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IN THE News

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CU Med Students No Longer Required to Participate In Dog Surgeries

BOULDER, Colo.—It's been an institutionalized traditions. For nearly two decades, all first-year University of Colorado HealthSciences Center medical students have been performing "faux surgeries" on live, anesthetized dogs. Finally, for some students, that tradition is over.

"I think it's a very positive step forward for the students and faculty," said Jim Little, president of the medical school student boady at the CU Health Sciences Center in Denver. "The majority of students feel their peers shouldn't be forced to participate against their will. It took a long time, but it's changed."

The three 10-wek labs that use anesthetized dogs at the school are no longer mandatory for medical-school officials.

Free Screening Tests For Depression Offered

BALTIMORE—College campuses are urging students to "get more than a test score—get back your life!" with free mental health testing Oct. 9, on National Depression Screening Day.

The day, held each year during Mental Health Awareness Week, was started in 1991 by Harvard University psychiatrist Douglas Jacobs.

"We hope that this nationwide effort to provide mental health screening for depression will educate the public about the signs and systoms of depression," Jacobs said, "and encourage those who may be vulnerable to seek evaluation and treatment."

Islamic Students Protest Scarfless ID Photos

ISTANBUL, Turkey—Many women worry about a bad hair day when they have their photographs taken for ID cards.

But in Turkey, female students are angry that they have to show their hair at all. Several dozen women who wear headscarves because of their fundamental Islamic beliefs recently protested a new university policy requiring them to go scarf-less for ID cards.

The students said the policy is a rejection of their religious beliefs.

Jacksonville city considers new buses

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by Rachel Watkins

News writer

Ever wonder why it's so hard to get into Stephenson Hall in the afternoons?

Only one out of every eighteen students in the Jacksonville City School System rides the bus, according to Superintendant Lee Messer. Bus service is in demand, and the school system is searching for ways to provide it, without breaking the bank.

"Buying a fleet of buses for the city of Jacksonville is not financially feasible." Messer says. At present, the city operates six school buses, some "piggybacked" from Calhoun County Schools, others rented from private contractors.

New buses cost around \$50,000 apiece, but that's only part of the cost facing a school system with its own fleet. According to Messer, the repair bills for a single bus can easily add up to \$25,000 per year. The city would also have to hire drivers and contract security guards to protect the vehicles. The state of Alabama has a Fleet Renewal Plan, under

which school systems are refunded one-tenth of the cost of new buses. Messer says that's too little, too late. "If the school system were to buy a fleet of ten buses, at a cost of \$550,000 this year," he says, "the city would only recoup \$55,000 next year." There is, however, a plan to add ten new buses, under the lend-and-lease system the school system is currently using. But not this year: Messer says he'll pursue the new plan "after Calhoun County has undergone some administrative changes."

J'ville Firefighters seek better hours

by Cathy Higgins News writer

Jacksonville firefighters now have a better way to take sick leave and vacation time. Monday night, the City Council approved long-debated proposal to shrink the "leave gap" between firefighters and other city employees. Under the proposal, firefighters

get one shift of sick leave every two-andone-half months.

Jacksonville fire fighters work twenty-four hour shifts, each followed by two days off. According to city council member, Johnny L. Smith, they can take off eighteen hours extra leave for every twenty-four hours they work. City employees who work eight hour shifts, however, can take one day leave per month. Fire fighter Randy Childs believes the proposal will make things a little easier. "It's not the equivalent of one day (per month)," he says. "But it's better than three months."

The city council looked at other city fire departments to find models for the program. "We tried to stay close," says Jacksonville Fire Chief Mike Daugherty. "We looked at

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Jacksonville State enrollment drops

by Buffy Smith

News writer

Enrollment has fallen slightly at JSU this fall. Last year there were over 7,700 students enrolled at Jax State, but this year there are about 7,660.

Graduate student enrollment has remained the same as last year, while transfer student enrollment has gone up, and Freshman enrollment has gone down.

According to Dr. Harold McGee, JSU President, this drop is due to three factors.

First, there are fewer Georgia students because of the increased out-of-state tuition. More Georgians are staying in-state because of the lottery-funded "Hope" scholarship. This scholarship pays the tuition of high

school freshmen with a "B" average in school, as long as they maintain a 3.0 GPA in college.

"We're pleased that we've got the students that we do,"

--Dr. David Watts

McGee also says the second reason enrollment has dropped is that the high school graduating class of '97 was smaller than in recent years due to the size of the population. A \$3 million dollar a year cutback in college funding has also contributed to the loss in students. However, even though this caused a tuition hike, says McGee. Jax State still has the second lowest tuition in the state.

"We're pleased that we've got the students that we do," says Dr. David Watts, President of Academic and Student Affairs, "we have solid numbers and we are very pleased." With the combination of cut funds and higher tuition, the administration is relieved only 45 students were lost, this is under one percent of the entire student population, according Watts.

Despite the funding problems, JSU has remained the fifth largest university out of 18 in the state of Alabama. "We are in good shape, and we have a good faculty," says Watts, "we're ready for the coming year."



ANNOUNCEMENTS

JSU gets new religious group

WL1S 91.9 FM

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, 92J is presenting Latin Sounds with your host John Morales. Listen for the latest hits in the Latin music world as well as a great variety of Latin sounds. On September 14 and 28, and October 12 from 1:00-4:00 pm, fix your radio dial to 91.9 FM for a new alternative in music - Latin Sounds.

•Alpha Xi Delta

Congratulations New Members!!! You are all GREAT! Congratulations Jennifer Smith: Sister of the Week and Katie Morrison: New Member of the Week. Congrats to Feather Sellers for receiving Beary Best Bear!

•Alpha Omicron Pi

Alpha Omicron Pi would like to welcome all of our New Members. Congratulations to the new Junior Varsity Cheerleaders We would also like to congratulate all fraternities on a successful Rush! Congratulations to the football team and GOOD LUCK SAT-URDAY!! We love you!

•Mimosa

The Mimosa is having the '97-'98 Yearbook class pictures are scheduled to be made on September 16-18. Pictures will be made on the 3rd floor of the TMB from 11-4.

•JSU Math Club

The JSU Math Club will hold an organizational meeting on Wednesday, September 24 at 4:30 in 307 Martin Hall to discuss plans for the year. Refreshments will be served and all are welcome. For more information, contact Jeff Dodd at 782-5112 or visit the club website at http://cs.jsu.edu/ms/clubpg.html.

Writer's Club

The Writer's Club will meet Sept. 24 at 4 pm on the 7th floor of the Library. All are welcome to bring any fiction or poetry, or to help critique other's work.

The First Annual JSU programming contest will be held in 304 Bibb Graves on September 27 (Sat) at 9 am. The competition is open to all JSU students. contest rules and sample problems can be found at http://cs.jsu.edu/mcis/faculty/events/progcont.html. For more information, contact Dr. Francia at 782-5723.

The EH Competency Exam will be given Tues., Oct. 7, 6-7:30 pm and Wed, Oct. 8, 3:00-4:30 pm. Students planning on taking the exam must pre-register between Sept. 12 and Oct. 2 in 215 Stone Center. You will need a photo ID, a blue book, and a blue/black pen for the Exam

There will be an optional workshop for students on September 29 from 6-7:30 pm and on Tues., September 30, 3-4:30 pm in Merril Hall auditorium (Room 101).

Financial Management Association (AMA) meeting on September 23 at 4:25 pm in Merrill Hall in room 250. All students are invited.

If you would like information on the "Visa Lottery," i.e. registration for the Diversity Immigrant Visa Program, please come to the International Programs & Services Office in Brewer Hall (122 Daugette Hall). I have complete details there. The registration period is from October 24 to November 24, 1997.

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nization at JSU. According to Lanier Nail, one of the three campus ministers, the letters make you think it's a Greek organization, but it's he says. "Basically, we're here to help create a community of students who love Jesus and want to know The organization is sponsored by the Assembly of God Church, but the campus ministers think that should be the only difference from the other religious organizations. "We also think it's important that Eric and Sheryl Shwarzkops, stand with Lanier Nail. we're here not only for Pentecostal

Jeff, a freshman, agrees. "It's a good Christian atmosphere," he says. "It makes you feel welcome."

Tonight Chi Alpha will have its third meeting at the third floor of the Theron Montgomery Building at 7 pm. So far, fifteen students attended the first two meetings. Nail thinks that is a good start. "We want as many students as we can handle and it still be quality," he says.

Chi Alpha has a lot to offer students besides weekly meetings. Weekly discipleship groups are See Chi page 3

Christmas and Spring breaks are planned, as well as other campouts. Nail looks forward to getting Chi

Alpha off the ground. "We really want the students to take ownership of the ministry and to feel like it's theirs," he says. "They're the leaders. We're just here to train them and give oversight." Sheryl agrees, "Once they get trained, it can grow, grow, grow."

available.

Headaches for direct student loan

by Charles Devaries

by Cathy Higgins

Chi Alpha is a new Christian orga-

not. "We're a Christian fellowship,"

students, but for any student who's

not being reached by any of the

campus groups now," says Nail.

"Maybe if we can find students who

have fallen through the cracks,

Nail, along with Erick and Sheryl

Shwarzkops, is striving to provide a

positive atmosphere for college stu-

dents. "We want it to be really com-

munity-based," says Sheryl. "It's

not so much built on the weekly

activities and programs, but more on

the community and friendships."

News Feature

him better.'

that'll be good."

CPS WASHINGTON-The U.S. Education Department temporarily shut down part of its direct student loan operation late last month in a move that may affect 70,000 students and undermine support for a federal program originally designed to ease the student loan process.

The Education Department suspended new applications under the Federal Direct Loan Consolidation Program because of difficulties in processing an applications backlog from students and recent graduates. This program allows students with two or more loans to consolidate them into a single direct loan, often with the benefit of a lower monthly payment.

Under direct loans, the U.S. Treasury provides capital directly to colleges and universities, eliminating banks from the loan process. College students will continue to receive individual direct loans despite the suspension, which affects only consolidations of existing loans, Education Department officials said.

Critics of the direct loan concept were quick to seize on the suspension as evidence of the program's failings.

"The department's failure to oper-

ate an efficient direct lending program is irresponsible," said Rep. William Goodling (R-Pa.), chairman of the House Education and the Workforce Committee.

The Education Department pushed for the program as a less expensive, better managed alternative to bank-administered loans.

"The program was touted as 'onestop shopping' by (Education) Secretary (Richard) Riley four years ago," Goodling said. "Now, 'The program was touted as 'one-stop -shopping' hv(Education) Secretary (Richard) Riley four years ago,...Now, for some students, the program has become 'nostop' shopping."

--William Goodling

for some students, the program has become 'no-stop' shopping."

College students still may receive bank-administered loans, called Federal Family Education Loans (FFEL), a program that has continued following the launch of the direct loan program.

The suspension will affect about 70,000 consolidation requests, said Stephanie Babyak, an Education Department spokeswoman. EDS, a federal contractor administering consolidation loans, "did not antici-

pate the hands-on work necessary for the program," she said. "We've had a tremendous volume of requests."

The suspension is more likely to affect recent graduates than current college students, analysts said. The most popular time to consolidate loans is within six months of graduation, when students face their first major loan repayments.

Students generally seek a consolidation to merge several loans into a single repayment, said Larry Zaglaniczny, associate director of the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators in Washington, D.C.

Consolidating through a direct loan has some advantages compared to consolidation through bank-generated loans, he said.

The main benefit is that students with direct loans can choose an income-contingent repayment, in which graduates set payments in line with their post-graduate incomes.

"Students generally do this for better cashflow and a lower monthly payment," Zaglaniczny said. However, there is a tradeoff- a longer repayment period that leads to higher interest costs.

But for many graduates, the longterm costs are worth the short-term. benefits. Consolidation "really pro-

Retreats during

Fire from page 1

Talladega, we looked at Gadsden, we looked at Anniston." According to Anniston's Civil Service Act, firefighters receive one day of sick leave per month.

The fire fighters are concerned with the issue of sick leave in the According to long term. Daugherty, if a long time employee becomes unable to work because of illness or injury, he would receive six weeks less leave than other city employees. "He would receive less insurance coverage and less paycheck," says Daugherty. "That's when it became an issue.'

Although the city council has voted on the issue, it still hasn't been implemented. According to Childs, the Jacksonville Civil Service Board has to vote on it. "It'll still be another month or two," he says.

Although the firefighters hope this is just the first step to getting a day leave per month, Smith believes it will be a while. "We'll continue looking at it," he says. "For right now, that's going to be it."

The Jacksonville Fire Department has thirteen full time fire fighters who work regular shifts. "This sick leave and vacation leave is a sore spot with everybody," says city firefighter Bill Cain.

plain of over work. Under the current system, the firefighters aquire one day of sick leave roughly every three months. The Chanticleer is looking for a News Editor. If you are a COM student, and have previous writing experience, please bring a sample of your work to 180 Self Hall on Thursday 3-5 pm or Friday 10-11 am, or

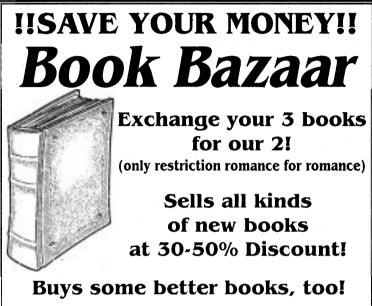
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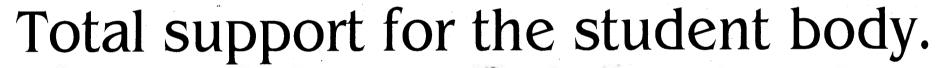
As Chi Alpha continues to grow, more programs will be offered. These would include more classes with more diversity, work with international students, and projects with dorms. But they don't want to get bogged down by details, which is why Chi Alpha will not buy a building to use as a central meeting place. "We just don't want to go off on something that takes us off our focus," says Erick.

Alpha. "We visited and felt like this is where we were suppose to be."

UA's chapter of Chi Alpha is thirteen years old, the oldest in the state. The three leaders felt that JSU could benefit from such an organization. "Before I went to college, I wasn't even interested in ministry," says Nail. "It's only after getting involved in Chi Alpha at Alabama that I had any interest (in



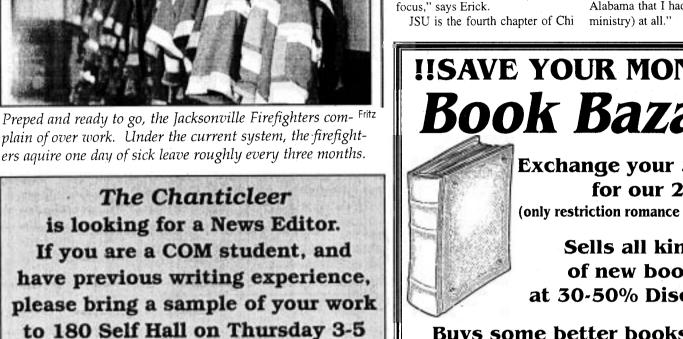
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There are certain things drivers and pedestrians

The Editors speak



Chris Colvard

To much time on incidentals

Going around school last semester, I noticed something that always happens, but shouldn't.

I saw a bunch of burned-out students.

These were no ordinary students who got tired of the college grind. These were students taking 18-24 hours a semester, trying to graduate "on time."

My main question to you masochists is: why are you in such a hurry to graduate?

Now, I understand the need to finish up school in four years and join the real world. But to crunch two semesters' worth of work into one can play havok on the nervous system.

Now, if you can handle the pressures, then great. You've got nothing to worry about.

But what if can't handle it?

Let's imagine you are one of these omni-grinds. You are taking twenty-one hours this semester. Four classes on Monday-Wednesday-Friday, three on Tuesday-Thursday, And they're all 300- and 400-level courses.

Masses of papers to write, experiments to conduct, and homework to churn out.

If you're late on any one of these projects, your grades drop.

Pretty soon, unless you have the best organization skills, you're mixing up your classes. You've just conjugated all the verbs on the test paper - in biology class. You've

haphazardly explained the teachings of Descartes on the human psyche in your upper-level calculus class.

That's when sleep starts getting in your way. You need more time for your projects, so you start doubling up on the Vivarin and espressos. All the lack of sleep set your nerves on edge.

Then you do the unthinkable. Your mother calls to see how you're doing, and, due to your brain becoming so much mush, you yell at her. You bite her head off for interrupting your train of thought. She starts crying, you start apologizing, but it's too late.

Now you got troubles at home. This, along with the mounting deadlines, start to screw up another aspect of college life: the social scene.

You're in one of your classes, and you see someone who can be described as drop-dead gorgeous. Every hormone in your body stands at attention. After class, this vision asks you for help in some of the classwork and wonders if you can schedule a one-on-one study session

Of course you would like to help, but you have three lab assignments, two term papers, and a lot of laundry to do, so you have to turn down the offer. That's too bad, for you might have had a chance to experience some true student interaction.

You're tired, you're miserable, you have no significant other, and

you're catching heat from home (you never had time to really apologize to Mom for yelling at her). But somehow, you made it. You graduate with a 2.9 GPA in only three and a half years.

Now you're in the real world. That's when the nervous breakdowns start. If you think college is a grind, wait until you have to work The real world will be there for you; it's a patient beast. If you need more classes, try spreading them out over

the summer semesters.

over twelve hours a day nonstop for an uncaring, unforgiving boss. It'll make your past college life enjoyable by comparison.

The point I'm trying to make is: don't burn yourself out in college. Take things easy. The real world will be there for you; it's a patient beast. If you need more classes, try spreading them out over the summer semesters.

Above all, take time to relax. Hang out with your friends. Join that special someone in that one-one-one study session. Take time to smell the roses.

Besides, who wants to hire someone who can't relax?



Guest Editorial

Jeana Miller

Pedestrians are people too

As a pedestrian, I have seen my life flash before my eyes several times during close encounters with automobiles. The reasons for the encounters were not earth-shattering. The driver either was in a hurry and tried to speed past me before I could cross the street, nearly hitting me, or the driver was waving at a friend and didn't notice that I was standing in the middle of the street before he decided to take off.

I am not the only one who has these types of complaints. Several of my friends and acquaintances have told me about similar incidents when they felt that death was only a millimeter away.

I'm not saying that driving is bad. If circumstances were different, I would probably be driving to class every day myself. I just think that there are certain things drivers and pedestrians owe to each other. Consider the following.

First, motorists owe it to pedestrians to pay attention. I admit that while walking my mind sometimes wanders. However, for me to run into another pedestrian is, although quite embarrassing, less harmful than for the driver of an automobile whose mind is wandering to run into another automobile or into a pedestrian.

Drivers sometimes forget that they are controlling a machine that could crush a pedestrian with little difficulty. Pedestrians realize this fact very quickly when a motorist in his own little world speeds toward them in the middle of the street.

Drivers, also owe it to pedestrians to stop, not just at traffic lights, but at all crossings where there are pedestrians. Traffic laws state that pedestrians have the right of way, but there's not much chance of getting caught if a driver doesn't give it to them. Therefore, stopping becomes a matter of fairness.

The average non-athlete walks about 3 or maybe 4 miles per hour. Thus, drivers, even when travelling at a snail's pace, move many miles per hour faster than pedestrians.

Also, pedestrians are physically exerting themselves and enduring the elements. The motorist is sitting is his or her car, protected from the bitter cold and pouring rain, performing as little strenuous activity as possible. It is only just that the driver, out of common human decency, stop for a few seconds and allow the person travelling on foot to cross the street.

In return for the common courtesy of the motorist, the pedestrian owes it to them to move across the street with reasonable speed.

He or she should not repay the driver's kindness by walking as slowly as possible or stopping to tie a shoelace in the middle of traffic. An action such as this may cause the driver to decide never to stop for a pedestrian again, bringing possible danger to those of us who may encounter that driver in the future.

The easiest way for both drivers and pedestrians to decide their best course of action is to put themselves in the other's position.

Pedestrians should remember that the driver who has stopped for them may be in a hurry even if they're not. Motorists should remember that it could be them running in the pouring rain to get to their 8:45. With a little common sense and basic respect for one another, we can make the streets safer and still get to class on time.

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK



Some students have voiced their opinion about *the Chanticleer's* "Question of the Week": What is your answer to the parking hassle here at JSU? Almost any student at JSU will agree that hunting a parking space is just about the worst part of a student's day. On some more congested days, cars are parked EVERYWHERE! The closest parking space may be a block away, and down a hill.

Some students have suggested ways to solve this problem, and I do mean PROBLEM. Some suggested walking, which would not be a problem unless you are a student who lives over 15 miles away, has to commute, has to be at your next class on the opposite end of campus 15 minutes after the first class, or has a health problem that restricts you from walking long distances. This solution is obviously not for everyone, but can work for some students: those without a car, those needing a little exercise, and those without a tight class schedule.

Another option that students are mentioning is a new parking lot. As one lady stated, using LESS cars would be "better for the campus and the environment." So more parking lots would mean, first of all, expense. I am not so sure students are willing to pay more tuition or pay whatever other fee could be placed on the students to build more parking lots. Next, more parking lots would mean a less attractive environment for the campus.

Therefore, I propose that the student government encourage the school to install a bus/trolley (or multi-bus/trolley) system. A student could work as a driver, mechanic, etc. This would provide transportation for many students on campus, especially those without a car. This would make the campus a much less congested area. Second, ONE automobile would be much better for the environment than many other automobiles. Also, students could save money on gasoline and students would be able to "save the grass."

Also, if students were to find themselves suddenly needing a ride because their ride left, they were drinking, or their car broke down, there would be a safe alternate way to get home.

So, instead of banning cars or promoting inconvenient car pools, I suggest that the students and the school consider a bus/trolley route. Three good things to remember: 1. Student Employment Opportunities, 2. Mass Transportation, and 3. Better Campus Environment.

I am very interested in knowing other student's points of view on the parking hassle at JSU, so PLEASE write *the Chanticleer* and let everyone know how you see it!

Marcia Ryan, CS Major, Junior

Mr. Hopkin,

I am a Phi Mu Alpha Brother and also a member of the marching Southerners. I read *the Chanticleer* weekly, and until these past couple of weeks, I was pleased with the product. My main complaint about your articles is, there was no need for them to be printed. A simple write up in the crime docket would have been plenty. The article I felt slandered two of the most productive organizations on this campus. Why was there not anything said about how the party was an outlet after a full 10 days of 8:30 am-10:30 pm rehearsals to produce a marching show to entertain thousands of people? Why was there not anything said about the Drum and Bugle Corps Show, sponsored by Phi Mu Alpha and the Marching Southerners? This 4 hour even brought in more people than any football game last year. Why was there nothing mentioned about the Band Day, sponsored by Phi Mu Alpha, which brought over 400 high school students to the campus, all leaving with JSU first on their minds for a college?

I really think that before you print such articles in your paper, you should first look at what the organization does for this University, and what articles such as the two printed can do to their reputations!

Hopefully, in the future, there will be positive articles about the Marching Southerners, and Phi Mu Alpha printed in your paper rather than the negative ones!

Devin M. Lacy, st1783@sm.jsu.edu

Now is the time to Act, funding for higher education in the state of Alabama has reached critically low levels. The effects of the major cuts it received three years ago are now at dangerous levels for all public universities in Alabama. Your Student government Association is an active advocated for your desire to receive a quality education without heavy financial strain. Without a change the desire could be at risk.

Last Monday night, the Student Senate passed Resolution 1 at its first meeting making it the first order of business this year. This is to signify the importance in this situation and the Student Government Association's dedication to the cause. There are roughly fifty people who hold office in the SGA, but every student at Jacksonville State University is a member. In order to be heard at a state level we need these students to join in our fight. The resolution stated that the SGA committed itself to support the Higher Education Partnership. The Partnership (located in Montgomery) is an organized state wide advocate for higher education. I believe that this organization can make a difference in communicating the importance of higher education to the people of Alabama and its leaders. I ask for your help, we too can make a difference. If you would like to help please contact Chris Glover in the Student Government Association office.

Sincerely,

Chris Glover, President, Student Government Association

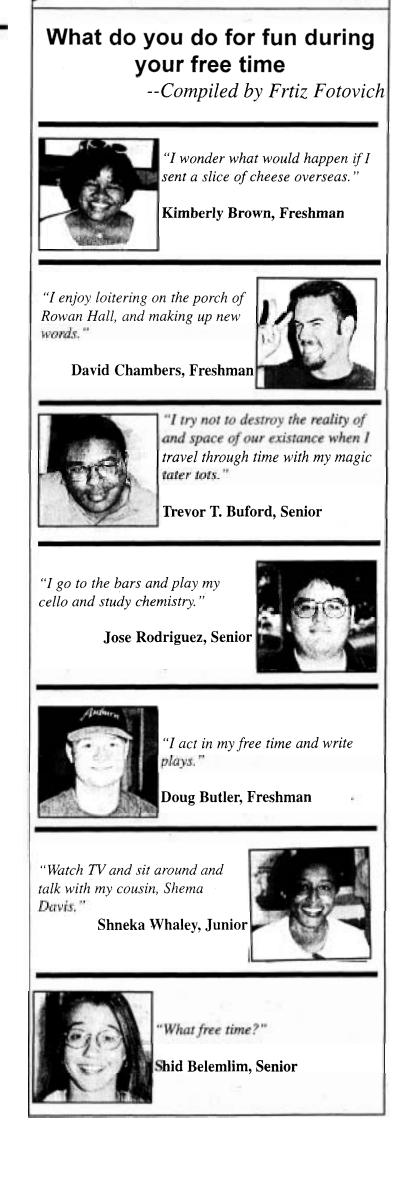
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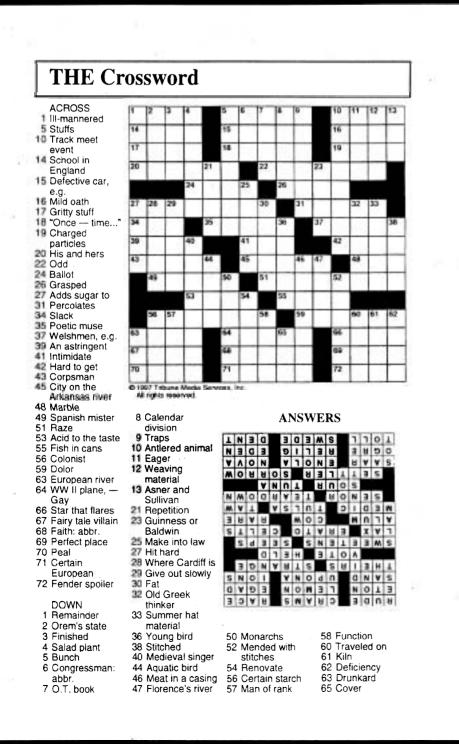


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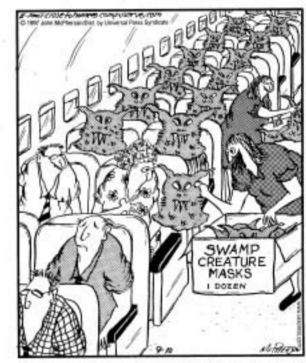


"OK, free HBO! Come to papa!"





"I'm curious. Why is this technique called the Holyfield Maneuver?"



"Ma'am, would you mind wearing this for about 10 minutes? We're going to play a little prank on the gentleman sleeping in the seat in front of you!"

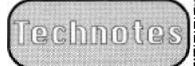


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>\:NEW INTERNET STUMBLES The Clinton administration's ! repeated missteps in explaining to Congress its "Next Generation Internet" project - the superfast network intended for universities - have led to underfunding which will delay the project, White House officials admitted. The administration had sought \$100 ! million for next year, but the ! House has approved only \$78 million and the Senate just \$35 million. A conference committee will reconcile the two appropriations

>\:STANDARDIZED JAVA?

Four top computer companies -Intel, Compag, Microsoft, and ! Digital - asked Sun Microsystems last week to furn over control of the Java language to a standard-setting organization. The four companies said to the company that they were concerned Sun had too much control over a language that is I becoming a foundation for ! Internet sites.

>\:ECDs HIT THE STREETS

More and more record companies are including computer programs and Web links with their music CDs, labeling them i Enhanced Compact Discs, or ECD. Artists such as Wu-Tang Clan, Mariah Carey, and Toad the Wet Sprocket are putting these "extras" on their discs, with mixed results from the consumer market.

>\:QU'EST-CE QUE C'EST **"KNIGHT BIDER"?**

Intel teams with French auto maker Peugeot Citroen to demo a "connected car" loaded with voice-controlled PC gear. Intel predicts a market for five million i of its auto PCs within the next i five years.

-compiled from Ziff-Davis and MSNBC

hnotes To boldly go: The Chanticleer rates J'ville where it counts-the restrooms

by Tim Lockette and **Buffy Smith**

Features writers

Americans judge a civilization by its bathrooms. Europeans abroad will talk at length about the art and culture f the countries they visit: Americans talk about the best places to go. "They had really nice ones in the Louvre," we say. A detached observer might think we go overseas merely to seek out the cleanest places, and do our business there.

Even at home, it - you know, it is one of our favorite things to circumlocute. Rumors circulate, horror stories of third-world lavatories right here in the richest country in the world.

So how do our local bathrooms shape up? To find out, the Chanticleer sent Tim Lockette and Buffy Smith to seek out the the scatological Grail.

•Jon & Jan's "Washerteria" -- We sought out Ion & Jan's on a rumor that it was truly nasty -what we found instead was a nice, serviceable little cubicle without any soap. "These college kids come over here at night and steal it," said the woman who owns the place. "And when they run out of toilet paper, they just come over here and take ours."

CAUGHT IN

THE WEB:

by Chris Colvard

Trath. Justice, Honor, Loyalty,

The adventures of the superheroes

from Thundera have thrilled young-

sters since the debut of the

"Thundercats" animated series in the

The cartoons themselves, based on

a line of toys, taught a lesson without

being preachy. This appealed to child

and parent alike. It features heroic

Features Editor

mid-1980s.

There is such a thing as karma, people: and where toilet paper is concerned, karma is hell. Every roll you steal will come back to you when you least expect it.

•Roma's — This homey, well-supplied little pair of rooms made us think for the first time: how do you get here in a wheelchair? Lovers of privacy will enjoy being set off from the crowd by the mini-labyrinth which leads to - well, back there but Roma's is not handicappedaccessible.

All of which is not to say that they aren't nice folks up there. In fact, the only wheelchair-accessible bathrooms in town can be found in the chain restaurants. This could lead to some innovative forms of protest.

•Village Inn — This lavatory isn't journalist-accessible. Everybody else said, "Go ahead, y'all, it's a public bathroom," but the Village Inn requires you to speak to the manager first. You'd think the doors were labeled "Elvises" and "Aliens" or something. People will talk: don't say we didn't warn you

•Starmart — The doors are labeled "Men" and "Me." One reviewer felt these were "Cold and clammy" rooms, and both agree that it's a bit weird to have to wash your hands in a little hallway outside the actual bathroom. There's neat stuff in the



The winner and champion: Fm Huddle House

drawers under the sink. Check it out. •Jefferson's — The "Where's Waldo" of graffitti. Paranoid people can come to these bathrooms to find threats against themselves written on the walls. There's so much written here that the walls have become a sort of verbal inkblot

•BP — Welcome to Camp British Petroleum! Something about this place reminds us of long childhood trudges from darkened tents to Park Service bathrooms. We hate to be Dickensian, but the ever-so-slight scent of urine enhances the effect

•Chevron — Our runner-up for the Best Bathroom Award. "Clean but not sterile," says one of our reveiwers. Another says: "It's like a Japanese hotel room - tiny and packed with sturdy, useful appliances." Possibly most useful is a tasteful little condom machine, the only one we found in town. If you're stumbling in here from Brother's you might want to use the thing. If you stole soap from Jon & Jan's, get two.

But you won't be getting anything here if you're in a wheelchair. The same is true of all the aforementioned lavatories. That's why the Best Bathroom award goes to ...

•Huddle House — Even Fob is right sometimes. We wouldn't go so far as to compare our beloved state to a diner's bathroom ---but if Alabama had to be a bathroom we'd want it to be Huddle House's. Clean, well lighted, and accessible to all. Of course, you can't get a condom here, but you shouldn't be doing that sort of thing in here, anyway. This isn't just any toilet: this is the Sovereign State of Alabama

•Food Outlet - To our great surprise, this was the "grossest" bathroom we could find. And that's just because of a little standing (clear) water on the floor. It seems that we here in Jacksonville really do clean a bathroom the way Americans are supposed to. Merle Haggard would be so proud. But there is ...

*Under Bob and Them's House -----Not officially a "public" outlet, this frightening edifice is located in the basement of a house which, according to one of the owners, is frequented by "too f---ing many people." You really have to see this one to believe it.

The photo for this one is so disgusting, we're not allowed to publish the thing. If you want to see it, come by the Chanticleer office; we'll be glad to show it to you.

and the wizard, "Third Earth." It has superpowers, fancy machines, ancient magic, and the ever-popular fight of Good versus The Code Of The Thundercats lives Evil.

> It was in syndication from 1985 through 1989. Earlier this year, "Thundercats" returned as part of Cartoon Network's "Toonami," where they enjoy a renaissance of sorts.

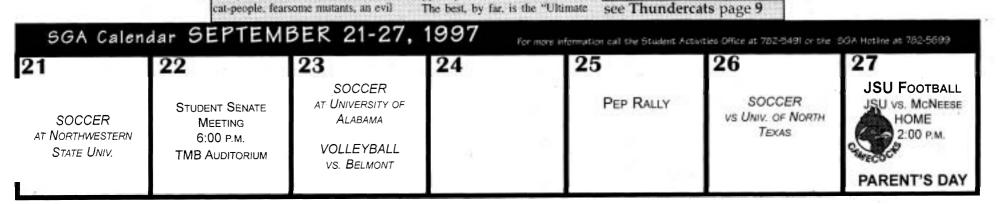
Before "Thundercats" returned to the airwayes, their legend was kept alive through the Internet. After their comeback, Thundercat websites cropped up like mushrooms.

The best, by far, is the "Ultimate

Thundercais Webpage" at vpga.com/ Usr/-FNastrojr/thundercats. It features original artwork from the animation stills. It features a comprehensive, yet incomplete episode guide and a great toy page. The only bug is the artwork's download time. Way slow, but worth it.

For the best comprehensive character biographies, surf over to members.aol.com/TCatFan/

TCrefpage.html. The color schemes are distracting, but not by much. Also check out members.aol.com/jackalmann/plundar.htm for the Thundercats story from the enemy's point of view, specifically the mutant Jackalman. This also includes a conspiracy theory involving the villain see Thundercats page 9





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PIE entertainment has matched the joy and shear weirdness of **Earthworm Jim** in their latest release, **MDK**.

The plot is simple. You play Kurt Havoc, a young man who gets dragged into space by a loony professor to study a natural occurrence that doesn't exist. While you're in space, a large electromagnetic beam crashes into the earth, bearing a fleet of aliens bent on strip-mining the planet. The doctor decides this disaster is the perfect time to field test some of his inventions.

You get some rather interesting weaponry and armor, re-enter the earth's atmosphere, land on the massive minecrawler crafts, kill the occupants, and defeat the driver of each craft.

The only help you get is from a specially designed dog, Max, who gives you added weaponry and gets you off of the mine craft after your work is done.

This game is a treat. You have a huge playing area and plenty of interesting reactions from your opponents. This game also has a very strong sense of humor, which keeps it flowing and preventing it from becoming too dull or plain gory. One of the game's selling points is the sniper mode, which allows you to zoom more than a mile on selected targets. This lets you pick off opponents at a great distance with (relative) ease.

This game is not a mere Doom ripoff. The designers weave a tough strategy into the game, some aspects of which nearly forced me to go to a web page and get help on a puzzle. The idea of simply running amok with your guns blazing will not get you past the first few levels.

The only real complaint that I have is that the game is too short. By the time I thought I had reached the midway point, the ending movie started playing. Otherwise, this is an excellent game. --Scott Hopkin

System Requirements: Pentium 90MHz+, 16MB of RAM, 2x CD-ROM drive, 100% SoundBlaster-compatible sound card, SVGA video card; MS-DOS, Win95, or Win 3.1. Thundercats from page 9 group Lunataks and the cast of the Rocky Horror Picture Show.

Another site of interest is "Scott's Thundercats Page" at 207.115.146.62/ mward/sgward/. It has a simple but thought-out layout, but the main feature is the download section. You can download outtakes from the show's voiceover actors. It's worth it to hear Lion-o curse out Snarf.

The site with the best sense of humor "WileyKitt's Funkyass Homepage" members.aol.com/WileyKitt/thirdearth.html. This has the best

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Thundercat satires to date, with some hilarious extras and barbs towards America OnLine. There is raw content, so this site is definitely not for the kids.

There are many other sites for Thundercats, including the "Eye Of Thundera" Web Ring. To access these other sites, aim your search engine to"Thundercats."

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We've had more challenges than expected this week. Thank you all for participating this round.

Tina Roberson: Cary Guffey

•Cary Guffey in "Close Encounters Of The Third Kind" with **Teri Garr** •Teri Garr in "Michael" with **John Travolta**

John Travolta in "Phenomenon" with Kyra Sedgwick
Kyra Sedgwick in "Pyrates"

•Kyra Sedgwick in "Pyrates with...Kevin Bacon.

Ethan Phillips in "Glory" with Morgan Freeman
Morgan Freeman in "Seven" with Brad Pitt
Brad Pitt in "Sleepers" with...Kevin Bacon

Frank Soukey: Mary Pickford •Mary Pickford in "Gay Desperado" with Ida Lupino •Ida Lupino in "The Devil's Rain"

with John Travolta

John Travolta in "Broken Arrow" with Christian Slater
Christian Slater in "Murder In The First" with...Kevin Bacon
Samantha Rosentrotter: Fred Astaire
Fred Astaire in "The Towering

Inferno" with **Dabney Coleman** •Dabney Coleman in "Clifford" with **Martin Short** •Martin Short in "The Big Picture"

with...Kevin Bacon.



SPORTS

I thought our defense was more physical.

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--Mike Williams SEE BELOW

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Gamecocks win fourth quarter thriller

by Shannon Fagan Sports editor

After losing a heart-breaking season opener last week, the Jacksonville State Gamecocks found redemption when they traveled to Huntsville, Texas to face Sam Houston State. It was deja-vu all over again as the game was decided in the final minute. Only this time the Gamecocks prevailed. They defeated the Bearkats in dramatic fashion by the final of 28-21

"I thought our defense was more physical. Offensively, we played well. We cut down on our penalties and turnovers and our special teams did a better job this week," Coach Williams said after the game.

In the first quarter, the Gamecocks took control early. Quarterback Montressa Kirby hit receiver Joey Hamilton on a 16-yard pass that resulted in a touchdown. Brad Prince's extra point gave Jacksonville State a 7-0 advantage. It didn't take long for the Bearkats to answer.

Running back Elmor Armstrong bulldozed his way through Gamecock defenders all night long. He scored on a one-yard run to get Sam Houston State on the board. The point after tied the score at seven. The Gamecocks' quickstrike offense took the lead back at the end of the quarter. Jax State only needed three plays to go 65 yards, resulting in Michael Daies' threeyard scamper into the end zone. The extra point gave the Gamecocks a 14-7 lead.

Both teams tightened up on defense in the second guarter. It looked as if the Gamecocks would take their lead into half-time, but the Bearkats put together a scoring drive. The end result was a touchdown with 3:53 left to play in the first half. The extra point was successful, deadlocking the teams at 14. Sam Houston State would take the lead in the third quarter. Elmor Armstrong found daylight once again for his second touchdown of the night. James Drummer's kick was good as the Bearkats took control 21-14. The

drive together and trailed at the end of three quarters.

Jacksonville State's offense exploded in the fourth quarter. Kirby and the comeback kids marched 58 yards on ten plays to tie the game. Receiver Ronald Bonner had a magnificent

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--Coach Mike Williams

night. Bonner hauled in a nine-yard touchdown pass with 13:19 left to draw Jax State even. The Kirby-to-Bonner connection wasn't through. With time running out, the two players hooked up once again for the game-winning touchdown. Kirby found Bonner on a 13-yard pass with 49 seconds left to play. Jacksonville State's defense slammed the door on the Bearkats to preserve head coach Mike Williams' first win.

Williams gives a lot of credit to his assistant coaches for the win. "Our assistant coaches put in a lot of hard work for this win," says Williams.

For the game, Kirby finished with 28 completions for 353 yards. He was once again named Offensive Player of the Week. Montressa is now the single- game record holder for passes attempted and completed. He also holds the record for the longest touchdown pass and most touchdown passes in a game.

Bonner had 12 receptions for 139 yards and two touchdowns. He has been Kirby's favorite target of the season. He is averaging 114 yardsper-game and leads the Gamecocks in scoring with four touchdown receptions ..

After their dramatic win, the Division I-AA poll voters seemed to be impressed with the Gamecocks. Jacksonville State is now receiving votes to be included in the Division I-AA rankings. The Gamecocks travel to Legion Field on Saturday to face the UAB Blazers.

Gamecocks couldn't put any type of scoring

week's win Gamecocks hope to build on last

by Will Roe Sports Writer

'Now that the Gamecocks have their first win of the season, it's back out of SFL conference play and into Legion Field for Saturday's match-up with Division I-A rival UAB. Jacksonville State hopes to bring as much offense to Legion Field as Peyton Manning did the last time he led the Tennessee passing attack there in 1995, when Tennessee beat Alabama 41-14.

Going into the Sam Houston State game, the Gamecocks knew that they would have to cut back on turnovers, play better defense, and have a good special teams' performance. They did just that. The end result was the 28-21 win, the first Southland Football League win for Jacksonville State.

Now, the Gamecocks prepare for a UAB team that is literally banged up. The main injury was that of starting running back Carl Sanders. Last season, the Gamecocks could not bring him yards-per-carry against the Gamecocks adding up to 138 total yards.

UAB's quarterback, Lee Jolly, is just starting the fourth game of his career. Combining his lack of experience with the injuries to the offen-

UAB's quaterback Lee Jolly is just starting the fourth game of his career.

sive line could spell trouble for the offense. The Blazers are averaging just 200 total yards-pergame on offense, while Jacksonville State is averaging 492 yards. That is what is scary about this game.

The Blazer defense has played well at times against fellow Division I-A opponents. The most points scored against the team this season

Volleyball places second

by Rusty Reid

Sports Writer

The JSU volleyball team traveled to Mercer this weekend for the Mercer University Quad Volleyball Tournament. The tournament included Western Carolina, Stetson, and the host team Mercer.

The Lady Gamecocks, who had lost three straight games, were defeated in their first game by Mercer in four sets 12-15, 14-16, 15-8, and 15-17. The team managed to regroup and win their next two games against Stetson

(15-6,13-15, 15-8, 15-5) and Western Carolina (15-13, 15-9, 15-6) to place second behind Mercer. With those two wins the Lady Gamecocks improved their record to 5-4 overall.

Two ladies from the team were named to the All-Tournament Team. Amy Reaves is among team leaders with 2.49 kills per game. She was joined by Jessica Pohl who leads the team with 220 assists.

Jacksonville State travels to Greensboro, North Carolina for the UNC-Greensboro Invitational on September 19-20.

down. Sanders rushed for an average of six is 28, scored by the Memphis Tigers. The success in the defense has come against the passing game. The Blazers are giving up an average of 162 yards-per-game in the air and 226 yards rushing. UAB is playing in their first home game after returning from Arizona, where they lost-24-10.

> If Jacksonville State is to return home Saturday night with their second victory, they will have to be able to use the momentum from Saturday's win to their advantage. Still, the Gamecocks must cut back on those nagging mistakes that could turn big in a game like this. One would have to think that the Gamecock coaching staff would want to get more of a rushing attack

going. The Gamecocks are averaging just over 100 yards rushing per game, and all of the "game-plays" have come from the passing attack.

Once again, quarterback Montressa Kirby enters Saturday's game with SFL Player of the Week honors. His assault on the JSU record book has been remarkable this season, something that Gamecock fans have not seen since the early 1980's and JSU Hall of Famer Ed Lett. If Kirby breaks many more records, his name will be up there with Lett.

As usual, expect a great crowd of Gamecock fans at Legion Field. Kickoff for the game will be at six p.m.

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