Another brick in the wall?

JSU’s Trustees will review more renovation plans

At this time, however, no concrete plans exist for how to renovate the library. As always, funding will be a consideration, according to Thacker.

The ongoing TMB renovation hit a snag last week when JSU lost outside telephone service in the midst of installing fiber optic cable for the CyberCafe. The loss of telephones was quickly repaired, according to Thacker, who says the computers, here since last semester, are waiting on the cabinets to be installed.

The TMB exterior remains behind schedule because of delays in obtaining the cast stone necessary to install the brick, according to the Projects Report. The board will also consider the addition of a field house and bleachers at the baseball field. A proposed renovation and addition to Martin Hall is also in the works and will provide extra laboratory facilities to the

Gently down the stream

Water, water all around and not a drop to drink--This may be the case concerning one of Alabama’s most pristine water- ing creeks, the Terrapin.

Terrapin Creek is in great danger of becoming polluted as are half the state’s watersheds at this moment as found by The Friends of Terrapin Creek, Inc. The watersheds are polluted to the point that they are not suitable for drinking or swimming.

For people living near Terrapin Creek, and others living in surrounding counties, this is something that will not happen as long as they have a say. The Friends of Terrapin Creek, Inc. is an environmental nonprofit organization whose purpose is to protect all waters that empty into Terrapin Creek from the headwaters to the Coosa River from all harmful actions.

The Terrapin is a creek with great historical value and some of the cleanest water in the state, something that most people take for granted.

Meetings are the first and third Fridays of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Borden Springs Volunteer Fire Department. By joining The Friends of Terrapin Creek, Inc., you can become an active supporter in the quest to protect the Terrapin for future generations to come. All donations are greatly appreciated.
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Announcements

- Free HIV testing: Nursing Center Clinic. Call 782-5432 for the next test. Testing will be done by a representative of the Ala. Dept. of Public Health.
- Student Health Services is providing flu shots to JSU staff and students for $10. Mondays and Wednesdays, 1:30-4:30 p.m. Call 782-5300 or 782-9494.
- Please call for an appointment and bring your JSU ID card.
- JSU Jazz Ensembles CD “Noteworthy” is on sale from Dr. Chris Culver, trombone, 2203 Mason Hall, 782-5562. CD’s are $15 each.
- Phi Delta Sigma scholars: Available nationally to Phi Delta Sigma members. See Rufus Kinsey, 105 Stone Center, 782-5467. Deadline is Feb. 23.
- Order of Omega, National Greek Leadership Honor Society is accepting applications in the Office of Student Activities. Call Cara Dawn Byrd at 782-4591 for information and applications.
- The Spirit Competition is still going. One point per person in your group attending SGA or JSU-sponsored events. Come out and show your spirit.
- Open Mic Night at the Food Court: Thursday, Jan. 28, 5-7 p.m.
- Big Man on Campus contest, sponsored by Zeta Tau Alpha sorority today. Jan. 28, at 8 p.m. in Leonel Cole Auditorium.
- Blood drive planning meeting with the American Red Cross representative on Tuesday, Feb. 2, at 4 p.m. in the SGA office. Anyone willing to help with the Blood Drive, please come to the meeting.
- Black History Month kicks off with “Gifts from God” a Gospel music showcase, sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Services. The showcase will be Thursday, Feb. 4, at 7:30 p.m. in Leonel Cole Auditorium. Singers and musicians interested in participating should sign in at Multicultural Services (Office of Minority Affairs) by Tuesday, Feb. 2 at 4:30 p.m.
- JSU’s Annual Juried Student Exhibition opening reception in Hammond Hall Gallery is Tuesday, Feb. 2, at 7 p.m. Exhibition runs through Wednesday, Feb. 20, Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information call Steve Loucks, 782-5708, or Charles Groover, 782-5625.
- Valentine’s Dessert Buffet & Concert, by JSU Choirs and JSU Foundation Friends of Music: Saturday, Feb. 13, 8 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 14, 2:30 p.m. in Leonel Cole Auditorium. Call Stephen Cooper, 782-5544 for tickets ($8.50).
- Comedy Series, Wednesday, Feb. 17 at 8 p.m. in the Roundhouse.
- Collegiate Legislature, Montgomery, Ala., Thursday-Sunday, Feb. 18-21 Call Student Activities at 782-5490 for more information.
- JSU’s Part-time Employment Office Job Fair will be held at Stephenson Gym on Thursday, Feb. 18, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- JSU: Visitation Day, Saturday, Feb. 20: General browse, 8:30 a.m.-10 a.m.; Tours 8:30-9:30; Financial aid session, 9:30-10 a.m.; Registration information, 10 a.m.
- Recital: Greg Barrett at Mason Hall Performance Center on Saturday, Feb. 20. Call the Music department 782-5559 for more information.
- SGA officer candidates: Monday, Feb. 22, 7 p.m. in Leonel Cole Auditorium.
- Open Mic Night at the Food Court: Wednesday, Feb. 24, 5-7 p.m.
- Eowntown Youth Orchestra Concert, Thursday, Feb. 25—Student Solo and Ensemble Recital at the Center for Cultural Arts Recital Hall, Gadisid, Ala., 7:30 p.m. For more information call (256) 237-6730.

Campus Crime Docket

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.

- 01-17-99: JSU Police reported DUI on State Hwy. 21 at 2 a.m. Subject was driving a 1997 maroon Plymouth Breeze 4-door.
- 01-20-99: Carrie Elizabeth Thompson reported criminal mischief in the second degree at Sparkman parking lot between Jan. 16, 11 p.m. and Jan. 17, 7 a.m. Paint damage to a 1997 gold Nissan Altima 4-door is estimated at $500.
- 01-22-99: Stanley Ray Herrin, 23 JSU Student of Guntersville, Ala., was arrested for D.U.I. on Hwy. 204 near JSU at 1:02 a.m. Herrin was driving a 1989 black Nissan Maxima SE 2-seater.
- 01-22-99: Charity Danielle Henley reported criminal mischief in the first degree at Sparkman Hall between Jan. 14, 7 p.m. and Jan. 18, 6 p.m. Damage to two composite pictures (36 inches by 48 inches) is estimated at $2808.
- 01-24-99: JSU Police reported trespassing at the old Jacksonville High School on Pelham Road North at 5 p.m.

Student Notice

- This semester, the English Competency Exam will be given on Tuesday, Feb. 16, 6-7:30 p.m., and Wednesday, Feb. 17, 3-4:30 p.m. If you plan to take the exam this semester, you must register by Feb. 10, 1 to the English Department, 215 Stone Center. Optional workshops are available Monday, Feb. 8, 6-7:30 p.m. and Tuesday, Feb. 9, 3-4:30 p.m. in the Merril Hall auditorium (Room 101). Any questions may be directed to David Myer, Room 112 Stone Center, 782-5464.

- The JSU Small Business Development Center (JSU SBDC) will offer the NSLX Entrepreneurial Training Program, a 15-week, 12-session course offered free to entrepreneurs who want to expand an existing business. Sessions will last 3 hours each and will begin Tuesday, Feb. 2. Course materials fee is only $75. Registration is limited and on a first-come basis. To register call the JSU SBDC at (256) 782-5271.

JSU Area Event Calendar: Jan. 28-Feb. 4

- Thurs 28
  - S.O.D.A.: Meets: 4 p.m. in the Roundhouse
  - Open Mic Night at the Food Court, 5-7 p.m.
  - “Big Man on Campus,” 8 p.m. Leonel Cole Auditorium
- Fri 29
  - Son Volt at 5 Points Music Hall
  - Open Mic Night at the Food Court, 5-7 p.m.
- Mon 1
  - SGA Senate meeting, 6 p.m. Leonel Cole Auditorium
  - Women’s Basketball at Belmont
- Tues 2
  - Blood drive planning meeting, 4 p.m., SGA office.
  - The Juried Student Art Exhibition opens, 7 p.m. Hammond Hall Gallery

- Wed 3
  - IFC: Rush: Visit all houses, 8-11 p.m. Meet at the TMB at 7:30 p.m.
  - Football: JSU vs. Tennessee State (Homecoming)

- Thurs 4
  - IFC Rush: Visit all houses, 8-11 p.m. Meet at the TMB at 7:30 p.m.
  - Society for Professional Journalists (SPJ) presents Jeh Jeh Pruitt from FOX6 in 237 Self Hall on Thursday, Feb. 4, at 4:30 p.m.

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Give 2nd Chance a Chance

In between semesters, maybe you found yourself overloaded with things that weren’t needed, such as clothes, shoes, or furniture.

A solution? Give the items to 2nd Chance, Inc., which is an agency against domestic violence.

Gena Holcombe spoke at the SGA meeting to stress how important 2nd Chance is. Domestic violence “does not always stem from alcohol or drug abuse,” but sometimes make it hard for the adult to deal with certain issues, said Holcombe.

To help abused children, Holcombe said teachers need to make themselves aware of situations outside the classroom. Teachers need to listen to students when they are approached with problems.

“Please consider helping with 2nd Chance,” said Holcombe. To become involved might mean playing with a child while the parent has to do errands or by donating clothing and furniture.

If you are a victim of domestic violence, a 24-hour hotline is available. Call (256) 236-7233. If you would like to become a volunteer for 2nd Chance, contact Gena Holcombe at (256) 236-7381.

Still wondering about your money?

Last year, SGA passed a resolution that a $15 assessment be made with tuition; this means tuition plus the extra $15 for the food court. When tuition was raised $30 for Spring 1999, it was thought that the $15 was included, but the money was never assessed to students, said SGA President Ryan Kruzinski. However, fifty cents per hour was given to each student last semester. This semester, each student has one dollar per credit hour on his or her student ID. “Therefore,” said Kruzinski, “even if you are taking three hours, you should have $3 to spend at the food court.” If you have questions, contact Becky Key at Marriott at (256) 782-7242.

Kruzinski attended the Board of Trustees meeting Monday and announced that night that the Technology department has been accredit ed. The Social Work program at JSU celebrated 10 years of BSW graduates. There is a 71 percent increase in the distance learning program. JSU student enrollment is now at 7,236 and the number of students in housing has decreased.

Kruzinski also said the old Jacksonville High School Gymnasium will be cleaned up instead of being demolished, as originally planned.

Saturday, Feb. 20 and Saturday, Mar. 20, JSU will host Spring Visitation Days to present our academic programs to visiting high school students and junior college students. A Browse Session will be held in the Stephenson Hall Gymnasium from 8:30 a.m. until 10 a.m. with faculty, staff and student representatives.

Applications for Mr. and Miss Friendly and Mr. and Miss Jax State will be available Feb. 1 and need to be turned in no later than Feb. 12. These applications can be picked up in the SGA office. Elections will be held Feb. 25.

Future SGA events are Casino night and Residence Hall Olympic Week.

SGA Senator Jimmy Whited announced that the next blood drive will be held March 23 and 24 during Greek Week.

Kruzinski congratulated Alpha Xi Delta sorority for winning the Xi (“Z”) Award, a special honor within their sorority which is only awarded to 12 chapters each year.

Kruzinski also congratulated the Southerners for playing at the Governor’s Inauguration and to the drum line for placing 2nd in the nation.

Brad Prince was elected as chairman of the Athletic Support Committee.

Tonight, support SGA by enjoying another night of Open Mic Night, from 5-7 p.m.

Also tonight at 8, Zeta Tau Alpha presents Big Man on Campus at Leone Cole Auditorium. Prizes will be awarded. Everyone who walks in the door will receive a free 2-week membership to Anniston Fitness Center. Admission is $1. All proceeds go toward the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

Kruzinski still encourages students to come to the SGA meetings every Monday night at 6. Anyone is welcome to listen or bring ideas or problems to the senate’s attention.
Love is blind

By Dave Sharp
Managing Editor

So far it hasn’t been a very good year at the movies. “At First Sight” opened last Friday and didn’t help Hollywood’s cause. Though it pulled in almost $8.4 million it’s debut weekend, Irwin Winkler’s adaptation of Oliver Sacks’ story about a blind man who regains his sight and loses it again doesn’t have much to offer. You may remember “Awakenings,” another Sacks story that made it to the big screen in 1990, starring Robin Williams and Robert DeNiro. Moviegoers will want to see Val Kilmer (“Top Gun,” “Top Secret”) and Mira Sorvino (“Replacement Killers,” “Mimic”) work their magic that unfortunately fizzes as soon as they introduce themselves to each other.

Sorvino plays Amy, a stressed-out, New York architect that retreats to a mountain-top spa to get some rest. There she meets Virgil (Kilmer), the spa’s blind masseuse, who falls in love with her older sister (Kelly McGillis, another “Top Gun” graduate). Amy quickly becomes his favorite client and the two seem to be soulmates. Fearing he may eventually lose the love he and Amy share, Virgil sacrifices the only world he has ever known and gets the eye operation Amy suggested which will restore his sight. But there’s a catch. When he completely loses his vision, he becomes completely blind, and when he regains it, he becomes completely sighted.

The African-American Heritage Month Scholarship, previously known as Mr. and Miss Black JSU, will be Monday, Feb. 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the Leonle Cole Auditorium. “The name change was brought about by the two reasons,” says Ryan Parker. “One was because I felt like Mr. and Miss Black JSU Pageant meant that only black students could enter the pageant. The African American Heritage Month Scholarship Pageant is for anyone who would like to participate. Another reason for the name change is because by us calling the pageant Mr and Miss Black JSU, it was simply saying that we as black people could not win the real event. That is very untrue, because Kimberly Wright placed 2nd runner-up in this past Miss JSU competition.”

“We hope to raise at least $300 to present to the winner this year,” said Zeigler. Entries are in the Office of Multicultural Services and are open to both female and male students. The deadline is Feb. 7. Zeigler has made publicity a priority. All students with an on-campus mailing address will receive a flyer with a list of events for the month.

The Soul Food Dinner, sponsored in part by Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority and Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, Incorporated, will begin with the entertainment of the new JSU Gospel Choir and Jazz Ensemble. The Meeting,” a play that brings together two icons of the 20th century, Malcolm X and Martin Luther King, Jr., will follow the full menu dinner planned for the event.

“We are extending invitations to the white Greeks. Last year, a few of the sororities such as Alpha Omicron Pi purchased a table. I am hoping to have more in attendance this year,” said Zeigler. Ryan Parker added that he hoped people would not wait until the last minute to purchase tickets. The Dinner Theatre is on Thursday, Feb. 18, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the Office of Multicultural Services.

On Saturday, Feb. 20, the Black Alumni Chapter will hold its annual meeting. The meeting will be held at the Gamecock Center at 5 p.m. After the meeting, action will shift to the Leonle Cole Auditorium for the start of the Soul Food Banquet at about 7:30 p.m. The event will feature Dr. Roberta Watts, the first African American Dean at JSU. Musical entertainment will be provided by the Daybreak Band out of Gadsden. Admission to the event will be $15 per person and $28 per couple. The deadline to purchase tickets from the Office of Multicultural Services is Jan. 31.

On Tuesday, Feb. 23, Multicultural Services and Kaleidoscope will present the “Ain’t Misbehavin’,” the Broadway play that launched Nell Carter’s career. The play will take place in the Leonle Cole Auditorium at 8 p.m.

And finally, the African Heritage Month Ball will be Thursday, Feb. 25, at 9 p.m. in the McClennen Club (NCO Club).

The ball is a semi-formal formal affair event that gives many of the JSU students an opportunity get dressed up and have a good time together,” says Parker. The ball will take place on tickets prices are $5 for singles and $8 for couples.

For more information call (256)782-5886.
How ‘bout dem apples!

By Thomas J. Webb
Contributing Writer

While red apples are the traditional gift for teachers from students, the SGA wants to present one JSU faculty member per year with an apple of a different sort: a Golden Apple.

A resolution passed by the SGA Senate provides for one Golden Apple Award per year to be presented to a teacher who goes “above and beyond the regular call of duty with dignified character,” according to the resolution. The resolution also states that the recipient should “truly define through their respected profession true pride in Jacksonville State University.”

Kellilyn Johnson, SGA 2nd Vice President, said she came up with the idea one sunny day when she was leaving class.

“I was walking out of Stone Center, and I got the idea,” Johnson said. “When I got back to my office, I wrote it down.”

Johnson then brought the idea before the SGA executive board, who would later present the Golden Apple resolution to the Senate.

“When Kellilyn first announced it and brought it forth to the executive board, I thought it was wonderful,” said SGA 1st Vice President Gina Orlando. “There are many faculty members that deserve this kind of award, because many of them work so hard here at JSU. I think it’s a good legacy we can leave as the SGA.”

SGA Senator Kamillah Douthard also said she likes the idea of recognizing faculty who go out of their way to do a good job.

“I’ve got a few teachers in mind,” Douthard said. “The Golden Apple Award will be presented to the chosen faculty member at the SGA’s Annual Awards Banquet. Just how the recipient will be picked has not yet been decided.

While the resolution contains the general idea behind the award, it does not provide a process for choosing the winner. Although SGA Senator Hose Hosier, along with several others, wanted to table the resolution until such provisos could be made, it passed with several dissenting votes.

“I just want to thank the Senators for passing this bill,” Johnson said.

The executive board’s suggestions on how the Golden Apple will be awarded should be decided within the next month, Johnson said. Those suggestions will be presented to the Senators in the form of an amendment to the resolution, which they can either approve or vote down.

SGA President Ryan Kruzinski said he thinks the Golden Apple Award is “a wonderful idea,” and thinks it should improve relations between faculty and students.

“It’s great for the Senators to let them know they were thinking about them, and it’s great for the overall atmosphere of the school to be a little more congenial towards our faculty members,” said Kruzinski.

Johnson says the Golden Apple Award is just a way for the SGA Senate to give back to the faculty, year after year.

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Phil Attinger, Editor in Chief

Do what you say, say what you mean

I've had it with slackers. You know the kind: They work with you and never show up on time or never get their work done on time. You've been there. I hate it, too.

I'm here to tell you not to put up with it. Life's too short to endure people who's sole purpose is to make Hell for others.

Now, I can understand when people have heavy workloads or class loads, and can't always come through for me. These are responsibilities to meet. But as a manager, co-worker and editor of a NEWSpaper, it is my responsibility to have current information in these pages.

If someone promises a story to me for the next issue, especially if that story is time sensitive and will fall out of date very quickly, it is useless to me “next week,” or “the week after that.”

If someone has committed to the story, I would expect the story to be on time or for the reporter to put in the time to finish the job.

Lately, however, it seems responsibility has faded from our society.

One of the reasons, I believe, stems from self-indulgent teaching brought forth by advertising. Good citizens shop at “Mega-Lo Mart” and drink this soda, wear these designer jeans, take pictures of their cars instead of their friends and family, and “get theirs” before anyone else can get it first. Do we stop to think about how our actions affect those around us?

Do we zoom around another car, just to screech to a halt in front of it so we can turn? Don't lie. We've all done it. We notice it more when it happens to us, but, we've all done it.

Just stop, think about how you affect others, and then move forward.

We only have our reputations—valuable and fragile.

When I began this job, one of my professors welcomed me to a “thank less job.” He was right. In many ways it is. If I took this job for the money, or for the praise, I would have quit long ago. I took this job for the fun.

The fun of creating a new layout each week and the fun of writing about what goes on around JSU and Jacksonville.

The fun of working with friends.

But I also came back the JSU to get a second degree. Therefore, I take this job seriously, even though I may write with a little sarcasm.

Some may see the Chanticleer as just another place to hang out and goof off—We’re only college students after all. We are also paid journalists.

As I write this, at 1 a.m., my biggest consideration is how soon can I get an hour or two of sleep before starting the next day's work.

I'll be in class.

I'll go home to my wife.

I'll get the paper printed.

Not only because it's fun, but because it's my responsibility.

Shooting, from front page

evade authorities by crawling into the attics of neighboring apartments.

The Calhoun County Drug Task Force had a warrant out for Delancey's arrest on the cocaine distribution charges. When asked if there were drugs or drug paraphernalia confiscated on the scene, Wineman had no comment.

Haney is still listed in critical condition at Gadsden Regional, though she is unable to talk. The doctors are still unsure whether or not she is going to pull out of this. "We're going to try and wean her off the life support system," said friend Kim Sharp.

Police are still investigating while Delancey is being held in Calhoun County Jail on a $100,000 bond and awaits a preliminary hearing set for Feb. 12.

This week, I'm going to write about something that is important to us all. Something significant in the life of a college student. Something that makes some of us mad, we threaten to take matters into our own hands. The drive-through window.

First of all, anyone who has chosen to work in a fast food restaurant drive-through has made a grave vocational mistake. Sure it's a job, but drive-through employees have to deal with a lot of slack from unsatisfied customers. None of the mistakes made are the fault of the drive-through employees, I'm sure.

However, no matter who is at fault, many customers leave the drive-through angry. Better yet, mistakes that are sometimes made with someone’s order isn’t discovered until the person arrives at a resting point. When this happens, most people gripe and complain about it, but as we are a lazy society, we rarely return to get the satisfaction we rightly deserve.

It's happened to all of us. I'm sure. I'm sure it's happened to drive-through employees who go through other drive-throughs. If that's not irony, I don't know what is. We're all too familiar with the cold look, or worse, a fish sandwich. A cold fish sandwich. Sometimes we get the bean burrito when we ordered a beef burrito.

Then again there are always the eons and eons we wait to actually get our food. Sometimes it makes me wonder if there are people actually back there working, or if there are circus animals running the show. I can see it now, the monkeys flipping the burgers.

All kidding aside, I'm sure everyone knows the pain of the drive-through mix-up. I'm sure it's never the fault of the employee. I'm sure other aspects play a part in this heinous misfortune. However, my first job was at a fast food restaurant so I know of such atrocities, and have seen co-workers having repeat business by the same customer five minutes after they drive away. Just as a tip to all drive-through workers and fast food restaurant personnel. Treat every order as though it was your own.

Disclaimer: This article was not meant to offend anyone. It was merely written as one person's opinion that may or may not be shared by others. Thank you.
Press Release
H&R Block

With more than 800 changes in the tax laws, you can't afford to go uninformed. A number of students at JSU may be able to benefit from some of the new provisions of the Taxpayer Relief Act.

The Hope Scholarship Credit is a non-refundable credit against federal taxes. It may be claimed for qualified tuition and related expenses for each student in a taxpayer's household who is enrolled at least half time in one of the first two years of post secondary education. The maximum that may be claimed is $1500 per student in the household and is subject to certain income limitations.

The Lifetime Learning Credit is also a nonrefundable credit against federal tax that may be claimed for qualified tuition and expenses for students in a taxpayer's family. This credit covers students who are enrolled less than half time and it equals 20% of the taxpayers first $5000 out-of-pocket qualified tuition and related expenses for a maximum of $1000 for all students in the family. Certain income limitations apply.

It's important to remember that you can't take both the Hope Credit and the Lifetime Learning Credit in the same year for the same student; however, you can take the Hope Credit for one student and the Lifetime Learning Credit for another, for instance.

Other changes important to students include the Education IRA trust and the "adjustment to income" available for interest paid on a qualified education loan (student loan interest). As always with the IRS, certain qualifications and limitations apply.

Check with a professional tax preparation specialist to see if you or your parents, are eligible for any of these deductions related to educational expenses.
Elway will go out on top

By Shannon Fagan
Sports Editor

As most of you know, I have been a Bronco fan for years. Ever since the Falcons and Broncos made it to this year’s ultimate football game, Atlanta fans have been ragging me to death.

Not so fast! In this sports editorial, I will give all of you Falcon fans something to ponder before the Denver Broncos gallop to another Super Bowl victory.

Sure, Atlanta fans have a lot to be proud of. This is the first time in history the Falcons are in the Super Bowl. They have a courageous coach who made it his mission to get back on the field after open-heart surgery. Veteran journeyman quarterback Chris Chandler finally gets his shot at a title. The Falcons even have a cute little dance in the Dirty Bird. This is what makes them the “sentimental darlings” in this year’s game.

However, sentiment can only take you so far. And this is as far as the Falcons are going to get. Denver has been the premier team in the NFL the past three seasons. With the exception of a loss in the 1996 playoffs to the Jacksonville Jaguars, the Broncos would be going for their third straight title.

That loss to the Jaguars was a good thing. It woke the Broncos up and they have made it their personal mission to take it out on every team that stands in their way. Rest assured, the Broncos will not overlook the Falcons.

At the beginning of this season, Denver looked unstoppable. They cruised to a 12-0 record before falling to the New York Giants and Miami Dolphins. They rebounded in convincing fashion with decisive victories in the playoffs.

The key was the defense. Anchored by veter-

Why the Falcons will soar

By Sam Wallace
Sports Writer

The Falcons are in the Super Bowl! Winning it could be no more improbable. This is a team in only its’ third playoff appearance of my lifetime.

Two years ago, they were 3-13 and thinking about who they could draft. Now, they have a 33-year old quarterback playing for his fifth team in seven seasons, a boss with a bad heart, and a goofy end zone dance. And yet, they are in the big game.

They may be a Cinderella, but they are not a fluke. Atlanta beat out the predominant NFC West winner San Francisco for the division crown. Then, they knocked them out of the playoffs. For an encore, they punched out the most potent offense in NFL history for their ticket to the big bash in Miami.

Whether they win or lose the Super Bowl, six Falcons will head to Hawaii for the Pro Bowl. Make no mistake, the talent is there. In fact, they will present the defending champion Broncos with nearly a mirror image.

Both teams are 16-2. Each sport the leading rusher in their conference. Both have well-balanced teams who do everything well. Both came from double-digit deficits to win the conference championship games.

Running back Jamal Anderson is the key to the Falcon offense. His NFL record 410 carries allowed Atlanta to lead the league in time of possession. Undoubtedly, he will get the ball.

However, he can be stopped. Minnesota held him to 67 yards, but to do that they had to play eight men on the line of scrimmage. That’s where the balance comes in.

Quarterback Chris Chandler is not headed for the Hall of Fame like his counterpart, John Elway. Chandler’s role is not to make missee Falcons, page 10
Men's Basketball

Shoot-out between guards yields another JSU loss

By Shannon Fagan
Sports Editor

If you didn’t see Monday night’s contest at Pete Mathews Coliseum, it kind of resembled a shoot-out at the OK Corral.

The crowd was treated to a duel between guards Marlon Gurley and Anton Reese. It seemed JSU’s losing streak would finally come to an end. The Gamecocks fought coaching legend Lefty Driesell and his Panthers tooth and nail, but in the end Jacksonville State suffered their seventh straight TAAC setback.

“I can’t ask for much more from our guys,” said a dejected Coach Mark Turgeon. “They’re trying so hard.”

Last Saturday, the Gamecocks dropped a game in Buies Creek, NC, to Campbell. Here is the action:

Campbell 73
Jacksonville State 60

Despite having a 34-30 advantage at the end of the first period, the Gamecocks couldn’t hold the lead. They were outscored by the Camels 43-26 in the final frame.

Leading the charge for JSU was Gurley and Rashard Willie. Gurley hit five three-pointers on his way to 17 points. Willie wasn’t far behind, taking it to the hoop for 14 points.

Campbell countered with the play of its bench. Adam Fellers led the way for the Camels with 16 points. Jamie Simmons came away with 13 points.

Starting guard Eddie Walker also had 13 points, hitting three shots from behind the three-point stripe. Their efforts helped Campbell even their TAAC record at 4-4.

Georgia State 66
Jacksonville State 63

The Gamecocks returned home to face another tough challenge on Monday in front of a television audience for the second time this season.

The result was the same as the last time they were on T.V.

Gurley was on fire from three-point land, hitting seven from beyond the arc. He led all scorers with 27 points. Gurley’s efforts were matched by Georgia State’s Anton Reese. Reese rocked the rim for 21 points, including a trio of three-pointers.

Two other Gamecocks had double-digit nights from the floor. Willie hit seven of his 13 shot attempts to give him 16 points. Shawn Philpotts came off the bench to provide a spark coming away with 12 points.

In addition to Reese’s 21-point outburst, the Panthers also had several other players score in double-figures as well.

Quincy Gause stripped the nets for 21 points and pulled down 10 rebounds. Kevin Morris came away with 13 points and Jarrod Hill chipped in with 11. Despite shooting 39 per cent from the floor for the game, the Panthers clawed out their sixth TAAC win of the season.

Trailing by six with 22 seconds left to play, JSU’s Willie made a crucial three-pointer to pull the Gamecocks within three. The Gamecocks had a chance to tie the game with seven seconds left after a missed free throw by Morris.

However, Georgia State prevented the Gamecocks from getting a shot off and time expired on JSU, sending their record to 5-13 on the season.

“When Shawn hit the shot, I thought this was it. This is the night,” said Turgeon. “We fought hard and I’m proud of our guys. I don’t know if we could play any better defensively than we did tonight.”

The Gamecocks get back on the court on Saturday when they play host to Central Florida. Tip-time is set for 7 p.m. at Pete Mathews Coliseum.

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**Gamecock Calendar**

**January 30**
- Men’s Basketball vs Central Florida at Samford (7:00 p.m.)
- Women’s Basketball vs Samford (4:30 p.m.)

**February 1**
- Men’s Basketball vs FL Atlantic (7:00 p.m.)
- Women’s Basketball vs Belmont (4:45 p.m.)

**February 4**
- Men’s Basketball vs Stetson (6:00 p.m.)
In this post-season. And, they have come out on top.

Last year, the Broncos were the sentimental favorites. The media hyped the storyline of John Elway, a hero in the league so long with no ring to show for it.

This year, the Falcons are the storyline. A dismal franchise in the league for 33 years with not so much as a glimpse of a Super Bowl. And, a veteran head coach (Dan Reeves) looking for his first ring.

If the Broncos turn to “win one for the gipper,” Horses will come up lame this year, as the Birds soar.

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eras Bill Romanowski and Neil Smith, the Broncos have yielded an average of just 13 yards rushing for opposing offenses. The same was true around this time last season, when the Broncos held everyone in check to get to the big game.

But, they will have their hands full in running back Jamal Anderson. Anderson has been a lethal weapon in the Falcon offense and reminds many observant fans of Pittsburgh’s Jerome Bettis. The Broncos have shut down runners like him in the past and there’s nothing that can convince me they won’t do it again.

Denver will have to worry about other offensive threats as well. Chris Chandler has picked apart opposing defenses this year with strikes to receiver Tony Martin and tight end O.J. Santiago. The Broncos should stick with the game plan they had last year when they blitzed all day long against the Packers. They forced Brett Favre to make crucial mistakes that led to Packer interceptions.

On offense, Denver has an arsenal of weaponry that is superior to the Falcon offense. With the magnificent John Elway at the helm and MVP Terrell Davis in the backfield, Atlanta will have to pick their poison.

The key for the Falcon defense will be the same as the Denver defense—stop the run. Atlanta has stopped several premier backs this season, but they haven’t faced a talent like Davis. This 2000-yard rusher should have another banner day come Sunday.

As for that sentiment thing Denver has some of that going again this year in Elway. Ask yourself this question Atlanta fans: Do you think Denver will lose the last game of his brilliant career? NC WAY!
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Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 5 — You’re a warrior, of course, but every once in a while you get warm, snugly feelings. That’ll be happening more often while the moon’s going through Cancer, the water sign that squares Aries. Water signs are emotional, and you may be surprised to find you have an emotional side. And guess what? You may even like it.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7 — You’re starting into a passive phase today that will last into the weekend. The moon’s transit through Cancer trines Jupiter in Pisces and Mars in Scorpio. This grand trine in water signs could inspire you to rethink a bond with some special friends. They’re the ones you can talk to without saying words at all. Touch bases tonight.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 5 — You’ve been immersed in ideas lately, but now you should get interested in practical matters. It’s great to do something you love, but it’s even better if you’re getting paid for it. Once you get a job like that, work becomes play, and that possibility is out there now. In fact, it’s closer than you think.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 7 — You’re very lucky today. You’re assertive, calm, generous and inspirational: everything you always hoped you’d be. If any other thoughts try to get into your head, just shoo them away. Don’t allow them to spoil the pretty picture you’re creating for yourself. It’s your life, and today you can make it be as lovely as you want.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 5 — You could wake up today with a sense of foreboding, as if there’s something you promised to do that you’ve forgotten all about. Actually, odds are high that’s actually the case. So today, search your brain and your notepad and the little scraps of paper you’ve got going around in your pocket. Find all the promises you’ve made, and keep them.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — You could have a brilliant insight today, almost as if it was handed to you from on high. If so, it’s because you’ve made yourself available for incoming messages by listening more than you speak. And today, a co-worker will be particularly verbose. Listen, but you may choose to follow your own good sense instead.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 5 — You could make a brilliant career move today. The opportunity could come quickly, and you won’t have long to act, so pay attention. There’s no shortage of money, but the trick is getting it into your pocket. All you have to do is provide what’s needed. The hard part is figuring out what that is, and having it there on time. Follow a hunch.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 5 — You may be something of a gambler, but today you’d be wise to squelch that urge. Let the house rake in somebody else’s loose change. Speaking of houses, you may find a good deal in real estate or get something beautiful for your home. No gamble here. It’s simply a good, solid deal. If you find something like that, go for it.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) — Today is a 5 — Whatever shenanigans you’ve been up to for the last few days apparently haven’t hurt your productivity. It’s a good sign, though, because it looks like you’re being considered for a promotion or a raise. Or could it be you’re in love with someone who dispenses the money? Hmm… At any rate, you’re lucky, so be bold. Ask for what you want.

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