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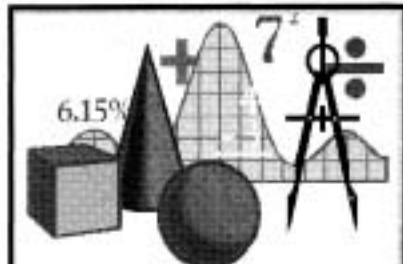


Gettin' action to Civil Action

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Want to raise your grade a whole letter?

Adam Smith
 News Editor

JSU has embarked on an experimental tutoring project that "has been successful in almost nine hundred schools worldwide," said Claudia McDade from the Center for Individualized Instruction.

The program is described by McDade as a "pilot program," and is still in the experimental stages at JSU. Those who are participating in the implementation of the peer help program hope that it will lower the dropout rate of college freshmen at JSU. The program which is getting off the ground this semester is mainly going to be concentrating on classes in the English department, but a few Algebra classes will also be offering specialized instruction.

"The program is being offered at this University due to more and more need for tutors and fewer and fewer tutors available," said McDade. One such tutor involved in the program is Sarah Trotter, who is an S-I leader (supplemental instruction leader). However, Trotter and the other tutors involved are making an effort to be different from the normal tutoring practices some students may be familiar with.

Trotter said that students who will be offering their services to other students who would like help attended a workshop to learn the techniques and methods of the program used to facilitate the program. Instead of long and boring hours of the normal tutoring session, the peer tutors will make the learning experience as enjoyable as possible for those students who would like instruction.

According to Trotter, students who will be offering help to the students involved in the program will go to every class meeting, do all of the work given to that particular class, and set up study sessions outside of that class.

The classes which will be offering

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Mirror, mirror, on the wall...

Buffy Smith
 JSU News Bureau

Jacksonville State University will hold its Miss JSU Pageant on Jan. 16 at 7 p.m. in Leone Cole Auditorium.

The winner will go on to represent the University in the Miss Alabama Pageant in June.

The contestants are:

1. Sandra Elaine Reaves

Reaves is a Senior at JSU and is pursuing a bachelor's degree in Nursing. She grew up in Anniston where she graduated from Walter Wellborn High School in 1995. The talent Reaves will perform will be singing a contempo-

rary Christian piece. Her platform is "Prevention of Domestic Violence."

2. Amber Joy Reid

Reid is a Freshman, pursuing a bachelor's degree in Communication. She is from Weaver and graduated from Weaver High School in 1998. Reid will sing a classical piece for the talent portion of the Miss JSU Pageant. Her platform is "Life Defects."

3. Destiny Coralie Barnes

Barnes is a Junior, pursuing a bachelor's degree in Art—Graphic Design. She is from Madison and she

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Students wonder about their money

Phil Attinger
 Editor in Chief

"I will find out. I promise you," said SGA President Ryan Kruzinski last Monday.

Hose Hosier, SGA senator, asked Kruzinski if he knew what happened to the remaining half of the \$15 that JSU students were assessed last year for the food court.

During last spring semester, the SGA gave its consent to have a \$50 increase in fees: \$35 for tuition and \$15 to help build the food court. The \$15 was to be redeemed to the students for use in buying meals from the food court once it opened.

Last year students received \$8

credit on their student ID cards when the food court opened.

Kruzinski says that he has spoken with Don Thacker, vice-president for Administrative and Business Affairs and hopes to have a definite answer before long. Kruzinski also says he will bring the matter up before the board of trustees at the next meeting, Monday, Jan. 25.

For now, Kruzinski says that students have \$1 per credit hour for this semester on their ID cards redeemable at the food court. This credit will go into effect Jan. 18, Kruzinski says.

How is the food court doing in the midst of construction?

Kruzinski says he does not know,



Students have credit on their ID cards at the food court. Is it enough?

but that a university evaluation, in which he'll take part, is pending. Kruzinski says that it will be hard to say since the food court opened late last semester and there were some operating-hour conflicts with residence halls.

SGA officers and senators urge students to become involved. The SGA will not meet next week on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, but will meet Monday, Jan. 25.

Got a sad puppy?

Dave Mathews
 Features Editor

Cheer up Fluffy. Life's really not that bad.

Clomicalm, the first anti-depressant for canines, was approved on Dec. 10.

Clomicalm, or clomipramine hydrochloride is made by Novartis Animal Health of Greensboro, N.C. It aids in healing dogs who suffer from separation anxiety.

Separation anxiety is most commonly found in dogs whose owners are away for long periods of time. Symptoms include mass destruction of your property, compulsive whining after you leave and general ecstatic behavior.

"There are 55 million dogs in the U.S. and as many as 10 percent of them have this problem to some degree," says Dr. Nicholas Dodman, professor of clinical studies at Tufts University of Veterinary Medicine.

The cost may be around \$1 a pill and depending upon the weight and size of your dog, one or two pills are required daily.

Note however, before you start to spend \$60 a month treating your dog's depression, it is not conclusive or proven that dogs actually suffer from depression and the pills do not work in all cases.

If you think your dog may suffer from separation anxiety, check with your vet regarding this drug.

Announcements

- **Principle of Economics I (EC 221) Section 88**, a new internet class, has been added to the Spring 1999 schedule; call number 2619. Contact Shawn Carter: 782-5799 or 782-5776.
- **Free HIV testing: Nursing Center Clinic.** Call 782-5432 for the next test.
- **Student Health Services provides Flu Shots** to JSU staff and students for \$10: Mondays and Wednesdays, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.; Fridays, 8:30 - 11:15 a.m. Please call for an appointment and bring your JSU ID card.
- **JSU Jazz Ensembles CD "Noteworthy" is on sale** from Dr. Chris Culver, trombone, in Room 203 Mason Hall, 782-5883. CD's are \$15 each.
- **Gadsden Community School for the Arts** located at the Center for Cultural Arts in Downtown Gadsden was granted full certification during the National Guild of Community Schools of the Arts annual meeting earlier this month.
- **New Classes offered at the Gadsden Community School for the Arts.** These classes include: Music Theory I, Musical Masterworks, Introduction to Conducting, Private Studies in Woodwinds and Brass, Acting I, and the Actors Audition seminar. Contact Mike Gagliardo at (256) 543-2787.
- **Music at the Museum: Etowah Youth Symphony Honors Strings.** Talented young musicians from the Etowah Youth Symphony Honors Strings will play a concert at the Anniston Museum of Natural History, Sunday, Jan. 24, at 3 p.m. For more information contact (256) 237-6766.
- **Television Station begins in March.** Volunteers wanted for student newscasts. Phone Lloyd Dobyns at 782-5230.
- **College Democrats Winter Social** at the Gamecock Center, Thursday, Jan. 14 at 5:30 pm. Free admission.
- **Saturday Alive at the Museum.** This exciting program features animals from the museum's live animal collection. Free with paid admission.
- **Order of Omega, the National Greek Leadership Honor Society** is now accepting applications in the Office of Student Activities. Requirements: membership in Greek-letter organization, 2.47 GPA, 3rd or 4th year, and leadership in Greek community and JSU. Call Cara Dawn Byford at 782-5491.
- **Miss JSU Pageant this Saturday, Jan. 16, 7 p.m.** in Leone Cole Auditorium: \$3/Students; \$5/General Public
- **How can we make JSU a better community?** Join Donnell Humes at the International House, Wednesday, Jan. 19. Call SGA for more information.
- **Accoustic band Tracy & Allen performs** Wednesday, Jan. 19, 5-7 p.m. in Jack Hopper Dining Hall.
- **SPJ (Society for Professional Journalists) resume seminar** and meeting, Wednesday, Jan. 20, 4:30 p.m. in room 237 Self Hall.
- **College Bowl applications** deadline is Jan. 22. The competition will take place Jan. 26 and 27, 2:45-6 p.m., Stephenson Gym, 2nd Floor. Four team members at least. Applications are at the Office of Student Activities.
- **Comedian Rodney Johnson performs** Wednesday, Jan. 27, in the Gamecock Center, 5-7 p.m.
- **Open-Mic Night at the Food Court: Thursday, Jan. 28, 5-7 p.m.**
- **The Spirit Competition is still going.** One point per person at SGA-sponsored events at JSU. Come out and show your spirit.
- **Big Man on Campus contest**, sponsored by Zeta Tau Alpha sorority. The contest includes door prizes and skit competitions, and begins at 8 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 28, in Leone Cole Auditorium.

Organizations/Clubs

International Students:
The International Students Organization will have its first general meeting in Daugette Hall room 228, on this Friday, Jan. 15 at 4:30 p.m.
Call Bethwel Raore at 782-7755 for more information.

Phi Mu sorority
Phi Mu would like to welcome everyone back and wish everyone off to a great start this semester.
This year's new executive officers were just elected into office. Phi Mu's president is Beth Sellers, Vice President is Heather Corrigan, Treasurer is Jennifer Barrs and Secretary is Courtney Ballinger. Phi Mu would also like to congratulate the sisters who made the Dean's list last semester.

1998-99 JSU Women's Basketball Schedule

Jan. 14	at Campbell
Jan. 16	at Georgia State
Jan. 19	at Auburn
Jan. 21	Central Florida
Jan. 23	Stetson
Jan. 30	at Samford
Feb. 1	at Belmont
Feb. 6	Samford
Feb. 13	at Stetson
Feb. 15	at Central Florida
Feb. 18	Georgia State
Feb. 20	Campbell
Feb. 25	Troy State
Feb. 27	at Florida Atlantic
Mar. 4-6	TAAC TOURNAMENT

The Center for Cultural Arts, Gadsden, Ala.: Art Exhibit Schedule

- ◆ **Matilda Elizabeth Groover**
In the Main Exhibit Hall, Jan. 11 -- Feb. 24, 1999
Reception on Jan. 14 from 5--7 p.m.
 - ◆ **SYZGY: by Peter Glenn Spivack**
In the Heritage Room, Jan. 5 -- Feb. 15, 1999
Reception on Jan. 14 from 5--7 p.m.
- * Hours: MWF, 9 a.m.--6 p.m.; Tues., 9 a.m.--9 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m.--6 p.m.; Sun., 1 p.m.--5 p.m.
* Call (256) 543-2787 for information.
* Admission: \$3/adults, \$2/students, free/members.

Campus Crime Docket

- **12-04-98:** Micheal Joe Webb, 25, of 540 Gadsden Rd., Jacksonville was arrested at 2:52 a.m. for DUI on the Old Gadsden Hwy. in a 1993 4 door Nissan Maxima.
- **12-04-98:** Marie Bailey reported criminal trespass at Sparkman Hall at 1 p.m.
- **12-05-98:** JSUPD reported criminal mischief at 10:28 a.m. at the Coliseum track. The track and a block wall were spray-painted with red and white goal line paint. Damages were estimated at \$150.
- **12-05-98:** Thomas Joseph Crego reported breaking and entering of his 1993 green Isuzu Rodeo between 6:30 and 9:30 p.m. on Dec. 1. Items stolen: 7 credit cards, a U.S. Army military ID, AL driver's license, ATT phone card, JSU ID.
- **12-07-98:** JSU-PD reported criminal trespass at the JSU Bookstore in the TMB, between 10:08 p.m. and 5:55 a.m.
- **12-08-98:** Angela C. Barnes reported criminal mischief at Pannell Hall between 11 p.m. and 1 a.m. One 1995 red Kia Sephia had all four windows soaped.
- **12-08-98:** Justin "Bubba" Dylan Veazey, 19, of 516 Foster West Rd., Jacksonville, was arrested at 9 a.m. for harassing communications.
- **12-08-98:** JSU bookstore reported theft of lost property at Jack Hopper Dining Hall, which occurred at 1:58 p.m. One Contacts 6th edition text was stolen, and recovered Dec. 8.
- **12-08-98:** Stephanie D. Chapman reported harassing communications at Sparkman Hall parking lot between 8:45 p.m. and 9 a.m.
- **12-09-98:** Ali Jafri reported criminal mischief at the east parking lot of Curtis Hall. One 1985 blue Toyota Tercel passenger side door and window were damaged. Total value: \$175.
- **12-09-98:** Thomas Arlie Skinner reported theft of lost property at JSU between Oct. 28 and Nov. 23, 1998. Stolen was one GTE Visa credit card.
- **12-10-98:** Steve Leonard Gaddy, 25, of Jacksonville was arrested at 10:31 a.m. for theft of lost property.
- **12-10-98:** Joel Hill Ingram reported criminal mischief at the Field House parking lot between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. One 1997 black Jeep Wrangler plastic driver's side window was damaged, valued at \$600.
- **12-12-98:** Patrick Wade Peterson reported criminal mischief at the Crow Hall parking lot between 1:30 and 11:15 a.m. Damage was to one 1987 blue Chevy Blazer.
- **12-13-98:** Sonya Elizabeth Skinner was arrested at 2:03 a.m. for DUI on Forney Ave.
- **12-14-98:** Jenara Meinzender reported theft of property at JSU Bookstore at 1:30. One Modern Algebra text was stolen, and recovered Dec. 14.
- **12-16-98:** JSU reported criminal trespass at Fitzpatrick Hall.
- **12-17-98:** Constance "Connie" Lada Looney, 24, of 30A Marbut Dr., Jacksonville, was arrested at 9:56 a.m. for theft of property, 2nd degree
- **12-17-98:** Derrick Lamar Richardson, 26, of 415 Ladiga St. Apt. 11, Jacksonville, was arrested at 10:15 a.m. for theft of property and receiving stolen property, 3rd degree.
- **12-20-98:** Bobby Lajuene Kelly, Jr. reported theft of property at Campus Inn Apartments between Dec. 18 at 10:30 p.m. and Dec. 19 at 1:30 a.m. Ten various CDs and tapes were stolen, a total value of \$110.
- **1-02-99:** Raquel Kali Bryant reported theft of property at Campus Inn Apt. #64 between Dec. 22 and Jan. 2. Stolen were one 19" RCA TV and one IBM computer system, a total value of \$799.
- **1-04-98:** Gary P. Hilton reported theft of property at Pannell Hall room 42 between Dec. 3 at 11:30 p.m. and Dec. 4 at 4 p.m. One CD-tape boom box was stolen, valued at \$75.
- **1-08-98:** Bille Clemons III, 20, of #22 Jackson Trace Apartments, Jacksonville, was arrested at 10:04 a.m. at Carolina and Park Ave for possession of forged instrument, 2nd degree.

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JSU Area Events Calendar: Jan. 14--21

Thu 14	Fri 15	Sat 16	Sun 17
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ SYZGY: Art exhibit by Peter Glenn Spivack in the Heritage Room, Center for Cultural Arts, Gadsden, AL. Reception: 5--7 p.m. ◆ Men's Basketball at Samford, 7 p.m. ◆ Women's Basketball at Campbell, 6 p.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Did you pay up all of your fees for this semester? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Miss JSU Pageant, 7 p.m. in Leone Cole Auditorium: \$3/Students; \$5/General ◆ Women's Basketball at Georgia State, 12 p.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ No classes tomorrow... Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Mon 18	Tue 19	Wed 20	Thu 21
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Martin Luther King, Jr. Day ◆ Men's Basketball v. Centenary, 7 p.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Accoustic band Tracy & Allen performs, 5-7 p.m. in Jack Hopper Dining Hall. ◆ How to improve life at JSU. Community meeting at the International House. Call SGA for time. ◆ Women's Basketball at Auburn, 7 p.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ SPJ meeting, 4:30 p.m., Self Hall room 237: Resume preparation seminar 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ College Bowl applications due on Friday, Jan 22. ◆ Women's Basketball v. Central Florida, 7 p.m.

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graduated from S.R. Butler High School in 1996. The talent she will perform will be dance and her platform is "Teen Suicide."

4. Jessica Rheannon Gilbert

Gilbert is a Senior, pursuing a bachelor's degree in Communication. She is from Albertville and graduated from Albertville High School in 1996. Gilbert will sing for the talent portion of the Miss JSU Pageant and her platform is "Breast Cancer Awareness."

5. Misti H. Wilson

Wilson is a Junior, pursuing a bachelor's degree in Biology. She grew up in Boaz, where she graduated from Boaz High School in 1997. She will play the piano for the talent portion for the pageant. Her platform is "The Importance of Family Values In Our Society."

6. Heather Leigh Hendon

Hendon is a Sophomore pursuing a bachelor's degree in Music. She is a Hokes Bluff native and graduated from Coosa Christian High School in 1997. For the talent portion of the pageant, she will sing. Her platform is "Music Mentoring."

7. Karen Lee Edwards

Edwards is a Junior, pursuing a bachelor's degree in Nursing. She is from Gardendale and she graduated from Mortimor Jordan High School in 1996. She will sing a Broadway piece of music at the pageant and

her platform is "Availability of Drug Rehabilitation at a More Affordable Rate."

8. Wendy Michelle Laminack

Laminack is a Senior, pursuing a bachelor's degree in Communication and English. She is from Heflin and she graduated from Cleburne County High School in 1996. She will sing in the Miss JSU Pageant and her platform is "Prevention of Eye Injuries."

9. Kimberly Patrice Wright

Wright is a Sophomore, pursuing a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. She is from Jacksonville and she graduated from Saks High School in 1997. She will sing in the talent competition of the pageant and her platform is "Racial Reconciliation."

10. Amanda Laughlin

Laughlin is a Senior, pursuing a bachelor's degree in Communication. She is from Glencoe and graduated from Glencoe High School in 1995. She will sing a pop song for the talent portion of the pageant and her platform is "Breast Cancer Awareness."

11. Jennifer Giovanni

Giovanni is a Senior, pursuing a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. She is from Orange, Connecticut and graduated from Amity Regional Senior High School in 1994. She will sing and dance a Broadway tune for the talent portion of the pageant and platform is "Diabetic Awareness."

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Get spirit, get awards

Thomas Webb
Contributing Writer

Got Spirit?

That's the question the SGA will be asking this semester as all the organizations on JSU's campus compete for the Spirit Award. Awarded at the end of the academic year, it goes to the group that participates the most in events on campus.

"The basic idea behind the Spirit Award is that the SGA wanted to do things to provide incentives to encourage involvement," says SGA 2nd Vice President Kellilyn Johnson. "We felt that this was one of the ways we could do that, and they could receive something in the end."

Any organization recognized by the Office of Student Activities is eligible to compete in the contest, along with groups from the residence halls. The groups will receive one point for each member that attends any SGA or Student Activities Council events. If any of those who attend also help to work an event, they will receive an additional point for their organization.

The group that amasses the most points by the end of the year wins.

Johnson says she hopes the contest will help draw more participants to events, and believes that it helped with many successful events last fall.

Along with Johnson, SGA Special Events Committee Chairman Jimmy Whithead was one of the forces behind the contest. He is responsible

for keeping up with the number of people attending events.

"We came up with it as an incentive for people to come out and get involved in events," says Whithead. "We're going to make it a tradition to see who's got the most school spirit."

The contest started with fall semester's J-Day, and will continue on until the end of the year, including such events as Casino Nite and the Residence Hall Olympics. While Whithead said Zeta Tau Alpha sorority and Patterson Hall took an early lead last semester, the contest is far from over.

The winner of the contest will receive a plaque and a trophy at the end of the year. The trophy will pass from one year's winner to the next, giving groups an incentive to win year after year. The plaques, however, stay with the group.

There will also be a large permanent plaque on display in the TMB at the Student Activities Office with the name of each year's winner engraved on it.

Johnson says she believes the award is already playing a part in the success of some of the SGA's events, and hopes it continues to help get students involved.

"I think that was one of the underlying factors," Johnson says. "I just hope it would continue to do its course to draw people to come. We're offering a lot of events and activities this semester."

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The Crowes come cawing

Little John and Mary Jane Doe
Political Analysts

The Black Crowes returned on Tuesday with their fifth album "By Your Side" and they bring back the southern soul reminiscent of their first two albums. Brothers Chris and Rich Robinson and a host of others, including the Dirty Dozen, a brass horn section, have put together an album that screams "Rock 'n' Roll will never die." The spindly Chris Robinson again uses his soulful, scratchy, early Rod Stewart like voice to lead you on a lyrical joyride.

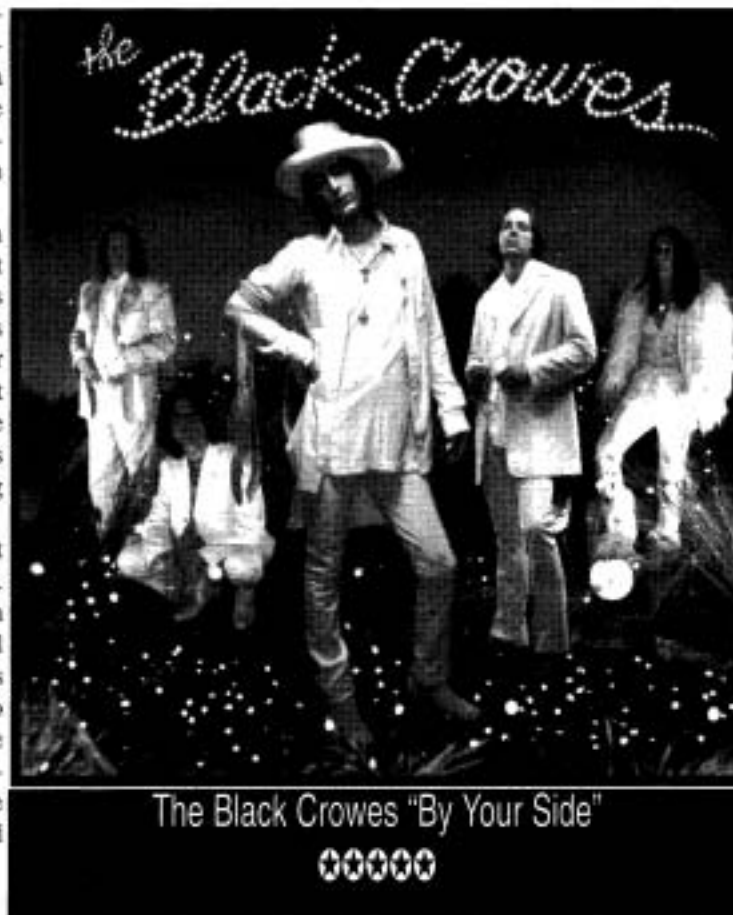
You can hear and feel the influences that have made the Crowes one of the last true rock bands. From the Rolling Stones tinged title track "By Your Side" to the Box Tops feel of "Welcome to the Good Times" to the Sly and the Family Stone style of "Diamond Ring."

The Black Crowes, a band that has never been associated with clean living, are candid about their vices and experiences with mind altering drugs. In an interview in the October issue of Guitar Player Chris responds to the question "Do psychedelics enhance your creati-

ty?" by saying, "Yeah, the drug experience-and drinking too. . . I've never gotten drunk and sat down and wrote a beautiful lyric. It's the next day-the hangover-then I'll write...there is a certain grace and clarity that comes with it." Ahhh to be a rock star.

A change in the line-up has put Rich in the lead and rhythm spot on this latest album although according to Rich, "It's not new to me to approach a record as the only guitar player, but it is new for the band. There's an emotional aspect that's different. At the end of the Three Snakes tour, I just knew something was going to change, so I began modifying my Guitar parts"(Guitar Player 10/98).

"By your Side," is everything that first turned you on to the Crowes and more. You can hear little pieces of each album from guitar sounds and riffs to the gospel sound of the background vocals. This is an album for the fans and for those who might have given up on them. Not to be mistaken for a rehash of their old material, this CD offers the best of what the Crowes are. A rock and roll band rolled into something that burns.



JSU graduates get good send-off

Phil Attinger
Editor in Chief

"The true reputation of any institution of higher learning rests on the accomplishments of its graduates," said Dr. David Ted Childress, professor of History and Military Science.

Childress was the key speaker at the ROTC commissioning ceremony last December. Only one graduate was to be commissioned that day, Lt. L. Vance Fleming, who Childress charged with the task of putting the best face on JSU and helping defend our freedoms.

"As I speak to you, America has armed forces in southwest Asia," said Childress. "Our nation has great need of an officer such as you."

"No one ever accomplishes any-



Lt. L. Vance Fleming

thing in this life alone," said Childress, saying that it is good manners to acknowledge those who have helped us. Childress describes good manners as the lubricant that helps reduce friction between people in our society and our world.

Fleming received his lieutenant's

bars, pinned onto his uniform by friends Aaron Parke and Angela Turbeville. He also received his first salute from Sgt. 1st Class (Ret.) Perry Parke, Sr., an old family friend.

Fleming describes the Parkes as "friends since forever," clearly glad to have them in attendance at his commissioning ceremony. He will accept his commission at Ft. Benning, Ga.

Another JSU graduate worthy of note this year was Jason Walters of Ragland, Ala., who graduated magna cum laude with a major in Business Management and a minor in English.

Walters recently was awarded a Dean's Merit Scholarship which will apply \$45,000 toward his tuition at Cumberland School of Law at



Jason Walters

Samford University in Birmingham, where he will pursue a law degree as well as a master's degree in Business Administration.

Walters plans to practice law as a corporate attorney in Birmingham after graduate school.

Sing and Play

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JSU Choirs' Valentine's Day Concert
First United Methodist Church, Jacksonville

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Fri 02/25 -- Sun 02/28
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Thu 03/25/99
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Barbarino gets a law degree

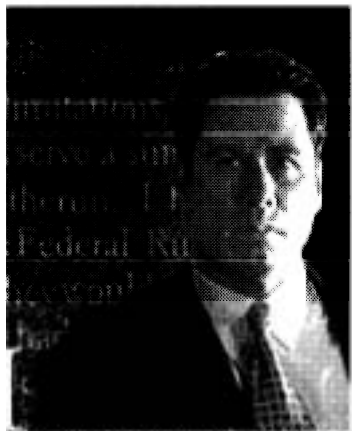
Dave Sharp
Chanticleer Writer

Hollywood's latest courtroom drama beat the Oscar deadline opening in New York and Los Angeles in December and graced the rest of the country Jan. 8.

Touchstone's "A Civil Action," is based on the true story of eight families in Woburn, Massachusetts who lost children to leukemia due to alleged negligence by two subsidiaries of larger companies that were dumping toxic chemicals into the soil and river near the city.

Luckily the film stars John Travolta and Robert Duvall who give stellar performances and are backed up by a great supporting cast that includes William H. Macy ("Psycho," "Fargo") and Tony Shalhoub ("The Siege," "Men In Black").

Travolta, these days concerned with quantity rather than quality, saves his rocky career until his next flop as Jan Schlichtmann, a fast talking snake of a personal-injury



lawyer concerned with the almighty dollar.

He takes on the emotional case of the Woburn families in hope to stick it to a couple of high rolling companies, one being defended by Duvall, and win millions. In the middle of the trial, Schlichtmann comes down with a bad case of decency and starts caring about the people he is representing and what this case stands for.

Though faced with a large out-of-court settlement, his ego drives him into a verdict that gives him barely enough money to escape financial hell.

Don't worry, I didn't give away the movie. This is history. It's like telling you the boat sinks at the end of "Titanic."

Writer/director Steven Zaillian, who wrote the screenplay for "Schindler's List," was disappointing. What happened to this guy's talent?

This was an important docudrama that should have been crafted more carefully. The Woburn story needed to be told so the public could become aware of what might be happening in their own backyard.

The movie concentrated on characters that ultimately are miniscule to the big picture, the lawyers, rather than the victims. Zaillian also leaves a lot to be desired in the suspenseful melodramatic department.

If your going to trash what's important to the real story, at least make it interesting for the rest of us. If you're going to make a courtroom drama, make it dramatic.

My advice is wait for video unless you're a die-hard Travolta fan. I give it a C.

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VIEWS AND OPINION

Chanticleer Editorial Chanticleer Daily Beef

Adam Smith, News Editor

Come on, get happy!

Jacksonville State University, "the friendliest campus in the south."

I've always wanted to meet the person who devised this clever public relations ploy, and find out if he/she is as friendly as this campus is. I have met many friendly smiling faces while in attendance at JSU. However, most of those faces belong to my



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Adam Smith

presence. That was fun, wasn't it? Maybe we need more of that sort of thing. Maybe college life has gotten (to use the words of a wise man) stale.

So I have devised a simple solution to make this a more friendly campus. For those of you who actually care, you may keep reading. For those of you who could care less about my plan, you may cease reading now.

We first have to understand what makes people friendly. For students, it's either free food, or free beer. So, once a week, SGA should offer free food or free beer on the quad. This would make us all happy, wouldn't it? Sure it would. What would make the faculty and administration happy? Not having to deal with students, right? Right. Therefore, we abolish the attendance policy, and make school free of charge. They would barely see us at all. That should make them happy.

If none of this works, we'll have to start playing old Zombies albums through a P.A. system anchored in the middle of the quad. For those of you who have never heard any old Zombies albums, the previous sentence has been wasted on you.

So what's the point of all of this? Simply put, we're a melancholy campus. I came here bright-eyed and full of ambition, and now I've become just as melancholy as everyone else, and I don't like it.

In the immortal words of David Cassidy and the Partridge Family, "come on get happy."

friends and colleagues. Very few of those faces I have seen in the faculty or administration (see Dave Sharp's beef).

One thing I have noticed is teachers and administration do get a heck of a lot friendlier by December or April. This makes me wonder. Do teachers not like us? Is it all a big sham? Are we paying our hard earned money to be part of this greater fraud? Are there too many questions being asked in this editorial? Help me out somebody.

I can't truthfully say that the adults are the ones who display the most hostility. The sour looks on the faces of most of the student body are bad enough to make someone think we've all walked out of a midnight showing of "The Way We Were." Not to be hypocritical, I'm guilty of this as well. However, my scholastic career has never made me want to go out and run through fields of wild flowers while singing "The Sound of Music."

Maybe this is everyone's problem. Maybe we're all just a little stressed out about the college grind. The only true happiness I've seen on the faces of everyone here was back in November when the sideshow of preaching freaks came and graced us with their

Dave Sharp, Chanticleer Writer

Broken

As a JSU Junior, I've seen University politics over the past few years. One thing that I dread at the beginning of every semester is the financial aid check disbursement.

Since I began JSU, it was understood that checks (loan, grant or scholarship) would be disbursed into my campus mailbox on the second day of semester classes. Now it's three or four.

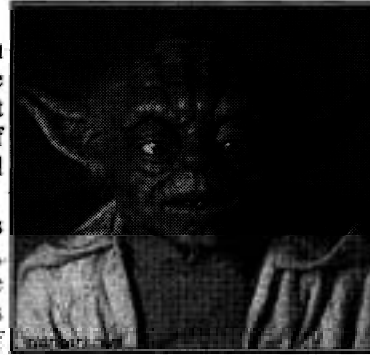
Every semester I have to wait longer and longer to receive money that I rely on. I can usually wait a few days to pay whatever bills I have, but my main complaint is I can't purchase the books and supplies that I need for my courses. I get behind at the beginning of every semester because I can't start the necessary reading or math work on time.

I'm sure there are a thousand reasons and miles of red tape why students can't get these funds on the first day of classes but it would be nice to begin studying when our professors want us to.

Last semester I put in a call to the Financial Aid Department to register my complaint. I talked with a woman who didn't appreciate my call.

I knew there was nothing she could do about the tardiness of funds but I continued to give my disapproval. I was very nice and listened and wanted her to make me understand why checks were going to be late again.

I reported my homework predicament and the concern I had for not only myself but also every other student that was in my shoes when she laughed me off and sarcastically said, "Well, it is only the third day of classes!"



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Dave Sharp

Perhaps that was an acceptable solution for her but I was enrolled in an algebra class and a literature class where the professors began the first day with a lengthy lecture and a section of homework to be graded the next class meeting.

I didn't appreciate the woman's attitude that to me reflected the attitude of the department that in turn

reflected the attitude of the University.

I wish I was a student who was able to save a couple of hundred dollars before each semester to pay for my books but I was not adorned with that luxury. The money I earn and the money I borrow is survival money. Perhaps I do rely too much on these borrowed funds, but that's all I have.

I'm not trying to degrade the Financial Aid Department. Larry Smith and his staff have helped me an immeasurable amount of times more than they've inconvenienced me. It must be a very difficult job.

I just think that if this staff reported a day or two earlier to make sure checks could be out on the first or even second day of classes each semester, it would be less of a headache on the students. To even out the days the staff works in a given semester, give them a long weekend.

Maybe my answers are a little elementary, but I think the administration needs to recognize the unnecessary burden they put on the students who are stressed already as it is. Students are the reason the administration is here in the first place, aren't they?

Ralph Vigoda
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

Families can use savings, to avoid student loans

Beaming parents are barely home from the hospital with their newborns before they face perhaps the most vexing question in child-raising today: "How are we going to pay for college?"

Right now, average cost at a four-year private school is \$19,213 per year, according to the College Board in New York. Most Ivy League schools cost more than \$30,000.

The College Board says the average annual cost for a four-year public school is \$7,472. Penn State, though, is between \$10,600 and \$11,000, depending on year and major.

If you look back at how rapidly college costs have risen in the past decade - 5 percent to 6 percent annually - and project ahead to 2016, it is easy to conclude that four years of college could cost \$75,000 for a public university to \$250,000 for a top-

notch private school.

According to a 1997 poll conducted for the Student Loan Marketing Assn. (Sallie Mae), part of the nation's largest provider of student loans, about 18 percent of fami-

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".....it's never too late to put something aside, even if it's only a minimal amount."
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-Jack Joyce
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lies start saving for college before their child begins high school. Most parents, the survey showed, save about 25 percent of college costs, while two out of 10 families don't save at all for school.

"Many parents come into this with the attitude that government and schools will pay for everything," said Mark Kantrowitz, a Pittsburgh author and financial-aid expert.

"That just doesn't happen. The federal

government has stated that it expects the family to be primarily responsible for a child's education, and will step in only when a family can't afford it."

Time, said Kantrowitz and other college finance counselors, is a family's greatest asset. Saving just \$25 a week from birth to age 17 at 5 percent interest will yield about \$34,800, a decent chunk of money. Even just \$10 a week at that rate would grow to nearly \$14,000 - although in 17 years that may barely cover books and late-night pizzas.

"The most important thing is to start saving as soon as possible," said William Shevlin, who specializes in college financial planning at New Century Financial Group in Princeton. The earlier a family starts saving, Shevlin said, the more risks it can take with its money.

Financial experts almost uniformly suggest getting into stocks and mutual funds early and staying there for 10 to 12 years. You don't need thousands of dollars to start

out, they point out. What you do need is a strong stomach to ride out the fluctuations.

In recent years, states have begun offering pre-paid tuition plans, in which families contribute either in a lump sum or, more commonly, through an extended monthly payment plan. The state then puts the money together and invests it.

Supporters of such plans, which are in 22 states, including Pennsylvania and New Jersey, say their biggest strengths are in encouraging families to save, and in offering reassurance that there will be money for college.

Detractors, though, point out that money can be placed in other vehicles that offer higher returns.

What happens, though, if you haven't been saving and it suddenly dawns on you that your son or daughter is just two or

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Money, from page 9

three years from heading off to college? That's a situation that Jack Joyce, now part of the financial aid division of the College Board, saw time and again when he worked at colleges in Massachusetts and New York.

If you do get into the savings game when the child is 12, 13, 14 years old, still look for growth for at least a couple of years, but stick with lower-risk investments, experts say. Bonds are attractive, they say, because there is less risk that they will fall sharply in value. Government securities are fairly safe, but have a lower return than many other investments.

When the college candidate turns 16, advisers will tell you to look at money-market funds, certificates of deposits, or savings bonds that protect the principal and still earn money.

Everyone agrees that it's crucial to save money in the parents' names, not the child's.

"There are slight tax benefits by saving in a child's name, but it's outweighed by loss in aid eligibility," said Kantrowitz.

"For every dollar someone saves, it's a couple of dollars somebody doesn't have to borrow."
—Jack Joyce

The formula used to determine financial aid is much harsher on a student's assets than on the parents'. A student is expected to contribute 35 percent of his or her assets toward the cost of education; the rate for parents, though, is 5.64 percent. (Remember: assets include savings and investments, but not retirement plans or the value of a home).

In other words, if a student has saved \$4,000 from summer jobs, a college will expect \$1,400 of it to go toward tuition.

Parents' assets would have to be just under \$25,000 to require that much.

Kantrowitz gives an example of a family of five today (two parents, three kids, including one about to start college), in which mom and dad have \$60,000 of income and \$50,000 in assets. The student has no assets, except for \$3,000 from a summer job. At a state school that costs \$11,500 for the year, the family would be expected to pay \$4,500, leaving \$7,000 in financial aid that would come in a mixture \$55 billion in aid was distributed.)

But for all the talk of risks and investments and percentages, the way to pay for college comes down to a pretty common-sense formula.

"For every dollar somebody saves," said Jack Joyce, "it's a couple of dollars somebody doesn't have to borrow."



Question of the week

"What did you do on New Year's Eve?"

• compiled by FRITZ



I was shackled to a booth having to wait on those who had no plans of their own, which prevented me from "really" enjoying the festivities.

Kevin Cole
Senior

I was shooting off... fireworks.



Phil Attinger
Senior



I spent a nice, quiet evening away from school and work watching the ball drop in Times Square on the television set.

Shannon Fagan
Senior

I got drunk and naked at a campfire in Tennessee



Thomas Webb
Junior



I got my jive on with Dick Clark after my boyfriend got off at 11:00.

Erin O'Briant
Senior

I watched the "Cop Rock" marathon then contemplated suicide. (Not Really)



Adam Smith
Junior



I danced around a campfire naked with eight other naked people and one clothed person.

Fritz
Senior

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Comics & Clairvoyance

Daily Horoscope

Too much Saturn...

Linda C. Black
Tribune Media Services

Today's Birthday (Jan. 14):

Your secrets could be revealed this year, but that's OK. They'll be revealed to you first, so you'll have time to put things right.

There's plenty of money in February, but be careful. It's not really a fixed income yet. Hide as much as you can away for your future security, especially in March.

In April you'll have to pay obligations and, of course, taxes. That could also work out all right. You might even get some back.

August looks good for financial dealings, and October's a good time to go for that promotion you've been thinking about.

Tell the whole truth and nothing but the truth in December.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 7 — You're lucky, so you might as well push for what you want next. You could run into a setback, but don't let that stop you. Once you get around that temporary condition, you'll be off and running again. You start out well, and your overall outcome looks like it's going to be successful, so take any hassles in stride.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 6 — Today you could be tempted to take a financial risk, which is unusual for you. A case of buyer's remorse could crop up, but if you've done your homework, you should be able to make a good assessment. Don't panic because you're buying something more expensive than usual. If it's going to last longer, it really is a good investment.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 6 — Your best teachers today are people you know well, including your spouse and

dearest friend. You don't want anyone privy to how much you don't know, but today, let people in on that deep, dark secret. Talk about things you don't understand and let others coach you for a change. You'll find it relaxing, once you get into it.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 5 — The worst is over, and now all you have to do is clean up the mess. You don't have to do it all by yourself, either. Get a co-worker to help you. Guilt is a pretty effective means for doing that, and you're an expert at gaining sympathy. If that doesn't seem to work, just come right out and ask.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 7 — The work you've done lately is bringing you attention. Make sure you look sharp. People with money and power are giving you the once over, and you may not realize when they're watching. It's always best to, assume somebody's looking. There's nothing to worry about, though. You'll have a great time today, and that's the best way to audition.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 6 — What's going on at your place? It could be a lot of fun, but it looks like there's also a mess involved, and that's a little irritating. You might be getting antsy to straighten things up, and that's good. You'll push the others on your team into getting their stuff in order, too.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Today is a 6 — You can still do a little more homework before you launch your next project, but you'd better hurry. By tomorrow, you should have whatever it is well under way. You're being drawn in that direction by unseen forces, so you don't have to worry about what it's going to be. That should become obvious relatively soon.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) — Today is a 6 — Looks like a raise is possible, or a better job offer. You don't have to sit and wait for it,

either. You can put on a little pressure, if you know where to push. You probably do, too. If you're like most Scorpios, you've been thinking about this for quite some time. Go ahead and play that ace you've been holding.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 7 — You should be able to get farther today than you've ever gone before. You're doing well on your own, but you need a little extra boost to go over the top. You'll get that from someone near and dear to you, perhaps a close family member. If you can get that person onto your side, you've got the whole game won.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 6 — Somebody's leaning over your shoulder, watching your every move. Make sure you're looking good, minding your manners and saying only nice things. If you're a true Capricorn, you balk at deferring to people who think they're important. This time, however, it'd be wise to watch your P's and Q's. The walls have ears.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — You and your team are red hot today. You will have some minor difficulties concerning finances, but you'll bounce right over them. As you and your friends share ideas, you'll be coming up with better ones all the time. Keep the banter flowing. But the game you're playing does have rules. Use them to help you stay on track.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 6 — You're lucky today, but that does not mean everything is going to go easily. In fact, you could take a direct hit. A person you respect and admire is rather upset right now, and might take it out on you without even meaning to. If that happens, don't take it seriously. It probably has nothing to do with you. Just roll with the blow.



not enough moon.

JSU SPORTS



"She's mentally tough and always focused."
-Coach Dana Austin

• See Below •

Gamecocks still seek first conference win

Shannon Fagan
Sports Editor

For head basketball coach Mark Turgeon and the Gamecocks, the new year has gotten off to a rotten start. JSU began conference play on Jan. 2 and has yet to win a TAAC game.

The losing woes started when the Mercer Bears came to Pete Mathews Coliseum on Jan. 2. They hoped to end a 33-game losing skid on the road and did just that. The Bears defeated Jacksonville State by the final of 80-73 in overtime.

After this heartbreaking setback, the Gamecocks took to the road two days later to face arch-rival Troy. The Trojans managed to nip the Gamecocks by a bucket, 70-68.

JSU searched for answers and sought revenge against the Bears last Thursday. However, the Gamecocks dropped their third conference game in a row in another close game, 66-63.

Jacksonville State got back on the hardwood against Troy in "prime time" on Monday evening. The game was the first televised contest on Fox SportsSouth for the Gamecocks this year.

Despite a packed Pete Mathews Coliseum, JSU lost by eight points. Here is a look at the action.



The "Pete" was packed on Monday night against Troy. Look closely and you might see yourself.

Mercer	80
Jacksonville State	73 (OT)

In front of the home folks, the Gamecocks looked to get the new year started with a bang and open up conference play with a win. However, Mercer's Earnest Brown was a thorn in the side of JSU's hopes.

Brown was hot from the floor, connecting on

eight of his 17 shot attempts including seven three-pointers. He came away with a game-high 28 points.

Three other Bears clawed their way to double figures in scoring as well. Evans Davis scored 17 points and pulled down seven rebounds. Aleem Muhammad rocked the rim for 11 points and Mark Adamson chipped in

with 10 points.

Leading the charge for the Gamecocks were a trio of players. Marlon Gurley scorched the nets for 18 points, including four three-pointers. Niki Okolovitch hit eight of his 14 shot attempts to give him 16 points on the evening. Rashard Willie also had 16 points and led JSU in rebounds with 13.

JSU held the lead at the break, 33-31, but Mercer found a way to force overtime. The Bears outscored the Gamecocks 15-8 in the extra frame for the win.

Troy State	70
Jacksonville State	68

The trio of Gurley, Okolovitch, and Willie came through again for Jacksonville State but fell short of victory once again.

Willie led Jacksonville State in scoring with 18 points, including three buckets from three-point land. Okolovitch had 16 points and muscled down seven rebounds. Gurley also came away with 16 points but the Trojans somehow managed to squeak out the win.

Troy also had a trio of players scoring in double-figures. Joey Raines had a game-high 23 points, including three shots from the three-point line. Eugene Christopher hit seven shots from the floor to give him 16 points. Robert

see **Losing skid**, page 13

Women's Basketball

Lisa Baswell: Lady Gamecocks' lethal weapon

Shannon Fagan
Sports Editor

Despite losing senior Shneka Whaley for the season due to injury, the Lady Gamecocks have refused to let that bring them down. They have stepped it up a notch and currently hold a 3-1 record in TAAC action.

The fireworks ended for most of us on New Year's Eve, but not for Junior Lisa Baswell. Baswell leads the Lady Gamecocks in scoring with an average of more than 20 points per game. In their four games so far in the new year, Baswell has scored more than 20 points in each of them. Earlier in the season, she put up a career-high 46 points against Alabama A&M.

"I can't say enough about Lisa," says head coach Dana Austin. "She's mentally tough and she's always focused."

At Mercer on Jan. 2, Baswell turned in another all-out performance. She hit eight of her 14 shot attempts and 13 of 15 free throws to give her 30 points on the afternoon. She followed

that game with 25 points and 12 rebounds against Troy State.

In a rematch with the Lady Bears, Baswell led the charge again with 22 points. On Monday against Florida Atlantic, she racked up again by scoring 32 points and pulling down 10 rebounds. Here is a look at the Lady Gamecocks' conference action.

Jacksonville State	72
Mercer	55

Besides Baswell's 30 point outburst, the Lady Gamecocks had two other players scoring in double-digits. Heather Mayes picked up where she left off last year, hitting two three-pointers and going six for eight from the free throw line to give her 12 points on the afternoon.

Karen Harden hit three of her shot attempts from the floor and hit four of six from the charity stripe to give her 10 points in the game.

The Lady Bears trailed at the break 33-25 and couldn't find a way to stop the Lady Gamecock express as they rolled on to a 17 point victory.

Troy State	60
Jacksonville State	54

Baswell and the Lady Gamecocks took the show on the road to face in-state rival Troy on Jan. 4. Despite another impressive performance on the court by Baswell, the Lady Trojans managed to shut down the other Lady Gamecocks and came away with the win.

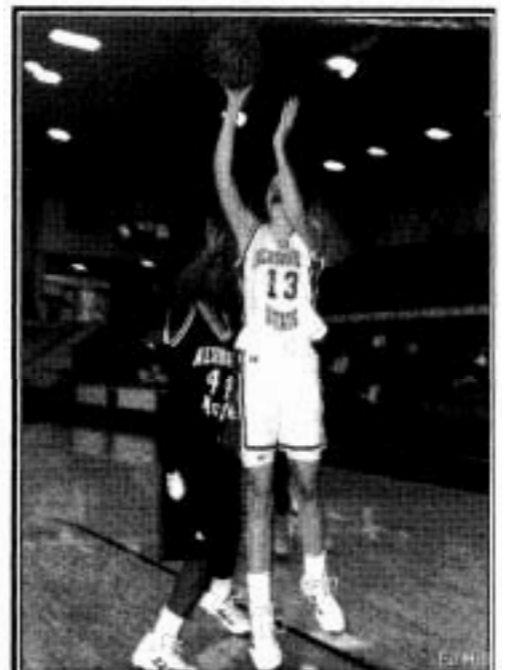
Baswell scorched the nets for 25 points and pulled down 12 rebounds in the losing effort. Mayes had the hot hands from the three-point arc, hitting three of her five shot attempts to give her 10 points.

Troy State countered with the duo of Heather Lenior and LaKeisha Parrish. Lenior led the Lady Trojans in scoring with 15 points while Parrish came away with 14. It proved to be enough as Troy State won by six points.

Jacksonville State	68
Mercer	55

The Lady Gamecocks got out of the gate early, leading 33-15 at the half. Mercer made a charge in the second period but fell victim to JSU for the second time in five days.

JSU was led once again by Baswell. She see **Lethal weapon**, page 13



JSU's Lisa Baswell has been on target in the scoring department this season. She is averaging more than 20 points per game.

Football

Assistant coaches seek new challenges

Shannon Fagan
Sports Editor

Jacksonville State has seen a number of changes in the football coaching ranks this off-season.

Former quarterbacks coach Patrick Nix left for greener pastures as head coach at Henderson State. Nix spent three seasons with the Gamecock program. In 1996, he was running backs coach. Nix moved on to overseeing JSU's quarterbacks in 1997. There, he was in charge of the development of quarterback Montressa Kirby.

Nix took with him fellow JSU coaches Doug Meacham and Charles Kelly. Meacham served on the Gamecock coaching staff as offensive coordinator for the past two seasons.

Kelly was a five-year veteran on the Gamecock coaching staff. In 1994, he was Jacksonville State's running backs coach. He served as defensive backs coach in 1995 when JSU ranked 27th in the nation in passing efficiency. In 1996, Kelly moved to offensive coordinator. The next two seasons, he moved back to the defensive side of the team.



Patrick Nix

Head coach Mike Williams has hired two replacements to fill

the coaching void. On Monday, he announced the hiring of Mike Bugar and Greg Chatham.

Bugar will serve as the Gamecocks new defensive coordinator. In 1977, he served as defensive line coach for Charley Pel at Clemson. He has also had several other coaching stints at Florida, West Georgia, Southern Mississippi, LSU, and Baylor. Prior to joining the Gamecocks, Bugar was a coach at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor.

Chatham also comes to the Gamecocks from Mary Hardin-Baylor. He also coached as an assistant at Moody High School in Corpus Christi, TX and was a five-year member of the staff at West Texas A&M University. While at West Texas A&M Chatham held several positions (secondary, special teams, and defensive ends).

Gamecock makes presence felt in Blue-Gray game

Shannon Fagan
Sports Editor

While most of us were still opening our presents on Christmas morning, Gamecock football player Mark Word was busy harassing quarterbacks in the annual Blue-Gray game in Montgomery, Ala.

Word was the lone Jacksonville State representative on the Gray team. According to the commentators for the



Mark Word

game, Word is definitely a prospect worth watching for the National Football League Draft in April.

The senior linebacker had two quarterback pressures and four tackles, tying him for third on the Gray defensive unit. Word's team won by the final of 31-24. His performance impressed a number of people. He earned an invitation to another scouting game for the NFL, the East-West Shrine Classic.

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Rushing wasn't far behind, chipping in with 14.

Mercer	66
Jacksonville State	63

The conference woes continued as the Gamecocks fell victim to the Bears for the second time in less than a week. The Bears held a comfortable 37-26 lead at the break and had to hold off a late surge by JSU to get the win.

Gurley had the hot hands once again for the Gamecocks. He went six for 15 from the floor on his way to 15 points on the evening. Niki Okolovitch managed 12 points and Rashard Willie chipped in with 11.

Mercer's Earnest Brown led both teams in scoring with 16 points. John Pickles came away with 12 points and Mark Adamson chipped in with 11. Despite being outscored 37-29 by the Gamecocks in the final period, the Bears hung on for the three-point victory.

Troy State	78
Jacksonville State	70

Monday evening, Pete Mathews Coliseum looked like a mini-Cameron Indoor Arena (minus the Duke Blue Devils). The house was packed with over 4,000 fans rooting for the Gamecocks. There was even an appearance by the Caped Crusader Batman, but even he could-

n't cheer the Gamecocks on to victory.

Troy got out of the gate in a hurry, building as much as a 14 point lead. The Gamecocks battled back and cut the lead to six before the break at 37-31.

Leading the charge for the Trojans was a trio of players. Joey Raines dazzled the crowd from behind three-point range, hitting four from beyond the arc. He came away with 22 points and 10 rebounds on the night.

Eugene Christopher hit seven shots from the floor, propelling him to 21 points. Robert Rushing added 12 points to help put the Trojans in the win column.

JSU tried to match the Trojan trio with a trio of their own. Rashard Willie stripped the nets for 20 points, including three shots from beyond three-point range. Alex Beason hit six shots from the floor and came away with 15 points. Gurley added 14 points but it wasn't enough as the Gamecocks lost their fourth straight TAAC contest.

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The Gamecocks still seek an end to a growing losing skid. They look to get back in the win column at Samford tonight. Tip off is set for 7 p.m.

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Gamecock Calendar

January 14		
Men's Basketball	at Samford	7 p.m.
Women's Basketball	at Campbell	6 p.m.
January 16		
Women's Basketball	at Georgia St.	12 p.m.
January 18		
Men's Basketball	Centenary	7 p.m.
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came away with a game-high 22 points. Heather Mayes wasn't far behind, hitting four three-pointers on her way to 21 points. Lateatrice Thomas also had an impressive game with 18 points and 12 rebounds.

The Lady Gamecock defense only allowed two players to score in double figures, helping them to cruise on to victory.

Jacksonville State	81
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After a close first period of play, the Lady Gamecocks stormed their way to victory midway through the second half. Baswell hit eight of her 16 shots

and went 15 of 16 at the free throw line to pace JSU.

Mayes hit four shots from beyond three-point range on her way to 16 points on the evening. Thomas chipped in with 10 points and added 11 rebounds to help the Lady Gamecocks earn their third conference win of the year.

For Florida Atlantic, LaTorria Matthews hit eight shots from the floor on her way to 20 points. Sheridan Andrews also scored in double-digits, coming away with 11 points.

JSU gets back on the hardwood tonight at Campbell. Tip

Tutors, *from front page*

the special peer tutoring are taught by professors who have agreed to help the students enrolled in the class any way possible. According to Trotter, "students who participate in this type of instruction average a half to a full letter grade above those who don't participate." Trotter also said that students can attend the tutoring sessions as little or as often as they would like. The program is free to students who wish to participate and tutors will work with a student's schedule so they can meet at a time that is convenient for the student.

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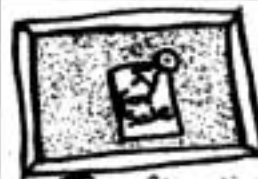
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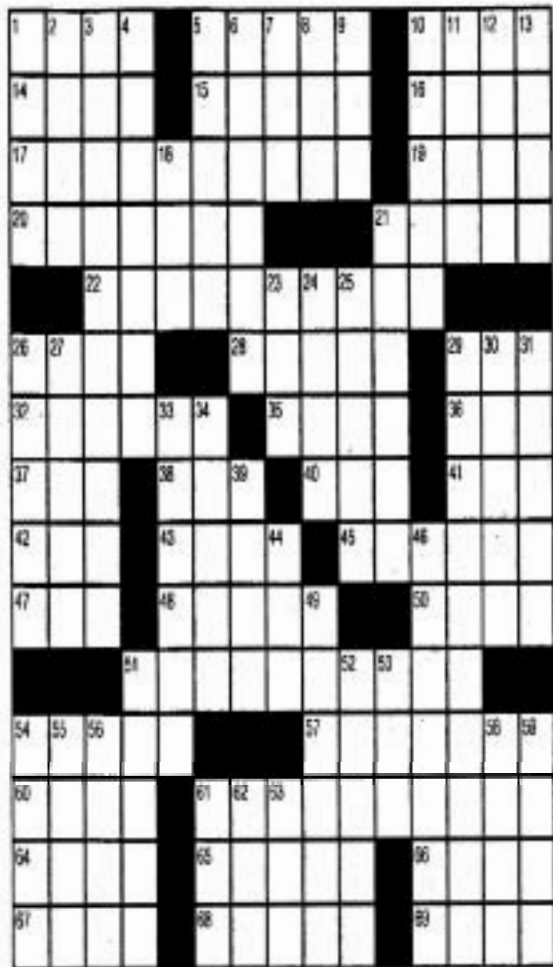
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