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IN THE *News*

•Several hundred educators, political leaders and business leaders from across the state met on the eleventh floor of the library Friday for the **Northeast Alabama Education Summit (NAES)**. "Changes and Opportunities for the 21st Century," was the focus of the session.

"Collectively in this room there are probably several thousand years of education. We should be able to solve our problems," says JSU Professor of Education Greg Firth, who served as Moderator for the NAES. The aforementioned problems stem from a lack of funding in both K-12 and Higher Education.

State Superintendent of Education Ed Richardson was a guest speaker at the NAES. "I would certainly be very receptive in working in a collaborative effort (with Higher Education)," says Richardson, "but it can't be just the year that higher education feels the gouge. There is a trust factor here. We need to work together to build trust."

Alabama's 600 high schools had 500 football teams and 100 computer labs in the early 90's, according to Senator Doug Ghee. "Alabama in many cases has to catch up with the world."

• Many students who have dropped classes this semester have been surprised to find that the **University no longer offers partial refunds for dropped classes**. Yet according to Allyson Barker of the Office of the Comptroller, this policy has been in effect since the Fall 1995 semester.

"It was not a new policy (even then)," says Barker, "It's an old policy that was brought back. If you were enrolled the first day of class, and you dropped classes but were still enrolled, there was not a tuition adjustment."

The change was announced in both the Fall and the Spring schedules, but a number of students failed to notice the change. "We've had some complaints, but not many," says Barker.

Barker says the policy was not implemented primarily as a reaction to budget downsizing.

The announcement appears in bold print halfway down the lefthand side of page 3 in the Spring schedule.

Crosswalk Collision Injures Student

by **Steven Skelton**
News Writer

The crosswalk in front of JSU's Brewer Hall became the scene of a serious accident last Thursday. One girl was struck by a car and subsequently hospitalized.

Lesleigh Brooks, a senior, was crossing Pelham Road North on her way to class on January 18. She was struck in the crosswalk leading to Brewer Hall around 11 a.m.

According to Officer Mike Denton of the Jacksonville Police Department, the car was moving at or slightly above the posted speed limit of 35 miles per hour. Brooks was struck just below her knees, sending her first on top of the car, and then flying down the road. Estimates as to how far she was thrown range from 30 to 52 feet. She was taken from the scene to Jacksonville Hospital, and then transferred to Regional Medical center in Gadsden.

According to Brooks' father, she sustained severe injuries to both of her legs, which were broken below the knee. She also suffered a crushed right elbow and broken right wrist. Surprisingly, there were no head, chest, or spine injuries. Surgeons spent three hours reconstructing her elbow and wrist, and six and one-half hours placing 15 pins in her left leg and one pin in her right. She is expected to recover fully, although recovery will delay her graduation



Brewer Hall, one of the busiest crosswalks on campus, was the scene of Thursday's accident involving Brooks (photo by Roger Luallen).

for at least a year, according to her father. The only expected long-term effect of the accident is early arthritis in her legs where they were broken.

Although hitting a pedestrian is a vehicular misdemeanor, no charges are being filed against the driver, who has not been named.

John Alston, a JSU student and friend of Brooks, is attempting to raise on-campus

awareness about the dangers at the crosswalk. "My reason for doing this is ... number one, she (Brooks) is a friend of mine, and number two, I'm a criminal justice student. I have class there (at Brewer Hall) four times a day. I cross that street twenty

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Program Review: 'No decisions have been made'

by **Benjamin Cunningham**
News Editor

In these tight times, JSU is looking for ways to pull up a few notches in its belt. That tightening may include the reduction or elimination of certain departments, degree programs, and University services, according to University officials.

Dr. David Watts, Vice President for Academic Affairs says that there has been an ongoing review of University programs for over a year. According to Watts, over the course of that time, various focus discussion groups and program review boards in each department have been studying the effectiveness and importance of all University programs.

"One of the questions associated with pro-

gram review," says Watts, "is the ranking of essentially to [the University's official] mission, and then a series of other qualitative measures of our programs."

According to Watts, "All of our programs have been ranked, and some recommendations have been received for reduction of services." Watts says that a major factor in the consideration of these recommendations is the stinging 7.5 percent reduction in state funding for higher education that occurred over the summer, and adds that Alabama Governor Fob James proposed on Monday another \$15 million in reductions.

"We simply must look at reducing resources with reduced resources," Watts said.

Watts stresses that though the recommendations are under consideration, "No deci-

sions have been made ... as to whether any degree program, major, or University service will be eliminated, reduced, or upgraded for that matter," adding that it would be inappropriate to discuss specific programs at this stage.

Dr. Clyde Cox, who heads up JSU's English department, says that he was part of a committee involved in the program review project. "I coordinated with a group of colleagues the first part of a review, a study, and that it has been a conscientious and responsible undertaking."

Cox says however, that he and the other members of what he said was a 17 member committee are unable to comment on the program review process. "We will make no statements until it is over, and it is still underway."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

•The **Financial Aid Office** will be conducting workshops to help students complete the 1996-97 Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Students must bring: 1995 U.S. income tax returns, records of social security benefits, AFDC, and welfare benefits, driver's license and social security card. The workshop dates and times are: Monday, Feb. 5 at 6:00 PM, Wednesday, Feb. 7 at 12:00 PM, Wednesday, March 20 at 6:00 PM, Wednesday, Apr. 17 at 6:00 PM. Each workshop will be held at the Roundhouse and will last approximately one hour.

•The **College Base Examination** will be given to graduating seniors during the month of February. Students may register during normal working hours at Ayers Hall, room 144. Test dates are as follows: Monday, Feb. 5, 1:30-5:30 PM, Tuesday, Feb. 6, 5:00-9:00 PM, Wednesday, Feb. 14, 1:30-5:30 PM, Thursday, Feb. 15, 5:00-9:00 PM, Saturday, Feb. 24, 8:30-12:30 PM, Monday, Feb. 26, 1:30-5:30 PM, Tuesday, Feb. 27, 5:00-9:00 PM, Wednesday, Feb. 28, 1:30-5:30 PM. The tests will be given in room 20 of Ayers Hall.

•The **MFAT for History and Education History Spec.** who plan to graduate Spring 1996 semester will be given Thursday, Feb. 29 from 3:30- 6:00 PM in room 325SC. Contact Audrey Smelley in room 315SC to register for the exam before Feb. 2.

CAMPUS CRIME DOCKET

- 1-17-96: Carol Jenkyn reported criminal mischief in Bibb Graves parking lot.
- 1-18-96: Shawn Owens reported public intoxication at the rear of Dixon Hall.
- 1-18-96: Robert French Meyers, Jr., 18, of Ozark, AL, was arrested and charged with public intoxication at the rear of Dixon Hall.
- 1-19-96: Wendell Thomas reported breaking and entering of an auto at Sparkman Hall.
- 1-19-96: Cathy Higgins reported a lost or stolen check at the TMB post office.
- 1-19-96: Brandi Matthew reported a lost or stolen check at the TMB post office.
- 1-19-96: Jamie Christopher reported a lost or stolen check at the TMB post office.
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- 1-22-96: Dennis Christopher reported attempted burglary at the building services storage building.

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Internet Legislation Worries
Free Speech Advocates

by College Press Service

What do a Renaissance painting of a nude figure and a college newspaper article featuring four-letter words have in common?

If both were posted on the Internet, they may be considered indecent, say some free-speech advocates, who worry that the legislation designed to curb pornographic materials on the Net may restrict free speech rights.

Recently, as part of a bill to reform telecommunications laws, negotiators with the House of Representatives agreed to use the term "indecent" to describe materials which should be banned. Many representatives had been pushing for a less restrictive standard which would have outlawed material "harmful to minors."

Soon, anyone who publishes material deemed indecent could be punished by a jail term or a \$100,000 fine, that's if the Telecommunications Reform Legislation, still being worked on by Congress, becomes a law.

According to Mark Goodman, executive director at the Student

Press Law Center, the growing number of college newspapers on the Web would be hit hard by such a law.

"College newspapers are a little more adventuresome in their content," he said, giving examples that ranged from the use of four-letter words to sex education features. "They're likely to be the first people selected for prosecution."

Student journalists might also be hindered in their attempts to gather online research for stories about AIDS, abortion, and other important issues. If the law passes, some Internet providers might restrict access to people under 18, and possibly to people under 21, Goodman said.

While such measures as the Communications Decency Act were introduced to curb pornography, the vagueness of what "indecent" material is concerns free-speech advocates.

The Electronic Frontier Foundation, a non-profit civil liberties organization, hosts an online site packed with editorials against the Communications

Decency Act. "It would reduce discussion and publication on the Net to what is appropriate for a third-grade classroom, reads one editorial.

"Our government is proposing to regulate free exchange of ideas," reads another. "It's as if librarians could be sent to jail simply because a child might come across a King James Bible, or works by Norman Mailer or J.D. Salinger on the library's shelves."

The ACLU considers the Telecommunications Bill unconstitutional and has threatened to sue Congress if it becomes law. "Congress is making it clear that we will have to turn to the courts to uphold free speech in the promising new medium of cyberspace," ACLU Associate Director Barry Steinhardt said.

Goodman agrees. "The bottom line is within a matter of days after this law is passed... it will be constitutionally challenged in the courts," possibly even by a college newspaper, he said.

The final committee vote is expected in late January.

Colleges Slash Tuition Rates

College Press Service

The cost of a college education is . . . dropping.

Well, at least at a handful of institutions it is. While nationwide, college costs have risen an average of 48 percent in the last five years according to the American Council on Education, some colleges are challenging this trend by slashing tuition rates.

In Massachusetts, home to some of the most expensive public schools in the nation, an board vote Jan. 17 decreased the tuition at state colleges by 5 percent, and community colleges by 10 percent.

The Higher Education Coordinating Council's vote to lower tuition was the first of its kind in Massachusetts' history and was prompted "by the belief that student charges had just got-

ten out of hand," said Judith Gill, associate vice chancellor of the council.

The council is urging the University of Massachusetts system, which it does not control, to also decrease tuition. Some of the state's private colleges are considering a cut in tuition, too, Gill said.

The Massachusetts colleges join a small group of colleges nationwide which are trying to attract students and hold down costs by offering tuition breaks. In Rocky Mount, N.C., North Carolina Wesleyan College slashed its tuition for next year by \$2,000 or 23 percent.

"We were anticipating increasing the tuition by 7.5 percent," said Patricia Serjan, vice president of admissions and financial aid. "But when we ran an analysis we found we would be in a better revenue position by

decreasing the tuition rather than escalating it."

She compared the previous cost of tuition to the inflated price of a new car. "Now we're giving students the sticker price," she said.

This fall, Muskingum College in New Concord, Ohio, drew nationwide attention when it cuts its tuition by a sizable \$4,000.

Private colleges once followed the formula "the more you charge the more you were worth," said Janice Tucker, director of the school's public relations office, "Now people are looking for value."

Elsewhere, the University of Rochester will give \$5,000 grants to students from New York state. In Indiana, a state legislator has proposed cutting state college tuition in half for high school students that maintain a 3.0 or better average, according to CBS radio news reports.

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times in a week." He has

Alston has spoken to SGA First Vice President Matt Crandon as well as the Senate. The SGA is drafting a resolution calling for stronger safety measures. "The crosswalk has a history of being hazardous," Crandon said.

"You can talk to anyone...and I'm sure they'll all tell you the same thing- there needs to be a crosswalk over the road."

Officer Denton agreed that the crosswalk is dangerous. "It's not a common occurrence for people to be hit, but I wouldn't classify it as 'safe'," he said. "It doesn't take much to hurt a person. You can talk to anyone who's been across that road several times, or anyone who lives here, and I'm sure they'll all tell you the same thing - there needs to be a crosswalk over the road."

Both Alston and Denton said that they had nearly been hit in the crosswalk more than once.

O R G A N I Z A T I O N S

•Come to the Spring 1996 "Blender" of **Alpha Phi Omega**, the only co-ed service fraternity in the nation. With over 650 chapters in the U.S. and abroad! And such famous brothers as Commander of the Apollo 13 mission, Jim Lovell, and President Bill Clinton. The party will be from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Wednesday, Jan. 24 and Thursday, Jan. 25 at the Alumni House. Refreshments will be served. See how you can get in on the fun and honor of being a brother of Alpha Phi Omega. Don't miss our pledge initiation on Feb. 1 at 7:00 PM at the Alumni House. For more information call 435-1587.

•The **Freshman Forum** recently elected officers: Josh Bearden, President, Kristin Krka, Vice President, Suzie Romej, Secretary, Michael Jackson, Treasurer, Joel Babcock, Cory Clifton, Tameka Hamilton, Amanda Laughlin, Amy Mims, Brenna Beard, Kelly Floyd, Latondra Lewis, Brian Mount, April Rotenberry, Kimberly Hall,

Casey McKnight and Kimberly Paone. After electing officers, a constitution was adopted and a quick lesson on parliamentary procedure was given by Forum Advisor Angel Narvaez. The Forum passed a community service bill that consisted of at least one project per month. On Feb. 9 and 10, members will travel to Tuscaloosa to attend the Capstone Leadership Conference at the University of Alabama. The Forum will have the opportunity to talk to freshman around the state and find out how they are improving campus life for their fellow students. Members will also attend seminars on topics that will help improve the Forum and campus life at JSU. The Freshman Forum would like to invite all students, especially freshman, to their Jan. 29 meeting at 8:00 PM on the third floor of the TMB.

•The **Panhellenic Council** held its annual Awards Reception on Wednesday, Jan. 17 in the Gamecock Room. Over 200 sorority women attended.

Speaker Mrs. Bonnie Shuman delivered an inspirational speech about the importance of a strong Panhellenic. Following Mrs. Shuman's speech, newly elected 1996 Panhellenic Executive Officers were installed. The new officers are: Brittney Bowling, President, Jennifer Patch, 1st Vice President, Aimee Brock, 2nd Vice President, Amy Matthews, Secretary, Mandy Boozer, Treasurer and Kelli Dobbs, Public Relations. Following the installation, awards were presented to chapters for outstanding accomplishments. Terry McCarthy presented Greek Woman of the Year to Emily Hawk, 1995-96 SGA President and member of Phi Mu Sorority. Most improved GPA was awarded to Sigma Gamma Rho. Panhellenic delegate of the year was Michelle Day, member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority. Sorority of the Year was presented to Alpha Xi Delta. Alpha Omicron Pi received the Chapter of Excellence Award.

•The sisters of **Alpha Omicron**

Pi celebrated Founder's Day on Jan. 20. Ms. Elise Mess spoke at the banquet. Congratulations to Amy Morris who was chosen Sister of the Year and Emily Hartman who was chosen New Member of the Year.

•The **Chanticleer** has positions open for volunteer writers. Students interested can drop by 180 Self Hall or call 782-5701.

•The **Society of Professional Journalists** will present JSU graduate Shane McGriff of CNN Wednesday, Jan. 31 at 4:30 PM in room 236. McGriff will speak on the Internet and WWW.

•The **JSU Choir** will present the **Valentine and Dessert Buffet** on Saturday, Feb. 10 at 8:00 PM. Tickets are \$8.50 and proceeds will benefit JSU's Choral Program. For reservations or more information contact 782-5559.

•Students interested in participating in **track and field** for the 1996 Spring semester can contact Dick Bell at 782-5020 for more information. Practices begin the first week of February.

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CNN Anchor Speaks at JSU

by **Leopold Sambou**
News Writer

Last Wednesday students, faculty, and others crowded the eleventh floor at the Houston Cole Library for the annual Ayers Lecture, named after former publishers Edell Y. Ayers and Harry M. Ayers. Woodruff made it eloquently apparent that despite the criticisms of television news, especially after the O.J. Simpson trial, the future of television journalism still looks bright.

Judy Woodruff graduated with a political science degree from Duke University in 1968 and held positions as a general assignment reporter for NBC based in Atlanta, later moving to Washington as a political

correspondent. She worked with PBS for ten years as chief Washington correspondent for the MacNeil / Lehrer News Hour. Since 1993 she has been a senior anchor person for CNN. Woodruff is married to Al Hunt, executive editor of The Wall Street Journal. They reside in Washington D. C. with their three children.

Woodruff recalls twenty years ago as a time when the three big networks, CBS, ABC, and NBC dominated television journalism, capturing 90 percent of the national television audience. With the growth of cable networks and information technology, the big three are faced with constant competition, as illustrated by the O.J. Simpson trial in which the

big three captured barely 45 percent of the viewing public.

Despite increasing competition and criticisms, there are reasons for optimism, Woodruff said, and among the reasons are the globalization of news and the growth of cable networks. Woodruff says that, "People around the world will discover that they have more in common than not. This may not bring world peace, but may lead to more communication."

In her closing remarks, she asserted that with the combination of technology and smarter people, television journalism is on the verge of a new exciting era. I would suggest to anyone interested in news journalism to buckle up and "keep hope alive."



CNN "The World Today" Anchor Judy Woodruff was guest speaker at the annual Ayers Lecture presented last Wednesday by the Department of Communication (photo by Ed Hill).

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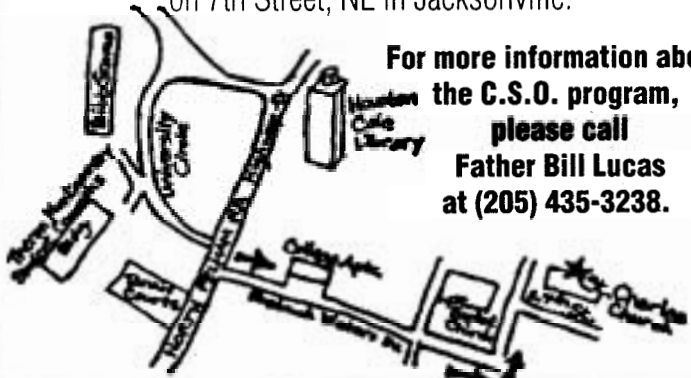
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ISSUE OF THE WEEK

Gambling with Higher Education

Fob James has called for another round of budget cuts in higher education, to the tune of \$15 million. Anyone who has attended Jacksonville State University for the past couple of years will know exactly what this means: Higher tuition. Or the closing of some majors. Or perhaps both.

We Suggest:
A statewide
lottery to benefit
education.

In times like these, it's hard to understand why citizens of this state are so opposed to the idea of a lottery. A lottery could raise the money higher education desperately needs in the '90's: money which could ensure that every freshman at JSU gets to graduate in his major of choice.

Most of the popular opposition to a state lottery is based on the Bible-Belt notion that any form of legalized gambling will send the entire population roaring down the highway to Hell. This presumes, of course, that we are not doing so already: the notion of Alabama as a "city set on a hill" is a little hard to stomach. One seriously doubts that Georgians look across the state line for a moral example. They look instead for the thousands of Alabamians who drive in each year to try their luck at winning big money.

The lottery is the perfect tax — a tax on stupidity. Fortunately most human beings, regardless of their level of education, are stupid enough to buy at least one lottery ticket every once in a while, thus providing funds for their children's educations (We at the *Chanticleer* include ourselves among this number. We also buy gummi bears, Lava Licks, comic books and Superballs when while we're waiting to pay for our gas. Wouldn't it be nice if we could buy something that would help schools, and give each of us a chance to become filthy rich?). The lottery takes money away from people with disposable income — in indirect proportion to their intelligence — and places it in the hands of kids who are trying to learn.

The notion that a lottery will bring a crime wave to our state is unspeakably absurd. There's a big difference between a gas station with Lotto and a Las Vegas casino. The Corleone family is not breaking many kneecaps in Georgia.

One would think that His Excellency would be strongly in favor of a lottery — what could a modern Republican want more than an "optional tax," a tax which can be levied on people outside the state. James is rapidly developing a reputation as an enemy of education. If he wants the college student vote (and maybe he doesn't) he ought to consider some program to help save our future.

Kids, Can You Say 'Deficit?'

Last semester, the *Chanticleer* did a story on JSU's "sports deficit." It seems the school's athletic programs are losing big money. Tuition continues to rise, putting pressure on traditional students' parents and squeezing hard-earned funds out of the pockets of non-traditional students, and yet the Master Plan goes on. When we confronted Harold McGee on the subject, he said that this was "an improper use of the word 'deficit.'"

As an English major, this bothers me. I should know the proper use of a common word like "deficit." With English Competency Exams right around the corner, it would behoove us all to brush up on common words. I have done some research on the subject, and have constructed a comprehensive exam to test our readers' knowledge of the word "deficit."

You need a Number Two pencil for this exam. If you don't have one, raise your hand. Fill in all the circles completely, and do not write on your paper anywhere outside the circles.



by Tim Lockette
Managing Editor

You may begin.

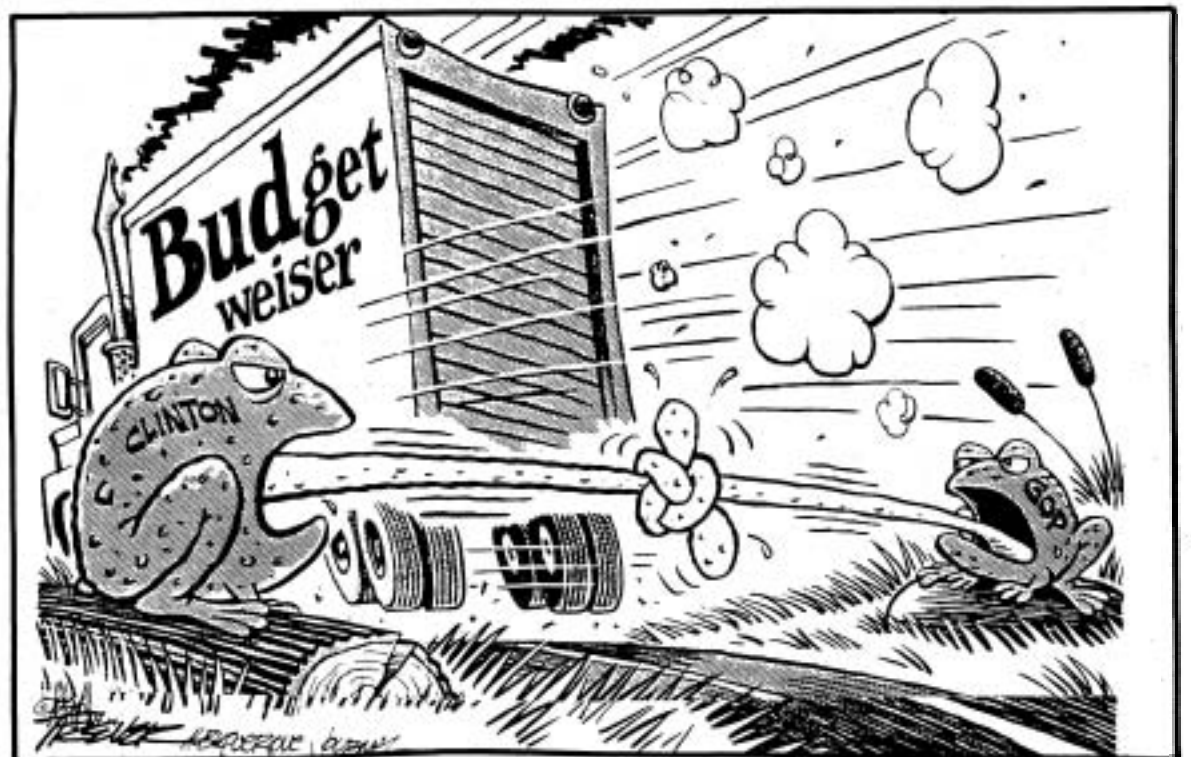
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2. Dick has one apple. He owes Jane two apples. How many apples does Dick have?
3. Johnny is a 30-year-old student who has attended Jax State off and on since 1989. He has a minimum wage job and a student loan. When Johnny started school, he paid \$600 tuition. He now pays \$930. What is the difference between Johnny's previous tuition and his tuition today?
4. Textbooks cost anywhere from \$35 to \$70. Why can't Johnny read? (Hint: the feder-

al minimum wage has not increased in several years.)

5. Old Mother Hubbard went to her cupboard to get her poor doggy a bone. When she got there, the cupboard was bare, and so her poor doggy had none. Does the word "deficit" apply in this situation?

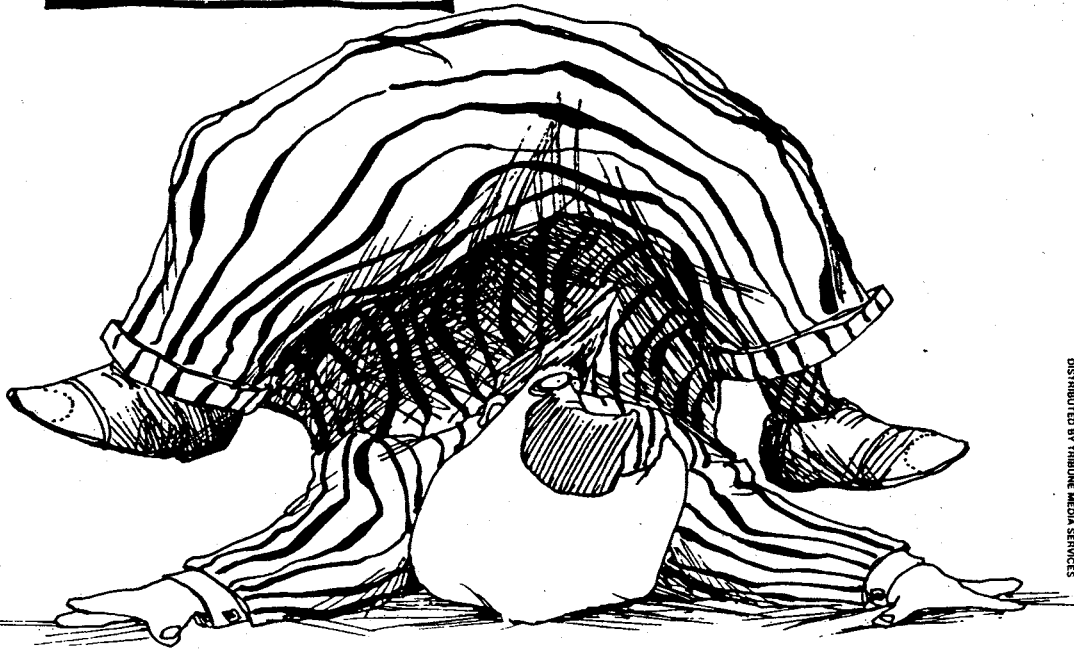
6. A landspeeder filled with student athletes leaves Mos Eisley Spaceport traveling at 100 kilometers per hour. A sandcrawler filled with non-athletic students leaves Jabba's Palace traveling at 10 kilometers per hour. Darth Vader says he will blow up the peaceful planet of Alderaan unless you use your ion cannon to destroy one of these vehicles. Which one do you choose? (Hint: a landspeeder has a seating capacity of two. An empty sandcrawler has a seating capacity of 200.)

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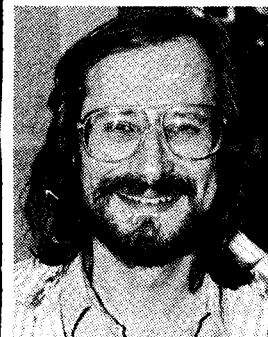
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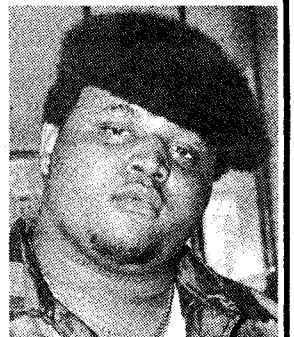
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-Stephanie Schell
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“American flags and Pepsi-Cola banners cover the walls.”

see below



The “Sports Arena” in Boaz is a little red warehouse with a tiny parking lot, and on Saturday nights, that parking lot is crammed with cars. You have to park at the auto dealership next door and walk. A sign in front of the warehouse reads: “PRO WRESTLING/ JANUARY 20 8:30 PM/ TV STARS/ CHILDREN UNDER 12 ADMITTED FREE.”

I’m here with a fellow Chanticleer staffer and her boyfriend, both of whom refused to let me use their names. We’re here to do our first installment in a series on things to do in the local area. A friend advised us that American Championship Wrestling is a good place to see a slice of genuine red-neck culture untouched by Sam Walton or Nashville record producers. I grew up watching “Country Boy Eddie” like any other rural white Alabamian, and I always jump at the chance to get back to my roots, at least for an evening. Yet I cannot in good conscience recommend American Championship

flags and Pepsi-Cola banners cover the walls. A wooden safety barrier surrounds the ring, and around its periphery are seated a couple of very white, very Southern, white Southerners. Old men with cracked faces in feed store caps, kids with bad haircuts in Army fatigues, girls with big hair who pop their chewing gum: my people. Good country people. I feel a pleasant swell of ethnic pride (“Not that the pines were darker there,” said the poet, “It was my own country.”)

The first fight has already started. A flabby, long-haired man in black briefs is beating the snot out of a young blonde in black Wranglers and an Oxford shirt with the sleeves cut off. Or at least he’s pretending to. The floor of the ring seems pretty forgiving: it bounces and wobbles like a bowl of lime Jell-O. The crowd doesn’t seem to notice this, or doesn’t want to. They are intensely involved in the plight of the blonde on the mat. “GO JASON!” they shout. Old women lean over the railing and curse at the

The match ends when the man in the briefs begins to beat up the referee, and is disqualified. The victor does a little dance — a sort of two-step with added pelvic thrusts. Then the loser seizes the microphone and delivers a long, scathing speech about what he’s going to do to Jason next week.

The next match is between the Fireman and the Alabama Stud. The Fireman is a middle-aged man in pink tights with orange flames stitched on his legs and behind. The word “BRAVEST” is emblazoned on his ass, and the word “AMERICAN” runs down each leg. I presume this to mean he considers himself the bravest American, and from a fashion standpoint, he’s probably right. The Alabama Stud wears an American flag jacket and black briefs with the words “Oh Baby” written across his behind. He gyrates for the audience before going into the ring, and performs a bit of air-cunnilingus of the sort usually associated with heavy metal artists of the 1980’s. The red, white,



Hero of the People: Axl Faulkner poses for fans of American Championship Wrestling.

“The floor of the ring...bounces and wobbles like a bowl of lime Jell-O”

Wrestling as good clean Southern fun. I’ll let the story speak for itself.

A pall of cigarette smoke hangs in the air of the Sports Arena. The warehouse is small—smaller than a rural high school gym—and the ring dominates the space. American

villain. Occasionally he approaches one of them, and the two engage in a shouting match which would do a major league umpire proud. For some reason, the men never involve themselves in this way: only women and children.

and blue will become a theme for the evening, and if the flag desecration amendment had passed, we could all be in jail now.

In the aisle in front of me, two boys are fighting, imitating the violence in the ring. They couldn’t be

more than three or four years old. They have a look of hatred in their eyes, and they shout at one another. It’s three days after the anniversary of the start of Desert Storm, and I can’t help drawing analogies. This is violence as theater, a place where common people come to take their aggressions out on socially acceptable enemies. The winner hits the showers as soon as the match ends, and the loser remains in the ring, seizing the microphone to declare victory.

The next match is a tag-team, and features a wrestler whom I shall call M.J., as these were the initials sewn into his uniform. M.J. seems to hate the other team’s manager, a man who wears purple slacks, a purple-and-black baseball cap, and a sequined black jacket with a huge letter “H” on the back. M.J. shouts at Mr. H: “EVERY TIME I SEE YOU YOU LOOK STUPIDER

AND STUPIDER! THAT IS THE STUPIDEST-LOOKIN OUTFIT I EVER SAW!” Mr. J, it should be noted, was wearing a baby-blue garment which looked a great deal like a woman’s one-piece bathing suit, as well as blue knee-high boots with a big red star on each. “LAST WEEK I SAW A HOMASEXSHUL WEARIN A SUIT JUST LIKE THAT ONE!” A deep “oooooh” wells up from the crowd. Accusations of homosexuality are the triple-dog dare of redneck culture. In the middle of the fight, M.J. grabs the mike again, shouts at his opponent: “YOU NOTICE I AIN’T TOUCHED YOUR SHORTS. I CAN TELL BY LOOKIN AT YOUR SHORTS THAT YOU GOT AIDS.” The crowd greets this with laughter. Apparently they feel they are not at risk of infection. For their

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sakes, I hope they are right.

The next match begins to the strains of "Voodoo Chile" by Jimi Hendrix. From the shower room emerges a corpulent white man in a business suit, followed by a stopped figure in a robe and red ghutra (the headdress traditionally associated

could well be Setebos, the god of Shakespeare's Caliban.

The Sheik throws off his robe and shambles around the ring, jerking occasionally and emitting a barbaric sound: "Hoosh! Hoosh! Hoosh!" He's a cross between Willie Horton and Smeagol from Lord of the Rings, a seething, monosyllabic subhuman. He bites the ropes, beats

time with him once on each side of the ring, so everyone can see. Ralph Ellison couldn't have created a more bizarre, dehumanizing scene.

Then Axl appears — a pear-shaped white boy weighing well over 200 pounds. He wears a red-and-black basketball uniform. The children who cringed in fear of the Sheik now climb into the ring with Axl, Hero of the People. The announcer leads them in cheers.

The bell rings, and for five minutes, the Sheik makes life very painful for Axl. He throws him out of the ring, stomps on his head. A little red-haired boy leans over the rail and watches with a look of profound disillusionment: say it ain't so, Joe. When the Sheik comes near enough, the boy gives him a good, swift kick.

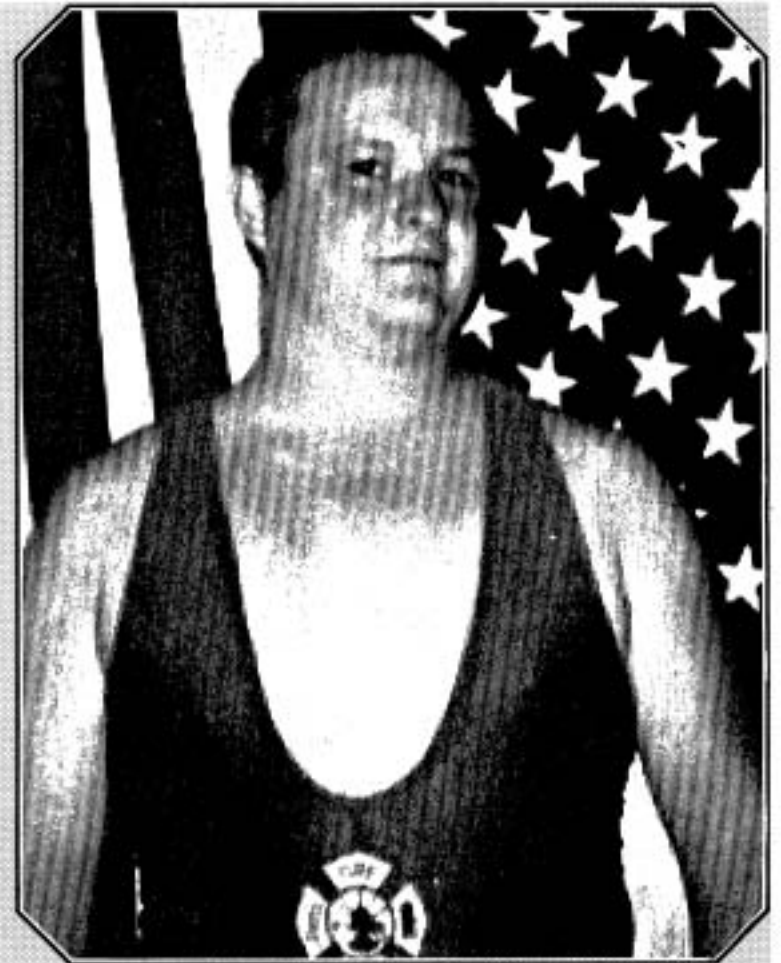
Guess who wins.

Albert Einstein tells us of time dilation, the phenomenon which allows some parts of the universe to move into the future faster than others. He must have traveled through Boaz. Relativity is a difficult thing to understand, but even harder to understand is the cruelty which so often surfaces in common, God-fearing people. My people. Good, country people.

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 "Accusations of homosexuality are the triple-dog dare of redneck culture."

with Arabs). This is "The Sheik." He supports himself with a gnarled cane, and at first he appears to be a tattered old man like Sheik Zayed of the United Arab Emirates. As he climbs into the ring, we see that he is actually a powerful young black man. From his robes he produces a rug — a hall runner of the sort you find at Wal-Mart — places it before him the wrong way and begins to perform a bizarre caricature of a Muslim prayer. I am presuming the god in question here is Allah, but it

a metal folding chair against his head, points with awe toward the lights hanging from the ceiling. He leaps out of the ring and menaces the crowd. The children and old ladies don't fight this time, they run, screaming. "GET AWAY FROM THAT RAIL!" says the announcer. "HE AIN'T RIGHT, SOMEBODY CALM HIM DOWN." The fat man in the suit does so — by slapping the Sheik in the face, threatening him with the cane. The Sheik's manager performs this calmativ



The Bravest American: The Fireman has a big following at Mickey's Sports Arena in Boaz.

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THE RESULTS OF THE 1995 READERS POLL

Most people agreed that Opal was the biggest news on campus but the "other" category got the most votes with entrees ranging from "Women Get 1st Soccer Team" to "Red Meat."

Biggest News (Campus)

1. Hurricane Opal - 32%
2. Laughing Gas Stolen - 3%
3. Kappa Sig/ Dateline NBC - 26%
4. Other - 38%

The Oklahoma bombing was still fresh in most people's minds, and thus got the majority of the votes.

Biggest News (National)

1. Oklahoma Bombing - 48%
2. O.J. - 39%
3. Government Shutdown - 6%
4. Other - 6%

More than half the readers feel that the war in Bosnia was bigger last year than anything else, while only a few felt that the information super-highway was more important.

Biggest News (International)

1. Bosnia - 55%
2. Rabin Assassination - 26%
3. Internet Sex Scandal - 16%
4. Other - 2%

It's a tie! The biggest movies last both had numbers in the titles and made a huge impact on the box office numbers as well.

Best Movie

1. Toy Story - 16%
2. 7 - 32%
3. Apollo 13 - 32%
4. Rob Roy - 3%

5. Other - 3%

It was a close race to see which movie was the worst but Congo pulled ahead in the end.

Worst Movie

1. Waterworld - 6%
2. Congo - 32%
3. Free Willy 2 - 23%
4. Showgirls - 29%
5. Other - 9%

The "other" category makes a comeback here and proves that everyone has different musical tastes. Some of the write ins: Brooks and Strait show that country is still alive and some people felt that Korn(1994), Dave Matthews Band(1994), and Better Than Ezra(1993) released albums in 1995, even though they didn't.

Best Album

1. Smashing Pumpkins - 19%
2. Morphine - 6%
3. Bjork - 6%
4. Coolio - 19%
5. Other - 49%

Lisa Marie no longer likes him and it seems that you don't either.

Worst Album

1. Alanis Morissette - 10%
2. Silverchair - 13%
3. Michael Jackson - 51%
4. Green Day - 10%
5. Other - 15%

Coolio might have had the best video but, again, the "other" category made a strong showing here with Tritt, Brooks, and Toby Keith.

Best Video

1. Bjork - 13%
2. Wax - 13%
3. Juliana Hatfeild - 10%
4. Coolio - 32%
5. Other - 31%

Once again Jackson has lost his public.

Worst Video

1. Hootie and The Blowfish - 26%
2. Michael Jackson - 48%
3. Silverchair - 3%
4. RHCP - 0%
5. Other - 22%

Friends is the biggest show in the country and in Jacksonville but The Late Show, 90210, and Married With Children are still fav's with some.

Best T.V. Show

1. Friends - 39%
2. X-Files - 29%
3. O.J. - 3%
4. Animaniacs - 6%
5. Other - 22%

You may love them on the radio but the Rick and Bubba show has got to go.

Worst T.V. Show

1. Models Inc. - 13%
2. SNL - 10%
3. O.J. - 23%
4. Rick & Bubba - 32%
5. Other - 21%

He's got two Oscar's and your heart. Tom Hanks wins best Actor by a wide margin.

Best Actor

1. Tim Allen - 6%
2. Gary Oldman - 16%
3. O.J. - 13%
4. Tom Hanks - 42%
5. Other - 22%

O.J. may have convinced twelve jurors but he didn't convince you and gets worst actor for his trouble.

Worst Actor

1. Kevin Costner - 10%
2. Keanu Reeves - 16%
3. O.J. - 42%
4. Eddie Murphy - 19%
5. Other - 12%

She's America's sweetheart and the best actress to boot, Sandra Bullock.

Best Actress

1. Helen Hunt - 6%
2. Jennifer Anniston - 6%
3. Claire Danes - 19%
4. Sandra Bullock - 58%
5. Other - 10%

Cindy Crawford was a supermodel but according to you she should stay off the super-screen.

Worst Actress

1. Andie MacDowell - 6%
2. Melanie Griffith - 6%
3. Cindy Crawford - 39%
4. Elizabeth Berkley - 29%
5. Other - 19%

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It seems that Steven is still the king in your eyes.

Best Book

1. Rose Madder- Steven King - 32%
2. Debt of Honor- Tom Clancy - 26%
3. I Want To Tell You- O.J. Simpson - 16%
4. Sex For Dummies- Dr. Ruth - 10%
5. Other - 15%

It may be Alabama but everybody is a Braves fan at heart.

Biggest Sports Event

1. Braves Win World Series - 61%
2. Cal Ripken Jr. Set Record - 16%
3. O.J. - 16%
4. Auburn Beats Alabama - 0%
5. Other - 6%

It was a close race between Star Wars and The Beatles but the Fab Four is still on top but some people felt that the return of vinyl and monogamy were more important.

Most Welcome Comeback

1. The Beatles - 42%
2. John Travolta - 10%
3. O.J. - 6%
4. Star Wars Trilogy - 35%

5. Other - 6%

Greg Brady was the homecoming entertainment but a good deal of you felt he should have stayed with the Brady's. A few of you weren't to happy to see the return of Heroin, Lounge Music, or the Flag Burning Amendment.

Most Unwelcome Comeback

1. Greg Brady - 45%
2. Unabomber - 16%
3. O.J. - 29%
4. Bon Jovi - 6%
5. Other - 3%

Percentage Of Students That Returned A Poll.

1. Out of 7500 - .4%

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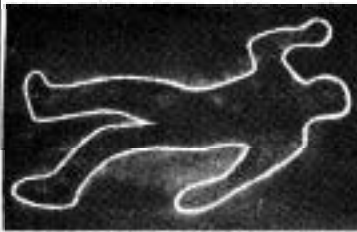
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 7 Mary 3/Fuzzy Feb. 10
 Hum/Mercury Rev Feb. 16
 Squirrel Nut Zippers Feb. 17

The Fox

Bruce Springsteen Jan. 28
 99X Chinese New Year:
 BoDeans/Collective Soul w/
 Toadies/Everclear Feb. 9
 k.d. lang March 1

International Ballroom

Cypress Hill/311/Pharcyde Feb. 3

The Masquerade

Remy Zero /East Orange Jan. 26
 Motorhead/ Belladonna w/
 Speedball Jan. 27
 The John Spencer Blues
 Explosion Feb. 1
 Sister Machine Gun w/
 Chemlab Feb. 8

Tribute To Willie Nelson:

Waylon Jennings/Supersuckers
 Mark Lannigan Feb. 10
 Mighty Mighty Bosstones/ H2O
 Dance Hall Crashers Feb. 20

Omni

Brooks & Dunn/Blackhawk
 Jan. 27
 Bob Seger Jan. 30
 Andre Agassi vs. Pete Sampras
 Feb. 3

White Zombie/Filter Feb. 7

Liza Minnelli/Bill Cosby May 19

The Point

Yo La Tengo Feb. 2
 Ben Folds Five/Lush Feb. 8
 Velocity Girl/The Grifters Feb. 9
 Luna/Chris Knox
 (2 shows: 8pm & 11pm) Feb. 10

The Roxy

Pam Stone Jan. 26
 Big Star Feb. 7
 Ice T/Mack 10 Feb. 9
 Candelbox/Seaweed Feb. 13
 Ellis & Branford Marsalis
 Feb. 22

Variety Playhouse

Aimee Mann/3 lb. Thrill Feb. 8
 Dick Dale Feb. 16
 Ani DiFranco Feb. 17

The Wreck Room

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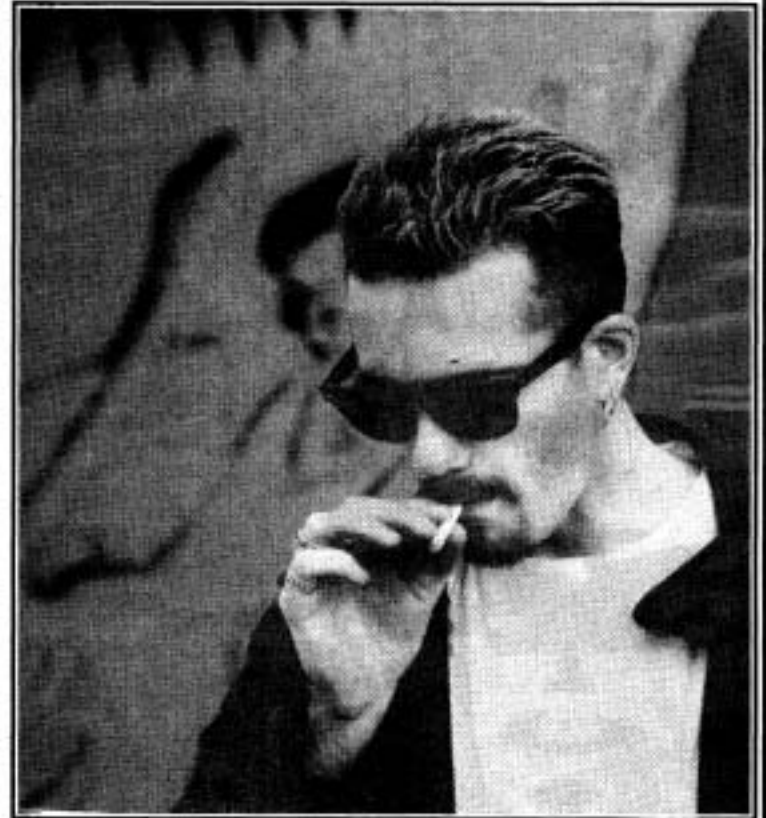
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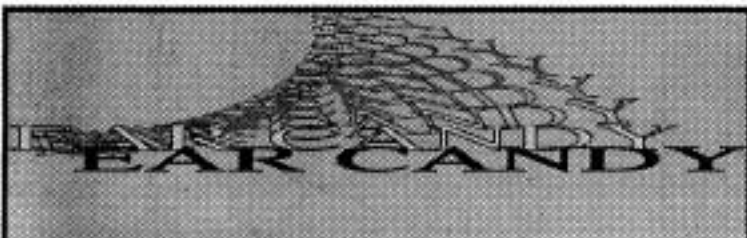
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Becky Sharp
 "Becky Sharp"
 Way Cool Music/MCA

★★★

Out of the swamps of Baton Rouge, Louisiana comes the latest southern buzz band: Becky Sharp. Their self-titled debut for Way Cool Music/MCA is a re-release of their first self released eight song album with two new songs. If you have been to Atlanta in the past six months I'm sure you heard the first single "Beach Ball" on 99X. It's a quick little low-fi pop song that kind of reminds me of good Pavement. That's pretty much what Becky Sharp is, a good version of Pavement. Same low-

fi, experimental music with sarcastic lyrics sung out of key, Becky Sharp just does it better.

Even in it's more subdued points there is a level of anticipation in Becky Sharp's music. It's like you just know it's going to explode, but it hardly ever does. It's this tension that makes Becky Sharp's superchunk assault so much more lovable. Songs like "Cool To Me" and "Radio One" are the kinds of tunes that could one day be southern-rock classics, but for now they will have to remain the little secret of Becky Sharp's ever growing fan base.

Becky Sharp is definitely one of the most promising bands of the south and their great pop masterpieces will soon become the staple of college kids everywhere, trust me. Don't be one of the few who is left out.



Lagwagon
 "Hoss"
 Fat Wreck Chords

★★★★

All right, 'yall. You say you're tired of all that pansy-wansy crap out their today. Well then, just look over yonder to Santa Barbara, California and you'll find a couple a down home folks that have just released their third record, "Hoss." It's a real gem of a record, with punk angst and powerful pop hooks all covered with politically biased lyrics like grandma's gravy cover's that meatloaf... yummy.

Lagwagon, that's the posse's name, are some down home hardcore boys that have been riding the dusty trail since 1990, but might finally be able to ride one of those new fangeled trains all the way to outlaw status with "Hoss." It's 14 tracks of pure lovin' punk fun. Songs like "Kids Don't Know How To Share" and "Rifle" will get you to square dancin' in no time. This kind of music has been getting popular lately. Finally some of the boys

that really worked their butts off out on the range, are getting to put out great records worthy of attention. This is the kinda stuff that punk dreams are made of, great lyrics and catchy, hard-core riffs. Hey, what do you expect from a couple of good ol' boys that name their record "Hoss?"



Various Artists
 "Saturday Morning: Cartoon's
 Greatest Hits"
 MCA

★★★

I still remember waking up at 6 am on Saturday mornings and running into the living room to watch cartoons. Back then cartoons ran from the wee hours of the morning till early afternoon, opposed to the couple of hours they get now. Most of the cartoons had catchy little songs that would set any sugar comatose kid into a brazen version of early karaoke.

Now a lot of the kids that grew up on this post-psychedelic hypnosis are making music and have decided to pay homage to the tunes that

helped to start it all. Some of the song on "Saturday Morning" are almost dead ringers for the originals. Juliana Hatfield and Tanya Donnelly gives us a bee-boppy version of the Josie and The Pussycats theme song while Matthew Sweet decides to do a perfect cover of the Scooby-Doo theme. Other entries from face to face's punked out version of Popeye to Helmet's driving giant, Gigantor, prove that all these artists and more, such as the Toadies, Wax, Tripping Daisy, The Ramones, and Liz Phair, all spent way too much time in front of the tube.

However, there is one that seems to never have eaten a whole box of Sugar Smacks while watching The Justice League: Sponge. Their version of the Speed Racer theme is enough to make you wish you read more books as a kids so that you didn't realize how bad these guys were destroying the song. Other than that "Saturday Morning" may not be an album you play all the time but it's a great way to remember a past when cartoons were good ol' fun and there wasn't any kind of moral message to be found between all the toys commercials.

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HE'S FRIGHTENED IN THE WHITE HOUSE?

FRIDAY'S GOOD. YOU BEAT THE GUN.

HERE YOU ARE — HOW'S IT COMING?

I'M HERE, BUT THE ASSASSIN'S LATE!

HE MUTTA FORGOT!!

TOO LATE TO RETHINK IT — THERE'S THE PRESIDENT. YOU'LL HAVE TO SHOOT HIM!

WHICH ONE IS HE? I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE LOOKS LIKE EXCEPT FROM SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE'S SKITS!!

OH NO! I FORGOT TO SWITCH BULLETS!!

WAIT — IT WAS JUST A JOKE!! I DIDN'T MEAN IT!

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JSU to Host Mercer Bears Tonight

by Will Roe
Sports Editor

Tonight at Pete Mathews Coliseum, the Runnin' Gamecocks will try to break their four game losing streak as they battle Mercer at 7:30 p.m. The Mercer Bears bring an 8-8 overall record into the game, and a 2-4 TAAC record. Jax State is 6-9 overall on the season, and just 1-5 in TAAC play.

The Gamecocks' four game losing streak is the team's first since the 1986-87 season. The problems thus far for the Gamecocks include shooting, rebounding, and turnovers. When the Gamecocks outrebound their opponents, they are 5-1 on the season, but likewise, when JSU is outrebounded, they are a horrid 1-7. Despite these numbers, several players

have stepped up and helped the Gamecocks get where they are right now. Players such as Edward Coleman (14.7 ppg) and Aaron Kelley (14.5 ppg) were expected to have a fine season, but some "big guys" have stepped it up a notch as well this season. Rusty Brand (11.7 ppg, 9.0 rpg) and Kenny Sorenson (9.8 ppg) have shown that they too can score points as well as play defense.

Over the weekend, the 'Cocks played twice. Here are the results: **Centenary 94, Jax State 85**

SHREVEPORT, LA- The Gamecocks shot just 37% from the floor for the game as the Centenary Gentlemen sent JSU to its 3rd straight loss in front of 1,743 loud fans at the GoldDome. Lincoln Abrams put in 27 points and got 14 boards and Herbert

Lang added 14 points for the Gents. For Jax State, Jay Knowlton put in 20 points, Tracy Posey added 17, and Edward Coleman put in 16 points and got 10 boards.

Knowlton hit 6 of 12 3-pointers for the Gamecocks, but it was to no avail. JSU shot 39% from the floor in the second half, but Centenary hit 50% of their shots in the second half to beat the Gamecocks.

Southeastern Louisiana 93, Jax State 90

HAMMOND, LA- USL simply outran the Gamecocks as JSU was sent to its fourth straight loss. JSU outshot the Lions 52% to 49%, but it proved to not be enough as USL went on to win the game. Forward Jason Cunningham put in 26 points and Sam Bowie added 20 points for

the Lions. For Jacksonville State, Tracy Posey, Rusty Brand, and Kenny Sorenson scored 17 points each. Aaron Kelley added 16 points for JSU.

Tonight's game against Mercer could prove to be a night to remember for JSU co-captain Tracy Posey. He needs just 21 points to have 1,000 points for his career. JSU has played Mercer four times in men's basketball, and the two teams have both won twice, with the last meeting in the 1946-47 season, when the Gamecocks prevailed 64-57.

JSU's next home game comes on Saturday as the Georgia State Panthers come calling for a 2:30 matinee at Pete Mathews Coliseum. Then the Gamecocks travel to Birmingham to play Samford on February 1 at 7:30 PM.

Lady 'Cocks Lose to Florida Teams in TAAC

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Sports Editor

Rough is the only word that could describe the Lady Gamecocks' trip to sunny Miami over the weekend. The weather was nice, but the games got kind of ugly. Here is a look at the Lady Gamecocks' results from their trip to sunny Miami:

Florida International 68, Jax State 55

MIAMI, FL- The Lady 'Cocks shot just 35% from the floor in the first half, and 41% for the game as Florida International handed JSU its first loss in three games. JSU came in off of back-to-back conference wins at home over Campbell (69-56) and College of Charleston (81-68).

The keys to the loss to FIU were turnovers and the play of FIU forward Tatana Pokorna. She was the leading scorer in the game as she put in 25 points and 10 rebounds. Dalma Ivanyi added 12 points and Kathy Brown put in 11 to lead the Golden Panthers. Kathy O'Konski came off of the bench to score 12 points to lead the Lady Gamecocks. Alfredia Seals was held to just 6 points and

4 rebounds for the game.

The loss dropped JSU to 4-9 overall, and 2-3 in TAAC play. Florida International goes to 10-4 overall and a perfect 4-0 in the TAAC.

Florida Atlantic 98, Jax State 73

BOCA RATON, FL- On Saturday, JSU's Alfredia Seals made up for her off-night on Thursday at Florida International as she scored 25 points to become the leading scorer in the game for both teams, but it turned out to not be enough. Florida Atlantic shot a 54% from the floor for the game (57% in the 1st half).

Amanda Whitney and Angie Smith both scored 21 points, and Sherri Pla helped out with 17 points of her own for the Lady Owls to help beat the Lady 'Cocks.

The big stat for FAU in the game was their shooting from the charity stripe. The Lady Owls shot 75% from the foul line, and 14 of 18 in the 2nd half to help seal the blowout win.

The loss dropped the Lady 'Cocks to 4-10 overall and 2-4 in the TAAC.

Tonight's game against Mercer



JSU's #30 Alfredia Seals shoots over her Auburn opponent. Seals has averaged 16.8 points per game this season (photo by Roger Luallen).

is the first of a basketball double-header at Pete Mathews Coliseum. Tip-off for the ladies is at 5:00, while the men tip-off at 7:30. Tonight's game is the third meeting all-time between Mercer and Jax State, with Mercer win-

ning the two previous meetings. The Lady Gamecocks are 4-1 in games at home this season, while going 0-8 on the road. Mercer brings in a 9-5 record overall, while going 3-2 in TAAC play.

Gamecock Baseball 1996

Feb. 3 vs. Alabama State 1:00
Feb. 7 at Alabama State 1:00
Feb. 9 at Mercer 2:00
Feb. 10 at Georgia Southern 12:30
Feb. 11 at Georgia Southern 12:30
Feb. 17 vs. Morehead State (2) noon
Feb. 18 vs. Morehead State 12:05
Feb. 20 at South Alabama 2:00
Feb. 21 at Troy State 3:00
Feb. 24 vs. Tennessee-Martin (2) noon
Feb. 25 vs. Tennessee-Martin 12:05
Feb. 28 vs. South Alabama 2:00
Mar. 2 at Mississippi State 1:00
Mar. 3 at Mississippi State 2:00
Mar. 5 at Georgia Tech 3:00
Mar. 6 vs. Troy State 3:00
Mar. 9 vs. Siena College (2) 1:00
Mar. 10 vs. Siena College 1:00
Mar. 11 vs. Siena College 2:00
Mar. 13 vs. U.A.B. 6:00
Mar. 15 at Southeast Louisiana 6:30
Mar. 16 at Southeast Louisiana (2) 1:00
Mar. 19 at Morehead State (2) 11:00 a.m.
Mar. 21 vs. Tennessee Tech 1:00
Mar. 24 vs. Mercer 2:00
Mar. 27 at Jackson State 2:00
Mar. 29 at Centenary (2) 2:00
Mar. 30 at Centenary noon
Apr. 1 vs. C.W. Post 6:00
Apr. 2 at Middle Tennessee State 7:00
Apr. 3 at Middle Tennessee State 3:00
Apr. 5 vs. Southeast Louisiana (2) 4:00
Apr. 6 vs. Southeast Louisiana noon
Apr. 9 at U.A.B. 6:05
Apr. 12 at Samford 3:00
Apr. 13 at Samford (2) noon
Apr. 15 at Tennessee Tech 2:30
Apr. 26 vs. Centenary (2) 2:00
Apr. 27 vs. Centenary noon
Apr. 30 at Tennessee-Martin (2) 1:00
May 4 vs. Samford (2) 1:00
May 5 vs. Samford 1:00
May 10-11 Trans America Tourney
May 15-18 Trans America Tourney
*All times are p.m. unless noted (2) denotes double-header *All times are Central Time

Gamecocks Top Pick in TAAC

The Jacksonville State baseball squad does not play its first game until next Saturday, but already the Gamecocks have received a lot of hype. The Gamecocks were picked to finish 1st in the TAAC Western Division by Baseball America magazine, and for a team in its first year as a Division I team, it would really be something to bring home a championship of any sort. The TAAC coaches poll has picked JSU to finish 2nd in the TAAC West.

The Gamecocks have a lot going for them this season, including a veteran head coach. Rudy Abbott is entering his 27th season as the JSU head baseball coach. His teams have been competitive every season he has been here, and he coached the Gamecocks when they won the Division II national championship in 1990 and in 1991. He is a winner, and he will eventually have the new baseball field named after him.



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The new Gamecocks' roost is next to Pete Mathews Coliseum. It is simply being called "The New Baseball Stadium" for right now. During the Summer, it will play host to the Nicaraguan Olympic baseball team as they train for the Olympics in Atlanta at the end of July.

The new baseball field will change the way the Gamecocks will play this season. Unlike the hitter-friendly University Field, the new stadium will challenge pitchers and make teams use speed and power to win there.

This is good for the JSU pitchers. The pitching staff is probably the only question remaining about this team. The Gamecocks lost Hal Hodge (8-1 last year) and Brandon Davis (7-3) to graduation, and the Cincinnati Reds of Major League Baseball drafted redshirt pitcher Joe Montgomery. However, several quality pitchers still remain, among them are senior Jason Craft (7-1, 3.34 ERA in '95), junior Thomas Strain (6-1, 4.20 ERA) and sophomore left-hander Blaine Douglass (6-2, 4.00 ERA).

As far as the hitting is concerned, the Gamecocks have a nice blend of returning starters and newcomers. Senior catcher Andy Henderson hit .396 with nine home-runs and 39 RBI's in '95. Seniors Chad Gainey (.392, 56 runs scored) and Bob Bush (.333 with 40 RBI's) also return to the lineup. Newcomers Mike Garner from Southern Union Community College (over 20

SPORTS CALENDAR

Men's Basketball
 Jan. 25 vs. Mercer 7:30 at Pete Mathews Coliseum
 Jan. 27 vs. Georgia State 2:30 at Pete Mathews Coliseum
 Feb. 1 at Sanford 7:30
 Feb. 3 at Florida Atlantic 7:00
 Feb. 5 at Florida International 6:30

Women's Basketball
 Jan. 25 vs. Mercer 5:00 at Pete Mathews Coliseum
 Jan. 27 vs. Georgia State noon at Pete Mathews Coliseum
 Jan. 31 at Tennessee-Chattanooga 6:00
 Feb. 3 at Southeastern Louisiana 7:15

homers last season), and Wes Brooks (catcher from Wellborn High) and Dean Friery (outfielder from J'ville High) add some pop to the lineup.

The Gamecocks will play a tough schedule, but don't let that fool you. The Gamecocks CAN play with South Alabama, Mississippi State, and Georgia Tech, as well as their TAAC foes.

Now for the predictions. Head Coach Rudy Abbott says "We will go as far as our pitching

takes us. We'll have decent team speed, quality hitters, and good defense, but we've got to be able to get the other team's hitters out to win." I say "Look out TAAC. The Gamecocks are past, present, and future powers." Look for the Gamecocks to be playing well into May as the post-season cranks up.

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