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Look out!
It's coming for you very soon!

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Don't be sorry. . . . They're not

By Kimberly Marston
Staff Writer

"I have had people say things like, 'oh, I'm so sorry that you can't hear,'" says Jody Phillips, president of the Student Organization for Deaf Awareness.

"I also have had people pretend as if they understood me by nodding their heads when they really don't have a clue of what I'm saying," she says.

This is one typical reaction to a hearing person who might not know how to talk to a deaf person. Several deaf people have fallen into these situations in which the hearing person comes up to them and starts talking, unaware that they are deaf.

That person tends to say, "I'm so sorry," and then walks off without another word or any effort to communicate with the deaf person.

"Most of the time when I meet hearing people, they say, 'Oh, um...' then try to gesture or move their lips slower and say, 'Um, I don't know any sign language. Bye,'" says Abbey Drigot.

Being in this certain situation can be frustrating, especially for the deaf person.

"Sometimes I feel bad, because I couldn't help them if they needed help," says Drigot.

"At times I get upset and want to say, 'Excuse me. I may be deaf but I can function well in the hearing world — except that I can't hear,'" says Phillips.

There are simple solutions.

If you don't know sign language, don't let that stop you from communicating with deaf people. You can talk to them in other ways, such as writing your conversation on paper or using gestures.

To communicate with a deaf person, you can just grab a pen and paper and write down the conversation. If there is no pen or paper around, gestures can help, especially along with facial expressions.

"I would suggest for (hearing) people to write down what they want to say," says Drigot. "Another way they could do is make up some signs of gestures and move their mouths slower and make sure I understand."

So, when you meet a deaf person, whether at school, work or at the store, don't be shy to try to talk with him or her:

- Eye contact is important.
- If the deaf person needs you to write down what you want to say, do not hesitate.
- Using gestures with facial expressions wouldn't hurt either.

Communicating with a deaf person can be done if you put in the effort. For more information on deaf awareness, or if you really want to learn sign language, visit Disabled Student Services in Daugette Hall or call 782-5093.

Fighting an uphill battle

A student finds himself the victim of a crime that police say rarely ever happens in Jacksonville.

By Adam Smith
News Editor

Imagine yourself alone in your apartment late at night.

You're relaxed. You're comfortable. All is right with the world.

All of a sudden you hear a knock at the door. You have nothing to fear in this sleepy college town with the exception of not putting in the extra hours of studying for the big test or forgetting to do a homework assignment. The people that knock at your door are friendly and non-intrusive.

Suddenly you find yourself in the middle of your worst nightmare, and two armed men are deciding whether you live or die. This is exactly what happened to one JSU student early Monday morning.

Anthony Hill, a JSU junior, and resident at Campus Inn Apartments, had been helping a friend study when he decided to return to his room shortly after 1 a.m. Around 1:25 a.m. he heard a knock at his door. Thinking that it may have been the person he was helping, he opened the door feeling safe and secure in his surroundings.

Unfortunately, Hill found himself at the mercy of two gunmen who were determined to find drugs that were nowhere on the premises. In a terrifying 15-minute ordeal, Hill lay face down

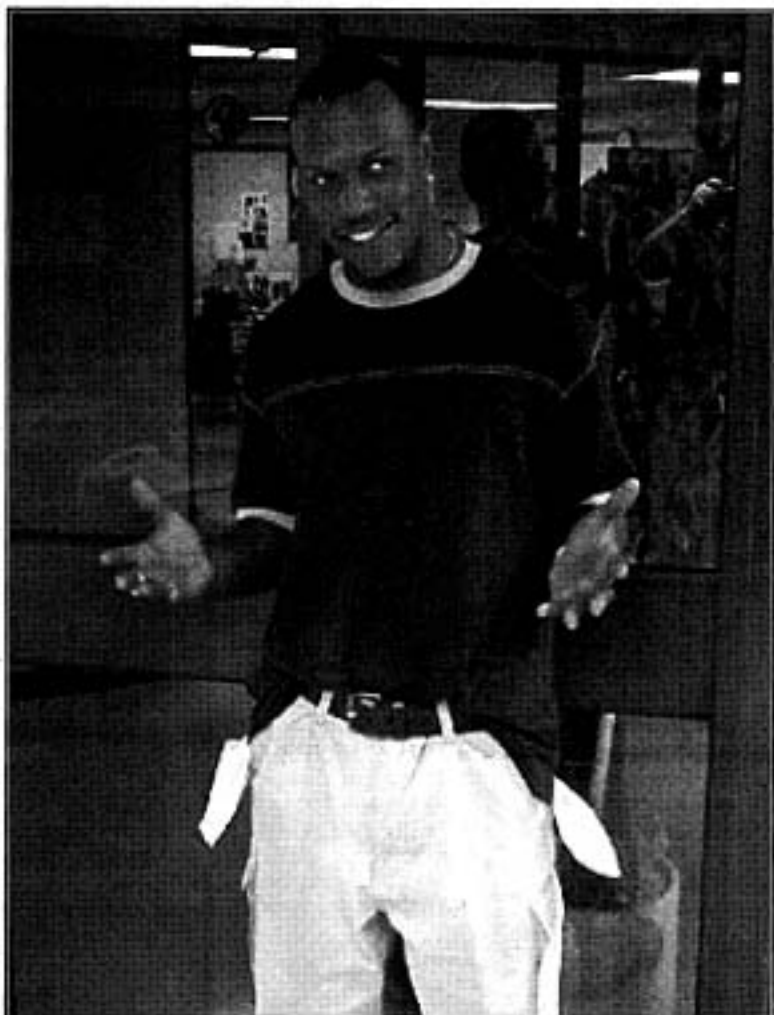
with a towel over his head on his apartment floor while two men pilaged his apartment stealing many of Hill's belongings.

"At the beginning when it first happened, I had a huge adrenaline rush," said Hill. Hill originally thought he would be able to defend himself against the first attacker, but what he didn't know was that there was another man waiting to come in. Both men were armed with handguns. "After that happened, the adrenaline was still going, but when I got on the floor and they put the towel over my head, then reality started to set in."

Hill said the intruders held a gun to his head the entire time, and one of the men kicked him in the back several times. However, Hill's worst fears came to a head when one of the men suggested that they should kill him. "Reality definitely set in after that," said Hill.

While Hill is still in a state of shock he sees his whole ordeal as a "lesson." "You can't just look at Jacksonville as just a small town anymore. You have to look at it just as you would if you were from Chicago, or Ozark, Ala. or Tallahassee Fla. People are going to be people," said Hill.

Hill is also shocked that it could happen to a person like him. He had taken unarmed self-defense classes,



Anthony Hill is now minus many belongings, but is happy to be alive.

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The Chili-Cook Off is a...gas, gas, gas

JSU's first spicy festival has folks crying for more

By Stephen Davis
Staff Writer

Last Thursday morning, the JSU Faculty filled the air outside the Gamecock center with the smell of chili.

JSU had its first Chili Cook-Off, sponsored by Student Council for Exceptional Children (SCEC) and the Jacksonville Association of Alabama Young Children (JAAYC).

The judging ran between 11 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. and then the chili was served from noon until 2:30 p.m. Local celebrities Mike Raita and Shelia Downey, as well as JSU coaches Mike Williams, Lisa Howe, Jose Rivera and Jana McGinnis

judged the cook-off. ABC 33/40 covered this event and aired it that night at six o'clock.

"This event was started by the efforts of Dr. Steven Armstrong, wanting the two groups to work together for special education and early childhood development," explained Blanche Colley of the SCEC. "The funds raised will help buy books and other needs for these two good causes."

The same evening of the cook-off, the two groups gathered to plan on next year's cook-off. According to Colley, they plan on inviting more people and organizations to participate in next year's event. They also plan

on advertising sooner, so more people will be able to attend the event. And as soon as they can gather the recipes for the chilis presented, they will publish a chili cookbook.

Out of the fifteen pots presented, the winners for the event were: Most Edible (tied)- Rosemary Harper and Charlotte Adderfield. And the Most Original Title was awarded to Dr. Wow's Memory Enhancing Chili.

If you have any questions regarding the Chili cook-off, the two organizations, or when the cookbook will be available, you can contact Blanche Colley of the SCEC at 782-5183 and Dr. Engley of the JAAYC at 782-5844.



Countie Edge, director of Alumni Affairs, dishes up a bowl of chili for Coach Mike Williams, a judge at the cook-off.

Announcements

- **Emotional Development Study:** Do you have a child between 8- and 30-months-old? Would you like to have the rewarding experience of involvement in important new research? JSU's Center for Child Development needs volunteers for a new study on emotional development in infants. Contact Sherri Restauri: 492-0927, e-mail—st4472@sm.jsu.edu, or Jennifer Benefield: 435-9997, e-mail—st2179@sm.jsu.edu
- **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.; Fridays, 8:30 - 11:15 a.m.
- **JSU Jazz Ensembles CD "Noteworthy" is on sale** from Dr. Chris Culver, trombone, in 203 Mason Hall, 782-5883. CDs are \$15 each.
- **JSU Marching Southerners** releases the 1997-98 CD this month. CDs are \$15 each. Call Ken Bodiford, Director of Bands, 304 Mason Hall, 782-5562.
- **Student TV station begins this month.** Volunteers call Lloyd Dobyns at 782-5230.
- **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.
- **SGA Director of Publicity now taking applications** for the 1999-2000 Director of Publicity. Requirements: Sophomore or higher standing with 2.3 GPA or better. Deadline to apply is March 18, 4:30 p.m. at the SGA offices the 4th floor of TMB.
- **SGA Golden Apple Award:** The SGA is rewarding those professors that contribute highly to JSU in many ways. To nominate your favorite professor, stop by the SGA office to pick up an application form. If you'd like to volunteer for the selection committee, contact Kellilyn Johnson at 782-5491.
- **Book Sale,** sponsored by the Model Arab League: a used book sale in 238 Martin Hall during the first week of March. Books sold (50 cents to \$1 each) will help defray costs of participating in this year's Model Arab League. Please donate your used texts.
- **"Prints and Drawings,"** by Conrad Ross will be on exhibition at the Hammond Hall Gallery March 2-19. Gallery hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. There will be an opening reception, Tuesday, March 2, 7 p.m. in the Gallery. Ross will conduct a talk on his work and the "Wycross Press Collaborations," Wednesday, March 3, at 10 a.m. For more information, call Steve Loucks at 782-5708 or Charles Groover at 782-5625.
- **Friends of Houston Cole Library** sponsors "The Good Of Boy in Literature—Stereotype or Archetype?", a lecture by Pam Kingsbury of the Alabama Humanities Foundations Speakers Bureau, 11th floor, Houston Cole Library, today, March 4, at 3 p.m. Free admission.
- **Mr. Universe-ity Pageant** will be held on tonight, March 4, 7 p.m. at the Leone Cole Auditorium. There is a \$10 entrance fee for contestants and admission to the event will be \$2. For more information call Christy Ramsden at 782-7716.
- **The Center for Cultural Arts** in Gadsden features the talent of JSU student Mario Gallardo through March 30. A reception will be Tuesday, March 9 from 5:30 - 7 p.m. For more information contact Heather Rickles at 543-2787.
- **International Soccer Exhibition** at Dillon Field, Sunday, March 7, at 1 p.m.
- **Heritage Exposition** at the Anders Roundhouse at 5 p.m. Come see other cultures.
- **International Cinema: "Out of Africa,"** March 9, 11th floor, Library, 7 p.m.
- **SGA elections, March 9-10,** on the 4th floor of TMB from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sixty applicants for 35 spots: come and vote your favorite.
- **ACE Seminars (213 Stphenson Hall): Assertiveness Training--**Tuesday, March 9, 3-4 p.m. **Sexual Harassment--**Tuesday, March 16, 3-4 p.m.
- **International Week, March 10: Hispano-Latino Night** at the International House, 7 p.m., and **Flamenco Ballet** at Stone Center, 8 p.m. (RSVP: 782-5648)
- **JSU Jazz Band** will play in the TMB Food Court, March 11 at 5 p.m.
- **International Week Speaker,** March 11, on the 11th floor, Houston Cole Library, 7 p.m.
- **Attention: Lost and Found,** if you have lost something in the vicinity of the Student Health Center (located between Sparkman Hall and Mason Hall), please call Nancy or Norma at 782-5310.

• *The Chanticleer* Staff encourages, or rather thrives on the feedback from their readers. If you have an opinion about anything, please feel free to drop us a letter or e-mail us. We are located in Room 180 in Self Hall and our office e-mail address is newspaper@student-mail.jsu.edu — **Let your voice be heard!**

Organizations/Clubs

- **Alpha Omicron Pi**
The sisters of Alpha Omicron Pi would like to encourage everyone to attend our annual Mr. Universe-ity Pageant tonight, March 4, at 7 p.m. in Leone Cole Auditorium. Admission is \$2/person and all proceeds will go to benefit arthritis research. Good luck, Guys!
Also AOP would like to congratulate Rebecca Adams for being our Scholar of the Week. And the best of luck to our badminton and softball team this week!
- **Alpha Phi Omega**
The Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity is currently re-organizing on the JSU campus. Alpha Phi Omega is an organization for campus and community service for men and women. Each chapter develops its own program, based on the interests of its campus and community. Contact the Office of Student Activities at 782-5491 for more information.
- **American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE)**
The Rex Gabriel Memorial Scholarship (\$500) is now available for Safety Engineering majors. See Mr. Godbey or Kathy in Room 203 Self Hall. Deadline is March 24.
- **Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship**
Chi Alpha meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. in room 213 Stephenson Hall. For more information, contact Lanier at 782-0768.
- **College Club**
There's a great new service available to students. It's free e-mail, voice mail, and chat. You can even check you e-mail by phone. It's free. For more information, call Ben Wyrosdick at 435-9042. To sign up, go to www.collegeclub.com and click "join."
- **Foothills Environmental Organization**
The Foothills Environmental Organization will meet on the third Tuesday of each month. For more information, call Dewayne Hammond at 782-0174.
- **International Student Organization (ISO)**
International Week meeting at 4:30 p.m., Friday, March 5 at 4:30 p.m. at the Roundhouse. It is important for all people involved in the International Week to attend. For more information, call Eric at 782-7626.
Every spring semester, ISO organizes the International Week, a time to enlighten all as to our various cultures and lifestyles. International Week 1999 will be Mar. 7-13.
—Sunday, March 7: Exhibition Soccer, Dillon Field at 1 p.m.
—Monday, March 8: Heritage Exposition, Roundhouse, 5 p.m.
—Tuesday, March 9: Movie Night, 11th floor HCL, 7 p.m.
—Wednesday, March 10: Hispano-Latino Night, International House, 7 p.m.; and Flamenco Ballet, Stone Center, 8 p.m. (RSVP: 782-5648)
—Thursday, March 11: Speakers, 11th floor HCL, 7 p.m.
—Friday, March 12: Volleyball Games, JSU Quad, 3 p.m.
—Saturday, March 13: Taster's Fair/Talent Show, Leone Cole Auditorium, 5 p.m.
For more information, call Dr. Adrian Aveni at 782-5674, Erick Kamanga at 782-7636 or Katia Mottet at 782-6921.
- **JSU Council for Teachers of English (JSUCTE)**
JSUCTE will meet today, March 4 at 4 p.m. in room 230 Stone Center. Please plan to attend. We will elect officers and talk about next fall's ACTE Conference to be held at JSU.
- **JSU Writers' Club**
Discussions of writing and literature! Share your current writing pro-

♦ **Correction:** In the Feb. 25 *Chanticleer*, we printed an article from the JSU News Bureau on JSU's study abroad programs. Since the article was unsigned, we edited it and attributed the News Bureau with the information. We later discovered it was actually written by Buffy Smith, so she deserves the credit. We apologize if this caused confusion for our readers.

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 or call the JSU Police Department at 782-5050.
- **2-23-99:** Fredrick Nicholas Sterling, 20, of Anniston, Ala., was arrested for DUI on Trustee Circle at Sparkman Hall at 12:08 a.m.
- **2-24-99:** Shawn Eric Ray, 19, of Anniston, Ala., was arrested for criminal mischief at Van and Gayle streets at 3:03 a.m.
- **2-26-99:** Casey Elliot Smith, 19, of Glencoe, Ala., was arrested for minor in possession of alcohol at 12:49 a.m.
- **2-26-99:** Sharoenica Marbury, 23, of Fitzpatrick Hall reported theft of property in the cafeteria of TMB, occurring between 12:30 p.m. and 1:45 p.m. One JSU red book bag valued at \$10 and one BellSouth Mobility phone valued at \$49 were taken.
- **2-26-99:** Jeremy Nicholas Barnard, 19, of Albertville, Ala., was arrested for DUI on Madison Ave. in Jacksonville at 2:28 a.m.
- **2-26-99:** Eddie Leander Cole, 22, of Ozark, Ala., was arrested for disorderly conduct on the second floor of Crow Hall at 4:02 a.m.
- **2-27-99:** Christina Elizabeth Hurley, 18, of Lacey, Wash., was arrested for criminal trespass at Crow Hall, room 107, at 11:03 a.m. Reported by Melody Fletcher of Huntsville, Ala.
- **2-28-99:** Karshibia Lloyd reported criminal mischief in Logan Hall occurring at 10 p.m. One study lounge door valued at \$250 was damaged.
- **3-1-99:** Anthony Donnell Hill, 21, of Campus Inn Apartments reported armed robbery at 1:30 a.m. U.S. assorted currency (\$63), videotapes (\$20), Playstation games (\$176), one cell-phone (\$100), CD's (\$300) and Playstation (\$100) were taken.

ject! The Writers' Club holds regular meetings on Wednesdays at 3 p.m. in Houston Cole Library on the 7th floor. Join us anytime! Bring a poem, short story, essay, song, article or other writing project if you want to! Bring a friend, or come meet new ones! For further information, contact John Jones, 110 Stone Center, 782-5537, jjones@jsucc.jsu.edu, or Elaine Ostry, 102 Stone Center, 782-5465, estry@jsucc.jsu.edu

JSU Student Model Arab League

A final organizational meeting will be held on today, March 4 in room 240, Martin Hall at 4:30 p.m. for all students interested in participating in this year's Model Arab League in Savannah, Ga. If interested, but cannot attend the meeting, contact Dr. Bauscom at 782-5811.

Kappa Delta Pi

Kappa Delta Pi, International Honor Society in Education held its formal initiation last Sunday, Feb. 28. To be eligible, education majors must have a 3.540 G.P.A.

Lambda Alpha Epsilon—Criminal Justice Fraternity

The Department of Criminal Justice is offering more Saturday seminars for one hour of 300/440-level course work. A mock trial: April 10. Registration begins the first Monday prior to the seminar's date.

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Thank you for reading *The Chanticleer*.

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Conrad Ross: "Prints and Drawings," Hammond Hall Gallery, until March 19

Laughlin speaks out

Miss JSU 1999 wants women everywhere to get tested and treated for breast cancer

By Wendy Laminack
News Writer

"In Alabama alone, there are 600 women who die of breast cancer every year," said Miss JSU Amanda Laughlin, at Monday night's SGA meeting.

It's a common problem for women in the United States, yet many are unaware of the disease.

Breast cancer is the second cause of death in women, preceded by heart

disease, said Laughlin. It is very common among women ages 15 to 34. Approximately 534,000 cases of breast cancer are diagnosed every year in the United States.

"Each year, 44,000 women die of breast cancer," according to Laughlin, who also says people need to become more educated on the subject.

Laughlin's choice of platform for the Miss Alabama Pageant is personal. This past summer, Laughlin's mother found a lump in her breast. The test results revealed the lump was not cancerous, but it made her realize a member of her family could easily be diagnosed with breast cancer.

Referring to Laughlin's commonly asked question of why she chose Breast Cancer Awareness as her platform, "I think people are interested in knowing a personal story."

"It could happen to anybody," said Laughlin, who said one in nine women will have breast cancer in her lifetime.

"If I can get one woman to prevent a case of breast cancer by early detection or get women in general to perform monthly breast exams and to get regular mammograms, then I'll know that I've been successful," said Laughlin.

She said men need to ask wives, daughters, mothers, sisters, cousins and any other women they are close to about breast cancer, and make them aware of the problem.

Women think that seeing a doctor regularly will prevent breast cancer, Laughlin said. But it's usually found by themselves or by their husbands, and not found by a doctor.

It is vital to know how to prevent breast cancer, said Laughlin. The best way is to become familiar with your body and be aware of any changes, in hopes of finding breast cancer in the early stages, so it can be cured.

"Each year, 44,000 women die of breast cancer."

—Amanda Laughlin

Tree-hugging on the square

By Amy Phillips and Matt Wiram
Volunteer Writers

What would campus be like without trees to both beautify and shade?

Where would students go to escape the heat of dorm rooms with faulty air conditioning?

Helping ensure that trees will be around to provide these things for future generations is the National Arbor Day Foundation. It sets aside a special week each year devoted to the planting of new trees.

According to the Arbor Day pamphlet provided by the Jacksonville Parks and Recreation Department, Alabama celebrates Arbor Day during the last full week of February to coincide with the best tree planting weather.

Last Monday afternoon many organizations helped to kick off Arbor Day week on the square by giving away a variety of trees, posters, and pamphlets. All twelve cases of trees were donated by the Alabama Forrest Commission: seven different



In the spirit of rejuvenation, Jacksonville residents distributed trees to be planted for the coming year.

types of trees, ranging from dogwoods to the Alabama state tree, the Longleaf Pine.

The Calhoun County Beautification Board was in charge of putting on the tree giveaway, and the city of Jacksonville offered the square and supplied all the fliers and tables. Girl Scout troops 411, 150 and 151 provided many volunteers. The girls earned a patch and certificate for their efforts.

A "treeture," who resembles a squirrel, was on hand to get the kids

interested in Arbor Day and was provided by the Calhoun County Cooperative Extension Service. According to David West, the treeture makes sure the trees spread their pollen so that seeds can be made to help trees grow.

"Arbor Day is different from other holidays because it focuses on the future instead of the past," said Charles Glazner of the Jacksonville/Calhoun County Beautification

Board. Glazner also wants people to become more aware of the beautification board and that the board gives out awards to businesses and land owners for their beautification efforts.

If anyone is interested in learning more about the beautification board, the board meets the first Monday of every month in the office of the Calhoun County Cooperative Extension System. For more information contact David West at 237-1621.

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Beauty by Benigni

By Eric L. Adler
Staff Writer

Roberto Benigni's movie, "Life is Beautiful" (La Vita È Bella)," winner of the Best Picture award at the European Film Awards, has received praise as the best movie of the year or possibly the best movie of the decade. It could be. It is that good.

You won't find it in theaters anywhere near Jacksonville, though. I had to go all the way to the Riverchase Galleria in Birmingham. It is worth making the trip to Birmingham or Atlanta to see this film.

The story begins in 1939 in Italy. Fascism is on the rise. The central character, Guido Orefice (Roberto Benigni), travels to the Tuscan town of Arezzo to try to open a bookstore. He has a bit of difficulty at first and falls in love with a schoolteacher named Dora (Nicoletta Braschi) in the meantime.

Guido woos Dora away from her fiancé through an outrageous and downright hilarious courtship. The couple marries, has a boy named Giosué (Joshua), played by Giorgio Cantarini, and opens a bookstore. Guido is Jewish, however, and the German SS eventually take him and Giosué away in a train car. Dora, a Catholic, begs the Germans to put her on the train with her husband and son.

At this point, the movie changes dramatically. Arriving at a concentration camp, Dora is placed in the women's part of the camp, away from Guido and Giosué. Under harsh condi-

tions, Guido spends the rest of the movie trying to make Giosué believe that the entire experience is a game in which the child with the best behavior earns 1000 points and wins his very own army tank.

Guido brings humor to the concentration camp in the most unexpected and bold ways. He risks his life to make his child and wife happy, and puts on an act for Giosué even in the face of impending death.

Despite the virtue in Guido's actions, the second half of the movie is disturbing to watch. It is difficult to laugh at the humor in the concentration camp because of the gruesome nature of the setting and the fact that Guido keeps his son in the dark about their real existence. After the movie ends, however, it is easy to recognize the importance of humor and a positive outlook on life regardless of the conditions.

This is not a movie about the Holocaust. It is also much more than the slapstick comedy of "Hogan's Heroes" and the satire of Nazism in Charlie Chaplin's "The Great Dictator." "Life is Beautiful" is a touching story of a very funny man who makes life as nice as he can for his son and wife despite living in the most awful conditions. By placing a naturally funny character like Guido in a survival situation, Benigni strips him of everything in life except the barest

essentials: laughter and love.

If you do make the trip to make this movie, you will see a movie unlike any you have ever seen before. It has none of the plot twists of "Shakespeare in Love" and none of the action or special effects of "Saving Private Ryan," but it has a special mixture of comedy and love that sends a message stronger than either of the other two films.

If you have never seen an Italian movie, or any movie with subtitles, this is a good place to start. It is certainly of the caliber of the decade-old "Cinema Paradiso" and German film "Wings of Desire," and it is much better than the acclaimed "Il Postino," released in 1995.

The subtitles in this movie are more distracting than in the other movies because Benigni's comedy is so visual, but it is enjoyable nonetheless.



Grade: A+
Rated: PG-13 for holocaust-related thematic material.
Running time: 1 hour 54 minutes

When In Rome

Red Lobster-Oxford

3/8 30 Watt Soul

Brothers

3/4 Elvis Willis

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Alys Stephens Center

5/16 Spyro Gyra

City Stages

6/18 Issac Hayes

Boutwell Auditorium

4/13 DC Talk

Birmingham/Jefferson Coliseum

4/07 Celine Dion

4/11 Jay Z/DMX with
Method Man

4/19 Aerosmith

Birmingham/Jefferson Concert Hall

3/25 Kathy Mattea

Why not print? Conrad Ross brings his impressions of life to JSU, in prints, drawings and a gallery discussion

By Phil Attinger
Editor in Chief

You pan your eyes across a wall of graphite drawings: clouds captured from the sky.

Then the artist says these are his practice drawings, to ready his hands to do engraving.

Conrad Ross, printer, publisher and artist, says all of his work is evolving. After teaching 35 years at Auburn, he runs a printing press where he publishes limited edition folios of local artists.

"I'm making sense or meaning of things that come my way," says Ross: "People, thoughts, ideas, situations. I like to reflect on my times."

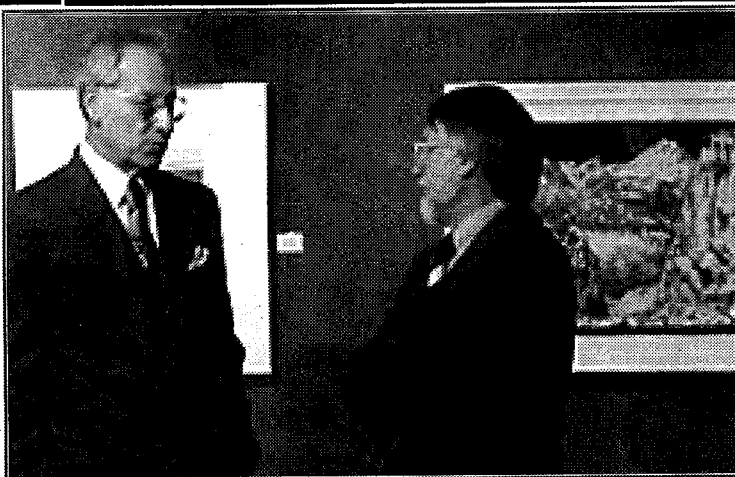
A woodcut reproduction of an Ansel Adams photograph reflects

the word "REAL," peering out from a mountain lake. Ross carved it slowly, one inch at a time, to honor Ansel Adams who developed his photographs a section at a time for greater clarity. When Adams died in 1982, on the very day that Ross finished, Ross included the word "REAL."

"That's reality," said Ross, saying that people live and die, so that's part of art, too.

Ross also includes his "life" series, that has the word "LIFE" coming out of fields and colorful patches.

As he tells the story, traveling through the Midwest in the 1970s, he saw farmers on tractors tearing up the land. Later, he came back through and saw a faint carpeting of green shoots covering the fields: "Life renewing," says Ross.



Conrad Ross (left) discusses his work with Charles Groover (right).

Ross' prints will stay on display in the Hammond Hall Gallery until March 19. Come by and see his take on life.

Yesterday, March 3, Ross gave a lecture on his work. The talk was

free to the community.

Ross also sells his limited addition folios for \$200 each. If you are interested in his folios, call him in Auburn at (205) 887-6836.

CD-Spill



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When you have a coattail like Korn to ride upon I say, ride on. Just watch and don't ride too high.

Videodrone, a Bakersfield, California-based quintet recently signed their self-titled debut album to Korn's label Elementree/Reprise.

In the works as a band since 1988, Videodrone has managed to cut their decade of hard work and experience to good use on this eleven track CD.

There is a great force behind Videodrone and they are definitely

making their mark on the future canvas of modern millennium music.

Previously known as Cradle of Thorns, the band, in between runs to the studio, opened for bands like Social Distortion, Offspring and Sugar Ray. Around the same era they decided to drop Cradle of Thorns for a more contemporary Videodrone.

Videodrone is five guys who have grown up together and are releasing music that is fueled by aggression and intensity. A great CD to spin and let off a little steam.

Currently touring with Korn and now solo Rob Zombie, Videodrone is well worth checking out for any metal head.

by Dave Mathews



☆☆

Band leader Doug Martsch has finally solidified Built to Spill's line-up. The trio under Martsch's command has released its fourth album, "Keep It Like a Secret".

Born out of Boise, Idaho, Martsch left his temporary home Seattle when Seattle became hot, showing his disinterest in the whole music scene. Martsch wanted long drawn-out guitar solos when guitar solos were out. Long jams wail from "Keep It Like a Secret," however the vocals seem to

get lost within the music and become a bit mundane and whined, whined poetry nonetheless from a man who never aspired to be in style, and gets away with it.

BTS will musically take you on a ride, a ride that may be interrupted from time to time by some indescribable force telling you most of it has been done, way too much.

The jams will keep your attention but every song may not.

BTS is a righteous band for the right follower. Most require more from their music. You may be that person, or you may not. Nothing ground breaking.

by Dave Mathews



☆☆

"Body Language" is the new album by Boney James. Ol' Boney is a saxophonist whose

songs have a rhythm and blues feel. The CD is 42 minutes in length and features only one song with lyrics, "I'll Always Love You" featuring Shai. The other eight songs will soon be

playing at Food World, for your shopping pleasure.

Although the one song is decent, the best part of the album is the out-of-focus cover photo of a woman's abdomen (they call me Boney too!). But as the old saying goes, "Ya don't buy an album for its cover."

The CD is not all that bad, so I will give it an indifferent, 'Buy it if you want to.'

by Christopher Lauer



☆☆ 1/2

N'Sync and Backstreet Boys beware! Tevin Campbell is back!

Campbell quickly tries to establish a bad boy image that he never even comes close to living up to before he returns to his whiny, bleeding heart lyrics. With his repetitive songs, he seems to be aiming at a teenage crowd while supplying their demand for junior high make-out music.

In his defense, "Since I Lost You" and "The Only One for Me," featuring Faith Evans, may receive air play. Other songs do present a positive message such as the playa hata tune entitled, "Another Way," but his anti-suicide, anti-drug song "Don't Throw Your Life Away" made me want to OD just to escape this hell—a hell that was 12 tracks, 60 minutes long and that ended with the Spanish version of a song that I didn't even want to hear in English.

To each, their own, but to me, a definite 'Don't Buy'!

by Christopher Lauer



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Do you like good jazz? Do you like the pleasant sounds of a vibraphone? Well, if you

answered "yes" to the above questions, then you need to check out "Explosive," the new release by Milt Jackson Meets the Clayton-Hamilton Orchestra.

This extremely pleasant CD, available through Qwest/Warner Bros. records, is a delight to fans of the jazz and swing genres. However, if you're a

fan of overall good musicianship, then it serves that purpose as well.

Milt Jackson's vibraphone playing is superb throughout. The album was in fact produced by Jackson and John Clayton, Jr. who also handles the bass duties. Also featured are Jeff Hamilton who is an extremely rhythmic drummer and Jeff Clayton who handles sax, flute and clarinet duties.

The CD also boasts a sixteen-piece orchestra which adds to the richness of such tracks as "Bags' Groove," "Deed I Do," and the lovely "The Nearness of You." The other eight songs are skillful without sounding overbearing or exaggerated.

by Adam Smith

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VIEWS AND OPINION

Chanticleer Editorial

The monster returns

By Phil Attinger

When I first heard, my face almost hit the floor.

For twenty years we'd seen the price of gasoline soar. We drove Hondas and VWs to keep the visits to the pump at a minimum. But now, the madness has returned.

Ford has given us "The Expedition," a sport-utility that belongs in a military motor pool.

Welcome back the behemoths. The last time Detroit put out a production car this long, it said "Cadillac" on the side.



StarWars was a recent phenomenon and John Travolta was a big star. Wait a minute, that's NOW — again.

Now Ford, showing what forward thinkers they are, want to sell us a "sport-utility vehicle." They mean a tank, because only a military vehicle drinks more gasoline.

The Expedition, I mean, Expedition is well named. You'll need to go on one to find the back door from the driver's seat. It boasts that it can seat nine. But it also stretches to 19-feet-long, has 10 cylinders and guzzles down a gallon of gas every 10 miles.

TEN MILES! When I first started driving, I ended up with a 1973 Ford Galaxy. It ran out of gas every other day for two reasons: 1) I didn't have cash, and 2) it chugged the brew like a binge drinker.

I hated it.

No one's going to want a truck that you have to fill up three times a week. But even if it holds enough gas for a cwwdays, you'll never get it parked. Standard parking spaces are only 18-feet-long.

And what about safety?

I'm not going to guess if this Canyonero will stay upright, but how many times a week will the owner have to scrape mopeds off the bumper?

No one driving in America today can handle such a huge machine unless they've been to Commercial Driver Institute and trained on transfer trucks and semis.

Heaven help us normal drivers if a 15-year-old gets one for Christmas. We're all maniacs at that age: I rolled a Bug and wasn't even going over sixty-five. Speed limits today are 70.

One of my professors jokes that when he owned a 19-foot Caddie, it had one advantage: "all the Hondas would just move into the median and let you by."

Auto execs shouldn't think this is a such a big fashion trend. People with too much money and not enough brains buy them, then the rest of us get one for only one reason: protection from the first guy.

Stop the madness! Tell Ford that it's way out of line, and maybe the rest of us can get some gasoline, too.

Chanticleer Daily Beef

What a night to remember...

By Anthony Hill

The time is 1:25 A.M., early Monday morning, I was sitting in my living room, eating a plate of cheese fries while watching an episode of "The Dick Van Dyke Show." Suddenly I here a knock at the door.

"Who in the hell could this be at this time of the morning," I began to think to myself. I then took a look out of the window, only to see some shady guy standing in front of my door. My initial thought was to not open the door, but I thought that I might have forgotten to turn my automobile lights off and that he might have been coming to inform me.

I opened the door to ask the guy what I could do for him.

"You got anything," asked the man. I replied by telling the stranger that he obviously had come to the wrong apartment. He then told me that I was "jiving" him. The man then sort of gestured to his shirt to show me that he had a gun.

"Man, you are tripping," I said after spotting the gun on his waist. I then made an attempt to close the door.

He quickly smashed his body against the door to try to keep me from shutting it on him. I drew back and caught him with a right hook against the jaw. His knees buckled slightly and he began to sway back.

Right as I began to step back clearly into my apartment, another guy with a stocking cap over his face and a revolver pistol in his hand, proceeded to stick the chrome to my dome.

After I had been taken hostage in my own home, the first guy in which I had encountered put his mask on his face and



pressed his gun against my head and told me to get on the floor.

When I got on the floor one of the guys threw a towel over my head and told me to keep quiet. The other guy continued to crash my apartment in hopes of finding drugs or a large sum of money.

Needless to say, the perpetrators found neither drugs or money.

About five minutes passed and I was still on the floor of my apartment, face down, with a

gun to my head and another guy raiding my place. "I think we are going to have to take him out," said the guy nearest to me. I am not going to lie, I really thought that my life had to come to an tragic conclusion.

Silence swept the apartment for about two minutes before I decided to remove the towel from over my head.

I quickly but cautiously looked around my apartment to see if the coast was clear.

After I felt that the scene was safe, I proceeded to call the UPD.

How could something of this nature happened in Jacksonville, Alabama, especially at JSU (the friendliest campus in the South)?

I guess being friendly does not include the citizens of the area. I am still very much in a state of shock, because who would ever expect something like this to happened to them. (NOT ME !)

If you ever have the opportunity to take an unarmed self defense class, take the class and pay attention to detail, because this could happen to anyone.



JSU Organizations, from page 2 (Deadline for announcements is Monday, 5 p.m.)

Cost is \$35/LAE members and \$40/all others. Register in 126 Brewer Hall (2nd floor) or call 782-5335 for more info. See you at Brewer.

• Phi Mu

Phi Mu wants to congratulate the following: The "Sunshine Award" was presented to Beth Sproles, the Phi Mu Lady of the week, was presented to Ashley Guinn, and Phi of the week was presented to Jennifer Thompson. Great Job Girls!!

Phi Mu would also like to announce the "Little Miss JSU" pageant we are sponsoring on April 17 at Leon Cole, if you would like an application or information call: 435-0823.

Phi Mu wishes the intramural softball team Good Luck this season. Phi Mu is also looking forward to a mixer with Sigma Nu this Thursday. Phi Mu's founder's Day is today. We are having a brunch and awards day for our parents on Saturday, March 6th at the BCM. Pledging for the new members was last Monday and we would also like to say

that we love our new Phi's!!

• Society of Professional Journalists (S.P.J.)

Become a member of SPJ. Believe it or not, \$45 gets you into the largest journalist organization in the U.S. The induction ceremony is March 10 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 237 Self Hall. See Dr. Eoff, Room 217 Self Hall, or call 782-5030 for details.

• Student Organization for Deaf Awareness

S.O.D.A. will meet next Thursday at 4 p.m. in the Roundhouse. For more information, e-mail Jody Phillips - st4092@student-mail.jsu.edu

• University Housing

University Housing is looking for JSU students to work as Residence Hall Directors, Residence Assistants and Residence Hall Judicial Board members for summer 1999, fall 1999, and spring 2000. For more information or an application, stop by University Housing in room 100 Doughtie Hall or call 782-5122.

Student editor rocks Auburn

By Christine Tatum
College Press Exchange

Depending on whom you talk to, Lee Davidson is one of the best or worst student editors ever to lead a campus newspaper.

Her work has forced just about everyone at Auburn University off the fence of indifference; folks there either love it or hate it.

Yet her supporters and critics can agree: Davidson and the rest of the staff of *The Auburn Plainsman* have taught the state of Alabama a thing or two about free speech and the power of the press. The lessons learned from this story inside a story could result in a complete overhaul of the structure Auburn established to govern its student newspaper.

"We never realized what a big deal all

web of personal and professional connections suggesting what critics of the Auburn board of trustees have said for years: Lowder has a voting bloc of the 12-member board, and possibly many state legislators, in his back pocket.

"We never realized what a big deal all of this would become."
— Chin-Wei Tzeng, Auburn Student Communications Board

To make its case, *The Plainsman* published a story carefully tracking trustees' voting records and their relations outside of the boardroom. The paper revealed that one trustee borrowed a sizeable sum from Lowder's bank, while another runs a law office in a building Lowder owns. Another trustee's wife serves on the board of directors for Lowder's bank.

The paper also pointed out that Lowder's term expired in 1995 and that for some odd reason Gov. Fob James' nominations for Lowder's replacement had been consistently killed in committee meetings before ever reaching the state Senate.

"The first time I read it, I almost dropped my jaw bone," said Jerry Brown, head of Auburn's journalism department. "Lee led the state press with that piece."

Disgusted that Lowder granted interviews to mainstream press but never returned the *Plainsman's* calls, Davidson ran a huge blank space on the front of the Dec. 3 paper. Above her byline, a headline shouted "Speak Lowder, We Can't Hear You."

"Our intent is not to confuse or mislead with sensationalism," Davidson wrote in a letter to students. "Our intent is to drive home the importance of what this pivotal man has to say in his own defense."

That's when some members of the university's board of student communications adopted a resolution to censure Davidson, claiming she had repeatedly used bad judgment when directing the Lowder coverage. They said she had overstepped appropriate boundaries and had destroyed her credibility and objectivity by printing unsubstantiated allegations. They even faulted her for putting an editorial on the paper's front page.

But what really angered reporters throughout the state was the board's threat to fire Davidson if she didn't start running the paper to its liking. Attorneys for the state press association wasted little time drafting a letter stating that the threat to fire Davidson had "crossed the line into the realm of civil liability for violation of First Amendment rights."

"Lee led the state press with that piece."
— Jerry Brown, head of Auburn's journalism department

"We just asked her to be fair and not to make up news," Tzeng said. "...she has no right to be the single authority for the newspaper."

Whether the paper should be held accountable to the student communications board is now up for debate. The board's 5-4 decision to censure Davidson also has been mired in a controversy. The dissenting votes came from three faculty members and one student journalism major. The majority came from five students - all connected fraternities and the student government association and none had ever had a journalism class. The board's decision smacked of cronyism when *The Plainsman* learned that one of Davidson's harshest critics sent a fraternity brother to vote in his place rather than follow procedure for calling on an appointed alternate.

"It was just as bad as Lowder's ties on the board of trustees," Davidson said. "They were in it together.... No one was going to break rank."

"It's just a coincidence that these two fraternities happen to be very involved on campus and happen to play a prominent role on this board," Tzeng said.

Coincidence or not, many journalism majors and their instructors ask why there's even need for a student communications board, given that *The Plainsman* operates without school money. They also ask why Auburn is one of only a few schools in the nation to use general student elections to find an editor for the newspaper each year.

"It's a violation of American principle flat and simple," Brown said.

The questions have sparked meetings among school officials and faculty, trying to determine how the student newspaper should run next year.

By then, Davidson hopes she will have found her first job out of school.

"Our intent is not to confuse or mislead with sensationalism."
— Lee Davidson, Editor in Chief, *The Plainsman*, Auburn University

of this would become," said Ching-Wei Tzeng, a member of the university's student communications board.

Davidson and her colleagues wound up in the middle of controversy last fall after running several stories and editorials about the role university trustee Robert Lowder may have played in the midseason resignation of head football coach Terry Bowden. *The Plainsman* quoted other trustees and faculty members who charged that Lowder, a wealthy banker and million-dollar donor to the university, used his influence to force the resignation.

The paper's sources grumbled that it wasn't the first time university decision-makers had kowtowed to Lowder, prompting reporters to figure out why. Their research revealed a convoluted

Hill, from front page

but he had paid little attention. He wishes now that he had paid more attention to the moves and tactics of such classes.

The whole incident has also decreased his lack of trust. "Oh yeah, it has definitely decreased my lack of trust as far as people that I don't know and people that really look shady or suspicious."

Hill now sees Jacksonville in a different light. He no longer sees it as a place where crime is low and it's safe to leave your door unlocked.

JSUPD, which has been investigating the crime, has no leads. Deputy Chief Terrance Schneider said "intrusion robberies are very uncommon for JSU." However, he also stated that home intrusion crimes in the U.S. are increasing.

However, he also said violent crime trends as a whole are down at JSU.

Hill has some wise advice for JSU students who do not want to wind up in his situation. "Do not open the door for anybody that you don't know. And tell the people that you do want to come over to call before they come."

Hill also said that if a student does find him or her self face to face with a potential attacker, they should "definitely be calm. You don't want to show fear but at the same time, you don't want to play the hero. Just do whatever they say, and if God's on your side, you'll live through it."

UPD Deputy Chief Schneider encourages "anyone that may have information about this crime to contact the University police department" at 782-5050.

"Just do whatever they say, and if God's on your side, you'll live through it."

— Anthony Hill, on how to deal with home invasion

Question of the week

What do you think about the new state law banning erotic toys?

• compiled by Fritz



What are the people who can't get laid going to do?

Stacy Goode Senior

Does not take a psychic to know that battery sales are going to go way, way, way down.



Consuela Black Senior



They won't come looking for them... will they?

Thomas J. Webb Junior

That doesn't apply to me, so I really don't care.



Amber W. Moody Senior



Just send your girlfriend to Tennessee to get some toys like I did.

Jonathan Nix Junior

I'm from Piedmont... Don't ask me that question!



Byrom Hancock University Postman



It's a complete breech of Civil Rights! Remember "Pursuit of Happiness"?

Nisha Sprewell Junior

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JSU



SPORTS

Sophomore Lateatrice Thomas earns TAAC "Player of the Week" honors.

• See below •

JSU earns third seed in TAAC tournament

By Shannon Fagan
Sports Editor

Jacksonville State clinched the third seed in the upcoming TAAC Tournament thanks to wins against Florida Atlantic and rival Troy State. The tournament will begin today in Atlanta and continue through Saturday.

The Lady Gamecocks will face the Samford Lady Bulldogs in the opening round of play. Samford has been a thorn in their side this season.

Samford has beaten JSU twice already in the regular season. They come into the contest as the number six seed with an 8-18 record. Here is a look at how the Lady Gamecocks earned the third seed:

Jacksonville State 73
Troy State 71

In the home finale for JSU, Lateatrice Thomas stole the show. She had a terrific night shooting the basketball, connecting on 12 of her 19 shots from the floor. Thomas ended the night with a game-high 30 points and muscled down 11 rebounds.

Thomas had support from teammates Betsy Trau and Lisa Baswell. Trau was on fire from three-point range, hitting four of six on her way to 15 points. Baswell chipped in with 12 points to help JSU pull out the win.

However, the Lady Trojans were tough to put away. Trailing 40-34 at the break, Troy State outscored JSU 37-33 in the final frame.

Leading the charge was LaKeisha Parrish with 16 points. Chandra Bradford wasn't far

behind, managing 15 points on the evening. Tomeika Golatte chipped in with 14 points but it wasn't enough as JSU squeaked out the win.

Jacksonville State 82
Florida Atlantic 73

Thomas sparked the Lady Gamecocks once again in Boca Raton on Saturday. This time, she rocked the rim for 21 points and pulled down 11 rebounds.

For her performances last week, Thomas became the fourth player from JSU this season to earn TAAC Player of the Week.

Baswell wasn't far behind Thomas, coming away with 19 points and 10 rebounds.

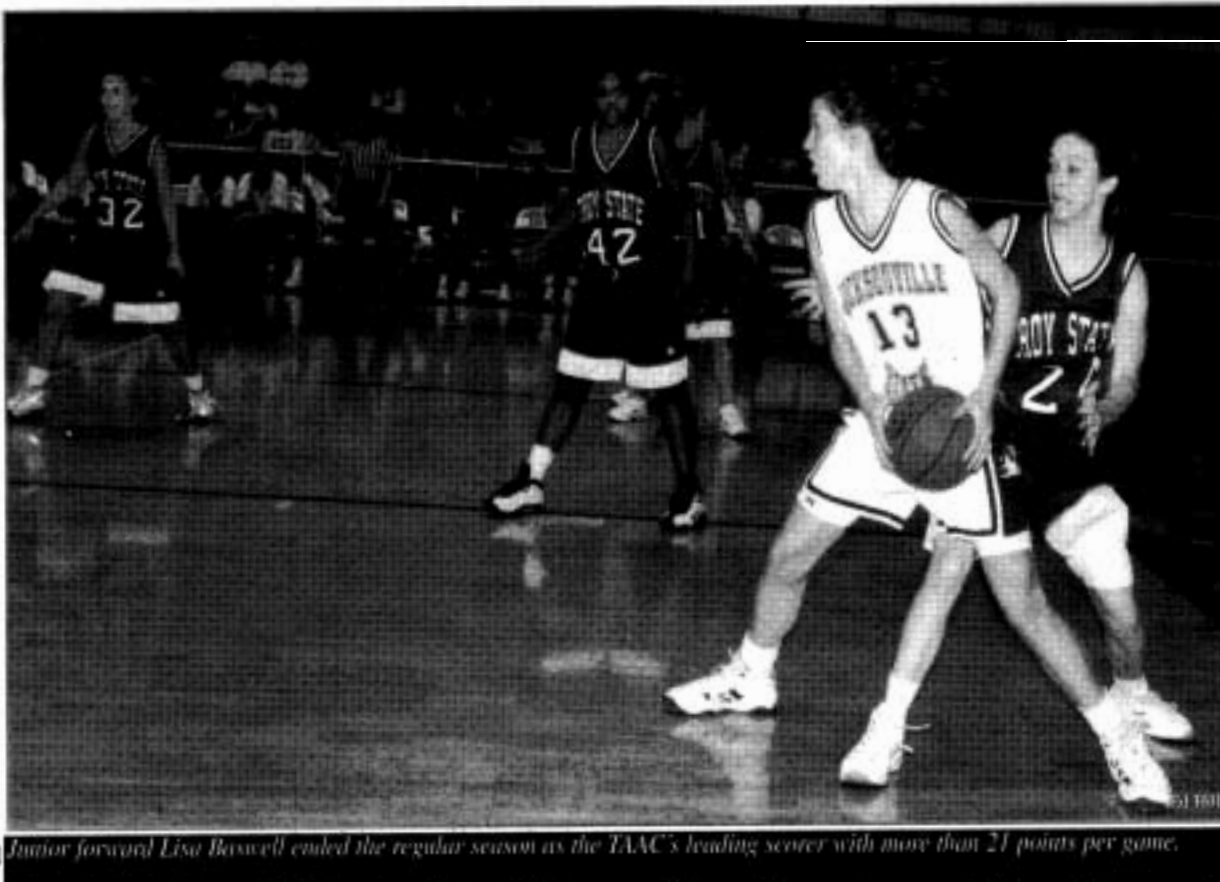
Heather Mayes found her shooting touch from three-point range, connecting on four of seven on her way to 16 points. Trau also scored in double-digits, coming away with 10 points.

A trio of players led the way for the Lady Owls. Yonka Moses hit eight shot attempts on her way to 17 points. Rita Mosley came away

with 13 points and Sanja Culina came off the bench to score 11.

The Lady Gamecocks led throughout the game. They carried a 43-37 lead with them into the half and cruised to their nine-point victory. JSU ends the regular season at 13-13 overall and 10-6 in TAAC action.

Those wins assured JSU one of the top seeds in the TAAC Tournament. JSU hopes to avoid an early exit like last post-season when top-seeded Florida International defeated the Lady Gamecocks last year in the second round, 82-44.



Junior forward Lisa Baswell ended the regular season as the TAAC's leading scorer with more than 21 points per game.

JSU Baseball

'Cocks open TAAC play, lose two of three to Mercer

By Shannon Fagan
Sports Editor

Fresh off of their trip from deep in the heart of Texas, the Gamecocks came back east to open up conference play against Mercer. The three-game series in Macon, Ga. yielded only one JSU win. Here is a look at the action:

Mercer 7
Jacksonville State 6

Things got off to a good start for JSU early on in the first game of the series. The Gamecocks plated three runs and pitcher Sammy Button held the Bears without a run in six innings of work.

Several Gamecocks led the offensive charge. The hot hitter was center fielder Dean Friery. He ripped Mercer pitchers for three hits in five plate appearances, including a homerun.

Sam Grant also cranked out a homer to

spark the offense. But in the seventh inning, the Gamecocks' lead evaporated as Mercer tied the game with three runs of their own.

The Bears' bats erupted for six hits and six runs off of reliever Joey Shiflett. The Gamecocks regained the lead with a run in the eighth, but the Bears erased that lead with another run in ninth forcing extra innings.

In their half of the tenth, it looked as if the Gamecocks would pull it out. They scored two more runs to give them a 6-4 lead.

However, that lead was gone in the Bears' half of the tenth as they plated two runs to tie the game again.

The Gamecocks were held scoreless in the eleventh. That enabled the Bears to take the win in the bottom half of the inning with a run off of pitcher David Warren, who suffered his first loss of the season.

Jacksonville State 12
Mercer 5

On Saturday, the Gamecocks and Bears got back on the diamond for a doubleheader. In game one, JSU's Brandon Culp pitched seven innings on the way to his first win of the year. It didn't come easy as the Gamecocks had to come from a two-run deficit in the sixth.

Grant played long ball again, ripping it for his third homerun of the year. He came away with two runs. First baseman Russell Harry also had a hot bat at the plate. He powered out four hits, including a double and a run.

JSU pounded Mercer in the seventh for six runs. It gave the Gamecocks an eight run cushion and allowed them to win their second game of the season.

Mercer 4
Jacksonville State 3

In the final game of the series, Mercer held

the Gamecocks to only five hits. Four of those came off the bats of Friery and Harry. They each had two hits to lead the charge, but Mercer proved to be too much to handle in the end.

The Gamecocks led after the first inning 1-0 but that lead vanished in the second. The Bears plated two runs in their half of the inning.

JSU tied the game at three in the top of the fifth, but the Bears plated the winning run in their half of the inning.

Jason Nunn hurled six innings in the loss. He gave up eight hits and all four of Mercer's runs.

The Gamecocks played at Middle Tennessee on Tuesday and hosted the UAB Blazers in their first home game of the season on Wednesday.

JSU defeats Mississippi State

By Shannon Fagan
Sports Editor

It looked as if it was going to be a banner day for JSU when they traveled to Starkville, Miss., to face SEC power Mississippi State. They took the first game of the doubleheader on Saturday and looked for the sweep in the second game. The Lady Bulldogs regrouped and took the second game in a shutout.

Earlier last week, JSU lost a pair of games to UT-Chattanooga and swept a doubleheader against Furman. Here is a look at the action:

UT-Chattanooga 9
Jacksonville State 3

At University Field, pitcher Jill Wilcoxson gave up 12 hits and all nine of Chattanooga's runs in game one.

Julie Boland and Michelle Uribe led the offensive charge for JSU. Boland went two of four at the plate, including a double and a run. Uribe came through with two singles, but JSU couldn't cash those hits in against pitcher Talya Trudell. Despite giving up nine hits, Trudell

held the Lady Gamecocks to just three runs.

UT-Chattanooga 12
Jacksonville State 1

Things got even worse in the second game for the Lady Gamecocks. They could only manage four hits off of pitcher Corianne Rogalsky. She held JSU scoreless until the seventh inning.

Lauren Buck pitched six innings for the Lady Gamecocks, giving up nine runs off of 10 hits.

Jacksonville State 7
Furman 3

The Lady Gamecocks got back on the winning track against the Paladins. A four-run sixth inning in game one proved to be the difference for JSU.

Several Lady Gamecocks feasted on pitcher Ashley Rayl. Second baseman Christine Tucker had two hits, including a triple and a run. Hollie Bowyer, Toni Duncan and Tifanie Cain each had two hits that led to three more Lady Gamecock runs.

Wilcoxson earned her fifth win of the season. She went the distance, giving up only three runs and strik-

ing out six batters.

Jacksonville State 4
Furman 0

JSU picked up where they left off in the second game. This time, Lauren Buck went the distance, giving up only five hits on the way to her second win. She also helped herself at the plate, going two for three with a double and a run.

Boland and Tucker also went two for three at the plate. Cain had a double and two RBI to help JSU sweep Furman.

Jacksonville State 6
Mississippi State 3

The Lady Gamecocks made it three in a row when they traveled to Starkville to face the Lady Bulldogs. JSU jumped out to a 2-0 lead in second and didn't look back. They plated another run in the fourth and three more in the sixth.

Leading the charge were Buck and Duncan. Buck ripped Lady Bulldog pitchers for two hits, including a homer and three RBI. Duncan also had two hits to help JSU pounce on Mississippi State.

Wilcoxson was back to form at the mound. She went the distance, giv-

ing up only three runs off seven hits.

The win improved her record to 6-4.
Mississippi State 4
Jacksonville State 0

In game two, JSU could only manage two hits. The Lady Bulldogs took advantage and gained some

revenge.

Buck only had one bad inning. That came in the third when the Lady Bulldogs plated all four of their runs. Buck only gave up seven hits but JSU couldn't give her any run support.

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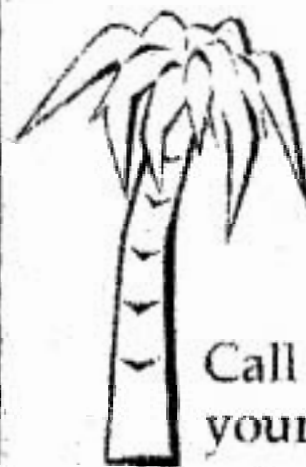
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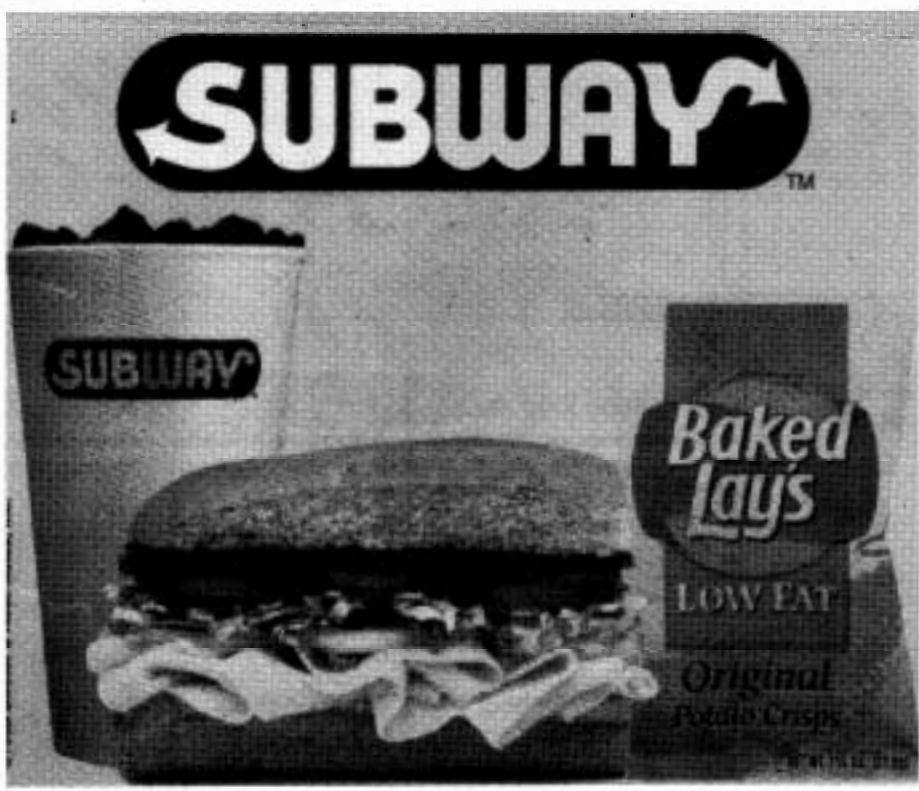
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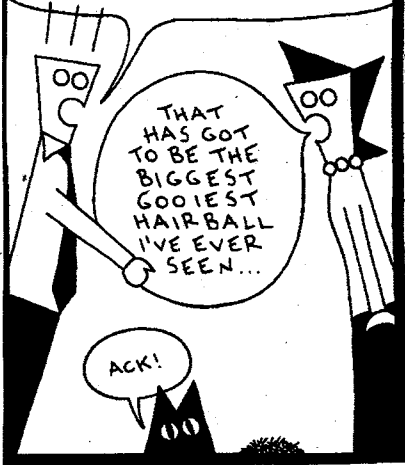


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Daily Horoscope Too much Saturn,

By Linda C. Black

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Birthday today (March 4):

Learn to budget this year and grow rich! That's most difficult in April. Another's loss is your gain in May. Stash away your treasure in October, instead of spending it. Pay dues by November so you can get the benefits. Accept an unexpected windfall gracefully in December. Confusion, yours or somebody else's, could cost you next February. Guard against it by being well prepared.

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 — A compromise is possible, but you may not want to give up anything. Think again—you have more than enough. Too much, even. Besides, if you make a generous contribution, you retain more authority. You and your adversary may never agree, on your own. Too many egos involved. A mutual friend brings the perfect new concept.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 5 — You work hard for the money, but today it might feel like you're working for free. Actually, you're making points, and that could be even more important. Someone in a position to help your fortune considerably is watching, and taking notes.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 7 — You are looking very good today, and most likely making a great impression. But again, that could lead to trouble. Looks like everybody wants your time and attention. Instead of picking A or B, a third option that shows up today could be your best choice.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 5 — Your intuition should still be good, so use it. A roommate or close family member is in a cantankerous mood. You'll never win by arguing. Instead, take the subtle, roundabout route. Prepare the special meal this person loves tonight, and you may get what you want without saying another word about it.

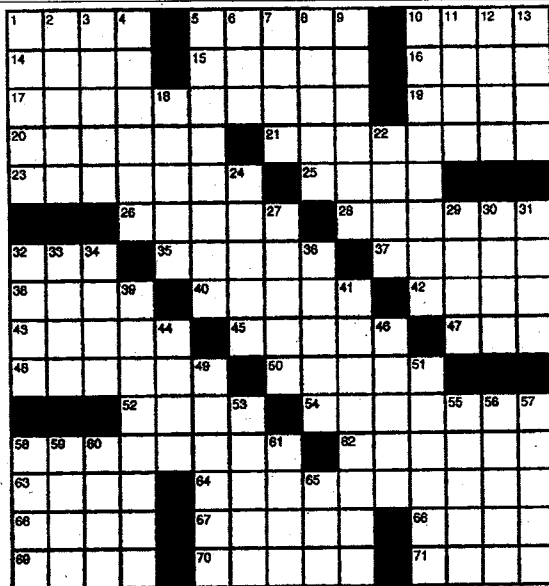
Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 7

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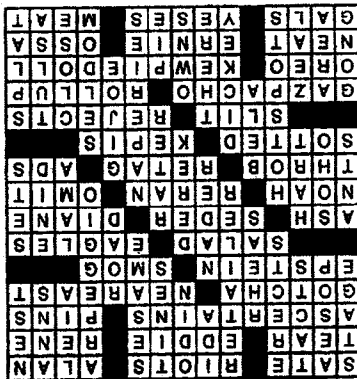
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- 7 Norse deity
- 8 Fork prongs
- 9 Opening word?
- 10 Chord played tone by tone
- 11 "Star Wars" princess
- 12 Blyth and Jillian
- 13 Branch headquarters?
- 18 Ostrich relatives
- 22 Thoroughfare
- 24 Consumer advocate Ralph
- 27 Beautiful Bo
- 29 Tibetan monk
- 30 Oklahoma city
- 31 Hardens
- 32 Picnic pests
- 33 London district
- 34 Bret or Moss
- 36 Movie star-giver
- 39 Locations of hostilities
- 41 Table linens
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— There's a little more confusion today, but nowhere near as much as you've been through lately. Things are actually starting to calm down. Although there will still be a few rough spots, the final outcome today should be beneficial. That's especially true if you make up with a person with whom you've been arguing. Forgive and forget.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 5 — One thing's for sure, there'll be lots of surprises today. Don't take anything for granted. Just because it worked once doesn't mean it'll work again. Just the opposite is more likely. Don't worry, though. Another unexpected development puts everything right again. Be patient, and wear your seatbelt.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Today is a 7 — Back and forth, up and down, in and out. Which way should you turn next? Knowing you, it'll probably be all of the above. You're usually willing to try just about anything to see what'll happen. Today, that could be very interesting. A person you thought you knew very well could surprise you, too.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) — Today is a 5 — You could get tangled up today in red tape. The machinery's working fine; it's the people who are the problem. Somebody else's inability to make a decision could throw you off your schedule. You hate to just step in and take over, but you may have to do just that. Don't let somebody else's "Ditz-Day" ruin yours.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today

is a 7 — You ought to be one place, and you want to be another. A new technology could help you be both places almost simultaneously. You may already know what it is, but not know how to use it. If there's something that fits that description, put in a little extra study time. A friend would love to help.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 5 — An excellent career opportunity could open up today, almost by accident. If you've been thinking about the job you'd like to have, you'll know it when you see it. You should be doing work you love, and getting paid what you're worth. If you're not, check out the want ads.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — You've been learning all week, and now you could get a chance to teach. The flow of ideas is stimulating, and also creative. One idea leads to another, almost more quickly than you can keep up. Don't be doing all this studying just for the fun of it. Make it pay.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 5 — Money is an issue again today. Looks like it's coming into your account, which is wonderful. Of course, you'd like to spend it on gifts, but hold back a little. The best gift of all is the one you'll give to yourself when you're old and gray: a big, fat retirement account.

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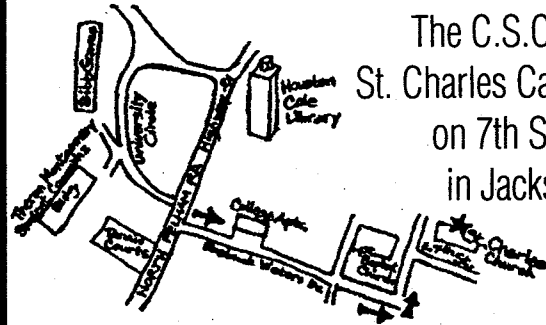
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