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## WORLD NEWS

- A 7th-grader at Fort Gibson Middle School in Fort Gibson, Okla., is in custody after allegedly opening fire on a group of students Monday morning. Four students were wounded and another has bumps and bruises.
- Two of the 12 students who were killed in the collapse of the Texas A&M University bonfire were found to be legally drunk. The findings have prompted an investigation by the state Alcoholic Beverage Commission.
- President Fidel Castro demanded that the United States return a boy rescued at sea to his father in Cuba.
- Police in Lahore, Pakistan, are searching for a man who sent them a letter claiming he killed 100 children. In the letter, a man who called himself Javed Iqbal said he sexually assaulted the 100 children before killing them.
- Ten people were killed in Zernograd, Russia, when a section of an apartment house collapsed Saturday afternoon.
- A search through Swiss banks turned up 54,000 unclaimed accounts that may have belonged to Holocaust victims, an international panel concluded Monday.
- A former Rwandan militia leader was convicted Monday of genocide and crimes by a U.N. court. He was sentenced to life in prison.
- A Huntsville, Ala., man inadvertently ran over and killed his own mother in a holiday parade Sunday night. Allegedly, the woman stepped between the back of the truck and the front of a float her son was pulling with his pickup truck to speak to someone when her son pulled away.

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## Special Report

# Where will the witching hour leave us?

Will Y2K put us at the threshold of a new millennium, or throw us back to the dark ages of 1900?



Will the stroke of midnight this New Year's Eve bring martial law to the cities of the United States? Or will harmony ring in the next 1000 years?

By Adam Smith  
Managing Editor

As a new millennium approaches, experts in Calhoun County are doing their part to ensure a smooth transition.

The Y2K problem is a concern for many because of the possible failure of many systems people rely on due to a computer glitch. The problem was discovered when computer experts realized that when clocks

turn over to the year 2000, computers would read the date as 1900 instead. However, since the discovery of the problem companies have been working diligently to fix any possible problems.

Utilities companies in Calhoun County are ready for the challenge, and supposedly, will have no problems for the New Year. The Southern Company, which owns Alabama Power, is sponsoring a website designed to answer ques-

tions about possible failures related to Y2K. The site reports "service interruptions related to Year 2000 are unlikely." The website also says that if interruptions occur, they will "be isolated and short in duration, similar to a loss during a thunderstorm."

The site also goes on to say that the Southern Company has been working hard to update all computer systems at each of the power

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## Georgia students cross the line, turn their back on HOPE for JSU

By Don Killingsworth and  
Amanda Mitchell  
Guest Writers

How hopeless has JSU enrollment become since the introduction of the HOPE Scholarship in Georgia?

For many years students from Georgia have crossed the border into Alabama to attend JSU. In 1992, Georgia began awarding its graduating high school seniors who maintained a B-average the HOPE Scholarship requiring the students attend a college or university within

the state of Georgia.

What effect has HOPE had on the number of freshmen from Georgia enrolling at JSU and exactly how many Georgia graduates have decided to be "HOPE-less?"

In 1992, a total of 174 freshmen from Georgia enrolled at JSU, according to a study. By 1999, that number had dropped to 129. Although a decline is apparent, the change in number of Georgia freshmen has been cyclical. The year 1992 was the year of highest enroll

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## Athletics Director resigns

From JSU Sports Information

Jacksonville State University Athletic Director Joe Davidson recently announced that he would resign his position, effective Jan. 3, 2000.

"I've enjoyed the time that I've spent working at Jacksonville State University," Davidson said. "They have a fine staff that has been great to work with."

"At this point in my career, I am planning on getting out of college athletics and try a new path in my life," said Davidson.

Davidson joined the JSU staff on March 1, 1998, after spending 14 years as either an Assistant or Associate Athletic Director at the University of Alabama in Birmingham.

During his tenure at JSU, Davidson was responsible for the hiring of second year basketball coach Mark Turgeon and more recently, the naming of Jack Crowe as head football coach.

"Under the leadership of Dr. (Bill) Meehan, I know that JSU will continue to excel not only in athletics, but in all areas," Davidson said. A search for a new athletic director will begin immediately, according to Dr. Meehan.

Debby Bishop, an associate athletic director at JSU, will be named acting athletic director until a replacement is named.

## North Pole sends cold temperatures for City's annual holiday parade



Jacksonville children let their excitement for the holidays beat down the chilling weather as they looked intently for a little, round man with a white beard wearing a red suit.

# Campus Crime

- The Campus Crime Docket is never, and will never be, edited unless an incident report involves a minor.
- Items in the Campus Crime Docket are obtained from incident and arrest reports at the JSU Police Department.
- JSU students have the right to view these public records.
- If any information is incorrect, please contact us at 782-5701 or call the JSU Police Department at 782-5050.

- 12-1-99: Andre Green, of Jacksonville, Ala., reported trespassing to JSUPD occurring at Dixon Hall.
- 12-1-99: John William Dodson, of Jacksonville, Ala., reported theft of property to JSUPD occurring in the lobby of Dixon Hall.
- 12-3-99: Kunte Kinte Welch, of Talledega, Ala., was arrested on charges of theft of services by JSUPD.
- 12-5-99: JSUPD reported assault occurring outside the Kappa Sigma fraternity house.
- 12-5-99: Justin Vice, of Jacksonville, Ala., reported criminal mischief to JSUPD occurring at the Kappa Sigma fraternity house.
- 12-6-99: Melissa Carol Jones, of Lithia Springs, Ga., reported burglary to JSUPD occurring at College Apts.
- 12-6-99: Kimberly P. Wright, of Jacksonville, Ala., reported harassing communications to JSUPD occurring between 12-1-99 and 12-2-99.
- 12-7-99: Dordre Michelle Thomas, of Florence, Ala., reported theft of property to JSUPD occurring at Sparkman Hall.

"I fear no editor!"



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# Announcements

## SGA helps students take a break from studying

By Buffy Smith  
JSU News Bureau

Finals Week means one thing to all JSU students —stress! So the SGA is hosting a study break on Thursday night to give students a chance to unwind from the pressures of studying.

JSU President Bill Meehan and other administrators and faculty members will serve breakfast foods at Jack Hopper Dining Hall from 10 p.m. until 12 a.m. For only \$3, students can enjoy bacon, eggs, sausage, grits, biscuits, gravy, waffles and more. Students with a meal plan eat for free.

While enjoying their meal, students can participate in, or just be entertained by, live karaoke.

"During finals week, students need a break from studying," said SGA President Don Killingsworth. "It's a time for them to relax and take a break from studying."

For further information on the study break, contact the Office of Student Activities at 782-5491.

• **Free HIV testing: Nursing Center Clinic.** Tests done the last Friday of each month. Testing done by a representative of the Alabama Department of Public Health. For more information, call 782-5432.

• **Students who have lost or accidentally thrown away their student handbook:** not to worry, most of your questions can probably be answered on JSU's website. For a complete handbook visit [www.jsu.edu/depart/handbook/](http://www.jsu.edu/depart/handbook/).

• **Emotional Development Study:** Have a child between eight-months and 30-months-old? JSU's Center for Child Development needs you for a study on emotional development in infants. Call Sherri Restauri (492-0927, e-mail---st4472@sm.jsu.edu) or Jennifer Benefield (435-9997, e-mail---st2179@sm.jsu.edu).

• **Need your Flu shot?** The student health center is giving Flu shots. The cost is \$10 available to JSU students and employees only. Shots will be given Monday and Wednesday afternoons between 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. and Friday mornings between 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Please call for appointments and remember your JSU ID card.

• **Applications for JSU Peer Counselor** will be available in Room 201 of Bibb Graves. All applicants must have a 2.25 GPA and must have at least 24 semester hours. Applications are due Friday, Dec. 10. For more information contact Eric McCulley at ext. 5278 or [mcculley@jsucc.jsu.edu](mailto:mcculley@jsucc.jsu.edu).

• **Dauphin Island Sea Lab:** All students wishing to take Marine Biology or Marine Geology/Geography courses at Dauphin Island Sea Lab during Summer 2000 may now register. Please see Dr. Romano, Room 202, Ayers Hall or call at 782-5038. All Dauphin Island Sea Lab courses are listed in the Spring 2000 bulletin on page 29.

• **New Directions offers counseling to students at JSU.** New Directions is a Counseling/Prevention program that serves the students of JSU. The program has a three-fold purpose : 1) To provide counseling services to any student that needs a mental health issue addressed; 2) To help promote and provide the campus prevention programs; 3) To help educate the JSU community through educational classes and programs. If you have any questions concerning: alcohol, drugs, anxiety, stress or simply coping with college life you can contact Ricky Naugher of New Directions at 782-5815 or find them in Room 146 of Daugette Hall.

• **The JSU Clarinet Choir** will give a performance Friday, Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. in Mason Hall's Performance Center. The performance is free and open to the public, the concert will include works by Telemann, Templeton, Uhl, W.C. Handy and Schickele.

• **The Chanticleer Staff** encourages, or rather *thrives*, on reader feedback. If you have an opinion about *anything*, drop us a letter or e-mail. We are located in Room 180, Self Hall. Our e-mail address is [jsu\\_chanticleer@hotmail.com](mailto:jsu_chanticleer@hotmail.com), thanks.

## JSU Area Events Calendar: Dec. 9 - 17

Thurs 9	Fri 10	Sat 11/Sun 12	Mon 13
◆ Final exams	◆ Final exams	Saturday: Sunday: ◆ Fall Concert	◆ SGA Senate Meeting: 6 p.m. ◆ Final exams
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Thank you for reading The Chanticleer.

# Mike Bobo Joins JSU Football Staff

## UGA star quarterback joins the Gamecocks offensive coaching team

From Sports Information

Jacksonville State University head football coach Jack Crowe announced the addition of Mike Bobo to the Gamecock coaching staff.

Bobo, who played at the University of Georgia from 1994-97, will coach quarterbacks for Jacksonville State. "Mike comes from a fami-

ly of outstanding coaches," said Crowe. "At a young age, he will provide a lot of leadership for our players and continue toward the development of our offensive strategy."

Bobo, 25, led the Bulldogs to a 10-2 record as a senior and was named the Most Valuable Player after Georgia defeated Wisconsin in the Outback Bowl. He is ranked second all-time in Georgia history in yards passing (6,334), attempts (766), completions (445) and touchdowns (38) behind Eric Zeier.

Bobo, the Thomasville, Ga., native, coached tight ends for the Bulldogs last season as a graduate assistant.

from front page, *HOPE-less*

ment, followed by 1996 and 1999. All other years' enrollments fall below the expected attendance of 118 students.

Based on consistent enrollment of students from certain Georgia counties, twenty were chosen for analysis of students attending JSU. Of the twenty counties, six have fallen short of expected enrollment, 13 have remained consistent with expectations and only one has surpassed its expected enrollment, Dekalb County, according to the study. Despite the Hope Scholarship pulling the students to stay in Georgia, an increased number of this county's students are still coming.

A reason for the "below expected" enrollment in these counties could be the action by the Alabama government which pulled these counties from the list of "border counties." This action forced students from these counties to pay out-of-state tuition where they had previously been offered in-state tuition. An alternative reason may be the rural nature of these counties. A government survey of college students performed in 1998 indicated fewer students from rural areas explore secondary education.

Why would Dekalb County residents want to come to JSU? Dekalb

lies in what can be considered metro Atlanta. Schools attract more students with financial aid, special academic programs such as assistance for students with disabilities, well equipped laboratories and extra-curricular activities including a marching band, athletics such as football and Greek life, according to a survey. Such programs may entice students to give up HOPE and attend JSU.

Not as many Georgia students

cross the border these days to attend JSU now that there is HOPE, though some do turn their back on the scholarship, according to the study. A combination of factors influences a student's decision as to which college to attend, and further research must be completed to find out what JSU is doing to pull these students from Georgia. In years to come, if JSU discovers what brings these students here, the campus may become increasingly "HOPE-less."

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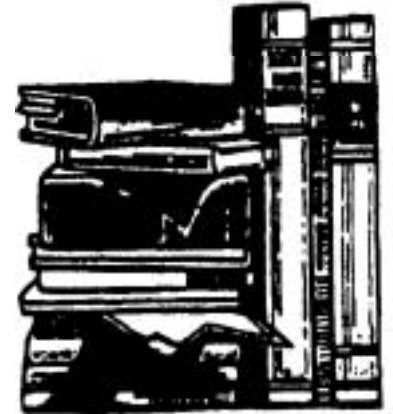
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Most of Alabama's utilities rely on having power to function properly. "If everything else is in order with the power company, we shouldn't have any problems," said Dwight Mitchell, Calhoun County Water Works Superintendent. "We received information from the power company, and there shouldn't be any downtime."

Mitchell said the Water Works Board relies heavily on the Power Company to pump the water that goes into Alabama homes. He also said that if problems do arise, the Water Works Board will have the back-up generators they need to pump water.

The start of the New Year will also bring concerns about travel safety. However, Cathleen Wagner, an

FAA spokesperson, said there is nothing to worry about. "We've tested and re-tested our systems," said Wagner. "An FAA administrator will be on a flight out of Washington D.C. during the rollover time to demonstrate the safety." Wagner also said rollover tests were conducted in April and without incident. She said the FAA spent approximately \$340 million to fix the problems.

Another common concern with the start of the millennium is the fear of mass panic or riots. "We're not anticipating any problems," said Anniston Police Chief Wayne Chandler. "We have an emergency plan to mobilize all of our officers. Those officers will patrol for 24 hours, working two 12 hour shifts." Chandler said that should Y2K glitches arise, they should be few and far between. "If everybody has prepared their computers for Y2K, there shouldn't be a problem."



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# Light-hearted Christmas

By Christopher Lauer  
Assistant Features Editor

"...it's for the community and Jesus Christ. It's just an outreach type thing to give some of the kids a little more pleasure than they would normally have."

Neal Estes and his wife have been decorating their house, located a mile or so behind Stone Center, for the past 13 years. What started as a present for their grandchildren has grown into an amusement park complete with Christmas music, carousels, trains and a Santa workshop.

The sight of Mr. Estes' yard is awe-inspiring and leaves the viewer wondering, along with many other holiday ponderings, "How fast is the little silver disk on their power meter spinning?"

"It's all miniature lights and I spent a good bit of money on buying [ornaments] but as far as the power and so forth, it doesn't cost much money," said Mr. Estes.

He admits contemplating the addition of a donation bucket once, but states, in a true holiday parable, "About two days after I thought about it, this old rattle-trap car pulled up with four or five kids in the back. One of them said, 'Daddy, can we get out?'"

"No I don't think so."

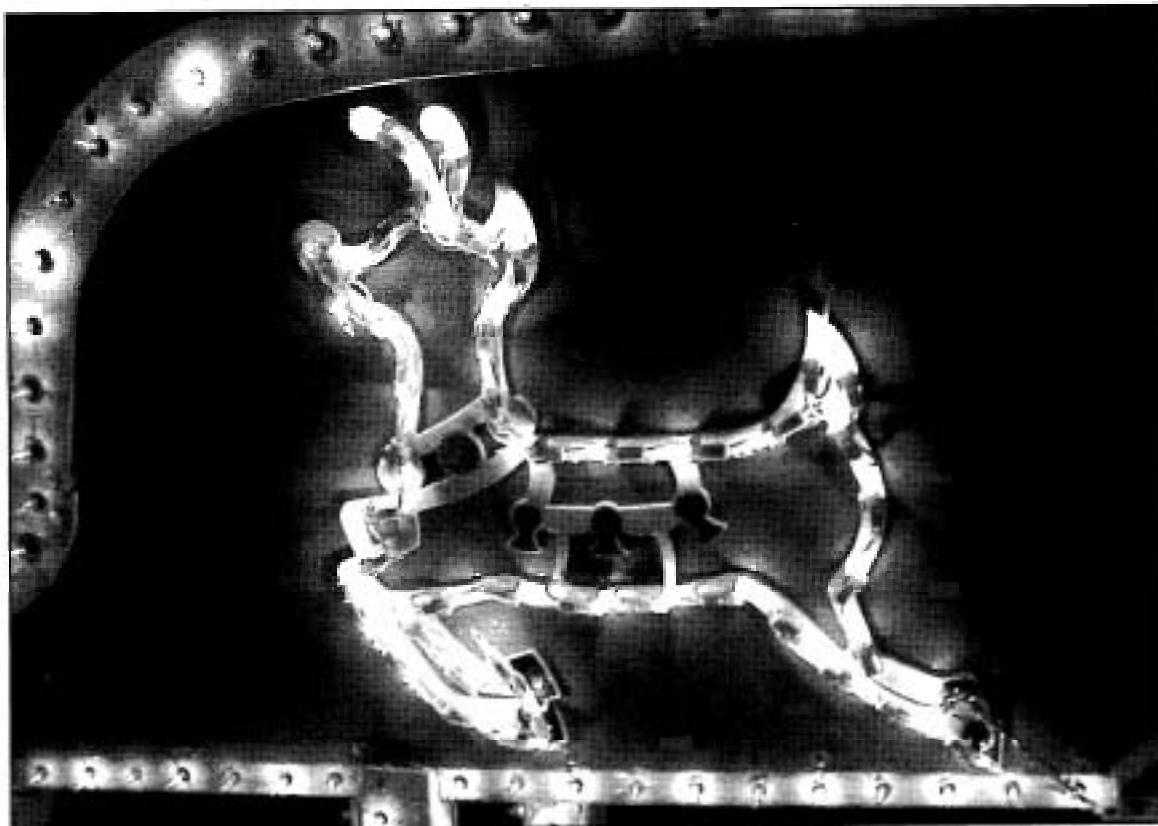
"Well the sign says we can get out."

"Well it probably costs money." And I heard them; I said, 'No it doesn't cost nothin' and it won't ever.'"

Mr. Estes had 3,300 signatures in his guest book last year. "But," he says, "I would say that would be a quarter of the people that pass through. Because a lot of people don't even get out of their cars and some that get out don't sign."

But some of the ones who have signed have been from as far away as Bogota and Wales and mainland states as far away as Arizona.

With all the visitors over the years, Mr. Estes remembers only a few



Estes light display comes complete with a full scale sleigh with eight large reindeer. Rudolph graces the side of Santa's sleigh, as he gets ready for his Christmas Eve flight around the world.

problems and the majority of those were just blocked driveways. Margaret Bennett, Mr. Estes' neighbor, says that her and her husband have never had any real problems related to the display and says of Mr. Estes, "He's so concerned and if we have any problems, he wants to be sure it's all right."

Mr. Estes' Christmas decorations are far from a nuisance for his neighbors and have even become a holiday tradition for the Bennetts. "It's part of our Thanksgiving tradition," says Mrs. Bennett. "All my grandkids come for Thanksgiving and we have wall to wall children...then the big event of the day is to go over there in the early evening and watch. The kids get so excited about it and we enjoy it too."

Mr. Estes keeps his ornaments aglow until 9 p.m. during the week, and as Christmas grows closer, he will extend the hours until 10, "but I

don't ever turn it off if there's someone in the yard."

He keeps coffee and cider handy for visitors in the holiday spirit. "Everybody's welcome to come in."

Mr. Estes usually begins taking down the decorations on New Year's Day. "But this year," he laughs, "we might leave it up on New Year's Day. If there is still a world, you know."

In closing, Mr. Estes asked, "Do one thing for me: Tell them to remember Christmas is Jesus Christ's birthday."

I will, Mr. Estes. I will. Thank you and Merry Christmas.



Peering through the frosty window at Santa's house you can see the jolly old saint as he relaxes by the Christmas tree

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## Crossing the millennium

By Dave Sharp

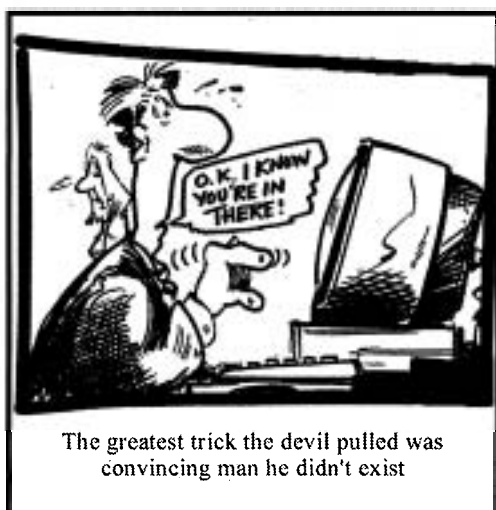
Allow me to jump on the bandwagon and give you my take on the end of days, the turn of the century, a new millennium or whatever else you may call it and how the human condition is involved. Many have prophesized technological turmoil at the turn of the clock on New Year's Eve. Computers are to shut down, sabotaging the world's water and power supply, in turn sabotaging life as we know it for a week or two or at least until someone can figure out how to correct the Y2K glitch.

So what happens when the world as we know it comes to a screeching halt? Television is gone. The banks are shut down. Standard commerce de-evolves to an Oregon Trail trading post. Transportation can only go for so long until we are drawn by horse and buggy again. Surgeons operate by oil lamp or flashlight. The newspaper medium shuts down indefinitely because everyone's forgotten how Guttenberg did it. At least the Amish will be OK.

What happens to society? Do we riot, loot and rape? Is there to be war until the last power runs out of available fossil fuels? Where does a troubled culture turn when it's in trouble?

Personally, I plan to be moderately prepared. I'll have a stocked kitchen, my camping supplies will come out of the closet and I'll have a full tank of gas in the car. When the ball drops, I'll be channel surfing CNN, MSNBC and local news stations if they are still in operation. But I won't become irrational. My friends and I will play "Red Dawn" until the world is back in order and classes resume.

Operating the machine, now, that will forever rule mankind (a computer) until something else comes along, it's impossible to fathom life without the luxuries we have become accustomed to. What would we do if we were stripped of our aforementioned perks? Would



we survive? Could we survive?

I think in an America where society has jumped on a skateboard and is steadily and more rapidly racing, teetering unsteadily, down the steep hill of culture and being, a quantum leap backwards into a realm of simpler times couldn't be that bad.

I've only read about times when husband and wife were too busy tending crop and livestock to ensure survival for themselves and their children to have a mid-life or depressive crisis. There were no random shootings at the sheep auction or church. And their children were too preoccupied with educating themselves by candlelight so they might enrich their minds. People wanted to learn. There was no worry of hate crimes or getting shot by the poor, dirty, inbred kid named "Boo" with the misfiring musket at the watering hole. At what turn did living life get lost in the past 100 years?

Y2K could bring honesty back to America. Starting from scratch in this situation is something we all dream of as individuals. The

famous phrase "If I knew then what I know now" could avert major historical repeats of atrocities such as slavery, religious persecution, barbarianism, black and women's civil liberty infringements, genocide and the use of the Hardees Star as a vehicle decoration.

What if we go forward? Does the madness stop? They say, "it will only get worse before it gets better." If that is so, we are on a continuous spiral into worse. When we arrive at the worst, life doesn't get better because we must then endure a worse than worst. Think about that while 'under the influence.'

Where are those glorious days Gene Roddenberry promised us when man's prime directive is to explore our universe and mankind is at harmony? I know it sounds very trekkie in a comic-book-store-management kind of way, but Gene had a vision and built a dream upon it. Man lived for knowledge in his world. Famine, disease and hostility were a barbaric consequence of ages passed and peace was the only means of existence.

At the paranoid threshold of destruction, we need to make a choice as a society to take a giant bound forward or a giant fall back. We have been given an out, an opportunity. Unfortunately we are a race of procrastinators who have sat in our armchairs and sofas while we poison our minds with someone else's imagination and are far from improvement. Once again we will passively watch the world as it changes us instead of us changing it. Whether it be God, Odin, Allah, Buddha or Fate, whatever happens New Year's Eve should be accepted as a beginning instead of an end, a blessing instead of a sanction and a way of life instead of a mode of death. Maybe man will be less naïve at Y3K.



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What have you done this year to get kicked off Santa's 'nice list'?



Dave Sharp Senior

"I stink-palmed the milk and cookies."



Kevin Cole Senior

"I sent Mrs. Claus the video I had of Santa and his elf intern."



Christopher Lauer Junior

"Back in July, I got really drunk and took Mrs. Claus on a tour of the South Pole."



Erik Green Junior

"I took nude pictures of Mrs. Claus and put them on the web."



Amy McElroy Senior

"I joined The Chanticleer and it went downhill from there."

# JSU grants honorary doctorate to Rep. Bob Riley

By Jacksonville News Bureau

Jacksonville State University will confer an honorary doctorate on Congressman Bob Riley during fall graduation ceremonies at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 17 in Pete Mathews Coliseum.

Riley, who will deliver the commencement address, was elected to the United States House of Representatives for the Third District of Alabama on November 5, 1996, at age 52. As a businessman for more than 30 years, this was his first race for state or national office.

Since the election, Riley has been appointed to serve on the house National Security Committee and the Banking and Financial Services Committee. Riley was also appointed by House Majority Whip Tom Delay to serve as an Assistant Whip. In August of 1997, House Speaker Newt Gingrich named Riley as a House-Senate Conferee on the FY 1998 Defense Authorization bill.

The Third District of Alabama contains 14 counties. Riley comes to Congress from Clay County, where his family has lived for six generations. He attended Clay County High School and graduated from the University of Alabama

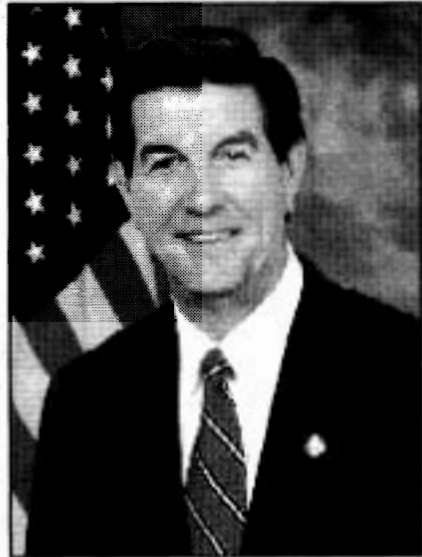
with a degree in business administration.

In 1965, at age 20, Riley and his brother began a small business selling eggs door to door. The small operation grew to become one of the largest totally integrated poultry and egg operations in the Southeast.

Over the past four decades, Riley has been involved in a variety of successful businesses. Currently, he owns a trucking company in Ashland. Riley has also owned a car dealership, grocery store, a local pharmacy, and has been a cattleman for 25 years.

Riley has been active serving his community as both a Shriner and a Mason. He has served as the Finance Committee chairman for Clay County Hospital, is a past member of the Board of Directors of SouthTrust Bank, and is past president of the Ashland Jaycees. He and his family are members of the First Baptist Church of Ashland, where he teaches the men's Sunday school class and served as chairman of the church Board of Trustees.

Riley is married to the former Patsy Adams. The Riley's have four children: Rob, Jenice, Minda, Krisalyn, daughter-in-law Leslie, and granddaughters Rebecca Anne and Elizabeth Ruth.



# Turn of the century plaza

By Dave Sharp  
Editor

The following list was compiled over an exhausting investigative trek into Hollywood that got me thrown out of many studio lots, offices of top-notch executives, bars, clubs and movie star hot spots. After weeks of dedicated work and seven restraining orders, I present to you: The latest edition of "Turn of the Century Plaza."

In the year 2000: Tim Burton will bring us "X: The Man with the X-Ray Eyes." Arnold Schwarzenegger returns to sci-fi in "The Sixth Day," a movie about a man stumbling into a clone of himself and then into a plot of clones taking over the earth.

M. Night Shyamalan will be directing somewhat of a reunion movie. He and Bruce Willis will team up again, the combo made "The Sixth Sense" a hit, in Shyamalan's supernatural thriller "Unbreakable." The movie will also feature Samuel L. Jackson who starred with Willis in Die Hard III. Speaking of Sam, he will also hit the Silver Screen as the lead role in "Shaft," that's right baby.

Don't be scared, but Sylvester Stallone is directing himself in "The Hunter." Stallone plays a rich recluse, arguably the best tracker and big game hunter in the world, who is drafted by the CIA to track a biological/genetic martyr who has injected himself with cave-man DNA and is on the lam killing whatever and whomever crosses its path.

James Woo is of course bringing us the second installment to the "Mission Impossible" saga. Little explanation necessary, it's just pure unadulterated action.

Brian De Palma directs a full cast including Tim Robbins and Gary Sinise in "Mission to Mars."

Robert Zemeckis directs Harrison Ford and Michelle Pfeiffer in "What Lies Beneath," a supernatural horror

movie that pits a college professor against ghosts on campus. Jim Carrey will get dumb and dumber again with the Farrelly Brothers in "Me, Myself and Irene," the latest installment of hilarious, toilet humor from the comedic team. Carrey will also take on the role of a lifetime in "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," a big budget remake of the cartoon classic directed by Ron Howard.

Steven Spielberg will dazzle us with the prophesized top grossing film of 2000 "Embryo: Jurassic Park." Along with two other projects that are virtually unknown, Spielberg will be directing Tom Cruise in "Minority Report," a film about a cop of the future who is able to arrest criminals before they actually commit the crime.

Clint Eastwood directs himself, Tommy Lee Jones and James Cromwell in "Space Cowboys," about three retired Air Force pilots who want to return to space for one last look around.

Bryan Singer directs the long awaited comic book

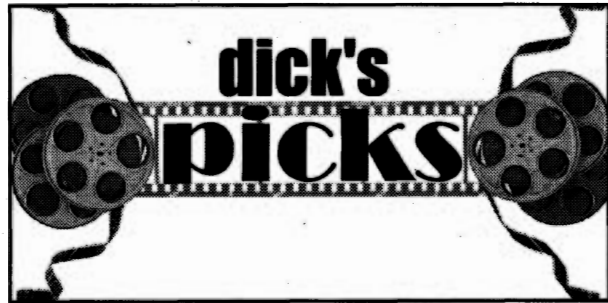
turned movie "X Men." Nicholas Cage stars with Warren Beatty in "Mr. Hughes," the story of Howard Hughes.

Robert De Niro will star in "Navy Diver" with Cuba Gooding Jr. Gooding will also star in "Blaze of Glory" as Otis Redding.

Quentin Tarantino returns after a three-year hiatus with "40 Lashes" about two men facing life sentence: in an Arizona prison given the opportunity to be exonerated of their crimes if they hunt down and bring a list of ruthless men.

And of course, Hollywood's dynamic duo, Ben Affleck and Matt Damon, are in almost a dozen film: next year between them. The most notable being Damon's big budget "Titan A.E." about the Earth being destroyed by aliens.

Come back next semester when Dick will have more picks, good or bad, for the movie enthusiast at JSU.



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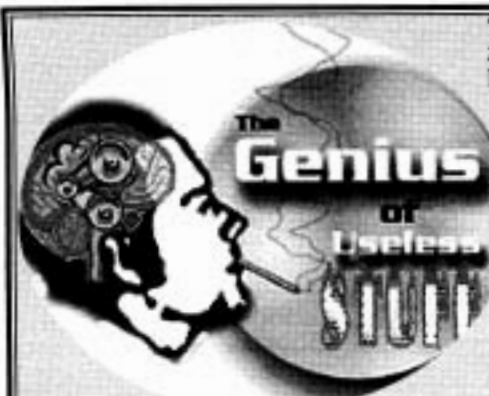
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### Useless Quiz

1. What direction does the west wind blow?
2. What are the main two constituents of bronze?
3. Who held the major League baseball record of substance abuse suspensions, with seven in by 1995?
4. Who coined Maxwell House' slogan of

- "good to the last drop"?
5. What Irish New Age artist was born Eithne Ni Bhroaain?
  6. What name was the last word uttered by Napoleon?
  7. What grungless Seattle band's name is affectionately abbreviated "Pot USA"?
  8. What term for a traveling preacher comes from a Greek word meaning "welcome message"?
  9. What's the common term for epinephrine?
  10. What's known in China as pingpang?
  11. What Beverly Hills 90120 star led the Pledge of Allegiance at the 1992 Republican convention?
  12. What bean provides the colored inks used in most U.S. daily newspapers?
  13. What is Latin for "in the year of our Lord"?
  14. What Canadian was dubbed the godfather of Grunge?
  15. What Major League Baseball team did Walt Disney Company assume operational control of in 1996?

### Chock full of Weird News

**•Pikachu made him do it**  
**SUMMERVILLE, S.C.** - Police say they have the culprit in the smash-and-grab theft of \$1,500 worth of Pokemon trading cards: a 14-year-old boy. The boy was arrested after reportedly bragging to friends about his heist, said the owner of Raw Coins. The shop's glass window was smashed with a shopping cart. The thief was able to sneak in and move below the range of the motion detector that would have set off the burglar alarm. Left untouched were thousands of dollars worth of rare coins. Police have recovered about \$250 in stolen cards, but the rarest cards, worth \$5 to \$30 each, are still missing.

**•No justice**  
**INDIANAPOLIS** - A 13-year-old boy spent a weekend unat-

**•Bartender, make it a double**  
**INDIANA, Pa.** - Police say a North Carolina man visiting family in western Pennsylvania went to a tavern and introduced his sons as Ryan Douglas Murtha and Ryan Douglas Murtha. They were presented as twins, police said, who, if not identical, at least had identical names. According to identification cards, both were who they claimed to be and were old enough to drink alcohol. Folks at the bar were skeptical. Bar employees called police, who confirmed that one Ryan Murtha was who he said he was. The other Ryan Murtha - who had an expired North Carolina driver's license - was actually Ryan's younger brother, Michael, age 19, police said. Authorities charged the elder Murtha with trying to

tended in a courthouse cell after a bailiff forgot to check it before going home. After a court hearing, Aaron Robinson was locked in the juvenile court holding cell with no food, water or toilet facilities. He was discovered two days later. The bailiff, a 10-year employee of the court, was fired. Aaron had been arrested and taken to the court building after his mother told police he had stolen her car.

The boy was released after a hearing but feared punishment from his parents and did not want to return home, according to the superior court judge.

So he was taken to a holding cell and was to have been transferred to a detention center on another floor that evening.

pass a minor as an adult. The real Ryan Murtha got the same treatment and two counts of disorderly conduct. His brother was charged with trying to use false identification.

### Answers to the quiz

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| 1. East                                       | 8. Evangelist         |
| 2. Copper and tin                             | 9. Adrenaline         |
| 3. Steve Howe                                 | 10. Ping-Pong         |
| 4. Teddy Roosevelt                            | 11. Shannen Doherty   |
| 5. Enya                                       | 12. Soybean           |
| 6. Josephine                                  | 13. Anno Domini       |
| 7. Presidents of the United States of America | 14. Neil Young        |
|   | 15. California Angels |

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# THE WEEK IN SPORTS

## Dead Bowl I ends in tie

By Erik Green  
Sports Editor

As the campus stood still on dead day, a war for bragging rights raged on the intramural field in what was called Dead Bowl I.

The tension between 92-J and the Chanticleer has raged for what seems like centuries. Tiny little Self Hall has been the breeding ground for decades of hate between the two warring media outlets.

Several weeks ago, Jason Bozeman and Stephen Benefield of 92-J confronted Chanticleer Staff members challenging them to a football game on dead day. What followed was a plethora of trash talk and expletives between the teams that lasted for weeks.

After several weeks of extreme preparation, intense physical training, plenty of trash-talk and severe recruiting, game day finally came.

At 12:30 on Tuesday, referee Jerry Chandler, a communication professor, pulled out his stop watch and the game began.

The Chanticleer won the coin toss and elected to defer to the second half. The ball was then spotted on the twenty-yard line.

Bozeman and the 92-J staff went three plays, and were forced to punt. Chanticleer sports writer Sam Wallace downed the punt, and the Chanticleer high-octane offense hit the field.

Under the direction of field general quarterback Joel Lamp, the Chanticleer pushed the ball down the field and scored the first points of the game on a pass to Anthony Hill.

The Chanticleer continued to dominate the opening half, and Hill would score again only minutes later on a pass from Dave Washington.

92-J would remain silent until just before the half when Jess Majer broke through a wall of Chanticleer defenders to put the DJ's on the board.

The half would with the Chanticleer in the lead 14-7.

In the second half, 92-J moved the ball down the field and found their second points of the game mid-way through the third quarter.

The game remained tied at 14 until the middle of the fourth quarter when Hill caught another Lamp pass for a touchdown.

Martin Sulic of 92-J caught a pass from quarterback Benefield minutes later to tie the game at 21.

The Chanticleer made a futile attempt to win the game, but time expired, and overtime was negated. The game ended deadlocked at 21.

Neither team got bragging rights this year, but who knows what will happen in the sequel.

## Gamecocks take early lead in TAAC

### After claiming 57-52 road win

By Erik Green  
News Editor

Mike McDaniel scored 11 points and Rashard Willie and Jarrod Greer each chipped in 10 to lead Jacksonville State (3-2, 1-0) to a 57-52 win over Stetson (2-2, 0-1) in the Trans America Athletic Conference opener for both teams.

"I'm extremely happy with this win," said JSU head coach Mark Turgeon. "Anytime you can get a win on the road, your thrilled."

After leading by 10 points midway through the second half, the Gamecocks were able to make a couple of shots to hold off a Stetson rally.

JSU's Josh Bryant gave the Gamecocks a 45-35 lead on a 3-pointer at the 9:23 mark, but the Hatters cut the lead to 45-44 after Ravii Givens

scored six straight in less than a minute.

Willie nailed back-to-back 3-pointers to push the lead to 51-46 at the 5:31 mark. JSU then bumped the lead back to 10 points, 57-47 after McDaniel scored on a lay-up with 1:16 left.

"We won today because of our defense" said Turgeon. "Our post guys did a heck of a job on the defensive end of the court."

The Gamecocks held Stetson to shooting just 21 percent (5-of-23) in the first half and held the Hatters to under 30 percent for the game.

Meanwhile, the Gamecocks shot almost 54 percent in the second half, hitting 14-of-26 from the field.

Stetson held a 6-5 lead at the 13:28 mark of the first half, but Willie scored on a lay-up to give the Gamecocks the lead for good. JSU went on a 15-4 run to build its largest lead of the half, 20-11 at the 3:36 mark, but the Hatters cut the lead to 22-18 at the intermission.



Jarrod Greer tramples over Georgia Southern defense for a quick jump shot.

## Tide rolls over Gators in 34-7 victory

From CNN

The Crimson Tide completely dominated fifth-ranked Florida for a 34-7 victory in the Southeastern Conference championship game, clinching its first title since 1992 by scoring two touchdowns 18 seconds apart in the fourth quarter.

The Gators managed only 114 yards in the worst offensive performance of the Steve Spurrier era.

Alabama, which defeated Florida in the first SEC championship game seven years ago, likely earned a trip to the Orange Bowl to meet Michigan. Florida will probably have to settle for the Citrus Bowl against Michigan State.

"That was a pretty thorough beating they gave us," Spurrier said. "Our offense is about the worst we've ever had at Florida. We're a bad offensive team."

Freddie Milons broke loose for an electrifying 77-yard touchdown run with 11:54 remaining, pushing Alabama (10-2) to a 22-7 lead. On Florida's next play from scrimmage, defensive end Reggie Grimes picked off a deflected pass and returned the interception 38 yards for another TD.

The 288-pound Grimes tried his version of the "Lambeau Leap" into the end zone stands at the Georgia Dome. Unfortunately, he couldn't jump quite high enough to reach the grasp of delirious Alabama fans, but that was about the only flop

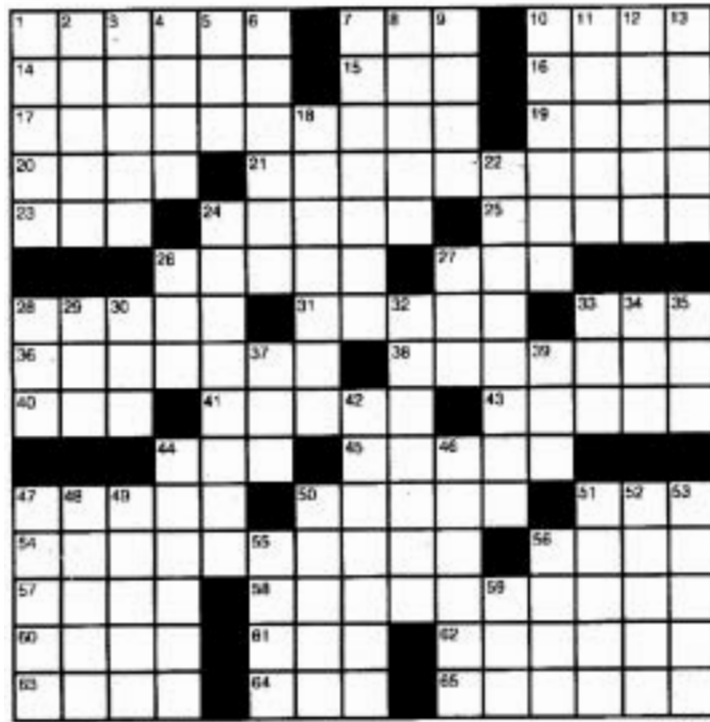
for the Crimson Tide on this night.

Florida (9-3), on the other hand, suffered its worst defeat since a 62-24 loss to Nebraska in the 1996 Fiesta Bowl. There was nothing fun about the "Fun 'n' Gun" offense, which managed only 114 yards and six first downs in the worst performance since Spurrier arrived on the SEC scene in 1990.

The previous low for total yards by a Spurrier-coached team was 194 against Tennessee, way back in his first season. As for first downs, the previous low was 12 in a loss to Florida State a year ago.

Alabama snapped the Gators' 30-game winning streak at The Swamp on Oct. 2, winning 40-

# Crossword Puzzle



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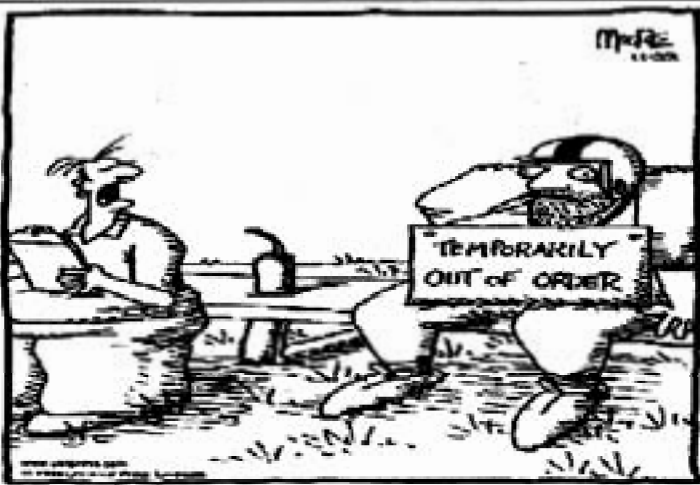
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  - 17 Officially signed in
  - 19 Take apart
  - 20 City in Oklahoma
  - 21 Freed from blame
  - 23 Bankroll
  - 24 Flower of Paris?
  - 25 Kite's clubs
  - 26 Shabby
  - 27 Ship back?
  - 28 Oak starter
  - 31 WWW letters
  - 33 Poke fun
  - 36 Man who made a Mexican purchase
  - 38 Soprano Patti
  - 40 Boundary
  - 41 Bit of info

- 43 Cadge
  - 44 Mongrel
  - 45 Printers' measures
  - 47 Director Welles
  - 50 Manmade fiber
  - 51 Downswing
  - 54 Designing
  - 56 Composer Bartok
  - 57 Prepare copy
  - 58 '50s president
  - 60 September's number
  - 61 Expert
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- DOWN**
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  - 8 Peace goddess
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  - 30 Quaint
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39 in overtime. The game transformed the Tide's season, which had been marred by personal turmoil surrounding coach Mike DuBose and a shocking loss to Louisiana Tech at Legion Field.

Florida yearned for another shot at Alabama, believing the loss was nothing more than a fluke. The Tide proved otherwise, controlling the ball for nearly 40 minutes in a stunning replay of their first victory.

"With that kind of adversity, one of two things are going to happen," DuBose said. "You either split up or you come together. We came together."

While Alabama dominated throughout, finishing with 300 yards rushing and 462 yards in all, the championship game didn't become a rout until the final quarter.

Milons, a receiver who frequently lines up in the backfield, took a snap at the Alabama 23 and ran left, finding nothing but Florida players. He headed the other way, broke a couple of tackles in the backfield, escaped the grasp of Daryl Dixon along the right sideline and ran untouched the rest of the way.

Milons finished with 116 yards rushing on six carries and was

named MVP.

"The play by Freddie Milons was just unbelievable," DuBose said. "He may start at quarterback the next time."

Alabama clinched the victory on the next play from scrimmage. Jesse Palmer, who went most of the way at quarterback for Florida, had a pass tipped at the line by Jarret Johnson. The ball fell right in the arms of Grimes, who took off the other way for the clinching touchdown.

Shaun Alexander, who had 97 bruising yard on 30 carries, finished off the scoring with a 12-yard touchdown run.

Alabama rotated quarterback Andrew Zow and Tyler Watts on every series. Zow completed 10 of 17 passes for 134 yards, while Watts was 3-of-7 for 21 yards.

Palmer was 7-of-20 for 80 yards, with three interceptions. Doug Johnson, the starter most of the season, played only one series, failing to complete his two passes. At the end, the Gators put up a white flag by sending in third-stringer Kevin McKinnon, who threw another interception.

In all fairness to the quarterbacks, they got no help from the running game. Florida managed only 31

yards on 20 carries and fell dismally short of capturing their sixth SEC title of the 1990s.

The Gators had 55 yards on their opening drive, needing only four plays to take a 7-0 lead. Tailback Earnest Graham stunned the Tide by throwing a 3-yard touchdown to Erron Kinney just 1:40 into the game.

After that, Florida managed only 59 yards.

"It's surprising that the whole game we could not get anything going," Spurrier said. "It was a poorly coached offense, you've got to say that, too."



92J and The Chanticleer mustered up enough tolerance to pose for a group photograph after the game.

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