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IN THE News

Gov. James Suggests New Primary Date

Montgomery - Gov. Fob 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

JSU narrows search for football coach

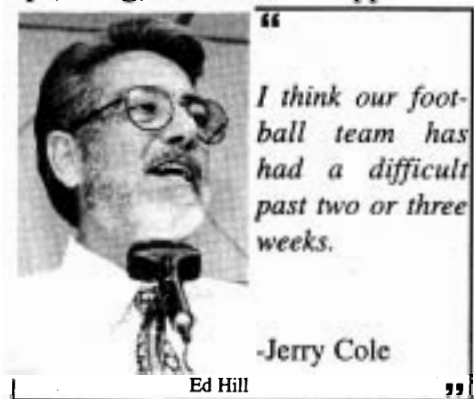
by **Rebecca Matanic**
Chanticleer Sports Editor

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.

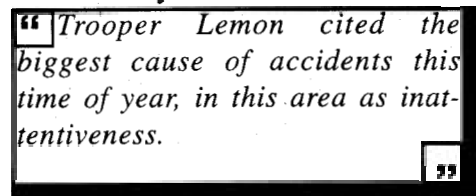
Holiday traffic may lead to accidents

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 Dept. 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 sea-

son. 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 pack your cars to where you can't see," he adds. Most college students tend to pack 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. Trooper

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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 Lavagun 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 Colesium.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The National Library of Poetry announces that \$48,000 in prizes will be awarded this year in the North American Open Poetry Contest. To enter, send ONE poem of no more than 20 lines to: The National Library of Poetry, 1 Poetry Plaza, Suite 19810, Owings Mills, MD 21117-6282. The poet's name and address should appear on the top of the page. Entries must be postmarked by December 31, 1996. A new contest opens January 1, 1997.

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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, third and sixth at the Southeastern Small College Computer Conference. 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

"Instead of a cheerful "Merry Christmas," the talking condoms say "Thanks For Your Business."

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 people to know about our bonehead 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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Lemon also says, "to allow yourself enough time if you are driving a long distance," and, "to take rest breaks." Just be sure to stop at rest areas or well lit and well populated places.

Enforcement will also be

stepped up as far as D.U.I.s. A new zero Tolerance Law affects people under 21 years of age. The alcohol testing level for them is .02%, which is one or two beers. The level for those over 21 is .08. "We have made our predictions for

this season and we are hoping the are lower or their are none at all," says Lemon. "We predicted 14 fatalities for last season and 13 occurred," he adds. Of those 13, approximately 75% were not wearing seatbelts. The Trooper Post, located in

Jacksonville, covers five counties: Calhoun, Talladega, Cleburne, Clay, and Randolph.

Trooper Lemon adds these final words of caution, "Buckle up, slow down, watch driving conditions, and concentrate." Most of

all don't drink and drive.

Mr. Chandler will be submitting a more detailed account of his experience to the Anniston Star and hopefully have it published in Reader's Digest.

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Homosexuality is evident throughout history and found throughout the world.

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ISSUE OF THE WEEK

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 also are 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 your experiences make you 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?



Mai

Editor in Chief

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-page 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 funding 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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Forum

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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.

Josh 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 big "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 when, 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

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VIEWPOINTS

What do you think about *The Chanticleer*?

--compiled by Janna Waller



"Talk about things that interest most students, instead of always talking about weird bands"

Adam Joslin
Junior



"I think there should be more opportunities for student editorials."

Kelcrys Lucas
Senior



"I think there should be more extra-curricular publicity."

Shad Smith
Sophomore



"Maybe some editing, then some more editing, then try some editing."

Ryan Floyd
Junior



"Have more national news that is pertinent to student interests."

Bill Fisher
Junior

FEATURES

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Tool incorporates great experimental music with some powerful lyrics.

SEE BELOW

Chanticleer's top 15 albums of 1996

by Sam Dillon and Keith Tasker

These albums are listed in Alphabetic 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 takes 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 is 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 definitely the best album SP has ever done and sadly is the last complete SP album.

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



the Posies top charts for the year.

This album is very catchy and it seems that SD will finally get some long overdue recognition.

Soul Coughing - Irresistible Bliss - Slash Records. Soul Coughing couldn't have dubbed this album with a better name. Irresistible Bliss is an excellent blend of catchy pop tunes mixed with a splash of industrial ornamentation.

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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CONCERTS

Cotton Club

Dec. 15 Descendants/
Swinging Utters
Dec. 28 Skirt/Stanyard

International Ballroom

Dec. 20 No Doubt/Shelter
Unwritten Law

Masquerade

Dec. 12 Weezer/Ash
Dec. 13+14 Drivn' N' Cryin

The Point

Dec. 14 Man or Astroman

Roxy

Dec. 27 The Gregg Allman
Band
Dec. 31 Squirrel Nut Zippers
Jan. 7 Tricky

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Dec. 27 Jason and the
Scorchers/ Cigar Store
Indians
Jan. 3 Gibb Droll Band/
Agents of Good Roots

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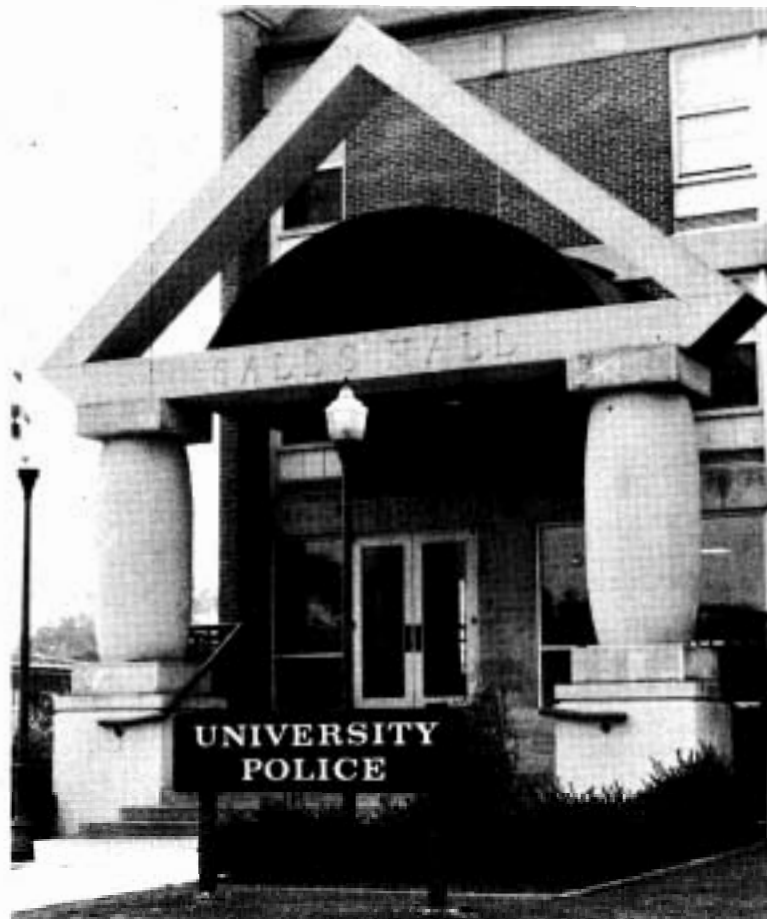
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Despite the wear and tear within, Salls Hall looks to be a fine new office for the UPD. They took over the hall earlier this semester. The previous occupants were forced out due to

NCAA ruling disbanding athletic dorms. Investigations still continue on the vandalism that took place there.



Semester in review

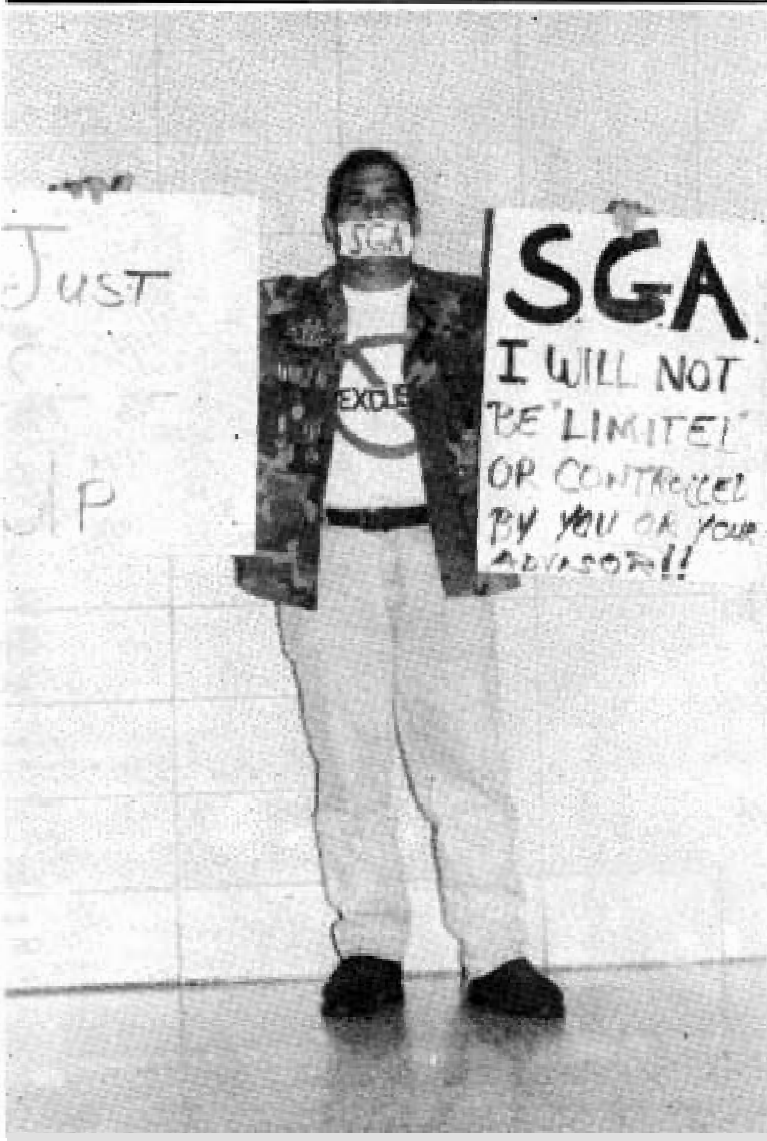
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Several students help to place yellow ribbons around campus. Zihui Liu turned up missing early in October, and despite efforts of local police and volunteers,

continues to be missing. Her roommate, Mary Vanslambrouck, has been highly active in the search for Liu, and remains the primary contact point for anyone with

information. Students that showed up to the ribbon placing event helped canvass the university to help bring awareness of lost students



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 uniamously. 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 long-standing rivalry between the two universities. Despite the enormous show of support for the home team, the Cocks were defeated by the Trojans.



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.



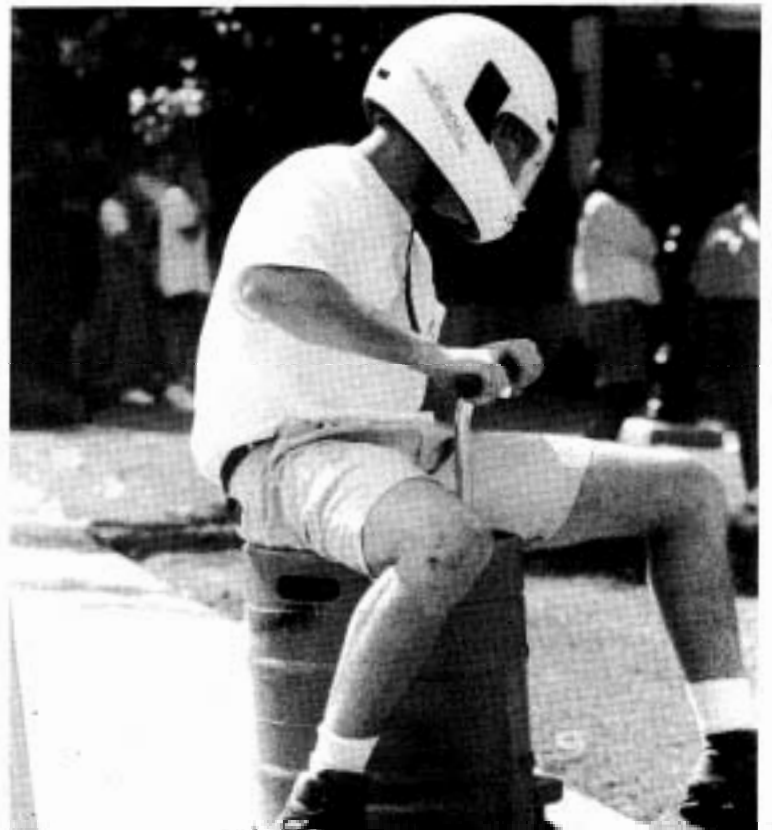
Cheerleaders help entertain and bring spirit to a pre-homecoming pep rally. Practicing their gymnastic skills and quite a bit of trust, the female cheerleaders stand on their partner's hands in order to rile up the crowd.



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?



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I give all credit to the girls

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

by Shannon Fagan

Sports Writer

The JSU Gamecocks were able to chalk one up in the win column this past weekend. Unfortunately, the win was bracketed by a pair of tough losses, bringing the record to 1-5.

Wednesday, the Gamecocks went against the East Carolina Pirates at Greenville, NC. Forward Kenny Sorenson led the charge

for the Gamecocks with 21 points, with guard Aaron Kelly chipping in with 10 points, but it wasn't enough. Dink Peters led the Pirates charge with 13 points. Rafael Edwards added 10 points and Jonathan Kerner had 11 points. JSU lost by the final score of 64-49.

Saturday, the Gamecocks returned to Pete Mathews Coliseum to play in the Tom Roberson Classic tournament.

They faced the Lenoir-Rhyne College Bears in the first round. JSU was led by forward Aaron Kelley, who rocked the rim for 25 points. Sorenson added 18 points and center Rusty Brand tallied 13 points as the Gamecocks would get their first win of the season against the Bears with the final score 82-72.

On Sunday, the Gamecocks took on the Piedmont College Lions in the second game of the Classic.

Forward Jay Knowlton led the charge with 27 points. Brand added 14 points and guard Corey McKinney chipped in with 13 points. James Roberts led Piedmont College with 20 points, with Chris Kanady adding 18 points, keeping the game close. In the end, Brand missing two free throws proved to be the difference. JSU lost by the final of 75-73.

Lady Gamecocks rebound smashing Hornets 72-57

by Rebecca Matanic

Sports Editor

After dropping their first three games of the season, the Lady Gamecocks rebounded with decisive, consecutive victories over Georgia Southern and Alabama State. JSU's Alfredia Seals' 18 points and six rebounds led the Gamecocks to a 72-57 win over the Lady Hornets of Alabama State, Dec. 9 at Pete Mathews Coliseum. The win improved the Gamecocks to 2-3 on the season, while dropping the Hornets to 0-6.

After ASU took a 2-0 lead the Gamecocks quickly took control and never trailed after Lori Breedlove put them ahead with a 3 pointer just under three minutes into the game. Breedlove finished with 11 points and six rebounds. The Gamecocks concentrated on getting the ball inside to Melissa Harden, Betsy Trau and Seals. Harden only converted five of 15 attempts from the field, but she was a force inside, collecting a team high 10 rebounds and converting all seven free throw attempts. Harden

finished with 17 points for the Gamecocks.

"We didn't have as much enthusiasm, intensity or eagerness as we did Saturday (against Georgia Southern)," coach Dana Austin said. "A couple of our players stepped up tonight."

Eboynne Williams led the Lady Hornets with 22 points. No other Hornet reached double figures. Williams' shot 29 times from the field, converting only nine while turning over the ball 11 times. JSU

played well for the first 36 minutes before losing intensity down the stretch and allowing the Hornets to narrow the margin.

Led by Shneka Whaley's career-high 23 points the Lady Gamecocks defeated the Lady Eagles of Georgia Southern 79-61, Saturday at Pete Mathews Coliseum.

"Shneka Whaley played her best game since she's been here," coach Dana Austin said of her sophomore guard.

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

first half points. The Gamecocks entered the locker room at the half with a 36-24 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 25 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."

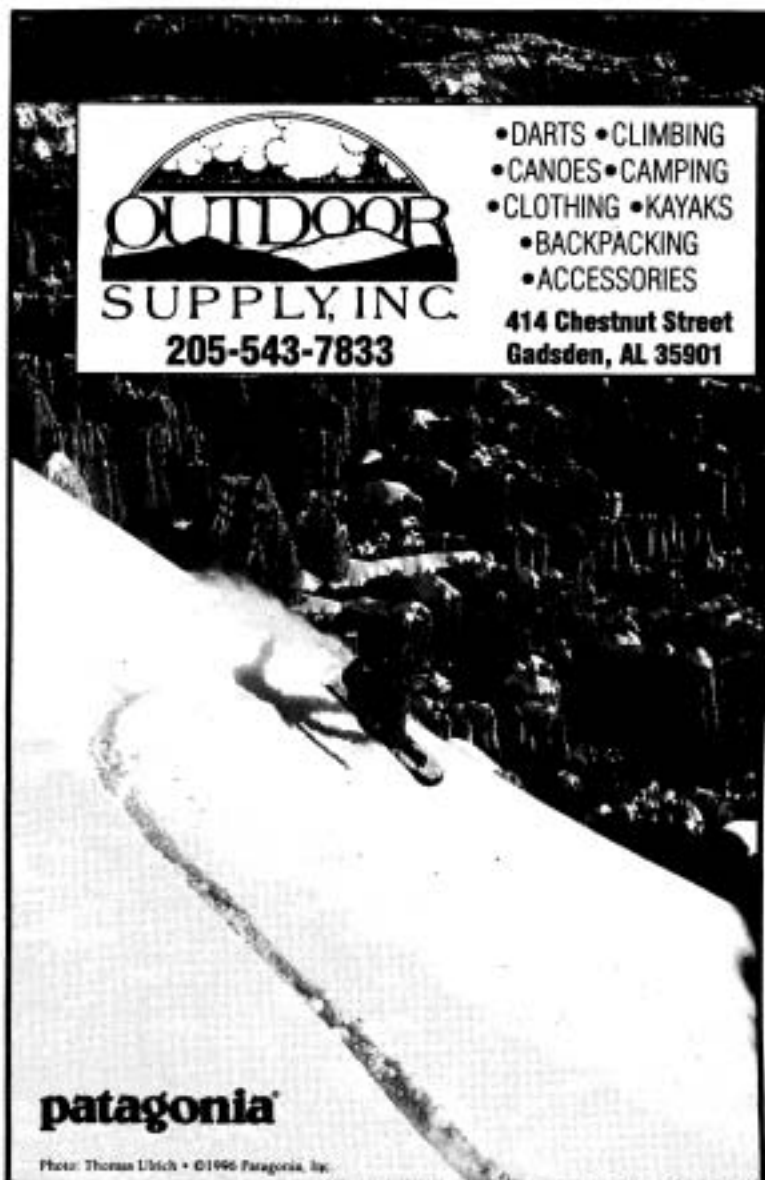
JSU was out rebounded by GSU 52-50. The Lady Gamecocks grabbed 17 offensive boards, but allowed the Lady Eagles 25 offensive swipes. JSU once again had problems with turnovers, committing 13 in the first half and 21 for the game. However, the JSU defense led to 24 Lady Eagle turnovers.


JSU host's 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.

Upcoming Lady Gamecock Home Games: Dec 14 v. Troy State @ 7 pm • Jan 2 v. Central Florida @ 7 pm • Jan 4 v. Stetson @ 2 pm • Jan 16 v. Florida International @ 5 pm • Jan 18 v. Florida Atlantic @ 12 noon • Feb 1 v. Southeastern Louisiana @ 5 pm • Feb 6 v. Campbell @ 7 pm

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Dear Prospective Member:

Liberia should have a special place in the conscience of the United States of America. Its impetus 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 star and stripes of its red, white and blue flag, the structure of its government, the names 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, Liberians have 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 air 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. Half of the \$10 million earmarked 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 the 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 implored 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 these 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 1996. While the United States pledge of \$30 million is a step in the right direction it will not alone enable a doubling of ECOMOG to the 18,000 troops necessary for deployment by November. 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 should include the resources for every stage of demobilization from encampment to 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 on schedule 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 should 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 looted 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, a 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, and in our candid opinion, much more needs to be done to help Liberia go in the direction she needs to go. We as Liberians must try to have a positive influence on the selection of the national programs and 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.

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