,” “non-constituents,” and the public in general be “VERBOTEN?”)

h. SGA meetings have also become very UNPROFESSIONAL and PERSONAL when the SGA Senate president, Matt Crandon opens an SGA meeting, where I was not present, with a sarcastic greeting directed at me: “And a big hey to Jose!” At times, Mr. Boyle, it is you, Matt Crandon, Jerod Nichols, and the SGA who have really been out of order!!!

i. Someone qualified to deal with the complexities of “REAL STUPID STATEMENTS” should ask Mr. Boyle a “HOW?,” concerning his remarks that “...by requiring non-students to be placed on the agenda prior to Senate meetings further disruptions would be avoided.” Since then, Mr. Boyle, does placing a speaker on an agenda prevent any “disruptive” conduct on the part of that speaker!!!

j. Jose Martinez was never “a speaker” at any of the SGA meetings in question!! He was only an “involved” member of the audience questioning a JSU police “guest speaker” about unequal and selective traffic enforcement practiced against students. The SGA has been attempting to confuse the issue by implying that I attempted or requested to be “a speaker.” Nothing is further from the truth!

k. Why is there NOT a clearly stated section on SGA agendas for “Comments from the Audience?” (Or, God forbid, for “PUBLIC Comments”!!)

l. The real intent and spirit of Bill 25 is all about censorship, controlling speech, and the requiring of advanced permission for the speaker and/or the subject of the speech from not just “the SGA,” but also from Mr. Casey and Dr. Cusimano.

SGA, you have NOT silenced Jose Martinez. In fact, because of your “un-American” conduct and political ignorance, you have actually provided me with a MUCH LOUDER VOICE, increased name-recognition, a greater audience and more “supporters.” After all, aren’t censored books and censored speakers more popular with the public AFTER they are censored? Thanks, SGA.

Sincerely and respectfully, but belonging to NO ONE,
Jose “Bill 25” Martinez
Chanticleer’s top 15 albums of 1996

by Sam Dillon and Keith Tasker

These albums are listed in alphabetical order. It should be stated for the record that choosing only fifteen albums was not only difficult, but painful.

Afghan Whigs - Black Love - Electra Records. AW flooded the market in 1996 with “Black Love” and their E.P. “Honkeys Ladder.” “Black Love” doesn’t seem to stray into very many new areas musically, compared to their other albums, but that’s not a bad thing at all. This album is superb from start to finish.

Cake - Fashion Nugget - Capricorn Records. Cake is definitely going the distance with their latest release, “Fashion Nugget.” Their blend of groove and rock is quite unique and individual.

The Church - Magician Among the Spirits - Deep Karma/White. This is the comeback of the year by the most underrated band of the last fifteen years. The Church makes music to a whole new level, molding beautiful pop melodies and interesting sonic soundscapes.

Downset - Do We Speak A Dead Language? - Mercury Records. Downset has once again completely outdone themselves. They are doing what Rage Against The Machine only dreams of. Downset is leagues ahead of them musically and lyrically. Unfortunately, they haven’t received their much deserved recognition- “time to come correct.”

Idaho - Three Sheets to the Wind - Caroline Records. Idaho has that kind of Nirvana esque style in the way their music flows. Their lyrics are inventive, and the music is a grunge/pop explosion with an occasional melody. I expect Idaho to take the mainstream by storm; they definitely have what it takes.

Lagwagon - Hoss - Fat Wreck Chords. You’ve gotta love a band who names their album after Hoss from Bonanza! These boys add a nice touch to Fat’s already impressive line up. They have that cool punk sound with a comedic twist. This is not a zany album; it’s just great stuff.

Marilyn Manson - Antichrist Superstar - Nothing. MM’s latest effort has children and adults alike sleeping with the lights on. MM has definitely grown musically over the last few years and they have put out an album that is a must for anyone who likes a metal-edge, industrial style sound.

Placebo - Placebo - Caroline Records. Placebo is a Swedish trio who’ve managed to create a very impressive album. This album is heavy yet melodic, and Brian Molko’s vocals add an incredible amount of emotion to this listening experience.

The Posies - Amazing Disgrace - DGC Records. This one of the only bands to come out of Seattle that doesn’t feel the need to scream to get a message across. Their trademark harmonies and interesting guitar work solidifies that the Posies are the Lords of Seattle.

Scheer - Infliction - 4AD. This female-fronted Irish quartet has to be the bastard child birthed by Metallica and The Cranberries. Hardcore coated with the sweet seductive vocals of Audrey Gallagher make’s this one of the most intriguing albums of the year.

Skinny puppy - The Process - American Records. The process marked an end to an era of music and artistry. SP was a pioneer in the industrial scene, and will be missed. This is definately the best album SP has ever done and sadly is the last complete SP album.

Social Distortion - White Light White Heat - Trash - Epic records. Social D’s ’50’s style punk rock sound has really come together with their latest release.

Squirrel Nut Zippers - Hot - mammoth Records. SNZ is one of the wildest bands to hit the scene in ’96. Their mix of ’30’s big band swing and old school Dixieland is wonderfully off-the-wall. I’m looking forward to hearing more of the same swingin tunes from them in the near future.

Tool - Ænima - Zoo Records. Tool is back with their third release entitled Ænima. This album is by far one of the best albums of the year. You can’t help but fall in love with Tool’s sound.

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SOME SAY IT’S A SHAME
SOME SAY IT’S A MISUNDERSTANDING
SOME SAY IT’S A LIE
SOME SAY IT’S HER FAULT
SOME SAY IT’S HIS FAULT

IT’S DATE RAPE, IT’S WRONG.
IT’S A CRIME!

It’s hard to think of someone familiar—a date, a steady boyfriend, or a casual acquaintance—as a rapist. Familiarity makes you less inclined to trust your self-protective instincts. Being forced into having sex—甚至 if it’s by someone you know—is still RAPE and it’s a CRIME. Nothing you do, say, or wear gives anyone the right to assault you—sexually or otherwise.
Maynard Keenan creates a level of energy that’s hypnotic and melodic yet devastating and crushing at the same time. Tool incorporates great experimental music with some powerful lyrics.

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Several students help to continue to be missing. Information. Students that showed up to the ribbon placing event helped canvass the university to help bring awareness of lost students.

Despite the wear and tear within, Salls Hall looks to be a fine new office for the UPD. They took over the hall earlier this semester. The previous occupants were forced out due to NCAA ruling disbanding athletic dorms. Investigations still continue on the vandalism that took place there.

This semester, among the several bills passed by the SGA, was the controversial Bill 25. The bill, which requires non-students to be placed on the agenda before being allowed to speak during SGA senate meetings, was the topic of heavy debating among the senators and the student body. The Bill, unlike most SGA bills, did not pass unanimously. The SGA later, mistakenly, passed another Bill 25 which appointed Christopher Thomas to the senate. The second Bill 25, unlike its predecessor, did pass unanimously.

The SGA has yet to correct the existence of two Bill 25s.

Sigma Phi Epsilon was forced to look for a new home after a fire claimed their previous fraternity house. Arson is strongly suspected as the cause for the blaze. Officials still investigate.
Wearing their Gamecock best, several well-dressed (?) fraternity members showed up to the JSU v. Troy State Game. This game saw the usual turn-out for the longstanding rivalry between the two universities. Despite the enormous show of support for the home team, the Cocks were defeated by the Trojans.

Cheerleaders help entertain and bring spirit to a pre-homecoming pep rally. Practicing their gymnastic skills and quite a bit of trust, the female cheerleaders stand on their partner’s hands in order to rile up the crowd.

Niyah Simpson enjoys wings at a favorite campus hangout. She was crowned Homecoming Queen during half-time ceremonies at the Homecoming game. This was the first time in recent years that the announcement was made at the game rather than during the parade.

Dressed for the upcoming parade, the SGA officers of the 96-97 term chat idly on the Jacksonville Square in their poster laden truck. The signs attached to the truck clearly lists the members of the SGA leadership, though not necessarily as clearly the faces that go with them.

Drinking and driving? What about driving the drink? A JSU student rides a keg in an obstacle course on the Quad. Evidently, wearing a helmet while riding includes things besides bikes, or is that to keep people from sampling what they’re sitting on?

Happy Holidays from The Chanticleer
by Shannon Fagan

Lady Gamecocks rebound smashing Hornets 72-57

by Rebecca Matanic

JSU men’s basketball team loses to Lions 75-73

by Rebecca Matanic

Pre-season TAAC All Conference selection, Alfredia Seals earned her first start of the season and responded with 16 points, 16 rebounds and nine blocks for JSU. Austin said Seals’ performance was what she has been waiting on from the 6’5” center.

Forward Melissa Harden played another solid game for JSU scoring a career-high 18 points and grabbing nine rebounds. The Lady Eagles were led by center Tarsha Askew’s 22 points. "I give all credit to the girls,” Austin said after her first victory of the season. "I was proud of the girls. I was proud of how they responded and how they played.”

The Lady Eagles stayed with JSU for the first eight minutes of the game. Beginning with two free throws by Sandy Lamphear with about 12 minutes left in the first half, the Lady Gamecocks took control going on a 12-0 run to gain a 25-12 advantage. Askew kept GSU in the game by scoring eight of her team’s final 12 points. The Gamecocks entered the locker room at the half with a 26-24 lead.

In the second half the Lady Gamecocks were never seriously threatened by GSU. The Gamecocks stretched their lead to 22 points with about 10 minutes remaining and had a 5 point advantage with just over a minute to play.

"I think they can take from this game and build on it,” Austin said. “We stuck the free throws in and we played smarter down the stretch.”

JSU was out rebounded by GSU 52-48. The Lady Gamecocks grabbed 17 offensive boards, but allowed the Lady Eagles 25 offensive swipes. JSU once again had problems with turnovers, committing 13 in the first half and 21 for the game. However, the JSU defense led to 24 Lady Eagle turnovers.

JSU host the Trojans of Troy State, Saturday at Pete Mathews Coliseum at 7 p.m. "We’re going to have to play the best game we can play,” Austin said referring to the arch rival Trojans.

Please note: Coach Dana Austin will sign 5 game programs for every home game. The 5 lucky people who get these programs may turn them in at the Concession stand and receive a free Red and White JSU Basketball T-shirt.

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Dear Prospective Member:

Liberia should have a special place in the conscience of the United States of America. Its mission to become a nation came from the United States. For 149 years, it was a stalwart ally of the United States. Yet for the past years, as a civil war has taken almost 200,000 lives, displaced more than two-thirds of the population and destroyed its infrastructure, the United States has treated this great tragedy as a regional problem.

Liberia has a unique historical and cultural link to the United States. Settled by African Americans, many of them former slaves, in the early decades of the 19th century, Liberia became a republic in 1847. The United States influence on Liberia is reflected in the African nation's constitution, the symbols of its cities, its schools' curriculum, its official language and the remarkable degree of good will its citizens feel toward America. Through all the major conflicts of the 20th century, Liberia has been among the most dependable allies of the United States. In both World Wars, Liberia declared war on the enemies of the United States and offered vital war bases, ports, and natural resources to support the United States military. During the Cold War, Liberia voted with the United States on every significant resolution at the United Nations. It hosted facilities for electronic monitoring and became the largest base for United States intelligence-gathering in Africa.

Yet when Liberia's security was most at risk because of civil conflict the United States government deferred to ECOWAS, an under-funded regional organization composed of some of the world's poorest nations. Hardly the unilateralism lauded by the United States to support a peacekeeping force had not been committed by April 1996. Meanwhile, the cost to the United States of responding to humanitarian crisis since 1990 has been emergency relief assistance valued at over $445 million, over $66 million provided in the past year alone, more than eight times the amount committed to peacekeeping.

In the absence of a viable security plan, the torrent of refugees continues to undermine Liberia's relations with its immediate neighbors. Though the United States has appealed to those nations to admit Liberian refugees, its own record of Liberian admissions decries the long relationship with that nation.

The approach to achieving peace in Liberia has revolved around the ECOWAS process for six years. This process has, in turn, been dependent on a core group of ECOWAS nations with the will and very limited resources to engage in diplomacy or to commit forces for peacekeeping. Fourteen peace agreements have been largely brokered without the United States and other international parties, such as the United Nations or OAU, present with ECOWAS as working partners at the negotiating table. The result of this agreements and the resources, and leverage, necessary for successful implementation, This failure to produce a concerted approach to all aspects of the peace process, from mediation to negotiation and implementation, produced the tragic results that we have witnessed in Liberia.

On August 17 the Economic Community of West African States(ECOWAS) concluded meetings that provide a new timetable for the peace process. Starting August 20, the warring factions are to observe a cease-fire, dismantle checkpoints and withdraw from zones of combat. The peacekeeping force, expanding from 8500 to 18000 troops, is to deploy throughout Liberia in November. Demobilization is to be completed by January 31. Elections are to be held on May 31 with a turnover to an elected government on June 15. The revised plan calls for sanctions against members of the warring factions that obstruct the peace process. Sanctions include restrictions on travel, freeze on economic activities, exclusion from electoral process, and war crime charges.

Now the United States has another opportunity to assert its international leadership at a critical juncture to ensure that the success of the new peace process. This leadership will not lead to an involvement of United States troops. It does mean that the United States must heighten its diplomatic efforts to help coordinate the process of peace and gather the funding that is necessary for effective peacekeeping and demobilization in Liberia.

The United States should take the necessary steps to ensure that its commitment of $30 million to support the ECOMOG peacekeeping force is obligated before the end of the fiscal year 1997. While Liberia and other states pledged a sizable portion of this aid, it will not alone enable a doubling of ECOMOG to the 18,000 troops necessary for deployment. It is vital that the United States provide additional funds to make up this shortfall or take the lead to obtain significant pledges from other donor countries.

A top priority of the United States should be the implementation of a serious program for demobilizing Liberia's combatants. Regrettably, no additional funding has been pledged by the United States to improve what was an inadequately funded and designed demobilization plan. In fact, some of the funds allocated in early 1996 for reintegration of Liberia's 60,000 combatants have been diverted elsewhere. The United States should take the lead in designing a comprehensive demobilization program. This program will not involve United States troops, but it should include the training and counseling of combatants. A contribution of $20 million (non-food related) from the United States will provide the resources necessary to initiate a well-conceived demobilization program and encourage future contributions from other international donors.

President Clinton and the United States Congress must make Liberia a priority on our foreign relations agenda in Africa. United States leadership is critical if the key elements are to be achieved under the new peace plan. This leadership will not lead to an involvement of United States troops. It does mean that the United States through its Special Envoy, must heighten its diplomatic efforts to coordinate the implementation of the peace process and gather the additional resources necessary for effective peacekeeping and demobilization.

The United States should strengthen the response of the international community to the needs of the peace process. The foundation for a new international approach to the peace process already exists with the International Contact Group for Liberia, the group of donor countries that have pledged support to the peace process. The concept behind the ICGL must be expanded to a tightly coordinated partnership that includes the United States, ECOWAS, and the United Nations. This high level of cooperation will ensure that scarce resources are effectively utilized.

The outbreak of fighting in Monrovia in April-May of 1996 was the latest in a series of clashes in Liberia's intractable war. During the past nearly seven years, the war has produced shocking humanitarian conditions for Liberian civilians. The most recent fighting exacerbated even further these conditions. Humanitarian assistance organizations have been unable to deliver food and other emergency services because of the fighting in Monrovia. Their resources lost by gangs of combatants and the safety of their relief workers threatened, these organizations closed or dramatically reduced their operations in Liberia.

As a result of the civil war in Liberia, an estimated 800,000 Liberians are internally displaced; another 800,000 are refugees in neighboring countries that are among the poorest in the world. Approximately 50% of the population in Monrovia, upwards of 350,000 persons, were forced to flee their homes due to the April-May fighting and another 3,000 died. During June-July some 3,300 new cases of cholera were reported in Monrovia and a July survey found malnutrition rates for children in displaced shelters have increased up to 25%.

Now that the dust of the Civil War in Liberia is settling down, an era of a NEW LIBERIA is at hand. Whether anyone likes it or not, an leadership is bound to emerge, supposedly to shoulder the national responsibilities of politics and administration and to ensure the continued survival of the Liberian people and culture.

That such leadership will be genuine and committed is a matter that you as Liberians and friends of Liberia can decide, or at least influence. But choosing national leadership is a serious and difficult business, In Liberia, bombed-out homes and shops are painful reminders of what happens when leaders are chosen unwisely, We cannot allow this to happen again.

This is why the Liberian Social Justice Foundation is campaigning for PEACE, SECURITY, SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, EDUCATIONAL AND POLITICAL JUSTICE IN LIBERIA.

The Liberian Social Justice Foundation has carefully examined the administrative and operational policies of both the past and present administration in Liberia. In our candid assessments, the corresponding leadership which will inevitably affect our lives and the lives of our people for many years to come.

My fellow Liberians and Friends of Liberia, the Liberian Social Justice Foundation has embarked on a mission to ensure that PEACE, UNITY, SECURITY, FREEDOM AND SOCIAL JUSTICE prevail in Liberia. This is an awesome responsibility that can only occur if we cooperate as a team. History will judge us not by what we say, but by what we do. With God and the determined mind, there is nothing we cannot achieve for our Liberian Society. It is in this light that I urge you to support and contribute to the Liberian Social Justice Foundation's programs.

Liberia, the African nation established in the 1800s by freed American slaves, has been torn by civil war since 1989. What does the Liberian Civil War mean to Americans in terms of health care, humanitarian relief, stability throughout Africa and the continuation of missionary work? If you share in the dream of peace in Liberia, a country founded upon American ideals, you are invited to be informed more so by writing to the LIBERIAN SOCIAL JUSTICE FOUNDATION, POST OFFICE BOX 31438, CINCINNATI, OHIO 45231. (513) 931-1872.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to write us or call. Thank you for your time, your contribution, and your generosity. Checks and money orders should be made payable to the Liberian Social Justice Foundation, Inc.

Best regards,
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