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PHOENIX, Ariz. - (Phoenix New Times) U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno has filed a civil rights lawsuit against the State of Arizona, alleging unfair treatment of inmates in the state's prison system. The suit accuses the state's corrections department of failing to protect its female inmates from sexual misconduct by corrections officers and staff. The suit caps off an 18-month investigation by the U.S. Department of Justice.

COLUMBUS, Ohio - (Columbus Dispatch) Police have charged two more Columbus area teens in the February slaying of the owner of a convenience store. These arrests follow four other suspects in the case. Police believe that the six are members of a gang that may be responsible for a wave of robberies, and that the killing was part of another robbery attempt.

SURRY, Virg. - (Virginian Pilot) When Virginia Power shuts down portions of the Surry nuclear power plant, it is faced with the problem of removing an unusual pest. Hydroids, which resemble seaweed, multiply rapidly, forming clumps in the cooling system of the nuclear plant, which has been blamed for output slowdowns and diminished levels of cooling water. Officials stress that the creatures have never put the plant in danger.

MOBILE - (Mobile Register) The Alabama State Docks are in danger of losing their business to other nearby ports if they are unable to get state funding to increase their shipping capacity, according to dock officials. The port is currently unable to handle all the business that comes its way, forcing it to turn potential customers away. Dock officials say they need \$133 million over the next decade. The state does not currently provide the port with any funding, forcing it to rely on its own profits, which are insufficient for the needed expansion.

BOSTON, Mass. - (Boston Globe) Cold March weather did not discourage the Irish from packing South Boston streets on St. Patrick's day. Almost a quarter million revelers filled the area, downing endless pints of warming beverages. One spectator commented on the spirit of the parade. "There is a good feeling to this parade - it's the best in a long time."

IN THE News Jax State hosts Odyssey of the Mind

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by Buffy Smith

News writer

Over twenty schools participated in Saturday's Odyssey of the Mind regional competition at JSU. This was the second consecutive year that the 15 year-old competition was held at Jax State.

Odyssey of the Mind (OM) is a creative problem-solving competition. It was created by Dr. Sam Micklous of Glassboro, New Jersey, who wanted to provide a way for people to develop good problem-solving skills.

There are two categories of questions: long-term and spontaneous. In long-term, contestant are given a choice of five problems to complete in an eight minute time period. They are judged according to how much they finish. In contrast, the spontaneous section requires contestants to answer "off the top of the head." The most creative answers receive the most points.

OM is a worldwide program. The state team will be chosen in April to represent Alabama in national competition at the University of Maryland in June. This is the only level of the competition in which the college division will participate.

Currently, JSU does not have an OM team. Brown explains that there has been a lack of interest here, possibly because it is a volunteer organization. He also says he wants people to know there is more to do in school besides football and basketball.

OM is recognized by many leading U.S. corporations because creative problem-solving is something companies look for when

Local elementary school students competed in Saturday's Tamara Miles Odyssey of the Mind regional competition, which was held at Jax State.

hiring.

Students interested in forming a team for next year's competition should contact Nancy Turner at 782-5404, Kathy Forster at 435- Merrill Hall on April 12.

8604, or Gary Brown at 435-7057. Brown encourages interested students to come watch _ the state competition which will be held in

City's open container ordinance changes

by Katrina Oliver Thomas News writer

The revised Drinking in Public Ordination went into effect Wednesday, March 19. Titled Ordinance #365, the law now states that no open alcoholic beverage containers are allowed in a vehicle or on foot. The ordinance will be enforceable in the business district, namely the area that makes up the Square, within the city limits and in police jurisdiction. Violators face arrest or a \$100 dollar fine.

According to Jacksonville Police Chief Tommy Thompson, an ordinance goes into effect the day it is published in a local medium. In this case, the Jacksonville News.

The old ordinance had been on the books

since 1983 and is very similar to the new one. The only difference is the new law specifically states that no open containers are allowed on the sidewalk. Also, a driver cannot have a passenger who is drinking an alcoholic beverage. The maximum fine for violating ordinance #365 is \$100. "The judge has the option of giving jail time. But that is unlikely," says Thompson. It is not a misdemeanor or a felony, just a violation.

People can safely drink in their yards but risk problems if they are on sidewalks near their homes. In addition, people are now forbidden to leave a drinking establishment with an open container. Those who do face a possible of arrest and a fine for the owner of the establishment.

"We try not to let anyone leave with open containers," says Sean McCooey, General Manager, of Jefferson's. "It will be safe for the owners and the people," he adds. Lissy Jones, a Senior at JSU and waitress at Jefferson's, thinks it may slow down the amount of DUIs. "I let people know that they cannot leave with their open drinks," says Lissy.

A member of Alpha Tau Omega who wished to remain anonymous, says "that public intoxication is an issue. But there's hardly anything to do (here) except drink."

Officers will be on the lookout for any of these situations. Thompson says his officers may or may not patrol the campus. "JSU is in our jurisdiction and we will enforce it on campus." Thompson says the Jacksonville Police Department has a good working relationship with Chief Coleman and the University Police.

CAMPUS CRIME DOCKET

3-11-97 Joseph D. Williams reported attempted breaking and entering of an automobile and criminal mischief at the rear parking lot of Logan Hall. 3-13-97 Emily Suzanne Lee, 21, of Jacksonville, AL was arrested at Quill Avenue and charged with DUI.

3-14-97 UPD reported DUI at West Mountain Street and Spring Avenue.
3-14-97 Rebecca Leigh Milazzo, 20, of Birmingham, AL was arrested at West Mountain Street and Spring Avenue and charged with DUI.
3-14-97 UPD reported DUI at Campus Inn parking lot.

3-14-97 Patrick Christopher Anderson, 18, of Rome, GA was arrested at

Campus Inn parking lot and charged with DUI.

3-14-97 UPD reported DUI at Naylor Street and Trustee Circle.

3-14-97 Thomas Lynn Dover, 18, of Summerville, GA was arrested at Naylor Street and charged with DUI.

3-14-97 UPD reported consumption of alcohol by a Minorat Mountain Street and Spring Avenue.

3-14-97 Timothy Lee Epperson, 20, of Weaver, AL was arrested at Mountain Street and Spring Avenue and charged with DUI.3-14-97 Sheila Marie Taylor reported criminal mischief at Merrill Hall

rear parking lot.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

•The Communication Department is **not** selling magazine subscriptions. Any person approached and asked to buy a subscription should report the solicitor to the local authorities.

•Jobs are available for all students in Criminal Justice, Psychology, Sociology, and Social Work Wednesday March 26, 1997, 2:00-4:30 p.m. at the TMB Auditorium (3rd Floor). Graduating seniors should bring resumes and dress appropriately for interviews. If you are not graduating, come and get information about your career options.

•The Calhoun County Civic Chorale will be performing Faure's Requiem Tuesday, March 25, 1997, 7:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church of Anniston.

•The JSU Art Department presents an exhibition of art works curated for the Alabama Clay Conference 12 from now until March 28, 1997. The Hammond Hall Gallery's hours are M-F 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

•JSU Chamber Players Orchestra will perform Saturday March 22, 1997 at 12 noon in the Mason Hall Performance Center. This performance is free and open to the public.

The Little River Canyon Field School announces An Orienteering Adventure from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and a Nature Photography Workshop from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at DeSoto State Park Nature Center March 22. There is a \$2.00 per person fee for orienteering and a \$25 per person fee for the photography workshop. To register call Angela Morgan at (205) 782-5697.
The Drama department's directing class will present a selection of one-act plays tonight at 8 in the JSU Black Box theatre, Stone Center. Admission

is one dollar. For more information call 782-5623. •Attention Veterans—Please come by the VA office, room 101, Bibb Graves Hall to fill out a card for May Term, summer I, summer II, Marathon A or B, and Fall. Failure to do this will result in termination of your benefits.

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SAFE promotes acceptance

by Phil Attinger

News writer

A new campus organization called SAFE, or "Sexual Acceptance for Everyone," offers students a place to learn about homosexuality and AIDS awareness.

Meetings began last year, and membership has grown to at least thirty students. The organization's faculty advisor, Claudia E. McDade explained that SAFE wishes to give people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, or gay-friendly a safe place to meet and socialize.

SAFE also hopes to empower students by letting them know "it's okay to be gay," and to make the "coming out" process easier.

McDade says studies show, during college years, gay men and women will be more likely to accept their homosexuality. Other SAFE goals include educating students on the importance of gay rights and gay issues, and AIDS prevention.

SAFE holds open meetings; anyone is welcome. Membership requirements are that the person be a student of JSU, "breathing," gay or gay-friendly, and that the student have an e-mail account, which a free service offered at JSU.

SAFE's president, known only as Philip, says gay groups at Alabama and Auburn strongly suggested that he not give his full name. When SAFE first posted club announcements last year, many posters were defaced.

"I even took my last name off our Web page," remarks Philip, noting that he didn't really think there would be any incidents here at JSU. "I just wanted to be a little bit more careful."

"Projections are that on a campus this size there's probably somewhere between 20 and 50 people who are walking around with HIV and don't even know it yet,"

--Claudia McDade

McDade now provides students with information on the meetings. Members like visitors to be either gay or gay-friendly, but anyone can attend. "You don't have to be gay to join this group. I'm not gay, and I'm their faculty advisor," says McDade. "I think our strength is in our diversity.

"Wherever you go in the world, there will be gay people," she says, "It should be part of your college education to understand them, just as you should understand people from other cultures. I'm a big believer that what you learn in college is not what you learn in the classroom." and counsel JSU students on the common risks involved in being sexually active and about the best disease prevention methods available.

"Projections are that on a campus this size there's probably somewhere between 20 and 50 people who are walking around with HIV and don't even know it yet," McDade explains.

Students can get free condoms from the Williams Infirmary and the Nursing Center Clinic. Also, the Calhoun County Health Department donates free condoms for freshman orientation classes on human sexuality and AIDS prevention.

A group in Anniston, known as Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, or PFLAG, is also working for the same goals.

Students wishing to join may attend the meeting tonight at Grace Episcopal Church, 100 Leighton Ave. in Anniston. A pot luck supper starts at 6 p.m., and the meeting starts at 7 p.m. For more information on PFLAG, contact Doris at 205-831-7280 or Carole at 561-272-1634.

Students interested in SAFE may look up the group's Web Page at: www.geocities.com/WestHollywoo d/6925/safe.html. Students may also contact Claudia McDade at 782-5570, or through e-mail at cmcdade@jsucc.jsu.edu.

McDade also works to educate

Chris Glover wins run-off election

by Thomas Webb

News writer

The SGA held runoff elections Tuesday to determine the winners in the races for President and First Vice President.

Voter turnout was high, with over 1100 students taking part in the election. The 4th floor of the TMB was packed with people by 4 p.m., where supporters of the candidates waited to hear the election results.

At around 4:30 p.m. SGA First Vice President Christian LeBlanc came out of the SGA offices to announce the results. In the race for President, Chris Glover won with 50.4% of the 1111 votes cast.

Njie Njang came in second with 49.6%, with only nine fewer votes than Glover.

SGA President-elect Chris Glover said he was impressed by voter turnout.

"I think it's a great sign that students at Jacksonville State University want to start getting involved in things. That will help us all out a lot in our next administration."

Njang Njie, who lost the election by only 0.8% of the vote, said he was satisfied with the turnout.

"The only way students are going to continue doing the same thing they did this year is if the SGA empowers students to be part of this government. . . I want to see an SGA that's more active towards students."

Leanne Jordan won the A student waits to vote.

office of First Vice President with 51.1% of the 893 votes cast. Josh Bearden captured 48.9% of the vote, losing by only 19 votes.

Jordan said she thought it was a good election. "We both did well, it was very close, and I'm ready to get to work, ready to do some good things."

Bearden, her opponent, commented on the quality of the campaign shortly before the results were announced. "Everybody has run a good clean campaign. I've done the very best I could. I tried to reach out to as many students as I think I can represent fairly," he said shortly before the results were announced.

SGA Senator Amanda



Witherspoon, who missed making the Presidential runoff by only a handful of votes, was pleased at the voter turnout. "I think it's exciting to see so many people here in the TMB. This is the way it should be every election."

SGA President Bob Boyle, looking back on his term in office shortly before his sucessor was annouced, said he cares about what happens to the SGA next year.

"I have met some goals, and there's still stuff I haven't done, that needed to be done, that we didn't do. . . Whoever gets in this office, that's what I'm going to tell them, that you'll never be satisfied, and you shouldn't be, because there's always stuff we could improve."

Kappa Alpha Psi has a provincial leadership conference coming up at the end of this month in Mobile, AL.-

The Panhellenic and Interfraternity Councils would like to congratulate all individuals and groups receiving awards at the recent awards reception. Outstanding philanthropy: Delta Chi and Alpha Xi Delta. All-Sports award: Kappa Alpha and Alpha Omicron Pi. Highest

GPA: Sigma Phi Epsilon and Zeta Tau Alpha. Delegate of the year: Rodeny Cole and Aimee Sayers. Greek Man/Woman of the year: Jeff Atkins and Aimee Brock. Congratulations to Delta Chi and Alpha Xi Delta for being recognized as fraternity and sorority of the year and also to Eric Dryden (Sigma Nu) and Gloria Horton (Alpha Xi Delta) for being awarded Advisor of the year.

Organizations

Alpha Xi Delta Congratulations to Sunny McCreight on being Beary Best Bear. Congratulations Jana Wigley: Sister of the Week. Congratulations Heather Church: New Member of the Week. Thanks to the brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon for taking us bowling at our mixer. We had a great time!

JSU Math Club The JSU Math Club will have

an organizational meeting Wednesday, April 9 at 4:30 p.m. in 309 Martin Hall. There will be refreshments. For more information contact Dr. Dodd at 782-5112 or at jdodd@jsucc.jsu.edu.

Zeta Sigma Nu Mountain Bike Club

The Zeta Sigma Nu Mountain Bike Club meets every Wednesday night at 9:00 in the Roundhouse. If you would like

more information on the JSU Mountain Bike Racing Team, call 435-0881.

Mask and Wig

The Mask and Wig drama club will perform the improvisation show, "Do Whut," Monday March 24 and Tuesday March 25 at 8 p.m. at the Acoustic Cafe. For more information call 820-3658 or e-mail at Jovius@msn.com.

Residence life committee discusses housing issues

by Thomas Webb News writer

This week the SGA passed a resolution to oppose a potential tuition increases. After the reading and unanimous approval of the last meeting's minutes, the meeting broke up into committees.

One of the committees with the highest attendance was the Residence Life and Facilities Committee. Dr. Alice Cusimano and Housing Director Ray Creel talked with the Residence Life Committee, which met this week to discuss ways to keep people in University housing. This committee has been very active this year in addressing various issues dealing with housing. Cusimano reviewed the university's efforts to attract stu-

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dents to housing, and discussed a new plan that the university is working on in conjunction with Marriott food services

to Cusimano the University has done many things to improve housing on campus in the last few years. Cusimano says this includes the addition of more private rooms, as well as the renovation of 54 apartments in Pannell Hall and special-interest dorms such as Weatherly Hall, are all part of the University's ongoing efforts to attract and keep more students in university housing. Cusimano then told the committee members about a new plan that may bring the university and Marriott into closer cooperation.

Under this plan, a student would first have to pay for a meal ticket

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and residence hall for their first two years. If the student then stayed in housing after this, they can receive their housing free with the purchase The Budget Committee recommended an increase in tuition and in the cost of living in Logan and Patterson Halls to the Board.

of a meal ticket for their third and fourth years. Cusimano says the terms of the agreement have yet to be worked out.

After the committee meetings ended, the roll was called. The SGA then moved on to the only item of business, Resolution #4. This resolution stated that the SGA was opposed to a recent University Budget Committee recommendation to the Board of Trustees. The Budget Committee recommended an increase in tuition and in the cost of living in Logan and Patterson Halls to the Board.

After this resolution unanimously passed, the SGA-sponsored movies

for the next week were announced. Space Jam, starring Michael Jordan and various animated Warner Bros characters, will show Friday at 7 p.m. only. 101 Dalmations, starring Glenn Close, will show next Tuesday at 7 p.m. and 9 30 pm The SGA-sponsored movies are shown in the TMB Auditorium, and admission is one dollar

The SGA adjourned after this announcement. The SGA student senate meets every Monday at 6 p.m. on the third floor of the TMB. All students are encouraged to attend.





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ISSUE OF THE WEEK

Random thoughts when not much is happening



I've thought all weekend on what subject to write an editorial. Amazingly to me, there isn't one single issue that sticks out in my mind. I usually feel passionately enough about something to crank out a 500 plus word commentary. I could easily write about the craziness of March Madness and the depression I am suffering

through as my teams on the men's and women's sides have taken early exits. But, since my last out pouring in this space addressed the lack of student body support of Gamecock athletics, I feel compelled to write about something other than sports.

Actually there are many interesting and important events in the news, locally, nationally and internationally. There's the possibility that our tuition may be raised and spring break is finally around the corner.

Governor Fob James has kept Alabama in the national spotlight with threats of using the National Guard to protect judge Roy Moore's courtroom display of the Ten Commandments. James also continues to look at higher education cuts which would certainly affect us all.

I was thinking I could write about how ludicrous James' National Guard proposal is in my mind. But, as a transplanted Yankee, I guess I just interpret the First Amendment differently.

I thought about writing about all the weird happenings in Washington. I really like our president, but with all that has been going on lately, I almost feeling like I'm watching a movie.

Certainly, there is no truth to it, but it does make for a Hollywood script. The president, engulfed in scandals, but still faring well in the public's eye, slips and hurts his knee. His limited mobility, wheelchair and crutches, throws vice president Al Gore into the spotlight.

Gore, who has until just before the injury only been ridiculed for his "stiff" appearance, suddenly has a opportunity to shine. He can convince the public, that even though he didn't do anything illegal and he won't do what he did legally again, that he indeed has the ability to be the next commander in chief.

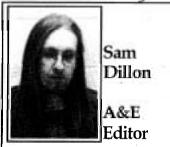
And then as a veteran, I thought I could write about all the sexual harassment allegations occurring in the Army. However, to me it is pretty simple. Yes, it happens in the military, but it also happens in the civilian world. It is solved as best as it can be by enforcement or as the powers-that-be say, zero tolerance.

The thing that really burns me about all of this, are those who are calling for the Army to re-examine coed training. Of all the stories I've read, the problem is not with male Private (grunt) Jones making advances towards female Private Smith during basic training. The problem is with Colonel Jones using his or her power over Captain or Sergeant Smith.

Certainly, there are many things happening overseas. The constant instability of the Middle East, heightened by the killing of Israeli school children, the anarchy in Albania and the turmoil in Zaire. I know these subjects are better left to the experts.

In retrospect, maybe I should have written about March Madness.

Bad Boys, Bad Boys, Watcha Gonna Do?



On Tuesday, March 18, I was at my friends apartment and we watched what could have been an episode of "Cops" go down right in front of us. It started when we stepped out on the back steps to sup on a cold beverage and smoke a cigarette. It was late afternoon and we were discussing school and work when I noticed a 4x4 slow down on the street in front of us.

The next thing we know a young man comes bursting out of the door of the apartment just 30 feet away. As the young man was running three men jumped out of the 4x4 and simultaneously two men erupted from the apartment. All the men were wearing vests donned with a large "POLICE" patch and carrying firearms. There was an all out charge after the young man. He made it about 40 or 50 feet and was yelling "You're scaring me, you're scaring me," when two officers tackled him.

At this point my two friends and I were amazed. I was just thinking "What the hell?!" and one of my friends was still in shock because he thought it was a "drive by" at first. It didn't take more than a few seconds before the young man was handcuffed and searched. The officers took him back into the apartment and we were left standing there in complete and utter awe.

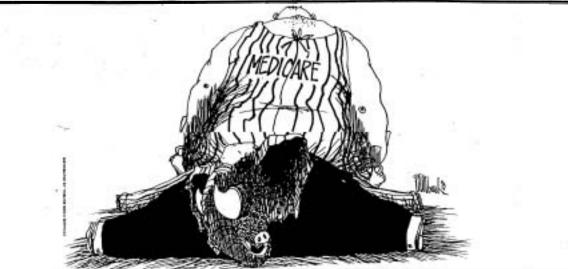
One of the officers, the driver of the 4x4, came back outside and did a sweeping search of the ground in the area to see if there were any narcotics dumped by the young man before they arrested him. The officer found nothing. There was a car parked behind the apartments on the road and the officer searched the car. He looked through the trunk and interior of the car for about five minutes. He found two wads during the search that turned out to be an estimated five or six thousand dollars in twenty dollar bills. Then the officer went to the 4x4 and the fourth officer, who was a beautiful German Shepherd, searched the exterior of the car. The search didn't take long and there were no narcotics found. Then the driver of the 4x4 put the K-9 officer back into their patrol car after a quick playtime.

Things calmed down and two officers came back outside and did a third, more extensive search of the interior of the car. They did not appear to find anything else. We asked if we could speak to one of them about what happened and they told us that we could speak with the officer in charge of the case. After a fifteen minute wait, Jacksonville Police Department Corporal J. H. Martin came over and introduced himself.

We asked Corporal Martin a few questions and found out that the bust was a part of an ongoing

investigation. He told us that the raid/search was successful and that no one was injured. He refused to comment when I asked him if there were many cases like this on campus or around Jacksonville. We also asked what led up to the raid and we were told that they had received information that lead them to investigate the young man. We discovered that there had been another undercover truck that initially pulled up to the front of the apartment. It was that truck that caused the young man to flee. We estimated that there was at least eight officers involved.

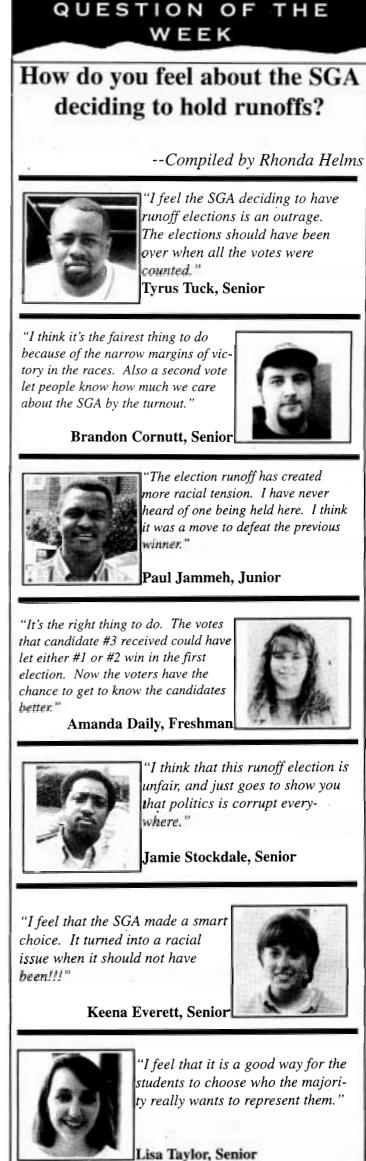
The overall experience was exciting, but it had a blue note about it. It is good to see that the police are fighting the "war on drugs" and getting results. However, I felt sad for the young man. The problem with drug trafficking and use, as I am sure you are aware, is a very serious one. If you are a part of the problem then I feel I should warn you to stop. Not just because it is illegal, but because lives are at stake. Do you really think that it's worth going to jail for? There is also the health issue-drugs kill. If you are using drugs and want help, there are people and places available to you. For those of you who read this and don't care and will continue using drugs anyway, then I just want to say that if you are going to use drugs at least practice some form of moderation. Don't waste your mind because you want to get high everyday. Take your life back.





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Features

Literary classic comes to Jax State stage

by Chris Colvard Contributing editor

How easy would it be to step in someone else's shoes for a while? To see how they would think, act, or feel? How about someone else's skin? Would that be as easy? Basically, that is what Atticus Finch asked a jury to do when judging a black man accused of raping a white girl in the timeless classic "To Kill A Mockingbird."

"Mockingbird," a play by Christopher Sergel (based on the book by Harper Lee), tells the story of Atticus Finch (played by David Downs), a lawyer in 1935 Maycomb, Alabama. He is given what most would call a can't-win case: defending Tom Robinson (Robbie Callahan), a black man, accused of raping Mayella Ewell (Rike Rosser) by her father Bob Ewell (Shawn Carder), both white.

It also tells the story of Atticus' children, Scout (Regan Byrom) and Jem (Justin Lord), and their friend Dill (Weston Hill). They are learning that the first step in understanding someone is to "spend some time in their skin," as Atticus would put it. He refers to their neighbor Arthur "Boo" Radley (Phillip Roberson) and to why he's a recluse; he tells them to take the time to see things from his point of view, to "wear his skin."

The main story is the trial against

Robinson. No matter what the evidence showed, no matter what Atticus said, for 1930s Alabama, the verdict was as predictable as a sunset: guilty. Sad to say, this was known even before the trial started. But Atticus took the case anyway, hoping he could sway the jury to his way of thinking: that in a court of law, all men are created equal. That the color of skin does not matter in determining a man's guilt or innocence. That some white men are liars, and some black men are noble.

Jason St. John, the director of 'Mockingbird," says the relevance of the show is still viable today. "A lot of the issues are very relevant today, the racial problems we have: today are just as true as the 1930s. That whole message of getting; along, it's still relevant today."

Down's Atticus was kindly, peaceful, and loving towards his children and kept a cool, level head in the courtroom. During his passionate plea to the jury, he grabbed the audience in a gentle yet stern embrace and wouldn't let go until he finished.

Callahan as Robinson displayed genuine fear during his questioning by Atticus. His interaction with Atticus was priceless. His scene with prosecutor Mr. Gilmer (realistically played by Craig Jackson) was gripping, as he tried to answer Gilmer's "slanted" questions.

the courtroom to defend Tom Robinson (Robbie Callahan). Carder's Ewell virtually oozed hatred and spite as he threatened Atticus and his children. Rosser depicted Mayella as something akin to a scared rabbit, afraid of what Ewell might do if she crossed him.

Regan Byrom has a unique stage presence She was believable as the confused tomboy, Scout. She played the range from fear to anguish to relief with the airs of a professional. Her one problem is



Atticus Finch (David Downs) states his case in Steven Wolfe

timing; when a funny line is delivered, she tends to talk through the audience's laughter. This can be corrected with time and practice. If she doesn't pursue a career in the theatre, it will be the art's loss.

Also giving a stellar performance is Betty Jeanne Day as the caring neighbor Maudie Atkinson. Maudie serves as the Greek chorus of the piece, giving exposition as periods of time passed. She helps explain Tom's injustice to the children in a way that is understood by most, if not all.

The only problem constant through the show was slight drops in volume by some cast members. This caused unwarranted distraction in the dialogue, making it difficult to hear in places.

One confusing item concerning the show's sound effects: there was an onstage rifle shot, but the actual sound came from a backstage speaker. Were blanks not available for the rifle, or were they playing it safe?

The set pieces designed by St. John and Douglas Millington worked well, but there is an uneasy difference between the scenes outside the Fitch house, which was done in a stylized manner, and inside the courtroom, which was more realistic. Perhaps this was done to show that nothing can be judged from the outside, that the inside has to be seen in order to figure it out. To get inside its skin, so to speak.

The show, as a whole, was solid with moments of intensity and emotion rarely seen on local stage today. Even with a few amateurish moments, the play kept its profesional edge. It was powerfully dramatic without going over the top. The next Alpha Psi Omega show whatever it will be, will have ar impressive set of shoes to fill.

3rd anniversary of Palm Sunday tragedy approaches

by Brian Burgess Features writer

This Palm Sunday, March 23, is a day when many people will gather in churches for a time of praise: a day remembered for Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem.

For one church, this day means more. Palm Sunday 1997 marks the third year since Goshen United Methodist Church in Piedmont was tragically demolished by a tornado, claiming the lives of 20 people.

The tornado hit while 146 people were gathered for the children's service inside the church. "Early that morning it was really sunny," says JSU student Christa Rhinehart. The forecast had only called for rain and scattered thunderstorms. Everything was going well when "about the third song the power flickered and it started raining," says Rhinehart. The

people inside the church continued their service, with no knowledge what was coming. Seconds later, while the children were in line at the front pews, hail and debris began to shatter windows throughout the church.

"I thought everyone but five were dead,"

--Christa Rhinehart

Phillip New, a member of Goshen Church and JSU worker, jumped from the stage and hollered "get down." "I no longer got those words out of my mouth and it was like an explosion," says New. The tornado hit with fury, sending blocks, bricks, and walls on top of those inside. The tornado lasted only seconds

Those who were able began sifting through the rubble in search of others. "I thought everyone but five were dead," says Rhinehart. As people were able to escape, they gathered on the front lawn. The devastation from the tornado was incredible. New said. "Chainsaws as well as cranes had to be used in order to free some of the people.'

Many were injured and 20 were killed. New suffered 6 broken ribs, 4 fractured vertebrae, and a crushed ankle. Among those who died were New's 12-year-old stepson. Eric Wayne Thacker. Rhinehart lost two cousins, Amy Woods, Eric Thacker, and and uncle, Buddy Woods. Also among the fatalities was 4-year-old Hannah Clem, daughter of former Goshen Minister Kelly Clem.

Goshen United Methodist Church was charted in 1905 and relocated in 1952. The church

was able to rebuild about one-half mile from its old site in 1996 thanks to generous donations. "Support from others is to be commended," says Clem. The church has since been able to completely rebuild, and add a Daycare Center and playground area for the children.

Dale and Kelly Clem have a new baby girl named Laurel Hope Clem. The middle name was chosen for its meaning.

When asked what kind of feelings are felt from the event, New answered, as tears filled his eyes, "our hearts still mourn and ache over the loss of loved ones, but we are blessed knowing that they are not just dead, but alive because God's promise is true."

Goshen Church has something to be proud of. It is not only a beautiful place to worship but a place where its people have shown the power to overcome tragedy. The sanctuary has several unique

features. A golden cross, taken from the old church site, is mounted to the back wall at the entrance. Without planning, this cross gives off a shadow that looks like an open bible and a dove above with its wings spread. Behind the pulpit are large, elaborate stainedglass windows. These windows show angels whose wings alone consist of more than 100 pieces. Parts of these windows are still being finished. New said, "It's not just the bulding that we are proud of, but is a place where God's people can join together for a time of worship, to learn and spread his word."

A Memorial Site Committee has been selected and is actively developing a memorial for the church, the tornado victims, and all who have given their lives to Goshen United Methodist church. It will be located on the site of the Church destroyed by the tornado.

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Eating February Radioactive Records Rating $\star \star \star$

Star 69's debut full length release Eating February is more proof that the folks at Radioactive have excellent taste in music. The last few bands to emerge from Radioactive have put out very creative and inventive sounding female-fronted CDs.

Julie Daniels fronts the testosterone-backed trio of Richard Corden, Warren Huart, and Johnny Haro. Daniels moved from L.A. to London about two and a half years ago and formed Star 69 after meeting Cordon, Huart, and original drummer Patch Hannon (formerly of The Sundays). They gained label interest after a series of live shows and the release of two indie singles Shortly there after they packed up their stuff, except for Hannon, moved to L.A., started recording Eating February, and signed with Radioactive.

Eating February has 69 tracks. oddly enough, although there really is only eleven tracks one being a bonus track (number 69). The sound of Star 69 is very pop oriented. The music is slow and flowing at times, building up slightly but never to a loud or crushing level. It is heavy at times but it keeps close to a mellow feel throughout. The lyrics on the album are good and mix well with Daniels voice and the music. Every song on the album is enjoyable. The best track is # 69 "You Don't Care" but 1, 4, 5, 7, and 9 are also cool! This is one for the fans of the punchy/pop music genre that is delivered with a smile and a tear.

-Sam Dillon



Buckwild Beat Me Silly Lobster Records Rating $\star \star \star$

It's good, it's punk, it's BUCK-WILD! Beat Me Silly is the band's



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first album, but they are no strangers to the music scene. They formed over two years ago but the four members all grew up together. Buckwild is signed to Lobster Records and both are based out of Santa Barbara Ca.

Two of the members, Shawn Dewey and Chris Flip, are also in another very popular punk band. Anyone with a knowledge of the current punk scene has heard of the record label Fat Wreck Chords (especially if you read the Chanticleer regularly). If you are a fan of the punk scene then it should come as a pleasant surprise to find out that Dewey and Flip are from the group Lagwagon. Lagwagon's album Hoss made my top 15 list of albums for 1996.

Beat Me Silly includes nine original tracks and one super-duper cover of the song "Happy Together." You Lagwagon fans will not be disappointed by this album. It is not Lagwagon with a different name. It is, however, darn tootin' good! It's got that classic pop oriented punk sound but it is not quite as harsh as Lagwagon. Another interesting yet strange point is that almost all the lyrics on the insert are written in what appears to be Chinese.

-Sam Dillon



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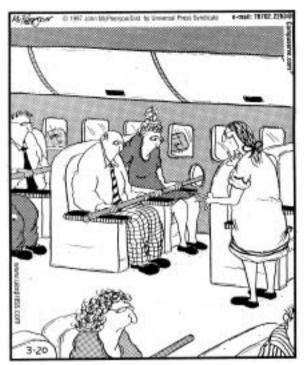


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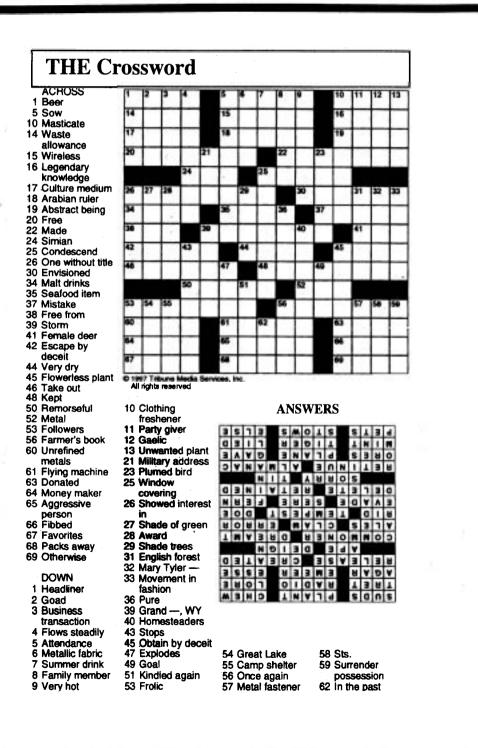
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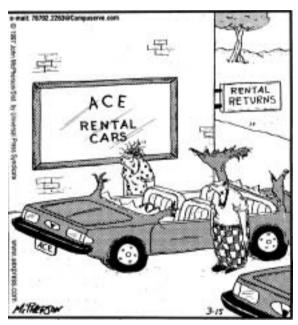


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--Rachel Riddell

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Gamecock baseball team continues winning

by Shannon Fagan Sports writer

Coach Rudy Abbott's baseball team has won seven consecutive games to improve its record to 16-5. The Gamecocks aren't just winning at home, they've compiled an ímpressive 8-2 road record.

Jax State traveled to Nashville, Tenn., March 11 to face the Vanderbilt Commodores. First baseman Mike Garner led the Gamecock attack with three hits and three RBIs, as JSU took a 6-4 victory.

hits and a run scored for the Gamecocks.

three hits.

Senior pitcher Ricky Collins kept his record perfect, earning his third win of the season. Collins pitched over seven innings against Vandy, striking out four. The Commodores were held scoreless until the seventh when they exploded for four runs, but it wasn't enough as the Gamecockas held on for the win.

Gamecocks beat UT-Martin

The Gamecocks returned home March 12 Second baseman Roby Brooks added two and beat the University of Tennessee-Martin, 5-1. Pitcher J.R. Allen went the

Center fielder Melvin Springs powered out distance for Jax State recording six strike outs. Allen upped his record to a perfect 5-0.

> Brooks led the JSU bats with two hits and two runs. Wes Brooks added two hits and Darron Edwards accounted for another Gamecock run. UT-Martin scored its only run in the ninth inning.

JSU overwhelms Faulkner

Jax State continued its winning ways Saturday, as they defeated Faulkner University 15-2. The Gamecocks hammered 16 hits.

Pitcher Bryan Williamson threw eight powerful innings for the Gamecocks, striking out seven.

Edwards led the Jax State bats with three hits leading to three runs. Drue Snow, Scott Green, Brooks and Springs each had two runs off Faulkner pitchers.

Faulkner managed only a run in the seventh and one in the ninth. The Gamecocks travel to Birmingham to face Samford, Friday at 2 p.m. They take on the Bulldogs again Saturday in a double-header with the first game beginning at noon. Jax State's next home game is Monday against Georgia Southern at 2 p.m.

Rachel Riddell, a key to Lady Gamecock success

by Rebecca Matanic

Sports editor

Senior pitcher, outfielder, third baseman Rachel Riddell is a key to coach Jana McGinnis' Lady Gamecocks defending the Trans America Athletic Conference Championship.

Although McGinnis entered the season with plenty of returning talent and some outstanding recruits, she also said good-bye to five starting seniors who were instrumental in the Gamecocks 46-11 run and NCAA Tournament appearance last season.

Riddell entered this season as a leader on the mound, at the plate and on and off the field. She has not disappointed, despite nagging bursitis in her pitching shoulder. The injury has been frustrating, Riddell admits, but not because of physical pain, rather mental stress due to losing speed on her pitches.

"As a pitcher I want to end up strong and pitching as fast as I possibly can," she says. "I was

pitching so hard in the fall and I felt like I gained speed, and I was pitching even harder when we came back in January."

It was during pre-season practice that Riddell first experienced pain in her shoulder.

"All of a sudden a couple of sharp pains showed up in my shoulder. It was just like bang," she says, adding that when it first occurred she thought little of it. "The second time it happened, I thought well maybe this should be looked at.

"I consider this my last year. I've got to do it

now," Riddell says. "And, that's where the pain comes from mentally. There's Ibuprofen and ice for pain inside the shoulder." Despite the injury, which she receives daily

treatments for, Riddell believes the worst thing she can do is let up.

"I have to leave it all out on the field," Riddell says. "Coach has been trying to keep me up. She knows that as a senior and with all the experience I've had with softball, I can keep myself up, but there are days when I get really frustrated with



Riddell says this season has been more intense for the Lady Gamecocks.

"The pressure is on. We won (the TAAC) last year," she says. "Now we have to prove ourselves. Even though we lost five seniors, and they happened to be all starters, (we must prove) that we can come back and be tough and be competitive in the TAAC."

She says beyond keeping her inspired, McGinnis has a knack for keeping the whole team motivated.

"I think she gives the best pep talks of any coach," Riddell says of McGinnis. "I don't know if she sits down and writes them or what. Before games and even after games depending on how well or how badly we did she's really good at just a pep talk. She just says the right things psychologically to get you ready for a game."

Riddell came to JSU as a junior college transfer from Lake City Community College in Florida. She started her college career at NCAA Division II, University of Wisconsin-Parkside. She is a communication major scheduled to graduate in December.

"I feel like I'm a pretty versatile person. I chose communications at JSU because I like to write," she says.

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sweeps Samford Bulldogs Gamecock softball team

by Rebecca Matanic

Sports editor

The JSU softball team swept a doubleheader against the Samford Bulldogs, Saturday improving its record to 4-2 in the Trans America Athletic Conference and 13-7 overall.

Senior Rachel Riddell pitched a complete game four-hitter as the Gamecocks took the first game 8-0. Riddell struck out four while walking none.

"We played a good defensive game," coach Jana McGinnis said. "We played a good overall game."

The Gamecocks exploded in their half of the second inning, scoring six runs on five hits

"We hit the ball. We batted well," McGinnis said. "We can still hit better."

Riddell led the Jax State offensive attack with two hits and three RBIs. Right fielder Jori Epler added two hits and drove in one run with a double.

Jax State tacked on two more runs in the fourth. Freshman shortstop Julie Boland opened the inning with a single and then stole second base. Riddell doubled Boland home. Epler followed with a double scoring Riddell.

JSU overcomes Samford lead

After the Lady Gamecocks took a early three run lead in the night cap, the Bulldogs rallied for seven runs in the fourth inning to take a 7-3 advantage.

"We let up intensity wise," McGinnis said. "We made a lot of errors in that second game, that kept them in the ball game."

Jax State responded to the Samford challenge scoring three runs in the fifth. Christine Tucker started the inning by reaching on an error. Boland followed with a fielder's choice. Riddell and Epler smashed consecutive singles to load the bases with one out.

Jennifer Russo hit into a fielder's choice leading to two Gamecock runs on an error by the Samford third baseman. Teri Moore followed with a sacrifice sending Epler home for Jax State's third run of the inning.

"The second pitcher Samford pitched, to me, was a little bit better than the first one. What that tells me is, Samford was hoping for a split," McGinnis said.

The Gamecocks added three more runs in the sixth on singles from Tucker, Boland and Epler. Pitcher Renee LeGrande, who relieved starter Julie Kish after the Bulldogs

seven run rally, held Samford scoreless for the final three innings to give Jax State the 9-7 victory.

"One thing I was proud of was that one inning when they scored all their runs, seven runs, our team responded the next inning and scored three runs to bring it within a one run game," McGinnis said. "A team like Samford, I was telling the girls, that if you let them hang around their confidence is going to rise."

LeGrande improved to 5-3 on the season. The losses dropped Samford to 5-21 on the season.

The Gamecocks have reached the midpoint of their season. McGinnis said that although she is pleased with her team's performance, she is still looking for improve-

Lady Gamecock tennis improves with weekend wins

by Rebecca Matanic Sports Editor

The JSU women's tennis team improved to 5-6 on the season with victories against Centenary and Southeastern Louisiana University Friday and Saturday in Birmingham.

The Gamecocks defeated the Southeastern Louisiana Lions 6-1. JSU won all of the matches except the number one singles where Soledad Galindez dropped her match to Simona Nestorostova 6-2, 6-2. JSU's Upeka Wijeratne took the number two singles with a 1-6, 7-5, 7-5 victory over Judith de Rooii.

Carmen Garcia won her match against Maria Faisal 6-3, 6-2, and Emily Gong took the number four singles 6-1, 6-1 for Jax State.

Gamecock Chrissy Pietro overwhelmed Maghann Davy 6-1, 6-0, and Camilla Bourke took the number six match with a 6-3, 6-2 victory over Suzy Adams. Gong and Bourke teamed up to take the number three singles 8-3.

Galindez rebounded from her match against the Lions to defeat Centenary's Raigan Vowell 6-2, 6-3, Saturday. Wijeratne battled through another three set match for a 3-6, 6-3, 6-2 win. Garcia won at the number three singles 7-5, 6-1.

Gong won her match 6-2, 6-3. Pietro suffered a 6-0, 6-0 defeat, while Burke won 6-4, 6-0. The Lady Gamecocks start play today in the Hilton Head Invitational which runs through Saturday

JSU men fall 4-3 to SLU

The Jax State men's tennis team dropped to 2-10 on the season with a 4-3 loss to Southeastern Louisiana University, Friday.

Senior Alvaro Ballesteros led the Gamecocks at the number one singles with a 6-4, 4-6, 6-2 victory over Chris Novbye. Steve Taylor won at the number three singles, 61, 5-7, 6-1 over Chad Warren. Alvaro Restrepo defeated Jesse Hawkins in the number five match 6-4, 1-6, 6-2.

John Jacobson dropped the number two match 4-6, 1-6. Peter Brown lost his match 3-6, 6-1 and Erwin Deman dropped the number six match 4-6, 1-6.

The Gamecock number one doubles team of Ballesteros and Jacobson won 8-4. The Gamecocks host Mercer University, Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.



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Originally from Illinois, Riddell says that at this time she is open to re-locating again once she graduates. "I'm happy to be in the southeast,

because I like it around here, but if

there's something back home, I'll take it," Riddell says. "It would be something to be close to (my) mom and dad," Riddell says of moving back to the midwest.

Riddell plans to pursue a career in either journalism or public relations, but adds that coaching softball also looms in her future.

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school or junior college, or even college, maybe someday," Riddell says. She added quickly that she sees coaching her own children as a realistic possibility.

"But, if I have a little girl, or a little boy, I'm up for coaching them." In the meantime, Riddell hopes to lead the Gamecocks to another TAAC title and the NCAA Tournament.

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"Coming into the season my goal was to see a totally different team from the fall," McGinnis said. "I have seen that.'

"My second goal is midway through the season we wouldn't be making the little minor mistakes. Now as a team and the chemistry of the team, it's there," McGinnis

downs at times, and if we're going to win a conference championship, you can't have that." The Gamecocks are currently in first place in the TAAC West

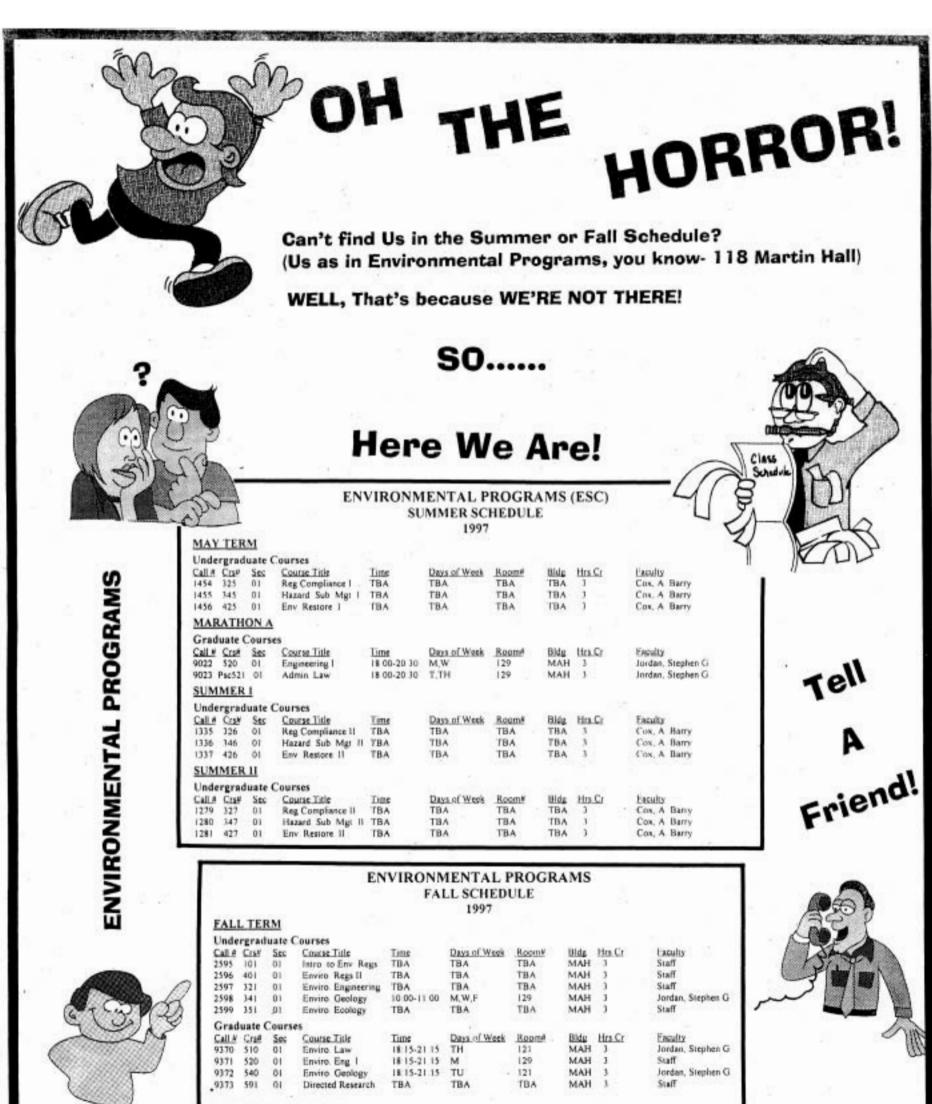
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