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Adolfo Sanchez plans to go to New Orleans for the holidays.

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Some JSU students must find temporary homes for holidays

by Donna Huff
News Writer

Thanksgiving Holiday means a lot of things to students but to some it means trying to find a temporary home.

For the over 1200 Students who live on campus, holidays mean their dorm closes. The dorms will close on November 26 at 6:00 p.m. and reopen at 12:00 p.m. on November 30.

Most students will go home to share the holiday with friends and family, but what about those who don't want to eat turkey or can't make the trip home?

JSU has an alternative. If students request housing the university will open Salls Hall, says Ray Creel, Director of Housing.

According to Creel the second and third floor will be opened for a small fee to students who are staying in Jacksonville. He says the fee was \$10 last year and will probably be the same again this year.

Students who live in the International House pose a problem, says Grindley Curren, Director of the International House. The House will close for the holiday, but Daugeette all will remain open for the international students who live there.

According to Creel, the cost of staying open during the holidays is part of the original price for those who are living in Daugeette Hall. He says Daugeette Hall has space heaters and doesn't have to use the building's central heating system.

"The International House is on a heating system that shuts down everything. We don't want to have to charge our students for the costs," says Creel.

Curren said he is trying to place his students in the Wesley Foundation or with those living in Daugeette. All the rooms in Daugeette are taken but according to Curren they hope to fit everybody in.

Parking also a problem at other Alabama universities

by Thomas Webb
News Editor

On-campus parking at JSU may be tough, but it can be even more difficult at some of the other Alabama universities.

Many of the state's higher education institutions have parking systems similar to JSU's, but at least two have more strict guidelines.

At JSU there are four categories of parking: student, faculty, maintenance, and handicapped. But at the University of Alabama there are seven different color-coded parking zones for students alone.

According to Van James, Director of Parking Services at the University of Alabama, there are approximately 14,000 registered vehicles and only 12,500 parking spaces. These student parking spaces come in an assortment of colors, including red, purple, orange, tan, brown, yellow and silver.

The red and purple zones are for commuter students, while the others are for student who reside on campus. The red zones are open to all commuter students, while the small number of purple spaces

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— Brandon Webb

are reserved parking for commuters in the university's ten-floor parking deck. The residential zones are assigned to different regions of campus near the residence halls.

UAB's parking regulations are not as varied, but they impose stiff penalties on students who violate them.

Brandon Webb, News Editor of UAB's student newspaper, the Kaleidoscope, says there are approximately 2500 on-campus parking spaces. Student parking permits cost students \$46 a year.

"Overall, parking is fairly tough on campus," Webb said. "There is not a limit placed on the number of permits issued, so overcrowding is a problem, especially during the day."

The lack of spaces at UAB might sound

familiar to JSU students, but that university's ticketing policy might not. Webb says \$15 tickets for illegal parking are issued by Transportation Services in the

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These drivers were able to find a space in front of Bibb Graves Hall.

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Campus Crime Docket

- UPD reported unlawful breaking and entering of a vehicle in Houston Cole Library Parking Lot on 11-16-97
- UPD reported criminal mischief 2nd degree at Campus Inn Apts. parking lot on 11-16 (\$900 damage to car paint job).
- UPD reported trespassing at Dixon Hall on 11-15
- Shannon D. Williams reported theft of property (value of \$146.00) at Rowan Hall 1st floor lobby on 11-13.
- Scott Elliot Chaney, 24, of Newport News, Virginia, was arrested for driving under the influence near Merrill Hall Parking Lot 11-15-97

Announcements

- Alpha Tau Omega would greatly appreciate your help with their canned food drive Wednesday. Boxes will be outside the fraternity house.
- The Intramural Football Champions, the Nimrods, will travel to Troy State to play the Troy State Intramural Champions. The game will be at 3:30 p.m., prior to the JSU - Troy State football game.
- Will the camel industry be on the rise in Alabama? Will your lawn be full of cacti? Come find out as the climatology class debates on December 1 and 3 at 12:30 in Martin Hall Room 240.
- Alpha Xi Delta - Congratulations to Katie Morrison for becoming an officer of Freshman Forum. Good Luck to our graduating senior sisters: Eve Ann Horton, Beckie Nelson, and Melanie Bottoms. We will miss you and wish you the best!
- JSU Panhellenic - Congratulations to Alpha Xi Delta: Sorority of the Week last week. Congratulations and Good Luck to the 1998 Panhellenic officers
- The Sisters of Alpha Omicron Pi would like to wish the Jacksonville State football team luck on Thursday, November 20, at Troy State. Whup Troy!
- 2nd Annual Community Thanksgiving dinner, Thursday November 27, 1997 from 11:00 - 2:00 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome, we will also provide take-out for those of you who can't come dine with us. If you need take-out or more information Please Contact Carol at 820-1304.
- The SGA would like to thank Dr. Brown of the Biology Department for his help during "AIDS Awareness Week."

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JSU and Troy out for blood

by **Cathy Higgins**
News Writer

The Student Government Association, with help from the American Red Cross, held its annual blood drive this week. "This year we added an extra incentive for students to give," says Natalie Hill, Chairperson of the SGA's Blood Drive Committee.

"Troy had their blood drive last week," Hill says, "and we're going to try to beat their numbers. We thought it would be a fun way to add to the rivalry."

Hill, who planned to donate blood herself, hopes to have at least 160 students donate blood. "This is the first time I've been able to donate," she says. "I'm excited about it. People really need to donate because they get the satisfaction of knowing that the blood they give could save somebody's life." Hill adds that the competition is just an added motivation to give blood.

Hill hoped student participation would be better than in the past. "It's been pretty low in the last few years," she says. "But last year was higher than the year before that."

Although the SGA was hoping for more participation, SGA president Chris Glover says the turnout is slim. "We've expected better," he says. "I don't know whether people don't know about it or just don't want to give blood."



Jean Jenkins prepares to give blood at the blood drive. Fritz

According to Hill, Jacksonville Pizza helped out with the cause. "Tuesday they're providing food for us," she says. "They've been really great about helping." She adds that snacks were also provided.

Screening of blood donors is vital

by **Rachel Riddell**
Managing Editor

What would you do if you received a letter in the mail from the American Red Cross stating that you need a follow-up visit with one of its designated counselors due to your recent blood donation? "No one is accepted for blood donation if that person fails any part of the mini-physical administered beforehand," says Elaine Nelson, Assistant Manager, American Red Cross (Anniston). "It's very confidential."

All donors originally receive an 800-number card to use if they need to correct their health history information, or if later they find a reason why their blood should not be used. For example, if a donor develops flu symptoms shortly after donating the Red Cross will take steps to ensure that the donor's blood is not transfused to a hospital patient.

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Hepatitis is the most common reason why donated blood cannot be used. Every unit of blood is tested for evidence of expo-

sure to viruses that might cause diseases, including HIV, two strains of hepatitis and a number of other diseases. If a unit of blood poses a threat, it is destroyed. The donor is disqualified and is entered in the deferred database.

There are eight National Testing Laboratories that follow identical procedures that do the testing for evidence of exposure to viruses and diseases. Eight tests are administered on each blood component. The risk of contracting HIV from a blood transfusion today is extremely low. "Hepatitis is (normally) the most common reason why donated blood cannot be used," says Nelson.

Julie Hope, HIV/AIDS Educator at the American Red Cross (Anniston) says, "Your best bet, on whether or not you should donate blood, is to answer the high risk questions that the Red Cross provides at blood drives. If you answer 'yes' to any of the questions, you shouldn't donate."

People that answer "yes" the intimate questions at the actual blood drive site are referred to a counselor on the premises on whether or not they want to continue.

The Calhoun County Health Department offers free, confidential HIV blood testing five days a week starting from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The results take up to two weeks.

HIV and blood donation

- Through June 30, 1997 a cumulative total of 612,078 persons with AIDS were reported to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) by state health departments
- 84% were adult/adolescent men.
- 15% were adult/adolescent women.
- 1% were children (under 13 years of age).
- In 1995 the estimated number of persons diagnosed with an AIDS-defining opportunistic illnesses (AIDS-OI) decreased for the first time, from 61,300 estimated cases to 57,200 in 1996.
- Also in 1996, the estimated deaths among persons with AIDS declined to 39,200 from 50,700 in 1995.
- The estimated number of prevalent AIDS cases or persons who are living with AIDS has continued to increase, from 215,000 estimated cases in 1995 to 239,00 cases in 1996.
- Source: Center for Disease Control website.

Chief Ladiga Trail forced to bypass Paul Carpenter Village

Donna Huff
News Writer

Construction could begin locally in a matter of weeks on eight miles of the Chief Ladiga Trail for the rails-to-trails project, says Bo Batey of the Jacksonville Parks and Recreation Department.

But JSU has something else in mind for the one-half mile section of the trail it owns. The University has developed a portion of the old railroad bed into a road for University maintenance vehicles.

The rest will make up a portion of the new greek housing complex, Paul Carpenter Village, says Don Thacker, Vice President for Administrative and Business Affairs.

Excluding Florida, the Chief Ladiga Trail is the major rails-to-trails project in the south, said Jack Plunk, one of the organizers at the East Alabama Planning Commission.

The rails-to-trails program is a nationwide project to turn historical railroad beds into usable walking and bike trails, eventually the trail will go from Anniston to Atlanta.

Completed, the local portion of the trail will be 33 miles long

through two counties and four municipalities. "It will provide a safe alternative for non-motorized traffic," says Plunk.

Bo Batey is organizing the rails-to-trails program in this area. He says the trail could border the railroad bed and not interfere with JSU's plans for the Paul Carpenter Village.

"We don't think that would be an acceptable alternative," says Thacker

JSU is concerned with the safety of students around the maintenance traffic, says Thacker. Instead, the university proposes putting a pedestrian walkway beside Alabama Highway 204 to Pete Matthews Coliseum.

Plunk said planning could solve any safety concerns. The trail will go alongside the coliseum and turn back to meet the trail on Mountain Avenue.

Although JSU has no immediate plans to begin construction of the sidewalk, according to Thacker, once the trail is completed it will place more urgency on JSU's plans for a walkway.

According to JSU's Student Activities office only 10 percent of students are members of a greek organization, while the rails-to-trails program can bene-

fit almost everyone, Plunk said.

A majority of trips to campus are by commuter students and faculty. Space is a big problem, says Thacker, JSU is trying to solve some of the traffic problems with the new maintenance road.

Many benefits have been found in studies of the nationwide rails-to-trails program. The program has provided family-oriented outdoor activities, tourism and promotional benefits to the areas around the trails, says Plunk.

He believes the trail could benefit Jacksonville State University as well. He says it could reduce campus demand for surface parking, provide opportunities for fund-raising bike rides and give students an alternative for outdoor activities.

Whatever JSU decides to do about the trail, Thacker believes it will be a cooperative effort with the City of Jacksonville. "The secret is us working together and we can accomplish a lot," Thacker said.



The old Jacksonville Train Station is on the trail. Fritz

Some facts about Rails-to-Trails

- ISTEIA (Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991) provided funding for rails-to-trails projects across the country when it was signed by President Bush.
- The local rails-to-trails project hopes to eventually link Anniston to Atlanta.
- 8.9 miles of abandoned railroad are involved in the local rails-to-trails project.
- The majority of the rails-to-trails projects are located in the North.

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Tornado research brings \$100,000 grant to JSU

by Thomas Webb
News Editor

Students seeking jobs in geography may be able to get better training after a \$100,000 software grant. The software, which was donated by the Environmental Systems Research Institute, will allow geography students access to a sophisticated Geographic Information System (GIS) program. Twenty students at a time will be able to use the software, which will help them train for jobs in their field.

"With this skill, with this technology in their hands, they can go out into the job market and get a reasonably well-paid job very easily," says Patrick Francis, a geography department instructor.

According to Francis, the software and a \$2360 grant from the university stems from research into winter tornadoes.

"The reason this started is that back in the summer, Ted [Klimasewski] and I were having a conversation about tornadoes," Francis said. "In his [Klimasewski's] summer class we had created a basic map of winter tornadoes, that is, tornadoes that occur in the month of December."

The GIS software, which creates interactive maps based on raw data, will help in the study of these tornadoes.

Dr. Ted Klimasewski, a professor in the geography department, says winter tornadoes are relatively uncommon. According to Klimasewski, Alabama had 62 December tornadoes in the 45 years since 1950, which is time frame covered by the study.

"There is a very evident pattern," says Francis. "Ted [Klimasewski] and I thought it would be interesting to look at it from the perspective of the geographer... The essence of geography is the spatial relationships between not only people and places, but places themselves."

Francis says that there is a higher density of winter tornadoes in the South than in other parts of the country. There is, however, an area in Arkansas and Tennessee in which almost no tornadoes occur in December, he says. This, he says, is part of what sparked interest in studying winter tornadoes.

The new software should allow Francis and Klimasewski to process their data and help determine what factors most affect the formation of tornadoes in December. The software packages that the university already has were not powerful enough for the research analysis they wanted to conduct.

"In order to analyze the spatial relationships of people, places and things on the high-end level, you have to have some packages called spatial analyst and network analyst," says Francis. "This software is extremely expensive, and it's not easy to come by."

Francis says this grant may be the stepping-stone to more recognition and grants for the geography department. It also highlights the importance of the study, according to Klimasewski.

"It seems to be relatively uncommon," Klimasewski says about the grant. "They don't dole out that much money on a superficial study."

JSU student found not guilty in hit and run

by Angel Weaver
News Writer

Brent Vohun was found not guilty last Monday of failure to stop and render aid at the scene of an accident.

Vohun was officially charged when he allegedly struck a pedestrian with his car. Vohun pled not guilty at his court hearing on Monday.

According to Paulette Parks, she was crossing the parking lot at the intersection of University and Trustee Circles when she says she was hit by a car coming from the stop sign.

She says the driver failed to stop and offer assistance.

On Monday, the case was heard by the Jacksonville City Court. Parks says the proceedings were over very quickly. A court official says Vohun was found not guilty and the judge ruled it a civil matter.

Brent Vohun could not be reached for comment.

According to Parks, no testi-

"I only wanted him to admit that he made a mistake."

—Paulette Parks

he made a mistake," she says. "He probably thinks this is a victory, but he needs to realize how badly this could have turned out."

Vohun could have faced third-degree assault charges; a vehicle is listed as a dangerous instrument under the Alabama Criminal Code.

However, Parks was unwilling to pursue the matter as a criminal case.

mony was taken from the investigating officers or other witnesses.

Parks says she was very disappointed with the outcome. "I only wanted him to admit that

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Students should use caution travelling home for the holidays

by **Caryn Pearson**
News Writer

The holidays are quickly approaching. The stores are filling with frantic shoppers, and people are traveling to spend the holidays among family.

The increased traffic during this season makes the roads more dangerous than usual. The Alabama Department of Public Safety estimates 18 people will die in traffic accidents in this state during the Thanksgiving holiday.

"Many lives could be saved and serious injuries prevented if more Alabamians buckled up," says Col. L.N. Hagan in the Public Safety

News Release. "I strongly advocate safety belt and child restraint use during the holidays and every day."

According to the Public Safety Department, last year 19 people died as a result of traffic accidents during the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

Nine of the deaths were alcohol related, and only four of the victims were using their safety belts.

"The two worst times to travel over Thanksgiving are after three o'clock Wednesday the 26 and in the afternoon on Sunday," says Stan Lemons, Alabama State Trooper. "There are a lot of traffic mishaps at night over the long weekend."

Lemons says the Troopers will be

performing random driver's license and equipment checks over the holiday weekend.

"I worry about other people on the roads when I drive home," says JSU student Chris Fowler, who travels to New York over the holidays "I leave at night to miss all the traffic and

construction." Fowler says he has AAA in case of trouble with the car on the highway.

Trooper Lemons suggests carrying a cell phone or some type of communication in case of car problems on the highway. "By no means get out of your car and start walk-

ing." Safety concerns when shopping or in a public place should also be important. UPD Deputy Chief Richard Tubbs suggests to always lock up your belongings and keep them out of sight in the car when shopping.



Travel during the holiday season can be hazardous; students need to be extra careful. Fritz

Holiday safety tips from State Trooper Stan Lemons

- Get enough rest before beginning travel.
- Take breaks while driving
- Give yourself plenty of time so you won't need to rush.
- Let the people at your destination know when you are leaving about when you are expected to arrive.
- Have some type of communications such as a cellular phone.
- Check your vehicle, the tires and fluids.
- If car problems occur stay in the vehicle. lock the doors, and if possible use the flasher lights.
- If someone approaches to help don't get out of the car, crack the window and ask them to call for help.
- Don't begin to walk unless you are positive you know their is a gas station close by.

Parking from page 1

Much like JSU, UAB will not allow students with delinquent tickets to register for classes or receive grades until their account is paid off.

But UAB has taken an additional measure to ensure that ticket are paid. People who gather more than 50 violations in a month are subject to having their cars booted.

"A bright yellow boot will be

placed on the wheel of your car, rendering it immobile," says Kim Fort of UAB Transportation Services. "To have these boots released, you must pay the fines you have accumulated."

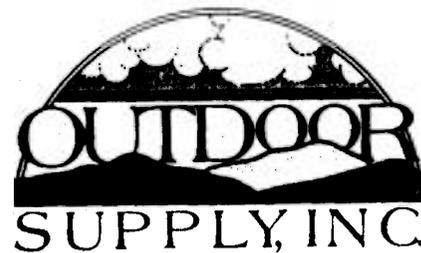
JSU students may have parking problems, but they will never find their car in a silver space with a yellow boot on it.

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Chanticleer Editorial

Assistant Professor of Communication, Jerry Chandler

I-20 EPITAPH

It was about this time last year that I almost died - almost died and took several people with me.

The Saturday after Thanksgiving 1996, I’d just finished the annual Communication Department touch football game, dropped my dad and sister off at the Birmingham Airport and was returning home to stuff myself with leftover turkey and college football.

The route from the airport to Anniston was familiar, ingrained. The road was also wet. I had no real need to get home quickly that evening, so I tucked in behind another car, eased on down the road at 60 or so, and scanned the dial for a decent song. 94.5 was serving up Rod Stewart. The rhythm of the windshield wipers keeping time to the tune. “You’re in my heart, your in my soul...” Relax. Enjoy. No need to rush.

Just east of Leeds, there is a ridge of hills. The line of Thanksgiving traffic in front of me slows. So does the rain. I check the traffic in my right sideview mirror. It’s heavy.

No need to rush.

Over the crest of the next hill, there’s a flat stretch, a break in the traffic. I’ll pass there. 60 miles per hour. I’ll accelerate to 65. The limit’s 70. Turn signal on, one more check. I turn the wheel to the right, fingers keeping time to the tune.....“when I grow old.....”

Suddenly, I’m floating. Flying. Hydroplaning. The rear wheels broke traction when I changed lanes. I scream at the top of my lungs “Jesus, No! Jesus, No!”

My car is a spinning top. I have absolutely no control of anything. I see the V-shaped indentation in the middle of the Interstate, the one designed to catch vehicles so they won’t careen into the other lane. It catches my car all right - and flips it. I’m rocketing backwards now, into the westbound lane of traffic. Into a stream of families headed home after Thanksgiving. I shut my eyes.

This is it. I’m going to die. Please God, don’t let me take anyone with me. Anything but that.

WHAM! The car spins again, as if tossed from the hand of a mad two year-old. It caroms back into the grassy median. I haven’t blacked out. I count each blade of grass, each clod of dirt as the Mazda skids to a rest in the middle of the V. I am, quite undersevedly, alive.

I unbuckle my seat belt and shoulder harness. Gotta get as far away from the car as I can in case of fire. But there is none. As I stagger out, I turn. The rear one-third of the Mazda simply isn’t there anymore.

Hail Mary full of grace...I run up the slope of the median, looking right and left, trying to find

out who have I hit, who have I killed...the Lord is with thee. A man is running toward me. He is shaking. What have I done?

“Are you all right?” he yells.

“Yeah” I answer. “Who did I hit? Are they hurt?”

“You hit me; my rig hit you..”

There, on the shoulder of the road, sits an 18-wheeler, the rear end of my automobile embedded in its grill.

“When I saw you spinning across the road, I pulled over to the side and mashed my brakes” he stammers. “I thought I’d killed you. Oh, Lordy.”

“Are you all right?” I blurt out.

“Yeah,” he answers slowly. “I think so.”

Suddenly, I’m dizzy. I touch the back of my head. A knot the size of an egg is forming.

“You better lie down” says the trucker. And so I do, remembering the training I’d received as a combat medic a quarter of a century ago. Don’t want to go into shock. Easy to do. I lie in the grass, thinking nothing. Staring up at a

gray November sky.

That night, after release from the hospital, I lay awake in bed staring at the ceiling, unable to sleep. I asked the same question I did those 26 years earlier in Vietnam, the day after 70 percent of my company had been blown away in an ambush. Why me? Why am I alive?

In the immediate aftermath of the wreck, I experienced the same survivor’s high that I had so long ago. Everything was new. Everything was fresh. Colors jumped out at me. And stupid things (like whether the Cowboys would win the playoffs) just didn’t matter anymore.

What did matter was writing this - trying to convey some way, somehow - how everything can change in the blink of an eye. The flick of a steering wheel. If I hadn’t been wearing my seat belt that day, I would surely be dead. If I’d been content to stick behind the car in front of me, I’d never have hit the standing water in the other lane at precisely the proper angle. If.....

Before you get in your car to go home this Thanksgiving holiday, be good to yourself. Buckle up. Slow down. Check your tires for proper inflation and excessive tread wear. If it’s raining, rein in that horsepower below your right foot. The sound system you just put in your car is terrific, but don’t get too comfortable behind the wheel. You’re not sitting on the sofa at home. You are on a two-dimensional game board where very big players are moving very, very fast. It is a place of the quick and the dead. A place where the margin for error is terribly thin



Chanticleer Editorial

Thomas Webb

Pass the cranberry sauce

Thanksgiving... The mere thought of a good ol’ Southern Thanksgiving dinner makes you want to diet. Turkey, dressing, casseroles galore, and, of course, pumpkin and pecan pies greet you as you sit down to eat on the “good china.” A traditional Turkey Day wouldn’t be complete without dinner rolls, cranberry sauce, giblet gravy, fried anything, and that “casserole surprise” that your dear old Aunt Betsy makes every year.

And after you’ve stuffed yourself with all manner of artery-clogging food, the family slowly migrates to the living room to watch the parades and football games on the television. You breathe with difficulty because of that third serving of mashed potatoes. And, as you have done every year in recent memory, you vow that you’ll never eat this much again.

Families gather from their far-flung homes to eat, drink, and be merry. But after that not-so-comfortable feeling in your lower reaches subsides, you begin to think about the meaning of it all.

For the early settlers, this was a day to celebrate a successful harvest, and to have one last good feast before the privations of a long winter set in. But, with few Americans today employed in agriculture, and with more and more of us becoming obese, those old reasons can hardly be relevant to today’s Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving today gives us time to connect with our families, without the pressure Christmas put upon us to buy everyone gifts. Unlike our major high-stress holidays, Thanksgiving is almost like a glorified Sunday dinner.

And that’s what makes it such a great time for families. On Easter you have to

buy new clothes for the kids and haul them over to the local pointy-steeped church. Memorial Day and Veteran’s Day are solemn occasions for remembrance, and the Fourth of July is so overpowered by sunbathing, barbeque and fireworks that there’s not really much time to spend with your loved ones.

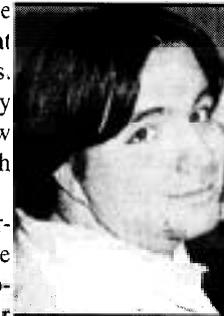
But the relative quiet and low profile of the day - hey, can you think of any other major holiday that’s always on a weekday? - leaves us plenty of time to share memories and make new ones. You don’t mind the screaming children and periodic shouts from the football-watching crowd in the next room.

Of course, most families don’t really talk to each other much even when they’re in the same room together. But it’s still nice to see each other again, if for no other reason than to figure out what size shirts you’ll have to get Dad this year for Christmas.

And after you’ve downed a heaping portion of that sweet potato casserole that has the marshmallows, nuts, and lots of brown sugar, you loosen your belt a notch more and ask for another helping of grandma’s cranberry sauce.

Then your eyelids begin to droop, the screaming children lay down for their naps, and you smile a contented smile. You’ve made it though another family holiday without wanting to kill every single relative you have.

And after the last bowl game has ended, and the last casserole dish has been wrapped up to put in the refrigerator (Oh, yeah! Turkey leftovers until Christmas!), you close your eyes, settle back into the recliner, and think to yourself: “Let the napping begin!”



Forum

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WHO ARE THEY FOR?

As a third year student and former athlete at Jacksonville State University, I have never seen the controversy between the police department and students that I have experienced here. For example, the number of tickets gave for poor parking situations, the number of tickets given for traffic violations, for instance, the light at Salls hall and the fieldhouse parking lot. Is there something better to do here in Jacksonville like solving drug problems, murders, and protecting the citizens from crime. Lets give the student body a break for a change. This is a college town, not a nursery. College students will be college students. This campus was a better campus when the police department was not so worried about sitting around the next block looking for a student to slip up. You were once college students. I know you are so called "doing your job"; however, do not abuse your higher authority. Even though you have that badge on your chest and gun in your holster does not mean you are special. We as students are going to have fun and enjoy the college environment. To end my rambling of comments about the police department, I would personally like to complain about an instance that I had encountered at the last home football game. A group of my friends and myself were watching the football game in the student section of the stands when three officers came over to us and ask us to move up to the top of the stands or we would have to leave. GIVE ME A BREAK! What was the cause? We were not told. We simply did not ask. I believe the cause was too much authority at hand. Yes, we were yelling and making comments at the opponents and officiating; however, there was no cussing involved. We were being typical students at a football game. As a former athlete, some of the ball games that I was involved with at other home teams, the student body was really irate and very disturbing in the verbal gestures that they spoke. The police there were simply polite about it and let it happen. They did not make them move back or leave. They knew that were students and they were having fun. I do recall this is America, the home of free expression, so why does the police department on campus and city so up tight. So, put your feet in our shoes cops.

Graduating Senior Chris Hancock

TO: The CHANTICLEER, ATTN: Mr. Scott Hopkin

FROM: Sam Fiol, Safety/Security Supervisor

First, I want to congratulate Rachel Riddell and Scott Hopkin for the editorial on Timing is everything and Painting a Rape. As I explained to you on my last letter, I speak out a lot on those subjects; especially RAPE, DATE RAPE and WHAT PART OF NO don't you understand. To many people, this might be a joke; until it happens to them, to a loved one or to one of their friends, then, they want action taken. "Let's treat them all the same". My other subject is in reference to the letter from Shannon Fagan or Billy A. Vance, whoever wrote it. The answer to the first question is YES. Staff and faculty members do get tickets for illegal parking just like anyone else. I know because I have issued quite a few. We also allow students to park in the faculty parking spaces after 4:30 PM which is the normal time most of the faculty and staff is gone. You must understand that there are more students than faculty and less parking spaces for them. That is why they are sometimes parked in the student's parking space because the students are occupying their spaces. Last but not least, the University Police does not get a penny from the tickets issued, get the true facts before making a statement or complaint. In addition, if the students would only take a few seconds to read the "TRAFFIC AND PARKING REGULATIONS BOOKLET" which is given to them when they purchase their parking decal (instead of throwing it in the trash as they get it) they would understand and help the parking situation and this would save them a lot of money and aggravation.

Dear Dr. McGee:

It is my understanding, the administration at Jacksonville State University opposes the development of a recreational trail along the historic railroad corridor which bisects the campus. I am respectfully asking you to reconsider your position on this matter.

The PATH Foundation is presently partnering with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources to convert 57 miles of the same rail corridor into a recreational trail in Georgia. We plan to have the facility completed by the end of 2000. Everyone along the corridor as well as recreationalists throughout the state of Georgia are very enthusiastic about the prospect of traveling by bicycle or hiking from town to town through the forests and farmlands of northwest Georgia.

From the beginning, we have planned to connect our trail at the state line with the extension of the Chief Ladiga trail. The resulting trail will connect Anniston to Atlanta! The economic impact and quality of life enhancement for all the communities along the trail will be phenomenal.

There are over 1000 successful rail-trail facilities around the country. Many of them have 300,000 to 500,000 visitors each year. These people sleep in bed & breakfasts, eat at restaurants, rent bikes and skates, and shop in downtown areas where economic growth is usually needed. We believe your administration would be short sighted to ignore the opportunity at hand.

Please support the development of a biking/jogging trail on or very near the abandoned rail corridor on your campus. The trail will benefit students commuting to school, provide jobs and new business opportunities for the City of Jacksonville, and provide the continuity for the 100 mile trail from Atlanta to Anniston so many of us are working hard to develop.

I sincerely appreciate your consideration.

Ed McBrayer cc:Phil Sanquinetti Jack Plunk Dewey Tate Burt Weerts Joe Anderson

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Question of the week

"What is the most positive aspect of your academic career this year so far?"

--Compiled by Fritz



I joined "Freshman Forum" and it helped me get involved in activities around JSU.

Jamie Dodd
Freshman

I enjoy learning even though I am failing Biology! HELP!



Krissy Sanders
Freshman



I would have to say, receiving my student loan.

Mikelle Moore
Sophomore

The good grades I am making in Biology.



Eric Simmons
Sophomore



Having fun with all the great friends that I've made and keeping my grades at a respectable level.

Steven Brooks
Sophomore

The select few good professors here that have good Student/Teacher relationships.



Antonio Gordon
Senior



I can't answer that because I'm having a very very bad semester.

Micheal Parton
Senior

FEATURES

HAPPY
Thanksgiving



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I'm disappointed at the number of acts, but the crowd turnout was good!

SEE BELOW

SAC Gong Show resounds success

by Rachel Riddell

Managing Editor

I walked into Anders Roundhouse on November 12. There was a large gong on stage, streamers in the doorway, and balloons all over the place (not to mention free condoms in the back, in honor of AIDS Awareness Week).

I talked to a few people before finding a desk to sit in. My friends followed my lead. We goofed around, making enough of a commotion for people to start staring at us. I thought, "Damn, we should have signed up. Think of the prizes: money and gift certificates. If only we had the guts to just be ourselves on stage."

"I'm disappointed at the number of acts, but the crowd

turnout was good," said Consuela Black, organizer, of The Gong Show's seven acts.

"Now, JSU has received a little taste of culture," said Greg Swindall, president of Student Activities Council. "Hopefully, this will be the first of many Gong Shows."

The show started (a little late) with Norman Prentiss. He played "Walk, Don't Run," on his guitar and tiny amplifier. He tried anyway. He did a great job to start off, but once the crowd started to boo and moan, the judges had no choice but to signal the gong mistress, Leanne Jordan, to do her job.

This just goes to prove that this show is not meant to build up anyone's self-esteem.

The second performer of the evening was Fritz Fotovich. He performed an original song that he dedicated to his wife. The

name of the tune is, "I Really, Really, Really Like You." You could throw in a

few more "really's" and be a little more accurate. This song started off dramatically slow. It had a great build up for the audience to join in and clap along, but it wasn't enough. Some of the spectators in the back of the room didn't realize how rude it was to boo a dedicated song. Sure, the word "really" was stressed more than once. But, to his dismay, Fritz was really, really, really, really gonged.

The third act of the evening were Dezerrey Smith and Angela Stevenson, two members of the Zeta Phi Beta sorority, with their interpretation of the poem, "Booker T & W.E.B." It was dramatic and every line had a rhyme scheme (you have to like that). They made it all

the way through with no gong. Really, Really, Really Like (Give a big cheer for the first survivors of the night!) They

went on to win second place for the night.

Yoshukai Karate Demonstration Team was the evening's fourth act and first place winners. This gong-free group showed the wrong way to attack two against one. Colin Cald-

"Hopefully, this will be the first of many Gong Shows."

Greg Swindall

well played the good guy, while Marc Garduque and Joselito Cruz attempted to defeat their opponent.

"Sure, we're glad we won," said Garduque. "We practice every week and give demonstrations occasionally." They even made mention of attend-

ing the next Gong Show when the chance arises.

Third gong victim, and fifth act, James Simpson, performed a traditional Irish folk tune on his \$2.99 flute. Enough said.

"Fall '97" was an act comprised of the brothers of Alpha Tau Omega. They sang of their fondness for coconuts while two guitarists accompanied them. They won the evening's prize for quickest gong.

The last performer was a walk-on contestant, Fred (no last name given). He came prepared with a tape to accompany his singing with a gorgeous, gospel voice. His act lasted the longest and garnished him the third place prize.

Judges for the event were Dr. David Myer of the English department, Terry Casey, and Eric McCulley.

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Part 3

RADIO FREE JACKSONVILLE

by Buffy Smith

Features Writer

Do you like the Spice Girls? How about Hanson and Motley Crue? Well, then 92-J's Radio Free Jacksonville is definitely NOT for you.

Radio Free Jacksonville is an alternative music show hosted every Friday night from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. by Michael Amberson and Stephen Benefield.

"Let's go back to where we're from," says Michael "last year, and I think this had a big impact on our lives, Stephen lived in the ghetto of Crow Hall, and I lived in the ghetto of Dixon Hall." Stephen adds "We just

came to the station so that we wouldn't get beat up, or shot, or stolen from."

"We were sitting in Huddle House one night," says Michael, "Stephen and I were sitting there talking and thought 'Wouldn't it be a good idea if we had our own specialty show?' And we kind of come up with the concept of making it an all college music specialty show, new and old college music. We talked to the program director, and we got the Friday night time-slot." The show has been airing since March.

Michael and Stephen were on

the way to their first show, which they still didn't have a name for, when Stephen suggested Radio Free Jacksonville, coined from the REM song "Radio Free Europe."

The first hour of the show consists of the weekly top ten alternative countdown, "which is all just college stuff that's going to be big in the coming months," says Michael.

The remaining three hours are dedicated to classic college music from the 80's and 90's. Bands which played an important role in college music.

Anti-MTV and anti-JSU apathy are a major part of Radio

Free Jacksonville. "No one will get off their backsides and do anything at this campus," says Michael. Stephen adds "Let's put it this way, people who will be reading this interview in Thursday's paper will be making plans to go home the next day, which is sad."

Micheal says that they are very anti-stupid stuff that goes on around JSU, and they let that be known on their show. "We are also against the white man," teases Stephen. Adds Michael, "This show is just a stepping ladder so that we can get rid of Whitey."

Everyone who drops by the

show is given a Wu-Tang name, from the Wu-Tang Clan. "If Harold McGee walks in, he gets a name," says Stephen.

Michael's Wu-Tang name is Ghostface Killah, and Stephen's is Ol' Dirty Bastard. "No matter who you are...the lead singer from Sister Hazel got a Wu-Tang name. The two guys from Tonic got Wu-Tang names. We don't care who you are," says Michael.

A lot of people call in with requests. "In the last three or four weeks we've discovered we have maybe four times the regular listening audience than

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SGA Calendar November 20-27, 1997

THU 20	FRI 21	SAT 22	SUN 23	MON 24	TUE 25	WED 26
JSU FOOTBALL AT TRY STATE BLOOD DRIVE	WHUP TROY!			SGA senate meeting 6:00 p.m. TMB Auditorium	MIB MEN IN BLACK 7:00 & 9:30 TMB Auditorium	Have a safe Thanksgiving Holiday
JSU Drama Dept. presents "Dinner At Eight" at the Ernest Stone Performance Arts Center Nov. 20-24 8:00 p.m. (2:00 p.m. Sunday) call 782-5645 for ticket information				HPER club w/ AHA "Hoops For Heart" 7:00-9:30 p.m. Stephenson Gym		

"Dinner At Eight" opens tonight

by **Cathy Higgins**
Features Writer

Tonight marks the opening of *Dinner at Eight*, by George S. Kauffman and Edna Ferber, the season's second performance in Stone Center's main stage. "It's a drama with comic overtones," says actor Jason Bozeman. "It's about New York society in the 1930's."

The play centers around a dinner party that will be attended by members of New York society. On the surface these characters lead lives that would be envied by most. But throughout the course of the play, their stories unravel to reveal deception, betrayal, and

tragedy. It adds tenure to the phrase, "all that glitters is not gold."

Dinner at Eight has a cast of twenty-four characters with about eight problems. "All of the characters are very colorful, distinctive, and interesting," says Dr. Wayne Claeren, the play's director.

Dr. Carlton Ward designed the set that he thinks is like a musical "I came up with a vista, or view of New York's skyline," he says. Ward adds that each of the eleven scenes have a backdrop of thirty feet. "The idea is that this is the little world, and that's the bigger world," he says.

"The set is minimal and the costumes really tell the story," says Claeren. The costumes capture both the time period and the personality of the characters. But according to Freddy Clements, the play's costume designer, the cast experienced a time warp.

"All the way up through the fifties men never went out without a hat and women always wore gloves," he says. "The guys didn't know when to take their hats off when they came in. They had a lot of getting use to with the fabric and style." ☐

"*Dinner at Eight*" starts tonight and runs through Monday in the Stone Center. All performances are at 8 p.m. with a Sunday 2 p.m. matinee. Tickets are \$5 with a \$3 student rate. For reservations, call the box office at 782-5648.

Radio from page 8

we thought we had," says Stephen. "That's people who make it a point to listen every single week. That's really nice."

"Our show is about the music," says Stephen. "We let the music speak for itself." You'll hear a wide variety of music, including ska, rap, heavy stuff, and soft ballads.

"I think college music is more about raw emotion," says Michael, "nothing about college music is commercial at all. The guys just get in there and write about what they are feeling."

Bands that will be big soon, according to Stephen and Michael are Kelly Deal 6000, Fu Manchu, Fig Dish, Fluid Ounces, The Interpreters, Baby Bird, and Cornershop. Stephen says to cut this list out of the paper, save it, and look at in a year from now and you'll say "Oh my god, they were right."

"I think that what you're going to see around here is the continued trend of alternative music becoming the mainstream, and the true alternative music we're playing right here at this station," says Michael. "This is going to become the true alternative music and everyone will think you're cool if you know these bands that we're playing right now because they're going to be big in a few years."

Stephen and Michael want their listeners to support college music, support 92-J, stay here on the weekends, watch Space Ghost on Saturday nights, and try not to be too judgmental.

"Listen," says Stephen "and if you want to get a Wu-Tang name, stop by. And if you have any college music you like and you wouldn't mind us playing it on the air, we'd absolutely appreciate it." ☐

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--Keith McKeller

SEE BELOW

JSU inducts four new members into Hall of Fame

by Shannon Fagan
Sports Editor

Saturday afternoon, four Gamecock alumni members were inducted into the JSU Athletic Hall of Fame. Jim Fuller, Keith McKeller, Neal Posey, and Dr. Ernest Stone were the four members being honored.

Jim Fuller coached Jacksonville State football from 1977-1983. He is the third winningest coach in Gamecock history. His teams won four Gulf South Conference Championships and made five appearances in the NCAA Division II playoffs.

Fuller left Jacksonville State in 1983. From there, he coached at the University of Alabama. Fuller was an assistant to head coach Gene Stallings in 1992. The Crimson Tide captured the national title that same year.

Baseball coach Rudy Abbott inducted Fuller into the Hall of Fame.

"Under coach Fuller, we could do it all," Abbott said. "He has class and is a wonderful coach."

"I really didn't know what to expect," said Fuller. "Jacksonville has been my home. Since I left, things have grown. Things have gotten better. The people I've dealt with and everything I've been through here has been great."

Keith McKeller was a two-sport athlete for the Gamecocks. He played basketball and football at Jacksonville State. In basketball, he led the Gulf South Conference in rebounding each year he played. He was voted "Most Valuable Player" in the Gulf South Conference Tournament for the 1984-85 season. McKeller helped lead the Gamecocks to a 31-1 record and the Division II National Championship.

After basketball, McKeller walked on with the Gamecock football squad. He became their starting tight end and led the Gamecocks in receiving in 1986. His performance for the Gamecocks prompted the Buffalo Bills to draft him in the ninth round of the 1987 NFL draft.

McKeller was the starting tight end in the Bills' offensive attack. He helped lead Buffalo to four consecutive Super Bowls. McKeller retired in 1993, but he still ranks third all-time on the Bills' receptions by a tight end list.

McKeller was inducted by his former basketball coach, Bill Jones. Jones called McKeller a wonderful, all-around person who took time out to help others.

After the induction, McKeller spoke about what this moment meant to him.

"All my steps at this university helped me to earn a living. They helped me get to the highest point possible. It's a chance of a lifetime to get to four Super Bowls," said McKeller.



President McGee presents the family of Dr. Ernest Stone with a Gamecock Hall of Fame plaque.

Neal Posey played football, baseball, and basketball at JSU from 1946-48. He went on to coach baseball and basketball for Sidney Lanier High School from 1949-56. He led the Poets' baseball team to six state crowns, compiling a record of 118-20 in those years.

In 1957, Posey became Huntingdon

College's basketball coach. He led the team to 22 winning seasons, accumulating seven conference championships and five district titles. Posey was named District "Coach of the Year" on five different occasions.

In 1983, he was selected as one of

See Hall of Fame page 11

Southwest Texas keeps JSU winless at home

by Shannon Fagan
Sports Editor

Jacksonville State played their final home game of the season on Saturday. They were trying to win their first game of the season at home, but Southwest Texas spoiled their hopes by winning 35-27.

"Turnovers killed us," said coach Mike Williams. "We made some poor decisions and basically fell apart on offense. Defensively, we improved but we just wore out."

The Bobcats were led by their talented running back Claude Mathis. Mathis ran over the Gamecocks all afternoon. He set a school record on carries with 46 and rushed for 308 yards.

With this performance, Mathis broke the Southland Football League's all-time rushing record.

"He's a strong, powerful runner. I believe he's the best back we've seen all year long. He's definitely going to be drafted," said Williams about Mathis' performance.

The Gamecocks were in the game the entire four quarters despite Mathis' effort. They took control early in the first quarter when Montressa Kirby hooked up with tight end Jerrod Looney. The 21-yard pass resulted in a touchdown. The extra point made it 7-0 Gamecocks.

Southwest Texas answered later in the quarter. The Bobcats put together a 10 play, 65-yard drive in which quarterback David Williams rushed into the end zone from one-yard out. The point after tied the score at seven.

Claude Mathis took control in the second quarter to give the Bobcats the lead. Mathis rushed for 39 yards on a drive early in the second quarter, including an 11-yard touchdown scamper. The extra point was good, giving Southwest Texas a 14-7 advantage.

The Gamecocks refused to back down. Linebacker Alton Murphy forced a fumble that he recovered at the Bobcats' 25-yard line.

From there, the offense only needed three plays to find the end zone. Running back Herman Bell used the old halfback option pass to find receiver Cedric Allen for a touchdown. John Howard's point after deadlocked the score at 14. At the half, the score remained 14-14.

Jacksonville State took their opening offensive possession of the second half and marched 90 yards. Montressa Kirby went deep and found receiver Ronald Bonner for a 57-yard gain. This gave the Gamecocks excellent field position at the Bobcat 14-yard line.

From there, running back Michael Daies took control. He ran in from one-yard out to

"We made some poor decisions and basically fell apart on offense."

--Coach Mike Williams

put the Gamecocks back on top. The extra point made it 21-14.

Southwest Texas established a drive late in the quarter to pull even. Mathis scored his second touchdown of the evening on a 42-yard blast up the middle of the field. The point after tied the score once again at 21.

The Gamecocks took the lead once again in this see-saw battle. Kirby took to the air and found Bonner on the sidelines for a 35-yard touchdown. The extra point was wide, keeping the score at 27-21.

The decisive fourth quarter belonged to the Bobcats. They regained the lead on a 10 play, 41-yard drive. Claude Mathis bulldozed through the Gamecock defense for 31 yards. Quarterback David Williams took the ball in from one-yard out to tie the score. The extra point gave the Bobcats a one-point advantage, 28-27.

The Bobcats weren't through. After a fumble by Montressa Kirby, Southwest Texas scored their final touchdown.

Mathis shredded the Gamecock defense

once again. This time, he dashed 26-yards for the score. The point after was good, giving the Bobcats a 35-27 lead.

Jacksonville State had a chance late in the game. With a little over a minute left, the Gamecocks got the ball back at their own 24 yard line. However, JSU ran out of time and lost their ninth game of the season.

"They did a good job of getting pressure on us," Kirby said after the game.

Mathis wasn't the only record-breaker on the evening. Montressa Kirby continues to shatter records for the Gamecocks.

He broke the school's record for passing attempts with 383. He also broke the record for passing yardage in a season with 2,679 yards.

Receiver Ronald Bonner put his name in the Gamecock record book as well. He broke the record for single-season receiving with 939 yards.

Next up for the Gamecocks is their final game of the season against Troy State. The game will be on Thursday night at Troy's Memorial Stadium. Kickoff is at 6:30 p.m.

"This is the Alabama-Auburn game of Division I-AA football. That will be the message this week. I'm tired of building on things. I'm ready to win," said coach Williams about the big match-up against Troy State on Thursday evening.

Jax State-Troy State: bitter rivals collide tonight

by Shannon Fagan
Sports Editor

"This is the Alabama-Auburn game of Division I-AA football."

Coach Mike Williams said it best with this quote about Thursday's big game between the Gamecocks and Troy State Thursday evening. You can throw out the record books for this one. It is always a hard-fought and close game.

The Gamecocks hold a 32-23-2 advantage in this long time rivalry. The two teams first met in 1924, with the Gamecocks claiming a 14-9 win.

They met every year from 1946-1990. That was when the Trojans began their transition period to Division I-AA. The rivalry was renewed in 1995 with the Trojans

"This is the Alabama-Auburn game of Division I-AA."

--Coach Mike Williams

claiming a 35-7 rout. In fact, the Trojans have taken the last two meetings.

This year, despite the teams' disappointing records, the game has an added twist. Coach Williams will be going up against his former alma mater for the first time. Williams was a member of two Troy State teams that captured Gulf South Conference Championships in 1973 and 1976. Along with football, Williams was also part of the Trojan baseball team. It would definitely be

sweet for Williams to defeat his former school.

Troy State's head coach Larry Blakeney is the winningest coach in the program's history. He has 62 wins since he took over in 1990. In 1993, he led Troy to an undefeated regular season and advanced to the playoffs. Last season, Blakeney took the Trojans to the top of the Southland Football League. They made the league championship game in their first year of membership.

Last year, the Trojans defeated the Gamecocks 31-21. The game was close until the fourth quarter.

Jacksonville State turned the ball over twice inside its 10-yard line, allowing the Trojans to score two easy touchdowns.

Jacksonville State enters the game at 1-9 on the season. The Trojans



Ed Hill

Coach Williams takes on his alma mater tonight.

have a 4-7 record following their loss to McNeese State last week. The loser finishes the year in last place in the Southland Football League.

You can bet that neither team doesn't want to be a cellar-dweller. Kickoff is at 6:30 Thursday evening at Troy.

Cross Country competes in NCAA Regionals

by Shannon Fagan
Sports Editor

On November 1, the Cross Country team participated in the TAAC Championships.

The men placed seventh overall in the conference while the women placed ninth.

For the men, Luis Delfin finished in ninth place. His overall time was 25:51 in the five-mile splits.

Delfin was followed by teammates Shawn Griffin, Dana Cronin, Billy Stevens, Jeff May, Craig Latimer, and Nick Cutchens.

The ladies were led by Leslie Gardner. Gardner finished with an overall time of 20:21 in the three-mile splits.

She was followed by teammates Kelly Brooks, Krissy Sorter, Leigh Weatherman, Rachael Richards, Camille Scruggs, and Jewel Bridgeman.

The Cross Country team concluded their season last week by competing in the NCAA District Regionals in Birmingham. The event was hosted by Samford University on Saturday.

Overall, the men finished 25th and the women finished 26th.

The top five women and top five men from the teams competed. The women participating were Kelly Brooks, Krissy Sorter, Leigh Weatherman, Cathy Warren, and

Rachel Richards.

Competing for the men were Luis Delfin, Shawn Griffin, Dana Cronin, Billy Stevens, and Jeff May.

For the women, Kelly Brooks led the charge. She finished with a time of 19:54 and a score of 97 in a field of 177 runners.

Brooks was followed by Krissy Sorter. Sorter finished with a time of 20:23 and had a score of 118.

Rounding out the field of women

runners were Leigh Weatherman (22:11), Cathy Warren (23:11), and Rachel Richards (23:27).

The men were led once again by Luis Delfin. Delfin finished with a time of 32:46 and a score of 51.

He was followed by Shawn Griffin and Dana Cronin.

Griffin had a time of 34:23 and a score of 102. Cronin finished with a time of 35:21 and a score of 129.

Lady Gamecocks open regular season Monday

by Becky Matanic
Special to the Chanticleer

Coach Dana Austin's Lady Gamecocks tip-off the 1997-98 season Monday at 7 p.m. at Alabama State with a few new faces and a new look on offense and defense.

"We'll be a more up-tempo team," Austin says. "We'll rely more on pressure defense, also."

Austin only lost three players from last season's Trans America

Hall of Fame from page 10

Jacksonville State's 100 Greatest Athletes. Perhaps Posey's highest honor came in 1989, when he was named to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Hall of Fame.

Posey was inducted by his friend, George Nancarrow.

"Neal was a great athlete. He was a great example for his players," said Nancarrow.

Posey was touched by the honor. "I thought it was a memorable and fantastic day. It means a lot to me," Posey says. "Jacksonville is like home to me. It really grows on you."

The final presentation of the afternoon went to Dr. Ernest Stone.

Athletic Conference Tournament runner-up squad. However, the departure of 6-5 All-Conference and All-Tournament center Alfredia Seals and 5-11 forward Kathy O'Konski has forced Austin to readjust the Lady Gamecocks' style.

Directing the Lady Gamecock offensive attack will be junior, TAAC All-Tournament point guard Shneka Whaley. Whaley led Jax State in assists (3.4 ppg) last season,

while tossing in 9.8 points per game.

"Shneka is just a great ball player, with a lot of hustle," Austin says. "She causes problems with a lot of teams when they try to press, because she's so good at breaking the press."

The Lady Gamecocks' other returning starter, 5-10 senior, Melissa Harden (10.4 ppg, 5.7 rpg), will be heavily relied upon in Jax State's new offensive and defensive

schemes.

departed Gamecock starter Lori Breedlove. Shirley (9.8 ppg) led the Gamecocks with 59 three-pointers.

"Suzan is an excellent pure shooter," Austin says. "She just needs to improve on her shot selection."

Along with a great recruiting class, the Lady Gamecocks should improve from a year ago. It may take time for the Lady Gamecocks to adjust to their new look, but the team should be ready to play.

GAMECOCK CALENDAR		
Men's Basketball	November 22	at Alabama State 7 p.m.
	November 24	at Alabama 7 p.m.
Women's Basketball	November 24	at Alabama State 7 p.m.
Football	November 20	at Troy State 6:30 p.m.
	November 20	at Troy State 3:30 p.m.
Rifle	November 21-23	JSU Invitational TBA
Volleyball	November 21-23	TAAC Tourney TBA

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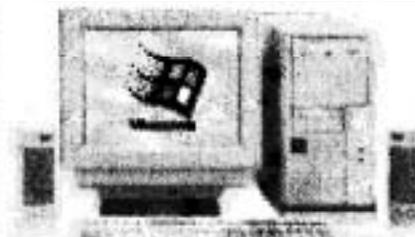
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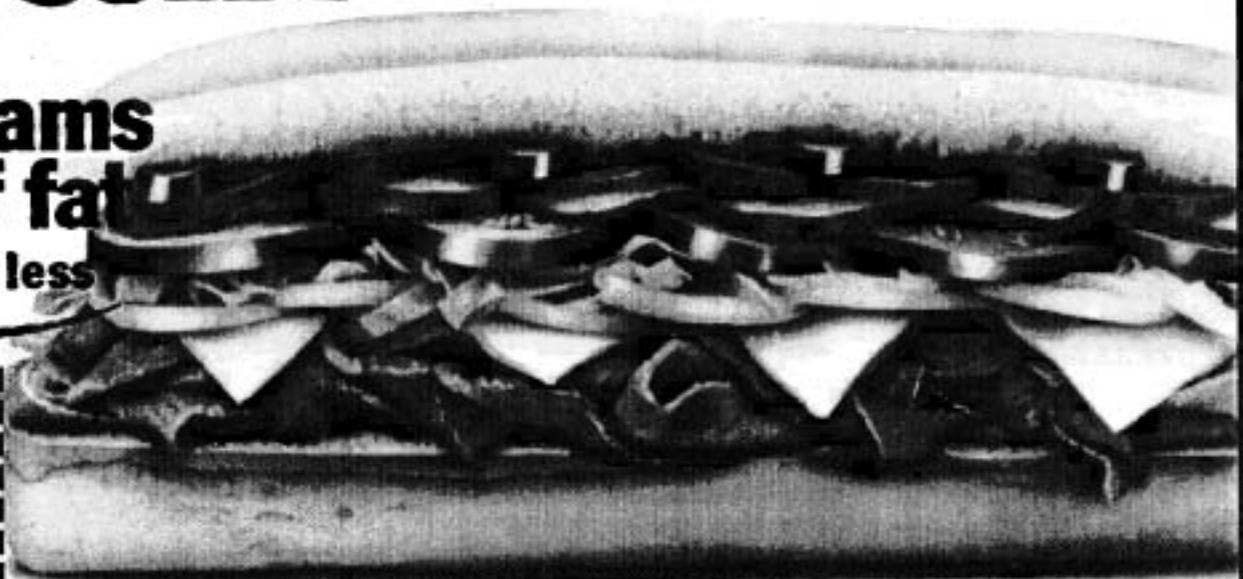
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