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IN THE *News*

LOS ANGELES (L.A. Times) - Monday night the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences surprised many industry watchers by awarding Oscars to many who came from outside Hollywood. The undisputed winner of the night was "The English Patient" which took home nine of the twelve awards for which it was nominated. Among the night's biggest surprises was the failure of Hollywood legend Lauren Bacall to take home the Best Supporting Actress Oscar for her critically-acclaimed role in "The Mirror Has Two Faces."

HONOLULU (Honolulu Star-Bulletin) - Geologists say there is a remote risk that a large chunk of Kilauea volcano may slide into the ocean, which could trigger a gigantic tsunami. Researchers say a large slab of volcanic rock - 12 miles long, 6 miles wide, and 5.4 miles deep - is creeping into the ocean, and that it could slump into the Pacific. This could create a tsunami larger than any seen in historic times, up to 990 feet high. Scientists say that Reunion Island in the Indian Ocean, and an island in the Canary chain in the Atlantic also hold the potential for the same sort of devastating landslide.

MIAMI (Miami Herald) - Pilot Linda Finch is attempting to complete the around-the-equator trip that Amelia Earhart was attempting when she disappeared almost 60 years ago. Finch started the flight in Oakland, Calif. 60 years after Earhart began her journey. Monday Finch will depart the U.S. from Dade County, the same place that marked Earhart's final departure from American soil in 1937.

TRENTON, Ga. (Chattanooga Free Press) Monday night, three ninth graders learned the hard way that placing a virus in school computers is a serious offense, which could possibly be prosecuted as a felony. School officials say that they will not press charges, since the three are not normally troublemakers. The damage caused by the tampering totaled over \$5000 in repairs.

PHILADELPHIA (Philadelphia Daily News) - A car chase on Monday left a police officer and the driver of the car being chased seriously injured. Police say that the car ran a red light and then proceeded to flee from police. The two men were wounded in a gunfight that ensued when the car was finally brought to a halt. The alleged gunman is said to be in extremely critical condition at Allegheny Hospitals-Hahnemann, while the policeman was in serious but stable condition at the same hospital.

JSU plans renovations of Hammond

by Jeana Miller
News writer

This summer, the University is planning to repair and renovate parts of Hammond Hall.

One major improvement on the building will be the replacement of part of the roof which has been leaking for some time. Inside the gallery, the University is planning to replace some floor and ceiling tiles, repaint walls, and install a state-of-the-art full-spectrum lighting system.

Charles Groover, Head of the Art Department, is happy the University is doing the renovations which the building has needed for quite a while. He is especially excited about the gallery because it is the most public area of the building.

"We have well over a thousand people who go through our gallery every year (and we want to) present our best face," he explained.

The faculty and staff in Hammond Hall plan to move out of the building in April, and work should begin in May and be completed sometime in August. Administrative offices currently located in Hammond Hall will move to Daugette Hall. Classes and faculty offices for May and Summer terms will move to Stone Center.

Groover thinks the repairs will improve the quality of education for art students. The new lighting system will provide even and color-corrected light for art classes. Groover remarked, "Any time... the facility (is) better the learning process and the teaching process is better."

Art major Carrie Willoughby thinks the



Last week, workmen began renovating Hammond Hall, which is the home of JSU's art department and art gallery. The University is also planning additional campus renovations. Tamara Miles

Hammond Hall repairs are essential as long as the University doesn't cut programs. "The environment (in which) a student gets an education is important, but the education is the most important thing," she said.

The Hammond Hall repairs are just one of a series of routine maintenance projects the University is doing. Don Thacker, Acting Vice President of Administrative and Business Affairs, explains that about two years ago, the State Legislature allocated a small amount of bond money to the Universities.

With its part of the money JSU has been

doing small repairs in campus buildings including some electrical upgrades in Ayers Hall, roof repairs on the Information Center, and a new air conditioning system for the International House.

The University is currently replacing part of the roof on Abercrombie, so it can be used in the future for offices. The University will use the remainder of the bond money to do the repairs in Hammond Hall and possibly some similar work in Ramona Wood. Martin Hall will be the next building to receive major renovation.

JSU students love international cuisine fair

by Rachel Riddell
News writer

"The food went so fast, I am still hungry," said Suman Silwal, former International Student Organization (ISO) President. Saturday night's International Tasters' Fair was a success with food disappearing much quicker than people expected.

This year's ISO Tasters' Fair was held at Anders Roundhouse where tasters were welcomed in many languages when they arrived. Malcolm Davidson, ISO President, was the MC for the fair. Students and volunteers dressed in colorful costumes from their native lands.

Many entrees representing Africa, Asia,

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International students and alumni participated in a panel discussion Monday night as International Week concluded. Tamara Miles

CAMPUS CRIME DOCKET

- 3-14-97 Sheila Marie Taylor reported theft of property at Merrill Hall.
 3-15-97 Gregory Alan Newman, 19, of LeGrange, GA was arrested at Mountain Street and charged with DUI.
 3-15-97 Tyrone Luquence Malone reported theft of property at Dixon Hall.
 3-16-97 Scott Williams reported assault at Jack Hopper Dining Hall.
 3-16-97 Marcelino Javier Auiles, 20, of Athens, GA was arrested at Mountain and charged with DUI.
 3-18-97 Tara Blankenship reported criminal mischief at Houston Cole Library.
 3-18-97 Chandria Nicole Lang reported harassment at Pete Matthews Coliseum track.
 3-19-97 Juan Cruze Caceres, 22, of Jacksonville was arrested at Forney Avenue and charged with third degree assault.
 3-20-97 Jennifer Ellen Mitcham reported harassing communications at Weatherly Hall.
 3-20-97 Patsy Sartain Meadows reported theft of property at Brewer Hall.
 3-20-97 UPD reported DUI at Old Gadsden Road.
 3-20-97 Bobby Gene Taylor, 26, of Jacksonville was arrested at Old Gadsden Highway and charged with DUI.
 3-20-97 UPD reported DUI at Forney and Mountain.
 3-20-97 William Chad Messer, 18, of Anniston was arrested at Forney and Mountain and charged with DUI.
 3-20-97 UPD reported possession of marijuana and minor in possession of alcohol at Mountain Street.
 3-20-97 Landas Torrez Davis, 18, of Midfield, AL was arrested at Mountain Street and charged with possession of 2nd degree marijuana and minor in possession of alcohol.
 3-20-97 Demetrus Michael Watts, 18, of Birmingham, AL was arrested at Mountain Street and charged with minor in possession of alcohol.
 3-21-97 UPD reported DUI at Forney Avenue and Cole Drive.
 3-21-97 Jacqueline Ann Hufman, 23, of Anniston was arrested at Forney Avenue and Cole Drive and charged with DUI.
 3-21-97 UPD reported DUI and consumption and possession of alcohol by a minor at Highway 21 and Highway 204.
 3-21-97 Jason Eric Baugh, 20, of Albertville, AL was arrested at Highway 204/Information Center parking lot and charged with DUI.
 3-21-97 Shane Allen Stone, 18, of Albertville, AL was arrested at Pelham Road North and Highway 204 and charged with a minor in possession of alcohol.
 3-21-97 Bradley Ray Ogle, 20, of Albertville, AL was arrested at Highway 204/ Information Center parking lot and charged with minor in possession of alcohol.
 3-21-97 Lance Barrett Kirkland, 19, of Albertville, AL was arrested at Highway 204/Information Center parking lot and charged with minor in possession of alcohol.
 3-21-97 Joshua Craig Corbin, 19, of Albertville, AL was arrested at the Information Center parking lot and charged with minor in possession of alcohol.
 3-22-97 Christopher Patrick Hobbs reported assault and criminal mischief at parking lot of the Information Center.
 3-23-97 UPD reported minor in possession of alcohol at Forney Avenue adjacent to Carolina.
 3-23-97 Keith Andrew Brown, 20, of Brandon, MS was arrested at Forney Avenue and charged with minor in possession of alcohol.

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Spring breakers take more risks

by Colleen DeBaise
College Press Services

Menomonie, Wis. Students drink more, use more drugs and engage in riskier sex while on spring break than at their own campuses.

That's what two University of Wisconsin-Stout professors discovered after surveying 800 spring breakers on a Florida beach in 1995.

Three out of four men and two out of five women reported being drunk every day, while a third of students said they used marijuana while on spring break, the professors said.

Also, men told the professors that they had more unprotected sex with new partners during break than they

typically had at home.

"Our findings are quite startling," said the survey authors, tourism professor Bharath Josiam and psychology professor Gorge L. Smeaton.

Well...maybe to them. Students, on the other hand, say the survey results are a pretty accurate reflection of fun-in-the-sun.

"It doesn't surprise me at all," said Howard Kalin, an Ohio State University senior. "The idea of spring break is based on partying. It makes a lot of sense."

Kalin spent his spring break on the beach in Jamaica. "I know me and my friends drank more than we normally do and used more drugs than we normally do," he said.

In their survey, the professors noted that alcohol and drug use are linked to a variety of negative consequences, from severe sunburn to car accidents to unwanted pregnancies.

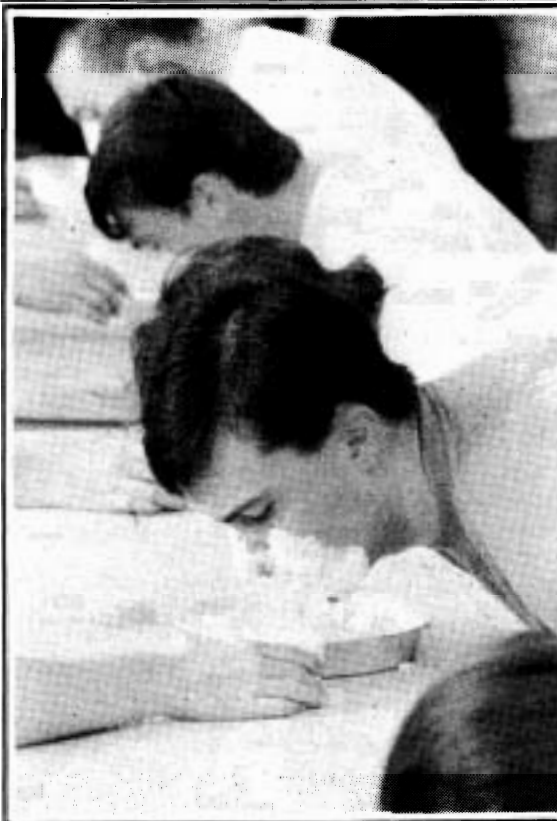
And, "with hundreds of thousands of people vacationing in one location, there is also a strong possibility of bringing back sexually transmitted diseases," Smeaton said.

But Kalin says that most students really aren't thinking about the consequences when they're away from campus.

"You don't have to worry about working. You have more free time," he said. "You can indulge a little bit more."



Tuesday, JSU's department of Military Science held their Spring Awards Ceremony. Cadet LTC Roddex G. Barlow received the Cadet Battalion Commander Award which was presented by Wayne Johnson of AmSouth Bank. Tamara Miles



This week JSU celebrates Greek Week. Tuesday, the brothers of Kappa Alpha dominated the events held at the Intramural field, though the sisters of Alpha Xi Delta took first place in the egg toss and the pie eating contest. Steven Wolfe

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Europe, Latin America, and North America, were prepared and served to the tasters.

As the food was sampled, experienced, and consumed, entertainment kept the crowd's attention. Student musicians from China and Colombia performed and created an ambient setting. Dancers from Gambia and Nepal bounced and swirled to a rhythmic beat that kept the on-lookers clapping. Some students also read poems in their native languages. Singers shared their songs and translated their meanings. Other students entertained with demonstrations followed by a speech emphasizing world peace.

Following the entertainment, students and volunteers displayed their native costumes in a brief fashion show. Over 15 countries were represented.

Afterwards, clean-up commenced and individuals came together to dance to the music.

The Tasters' Fair was the second event of International Week. The celebration began Friday night with a party at the International House. Sunday's International Week event was a faculty/student volleyball game which was held on the Quad, behind Bibb Graves. "Everybody was a winner. We had a great time," says Marlene Alvarez-Medina, ISO Vice-President.

International Week culminated Monday night with a panel discussion on the 11th floor of the Houston Cole Library. The guest speaker, who was from the General Counsel of the Japanese Consulate in Atlanta, discussed Japanese/American relations. Student representatives from Paraguay, Nepal, Bangladesh, and Scotland also participated in the panel discussion, speaking briefly about their countries, culture, values, religions, and government systems.

Organizational News and Announcements

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

Alpha Xi Delta

Congratulations to our new sisters!! You're all great! Congratulations to Nicole Tierney for being Sister of the Week. Congratulations to Amy Reaves for being New Member of the Week.

JSU Math Club

The JSU Math Club will have an organizational meeting Wednesday, April 9 at 4:30 p.m. in 309 Martin Hall to discuss activities for next year. Refreshments will be served. For more information contact Dr. Dodd at 782-5512 or 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.

RPG-Jacksonville

This April, RPG-Jacksonville will be sponsoring a game called Man-Hunt. For \$5, players search the JSU campus looking for clues that lead them to the identity and location of our fugitive. The first to catch the fugitive win cash prizes.

Registration is this Thursday at 3 p.m. on the third floor of the TMB, Friday at 5 p.m., and Monday, April 7 at 5 p.m. The game will be held on Sunday, April 13 at 2 p.m. You must pre-register to play. For more information call RPG-Jacksonville at 782-7074

Announcements

•JSU's Creative Writing Class announces its poetry reading Tuesday April 8, 1997 at 8 p.m. The public is invited.

•JSU will be hosting the State of Alabama Odyssey of the Mind competition on April 12, 1997. Volunteers are needed to help with various events throughout the day. Volunteers are also needed for April 11 to get ready for the competition. For more information contact Kathy Forster at 435-8604 or Gary Brown at 435-7057.

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

•Attention Veterans—Please come by the VA office, room 101, Bibb Graves Hall to fill out a May Term card, Summer I, Summer II, Marathon A or B, and Fall. Failure to do this will result in termination

of your benefits.

•The Little River Canyon Field School announces an Archeological Tour of Little River Canyon and Cherokee County April 12, 1997 at DeSoto State Park Nature Center from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. There is a \$3.00 per person fee.

•Introduction to White Water Canoeing April 19, 1997 in front of Bibb Graves Hall, JSU from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. There is a \$35.00 fee plus a water craft rental fee at \$30 for each two man canoe.

•An Archeological Tour of Calhoun County will be at the Anniston Museum of Natural History from 9 a.m.-12 p.m April 19, 1997. There is a fee of \$3.00 per person. For more information or to register call Angela Morgan at (205) 782-5697.

•Gorge Yourself: A Deep Canyon Hike, which will be held on April 26 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., will be a vigorous day of hiking in Little River Canyon. Hiking boots or sturdy shoes should be worn on this excursion through some of the canyon's most beautiful scenery. Participants should pack a lunch, snacks, and a liter of something to drink. The hike will be followed by a cookout. Pre-registration and \$10 fee is required. Call Angela at 782-5697 or e-mail at Irc@jsucc.jsu.edu for more information.

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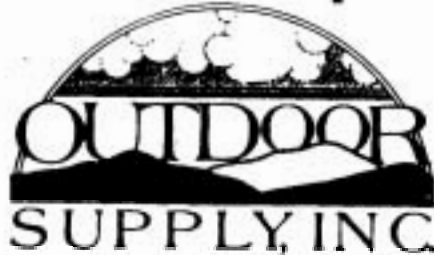
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Arts and Entertainment

The Floyds tear down the walls at Brothers

by Robert Ray
A&E writer

Self proclaiming lovers of Bon Jovi may not be what you expect to hear from a band coming to Jacksonville but *The Floyds* are an exception to norm. The four members of *The Floyds*-Butch Walker (vocals/guitar), Jayce Fincher (bass), Chrystina Llorece (vocals/keys), and Mitch "Slug" McLee (drums)-hail from everywhere from Georgia to L.A.. They came to J'ville to throw down at Brothers last Thursday. I was lucky enough to have them stop by 92J for biscuits, tea, and a little warm conversation.

Robert Ray: How did everything go the last time you played in town?

Butch Walker: The first time we played here it was surprising. We played to a lot more people than we thought we would, for the first time in. It was a good crowd. Brothers was packed and the people came up to the front of the stage. We did what we always do. To pull out all

the clichés - it was in your face high energy high adrenaline sweaty rock show.

Chrystina Llorece: We were surprised because they were so responsive hearing a band they probably hadn't heard before. With us being an all original band, which is sometimes difficult because they (college students) are use to hearing cover bands which is cool but...you know.

R.R.: You have got to have some variety every once in a while.

Jayce Fincher: We cover our own stuff (laughs)...every night, really!

B.W.: We put a show that is rockin' and it will throw you back. If you get involved you'll have more fun than you've had all year.

R.R.: You are an original band but you do have a cover on your album.

I have to say I love the intro. You blatantly admit that you enjoy listening to Bon Jovi.

C.L.: It's all about our roots baby. We have to pay tribute!

B.W.: We are all children of the 70's and 80's, we are all about roots! We thought putting a cover on the record would be funny. We

didn't expect to record the song though. It happened at the end of the recording session and we were all about four sheets into the wind



and decided to bust loose with a cover of "Rio" (by Duran Duran). It is completely out of context to what we sound like normally but we figured that we would throw it down and see what it would sound like. It came out so funny and cool that we decided to leave it and play it live.

C.L.: People love it, they really like it a lot!

R.R.: What is the history of the band?

B.W.: *The Floyds* started out four years ago, but the three of us guys had been playing together for ten years, since high school. We knew Chrys from a solo thing she was doing out in L.A. so we all got together and moved back to Atlanta. We have been touring ever since, doing it our own way. **The do-it-yourself way.**

R.R.: When did your album come out?

C.L.: This latest album came out in January. We have been touring non-stop this year to promote it. We have a couple more months of touring to go, then we will take the summer off. We haven't had a summer off in four years. We have been doing about 250 shows a year in over 30 states and we have passed the warranty on our bodies.

R.R.: How do you stay fresh and go on night after night?

B.W.: We shower a lot. We have a hard time getting enough sleep so we have become very disciplined to get enough sleep every night. By the time we get on stage and start playing, it's too much fun. It turns

into complete chaos! When people come out to see us play, that's reason enough.

C.L.: We have all been touring forever. Your body gets use to it after a while.

R.R.: Do you enter new stuff during a show?

B.W.: We're not scared to do anything. If somebody yells out "Freebird" we'll do it until we train-wreck it!

J.F.: We've been playing together so long we can just do stuff like that.

B.W.: We come across lookin' pretty damn cool sometimes.

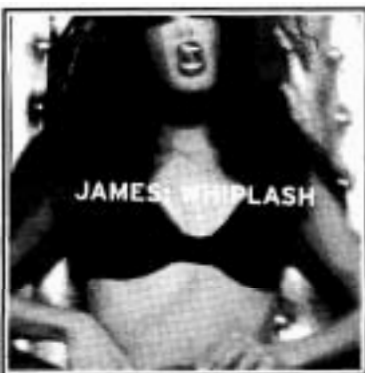
R.R.: How has the audience response been?

B.W.: The urban crowd is a little more stand-offish. The college crowds are always so much more ready to get involved.

C.L.: Big city people are a lot more jaded. They would rather sit there and look cool. If they do we usually bash them.

J.F.: We like people to get in our faces as much as we're in theirs!

Ear Candy: James, Humble Gods, and Jungle Music

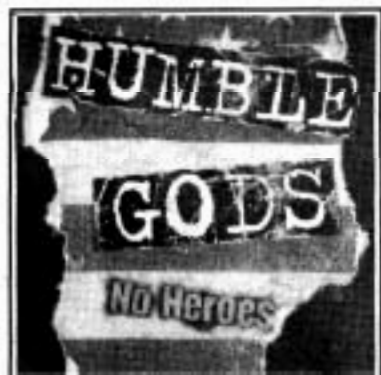


James
Whiplash
Fontana/Mercury
★★★★
by Sam Dillon

While they may not sell as many albums as *Oasis* or have as much hype as *Blur*, James is still the best band to come over the Atlantic since *Pink Floyd*. With their new album, "Whiplash," James really has a chance to take over the pop music market with their blend of pop tunes, Tim Booth's wonderfully haunting vocals, and some drum-machine danceability thrown in.

Fans of James have always known that the band changes their sound like the wind but that every time that they release a new album you can bet on being surprised and pleased. "Whiplash" does not disappoint. From the open track "Tomorrow" to

the beautifully crafted "Go To The Back" and on into the final track "Blue Pastures" James has released an album for the masses. This is by far one of the most enjoyable releases of the year so far. It's not strange like *Blur* or pompous like *Oasis*. It's just straight forward ambient pop from England's best kept secret...until now.



Humble Gods
No Heroes
Hollywood Records
★★★1/2
by Sam Dillon

Punk Rawk!!!! Those two simple words sum up the major label debut by the *Humble Gods* better than anything else I could come up with. This isn't that cookie-cutter crap that's been forced down throats by MTV. This is adrenaline-pumped, fuel-for-fire, rebellion anthems. Songs like "Lied And Cheated," "American Dream,"

and a cover of the Tom Petty classic "American Girl" show how diverse and destructive these guys really are. Pick this one up and watch *Green Day* die.

However, with all that said, there is one sad note to this record. It features the final recording of Humble Gods/Pennywise bassist Jason Thirsk. So anyone who has any love of punk tradition will definitely want to get this one because Thirsk was one of the best bass players around and he will be greatly missed.



Various
Jungle: Sound of the Underground
SOUR/Columbia
★★★

by Thomas Webb
Providing a cross-sample of artists in the electronica sub-genre of jungle, this disc provides both an introduction to jungle for the uninitiated and an

enjoyable sampler of the artists on the upstart British label SOUR.

The songs on this album are multi-layered, full of chunky beats and drum machines gone crazy. There are snippets of dialogue buried under the layers of fast-paced music, often reverbed to echo the music that surrounds it. The rhythm of most of the tracks changes often, keeping you guessing

as to what will come next. This album certainly bears out this style. The songs are each a unique musical journey, but they mesh very well.

Overall, this is a great album, especially for those who are looking for an introduction to jungle. This is an innovative new musical form that one can only hope will blow up big in the U.S.

Concert Corner

Atlanta

The Masquerade
March 28 The Urge
March 29 Orange
9mm/Unsane
April 4 Nuno Bettencourt
April 9 The Buisness/Warzone

The Point

March 27 Bloodhound Gang/
Nerfherder
March 31 Railroad Jerk/
Speedball Baby

The Roxy

April 3 The Mighty
Mighty Bostones/
Pietasters/H2O
April 10 Big Head Todd
& The Monsters
April 14 Kula Shaker

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“
I want all of the
students to come back
and be part of it
--Coach Williams
”
SEE BELOW



Wes Brooks rounds first base during a recent Gamecock game. Ed Hill

JSU sweeps Samford

by Shannon Fagan
Sports writer

Jax State opened the conference season with a three-game sweep of in-state rival Samford last weekend. The Gamecocks continued their winning ways with a 4-0 victory over Georgia Southern, Monday to improve their overall record to 21-6.

The Gamecocks opened the three game series against Samford, Friday in Birmingham. Jax State pitcher Bryan Williamson struck out 13 Bulldogs, allowing only three hits in nine innings as the Gamecocks rolled to a 6-3 victory.

Wes Brooks led the JSU bats with three hits

and two RBI. Clarence Prothro added two hits and two runs for the Gamecocks.

Mike Garner and Roby Brooks each hit home runs in the first game of Saturday's double-header to lead JSU to a 7-6 win. Garner and Brooks finished with two runs each for the game.

Shortstop Bert Higgins went 2-3 driving in three runs for the Gamecocks. Lee Hinkson pitched six innings for Jax State, striking out five. J.R. Allen relieved Hinkson and pitched the rest of the way to earn his second save of the season.

Allen returned to the mound in the second game and earned his sixth victory of the season. See Baseball page 7

Lady Gamecocks improve to 6-2 in conference play

by Rebecca Matanic
Sports editor

Coach Jana McGinnis' softball team improved to 6-2 in the TAAC and 17-7 overall with a 13-8, 6-1 sweep of the Centenary Ladies, Monday at University Field.

The Gamecocks jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first inning of the opening game. Centenary pitcher Robin Hill held Jax State scoreless for the next three innings.

Centenary scored its first two runs of the game in the fourth to cut the Gamecock lead to one. The Ladies tacked on four more runs in the fifth and drove JSU ace Rachel Riddell from the mound to take a 6-3 lead.

"We made a lot of errors," McGinnis said.

JSU responded in its half of the fifth with five runs. Trisha White led off the inning

with a single. Rhonda Freeman followed with a single sending pinch runner Tifanie Cain to second. Christine Tucker added another single to load the bases for the Gamecocks.

Shortstop Julie Boland flied to center for the first out. Riddell came through with a single driving in Cain and Freeman to tie the game.

"Thank goodness our bats were going. Thank goodness we were scoring runs to make up for those errors," McGinnis said of the Gamecock rally.

Jori Epler grounded out advancing the runners. Jennifer Harbison smashed a single driving in Tucker and Riddell. Harbison advanced to second on a Centenary throw to the plate. Jennifer Russo followed with another single, driving in Harbison and giv-

ing the Gamecocks a 8-6 advantage.

"I was very proud of the way our hitters responded," McGinnis said.

Junior Julie Kish, who relieved Riddell in the fifth held the Ladies scoreless in the sixth. The Lady Gamecocks added insurance in the sixth with five more runs. Tucker started the JSU inning with a double. Boland, Riddell and Epler contributed singles. Harbison delivered the decisive blow with a two RBI triple.

Centenary, added two runs in the seventh on two hits and one Gamecock error.

Kish leads Gamecocks in 6-1 win

Even after nearly two innings of relief work in the first game, Kish had enough strength in her arm to go the distance in the

night cap as the Lady Gamecocks shutdown the Centenary offense for a 6-1 win.

Kish struck out two, walked none and allowed only six hits in earning her seventh win.

"I can't say enough about how Julie Kish has responded," McGinnis said. "She finished the (first) game, she closed the game (first), and then she came back and pitched a full game allowing one run. That is a great job and we're going to need that."

The bats of Boland, Riddell, Epler and Harbison gave the Gamecocks an early three run lead. Boland and Epler each slapped singles in the first, Riddell doubled and Harbison added her second triple of the day, driving in a run.

"These are big wins for us. This team

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Williams hopes for more student involvement

by Rebecca Matanic
Sports editor

Jax State football coach Mike Williams has been a very busy man since taking the reins of the Gamecock football program. Despite spring practice, getting to know his team, setting down player rules and standards and implementing a new offense and defensive adjustments, Williams is also focused on student body involvement.

Williams says that although the season is months away, he and his coaching staff have many ideas to increase the fan base of the Gamecocks, including a possible tailgate area for students.

"I want all of the students to come back and be part of it," Williams says. "We've got a great athletic program here. We've got a great band here. We've got every single thing that you would look for to be entertained on the weekend."

Williams says that the program is making

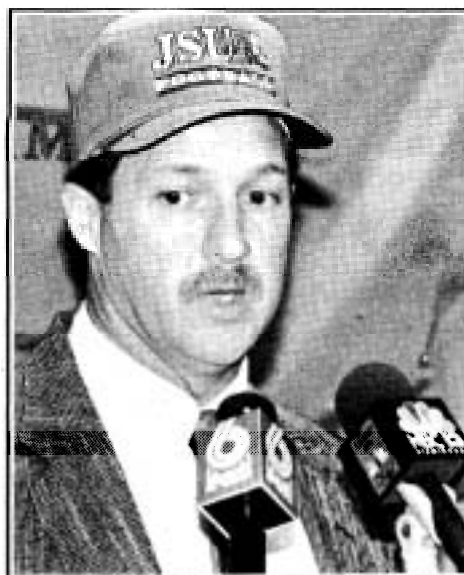
steps towards keeping students on campus over the weekends.

"We want to get the fraternities and sororities involved and have them challenge one another to see how many they can get to the ballgames," Williams says. "We will try to do something for them in the future. My plans are to assign a coach to a fraternity and a sorority and have them visit them."

Williams added that he is also looking into musical entertainment to draw more fans. Even though he is focused on the JSU community's involvement in Gamecock athletics, Williams knows the biggest draw is a winning team.

The Gamecocks are completing their 15 days of allowed spring practice. Williams says he has seen many positives, but a lack of depth concerns him the most.

"I think our players have accepted us as their new coaching staff, and they've shown us they're willing to work and do the things we've asked them to do," Williams says. "I



think the thing that is the most positive right now is just our general attitude."

"Obviously, the thing that I'm tremendously concerned about is depth, at every position.

Offensive line and defensive line are the two positions that I'm most concerned about at this time, but we don't have depth at any of the positions that you would like to have."

Williams plans to open up the Gamecock offense with increased passing. He says the defense will remain a 4-3, but he is adding wrinkles intended to confuse Jax State opponents.

"After practicing six days I'm convinced that we do have quarterbacks that can throw, receivers that can catch, as well as backs, and I think our offensive line is going to continue to improve and be good at protecting our quarterback," Williams says.

"You'll see our defense blitz a little bit more than they have in the past," Williams says. "We'll change coverages up a lot more in the secondary than they have in the past. In general you'll just see a lot more movement out of our defense."

Williams and the coaching staff have also See Williams page 7



The Gamecock's Soledad Galindez returns in a recent match at JSU. The Gamecock men's and women's tennis teams host Berry College today at 1:30 p.m.

Gamecock Calendar



Baseball

March 28 vs. Samford, 2 p.m.
 March 29 vs. Samford, 12 & 2p.m.
 April 2 at Troy State, 6 p.m.
 April 4 at S.E. Louisiana, 5 & 7 p.m.
 April 5 at S.E. Louisiana 12 p.m.
 April 8 at Tennessee Tech 5 p.m.
 April 9 vs. Georgia State, 6 p.m.

Softball

March 28 vs. Southeastern Louisiana, 3 p.m.
 April 7 vs. Samford, 3 p.m.
 April 8 at Troy State, 3 p.m.
 April 12 at Centenary, 2 p.m.

Men's Golf

April 4-5 at Tennessee State Intercollegiate
 April 21-22 TAAC Championship

Women's Golf

April 14-15 at TAAC Championship

Tennis

March 27 vs. Berry College, 1:30 p.m.
 March 31 at Central Florida, 1 p.m.
 April 1 at Stetson University, 2:30 p.m.
 April 4-5 at Alabama State Invitational, Montgomery, Ala.
 April 10-12 TAAC Tournament, Macon, Ga.

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Sports Briefs

The JSU's women's golf team finished fifth in the Gamecock classic this week at Silver Lakes Golf Course. Troy State University won the classic with a plus 52, 628. Jax State finished at 651. Erin Elias led the Gamecocks with a fifth place finish and a two-round score of 157. Vicki Hanks tied for

sixth at 158. Marie Mattfolk finished tied for 17th place with a score of 165. Suzanne Westling of Troy State won the individual honors with a score of 147. The Lady Gamecocks are scheduled to compete in the TAAC Championships, April 14-15.



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son as the Gamecocks won 9-3. Wes Brooks and Ricky Collins homered for JSU. Brooks and Collins drove in three runs each to lead the Gamecock bats.

Gamecocks humble UAB

The Gamecocks routed the University of Alabama-Birmingham blazers 7-0 in their first home night game of the season March 26. Jax State pitching held UAB to just five hits on the

evening. Hinkson pitched the first five innings, before being relieved by Allen.

Second baseman Roby Brooks led the offense with three hits. Left fielder Dean Friery and center fielder Melvin Springs added two RBIs apiece. The Gamecocks slammed 14 hits for the game.

Austin Peay beats JSU

After an easy victory over the Blazers, the Gamecocks traveled to Clarksville, Tenn. to face Austin

Peay. The Gamecocks led after six innings, then the roof caved in

Austin Peay rallied for nine runs in the seventh on its way to a 11-9 victory. JSU was led by the Brooks' brothers, who each went deep for the Gamecocks.

Prothro added two hits. Blaine Douglass lost his first game of the season as the Gamecocks saw their eight-game winning streak halted.

The Gamecocks host Samford, Friday at 2 p.m. and again on Saturday for a double-header beginning at noon.

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(Centenary) is a good little hitting team," McGinnis said.

Jax State added three more runs in the fifth on hits by Riddell, Russo and Teri Moore and an error by Centenary.

The Ladies scored their only run of the game in the seventh, on two hits and one Gamecock error.

JSU down to two pitchers

Riddell and Kish will need to continue their strong pitching as JSU's third pitcher, sophomore Renee LeGrande quit the team Saturday. LeGrande left the team for personal reasons.

Although LeGrande's absence will

require more mound work for Kish and Riddell, McGinnis says her team will continue to do well.

The Lady Gamecocks final regular season home game is April 7 against Samford at 3 p.m. If Jax State maintains its lead in the TAAC West Division, it will host the TAAC Tournament, April 24-26.

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implemented their academic philosophy. Williams says that the number one thing for one of his players to do at Jacksonville State is to earn his degree.

"We have several policies in place to help them get their degree. Number one we've mandated that they attend all their classes," Williams says. "We've incorporated a study hall for any student that has a below 2.0 GPA, or any semester he makes below a 2.0 we'll go with a study hall the remainder of that semester."

The study halls are held four nights a week and supervised by members of the Gamecock coaching staff. Williams emphasized that the 90 minute sessions are produc-

tive and tutors are available for players.

"We're giving them the tools to be successful. Our approach to our players is, if you go to class and you turn your work in on time and your respectful to the professor and you make a great effort, you're going to do well."

"When you get you're degree and Dr. McGee hands you that diploma you're a smart person all of a sudden. Within ten seconds you've become a very educated person, you're an intelligent person all of a sudden, and that opens up a lot of doors for you."

Williams' hard work and talent has opened the door for him at JSU.

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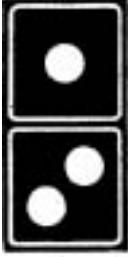
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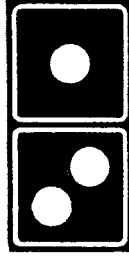
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