Happy Holidays

December 10, 1998

Jacksonville has recently suffered a rash of fires at historical places, including the old Jacksonville High School.

On Nov. 8, at 3:15 a.m., a Jacksonville police officer spotted the fire in the old auditorium, according to Jacksonville Fire Chief Michael Daugherty. Daugherty said the damage was contained to the first two rows of seats in the middle section. Firefighters found no other fire damage, so they cleared the smoke and tried to secure the building.

Daugherty believes that security is possibly the biggest preventive measure against future fires. He says locks and boards do not stop people from entering a building, but they make access more troublesome, increasing an arsonist’s chances of being caught.

Daugherty said that recent fires at the old high school have been labeled as “suspicious” and are currently under investigation by state and local fire marshals.

According to the JHS yearbook, JSU acquired the high school in 1929. The school was run under JSU until the 1980’s when the city took it over, but JSU still owns the land.

Giving back at Christmas

Adam Smith
News Editor

It’s been said that it is better to give than to receive during the holiday season. Giving is something you do to help those who are less fortunate and many consider The Salvation Army the organization for holiday donations.

The Salvation Army is synonymous with the Christmas season. All over town the Salvation Army bell ringers chime from the entrances of our favorite stores. However, believe it or not, they don’t ring those bells to announce the start of the holiday season. They ring their bells to collect money for those in need.

The Salvation Army also has other ways for people to help out. “The big thing we’d like people to be aware of is the Angel Tree program,” said Capt. Stephen Ellis of the Anniston branch of the Salvation Army. The Angel Tree program puts a child’s name on a tag which is placed on a Christmas tree in the community.

Ellis said that approximately a thousand children had tags placed on the Angel Trees, but 450 of the children still had tags remaining on the trees. The Angel Trees can be found at the Wal-Mart in Oxford and the Salvation Army, located at 420 Noble St. in Anniston.

If you would like to donate money through the bell ringers, they are at various locations around town. According to Ellis, “The bell ringers are at four to 10 locations, and can be found mainly at the most congregated sites.”

The Salvation Army will also be taking food and clothing donations, which can be dropped off at their offices in Anniston. All donations made to the Salvation Army are put to use helping the less fortunate in our area.

For more information on how you can help the Salvation Army this holiday season, call 236-5643.

* Internationally The Salvation Army works in more than 100 countries using more than 140 different languages.
* The Salvation Army’s message is based on the Bible; its motivation is the love of God as revealed in Jesus Christ. Its mission is to proclaim His gospel. Its ministry is offered to all, regardless of race, age, or sex.

* Is Downey clean? *
Exercising free speech at JSU

Angel Weaver
Managing Editor

When does an individual’s right to free speech interfere with another person’s rights? This was a highly debated issue a few weeks ago when traveling evangelists John Duncan and Jim Gilles visited the campus to preach to students. For three days, students gathered on the Quad to listen to, and sometimes argue with, the preachers.

Duncan and Gilles went through the Student Activities Office to obtain the permit they needed to speak on campus. Duncan claimed that the University was initially unwilling to allow them to speak. “The First Amendment gives us all the right to express ourselves,” she said.

Guidelines for demonstrations and assemblies are outlined in the Student Handbook, but these rules are geared more toward students than non-students. Cusimano said that these policies would be reviewed, along with other policies which are reviewed each year.

The preachers’ request to speak publicly on campus was somewhat unusual. “It’s the first time since I’ve been here that we’ve had a request of that type,” said Terry Casey of the Student Activities Office. He said that the public forum for the University was no longer the Quad, but was now the amphitheater, located near the Stone Center.

Several students complained about the noise on the Quad during the three days that Duncan and Gilles preached. “I felt like I couldn’t even walk across the campus without being verbally assaulted,” said one female student, who asked not to be named.

Other students also voiced concerns. “I think you can’t entirely discount what they’re saying, but they’re going about it the wrong way,” said Tabitha Carlson. Very few students were in favor of making the preachers leave. “It’s anyone’s right in America to speak up and say what they believe,” said Lanier Nall. “It’s the message that concerns me.”

First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States

“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”

Announcements

- From the Office of the Comptroller: The due date for paying your account balance for Spring tuition is Tuesday, Dec. 8. Up-to-date account information is available at In-Touch-(256) 782-2830—or Internet Student Access—www.jsu.edu.
- Principle of Economics I (EC 211) Section 88, has been added to the Spring 2019 schedule: call number 2619. Contact Shawn Carter: 782-5799 or 782-5776.
- Free HIV testing: Nursing Center Clinic. Call 782-5432 for next available date. Testing will be done by a representative of the Alabama Department of Public Health.
- JSU Jazz Ensembles CD “Noteworthy” is on sale from Dr. Chris Culver, trombone, in Room 203 Mason Hall. CD’s are $15 each. Call Culver at 782-5883 for more information.
- Christmas at Alabama Historical Commission House Museums: Magnolia Grove, 1002 Hobson St., Greensboro, Dec. 3, 2-4 p.m. Call (334) 624-8618 for more information.
- West Point Plantation, State Hwy. 20, Decatur, Dec. 13, 1-5 p.m. Call (256) 637-8469 for more information.
- Fimland Hall, Barbour St., Eufaula, throughouht holidays. Call (334) 687-8469 for more information.
- Thursday, Dec. 17: The First Indian Graduate of West Point, with Dr. David T. Childress, room 101, Merrill at 1:30 p.m. (Course #8FALLA030)
- Monday, Dec. 21: Annual Employee Awards Luncheon at Leon Cole Auditorium at 11:45 a.m.

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- Exam time
- 7:30 a.m. TT
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Sat 12 Finals

- Same time that class normally meets.

Sun 13

- Christmas Special Music, Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Anniston, 3 p.m.
- Magnolia Grove Open House, 2-4 p.m. Call (334) 624-8618.
- Wheeler Plantation Open House, 1-5 p.m. Call (256) 637-8469.

Wed 16

- Fall semester ends

- Have happy holidays and drive safely.

Senior Art Show, Hammond Hall, Dec. 1 - 18

JSU Area Events Calendar: Dec. 10 - 17

- 13-30-98 Mocha Lachon Parkur, 26, of Ashchati, reported harassment at the Houston Cole Library.
- 12-01-98 Bridget Ann Hawkins, 28, of Jacksonville, reported harassing communications at Pannell Hall.
- 12-01-98 Julia Paige Gaddy, 19, of Jacksonville, reported breaking and entering of her vehicle in the parking lot of the Houston Cole Library. Front passenger window was damaged and one brown leather purse containing a checkbook and a check for $50 was stolen: $250 total value.
- 12-02-98 Bassem Nowaira, 20, of Jacksonville, reported theft of property at Bibb Graves Hall. Two textbooks and a Lexon Sound CD adapter were stolen: $100 total value.
- 12-03-98 Teresa Diane Haynie, 32, of Alexandria, reported theft of property at Bibb Graves Hall. Software engineering stolen: $45.90 value.
- 12-03-98 JSU reported criminal mischief at the Houston Cole Library, elevator west. One wood panel was damaged, a $25 value.
- 12-04-98 JSU reported criminal trespass at Dixon Hall.
- 12-04-98 JSUP arrested Lisa Michelle Hudson, 19, of Madison on charges of criminal trespass.
- 12-04-98 James Edward Winfrey, Jr., 24, of Jacksonville, reported criminal mischief at Campus Inn Apartments. Three Champagne glasses were damaged and a set of car keys and one house key were stolen: $30 total value.
**Rape charges dismissed**

Phil Attinger  
*Editor in Chief*

During the past two months, two male JSU students were arrested, questioned, charged with rape, and then the case was dismissed.

According to Laura Phillips, assistant district attorney, the case was dismissed at the District Court level. She cannot comment on any other details of the case, since the criminal aspect was resolved before going into a public hearing.

Chief Nelson Coleman, director of public safety at JSU, confirms that when such a case is closed in court, it will stay closed unless something out of the ordinary happens.

Coleman says that this case was much more complicated than it seemed at first. “I can say that there were a lot of twists and turns, and unexpected information that should have come up beforehand,” says Coleman. “But, instead it came out over a period of weeks.”

Coleman confirms that part of that unexpected information was a video tape of the incident. The contents of the video tape are undisclosed.

Coleman says that he can’t go into any details because of the nature of the video and how it was obtained.

Coleman says the students involved have had to go into disciplinary hearings, but he does not know the result of those hearings. According to one of the male students involved, the whole accusation of rape was false from the beginning. He says that on the night of Sept. 30, he and a friend were talking with a girl in one of their dorm rooms at Daugette Hall.

According to this student, he did not have any kind of sexual intercourse with the woman and nothing physical was intended. He says that the woman and his friend did have intercourse, after which she accused the men of rape.

JSU held disciplinary hearings for these two men, and expelled them, according to the male student. After the case was dismissed, however, he says that JSU agreed to a lesser punishment, where he and his friend could finish their semester if they moved off-campus. Also they must transfer to another college, starting next semester.

Last Thursday, about two dozen students gathered in a corner of the TMB Food Court for the SGA’s spring event planning meeting.

“I was a little disappointed at the numbers,” said Johnson, “but the ones who were there had good suggestions.”

At the meeting, this semester’s events were discussed, and sequels to the most successful ones, such as Open Mic Night, were planned.

Definitely on the calendar for spring 1999, according to Johnson, are three comedians and “Casino Night.” Johnson says that many of the low-cost ideas set forth at the meeting will probably find their way onto the spring schedule.

Another “Open Mic Night,” a Gong Show, acoustic acts in the food court and Hopper Cafeteria, and another poster sale were among the ideas Johnson has in the works. Other ideas, such as a cook-out on the Quad, a video-dance party or a “...the ones who were there had good suggestions.”

—Kell lyn Johnson

Comedy Showcase are still tentative, because of their higher cost, Johnson says.

A Battle of the Bands, showcasing groups with JSU students, is one idea that Johnson likes. Other ideas mentioned at the meeting include cooking competitions, “Dorm Olympics” and another hypnotist show.

If you have suggestions for events in the spring semester, Johnson welcomes visitors to her office on the 4th floor of the TMB, or you may call the office of Student Activities at 782-5491.

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**SGA plans for more small, low cost events**

Thomas J. Webb  
*Contributing Writer*

There isn’t enough money in the SGA budget for another major concert, so the focus will be on more small, low-cost, fun events, says Kell lyn Johnson, SGA 2nd vice-president.

While Johnson says she is already working on many of these ideas, and beginning to set dates for some of them on the calendar, it’s not too late to make suggestions.

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Robert Downey, Jr., drugs and drama

Dave Matthews, Features Editor

The '80s gave pop culture a lot of good and bad things, such as glam music, big hair and total cheese. It also gave us some great movies. The "brat pack" for instance all but monopolized Hollywood for a short period of time. The '80s were also the beginning of an end as the seventies slowly faded away.

It was also the introduction to "cocaine." Not just a drug, but the reason for a lot of the pain associated with some of our favorite silver-screen teens. Instead of seeing them on the big screen these days, many are premiering only on E! True Hollywood Stories.

Robert Downey, Jr. was never an official member of the "brat pack" but starred in several movies including them.

Downey began his film career at the age of five, with a little help from his dad, Indie film director Robert Downey. Downey, Jr. starred as a puppy in his dad's film "Pound." Not only did Dad give his son a debut, he also passed his predilection for drugs down to him, leading to a life hot unlike his character portrayal in "Less Than Zero," a performance that required little preparation. In '95-96, 20-year-old Downey starred on Saturday Night Live. In the following eight years, he completed 15 movies, some good ("Short Cuts") and some bad ("Only You" and "The Pick-Up Artist"). In 1992 he was nominated for an Academy Award for his phenomenal performance as Charlie Chaplin.

"What a life, right?" Well, during all of this time, he was dealing with a problem that many fans were unaware of until June of 1996. He was being controlled by the drug that his generation introduced as a fad, cocaine.

Downey disclosed to Dianne Sawyer in an interview that he began using drugs at the tender age of seven and that, in his childhood home, recreational drug use "was as casual as it would be having white wine with Thanksgiving." Downey later realized, "Oh, my God. I'm a junkie..." not only with cocaine but with a more lethal drug, heroin.

Downey ended up serving hard time in Los Angeles County Jail as a result of breaking the probation sentence he received following three arrests in the summer of 1996. He was arrested after leaving a locked rehab facility, where the judge had sent him after his second arrest.

After all of these mishaps, Downey is struggling to regain his faith in performing and gain back the respect that may have been lost after fans heard of these incidents.

In a recent role, Downey plays an egotistical actor named Blake Allen in "Two Girls and a Guy." His one true love is his aging mother, whom we never see. Instead, we meet the two women he's seduced with his magnanimous spirit and his struggling artist persona. This is more than a movie about the results of a cheating heart. It is more than watching Blake squirm as he is confronted by the two women to whom he has been completely unfaithful.

Carla (Heather Graham) and Lou (Natalia Gregson Wagner). This movie strangely is a sort of Robert Downey, Jr. testament. Brilliantly cast, Downey sometimes seems to speak through his character as himself with the help of crafty dialogue. Within the 92-minute time frame, Downey unleashes some of his best work, showing the true art form of acting. He brings opera, acts out scenes of Hamlet, plays piano and truly shows the deep-rooted talent that we all knew he possessed.

"Sean Penn said to me once—he said, 'You have two reputations: one as a talented actor and one as a drug addict,'" says Downey. Hopefully, Downey will be remembered for his acting and not his addictions or shortcomings.

"Two Girls and a Guy" is now available at your local video store. It is a must for any true Robert Downey, Jr. fan. The struggle for Downey is far from over, but his performance in this film is a sign that he is not yet finished.

Coming Soon to Video:

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Dec. 15—BASEketball
Dec. 15—Halloween II
Dec. 15—Lethal Weapon 4
Dec. 15—Madeline
Dec. 22—Airbud: Golden Receiver
Dec. 22—Blade
Dec. 22—Hav Plenty
Dec. 22—Couple's Retreat
Dec. 22—Wrongfully Accused
Dec. 22—The Avengers
Dec. 29—Knock Off
Dec. 29—Why do fools fall in love?

Sun goes down, lights come up

Phil Attinger, Editor in chief

With the holiday season traffic picks up, with one extra reason for the lines of cars: yard decorations. It's one of the season's few cheap forms of entertainment, but you have to travel to find the good ones.

Some people will simply outline the house in colored strings or plain white lights and leave it at that.

Other folks run lights, blinking or glowing, through the shrubs and up the branches of their dogwood trees. They might "fence in the yard" and outline the house, perhaps even using "icicle lights" under the eaves.

However, there are displays that definitely draw a crowd: entire yards filled with animated gizmos, flashing floodlights, scrolling messages of "Peace on Earth," and always cars parked along the street or chugging by slowly to get a look.

If you want to tour the lights this year, here are some travellers' tips:

* If you just "drive-by," expect to wait in traffic, only to get a short look, since other cars are waiting.
* If you prefer to get out and look, bring a thick coat and some old, warm shoes. Expect to park and stay a while. Traffic may be thick.
* "Don't touch" is a good rule. The display took a long time to build, and you could damage it.
* Most folks don't like perfect strangers tromping all over their yard. Unless there's a nice big sign up that says: "Please come on up. Donations welcome," then you should stay on the sidewalk.
* If you are invited into the yard, be prepared for mud. After years of putting up displays and having strangers tromp the turf, there may be no grass left, especially if it rains this year.

Donations: Lights display almost never have admission fees, but electricity isn't cheap. If you intend to get out and take a close look, make a donation. At $1--$5 per person, it's cheap entertainment.

* There is a small house, well worth the drive, that has an amazing array of large, home-made, metal animated figures, including a Brontosaurus and a full-size elephant that swings its trunk. Here are directions:
  - Take State Hwy, 278 east from Gadsden to Hokes Bluff.
  - Turn left onto Main Street after you enter Hokes Bluff city limits (It's a Y-road to the left). If you miss it, you can travel just a little farther and turn left on Appalachian Road.)
  - Continue on Main Street straight through the Appalachian Road intersection, a 4-way stop. (Turn right on Main Street if you took Appalachian Road.)
  - Drive eight miles of curvy roads until you see a small sign on the right for Mt. Tabor Baptist Church. Turn left on Gilley Road at the sign. Drive and you'll see the house.
  - Be sure to "thank" Mr. Gilley for the motorized light sculptures.

* Another favorite light show this time of year is put on by the Gadsden City Parks department at Noccalula Falls. The show is all white lights, but you do have the option of walking through the park on foot or taking the scenic park train. There is an admission charge at Noccalula Falls of $2 -- $5 per person.
**Silent Night** won’t be lonely

Thomas J. Webb
Contributing Writer

For most of JSU’s 7700 students, winter break means going home to friends and family. Dorms close, classes are over, and Jacksonville’s northwest quarter becomes a ghost town. You can even find a parking space at the TMB.

For some of JSU’s 200 international students, home will be Daugette Hall. Thirty-four international students and one American live on the upper floor. Of those, 10 to 20 are expected to stay during the break.

In the past, some students complained that the University did not provide for those who could not travel home for the holidays, so JSU offered Daugette Hall as a year-round residence, says Housing Director Ray Creel.

“We opened Daugette and said anyone who needs housing for Thanksgiving, Christmas, or Spring Break needs to apply for Daugette,” Creel says. “They’re not going to find anything cheaper than what we’re going to offer.”

All of the International House’s 20 or so international students have found somewhere to stay during the break, according to House Director Grindley Curren. Curren says that the small number made it easier.

Nepal, says his country does not celebrate Christmas. He says if he’d gone home, he would’ve simply spent time with his family.

There will be more to do than just study for those who stay, according to Hall Director Fred Smith. He says activities have been planned, including several nights of movies in the hall’s lounge. Smith adds that while activities will be open to all residents, they will decide how to spend their time.

“It’s a long way and it’s expensive,” says Sangeet Tuladhar about his reasons for not going home during the break. “I’ll be working on my project -- nothing else to do.”

Tuladhar, Computer Science major from Nepal, says his country does not celebrate Christmas. He says if he’d gone home, he would’ve simply spent time with his family.

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Daugette’s one U.S. resident is Dwight Miller, Art major from Las Vegas, who says he chose to live in the hall after he heard it was open year-round. Miller says that he will be getting into the holiday spirit with a church family from Faith Outreach Ministries in Anniston.

Smith says that holiday celebrations in the Bahamas aren’t very different from those in the U.S., except for festivals for Christmas and New Year’s Day. If he had gone home this year, he says he would have gathered with his family to enjoy some of his mother’s cooking.

“I would be getting ready to eat some native dishes,” Smith says. “My mother is a really good cook.”

With no plans to celebrate the holidays, Miller says he will be working on his portfolio, and just catching up with projects.
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Ghosts of Christmas

Charles Dickens did a great thing for humanity when he wrote “A Christmas Carol.” The man rejuvenated the spirit of Christmas for a time. He brought a character to life that symbolizes most of us and now. I’m not suggesting we’re as nasty as Mr. Scrooge, but the Christmas spirit seems to diminish a little more each year. Many see Christmas as a burden. They shoulder at having to entertain 50 members of their family, spending money they don’t have, while juggling work and a family.

I enjoy Christmas. Call me old-fashioned, but this is truly my favorite time of year. There is something inside that’s happier as Dec. 25 grows nearer.

It was great when we were kids. We had school activities, anticipation made us sweat, and there was Santa Claus (for the skeptics out there, let me assure you, he does exist!). Charlie Brown, Rudolph and the Grinch were our television priorities. Christmas was magical when we were children. I wish a little bit of that magic survived.

When shopping, tension looms heavy in the air. I’m constantly in someone’s way. Stop and remember what giving at Christmas time symbolizes. These presents represent love and selflessness, not greed and intolerance.

How about commercialization? I can’t believe some of the crap retailers try to sell. Most of it useless, taking up valuable closet space. What happened to simplicity? Don’t win someone’s love with possessions, tell them you love them. That means more than any tie, microwave oven or VCR.

Why doesn’t anyone say “Merry Christmas” anymore? People aren’t concerned with approaching the symbolic heart every culture has to share has withered in ours? At risk of sounding religious, anyone can begin to repair the damage to our society at Christmastime. Pick up a Bible. I guarantee the Christmas story is there. Read it. Whether Christianity is your force or not isn’t important. The fact is you are celebrating a Christian holiday and the story of how it all began is heartwarming for the Christmas spirit. It’s just one Christmas tale to refurbish our spirits at Christmastime.

Hopefully, I’ve done the work Dickens did many years ago. People need to change their attitudes. If Christmas continues on the decline we have set it on, what will our kids endure? The Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future may visit us one day and we may not get off as easy as Scrooge did.

The Grinch’s heart grew two sizes when the sage prospector pronounced. The boy’s father was to edit letters for space and grammar, as well as style. Rebuttals no later than two weeks after the publication of the article, editors or letter in question.

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Answers

1. Roast Beast
2. “Jelly of the Month Club”
3. Red Rider BB gun
4. Danny Elfman (Oingo Boingo)
5. Yukon Cornelius
6. Burl Ives, Jimmy Durante, Fred Astaire
7. Pink
8. Blitzen
9. Buster Poindexter
10. Lords a-leaping

As a special treat this week, we challenge you to recall all that you can about your favorite Christmas movies and shows:

1. What were the “Who’s” going to eat on Christmas?
2. What was Clark Griswold’s Christmas bonus?
3. What did Ralphy want for Christmas?
4. Who sang the part of Jack Skelton?
5. What is the prospector’s name in Rudolph?
6. Who were the narrators of “Rudolph,” “Frosty,” and “Santa Claus is Coming to Town?”
7. What color tree did Lucy want in the Charlie Brown Christmas special?
8. Who is the last reindeer in order?
9. Who played the ghost of Christmas past in Scrooged?
10. What do you receive on the 11th day of Christmas, according to the carol?

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Shannon Fagan
Sports Editor

Jacksonville State may have played in their final Tom Roberson/Coca-Cola Classic.

With new coach Mark Turgeon taking the JSU program in a new direction, the tournament may have seen its last few games on Friday and Saturday. JSU didn't disappoint the home folks, but it was a hard road to the championship game.

In the end, the Gamecocks won the Classic by defeating Brewton-Parker. Before Saturday's championship game, the late Tom Roberson was honored. Roberson was the head coach of the Gamecocks from 1953-1971. His wife, Kay, was on hand to see the action.

"It was a very emotional night because it may be the last one," said Roberson. "I sort of felt my husband's presence here tonight."

Jacksonville State 83
West Georgia 81

The Braves proved to be formidable competition for the Gamecocks. In what was a nail-biter for JSU, the Gamecocks found a way to squeak out the win to advance to the finals.

Jacksonville State held the lead at the break 38-34 but had to fight off a late surge by the Braves. The Gamecocks were led by a trio of players. Marlon Gurley had the hot hands for JSU, scoring 19 points (15 of those coming from three-point range). Alex Beason and Shawn Philpotts each had 13 points to help lead JSU.

West Georgia only had two players score in double figures. Curtis Pass led all scorers with 31 points and pulled down 12 rebounds. Demetrius Somerville hit four of seven shots from three-point range on his way to 18 total points on the evening.

In other action on Friday evening, Brewton-Parker defeated North Georgia. That pitted the Gamecocks against Brewton-Parker for the championship match-up.

Jacksonville State 78
Brewton-Parker 49

On Saturday evening, the Gamecocks had no trouble with Brewton-Parker. JSU held a 12 point advantage at the half 32-20. Leading the championship charge for JSU were a trio of players. Rashard Willie hit four of his eight shot attempts to give him 12 points on the evening. Marlon Gurley wasn't far behind, coming away with 11 points. Jason Lewis also scored in double-digits for the Gamecocks, chipping in with 10 points.

The Gamecocks only allowed one player for Brewton-Parker to score in double-digits. Rodney Hicks hit six out of 10 shots from the floor to give him 14 points on the night. JSU's defense held Brewton-Parker to only 29 points in the second period.

"I'm proud of how our guys played in the second half. Everyone got a chance to score. It was a good win for us," said head coach Mark Turgeon on his team's performance.

After the game, the Tom Roberson/Coca-Cola Classic All-Tournament Team was announced. Two Gamecocks were named to the squad. Rashard Willie was selected for his efforts and Marlon Gurley was named the Tournament's Most Outstanding Player.

Wendy's Basketball
Shneka Whaley out for the season with knee injury

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Sports Editor

Just when things had started off pretty good for the Lady Gamecocks, Coach Dana Austin's club got a lot of bad news this week.

Senior point guard Shneka Whaley is out for the season because of a knee injury she suffered in a game against Southern University. She is scheduled to have surgery after final exams.

More bad news came when her teammate, Heather Mayes, was involved in an automobile accident last weekend. Mayes was not seriously hurt and was cleared to play against the UAB Lady Blazers.

With all of the off-the-court blues, the Lady Gamecocks dropped to 2-3 on the season. Here is a recap of their action against Southern University and UAB.

Southern 75
Jacksonville State 62

Sophomore Lateatrice Thomas had a whale of a game against Southern. She led the Lady Gamecocks with 17 points and 27 rebounds. Her rebound total for the night tied JSU's all-time record for rebounds in a single game, but it wasn't enough as the Lady Gamecocks lost by 13.

Whaley suffered the injury playing against Southern University.

Jacksonville State had two other players score in double-figures. Forward Karen Harden hit five of her 12 shot attempts to give her 12 points on the evening. Guard Heather Mayes chipped in with 11 points.

For Southern, a trio of players led the charge. Stacey Bady hit six of her shot attempts on her way to 17 points for the evening. Guard Letitia Hall and forward Adina Moore each had 12 points in the win.

The Lady Gamecocks held the lead at the break 32-29. However, JSU was outscored in the final period of play 46-30.

UAB 69
Jacksonville State 60

On Wednesday, the Lady Gamecocks traveled to Birmingham to face the Lady Blazers.

The game was close throughout, but in the end UAB stole the show. The Lady Blazers outscored JSU 42-36 in the final period on their way to victory.

Heather Mayes led the charge for the Lady Gamecocks. She scorched the nets for 19 points, including three from beyond three-point range. Lisa Baswell wasn't far behind Mayes, coming away with 13 points for the night. Karen Harden chipped in with 10 points, but it wasn't enough.

UAB's forwards were just too much to handle for the Lady Gamecocks. Deanna Jackson and Holly Holland each had 20 points. Guard Felicia Jackson chipped in with 13 points to help the Lady Blazers improve to 2-3 on the season.

The Lady Gamecocks get back on the hardwood Dec. 15 when they host Alabama A&M at Pete Mathews Coliseum at 7 p.m.
All-SFL Team announced

Twelve Gamecocks earn All-SFL honors

Shannon Fagan
Sports Editor

Although football season is over for the Gamecocks, some of the players are still making the headlines.

On Dec. 1, the Southland Football League announced its All-League Team. The Gamecocks were well represented, coming away with seven different players making the team. They also had five honorable mentions.

Montressa Kirby added two more honors to her belt. She was selected as the SFL Offensive Player of the Year. Her teammate, running back Jermaine Jones, was also chosen for the Second Team Defense as a corner-back. Defensive lineman Joel Ingram made the Second Team Defense.

In addition to Parker, the Gamecocks had three other selections on the Second Team Defense. On the offensive line, senior Mark Word and junior Calvin Nichols took honors. Columbus, Ga., native Alton Murphy was also selected to help anchor the defense as a lineman.

Jacksonville State also had several honorable mentions: wide receiver Ronald Bonner, tight end Brad Wallace, offensive lineman Jeremy Sullivan, defensive back Delvin Hughey, and safety Natarsha James.

The SFL Player of the Year went to Northwestern State defensive back Jermaine Jones. Defensive Player of the Year went to McNeese State linebacker Charles Ayro.

His teammate, running back Jessie Burton, came away with Freshman of the Year. Newcomer of the Year went to Southwest Texas State quarterback Spurgeon Wynn and Coach of the Year went to Northwestern State's Sam Goodwin.

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Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 6 — You had some sort of foreboding about a project you're working on. You weren't quite sure how to go about it, but that's starting to fade. Now you're realizing it'll be hard to get anywhere quickly. Now, Mercury is going direct today.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 5 — You can find the money you need. There are others who can afford to be generous with their attention. You're able to somebody else. That's hard for you to imagine. If you're not sure just how to go about it, you're trying everything you know about. That looks like something you didn't know about. How will you figure out what to do? That's easy. Just look someplace you've never looked before!

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Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 6 — Somebody's looking over your shoulder, criticizing your every move. Try to stifle that comment if you can. It's very good at slicing right through you, and you can become agitated with your attention. You can even afford to learn something from a person you don't like. Each folks often teach us the most.

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Gemini (May 21-June 20) — Today is a 4 — You've probably noticed some confusion in your relationship, and maybe hurt feelings or a misunderstanding. Those will clear up in the next few days. You may not have much time for discussion today any way. Something you thought was headed one way will go another way instead. Allow a little extra time for whatever you have in mind.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) — Today is a 6 — You're pushing yourself to try something difficult. You'll be paid well for your efforts, too, which makes the whole process more fun. There's more good news.

Mercury is going direct today. That means a lot of problems will start to clear up all by themselves. It's wonderful when that happens!

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