JSU student attacked

by Thomas Webb
News Editor

“They were hollering and screaming, telling me if I said anything - or didn’t do what I asked - they would slit my throat and kill me,” says Gregory Hughston, a JSU education major.

According to an incident report filed at the UPD, Hughston was the victim of second degree kidnapping and robbery last Monday night.

Hughston says he had been working on an assignment in Bibb Graves, and had returned to his car, which was parked behind Luttrell Hall. “I got to my car, and I heard tires squeal, but I just didn’t react to it,” Hughston says. “I was putting my books in the back seat, and I shut my back door, and I started to get in my car.”

Hughston says a car pulled up beside him, but he didn’t notice it or the people in it.

“A car just pulled up right beside me, and people were getting out, but I didn’t pay that any attention,” he says. “Next thing I know they’re pushing me up against my car. They put a plastic bag over my head, and pulled me into the backseat of their car.”

He says he was thrown on his stomach in the backseat, and then one of his assailants sat on his legs. The man on his legs made him kick off his shoes, then took his wallet out of his back pocket.

“He pulled my wallet out of my back pocket, and I just thought he was going to take the whole wallet, but he stuck it back in there,” Hughston says. “He took one of my credit cards - my JSU Mastercard.”

The few dollars which he had in his wallet were also taken. Hughston says. He says after the wallet was returned to his pocket, his shirt was ripped partially off, and he was whipped on the back with his own belt.

“At the same time they were just hollering and screaming, and then there was a time span of about 15 minutes where there was just total silence,” Hughston says. “I thought they were going to take me and string me up somewhere.”

Hughston estimates he was driven around for about an hour, before being dropped off near Union Yarn Mill on Alexandria Rd. He says they took the bag off his head. The car then drove around the corner, and stopped, allowing Hughston to get a glimpse of it.

“It was a large white car - I told [the police] it was about the size of a Cadillac,” Hughston says. “I’m not sure if it was a Cadillac, but it was about the size of a Cadillac.”

He began running towards his friend’s apartment near the Coliseum, and says the car was following him. Hughston says he didn’t go straight to the UPD because he was afraid the people in the car would try to get him again. Once he got to his friend’s apartment, he called 911.

“The police came, and we went back to my car. They took fingerprints and pictures and all. They couldn’t find any fingerprints,” Hughston says. “Whoever it was either went back to my car while I was with them, or after they had dropped me off, and threw one of my shoes, my belt, and my car keys back up under my car.”

Hughston says the police, who could not be contacted before this story went to press, did not find any fingerprints on the returned items. He says he believes it was some sort of initiation stunt to the UPD because he was afraid the people in the car would try to get him again. Once he got to his friend’s apartment, he called 911.

Gregory Hughston says he was attacked and kidnapped in this parking lot last Monday night. Hughston says he doesn’t know of anyone who would have wanted to kidnap him.

“I keep to myself. I don’t know of any enemy - or didn’t do what I asked,” Hughston says. “I’m really sorry that it turned out to be the same parking lot where I work,” he says. “I’m just glad that I wasn’t directly involved with it, although it was one of the centerpieces of it.”

SGA Director of Publicity Jenay Johnson, however, says she thought the elections were well run this year: “Basically it was just clean overall.”

The elections, held last Tuesday and Wednesday, attracted a fairly high turnout, according to Johnson.

“I worked the polls a little bit on Tuesday, and there was a constant flow of people coming in,” says Johnson. “Basically it was just clean overall.”

In the election for 2nd Vice President, three candidates split the 650 votes cast. Kellilyn Johnson won with 54% of the vote, followed by incumbent Greg Swindall with 38%, and Shane Thomason with 8%.

“I’m very ecstatic about becoming 2nd Vice President,” Johnson says. “I feel it’s an honor, and I just thank the students that went out and participated in the voting.”

Johnson credits God with her win in the election. “I just want to thank God for blessing me with this job,” Johnson says. “He’s the only that made this happen.”

Ryan Kruzinski came out on top in the election for SGA President, with 59% of the 674 votes cast. Joel Lamp came in second with 41% of the vote.

“I guess I’m elated,” says Kruzinski, who also thanked God for his victory. “Everyone would say ‘Good Luck!’ to me, and I’d say ‘Will you say a prayer for me?’

The new Senate and SGA officers will begin meeting the Monday following Spring Break.
The Student Accountant Association is offering a tax service. The service is run by student volunteers who have been tested and certified by the IRS to prepare taxes. This service is free and is a way for the SAA to make a positive contribution to the university.

Zeta Tau Alpha congratulates the chapter for achieving Named Sorority of the Week for the second week in a row! Congratulations to Aimee Sayers, Bethany Vinson, Holli Blass, and Shannon Smith for being named Gamecock Hostesses. Thanks to our president, Erin Henley, for doing such a wonderful job so far. We love you very much! Congratulations to Aimee Sayers for being named Greek Goddess at Zeta Day this past weekend in Tuscaloosa.

Alpha Xi Delta hosted a 30th year Founders Day Tea/Alumni Tea on March 22. It was a wonderful success, and over 50 alumnae were there to celebrate this exciting event. Thank you Rebekah Ryser for all of your hard work in organizing and planning the Tea. Congratulations to Alpha Xi Delta’s New Members: Jodi South, Jeanette Williams, April Hanson, and Amanda Jones. Also, congratulations to Alpha Xi Delta’s Kelli Lyn Johnson for being voted SGA 2nd Vice President for the 1998-99 year.

The 1998 Civic Appreciation Luncheon will be held on Thursday, March 26. The event will be held at the First United Methodist Church of Anniston on 1400 Noble Street. The lunch service will begin at 11:45 a.m. and will conclude by 1 p.m. Tau Kappa Epsilon invites everyone to attend to share in their thanks and a brief report of the Salvation Army mission in Calhoun County in 1997. R.S.V.P. Russell Taylor at 435-2853 or 782-5240.

Zeta Tau Alpha will hold a car wash on Thursday, from 3-6 p.m. at Taco Bell. Proceeds will be donated to breast cancer.

The Spring Fling will be held Thursday on the Quad from 12-4 p.m. Skydiving, obstacle courses, 28 foot Rocky Mountain Climbing, Medieval Joust, free staff and music (possibly 92-4) are part of the festivities. The event is sponsored by the SGA.

Act makes it easier for transfer students

by Scott Hopkin
Editor in Chief

Incoming freshmen may find it easier to transfer between four and two-year universities. According to Act 96-557, passed last year, the Articulation and General Studies Committee must produce "a well-defined core of academic programs between universities." This is only one of the changes being enacted. The major portion of the legislation focuses on phasing out "nonviable" academic programs over a six to nine year period.

The administrative group in charge is the Alabama Commission on Higher Education (ACHE), which received a boost in its powers following the 96-557 act. According to ACHE’s purpose statement, "the goal of this effort will be to evaluate programs, eliminate unnecessary duplication, and focus existing resources to enhance the overall quality of academic offerings." According to the act, all undergraduate degree programs at four-year universities in Alabama must graduate 7.5 students over a five year period, based on the graduation rate of students that have high success rates, and several other factors. If a waiver is not given to the program by ACHE, the degree is placed on a three year monitoring period.

If the program fails to come up to the 7.5 graduation standard, and is not waived by ACHE for varying reasons, then the program is phased out over three years. The 7.5 graduation level for undergraduates could cause problems for many liberal arts majors, such as foreign languages or some hard sciences. According to Dr. David Watts, the contact point for ACHE at JSU, ACHE has not still decided exactly what to do about the liberal arts majors. ACHE currently has put several programs (listed in the sidebar below) as "Baccalaureate Core Liberal Arts Programs," which have a three year grace period to increase their graduation level before they are put on monitoring status.

ACHE mentions in several sections of its documentation the possibility of combining programs between universities. This would allow different universities in different parts of the state to share faculty and resources, as well as the headcount of graduating students.

According to Watts, JSU currently has six undergraduate programs that have reached the level two review. Watts says that five of the six currently have a liberal arts exemption.

"Viability will not eliminate physics... what it will do is eliminate the possibility of offering a major, in some particular area."

--Dr. David Watts

Watts will not release the names of the programs currently being looked at. "The reason why I’m reluctant to discuss the programs now... is that effectively, very very few programs at Jacksonville State University are going to be impacted by this, when we get through all the different levels of review. And making public announcements that programs A-Z are continuing viability review, I don’t think is going to enhance either the morale of the faculty in those programs, or the students who are in those programs. We have a commitment to maintaining a diverse offering of programs, and we are going to do that."

The results of the level two review will not be available until June, 1998. Watts seems unconcerned about the undergraduate programs currently being reviewed. He says, "the overwhelming number of those will simply meet the 7.5 criteria within A-Z and are continuing viability review."

Girl Scouts honor JSU women for excellence

by Buffy Smith
Managing Editor

Five Jacksonville State women were recognized Tuesday afternoon at the 7th Annual Women’s Committee to Excellence Community Awards Program, presented by Cottaquilla Council of Girl Scouts.

Dr. Claudia McDade, Carol Smith, Dee Johnson, Dr. Martha Lavender, and Katherine Forester from JSU were among 21 Calhoun County women nominated by the community.

Dr. Claudia McDade was nominated for Outstanding Distinguished Professional. She is the Director of JSU’s Center for Individualized Instruction, chair of the department of Learning Skills, and professor of Psychology. She volunteers with the Center of Concern, the Soup Bowl and Habitat for Humanity.

Carol Smith, Student Support Services Coordinator at JSU, was nominated Outstanding Professional. Dee Johnson, the lead interpreter at the office of Disabled Student Services, was nominated as Outstanding Junior Professional. Dr. Martha Lavender, JSU professor and dean at the college of Nursing and Health Sciences, was nominated in the category of Outstanding Educator.

KellilynHopkin, a JSU Secretary, was nominated Outstanding Volunteer. Forestor volunteers with Jacksonville Exchange Club, Jacksonville Heritage Association, JSU Marching Southerners, Southern Brass Classic and Odyssey of the Mind.

Carol Smith was awarded Outstanding Professional of the year and Dee Johnson was named alternate Outstanding Junior Professional. In the Outstanding Educator category, Dr. Martha Lavender was awarded the title.
Faculty Senate wants noon break

by Phil Attinger

Nezus Writer

“It’s fun to be on a campus where there’s unity,” says Linda Cain, History librarian. “You feel like you’re part of a community.”

The JSU Faculty Senate proposed placing an hour noon-time break into the class schedule for the coming year.

A senate sub-committee has been researching academic quality since last September, Cain says. Cain explains most members of the faculty, without research, feel that students remain mostly isolated from one another, at least socially.

According to Cain, the break would give clubs and organizations a chance to meet during the day. Cain says that since many students commute and many work in the evenings, a break would promote more activity on campus.

“When I was a student, I had to work, too,” remembers Cain. “You have to get your head set for work. It’s easy not to have time.”

Students and faculty could have lunch and talk with one another during this time. Cain explains that right now faculty have trouble finding time in their busy schedules to talk with students.

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-- Linda Cain

Cain admits that some subject areas might not be able to give up the hour. The faculty senate hopes that enough departments can give up the time.

The senate also wanted to create a place on campus where students can gather to meet and talk, says Cain. “A central place on campus to go and find out what was happening, something in the nature of a kiosk,” is how Cain described the proposal.

According to Cain, the original idea put the area in the center of the quad, but she says the students government preferred not to have it there.

A second location would have the gathering area closer to the Roundhouse, Cain says, which is out of the way, but still easy to use. She emphasizes that these ideas have just “been kicked around” and that such an area is not yet approved by the university.

A proposal by the Faculty Senate would give students more time to eat.

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Giant sewer lizard ravages Sparkman

by Thomas Webb

“Nuclear weapons are the only option.”

-- Scott Hopkin

In addition to the overwhelming stench, JSU students have been plagued by backed-up toilets and foul-tasting, foul-smelling water in the dorms and the mysterious disappearance of pets and strays around the campus.

“Personally, I’m just outraged by the disappearance of Cocky,” says athletic director N. O. Comment. “This is the worst thing to ever happen in JSU athletics - other than losing almost every football game for the last two years.”

University officials, the UPD, and Jacksonville Water Works have come up with a solution to the problem: The Great American Flush-Out. All Jacksonville residents are encouraged to flush their toilets at 8:00 p.m. tonight. It is believed that the flood of water will wash Anita into the Coosa River.

“If we all work together, we can nip this in the bud,” says Jacksonville mayor Whitley Houston. “I believe the children are our future, so we need to do this for them. I urge you all to flush.”

Some people however, express doubts about this plan.

“It won’t work! Think about what we would be releasing into the ecosystem. We have no idea what kind of effect it will have on local fauna. The chemicals that cause the creature’s stench could devastate local fishing, not to mention the possibility of spreading the mutation to other creatures,” says mad scientist Scott Hopkins. “Nuclear weapons are the only option.”

JSU becomes amusement park to pay tuition

by Vance Fleming

For those returning next Fall, a new approach to what you must literally pay—tuition hikes! This has been a trend in Alabama universities, Governor Bob James.

However, this upcoming year is different, with no rumors of an increase. Why? The JSU administration has finally found the solution to its decreasing state funding and financial woes.

Welcome to the Jacksonville State University Amusement Park Enterprises (JSU A.P.E.). If you think of all the money these parks take in each year, you will realize what a great decision this is for our community. Besides, we already have most of the facilities here on campus, right now.

For example, nothing can match the thrill and excitement of the “Free-Fall,” which has the adrenaline rush you need. This ride will be located in Sparkman Hall, but only two people may ride at a time. Also, the ride will be shut-down frequently for repairs.

After being worked on for the past few years, another ride will open at JSU, with a few minor problems still existing. The “Haunted Forest,” is a scary, unit room through most of the campus and will be available only at night.

“If the S.G.A. passed a bill where students could get a discount or something, this plan could start by next Fall.”

If you are looking for a ride that will be readily available, JSU A.P.E. has an adventure for you. The “Bumper Cars” seems so real with it’s crashing and jeking. Because of its popularity, this ride will have more than one location on campus, mostly at major intersections.

This is fortunate, as it appears there will be an overwhelming demand for this ride at the beginning of each semester, especially by freshmen on rainy days.

Of course existing parks make most of their money off the concessions and the arcade games where most of the food is bad and the arcade is a rip-off. Both are expensive. JSU A.P.E. has our dining hall for the food (antacids are extra) and several local games of chance—including the parking on campus.

Another game of chance, currently in the testing phase, gives the player a fifty-fifty chance. This is a guessing game in which one must decide if a certain faculty member is on campus for that particular day. At the Can’t-be-leeer, we want to add the university as much as possible. We will offer other, not new games. For instance, there will be an arcade writing competition. The rules are simple—the artacle with the most errors wins (but you must realize the staff probably has an unfair advantage).

As you can see, the administration has put much thought into JSU A.P.E. (Hey, we might as well say “good-bye” to Cocky right now.) Fellow students are encouraged to get behind the administration in this matter.

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Fraternities and sororities compete for prizes in the name of charity and unity.
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URBAN LEGENDS: MISADVENTURES AT THE METALLICA CONCERT

Police in George, WA issued a report on the events leading up to the deaths of Robert Uhlenake (24) and his friend, Ormond D. Young (27) at a Friday Metallica concert. Uhlenake and Young were found dead at the Gorge Amphitheater after the show. Uhlenake was in pickup that was on top of Young at the bottom of a 20 ft drop. Young was found with severe lacerations, numerous fractures, contusions, and a branch in his anal cavity. He also had been stabbed and his pants were in a tree above him, some 15 ft off the ground; adding to the mystery of the heretofore unexplained scene.

According to Commissioner-In-Charge Inoye Appleton, Uhlenake and Young had tried to get tickets for the sold-out concert. When they were unable to get any tickets, the two decided to stay in the lot and drink. Once the show began, and after the two had consumed 18 beers between the two of them, they hit upon the idea of scaling the 7 foot wooden security fence around the perimeter of the site and sneaking in. They apparently moved the truck up to the edge of the fence and decided that Young would go over first and assist Uhlenake later. They had not counted on the fact that white it was a 7 foot fence on the parking lot side, there was a 23 foot drop on the other side. Young, who weighed 255 lbs, and was quite inebriated, had jumped up and over the fence and promptly fell about half the 25 foot distance before a large tree branch broke his fall AND his left forearm; unfortunately, he also managed to get his shorts caught on the branch.

Since he was now in a lot of pain and with no way to extricate himself and his shorts from the tree, he decided, seeing bushes down below, to cut his shorts off and fall to the ground. Upon cutting the last bit of fabric from himself, he suddenly plummeted to earth, losing grip of the knife. The “soft” bushes were actually holly bushes and landing in them caused a massive number of cuts. He also had the misfortune of landing squarely on a holly bush branch, effectively impaling himself. The knife, which he had accidentally released 15 ft up, now landed and stabbed him in his left thigh. Apparently, he was in a lot of pain. Enter his friend Robert; Uhlenake had apparently observed the last bit of this and, despite his inebriated state, realized that Young was in trouble. He hit upon the idea of lowering a rope to his friend and pull him up and over the fence. This was complicated by the fact that Uhlenake was outweighed by his friend by a good 100 lbs. Again, despite his state he realized he could use their truck to pull Young out. Unfortunately, because of his state, Uhlenake put the truck in reverse, rather than drive, broke through the fence, landed on Young (killing him), was thrown out of the truck and subsequently died of internal injuries.

“So that’s how a dead 255-lb. man with no pants on, with a truck on top of him and a stick up his ass came to be” said Commissioner Appleton.

This now-elastic urban legend was contributed by Julie Urda and can be found at the Darwin Awards web page: http://www.DarwinAwards.com

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Rain doesn’t dampen Lady Gamecocks’ winning streak

by Cathy Higgins
Sports Writer

Despite the rainy weather, the Lady Gamecocks saw sunny skies in Orlando at the Rebel Spring Games last weekend. Saturday started a seven game winning streak for the team.

Saturday, Army was unable to score a single run. The Lady Gamecocks won 2-0. Leading the charge for JSU’s offense were Lauren Buck and Joni Epler. They had the winning runs in the sixth inning. Three more hits were made by Christine Tucker, Terrah Foster, and Cindy Mackin.

JSU also won their second game, which was against Dartmouth. Dartmouth only managed a run, as the Lady Gamecocks won 3-1. Leading JSU’s offense were Julie Boland, Tiffani Cain, and Lauren Buck. Buck scored the winning run in the sixth.

JSU brushed off Colgate by a score of 10-0. The Lady Gamecocks put up ten runs on 13 hits. Theirs was against Dartmouth.

In the 150-165 weight class, Maxwell Thurmond took the honors. He benched 205 pounds 27 times and squatted 315 pounds 50 times and squatted 425 pounds 50 times.

In the final weight class, the 256 plus competition, Michael Childress took the honors. He benched 225 pounds 17 times and squared 405 pounds 50 times for a total of 67 repetitions. Jimbo Phelps also had 67 repetitions, which proved to be enough to capture the 226-240 pound weight class. He benched 225 pounds 17 times and squared 425 pounds 50 times.

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In the 150-165 weight class, Maxwell Thurmond took the honors with 58 total reps. He benched 185 pounds 23 times and squatted 225 pounds 35 times. Neil Chambers was the 166-180 weight class champ with 77 reps. He benched 205 pounds 27 times and squatted 315 pounds 50 times.

The entire team was divided into eight weight classes. Each class had its own winner, which received a strong man t-shirt. “It’s important to them that they win it. It shows how hard they’ve been working in the off-season,” says Niblett.

In the final weight class, the 256 plus competition, Michael Childress took the honors. He benched 245 pounds 22 times and squared 495 pounds 40 times for a total of 62 repetitions.

“They’re doing really well so far. We’re better physically than we were at this time last year,” Niblett says. “We haven’t had anyone pull any muscles.”

The Lady Gamecocks have several weight classes, and they have an ideal weight to lift for each. In the 150-165 weight class, Brooks Barron benched 205 pounds 15 times and squared 335 pounds a whopping 81 times for a total of 96 repetitions. In the 196-210 weight class, Brooks Barron was the champ. He benched 215 pounds 16 times and squared 365 pounds 57 times for a total of 73 repetitions.

In the 211-225 weight competition, Jerry Hartline took top honors. He benched 225 pounds 17 times and squared 405 pounds 50 times for a total of 67 repetitions. Jimbo Phelps also had 67 repetitions, which proved to be enough to secure the 226-240 pound weight class. He benched 225 pounds 17 times and squared 425 pounds 50 times.

The Lady Gamecocks’ winning streak continued at home in a double-header against Tennessee State on Monday. They ran away with the first game 12-2 in six innings. JSU had 13 hits on the afternoon with Buck, Epler, Foster, and Cindy Mackin scoring three runs each.

In the second game, JSU beat Tennessee State by a score of 8-2. They scored those runs off of nine hits. Rhonda Freeman and Boland led JSU’s offense with two runs each.

The winning streak gives the Lady Gamecocks a 15-9 record. They hope to keep the streak alive as they host UT-Chattanooga tomorrow at 5 p.m.
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