The rivalry between JSU and Troy State brings excitement to the campus. SGA members are especially fired up for Whup Troy Week. The pep rally will be in Paul Snow Stadium at 8 p.m. tonight and the game begins at 2 p.m. Saturday.

After the meeting, senate members made signs to support the Gamecocks. “WHUP TROY” shirts are in the TMB bookstore. The cheerleaders are selling long-sleeved shirts for $10 in Freshman Admissions (bottom floor of Bibb Graves) and the Information Center (located at the corner of Hwy. 204 and Pelham).

SGA Senator Donnell Humes said, “We need everyone’s help” for student participation in events around campus. Humes also asked senators to “Publicize, publicize, publicize.”

SGA President Ryan Kruzinski encouraged students to become involved in higher education. According to Kruzinski, the Higher Education Partnership monitors legislation in Montgomery to see how money is being spent for education. “If you are a college student at a state university or college in Alabama,” said Kruzinski, “the Higher Education Partnership is a voice for those students, faculty, and administration.”

Lucy Bacchus and Shylo Stone will attend the Jacksonville City Council meetings and report back to SGA meetings. The goal is to merge ideas and work together to improve not only the city of Jacksonville, but the University as well.

Emily McAlister was elected to the Senate and Bill 703.1 was amended to read: “No active campaigning shall be conducted within 50 feet of the entrance of any building designated as a polling area on the day of the election, run-off election. No candidate may be within 50 feet of the entrance of any building designated as a polling area, except to cast his/hers vote.”

An interest meeting will be held for the Miss JSU Scholarship Pageant on Monday at 7 p.m. at the Roundhouse.

The search continues

Emily Day
News Writer

It seems that the search for the new JSU President will be slow-going.

The search is a “wide open process” according to Jack Hopper, assistant to the current president, Dr. Harold McGee. Hopper says that the search committee has conducted one meeting, has received about 35-40 applications at this time and will continue to accept applications until Dec. 15. The committee will meet again after the first of the year to narrow down the applicants to 10, arranging interviews for February. From the interviews the
Greek swingers help out

By Dave Sharp
Staff Writer

As part of their philanthropy projects, performed every semester, the gung-ho Greeks are using their muscle and heart to complete a project at Mason Hall. A large piece of playground equipment has been purchased by the three organizations and will be installed at no expense to the University. Many students may be unaware of why we have playground equipment on campus.

The recess area playground is used as a valuable lab site to teach JSU’s Home Economics and Child Care students the responsibilities of parenting and taking care of a toddler at the Child Center Program at Mason Hall. The playground equipment also gives the kids something interesting to play on so they aren’t sitting on a lump of dirt or walking on dilapidated equipment that might collapse.

“We really appreciate the new playground equipment. We need this,” said Sandra Stone, director of child care. Apparently, the playground is long overdue for a face-lift. The department is ecstatic about the student involvement with the facilities.

Installation of the equipment began Tuesday afternoon. “We’ll be out there Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. Hopefully we’ll be done with everything Thursday,” said Alpha Xi Delta Charity Chairholder Heather Church.

Another great service is the Child Center Program the University has had since 1954. The half-day program is held at Mason Hall, Monday through Friday from 7:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. The facilities can accommodate up to 17 children between the ages of three and four. The program is open to students, faculty and staff of the University.

For further information on the Child Center Program, you are welcome to contact either Sandra Stone or Paula Mitchell at 782-5054.

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**Organizations/Clubs**

**Phi Mu Sorority** congratulates the Gamecocks on their victory against Southwest Texas State. Good luck against Troy State on Saturday! Thanks to all the sisters who helped make Sisterhood Retreat in Gatlinburg a great success! Congratulations to our award winners this week: Dandy Lion Award goes to Patti Anne Townsend and Phi of The Week goes to Jessica Bucy.

**Scabbard and Blade** would like to thank CSM Harold Burleson, Mr. Jerry Chandler, and Mr. Carrick Peel for speaking at our Veterans Day ceremony. We also appreciate the assistance of: Capt. Christine Hackett, MSG David Jones, Dr. Ted Childress, LTC Victor valley, Officer Sam Friel and JSUPD, the Audio Visual Department, the Maintenance Department, Terry Casey, Kelliyn Johnson, and the SGA.

**Correction:**

In the Nov. 12 issue, we failed to mention that Maria Borjeson, Lady Gamecock golfer, tied for third place in the Lady Gator Fall Classic, which was played on the weekend of Nov. 7-8, 1998.

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**Campus Crime Docket**

- **11-07-98** Judy Tuane, 46, of Gonzales, Louisiana reported criminal mischief in the tailgate parking lot behind Paul Snow Stadium.
- **11-08-98** JSUDP issued a trespass warning at Dixon Hall.
- **11-10-98** Samuel B. Brown, 57, of Anniston reported criminal mischief in the Mason Hall parking lot. Vehicle headlight and rearview mirror reported damaged.
- **11-10-98** Jody Maureen Swier, 20, of Jacksonville reported harassing communications at Patterson Hall.
- **11-12-98** JSUDP reported criminal trespass at Dixon Hall.
- **11-13-98** JSUDP reported criminal trespass at Crow Hall.
- **11-13-98** Robert Charles Campbell reported theft of JSU property from room 326 of the Stone Center. One Sharp VCR was stolen, a $230 value.

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**Announcements**

**From the Office of the Comptroller:**

Re: Student Account Information
Soon after pre-registration for the Spring semester, statements will be sent to students. These statements will list charges to that date, but will not reflect additional charges added before the due date, Dec. 8, 1998. Each semester, students have paid their statement balance, but have charges cancelled because additional charges have not been paid.

Up-to-date account information is available by calling In Touch at (256) 782-2830, or through the Internet Student Access System.

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**Student Health Services** will give flu shots through November: $10 for JSU staff and students. Students pay on their accounts at the Bursar’s Office; staff pay on site. Call 782-5310 for an appointment: Mondays and Wednesdays, 1:30-4:30 p.m.; Fridays, 8:30-11:15 a.m. Bring your JSU ID.

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**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.

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**Thursday, Nov. 19:** GCSA Music Faculty Recital in the Gadsden Center for the Cultural Arts Recital Hall at 7:30 p.m. Free admission. Call Mike Gagliardi at (256) 543-2787.

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**Friday, Nov. 20:** NAACP Ball “Celebrating Diversity” at 8 p.m. in the Gamecock Center of Stephenson Hall. Call the office of Minority Affairs for more information.

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**Friday, Nov. 20:** Christian Fellowship Night Club, 8:30 p.m. until midnight. Free admission. For more information, call Cher Bernard at 782-0728, or Terrence Johnson at 782-6677.

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**Saturday, Nov. 21:** WHUP TROY! JSU v. Troy State at Paul Snow Stadium at 2 p.m. The first 1000 kids, 12 and younger, will receive a free die-cast collectible JSU mini-car, sponsored by the Talladega Super Speedway.

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**Saturday, Nov. 21:** Alabama Adventure 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Step back 200 years to Huntsville’s “Alabama Constitution Village.” $30/adult, $25/child (Members: $25/adult, $20/child)

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**Saturday, Nov. 21:** Book Signing: Virginia Pounds Brown at the Anniston Museum of Natural History, 1 p.m., followed by telling of myths of Southeastern Indians. Free admission.

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**Saturday, Nov. 21:** Decorating the Square for Christmas. Jacksonville is seeking volunteers — students and student organizations — to help decorate Jacksonville for the Christmas season. Contact Sandra Sudduth at 782-5741.

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**Tuesday, Dec. 1:** Senior Art Exhibit Opening, 7-9 p.m. at the Hammond Hall Gallery, with a reception and refreshments. The show will run through Dec. 18. Gallery hours are 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday—Friday. 782-5886
Residential Dorms: Home or Hazard?

Several facilities on the JSU campus are thought to be of comfort and protection to the student body. These facilities range from student lounges in Merrill to the TMB mail center. However, the best place for a student to feel comfortable would be in one’s own dorm.

In some cases, this may or may not be true. For more than a year, Daugette Hall has received calls from residents regarding problems with the dorms. Pests and insects have been among various reasons why several residents of the dorms have moved to an apartment.

People in Fitzpatrick Hall, one of the eight residential dorms, have reported ants and spiders as being the most common pests to residential life this semester.

“There have been major complaints of ants and spiders,” says Rochelle Cammock, second floor Residential Assistant at Fitzpatrick Hall. “One resident actually woke up with ants on her face!”

Usually these invasions of ants are traveling in a line from a wall to a nearby garbage can. However, ants have been reported in the dorm rooms and bathrooms.

“I always see ants in the bathroom - usually by the toilets. Last week there was a line of ants crawling down the wall to one of the toilets,” says Fitzpatrick resident Jocelyn Watts.

No one from housing services could comment, because they were out fulfilling maintenance requests. Housing Services is presently trying to do something about the ants and other pests in the dorms by spraying insecticide. By law, the insecticide must be water-based to prevent potential allergic or asthma reactions, according to Ray Creel, director of Housing.

The housekeepers who come to the dorms on a daily basis have also noticed the ants; yet, in some cases, this may or may not be true. Hall. “The housekeepers did okay with the ants,” Creel said. “People in Fitzpatrick Hall, one of the eight dormitories on the JSU campus, have moved to an apartment for various reasons why several residents of the dorms have moved to an apartment.

Several students in university housing have come in contact with some form of dorm health hazard. For some students there may have been an invasion of ants. For some it may be ladybugs. Until the problems are solved, many residents are making do with a can of Raid.

Remembering American Vets

Anthony Hill
Features Writer

“Fewer young people view the military as their best opportunity to advance,” said Cadet Vance Fleming at JSU’s Veterans Day ceremony on Wednesday, Nov. 11.

Scabboard and Blade, the national honor society of the ROTC department, hosted the event to commemorate the 80th anniversary of Armistice Day.

Fleming began his speech by thanking all for attending the ceremony and recognizing veterans in attendance. Fleming also gave a brief history of Armistice Day known now as Veterans Day, and spoke of the decline of American support for our nation’s veterans.

“During the first half of our century...Americans clearly understood the importance of honoring those who served...most American families had personal experiences with the military...they or members of their families served,” said Fleming. He also mentioned a declining rate of men and women enlisting into the military.

Command Sgt. Maj. Harold Burleson of Ft. McClellan spoke of the sacrifices that soldiers make the moment they enlist into the service. “Many people don’t realize the support which the military gives the community during the time of peace as well as war time,” Burleson said. He said that the modern-day soldiers are basically America’s 20th Century heroes. The military does things for communities ranging from giving relief supplies to flood victims to handling potential bombing situations.

Jerry Chandler, assistant professor of communication at JSU, spoke of how the community will be in a world of hurt after the departure of Ft. McClellan. The Army base has been of great assistance to the community since 1918. Chandler also spoke about certain individuals known as “World beaters.” “World beaters” in this case are veterans of war who make a world of difference in the community or nation. Gentlemen such as Sam Monk, the Circuit Judge of Anniston who was a helicopter pilot during Vietnam and Vice-President Al Gore who was a combat reporter during Vietnam.

The lessons learned in those unfortunate places of battle and the bonds which were made in the trenches of battle last far beyond the final shot of of combat,” said Chandler.

Carrick Peel, a JSU student and former Marine, spoke of his experiences in the classroom and the lack of veteran support he sees each day.

“I can’t help but to think that my present classmates, usually between the ages of 19 through 23, are wondering why I’m so much older than they; well, a few years ago I was in the Gulf War receiving letters from some of those same students in my classes today. I also can’t help but to wonder why the only flag which I recall seeing flying today is the one over my head now (the flag in front of Bibb Graves),” said Peel. He felt that the community should spend a little more time or put more effort into honoring those who risk their lives for the freedom of the citizens.

Fleming thanked everyone for coming, and closed the ceremony with members of Scabboard and Blade rendering honors to all veterans across the nation.

“...he responded.

Duncan described male students as “horny” and “sinful, drunken fraternity boys.” Boys join fraternities for the booze and the women, and girls join sororities for acceptance and a license to do what they want, and according to Gilles, any philanthropy is an attempt to appease a guilty conscience.

Some students felt they were insulted by the preachers. “He (Duncan) said I was a whore because I had pants on,” said freshman Beth Sproles. “I rebuked him and called him a false prophet.”

“He said I was going to Hell because I was married and divorced,” Nicole Anderson added. Other students gathered to be entertained. “It’s a joke,” Michael, a student, said. “It’s better than paying five bucks at a comedy club.”

Dr. Alice Cusimano, Vice-President of Academic and Student Affairs, was concerned about the student reactions. However, freedom of speech is a constitutional right guaranteed by the First Amendment, and any public university must have a designated area for free speech. Guidelines for demonstrations and assemblies are outlined in the student handbook and Duncan and Gilles did follow proper procedure.

“If this has caused people to think about who they are and what’s important to them, then there will be positive results,” Cusimano said.
four areas under investigation.

The most difficult part of the
search is in the Choccolocco
Mountain Range because of the
terrain. Environmental experts have
not a clue as to how they will handle
it.

The contamination topic of Fort
McClellan has been mentioned as
well because of the many landfill.
Both water and land must be thor-
oughly checked for safety concerns.
It has already been decided that
there will always be landfills on the
property, but some kind of restric-
tions will be enforced.

The Restoration Advisory Board
holds meetings on the third Monday
of every month at 6:30 p.m. These
meetings are open to the public and
are held at Fort McClellan in the
basement Conference Room of
building 141A.

The public focus is Risk
Assessment Training. This training
makes absolutely sure that every-
thing is okay with the environment
— no additional harm is done.

Anyone interested in additional
information about the restoration of
Fort McClellan can find it at the JSU
library, Anniston library and at Fort
McClellan.

Kuznizki said more students are
needed to voice opinions at the
meetings. The involvement helps
the students "become more informed"
of the student's feelings," according
to Kuznizki. "Even though there is
a representative body of 35 senators,
they can't be everywhere at the same
time," he said.

Questions concerning meal plans
in the new food court have been
answered. The Bonus Plan gives
students the flexibility of buying
items from the TMB Food Court or
the Snack Shop and also buying a
meal at Jack Hopper Dining Hall if
you wish.

The Bonus Plan is similar to an
automated checking account. When
checking out at the cash register, a
new balance will be given so you'll
know exactly how much money is
left on your ID card. A "power pur-
chase" benefit is also offered with
the Bonus Plan. The power pur-
chase works in this way:

- If you put $100 on your card, you
get 5 percent bonus purchasing

power, so you can purchase up to
$105 worth of food.

- If you put $200 on your card, your purchasing power

increases to 10 percent, giving you
an actual $220 to spend. For more
detailed information, contact Noah
Rucker (JSU Marriott) at 782-7242.

Kuznizki said there are only two
senate meetings left for the Fall
semester. Anyone interested is invit-
ed to attend.

Gene Roberts
former Executive Editor of
The New York Times &
The Philadelphia Inquirer

As part of the Ayers Lecture Series, Gene Roberts will speak on campus.
Under Roberts' direction, his newspapers have won 17 Pulitzer Prizes.

Thursday, November 19, 1998
11th Floor, Houston Cole Library

Sponsored by the Department of Communication
With winter time approaching and Thanksgiving is right around the corner, we all will be either going on a trip to see our families or just trying to battle the cold weather. Now is the time to decide: Will my vehicle start when it gets cold? Will the cooling system freeze up? Are my brakes going to stop the vehicle when I need them to? Has my oil been changed lately? Now is the time to decide if you would rather get home safely and on time to see your families or take the chance on getting stranded somewhere on the side of the road.

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Operation Honduras: helping out abroad and at home

Alan Bradford
Features Writer

Hurricane Mitch has devastated Honduras with more than 11,000 deaths. Now, help is on the way from the community of Jacksonville.

Ann Priddy of the Art department and others have helped with the relief efforts. After hearing the news of the hurricane and casualties, the Parker Memorial Church on Quintard and other churches tried to help any way they could. They started with one U-haul and ended up with more than four semi-trailers full of food.

This has been one of the largest community efforts in the South. Priddy gives the credit to all those who have donated their time. They packaged and labeled the food for individual families, as well as extended families. This makes the process quicker for the Army and The Red Cross, says Priddy.

Before Hurricane Mitch, Priddy had traveled to Honduras and saw the plight of people there. She knows what the devastation means. Even before the hurricane, many Hondurans suffered housing instability and a lack of electricity and running water.

Now that the hurricane is past, it’s time to start over. The Army is helping out by sending the items over in the largest plane they have. The Parker Memorial Church on Quintard Avenue in Anniston is still collecting food. Anyone interested in helping should contact Ann Priddy at 782-5626.

Closer at home, the Political Science Club and Pre-Law Club are running a canned-food drive for the holidays.

The group effort, run by Waco Kean of the Science Club, is trying to collect enough food for needy families in the local communities around Jacksonville.

JSU students are working specifically for people around Jacksonville, and will be distributing food during the Thanksgiving and Christmas season.

Canned goods are being picked up throughout the week. You can still drop them off around campus at boxes placed in Stone center, Martin Hall, Merrill Hall, Bibb Graves, Crow Hall, and many other locations.

For more information, call Regina Cash at (256) 831-5080.

Death never tasted sweeter

David Lee Mathews
Features Editor

The previews aren’t very revealing. They show what appears to be a typical romantic love story starring almost every female’s fantasy man, Brad Pitt. The trailer cuts were quick and passionate without leading too far into the plot of the story. A plot that is far from typical.

At first, “Meet Joe Black” appears to be one of those movies that ends up being a due that guys must pay on certain date nights. However, after reading some fairly harsh critic opinions concerning this film, it came to surface that this Joe Black character was Death himself. It was a plot twist that instantly drew me to the theater.

The film is based loosely on a character from the 1920’s stage play adapted for the screen in a 1934 movie, “Death Takes A Holiday.” The storyline involved Death coming to Earth to enjoy the values of life for a while. Everyone living, of course, enjoying the benefits of Death’s time off.

“I first saw the original film over 20 years ago,” director Martin Brest says, “and it intrigued me; haunted me, really. There was a suggestion in the old movie of what might be a great story, but it was a story that had yet to be discovered.”

“Meet Joe Black” tells the of media tycoon William Parrish (Anthony Hopkins), whose charmed life is suddenly interrupted by the arrival of an attractive young man named Joe Black (Brad Pitt), who proceeds to fall in love with William’s daughter Susan (Claire Forlani). For William, Susan and the rest of the family, the complications that follow are more than could be imagined. Mr. Black isn’t your typical boy next door. He is Death. Despite the running time of 2 hours and 58 minutes, this film is truly a wonderful story. A story not only of the darkest of things given the ability to love, but a story that will make you value the time we all have here together. Overall, the story would have made a much better book than a movie. However the story could not have been told in any less time than what was allowed or taken.

“Meet Joe Black” is the perfect example of a novel idea and the hope that we all have the chance to make what is wrong in our lives right before we die and that in the end, we all go to some place much brighter.

It is a truly delightful film that will touch you and move you, if you have a good three hours to spare.

Tempest on the sand

Buffy Smith
JSU News Bureau

William Shakespeare’s great play, “The Tempest” will open “in the South Seas” at JSU’s Drama Department tonight.

Cast with the University’s greatest student actors, it’s sure to be a crowd-pleaser. “We have a really good cast to work with and they’ve been responding to the play wonderfully.”

The play is set on a island at sea—the story line based around shipwrecked castaways. A work of fantasy, romance, magic and royalty, “The Tempest” is believed to be Shakespeare’s final play.

JSU decided to modernize the play for their production — the characters and events resemble those of the modern world rather than the Elizabethan era. And since Shakespeare was unclear about what island the play is set on, the director elected to give it a Caribbean motif.

The show stars Douglas Millington as Prospero, Jessica Duke as Miranda, Tim Prestridge as Ferdinand, Elizabeth Chandler as Ariel and Joshua O’Bryant as Caliban.

The play will be held at Ernest Stone Performing Arts Center, running November 19-23. The show will start at 8 p.m. all nights except for the Sunday matinee, which will begin at 2 p.m. Ticket prices are as follows: adults, $5; JSU faculty, staff, and senior citizens, $4 and students, military, and children, $3.

For more information or to reserve tickets, contact the JSU Box Office at (256) 782-5648.
For the love of it

Sarah Trotter Features Writer

JSU showed them how it was done at the Alabama Theater Conference held last month.

Susan McCain, a stage movements and dance specialist, as well as a professor of drama and dance, attended with students Brian Dixon and Amber Moody. Dixon and Moody share an interest in dance, especially the dance and movement aspect of performance. All three are actively involved in conferences and dance classes.

The ACTS Convention was held at Troy State University, Oct. 28-31. The workshops offered at this conference included acting workshops conducted by professional actors from the Alabama Shakespeare Festival, as well as those focusing on voice and design. McCain was asked to present a stage movement workshop at the conference. She took Moody and Dixon along to present a workshop from the musical “Anything Goes.”

McCain described the workshop as, “a taste of how character is expressed through dance in musical theater.” Among the conferences attended by JSU students are the Alabama Conference of Theater and Speech (ACTS) and the Southeastern Theater Conference. Both provide students opportunities to participate in competitions with other schools, workshops on various aspects of drama, career fairs, and auditions for professional theatre which may lead to summer work. Dixon feels that these conferences are very beneficial. “Professional people” from various parts of the country provide “a lot of knowledge.”

Moody and Dixon will both attend the Southeastern Theater Conference in Greensboro, N.C. in March. There they will audition for National Theater Companies. According to Dixon, most of the jobs available are summer jobs for outdoor drama; however, summer jobs sometimes result in offers for year-round designer and lighting technician positions.

The Southeastern Conference requires much preparation. Auditions are only open to technically trained dancers or actors. Moody took 15 years of dance lessons, training in tap, jazz, and ballet. She also taught dance for one summer. Dixon’s training includes experience with cheerleading, gymnastics, show choir, and assisting with choreography for JSU’s “Picnic.” Conference entry requires providing information about one’s training (the length of training and the trainer), the approval of a professor and a conference fee.

Dixon, a drama major, did not know what he wanted to do when he came to JSU. After performing in “Mole Hill,” taking McCain’s dance class and talking with McCain, he had no doubt. “It just felt right,” he said. Dixon plans to be a career professional dancer.

Moody, a communication major, hopes to acquire a job through the conference audition. Although her dance interest is lifelong, her involvement in acting is more recent. She thoroughly enjoyed her first performance in a JSU play, “Virtue Races Villainy,” last summer. Moody would like to have a career in drama, but she plans to pursue a career in her field of study. This would provide stability and allow her to pursue her drama interest as a hobby. If something comes of her hobby, she will then pursue an acting career.

McCain’s Musical Theater Dance class will give the dancers additional training before the conference. Dixon has been in the class since its beginning two years ago and now assists in instructing the class. Moody, currently in McCain’s acting class, will take the dance class in the spring when it will mainly teach character dancing in preparation for the conference.

In the future, Dixon would like JSU to have a dance show. Still, he says that more support is necessary for this to happen. Moody praises McCain for her efforts and instruction, believes that more dance professors are needed in order to make JSU’s dance program bigger and stronger.

McCain encourages anyone interested to take the dance class. It is open to all levels of dancers and is offered every semester on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12:45 p.m. She describes her class as a “constant dance lab” that is “positive” and “very supportive.”

Since you’re an Infatuation Junkie

Since -- Richard Buckner on his 1993 MCA Records album "Take a little sip, and dream a bit."

Richard Buckner whispers hesitantly over a sparse, minor key guitar strain. His voice cracks into a tormented howl as the next words fall forth. “Don’t you close those eyes again. Boys, the night will bury you.”

Richard Buckner has spent three albums wrestling with the demons that haunt him when he closes his eyes. Buckner’s nights find him awake and alone, as last year’s “Devotion and Doubt” chronicled the despair of darkness and solitude, and his debut “Bloomed” found him bitter and dislocated. Wherever Buckner’s sadness springs from, it is bottomless. Luckily for us, it transforms into some of the most powerful music today.

“Since,” his third album, expands musically the stark yet ornate touches he has applied to his blend of country and folk. Impressive sidemen like David Grubbs (Gastr del Sol), John McIntire (Tortoise), and Eric Heywood (Son Volt) layer his songs with charging electric guitars, bellowing organs, and drums. Buckner’s nimble acoustic picking anchors every song alone-- gone are the banjos and accordions of “Bloomed” and the violins from “Devotion.”

The result? “Since” reaches volumes never before found in his works, yet the intimacy remains unmarred. In the past, Buckner summoned his ghosts while relying on the intensity of a deathly quiet. Here, the mood is a little more varied without sacrificing those ghosts. Buckner’s voice is his greatest instrument - it swoops, slides and slurs over words, alternately a breathy whisper and a twangy howler. His writing remains superb. Lyrics bite and weep; songs converge and sigh. “Lucky Buzz” builds gradually; adding instruments at every turn. While “Goner w Souvenir” plays two songs at once, “Slept” features him nearly crying out his words while “Once” waltzes riskily close to salvation. For the time being, he appears to have resisted it.

Echoes of previous albums abound. The a Capella yells of “Fater,” marries his trionic suicide groan, “22” to “Boys, The Night will Bury You.” “A Goodbye Rye” predicts the electric/acoustic rocking of “Jewelbomb” and “Brief and Boundless.” These musical treasures orchestrate his bitter, weary, lyrics in a way no other songwriter can. Hear him call words out and squeeze the intuition right out of them. “I sent off a letter, with the stinger still inside,” he sings in “Lucky Buzz.” This is the third such “letter;” they may never stop coming.

-- Graham Smith

What’s in that Bag?

-- Chuck Leavell, 1998 Capricorn Records

What’s the first thing that comes to mind when you think about Christmas music? You probably think of dull, boring tunes that are dredged up every year for the season and played constantly until you feel as if your head will explode with Yuletide cheer. What’s in that Bag, the first reaction when given this CD to review was clearly that I had no idea who Chuck Leavell was. I was also concerned that I would have to listen to a CD full of undesirable traditional Christmas songs...
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Jax State Survival Tips
(Dave & Adam)

* Check SGA for events which include free food.

* Have bad stains on your carpet? Try shaving cream for easy removal.

* Hangover? Nothing that two Goody powders and a 21 ounce Mountain Dew can’t handle.

* Recipe of the week:
1 or 2 eggs
1 slice cheese
1 tortilla
(sausage optional)

Scramble egg, fry sausage 2-4 minutes until brown. Melt cheese on tortilla in microwave or oven. Chop sausage into pieces, combine and eat.
Beat the stress-out

Kevin Estovitch
Guest Columnist

Stress is a normal part of our lives. It isn’t necessarily good or bad. It isn’t a disease. But reactions to stress can vary enormously, and some of these reactions are undesirable.

The most frequent undesirable reaction, especially for students, is anxiety. The degree of anxiety is much more a function of the individual than the degree of stress. A person who reacts with excessive anxiety to everyday stress has a personal rather than a medical problem. The person who doesn’t recognize anxiety as the problem will have difficulty solving the problem.

Some common symptoms of anxiety are insomnia and an inability to concentrate. These symptoms can lead to a vicious cycle that aggravates the situation. But the symptoms are effects, not causes. The person who focuses on the insomnia or on the lack of concentration as the problem is far from a solution.

An honest attempt to identify the cause of the anxiety is a requisite first step in resolving the problem. When physical symptoms are due to improper study habits or an overloaded work load, the situation must be accurately identified, admitted and confronted.

Sometimes the symptoms of anxiety are associated with too much caffeine. Try cutting down on your caffeine intake and see if you feel more relaxed. Remember that caffeine is found in coffee, soft drinks, tea, and a variety of cold and headache remedies, and even chocolate. Caffeine is also the active ingredient in nonprescription stimulants, such as NoDoz and Vivarin.

Exercise can be helpful, as can relaxation techniques. One such technique is called progressive relaxation:
• Start with your toes. Tighten those muscles as tight as you can. Imagine that your toes weigh a thousand pounds and you couldn’t move them if you wanted to. Count to 10 and then let them go completely limp.
• Do the same with each part of your body, relaxing the muscles and working your way up to the top of your head.
• Don’t neglect the facial muscles. Tension often centers in the forehead or jaw and keeps you from relaxing.

An alternative that is easily done in class is to imagine that your breath is coming in through the toes of your right foot, all the way up to your lungs, and back out the same foot. Do this three times, slowly and deeply. Repeat the procedure for the left foot and then for each of your arms.

With exams coming up very quickly, marking the end of the semester, anxiety may run rampant. Do what you can to keep your stress levels down. Study ahead and stay relaxed.

A resource for this article came from “Take Care of Yourself” by Donald M. Vickery, M.D. and James F. Fries, M.D.

Other remedies for stress:
• According to researcher and author, Judith Wurtman, eating low-protein, fat-free carbohydrate snacks raises serotonin levels—the “feel-good” chemical in the brain. Such snacks include: pasta with tomato sauce, basil with jam, baked potato with salsa, pretzels and oatmeal with brown sugar.
• Try taking a deep breath to relax. It does actually work, because breathing deeply can help keep your heart and lungs working efficiently. Here’s how:
  • Sit or lie in a comfortable position.
  • Breathe deeply and slowly.
  • Time the breaths, keep them slow and steady.
  • Continue this for five minutes. If you stop, begin to feel dizzy.

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Let my people party!

Dave Mathews, Features Editor

The bar, a long tradition of drinking and good times. Everyone has their own personal idea of what makes a good bar. A place where they can let all of their inhibitions go. A place they can get away, be served and get drunk. It’s not just the drinks that they serve alcohol is the same. The ambiance for the most part plays a bigger role. I am a big fan of the dingy, smoky, hole-in-the-wall joint where your feet stick to the floor and dropping a bottle of beer is no big pass.

That is a bar.

Last weekend, I reached the age of 24 years. Despite the 21 years of age you are required to acquire before you drink legally, I have been to bars and worked in my share for many more years than that.

Over these years, I have picked my favorites from each college town and metropolises, from my hometown of Birmingham to the smallest of places throughout my travels. Now residing in Jacksonville, I have grown to love the fine establishment known as Brother’s. Brother’s instantly attracted me with its rustic look and dark atmosphere. Even before I decided to attend college here, friends would carry me there to have a few beers. My only complaint is they do not serve liquor, and I am a whiskey lover.

I walked into Brother’s for the first time in ’96. The band was playing loud and the smoke parted as I walked through the room, and you have a sense of personal connection with the entertainment. Here is where my ‘best’ comes to surface. It seems as if the Brother’s Bar that I have grown to love is slowly giving up the ghost. Each and every night I see fewer and fewer cars parked outside, shorter lines and most disturbing of all, bands are leaving gigs with less than enough money to pay for the gas to get there. I am not sure what the cause of this lack of interest is, but I don’t like it.

I have heard several complaints from friends and fellow drinkers that they fear for the life of Brother’s. I myself must keep the faith and hope for things to look up. Sure, we all pack up on the weekends and go to do what it is we all go to do. That is inevitable. The area has been labeled a suitcase campus. That is still no excuse for letting a legendary drinking spot go to waste. Are my worries unnecessary, am I over exaggerating, or is this the truth?

As my December graduation date approaches, I have been reflecting on my college career. Like other parts of my life, there are good and bad points. Bad Points—Why did I take four attempts at Historical Geology Lab before I finally received a satisfactory grade? Or, can I pay off my million dollar student loan debt in 10 years? Good Points—two degrees (assuming I pass one class) and two minors, friends and memories best left unprinted.

I have tried to evaluate my intellect to see if I am any smarter than I was a few years ago. I guess I learned a few things while attending JSU. Now I feel confident with my journalism skills. I recall something from my history classes about a bad guy in Germany. And I will never forget my Aerobics and Fitness class with Sheila Evans.

I guess I did okay. I mean, I passed the ECE on the first try. But the CBASE was a killer. Remember, you don’t have to pass it, just take it. I will always have memories of my favorite instructors, and then there are those with whom I did not do so well. I will always treasure the friendships I have made, some more than others. Plus, I still think “This is a beautiful campus” (refer to the aforementioned aerobics class).

I guess, as graduation nears, I am looking for closure. It is time to put away my childish ways and go make my mark on the world beyond our little village of Jacksonville. Yet, I wonder if I am like all those alumni who have gone before me. Do I simply get my diploma, and in a short while, whatever mark I have left on JSU disappears? Will I only be a handsome face in the yellowing pages of back issues of the Chanticleer?

It is at times like this that I wonder “Hmmm, how good is the JSU Graduate Program?” Reality hits as I realize I must move out of my cheap campus apartment. I must now pay twice as much for a place that is equally as bad. “Hmmm, what classes do I need to enroll in for this masters program?” I have been here forever, I am sure I have all the prerequisites.

I knew I had been here too long when the faculty started coming to me for advice. “Hey, if I work this just right, I could land a campus job.” Unfortunately, that offer has not come yet. Besides, I know it is time to leave. I cannot have my niece, Susan, graduate before I do. I mean, she is quite a few younger than I am.

So it is off to the “Real World.” In my wake are tremendous student loans and 500 books I could not sell back. At least I will never run out of toilet paper.

Dear Editor,

On Nov. 11—12, students gathered in front of Jack Hopper Dining Hall to hear a man “preach the Gospel.” Like some sort of rally, people whooped and yelled in a circle 10 feet around the man. But I saw that the students weren’t shouting in support of him; instead they were jeering and mocking his every word and action. The man never faltered.

He was telling a story of three fictional JSU students caught up in various sins. One guy in the story did not believe in God or in Hell, while one of the girls knew she was doing wrong but did not care enough to change her ways. In the end, this girl repented and went to Heaven “to live with God forever.” The guy, however, got AIDS from a sister in a JSU sorority—which the story-teller crudely identified—and died, burning in Hell for eternity. Despite confrontations from members of the defamed sorority, the man continued. Holding a Bible, he said the theory of evolution is absurd from a Christian standpoint.

I had hoped that someone would finally started sharing the truth. Could I possibly have been referring to this man? Well, yes and no.

He has the right idea. Students all over the world need to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ. Perhaps he went about it the wrong way. A fellow student said, “No one is going to listen to you if you just tell them they’re going to Hell.”

I must agree. Hell is a reality, but it’s not the essence of the truth. People need to hear that God loves them just as they are, and his only son gave his life so that they could live. The man on the Quad was speaking love, but his actions spoke condemnation.

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However, as I listened and watched the students’ rude and sometimes obscene outbursts, disappointment, sadness and anger rumbled inside me. My heart broke to hear comments such as “[God] is a made-up pile of shit!” Another student said to me, “I don’t know who is acting stupider: him or the ones yelling at him.”

I was angry. You can mock men who preach God’s word, or claim to do so. You can mock me for caring enough to write about it, but you should think twice before mocking your savior, Jesus Christ. After all, whether you choose to believe it or not, the truth is He died for you. —Whitney Beysselslane, freshman

Folks,

I was one of the many people who came out last Thursday to hear Brother John and Brother Jim (I believe those were the names) preaching on the quad.

Often they sounded a bit like Hitler — arguing that homosexuals should be executed, that women should stay home and produce children for the good of the State, and so forth — and it was good to see JSU students speaking out against this nonsense.

But I also heard a lot of people threatening to shoot these guys or sue them for slander. A number of people asked me, “How can they let these people do this on our campus?”

Well, the answer is simple: this is America. In a way, Brothers John and Jim are what America is all about. They’re dissenters, arguing their positions openly in public space. They were stumping — something only politicians do these days — and there was a time when normal people would really stand up on soapboxes and argue in the town square. It may look like chaos, but it’s precisely the kind of chaos that made the crowned heads of Europe tremble in fear after the American Revolution. It’s the kind of chaos that helped free African-American slaves and that helped secure the vote for women.

This is free speech and it’s good. It got us all to gather outside on a beautiful day, to talk about God, capital punishment, forgiveness, money, war, love and faith — stuff we wouldn’t be talking about if we were sitting at home watching television programs.

Programs are for robots; arguments are for humans.

We shouldn’t think that just because we’re college students, we are somehow incapable of intolerance. It’s wrong to threaten to shoot somebody just because they disagree with you, whether you’re a church organist, an anti-fur vegetarian, a poet, a Ph.D. student, or a shotgun-toting redneck.

The real shame is not everybody got a chance to talk. Debate degenerated into a shouting match, and this was as much the fault of Brother John and his pals as it was the fault of everyone else.

Next time Brother John comes to JSU (and he promises that he will), I suggest we adopt a “Rainbow Family” style of debate. When the Rainbow People have a debate, they gather in a circle and pass around a feather. Whoever holds the feather gets to speak, and when the speaker is done, the feather passes to the next person in the circle.

But even if we just sit around and chuckle at each other’s stupidity, a visit from someone like Brother John is not the end of the world. It might be the start of something really good.

Garrison Keillor said it best: “The most un-American thing you can say is, ‘You can’t say that.’” —Tim Lockette, graduate student

Dear Students,

Thomas Hobgood is my friend. Had I known he was walking home from Brother’s I would have given him a ride home. Anyone who knows him will tell you that he is an honest guy. Regardless of what some folks think, this is not an issue of character. It is a matter of public safety and right or wrong.

In the Nov. 12 issue, Amber Cox said, “Mr. Hobgood stumbled home drunk... refused to enter the patrol car...drunks are not usually honest.”

The officer did not know how many drinks (if any) Mr. Hobgood had actually consumed. If he was representing a threat to the public or himself, the officer should have intervened. We pay the police to protect our streets and property. We do not pay them to beat up unarmed college students who may or may not have a buzz.

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Today is a 7 — The moon's going into Sagittarius today. Venus is already there, and the sun will be there Sunday. This is in your solar ninth house of travel, so that's what you should be planning. It'll be complicated this weekend, but if you make your plans or even start thinking about going, you'll be happy, which is how much you can do when you're in control are. By April, you'll be overloaded if you don't come up with a plan and stick to it. Let yourself go in August, and you'll astound even yourself. You're even more creative than you thought. In September, adventure beckons. With the right friends and the right motivation, you can clean up a big mess once and for all.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 1 the most challenging.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 4 — Watch out for complications today. It looks like the plans you've laid are going to be shifted around a little. Well, it's more like an explosion. Be ready for just about anything, because just about anything can happen. Your problem, or perhaps the solution to your problem, in communications. Keep that in mind and you'll do fine.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 6 — There's quite a clump of planets in Sagittarius, and you're probably noticing the difference. Sagittarius is a freewheeling and independent sign, directly across favor. One is a tough job you've recently done. You made it look easy, and others noticed. They might already be thinking about asking for a raise, which is the day to do it. It'll be easy to find the right words, and there are several all things going in your favor. One is a tough job you've recently done. You made it look easy, and others noticed. They might already be thinking about asking for a raise, which is the day to do it. It'll be easy to find the right words, and there are several all things going in your favor.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 6 — This is a good time to make decisions concerning projects you and your loved ones want to work on together. That's because we've got love, children, and work all in the same area of the chart, getting positive things right now. Your intuition is strong, and that's helpful if you're making big decisions, which you ought to be doing.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 7 — There will be a strong compulsion for people to talk about things, possibly things they haven't talked about in years. For you, this will be most intense in your relationships with children, and with the people you love. Devote as much time as you can to listening. You're a strong leader, but you'll lead better if you know how these people feel.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 5 — You're in the mood to clean things up around your place, and possibly do some decorating. You might have to rip things apart to get everything just right. The overall result will be good, but right now, things might look worse than they did before. Don't worry, you know, you have to break the eggs to make the omlet.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 6 — The moon has gone into Sagittarius, and the sun will be there at the end of this week. Sagittarius, for you, means education. It's also a sign you find fascinating, and today you'll get a taste of what's to come. There should be some very interesting discussions out there. Don't be embarrassed if you find yourself saying, "You're learning fast.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 7 — Today you've been thinking about asking for a raise, which is the day to do it. It'll be easy to find the right words, and there are several all things going in your favor.

Today is a 7 — You've got an interesting dilemma today. You don't really feel like you can talk about it yet, and you're right. There may be rumors going around, but for you, discretion is the better part of valor. Keep most of what you know to yourself until you find out the rest of what you don't know.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — This moon's going into Sagittarius today. This has a relaxing influence on you. You're feeling forward, but it's not as tough as it was. Neither you nor the person in control are taking yourselves quite as seriously as you were. By now, you've accomplished the major part of what you were trying to do.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 5 — Looks like a person in authority has some sort of weird scheme in mind for you, but it's not completely figured out. That's where you come in. Help this person figure out how to accomplish what he or she has in mind, and you'll become a valuable part of the team.

There is a dark side that lurks within the blue and behind the shield that usually only surfaces on back roads or in parking lots. While Ms. Cox may have never experienced this (I hope you never do), people on Jacksonville's East Side share a different opinion of the local authorities.

Clearly there are two sides to every story. Thom says he was assaulted by a police officer. The police officer says he was just doing his job. Obviously someone has to be wrong. It makes no difference if the officer in question drives around with candy for children in his car. That does not remove the possibility of his carrying a grudge against college students or potential drunk-walkers.

I stand behind the local authorities, too. But I speak from experience when I warn my fellow JSU classmates and co-workers about the dangers of less honorable patrolmen (past and present) who are not afraid to bully the public. Not all men cheat, not all women are difficult and not all cops are bad. Then again, some men cheat and some women are difficult. If Thom is the correct version of the events preceding his arrests, we should all be worried.

P.S. Is there anyone who believes that it was unreasonable for Thom Hobgood to ask the officer for a ride home?

--Andre' Green
The fireworks really got going for both teams the end of the drive for a seven-yard touch-down. The Gamecocks recovered a Bobcat fumble. This gave Southwest Texas State excellent field position at the JSU 28-yard line. Quarterback Spergon Wynn hit his receiver Justin Young at the end of the drive for a seven-yard touchdown. The extra point was good, swelling the Gamecock lead to 21-15.

The Gamecocks answered that drive with a quick six play, 26-yard drive with a one-yard scamper for a touchdown. Ross Doctoroff's three-point try failed, but the Bobcats had crept closer—still have a shot at a post-season berth while its playoff hopes alive with a 33-27 squeaker.

Southwest Texas came back with another scoring drive. Wynn hit Tyson Clavo for a 44-yard touchdown reception. Ross Doctoroff's extra point attempt was blocked by JSU's Eurosisus Parker, who dashed to the other end of the field for two points. With 4:12 left, the Gamecocks led 26-21.

After a safety Southwest Texas State's offense got into the scoring act later in the quarter. Running back Shawn Brown capped a 52-yard drive with his two yard scamper for a touchdown. The try for two failed, but the Bobcats had crept closer—still have a shot at a post-season berth while its playoff hopes alive with a 33-27 squeaker.

The Bobcats didn't lay down. They managed to score another touchdown off of Wynn's 44-yard pass to D'Angelo Torres. The extra point was blocked, but the game was even tighter at 33-27. The Gamecocks ran out the clock and escaped with the win.

The win was huge because it kept the Gamecocks' playoff hopes alive. They return home for their biggest game of the season against in-state rival Troy State.

This major state rivalry will have a lot more than bragging rights at stake. The winner will still have a shot at a post-season berth while the loser will end its season. Kickoff is set for 2 p.m. on Saturday at Paul Snow Stadium.

Both teams were sluggish early on, but the Gamecocks managed to take the lead at the break 23-21. Things picked up offensively in the second period as JSU outscored the Pirates 38-32.

Leading the charge for the Gamecocks was Rashard Willie. The JSU point guard scored 12 points, all of them coming in the second period. Forward Alex Season came away with 11 points and seven rebounds to help the Gamecocks win their debut.

Jacksonville State 84
Miss. Valley State 75

Rashard Willie and Shawn Philpotts also scored in double-figures. Willie came away with 13 points and eight rebounds while Philpotts chimed in with 10 points and nine rebounds.

Jacksonville State opened up a comfortable 43-28 lead at the end of the first period. However, the Delta Devils outscored the Gamecocks in the final frame 47-41. It wasn't enough as JSU came away with the win.

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GHB appears to be the perfect recreational drug. The effects of GHB include feelings of relaxation and tranquility, and it can be used as an aphrodisiac. Sexual responses to GHB are lack of inhibition (especially in women), heightened sense of touch, enhanced erection capability in men, and an increased intensity of orgasm. GHB is also virtually non-toxic. There is no research that links GHB to liver and kidney damage, and most research indicates that taking GHB in the correct dosages is not physically addictive or harmful.

However, there is a significant potential threat for psychological addiction. The tricky part of GHB is ascertaining the correct dosage. “A dose usually only about twice the amount required for relaxation will knock you out fast,” said John Morgenthaler in his Drug Smart News update. The side-effects of GHB include nausea, dizziness, loss of muscle control, and vomiting. Less common side effects, usually associated with excessive use, are loss of bladder control, diarrhea, temporary amnesia, seizures, and coma.

In 1990 the FDA outlawed the over-the-counter sale of GHB, but possession of the drug is not illegal. GHB is now available through an “underground gray market.” It is manufactured by non-professional “kitchen chemists.” A potential buyer should keep in mind that the purity and quality of the “bootleg” varies and can prove dangerous. GHB should never be consumed with alcohol or any other prescription or recreational drug. Someone who has consumed GHB should NEVER drive.

Many people believe that GHB and Ecstasy are “safer” recreational drug choices but, like any drug, these “fad” drugs can be deadly. Information for this article and other drug information can be found on the Internet at www.lec.org/drysearch/documents/ecstacy.html, www.ecstasy.org, www.ghbinfo.com, and www.brookes.ac.uk/health/libra/ghb.html.
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Gamecock Calendar

November 19
Men’s Basketball at Georgia Southern 6 p.m.

November 21
Women’s Basketball at Coastal Carolina 6 p.m.

November 20-21
Volleyball at TAAC Tournament TBA

November 21
Football at Troy State 2 p.m.

November 20-22
Men’s Basketball at Gamecock Invitational TBA

November 24
Women’s Basketball at UT-Chattanooga 6 p.m.

November 25
Women’s Basketball 7 p.m.

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