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**Men’s Basketball ends search for new coach**

*by Shannon Fagan*

**Managing Editor**

A new era dawned last Friday in Gamecock basketball history with the hiring of new head coach Mark Turgeon. Turgeon will replace former Gamecock basketball coach Bill Jones.

“We’re extremely excited about the addition of Mark Turgeon to our staff,” said Joe Davidson, JSU Athletic Director, at a press conference Friday afternoon.

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**Zihui suspect arrested then released; police say lack of evidence**

*by Buffy Smith*

**Managing Editor**

A suspect in the murder investigation of Zihui “Linda” Liu, a Chinese JSU student, was in police custody last month in Winston-Salem, N.C.

Liu disappeared on October 18, 1996, from her home at the Wesley House. She was reported missing on October 20, 1996. Her body was found on December 16, 1996 off Highway 431 in Glencoe.

Chen Shi, an acquaintance of Liu, is the prime suspect in the investigation, according to Jacksonville investigator Bill Wineman.

“He admits that he was the last person with her before she disappeared,” says Wineman. “I’ve got lots of circumstantial evidence pointing in his direction.”

Shi, of China, was a JSU student at the time of Liu’s disappearance. He left campus immediately after Liu’s disappearance, and was listed as a missing person until last month.

After two airings of Shi on “America’s Most Wanted” in January, Wineman received tips saying that Shi was working at a restaurant and living in Winston-Salem, N.C. According to Wineman, citizens of Winston-Salem called him after the second run on “America’s Most Wanted,” and were angry that nothing had been done.

“We found where his whereabouts were and that was off of three tips of America’s Most Wanted,” says Wineman. “We found out he was in Winston-Salem, and Winston-Salem’s homicide squad was called and asked to do a couple of things.”

The Winston-Salem PD took Shi into custody. Shi denied who he was, as well as where he was living.

The Alabama Bureau of Investigation was notified, but they declined interviewing him at the time. The Winston-Salem PD photographed and finger-printed Shi. They then had to release him because there wasn’t enough evidence to warrant his arrest.

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**Mark Turgeon**

- Assistant Basketball Coach with the Philadelphia 76ers
- Head Assistant Basketball Coach at the University of Oregon
- Assistant Basketball Coach at the University of Kansas
- Played collegiately at the University of Kansas from 1983-1987
- Member of the 1985-86 Kansas Final Four Team
- Played high school basketball at Hayden High School in Topeka, Kansas
- Member of Kansas 4A State Champions in the 1981-82 and 1982-83 basketball seasons

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According to Wineman, the exact cause of Liu’s death is undisclosed, but the coroner ruled it a homicide.

“She didn’t die of natural causes,” says Wineman.

It has been rumored that Shi was Liu’s boyfriend, but Wineman says that they were just acquaintances. “I think she probably showed some interest in him,” says Wineman, “but I don’t think that it ever got to a point where it was a boyfriend-girlfriend thing.”

The investigation could come to a halt if Shi moved back to his home country. “I don’t believe that we have an extradition treaty with China,” says Wineman, “but he could come back here to Jacksonville and live and there aren’t anything I can do about it.”

Shi isn’t the only person under investigation in this case. “Other leads are being followed, but I can’t tell you those,” says Wineman.
**SGA Senate wraps up eventful year**

by Thomas Webb  
News Editor

“The main thing that I think we’re going to be remembered for is the things we stood for that mattered,” says SGA President Chris Glover about the SGA Senate. “We went out, and we fought. We did some things for students, we got involved in some political arenas and made a difference, and we’re still doing it.”

In the past year the senate has worked on several important issues, including the location of a new food court in the TMB, and encouraging the renovation of the elevators in Sparkman Hall. The senate has also been involved in bringing entertainment to campus.

“We had fun also,” Glover says. “We put on a big concert and made money on it.”

Leanne Jordan, SGA 2nd Vice President, says she thinks the senate made a lot of improvements this year. She says hopes next year’s senate will be able to build on this year’s accomplishments.

“I know that there is much more that the Senate could do, but it was a starting point. We started getting people more involved. Some of the apathy, I think, has disappeared,” Jordan says. “People are starting to try harder to be involved in things that the student government, as well as other organizations, do. I think that next year will be even better.”

Jordan says one of her biggest challenges this year was filling all the seats on the Senate.

“We started off with 15 senators, and there are only nine original senators left,” Jordan says. “Everybody else has been appointed throughout the year.”

The reason Jordan says she did not want to be an officer next year is that she didn’t want to leave in the middle of the year when she graduates in December. Jordan says she plans to stay involved with the SGA, however.

“If there’s stuff I can get involved in, I’m sure I’ll be there,” Jordan says. “I don’t know what I’d do if I wasn’t involved.”

Glover says he thinks next year’s senate needs to keep the students in mind when they make decisions.

“They need to make sure the students continue to get what they deserve,” Glover says. “Whether it’s an elevator, or a food court, or lights in the dormitory building.”

Glover says he believes this year’s senate has accomplished a lot, and hopes next year’s senate can build on these accomplishments.

“I know that next group is going to come in fired up,” Glover says. “I think we set a foundation that the next group can really build off of, and take advantage of.”

**JSU Visual Basic team places first**

by Scott Hopkin  
Editor in Chief

In their first competition ever, the JSU branch of the Association of Information Technical Professionals (AITP) placed first in Visual Basic programming, beating universities such as Purdue, and professional programming teams.

Eight students from JSU, forming four teams, went to the competition, including Tom Young and Jena Cronan who competed in the Visual Basic language category. According to Kay Gray, the Faculty Sponsor for the JSU AITP group, the programming competition held the University of South Indiana had over 600 people there.

“I tried to get some information on what to expect,” says Gray but she says she could not get her hands on any samples of problems beforehand. However, Gray says she was able to get the names of what kinds of compilers were needed for the competition.

The programming competition consists of a single programming problem, with a four hour time limit. Competitors were given instructions and a sheet of paper with the requirements for what kind of program to create.

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**-- Tom Young**

Young says he was surprised at the problem that was given; he says he and Cronan practiced for much more difficult problems.

Young and Cronan split the $2,000 prize money. “I’m surprised the school didn’t say, ‘hey we sponsored the trip, we want the money.’”

Gray says the trip would not have been possible with out the financial help of Dr. David Watts and a grant from the SGA. Young has a plan to deal with this. He says that he is “going to write a letter to Microsoft to get some sponsorship” for the group, because of JSU’s track history at winning computer competitions, and the fact that Microsoft could use some good publicity.

According to Gray, students have known about the competition since last fall. She says Dr. Guiliermo Francisco of the JSU CS department helped prepare students for the competition (though Gray says students mostly practiced on their own due to schedules).

Gray says the other JSU teams went to the competition, but did not place in the top three positions in the other languages JSU competed in: C++, Cobol, and HTML.
New machines, new prices for JSU

by Thomas Webb
News Editor

Students may have noticed a change on campus just before Spring Break, with the installation of new vending machines across campus.

“We felt like it wasn’t the service the students deserved,” says Don Thacker, Vice President for Administration and Business Affairs, about the change of services.

Thacker says the new machines are run by two different companies. The snack machines are operated by Buffalo Rock, while the drink machines are served by the Coca-Cola Bottling Company.

“We’re trying to get more products available,” says Joe Whitmore, Director of Institutional Development. “The service we were getting before didn’t offer this.”

Another change brought about by the new vending services was an increase in the price of soft drinks. 12 oz. cans went from 55 cents to 60 cents, while 20 oz. bottles increased from 75 cents to 85 cents.

Thacker said this was a “long-overdue price increase.”

The new machines also include slots which accept dollar bills. As soon as this fall the machines may offer even more methods of payment, according to Whitmore.

“The new machines are eventually going to have debit card capabilities,” Whitmore says.

In addition to the snack machines, Thacker says debit card slots may be added to washers and dryers on campus, as well as copier machines.

“We would like to put a lot of things on this system,” Thacker says. “This way you don’t always have to get change.”

New vending machines were installed all over campus before Spring Break, with a five to ten cent increase in the price of soft drinks. The new machines feature more selections than the old ones. The set pictured at left is located on the 4th floor TMB.

•Photos by Fritz
Seminar on date rape well attended; students warned about drug

by Buffy Smith
Managing Editor

A Date Rape Seminar, sponsored by the JSU SGA and Greek organizations, was held Tuesday night at the TMB auditorium.

"We’re trying to let girls know what’s out there and to be careful," says Consuela Black, chairperson of the Issues and Concerns committee of the SGA, and brainchild of the event, "and the guys know that we’re letting the girls know to be careful and what’s out there so if they say no, you better realize that no means no and even if you get them liquored up, it’s still considered rape."

Three speeches, along with a self-defense demonstration, were part of the festivities.

Laura Phillips started the evening off with a description of rape according to Alabama code. Phillips says rape is a Class A felony, and the penalty is ten years to life in prison. Under the Alabama code, males are the only people who can be convicted of a rape.

Phillips says that in a date rape investigation, the key factors looked at are the relationship of the victim and offender, the physical condition of the victim, the location of the crime, and prior violence of the offender.

According to Phillips, date rape is harder to prosecute because it is often a he-said/she-said situation. She also says it is often reported too late because victims have a harder time turning in someone that they know.

Under the Alabama Sexual Offender Act, once a person is convicted of a sexual offense, wherever he moves or for the rest of his life, a letter will be sent to everyone in his new neighborhood, warning them that there is a former sex offender moving in their community.

Also under the Alabama Sexual Offender Act, once a person is convicted of rape, a child under the age of 18 cannot live in his house.

"That means in 10-15 years when you have a child, that child can’t live with you," says Phillips.

Ron Hubbard, forensic scientist, was the second speaker of the evening, who discussed the latest date rape drug, Rohypnol.

A prominent sleeping pill in Europe, South America and Mexico, Rohypnol is produced by Roche and can be purchased by prescription in America for around $2-$5 per pill.

Rohypnol is a white tablet with Roche written on one side, with a 1, 2, or 0 inscribed under it. It is taken orally, and it’s use and effects are compared to that of a Valium—but it’s ten times more potent. It is frequently used with marijuana to increase the high, as well as with cocaine and heroine.

"When mixed with alcohol, this sleeping drug has an increased affect," says Hubbard.

"You can see how this would work with date rape," says Hubbard. "Someone who wants to decrease your inhibition to have sex—or more important don’t want you to remember it—can very easily put a crushed tablet in an alcohol or a non-alcoholic beverage."

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The affects of the drug begin within 20-30 minutes, and lasts for up to eight hours. According to Hubbard, he’s heard reports of the effects of the drug last for 24-30 hours.

"This makes date rape extremely hard to prosecute," says Hubbard.

He says that this is due to the fact that a jury has a hard time believing that a woman was raped if she was asleep and really doesn’t know what happened.

There are few cases of this drug being used at JSU. "I think we had something like four cases last year," says Hubbard, "but it seems to be increasing."

According to the final speaker, Jeff Rush, a JSU criminal justice professor, "If we have to use a drug to get sex, then there’s something wrong with us.

Rush encouraged the men at the meeting to be the kind of men who realize that "no" means no.

"Basically, there are more women than there are men out there, so if she says no when you ask, go to somebody else and ask. Finally somebody will say yes."

Rush then addressed the popular issue of girls getting raped at fraternity houses to a cold audience. Due to the fact that the event was part of Greek week, over half of all the Greek members were there because they earned Greek Week points for attending.

"You guys ought to be here because I firmly believe that Greeks ought to take the lead, particularly Greek men," says Rush. He says a fraternity house should be at least the one place on this campus where girls can be safe.

Rush then referred to the Fall of 1995 case where an Alpha Tau Omega pledge was charged with the rape of a sorority girl. The ATO’s were quick to remind Rush that it was a pledge that was charged, not a brother.

"The reality is that people believe about Greeks is all you do is drink and party and cause problems," says Rush. "The fact of the matter is to deal with the reality and change the reality."

This issue should be a problem at JSU, says Rush. "If we do the right thing, maybe at some point we can deal with other issues that can really make a change in the world."

The final event of the Date Rape Seminar was a self-defense demonstration by ROTC instructor Michael Tatum, and a few of his students.

Tatum says that in an attack situation, you want to avoid going to the secondary scene, therefore, you want to try to intimidate your aggressor by making him think that you know more than you actually do.

While demonstrations of such moves as the single wrist grab, the double wrist grab, and the choke hold were performed, Tatum pointed out that the girls in each situation were trying to settle the attacker down, but at the same time she was positioning herself to attack.

Tatum says that anyone who wants to learn these moves should call him in the afternoon at the ROTC building and he would be happy to teach them.
Faculty seek break between summer semesters

by Phil Attinger
News Writer

JSU faculty members want to have a one day break between Summer I and Summer II, according to Linda Cain, history librarian.

When the Faculty Senate met March 10, members proposed asking the University to allow the break “to kind of shift gears,” Cain says.

During this time, says Cain, professors and instructors hope to have time to process grades and prepare for the next semester of classes. This year, for example, exams for Summer I will end Tuesday, July 7, and classes for Summer II will begin Wednesday, July 8.

“Grades go in the last day,” says Cain, “So you’re really pushed on those summer semesters. It’s a lot more high gear for students and faculty preparing grades and trying to start the next day.”

“It would be nice to have that next day to recharge,” Cain says.

Although the calender is already printed for this year, Cain says the faculty hopes the change may come as soon as next year.
Mail order is just plain wrong

I spent the entire summer saving up for my dream computer, spending hours drooling over various trade magazines, looking over minute detail variants, picking one or two out of magazines hundreds of pages thick. I finally found one that I liked, that my fellow co-workers said was a good deal; a machine that matched all of my dreams... with a few modifications.

I knew ordering anything expensive could be a risk, but hey, they seemed legitimate enough; the Better Business Bureau couldn’t tell me anything about them because they were updating their files... and frankly, I couldn’t wait to order the computer system.

So after getting my money order squared away, I called the company, and two weeks later, after the guaranteed three day burn in period, I received the computer. Eagerly, I opened the boxes, carefully saving all of the packing material (you never know) and started up the system, ready to start playing. Four hours later I had managed to redo their Win95 install (which didn’t seem to work) and discovered that my computer couldn’t run at all until the CPU had had a chance to warm up (about 10-15 minutes).

Chagrined, I called the company, and several days later, after waiting more than 30 minutes each call, I finally got a hold of their one technician (who was always out when I called).

After a lot of fighting, I got the company to accept the machine back, and to fix the thing. Three weeks and a lot of phone calls later, I got my replacement machine, but without a functioning 3 1/2 drive. I called them back, (they knew to avoid me at that point) and after being on hold for twenty odd minutes, I finally got hold of someone who was willing to talk to me. After being passed around for a few more minutes, they were willing to send me a new drive, which I had the privilege of replacing myself.

One of the reasons it took so long to get the machine back was that it was “custom” (I added a cache chip and asked for better speakers) and it took three days to burn in (test) the machine.

Disgusted, I told them I didn’t want the machine anymore, Coldly, they told me that I would have to pay for the shipping fees, and my return warranty would run out soon. No arguing could change either of these items.

In the end, I spent roughly $270 to use a computer for five days that only partially worked. The whole fiasco took roughly nine weeks to completely play out (including the time it took their finance department to finally send me my check). I thought about contacting a lawyer about the whole mess, but discovered that the legal costs for a small claims court could easily cost more than the system was worth to begin with.

I eventually bought a machine locally, which had a minor problem of it’s own, but that was easily rectified. Its a lot easier to get things fixed when the store is only thirty minutes away.

So don’t go for the cheaper prices that you see advertised in magazines or on TV. It simply isn’t worth the stress. If you need something that isn’t available in the city, drive to Birmingham, Boaz, or Huntsville; the long drive is worth not having to wait to get things, and it insures that you get what you want.

April is here. Finally. This is the month where we, as college students, have to sweat out numerous final exams. Not to mention the cramming for said exams the night before.

And with any luck, you’ll retain all this knowledge in the real world when you graduate.

But what do you really retain? Do you hang on to every scrap of information since your first semester in college, or do you for get it all just as that diploma slaps in your hand?

Therefore, I will impel upon you the ultimate knowledge, certain facts of life that can serve you well in the real world. Because remember, the real world is an unforgiving beast.

(a) Build your resume early

This is the one thing that everybody stresses in the real world with good reason. A resume is what helps get your foot in the door when it comes to getting a job. You got to let the employer know what you can do and how long you’ve studied to do it.

Start gathering information about yourself. Your education, past employment record, special awards - these are needed for a proper resume. If you can, fine-tune the resume to showcase your talents for that specific job. For example, if you learned about computers and biology, and if you are applying for a job at a computer firm, then stress the computer side of your education. Briefly mention the other stuff, if you wish.

If you feel you can’t write a good resume, don’t sweat it. There are plenty of services available that can help write the resume for you, but for a price. If you want to save money, Houston Cole Library has books on the subject of successful resume building.

(b) The Fahrenheit to Celsius formula

Now, I know this conversion is in many Trapper folders throughout the U.S. but you never know when it will come up. I had to use it as part of a company’s entrance exam. Yes, I got the job, Yes, it lasted three months. But the formula did come in handy.


Yes, it’s okay to use the calculator on this one, but if you figure it in your head, you’ll impress your co-workers with your vast mathematical skill.

(c) The Miranda Ruling

In 1966, when the Supreme Court reversed the conviction of Ernesto Miranda, charged with kidnapping and rape (Miranda v. Arizona), they did more than write the code of conduct for police officers to follow when arresting suspects. Miranda had confessed after being identified in a line-up, without first being informed of these rights.

And now, for your listening and dancing pleasure, your rights as dictated by the Miranda ruling:

1. You have the right to remain silent.
2. Anything you say can and will be used against you in a court of law.
3. If you are under the age of 18, anything you say can be used against you in a juvenile court prosecution for a juvenile offense and can also be used against you in an adult court criminal prosecution if the juvenile court decides that you are to be tried as an adult.
4. You have the right to talk to an attorney before answering any questions.
5. You have the right to have your attorney present during the questioning.
6. If you cannot afford an attorney, one will be appointed for you without cost, before or during questioning, if you desire.

Your rights should be read to you by the arresting officer. I just hope it never happens to you, or to me for that matter.

(d) Practice safe sex

’Nuff said.

And there you have it. The bare-bone basics needed to exist in the real world.

Just remember: this is advice based on my years of experience in the real world. These are things I learned on my own, and I give this knowledge to you in the hopes that you won’t have to go through the hardships I had.

Man, I sound like a parent. This is just getting depressing.
The Man has struck again. I say it’s time to strike back.

When the price of canned drinks on campus when up from 50 cents to 55 cents back in 1990, we were told that it was because of “unforeseen costs associated with rising gas prices due to the situation in Kuwait.”

I didn’t buy it. I just saw it as price gouging of the student body. It’s important to note that ONLY ON THE JSU CAMPUS did this problem of “rising costs” contribute to increased vending machine prices.

Sure enough, even though the Gulf War ended some SEVEN YEARS ago, the prices stayed the same. I guess they didn’t expect us to remember.

That’s how The Man operates. An unpopular change will be viewed as status quo by the incoming freshman class. In four years, only grey haired old foggies will remember it, and most of them are too anxious to get the hell out of this dump to do anything about it.

So it was with much internal laughter that I saw a news report last week announcing gas prices were at a NINE YEAR LOW. “Hmm,” I thought, “I wonder if the price of a can of Coke will drop back down to 50 cents.”

Tuesday, some beefy guys came and took out the vending machines in the Lounge at Mason (as well as the rest of campus, I s’pose). We had been promised one of the spiffy 75 cent machines. Sure, 75 cents is damn expensive, but for that you get a 20 ounce bottle. That’s cheaper than the Cockpit, for God’s sake.

Today, I walked into the Lounge, and my eyes beheld two beautiful, shiny new machines. Cool, I thought. The days of 55 cent cans are finally over.

I was right.

Welcome to the days of SIXTY CENT CANS.

THAT’S SIXTY CENT TWELVE OUNCE CANS!!!

I’m no math major, but that’s 5 cents per ounce. For Coca-cola?!

Think about this. At those prices, a 2 liter bottle (67.5 ounces) would cost over three bucks!

Now, I like Coke. Really, I do. Every good native Atlantan should.

But if someone tried to sell me a 2 liter bottle of coke for three bucks, I would laugh at them. Once I realized they weren’t kidding, I’d be awfully tempted to kick their price gouging ass.

So what am I suggesting?

I’m suggesting a school wide BOYCOTT of all vending machines on campus.

They’re screwing us over, and I for one, don’t swing that way.

Okay, I know I’m telling the most apathetic campus in the history of the world that it should take a stand, but this just isn’t right, people. If you’re content to let The Man suck your hard-earned money out of your pockets, who am I to stop you? I guess that’s how you get your kicks.

But I’m not going to take this crap anymore. Anyone with me?

Hugs,

—Gary W. Lewis

FIGHT PRICE GOUGING!!!! FIGHT THE MAN!!!!!!
"If you're interested in our premium-rate homeowner's insurance, you simply need to demonstrate that you can fend off prowlers for a minimum of 10 minutes."

"With this type of artificial heart you may want to consider getting a convertible."

"Head down the right side about 150 yards. If my drive slices, just deflect it back onto the fairway toward the green."

"Aw, come on, Mom. We worked on it all afternoon."

"The downside of working for Parker Brothers."

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Despite the absence of a major attraction, Spring Fling on the Quad was a success in the minds of many students. Despite the loss of the skydiving attraction, students still came out to have fun. Spring Fling shared the Quad with demonstrations and performances with SODA and DSS. According to Dee Johnston, Staff Advisor for SODA, “the organization tries to participate with activities on campus, and Silent Expressions does whatever they can, just about whenever they can, with whatever is happening on campus.”

The Disability Awareness challenge, put on by DSS, demonstrated how it feels to perform everyday activities with a disability. Some of the demonstrations in the challenge included eating pudding while wearing a blind fold which simulated blindness, and coloring while wearing restrictive arm bands which simulated cerebral palsy.

Silent Expressions performed seven songs in sign language. “They can show that it’s not just hearing people that can hear the music,” explains Michael Cane, President of SODA. “People can really begin to understand what our performance is about and that can touch their hearts.” Silent Expressions has 15 performers and around ten songs, including “Car Wash Blues” and “The Gift,” which they also perform at nearby churches.

According to Wilson, students who ventured out to enjoy the days activities, found a challenge and in the process had “a little fun.”

Participants, both young and old, enjoy the activities at JSU Spring Fling ’98. Two unidentified students (above) get medieval on each other as they go a round in the joust competition. Young Nicholas (no last name given) has a grand time in the obstacle course.
Some classic examples of Urban Legends

The Scuba Diver in the Tree
Fire Authorities in California found a corpse in a burnt out section of forest whilst assessing the damage done by a forest fire. The deceased male was dressed in a full wetsuit, complete with a dive tank, flippers and face mask. A post mortem examination revealed that the person died not from burns but from massive internal injuries. Dental records provided a positive identification.

The Bucket Drop
Firefighters, seeking to control the fire as quickly as possible, called in a fleet of helicopters with very large buckets. The buckets were dropped into the ocean for rapid filling, then flown to the forest fire and emptied. You guessed it. One minute, our diver was making like Flipper in the Pacific, the next he was doing a breaststroke in a fire bucket 300m in the air. Apparently, he extinguished exactly 1.78m (5’10”) of the fire.

Found on the Internet at http://www.snopes.com/spoons/horror/freakish/scuba.htm

Don’t Push That Button
A couple of years ago a plane with 48 passengers on board crashed, apparently without any reason. The plane had not reported any problems, the weather was good and after the crash there were no signs that an explosion of any kind occurred during the flight. Investigators were puzzled, till they listened to the recordings of the voice recorder. When they played the black box recordings, the last words from the pilot were: “I wonder what happens when I push this button.”

Although the investigators searched for over a year, they never found out which button the pilot had pushed.

Found on the Internet at http://www.xx4all.nl/~arink/fai2.htm

Light My Fire
A man in North Carolina valued his cigar collection so much that he insured his valuable cigars for fire and theft under his homeowners policy. He kept them in his humidor and one day decided to smoke them with his friends.

After realizing that he wanted his last valuable cigar, the man got pissed. Next day he called the insurance company and filled a “Fire” report, claiming that since he smoked them, they went up in flame. The insurance company refused to pay him, so he went to court claiming that his policy covered him for fire and he lost his cigars due to fire.

The judge ruled for him and the company had to pay the man. Two weeks went by when suddenly the police department showed up in his home to arrest the man. He was charged with arson.

Found on the Internet at http://www.xx4all.nl/~arink/fai5.htm

The Exploding Brains
A young woman in Arkansas gets to a store, parks next to a car with a woman sitting in it, her eyes closed and hands behind her head. Apparently sleeping. When the young woman comes out a while later, she sees the woman again, hands still behind her head, but this time with her eyes open. Because the woman looks very strange, the young woman taps on the window and asks if everything is okay. The woman answers that she has been shot in the head and that she is holding her brains in.

The young woman runs back to the store and calls the paramedics. When they get in, they find out that the woman had bread dough on the back of her head and in her hands. A Pillsbury biscuit canister had exploded, apparently from the heat in the car, making a loud explosion and hit her in the head. When she reached back, to find what it was, she passed out from fright at first, then attempting to hold her brains in.

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Dreaded Unloaded
A thief who tried to siphon gas from a motor home got a mouthful of sewage instead, according to a police report. Police got an early morning call from Dennis Quigly, the owner of the vehicle.

Quigly was inside the parked motor home when he heard strange noises outside. “Apparently, the suspect was attempting to steal gasoline and got the sewage tank instead,” reported one of the officers. Officers found sewage and what looked like vomit on the ground. Nearby they found a 14-year-old boy curled up ill next to a car. Quigly said he declined to press charges in the incident, figuring the boy, who was not identified, had been punished enough.

Found on the Internet at http://www.snopes.com/spoons/legends/agnes.htm

Black Agnes
A marble gravestone in an old deserted cemetery in West Virginia was the legend trip site for a particular group of young adults in the vicinity. The marble statue was of a seated lady, her hands outstretched to all that pass by the resting place. The legend stated that the woman in the grave had died of a broken heart when jilted by her fiancé.

Found on the Internet at http://www.snopes.com/spoons/legends/siphon.htm
Local band debuts their CD at a party tonight at Acoustic Cafe

by Chris Colvard
Features Editor

"I knew them when..."
That always starts off any story about someone famous, about their start on a successful career.

And it's going to be said about Ethan and the Ewox one of these days.

It started in 1995, when three friends - Ethan Baker (acoustic guitar), Gary Chumney (drums), and Chris Banner (bass guitar)- started playing together and decided to form a band as a cure for everyday boredom. They were barely a week into it when they were asked to open for a band at Brother's. After the gig, they went to the Huddle House to decide on a name. After a few cups of coffee, someone joked "Hey, how about Ethan and the Ewoks?"

Everyone at the table laughed, but the name was bounced around some more. They liked the sound of it, and "Ethan & The Ewox" was born.

Using material from Ethan's earlier solo project along with some cover tunes, the band formally debuted at Diamond Dave's Cafe on the Square and garnered some rave reviews. In an earlier interview, Gary describes their sound as jazz, rock, fusion acoustic funk. Later on, saxophonist/keyboardist Andy Curtis joined the band.

"There was a space in our sound where you wanted to hear something that wasn't there, and he's filled the gap," remarks Chris.

"I'm just thankful for the opportunity to play with these guys," says Andy, "and for [their] putting their faith in me to play with the sound that they have."

After years of paying their dues, Ethan and the Ewox have finally put together a CD worthy of their talents. "We recorded this off and on for about two years," says Ethan. "It started as a demo, then Andy joined the band and we had to re-record some tracks."

The long-anticipated CD, "Common Element," (see review) will be debuting later tonight at Acoustic Cafe around 9:30; hopefully with no cover this time. The band will perform from the album, with some surprises thrown in.

Then we can say that we knew them when.

Portions of this article are reproduced from a past interview in The Chanticleer (October 17, 1996)
You can contact the band at their website www.ewox.com for news on band history, future projects, and Ewox merchandise.
Natalie Imbruglia Alongside The Latest 007 Soundtrack

by Stacy Goode
Features Writer

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NBA assistant Mark Turgeon hired as new basketball coach

by Shannon Fagan

Sports Editor

The search for a new head basketball coach has ended. Mark Turgeon, a former assistant coach of the Philadelphia 76ers, was named the successor to Bill Jones last Friday.

“We’re extremely excited about the addition of Mark Turgeon to our staff,” says Gamecock Athletic Director Joe Davidson. “With his varied background, he brings a new dimension to our men’s basketball program. We’re confident in his ability to help us compete in the Trans America Athletic Conference on a yearly basis.”

Turgyon brings with him a lengthy list of experience. His last position was with the NBA’s Philadelphia 76ers. He has strong ties to head coach Larry Brown, both at the professional and the collegiate levels.

Turgeon began his coaching career as an assistant to Brown at the University of Kansas in 1987-88. That year, the Jayhawks captured the NCAA National Championship. He assisted Roy Williams, current Kansas coach, for four years.

While under Williams, Turgeon helped lead the team to a 130-41 record, including a second place finish in the 1991 national championship. In addition to that second place finish, two Jayhawk teams won Big Eight Conference championships and one Big Eight Tournament crown.

In April 1992, Turgeon became an assistant under Jerry Green at the University of Oregon. In his five years there, Oregon made their first appearance in the NCAA tournament in 34 years.

Turgeon also helped the Ducks post three consecutive winning seasons and was invited to the National Invitational Tournament. Afterwards, Turgeon rejoined Larry Brown as an assistant with the 76ers in April 1997.

Turgeon played basketball at the University of Kansas for four seasons. The Jayhawks posted a record of 108-33 while he was there.

He was Team Captain for two seasons and a member of four teams to consecutively appear in the NCAA Tournament. The Jayhawks posted a record of 108-33 in those seasons.

Jacksonville State spansk Georgia Bulldogs in Athens

by Will Roe

Sports Writer

When you play teams like Georgia Tech, Georgia, and Alabama on the road, you have to be able to drop the intimidation factor really quick.

JSU has already lost at Georgia Tech, but on March 23rd just before spring break, the Gamecocks took the road show to Athens and came back with an 11-5 spanking of the Georgia Bulldogs.

As spring break began, so did conference play for the Gamecocks. Here is a look at the last two weeks for the Gamecocks on the diamond:

Jax State 11, Georgia 5

In arguably the biggest Division I win for the Gamecocks, Jax State won big at Georgia's Foley Field. JSU, averaging around two homers per game so far this season, won the game without a single long-ball.

Instead, it was the extra-base hits that did Georgia in. JSU managed eight extra-base hits in the game, including triples by Dean Friery and Shawn Morgan. Once again the story for JSU was jumping out to an early lead. JSU led 8-3 after four innings. The Gamecocks used four different pitchers in the game, with Blaine Douglass coming away with the win. He struck out the side in the 7th inning to give the Gamecocks the emotional boost.

Scott Green paced Jax State, going four of five with two doubles and three RBI's. Shawn Morgan went three for four with two doubles and a triple (his fourth of the year) and two RBI's. JSU pounded out 14 hits on route to the big win for the JSU baseball program.

Jax State 4, Centenary 1

In the conference-opening double-header on March 28th, JSU showed why they are still the team to beat.

Bryan Williamson took the win in the first game, his fourth of the season. He pitched the complete game, surrendering just one earned run and striking out five Centenary batters. Jason Nunn hit a solo homer to help lead JSU offensively.

In the second game, offense was the story. The Gamecocks pounded out 14 hits in the game. Lee Hinkson took his fifth win of the season for the Gamecocks.

Wes Brooks had another big game, going two for three with an RBI and three runs scored. Sam Grant went three for three with a homer and five RBI's in the JSU win.

Jax State 10, Centenary 9

In the final game of the series on Sunday, JSU was able to hold a late Centenary rally and take the sweep of the series.

Cypress Hathorn took his third win of the season for JSU. Dean Friery went three for five with two doubles and three RBI's. Joel Rivera went three for three with a double and two RBIs. The win made JSU a perfect 3-0 in league play.

UAB 8, Jax State 4

In a rain-shortened seven-inning game, Alabama-Birmingham took their second win of the season over JSU after taking a commanding 8-0 lead early. JSU's rally would fall short as the Rams took the final two innings of the game.

Blake Douglass took the loss for JSU, his second of the season. Jeff Tidwell paced JSU with a two for four game with two RBI's.

The loss snapped Jax State's seven-game winning streak, the longest of the season so far.

Bryan Williamson is ready to tag out a sliding baserunner at third base.

Jax State 21, Troy State 8

Troy State 5, Jax State 4

In the first game over the weekend, JSU gave new meaning to the phrase "Whup Troy.

The Gamecocks had their biggest offensive explosion of the season with the 21 runs and 20 hits in the game.

See Baseball page 15
Lady Gamecocks take four of six games over spring break

by Shannon Fagan
Sports Editor

While most of us were soaking up the sun over spring break, the Lady Gamecocks were hard at work, improving their season record to 20-12.

Jacksonville State split a double-header with UT-Chattanooga on March 27 at home. They won the first game, but couldn’t complete the two-game sweep.

On Sunday, the Lady Gamecocks traveled to Nashville, Tennessee to take on Belmont in another double-header. JSU pitchers Jill Wilcoxson and Julie Kish held Belmont to only two runs on the day, enabling the Lady Gamecocks to sweep the brief series.

Jacksonville State didn’t have long to celebrate. They had to get geared up for yet another double-header on Monday.

This time, the Lady Gamecocks took to the road again to face Tennessee State. They won the first game in convincing fashion, but lost the second game in a heartbreaker. Here is a look at the action.

Jax State 3, UT-Chattanooga 0
UT-Chattanooga 7, Jax State 1
In game one, the Lady Gamecocks got on the scoreboard early. They put two runs across the plate in the first inning.

That would be enough for pitcher Jill Wilcoxson. UT-Chattanooga could muster only seven hits off of her pitching.

First baseman Ori Epler accounted for two of the Lady Gamecocks’ three runs. Centerfielder Rhonda Freeman also contributed on offense with her two hits in the game.

In game two of the double-header, the Lady Gamecocks scored a run, thanks to Ori Epler’s double to take a 1-0 advantage. The lead was short-lived as UT-Chattanooga plated two runs in the second inning.

The Mocs would tack on three more runs in the fifth inning to help them take a four run advantage. They didn’t look back as they won the 7-1 final.

Julie Kish suffered the loss. She pitched over four innings of work, giving up seven hits and five earned runs.

Jax State 6, Belmont 1
Jax State 8, Belmont 1
The Lady Gamecocks got back on the winning track against Belmont. In the first game, Jill Wilcoxson benefited from a six-run outburst by the Lady Gamecock offense to earn her second win of the weekend.

Leading the charge with the bats were a trio of Lady Gamecocks. First baseman Ori Epler belted four hits on the afternoon, accounting for two runs. Lauren Buck went three for four in the game. She accounted for three more Lady Gamecock runs. Terrah Foster also chipped in with two hits. It would prove to be enough as the Lady Gamecocks won the first game.

In the second game, Belmont proved to be a bit tougher. Both teams went scoreless for seven innings. The Lady Gamecocks finally broke the scoreless tie in the eighth inning.

Belmont would tie the game later in the inning, but in the ninth the flood gates opened for the Lady Gamecocks. They scored seven runs in their last opportunity to take the win.

Defensively, the Lady Gamecocks were led by several players. Christine Tucker, Lauren Buck, Terrah Foster, and Tanya Carter each had two hits in the game, leading three of the team’s runs. Pitcher Julie Kish went the distance for the Lady Gamecocks. She struck out three batters and gave up only one run for the win.

Gamecock Golf teams tune up for TAAC Championships

by Shannon Fagan
Sports Editor

On March 23-24, the Lady Gamecock Golf team hosted the JSU Gamecock Classic at Silver Lakes Golf Club. They also took part in the Mercer Spring Invitation over spring break.

The Men’s Golf team was also busy during spring break. They traveled to Mandville, Louisiana to participate in the Smith Real Estate ISLU Mardis Gras Collegiate. The Gamecocks finished 11th overall in the competition.

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Leading the way for the Gamecocks was Matt Mattfolk. He finished tied for 10th with a two-round total score of 160. Erin Elias wasn’t far behind, finishing tied for 15th with a second-round total score of 156.

The top finisher for the B-Team was Nicole Commet. She finished the competition with a 164, placing her 21st overall. The Lady Gamecocks also had seven other golfers finish in the competition.

At the Mercer Spring Invitational, Erin Elias led the way for the Lady Gamecocks. She finished the competition with a total two-round score of 160. Erin Elias was-
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