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NEWS**

- Hit by legal setbacks but not ready to concede defeat, Al Gore is appealing a court ruling that denied his urgent request for manual recounts in Florida.

- Prime Minister Yoshiro Mori appointed a new Cabinet on Tuesday, putting together a lineup intended to unite this country's fractious ruling party.

- Ivory Coast President Laurent Gbagbo declared a curfew and state of emergency Monday after bloody pre-election protests left at least five people dead and paralyzed this West African nation's main city.

- Jordanian officials said Monday they will retry a U.S. citizen convicted and sentenced to death in connection with a terrorist plot against Israeli and American tourists in Jordan during New Year's celebrations.

- The Federal Aviation Administration proposed Monday fining Alaska Airlines almost \$1 million for what it said were maintenance violations and for flying planes in violation of federal aviation regulations.

- O.J. Simpson was involved in an altercation with another motorist who claimed the former football great grabbed his glasses and scratched him, Miami police said.

- Delta Air Lines plans Tuesday to seek a temporary restraining order in federal court against the Air Line Pilots Association to stop what it terms an illegal job action by union members, an airline spokesman said.

- Republicans are weighing whether to push toward a compromise that would end their final budget showdown with President Clinton, a battle over school spending, immigration and other issues that has forced a lame-duck Congress to return to the Capitol this week.

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Local groups making Christmas bright for needy families

By Chris Betzler & Stephanie Pendergrass
Staff Writers

With the Christmas holidays approaching, many are feeling the excitement of the season. Wreaths hung on doors, a warm fire going, eggnog and people opening their hearts to those less fortunate. All across campus, students may see boxes for donations to needy families—boxes that give kids who have never had a merry Christmas the same joy most take for advantage—boxes that so many overlook with an air of indifference.

There's still those select few, including Jacksonville State University's Police Department, who go out of their way to make a stranger's holiday season more special. This year, like the past several years, UPD will be working with Jacksonville Police Department and Jacksonville Fire Department and Volunteer Firefighters Association to provide food and toys to people in

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A Salvation Army bell ringer stands in front of the Jacksonville Wal-Mart on Monday afternoon collecting donations for the area's needy.

Photo by Callie Williams

How to avoid having a blue Christmas

By Gracie Catchings
News Editor

The season of giving and good cheer can often take its toll on people. Although stress and fatigue are often attributed to shopping, parties, family reunions and houseguests, there are other factors that may cause someone to experience such stress reactions as headaches, excessive drinking, overeating and difficulty sleeping.

"We call it holiday depression, but it's called seasonal affective disorder," said Linda Shelton of JSU's Academic Center for Excellence. "It usually occurs during the winter months. The days are shorter, and that will affect our moods."

"Seasonal depression is usually just during the winter months, and

it's usually mild. It's not clinical depression. That's something totally different."

Contributing factors to holiday depression, Shelton said, are family dysfunction, unreasonable expectations and lack of monetary resources to purchase gifts.

According to the web site of Dr. Richard O'Conner, author of the book "Undoing Depression," people spread themselves thin during the holidays because they try too hard to be cheerful.

"My theory is that most people put on their character armor a little tighter this time of year and do everything they can to get through a stressful time, then allow themselves to fall apart a little bit afterwards," O'Conner said. "The message can be so strong, the expecta-

tion so high, that we can begin to believe there is something wrong with us if we are not full of frenetic joy 24 hours a day from Thanksgiving through Twelfth Night."

Trying to sustain a false front of emotions is a guarantee of a let-down, O'Conner said. A lot of people have a little child inside themselves, too, who continually wishes for happy endings, O'Conner said.

"No matter how the holidays go, it seems as if the little child is at best disappointed," O'Conner said. "Things never seem to be quite as good as we'd hoped, never quite live up to our golden memories of childhood. In this sense, the holidays are doomed to disappoint even

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What comes in cans, has lots of fans and served at Christmas time? It puts you in a fog, tastes like a dog, it's Nog. Nog. Nog!

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Court sheds light on college textbook prices

By Matthew McGuire
TMS Campus

While most college students have always had the sneaking suspicion they're getting gouged on textbook prices, a recent New York Supreme Court ruling will help students at Hudson Valley Community College realize exactly how much they're paying over cost.

In a nine-page decision handed down last week, the court decided that the college must tell exactly how much it paid for textbooks sold in the school-run bookstore. The decision stems from a lawsuit filed by Anthony Gray, the editor in chief of the school newspaper, who had requested the figures under New York's Freedom of Information Law. Gray intended to write an article addressing student complaints about alleged "price gouging" at the book store, Gray's lawyer in the suit Brian M. Culnan said.

Gray requested the figures in Dec. 1999, the college denied his request and Gray sued. As part of the decision, Hudson Valley Community College will also be required to pay Gray's legal fees.

The case's significance could reach beyond Hudson Valley Community College. Many colleges and universities have argued that releasing booklists and invoices could put them at a competitive disadvantage with competing non-college bookstores. Under the recent decision, Hudson Valley is only required to release the book title and price it was purchased at.

Gray, who has since transferred to the State University of New York at Albany, won't get the chance to write the article for the Hudson Valley student paper. He will, however, likely write a similar article for the SUNY-Albany student newspaper, where he's heard similar student complaints about the bookstore, Culnan said.

This holiday, visit the shopping mall on your computer

By [Paula Felps](#)
Knights-Ridder Tribune

Here's a cross-section of the many types of shopping sites available. It does not include one-stop shopping sites such as those provided by portals Yahoo.com and Women.com. E-shopping sites were initially selected based on referrals from e-shoppers and recommendations from other Web sites, then narrowed down based on the site's maneuverability and ease of use.

- **TOYS**
- **Toys R Us**
- www.toysrus.com

Now teamed with Amazon.com, this site leads shoppers to the Amazon.com toy section. Those who've shopped Amazon before will find few surprises; it's the standard Amazon layout and design, and the selection is everything you'd expect from a superstore. Shop by age, brand or category. An extensive "Back to Basic Toys" department offers Raggedy Anns and Radio Flyer wagons and other pre-

electronic playthings. As with the adult version of Amazon.com, the site tracks purchases and makes recommendations based on buying histories.

- **SPORTING GOODS**
- **MVP.com**
- www.mvp.com

For both the athlete and the sports fan, MVP.com is a one-size-fits-all site. Part sports page and part shopping center, MVP.com is the joint venture of athletes Michael Jordan, John Elway and Wayne Gretzky. Sections include training and performance tips for various sports, as well as toll-free numbers to call for expert advice on your sport of choice. Extensive checklists and buyers' guides make it virtually impossible to walk onto any playing field ill-equipped, and the site sells everything from sports books, software and equipment to fan gear such as jerseys and ball caps. Covering the bases from cheerleading to water polo, you'd be hard-pressed to find a more thorough site.

- **GIFTS**

- **Illuminations**
- www.illuminations.com

This online candle store provides more ways to light up a home than most people ever imagined. The extensive site has more than a dozen categories for candle lovers, from basic aromatherapy and home scent candles to votive fireplace screens and candle chandeliers. Gift baskets, great for housewarmings or the holidays, come in a range of sizes and prices. Prices are comparable to what you'll find in stores, although selections are more diverse. For those who aren't sure what they're looking for, the site provides guides on decorating and entertaining with candles.

- **FOOD**
- **Figi's**
- www.figis.com

Best known for its holiday food catalogs, Figi's features simplified shopping online. Because its edible offerings are divided into categories, all it takes is a single click to get where you want. Although the site doesn't sell as many items as its

paper catalog does, it still has plenty of food-themed gifts and party trays at a range of prices.

- **ELECTRONICS**
- **Buy.com**
- www.buy.com

Buy.com bills itself as the Internet Superstore for good reason: While it is an excellent place to buy music, books and videos, it's also a great resource for home electronics equipment, computers, wireless phones and software. Prices are guaranteed to be the lowest on the Internet, with the difference refunded if you find a lower price online. Product information is limited to basic descriptions, so do some research before hitting the site.

- **CLOTHES**
- **Lands' End**
- www.landsend.com

Power shoppers who enjoy browsing with a friend will love the Shop With a Friend feature, which lets two users explore the site together and put items in a single bag. Create a replica of anybody on your shopping list with the Virtual Model option and see how selected items fit before buying them—a high-tech version of paper dolls that's intended to cut down on returns.

- **BOOKS, MOVIES AND MUSIC**
- **Amazon**
- www.amazon.com

Amazon.com offers virtually everything that's in print, and employees can often track down out-of-print editions. Deep discounts make shopping enticing. The site tracks purchases to create user profiles, then makes recommendations when new titles become available. Searches are easy and shoppers can read consumer reviews of most selections.

- **HOUSEWARES**
- **Good Home**

www.goodhome.com

Regardless of whether your home is contemporary or country, you can furnish it from top to bottom without ever leaving your computer. Wares range from eclectic to elegant, with prices to match. Find furniture for the bedroom, family room, dining room and home office, as well as wall coverings, rugs, tableware and more. Shoppers can see how online furnishings will look in their floor plans and experiment with colors, wallpapers and paint. One caution: The site greets customers with a warning that those with Netscape 4.74 or higher might have difficulties completing purchases online.

- **GENERAL MERCHANDISE**
- **Target**
- www.target.com

Target has become the most hip discount store around, and those who can't live without it will love the store's online presence. All the same merchandise is there, and the site is a cinch to explore. One note: Sale items found in Target's weekly newspaper ads are available only at brick-and-mortar stores. Customers can examine fabrics close up and can access the Club Wedd and Lullaby Club gift registries.

- **JEWELRY**
- **First Jewelry**
- www.firstjewelry.com

Specializing in unique designer jewelry, First Jewelry covers the spectrum in both design and price. From youth items such as sterling silver ankle bracelets and glass-beaded happy face bracelets to elegant bridal jewelry, the store takes shoppers in many directions. Look for originals from in-vogue jewelry designers, Southwestern designs and much more. A clearance area also offers great deals.

Clubs and Organizations

- **Phi Mu**
- Phi Mu had a great time at the Pi Kappa Phi "Around the World" mixer last Thursday. Happy birthday to Amanda Jarvis! Good luck to all JSU athletes over the holidays. Congrats to all newly elected officers on campus! Phi Mu wishes all of the graduates good luck! We will miss our seniors greatly! We want to wish everyone good luck on their finals, and hope that everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Announcements

- **Free confidential HIV testing** is available at the Nursing Center Clinic, at Lurleen B. Wallace College of Nursing and Health Sciences. Please call 782-5432 to schedule an appointment. Office hours are from Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Applications for Orientation Peer Counselor** are available in Room 201 Bibb Graves Hall. Requirements to become a Peer Counselor are: 2.25 GPA, 24 semester hours earned, have previously served no more than one year as a Peer Counselor, a strong desire to assist new students in their transition to JSU, and strong communication skills. Applications are due by 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 14 in Room 201 Bibb Graves Hall. For more information contact Eric McCulley at ext. 5278.
- **The Student Health Center is currently administering flu vaccinations** for JSU students and employees. The cost for the vaccination is \$10. Appointments will be scheduled for Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday mornings from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Please call 782-5310 for an appointment.

JSU Area Events Calendar: December 7 - 14			
Thurs 7	Fri 8	Sat 9	Sun 10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Exams • SGA midnight snack/karaoke in the Caf from 10 p.m. to midnight. • JSU BA & BFA Graduating Student show at the Hammond Hall Gallery from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Exams • JSU BA & BFA Graduating Student show at the Hammond Hall Gallery from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JSU Women's Basketball vs. Alabama A&M @ 2 p.m. 	
Mon 11	Tues 12	Wed 13	Thurs 14
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Exams • JSU BA & BFA Graduating Student show at the Hammond Hall Gallery from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Exams • JSU Women's Basketball vs. UAB @ 7 p.m. • JSU BA & BFA Graduating Student show at the Hammond Hall Gallery from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JSU BA & BFA Graduating Student show at the Hammond Hall Gallery from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. • University Forum @ 3 p.m. at the Houston Cole Library, Room 1101-C 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JSU Women's Basketball vs. Coastal Carolina, time and place TBD • Peer counselor applications due by 4:30 p.m. in Bibb Graves, Room 201.

"Screw the milk and cookies!"



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Giving "stocking stuffers" a whole new meaning.

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the community.

"This year we will sponsor 50 families with children and 25 elderly and disabled," Chairman Sam Sampson said.

The Jacksonville Housing Authority and Jacksonville Christian Outreach Center help supply names of families needing assistance.

"We meet with these families to identify those needing our help," Sampson said.

Each child submits a wish list. These lists usually consist of requests for toys, clothing and shoes.

"We hope to be able to fulfill those requests," Sampson said. "We are putting out drop boxes at several local businesses for food and new toys."

In past years most of the donations come from businesses in the community. Even with the community's generous donations they fall short of being able to meet the amount needed to successfully supply all the families.

"That's where we hope the students can help," Sampson said. "A monetary donation or a donation of food or toys would be greatly appreciated."

If you wish to make a monetary

donation you can deposit it directly into the Amsouth account #7420633 or make checks payable to Jacksonville Firefighters Association. These donations are, of course, tax deductible.

If money is tight, help is also needed shopping for items, dividing them into individual boxes, wrap-

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-Sam Sampson

ping and delivering them.

"The reward comes when you see the reaction of these children and families, and you thank God that you were able to be a part of it," Sampson said.

If you have any questions or would like to help, contact any of the representatives at the following numbers: Joe Ferguson 435-4010, Shawn Giddy 782-5050, Bill Cain 435-2310, Truman Norred 435-

2310.

Several area churches are also doing their part to help those in need this Christmas. The First Baptist Church of Jacksonville gives to the Salvation Army Angel Tree Foundation and has many individual Sunday School class projects.

The Jacksonville Church of Christ is purchasing gifts of clothes and toys for families that might otherwise go without them this Christmas. The congregation is also giving food from their stocked pantry to families.

The Presbyterian Church of Jacksonville's major projects this year include "2 Cents a Meal Plan," "The Super Bowl," giving to the Presbyterian Home for Children, donating to the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce and helping Blue Cross. The mission of "2 Cents a Meal Plan" is to put aside 2 cents

at every meal in order to help a family in need of provisions. The Blue Cross project is a means of giving children health insurance that their parents would not be able to afford otherwise.

Thanks to these churches and the fire and police departments, families that would not necessarily be able to celebrate Christmas with gifts, food or their loved ones, may have a happy holiday after all.

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under the best conditions."

Holiday depression can also stem from a deeper underlying problem.

"It is important to realize that the bad feelings are not the real problem," said Dr. Larry Nadig, clinical psychologist, on his web site. "The bad feelings are a symptom of a problem."

The holidays stir up memories that can trigger unresolved issues, Nadig said. Some of the common struggles people face during the holidays are past losses, unresolved grief, contrast between past holidays, disappointment about the present, the realities of holiday joy (or lack of it) and a sense of increased isolation and loneliness.

To cope with holiday blues, O'Conner offers several options.

"Be prepared to experience a full range of emotion, from happiness to sadness, joy to anger, but remember that those feelings will be more intense than usual because of the season," O'Conner said.

It is important to just let yourself feel what you feel, O'Conner said. Whether it is past disappointments, "righteous indignation" about our society's response to the needy, or feeling joy and closeness with family, embracing your feelings is the first step to avoiding depression during the holidays.

"If you don't want to suffer the post-holiday blues, give yourself

permission to feel," O'Conner said. "Open yourself up to those around you who may want to try to ease your pain but don't know how. Just spend time with others—go bowling, make cookies, go for a walk, but do it in the company of those who may care about you."

Shelton also has suggestions to combat seasonal depression. Give of yourself. Helping needy people is sure to help a person feel better.

"When you see other people that are less fortunate than you are, some times that will actually help your mood," Shelton said.

Just talking to someone about how you feel will help lift your spirits as well. Plenty of exercise and staying away from refined sugars are good preventative measures.

"Mood foods—fish, nuts, oil—will help your mood," Shelton said. "Stay away from refined sugar, and that's usually what we crave."

Coolware.com also offers some helpful mechanisms for coping with holiday funk. Let go of the past. Do something for someone else. Enjoy holiday activities that are free, such as looking at lights or windowshopping. Don't drink too much; it will only make you more depressed. Don't be afraid to try something new; celebrate the holidays in new ways. Spend time with people who are supportive and care about you. And, if at all possible, find time for yourself so you can relax and relieve stress.



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Deck the halls with bows of holly

By Christina Morrison
Features Editor

Every year, millions of Americans get out the lights, cardboard candy canes and Santas in order to decorate their yards and homes in celebration of the Christmas season.

Ever since the first electric Christmas lights were used in 1895, people have enjoyed decorating their homes in order to honor the Christmas spirit.

Several Jacksonville resi-

dents take the art of decoration very seriously, which is obvious by the extraordinary effort they put forth each season. Some homes have enough decorations to put the houses next door to shame, while others have more laid back dressings which still convey the Christmas spirit.

Although many people decorate their houses during the holiday season, whether it be a simple Christmas tree or a Griswold-esque light display, they each have their own reasons for spreading

holiday joy.

Jacksonville resident Joe Toole, who was out finishing up his decorations on Sunday, said, "Well, my wife really likes the lights so she suggested I put them up."

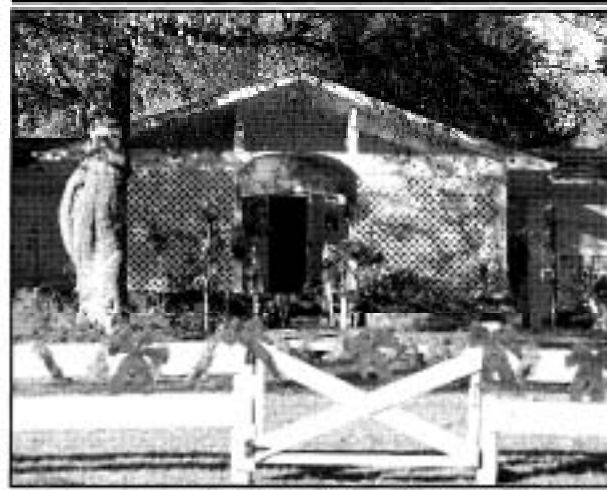
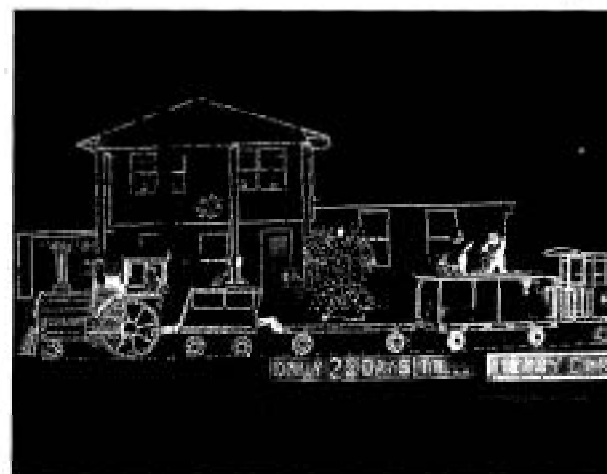
Shirley Coleman, whose festive house lights up Northeast Mountain Street, said with a smile, "Well, I don't really care that much about decorating, but every year my neighbor Mrs. Kilgore will come over and tell me to light up my dark house. And, you know, this year I caught myself trying to beat her."

JSU instructor Linda Chandler said, "It's just a festive time of the year and I always tell myself I'm not going to buy any more decorations, but I always end up buying more and more. I also like to make a lot of things so that I can put something in every room. It just makes the season more special."

Local stores have been selling Christmas decorations since Halloween. By far the most popular of these decorations in recent years are the icicle hanging lights. Wal-Mart's shelves are full of empty boxes that once contained this type of decoration.

Another popular Christmas decoration is the Christmas tree. Whether it be real or fake, the Christmas tree is an integral part of the holiday tradition. Many families put their ornately decorated tree in the front window, so that passers by can see their festive creation, while others put several trees throughout their house.

Many holiday decorating "professionals" offer tips for other would-be decorators. Some of the tips include



(Top) The annual Christmas display by Neal Estes is arguably the best in Calhoun County. (Bottom) A house on Mountain Street is also decorated for the holidays, albeit a more scaled-down approach. Photos by Christina Morrison (Top) and Callie Williams (Bottom).

dressings for the cold weather and having others to join in and help.

Toole, with a glance at his aging ladder, said with a laugh, "I'd tell them to get a better ladder. You need a good ladder to do this."

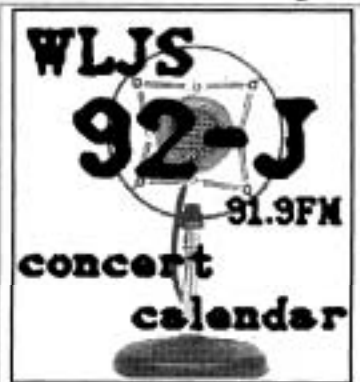
"Put up everything in order, so that you won't have a mess pulling everything out like I do! I think that if you do that, you'll be OK. Another thing that you can do is wait til they have all the Christmas decorations on sale for half price in January. I usually buy something every year for the next year," said Coleman.

"First of all, don't accumulate too much; that's what I always do. Then I

never have any place to store it. Also, get the whole family involved in the decorating, especially the children, so that it can be a family thing," advised Chandler.

There are several ways to celebrate the Christmas season, but only one true reason to celebrate, which is an idea Mrs. Coleman wanted to make clear.

She said, "Now don't forget, He's the reason for the season. So, when I get to thinking about that, I get in a better frame of mind about decorating. I get the Christmas spirit when I think about Him and the spiritual side of it. So don't forget."



Local Scene

- 12/07/00 Cool Beans--Brothers
- 12/08/00 Members Only--Brothers
- 12/09/00 Something 5 & Grey Tuesday--Brothers
- 12/13/00--3D Kaleidoscope--Brothers
- 12/14/00--Souled Out--Brothers

Birmingham

- 12/08/00 Junior Brown--Five Points Music Hall
- 12/08/00 Todd Snider & John Prine--Alabama Theatre
- 12/09/00 The Supremes Starring Mary Wilson--Civic Center
- 12/09/00 Verbena--The Nick
- 12/10/00 Finger Eleven--Five Points Music Hall
- 12/15/00 Gran Torino--Zydeco

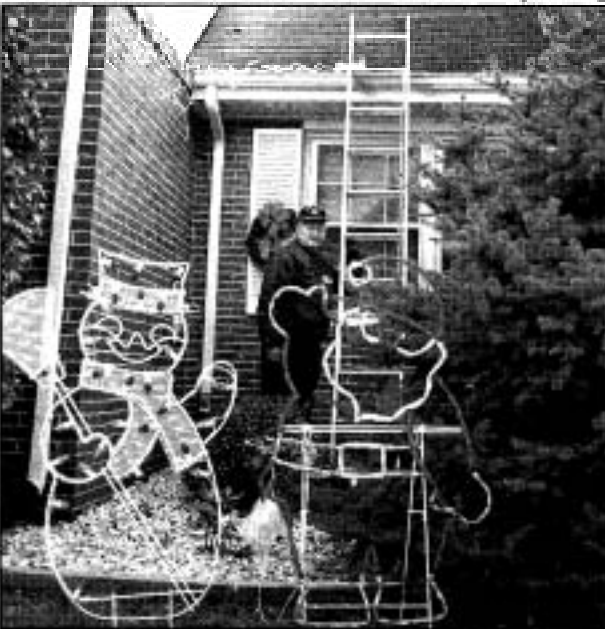
Atlanta

- 12/08/00 Kool and the Gang--Tabernacle
- 12/08/00 Beth Wood & Blue Dogs--Smith's Old Bar
- 12/09/00 The Wallflowers, Vertical Horizon, John Doe & Paloalto--Atlanta Civic Center
- 12/14/00 P.J. Harvey--The Cotton Club
- 12/16/00 Angie Aparo--The Cotton Club



CD Releases

- Rage Against the Machine--Renegades
- Eve--Scorpion
- Neil Young, Friends and Relatives--Road Rock Volume 1
- Alice in Chains--Live
- Roger Waters--In the Flesh
- K-Ci and Jo-Jo--X
- Funkmaster Flex--60 Minutes of Funk Volume IV: The Mixtape
- 3LW--3LW
- December 12**
- Cypress Hill--Live at the Fillmore
- Tool--Salival
- Kittie--Paperdoll
- Silverchair--The Best of... Vol. 1
- Xzibit--Restless



(Top) H.W. Barthel decorates his home on Mountain Street with Santa and Snowman lighted figures. (Bottom) The front of Mr. Barthel's house is decorated with wreaths and candy canes. Photos by Callie Williams.

Editorial

Although it's been said, many times, many ways...

By Adam Smith
Editor

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas.

And it's no coincidence either. December marks the time of year where everyone becomes a consumer in some form or fashion.

Roadways bustle and creep along alternately with the intensity of an ant trail. People get on edge. People spend money they don't have. People become stressed out. People are forced to spend time with people they don't like very much, but for the sake of Christmas they halfway hug each other and act like long-lost friends.

People drink, do drugs or practice self-mutilation. Whatever gets you through your three-plus weeks of holiday hell.

I guess the holidays mean something different for everyone. That's always the eternal question—what does Christmas mean to you? I

guess it's a combination of all kinds of things. Teetering on the edge of insanity, slurping eggnog, while you listen to your family complain about the "cost" of Christmas all set the soundtrack of scratchy holiday carols on the turntable. Well, that's only part of it.

Of course, there's also a huge double standard. The Bible-belt district would like to remind everyone that Christmas is all about the birth of Jesus, the son of God, and that it's not about presents and spending money. Of course, they say this while standing in line at the toy store buying Johnny's PlayStation 2 complete with the deluxe rumble pack kit and high speed modem so he can play Tekken 3 against a 40-year-old guy named Lester in Sioux City. It's kind of a backward way to go about being self-righteous and caring.

But, Christmas has gotten to be an over-commercialized ball of angst just the same. You look forward to it, but when it's all over, you're either

happier than a fly on sh** or you're depressed, miserable and trying to get yourself off the booze and back on the wagon again. If you're a parent, you have a whole year to try to correct the fact that you didn't get little Bobby the real razor scooter, but in fact a cheap imitation brand. And he'll have to deal with public ridicule from his friends because his isn't the real deal. And he'll go through therapy and years down the road he'll crack all because you refused to pay \$50 more for the real thing, you cheap bastard.

In Charlie Brown's Christmas special, Charlie finally loses it and demands to know the real meaning of Christmas. I used to have the same dilemma from year to year. I think I have it figured out now.

Christmas isn't about being unhappy with your life up until that point. It's about spending time with your family and the friends that you don't get to see nearly enough all year long. For me, it's about fighting with my sister while we decorate the family tree(s). Yes, more than one tree at the Smith household. It's about my mom's persistence of outdoing Martha Stewart by making sure no inch of the house is undecorated, while at the same time making spectacular food and making her own potpourri. Eat your heart out, Martha.

It's also about getting together with my friend Jeremy and playing our guitars until we can't play anymore. We may not always sound great, but we mostly play Dylan and Neil Young, so it really doesn't matter.

It's about my dad's "decorations" which are nothing more than chocolate candies placed strategically in metal canisters all over the house. It's all about decorating the exterior of my parents house with multiple strands of lights and trying to find some way to get out of nailing those God-forsaken Santa and reindeer into the frozen ground. Every year, Santa and his team get a little more ragged, but it wouldn't look right without them.

It's about going Christmas shopping late in the year and getting hit by old ladies and their huge purses. It's about cussing the guy in front of me because he either can't drive, or he's doing something stupid enough to get him shot anywhere else.

It's about the Galleria in Birmingham, and trying to find a parking space. It's about trying to leave the parking lot at a snail's crawl.

It's about driving down dark highways late at night and seeing beautifully or tackily decorated houses off in the distance lighting up the night.

It's about Mr. Estes, whose display still leaves me in awe.

It's about the twinkle in a child's eye.

It's about my father trying to con me into telling him what his gifts are.

It's about me trying to con my father into telling me what my gifts are.

It's about giving the Salvation Army bell ringer a few spare bucks when he smiles his toothless grin.

It's about Ted Turner showing "A Christmas Story" over and over and over again. I'm still not sick of it yet, and watch it every time I see it on television.

It's about not keeping my checkbook balanced and living in fear that I've bounced a check somewhere during my holiday mad dash.

It's about finding an orange in my stocking on Christmas morning. I know it's going to be there, but for whatever reason, it's still kind of a surprise after 20-something years.

Last, but not least, it is about sharing. Sharing everything with everybody. It's about giving, and receiving. If you only receive, that's no fun.

Everyone celebrates Christmas differently, in their own way. And may yours be merry and bright, so they say.

Merry Christmas JSU and Happy Holidays and Happy Chanukah. (And in my best small, retarded British child voice, "God Bless Us Every One.")

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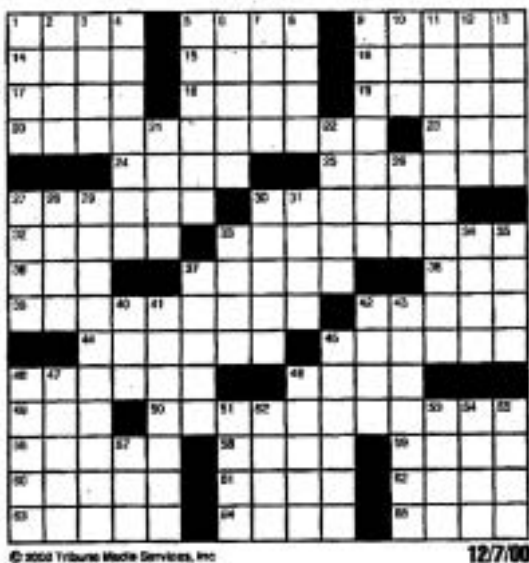
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Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Faded and dull
 - 5 Highland hillside
 - 9 Syrup source
 - 14 Oxen connection
 - 15 Oxidation
 - 16 Brainstorms
 - 17 Kuwait's ruler
 - 18 "Do... others as..."
 - 19 Nocturnal primate
 - 20 Astonishing
 - 23 Dander
 - 24 Panache
 - 25 Flip do-over
 - 27 Library nook
 - 30 Buoyed up?
 - 32 Tackle-box items
 - 33 Puts off until tomorrow
 - 36 Diligent insect
 - 37 Wish granter
 - 38 Yachting trophy
 - 39 Scales again
 - 42 Cutting edge
 - 44 Bulks of bodies
 - 45 Ultimatum words
 - 46 Robert Treat and Thomas
 - 48 Opera song
 - 49 ET's transportation
 - 50 European
 - 56 Someone to be in the kitchen with
 - 58 "Jane..."
 - 59 Andrews or Carvey
 - 60 Fireplace element
 - 61 Impersonator
 - 62 Midterm or final
 - 63 Hollers
 - 64 Glowing
 - 65 Solemn ceremony
- DOWN**
- 1 Changes color
 - 3 City on the Tiber
 - 3 Similar (to)
 - 4 Destructively crazy
 - 5 Bestial
 - 6 Encounter
 - 7 Concerning
 - 8 Harrow rival
 - 9 Cheryl and Reggie
 - 10 Commotion
 - 11 Magazine
 - 12 Dens
 - 13 Slalom turns
 - 21 Alternatives to lager
 - 22 Got up
 - 26 Part of AT&T
 - 27 Scorch
 - 28 First-class
 - 29 Of a cycle
 - 30 Patches
 - 31 "Miss... Regrets"
 - 33 Comic Jay
 - 34 Pope
 - 35 Fencer's weapon
 - 37 Painter's base
 - 40 Abel to Adam
 - 41 Nativity scenes
 - 42 Runny French cheese
 - 43 Lover of Hero
 - 45 Cantankerous
 - 46 Short and fat
 - 47 Blazing
 - 48 Buenos...
 - 49 Argentina
 - 51 In the vicinity
 - 52 Misprint
 - 53 Scorsese film,
 - 54 "Driver"
 - 54 Medical school subj.
 - 55 Feeble, excusewise
 - 57 Ocean on the E. Coast



Solutions





As promised, this week's column is your Christmas present. It isn't much; it's just a chance for everyone to laugh at me. Are you ready? I failed the ECE.

That's right. I, Christopher Lauer, English major, and managing editor of *The Chanticleer*, failed the English Competency Exam at Jacksonville State University.

(Use this paragraph to laugh and come up with few jolly good ribbings. Yuck it up! But don't yuck too hard. Save some yucks for your buddy's drunken follies that are sure to occur over the holidays.)

Is the University telling me that I can't write? Then what the hell am I doing writing this column?

Think about it. I'm an English major with over a 3.0 GPA in my major. I've completed 27 hours of English courses at this University, including advanced composition (EH 344) and advanced expository writing (EH 415). I'm managing editor of the school newspaper and I have my own weekly column. If I can't write, it doesn't only reflect badly on me. It reflects badly on this entire University. An illiterate is second in charge of the school newspaper. An illiterate passed nine English classes at Jacksonville State University. What a track record.

Al Gore blamed his loss on the Palm Beach ballots and I will blame my failure on the ECE bluebook. What's the point in making me ramble for 5 pages on notebook paper about a topic that is of no concern to anyone? What would happen if I wrote a research paper on an ECE bluebook and turned it in to a professor of one of my classes? I'd fail. So what's the point?

Everyone writes on a computer. E-mail is rapidly becoming the preferred method of correspondence. If things aren't typed, they're not accepted, whether it's a memo, a business letter, an essay, or a research paper. And when's the last time you saw a typewriter? So what's the point? Even the English department is aware of this, and they're trying to keep up in this technological age by allowing English composition students to take computer assisted classes. So what's the point? I'm getting mixed signals here.

Before I get into the possible reasons for the bluebook, let me say this: It's a shame if you can't write coming out of high school. But it's

an outright travesty if you can't write after four years of a quality education at Jacksonville State University. It's a degradation (... and my thesaurus just ran out of words I like, or else I'd keep going). What kind of University has to make sure their students can write before the powers that be grant them permission to graduate? What type of University even considers an illiterate for graduation? A diploma from this University isn't worth the misspelled words that are probably

printed on it. I have lost any and all faith in this University. This University is a joke.

Anyway, let me get into the possible reasons for taking the ECE on notebook paper. I think it's in case of a nuclear fallout and in case all the computers in the world have been destroyed and you have to write a letter to a senator of the New World Order. Well, since you went to JSU, you can write that letter, and you can write that letter correctly.

Or it could be in case you're stranded on a deserted island and you have to carve messages into coconuts and send them out to sea in hopes of being rescued. "To whom this may concern: I seem to be stranded on an island. If you would be so kind, please send help immediately. Sincerely, Christopher Lauer Dec. 7, 2000"

Well, the real issue at hand here, as well as your Christmas present, is the fact that I failed the ECE. So if you're stupid like me, and you failed the ECE, you do have a few options and chances at redemption. The option I'm leaning toward is just to simply never graduation from this !@#\$%^& **!@hole.

Option number two, a more plausible option, is to write the six remediation essays and then sign up to take the ECE again. If I do decide to take the ECE again, I will first go to Wal-Mart and buy a big box of crayons--the box with the sharpener on the back, because that's the coolest.

Then I will go to my designated room, think about my topic, pick a pretty color, and getta' essayin'. When I make a mistake, I will not scribble it out; I will draw a pretty picture over my error, maybe a white picket fence with ivy growing on it, or a tree, or perhaps a sea monster, but my exam will be pretty and legible. Nice and colorful. More of a work of art than an essay. Yes, yes. They treat me like a child, and I'll be their baby!

The ECE is insulting to me and the English professors I've had at this University. I didn't take it seriously and that's why I failed it. Should I have taken it seriously? If you were me, would you have taken it seriously? How would you feel about that wasted hour and a half of your life? But red tape is red tape, so be on the lookout for the ECE written in crayon. thatz min



What's your sign?

By Linda C. Black
Tribune Media Services

Today's Birthday (Dec. 7). A gold-digger is revealed, and true friends come through in a pinch. A fantasy fades, as a new reality emerges. You're on a quest in December. The money you need should arrive around January; stash away as much as you can. Study to save your resources in February. Resist the urge to splurge on an April affair. A stern reprimand is required in May, and a conflict can prove beneficial in June. Being thrifty pays off in July. Being assertive helps you win in October. 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 6 - Frustrations are abundant, and sure things slip out of reach. Your problem is one of expansion. When you try something more difficult than you've done before, you're sure to run into new dilemmas. That's part of the fun, remember?

- Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 6 - You're getting stronger, so don't give up. You don't have it so bad, anyway. You can even provide a shoulder to cry on for a friend who's more upset than you are. That ought to make you feel better. And, if it doesn't, your friend would be glad to reciprocate.

- Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 6 - Money's tight, and you may be on edge. No point in arguing with your sweetheart, though. Gather with a favorite group instead, and work on a tough job together. This may take longer than you thought, but that's okay. Better late than never.

- Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 5 - You're swamped, but don't panic. Others are looking to you for direction. Stay cool and you'll inspire them to keep trying. There's a nice side effect: pretending everything's fine will help make it so. It's almost like magic. Keep it up.

- Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 7 - You're lookin' good, but practice anyway. You can put on that spin, that little flourish that brings the crowd to their feet. It's not going to be all that easy this time, but that's what makes the victory so sweet. Put in the extra effort.

- Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 6 - You're getting luckier and not a moment too soon. You've been cleaning up messes all week, and you may be just about sick of it. Looks like there's more of that tonight, but don't do it all by yourself. Get the whole family to help.

- Libra (Sept. 23-Oct 22) - Today is a 6 - You have lots of marvelous people in your life. Trouble is, you don't have much time to be with them. A new task you're learning is taking longer than you think it should. Relax. You'll learn faster if you do.

- Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 6 - Somebody can come in and provide just what's needed. You have been known to do the work of three or four ordinary people. Instead, why not get three or four ordinary people to help? That is not cheating. Leos do it all the time.

- Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 6 - The people who make the most money do the jobs nobody else wants. You could get the chance to join that group. Trouble is, you don't want to do that work, either! And you may not know how. Tackle the knowledge part first, and it will be easier.

- Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 5 - A private conversation with a special friend is practically mandatory tonight. You'll need someone to blow off steam with by then. Rules and regulations are your specialty, but today you've had enough of someone else's rules and regulations!

- Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 6 - Know that everything you try will take at least twice as long as planned. This is not a big deal. Although you're widely known for your creativity, it's a lesser-known fact that you're also quite stubborn. Put that talent to good use.

- Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 6 - You could do well financially by providing what other people need. This shouldn't be too hard, as many seem unable to provide it for themselves. Your biggest problem will be the confusion of deciding what to do first. Just chip away at it.



"What do you want under your tree this year?"



Angela Tribble
Sophomore

"I'd like to have a monkey."



Fallon Brantley
Freshman

"I want a man with some money."



Jason Boodolan
Senior

"I want a new homebrew kit, a new Samhain box set and a good first Christmas for my little girl."



Jeffrey Buckner
Junior

"I just turned 21, so a couple of bottles of Crown Royal would be nice."



Misty Patterson
Freshman

"I want a hand-held video camera."

10 holiday favorites to keep you warm this winter

By Christina Morrison
Features Editor

Throughout the years many Christmas movies have been made, some cheesy and some downright horrible. Mostly though, there are quite a few that are worthy of the all-time greatest Christmas movies ever list. These movies are memorable for their rare humor and their ability to spread the Christmas spirit.

1. "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" (1989) - Only one part of the national Lampoon series, this modern movie classic is worthy of



the No. 1 spot because of its ability to give the audience several laughs while still revealing the Christmas spirit. It paints a portrait of an American family in all of its dysfunctional and hilarious glory.

2. "A Christmas Story" (1983) - This movie has been a staple for children and adults since its release in 1983. It gives insight on the mind of a child experiencing Christmas and the pains of growing up. Besides, who wouldn't want to see a kid looking like a deranged Easter Bunny? That's entertainment.



3. "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas" (1966) - This cartoon Christmas classic is rated in this spot because of its universal lesson and great story. Although it has been recently remade, the original will remain the holiday movie to remember and watch. Also, the ability to speak in rhyme is always a plus for any movie.

4. "A Christmas Carol" (1951) - The 1951 movie of the Scrooge story remains the most popular version to date. Several other versions have been made, the most notable of which stars Albert Finney as the intolerable Scrooge. This movie is a Christmas classic. One reason for its popularity is that it is engineered for all ages because of its ability to be understood on many different levels.

5. "The Nightmare Before Christmas" (1993) - This is a beautiful movie full of great music and plenty of drama and laughs for the holiday season. Its innovative techniques and stop-action construction make it a wonderful spectacle. The storyline teaches a lesson as well as entertains.

6. "A Charlie Brown Christmas" (1965) - This is another great movie

that has survived the test of time for holiday viewers. It includes good ol' Charlie Brown along with the rest of his Peanuts pals and shows the resilience of the Christmas spirit. No, you can't keep a good man down.

7. "It's a Wonderful Life" (1946) - It just wouldn't be Christmas if this movie wasn't on the TV everyday in December. This is such a Christmas classic that the networks are in a constant James Stewart cycle. This movie is such a paradigm of Christmas because it teaches that we should be thankful for what we have



lest we lose it.

8. "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" (1964) - This movie's fame resides in its ability to teach that being different isn't so bad sometimes and in fact, is downright better. Rudolph manages to show all those other pesky reindeer that his nonconformity is what makes him great, a lesson shown through several other characters in the story as well.

9. "Frosty the Snowman" (1969) - Another heartwarming holiday classic that shows the buoyancy of the holiday spirit. When Frosty is acci-

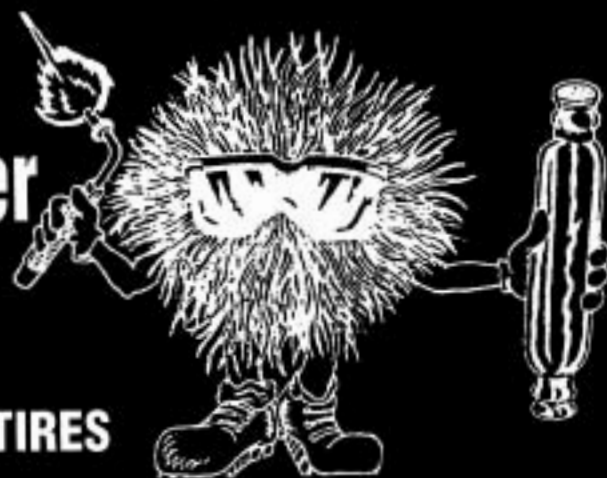
dently brought to life, he must face many dangerous adventures with his friends. The North Pole is his goal, but he has to face an evil magician and several other problems before he is able to make it.

10. "Miracle on 34th Street" (1947) - This movie gives the best proof of all that Santa is real and he can make your dreams come true. Starring Natalie Wood as the little girl who wants a house for Christmas, this movie remains a film for the holidays. Santa skeptics beware.



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JSU graduating art students deck the walls of Hammond Hall

By Christina Morrison
Features Editor

Jacksonville State University's Art Department is holding the graduating seniors' art show, which began on Dec. 4 and runs until Dec. 15.

The exhibit highlights the talent of JSU art students who have been fine-tuning their craft since their first art course.

"This is the culmination of four years for them. This is something they've been working the whole semester on," said Dr. Marvin Shaw of the Art Department.

The pieces in this show vary from one medium to the next. Some works focus on photography, pencil drawings, painting or graphic design.

Some of the most extraordinary pieces are placed at the very entry to the gallery. These pieces, done by James Scoggins, are somewhat surreal landscapes. They include striking blue and green hues along with several different textures.

"I think these represent how I think landscapes should be done. I just like very simplified kind of surreal surfaces where there isn't a lot of shape but a rough contrast of light and dark," said Scoggins.

Other striking pieces include photography done by Nisha Martin, many of which contain friends and family. Although Martin is comfortable with her work, she remains a lit-



Untitled works by James Scoggins are just part of the Senior Art Show in JSU's Hammond Hall Gallery

tle anxious about the show.

"They (subjects) are just as nervous as I am about being up on that wall," said Martin.

The pencil drawings of Jeremiah Tilley cover another part of the gallery's walls. The centerpiece of his work is a portrait of a young woman who is dressed for a night out. Her earrings actually seem to be sparkling in this piece.

"This one took a month to do. I'm really proud of those earrings, especially the way they hang," said Tilley.

Several graphic arts students are presenting their pieces in this exhibition. Students Destiny Barnes, Dovie Luckado and Jennifer West each have a section in which their graphic works are on display.

Students in the graphic arts program learn practical uses for art in society. All of these works are computer generated and could be used to serve an everyday purpose. One piece by Barnes shows the layout of a mall, a map which could easily be utilized by any viewer.

Luckado designed several pages of a calendar as well as brochure-like prices. West also designed informative pieces as well as some prints.

Most art faculty are excited about seeing what their teaching and the students' abilities have created.

"This is something that the faculty really look forward to seeing. It always surprises us, and I think it surprises them (students)," said Shaw.

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Eggnog ... making spirits bright for over 200 years



By Gracie Catchings
News Editor

Eggnog is a Christmas favorite for most people. The creamy brew has its origins in Europe where it was concocted from various milk and wine punches of old. Colonial Americans were the first to substitute rum for wine in the mixture. Rum was commonly known as "grog" at the time and some say this is where the descriptive term of this drink, "egg-and-grog," originates. As Americans tend to do, the name was corrupted and eventually became "eggnog."

Other experts claim that the "nog" in eggnog comes from a small,

wooden, carved mug called a "noggin." Noggins were used to serve drinks at tables in taverns. It is also thought that eggnog began as a mixture of Spanish sherry and milk.

Whatever the story, eggnog might be a mixture of the two and was originally called "egg and grog in a noggin."

With its European roots and the easy access to ingredients, this rich, spicy, alcoholic drink became rapidly popular in Colonial America.

In the 1800s eggnog was nearly always made in large quantities and was a social drink commonly served at holiday parties. Christmas was not the only holiday that popularized eggnog, though. On New Year's Day in Baltimore, it was the tradition of young men to call on their friends. At each house the men were offered a cup of eggnog and thus became more drunk as they proceeded from house to house. It was considered quite a feat to make it to all their friends' houses by the end of the day.

George Washington even concocted his own brew of eggnog. Washington's mixture included rye whiskey, rum and sherry. Ole Georgie's nog had a reputation as a stiff drink that only the most courageous were willing to try.

Eggnog, of course, is still a popular social drink for the Christmas season.

Here are a few recipes to liven up your noggin. Also, don't be afraid to experiment with your nog. Cinnamon, nutmeg and vanilla can all be used in varying quantities. Don't limit yourself to rum, brandy and whiskey. Various other liquors work just as well with eggnog.

• Rich Eggnog

6 large eggs
3/4 c sugar
1 1/2 c brandy
1/2 c rum
4 c milk
4 c cream
1/2 c icing sugar
Nutmeg to sprinkle

Separate the yolks from the whites of the eggs. Beat the yolks slowly while simultaneously adding the sugar; do this until the mixture is pale and golden. Now slowly add in the brandy and rum, then beat in the milk and half the cream.

Set aside until just before serving, then whisk the egg whites until stiff and fold them into the eggnog mixture. Whip the remaining cream and icing sugar until thick. Top each glass of eggnog with whipped cream and a shake of nutmeg.

Yield: 8 servings

• Non-alcoholic Eggnog

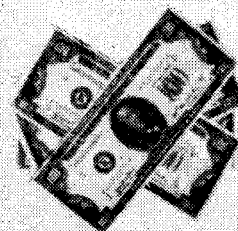
12 eggs
1 1/2 c sugar
1 qt cream
add vanilla to taste
dash of nutmeg

Separate eggs at room temperature. Beat yolks until creamed with

about half of sugar, whites until peaked, then add other half of sugar. Beat cream until stiff. Fold all ingredients together. Add vanilla to taste—a little goes a long way.

Place into containers and keep in refrigerator for at least one day. Shake before serving. The above courtesy of www.indepthinfo.com

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| 2. Where did the real St. Nicholas live? | 8. Who wrote "The Snowman"? |
| 3. Which popular Christmas song was actually first written for Thanksgiving? | 9. What was the first instrument that the carol "Silent Night" was played on? |
| 4. In "How the Grinch Stole Christmas", what was the name of the Grinch's dog? | 10. What was the name of Scrooge's deceased business partner in Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol"? |
| 5. How many ghosts visit Scrooge? | 11. What day is Christmas celebrated on in Guatemala? |
| 6. What Is Force meat? | 12. In Australia, what is a main activity on Boxing Day? |

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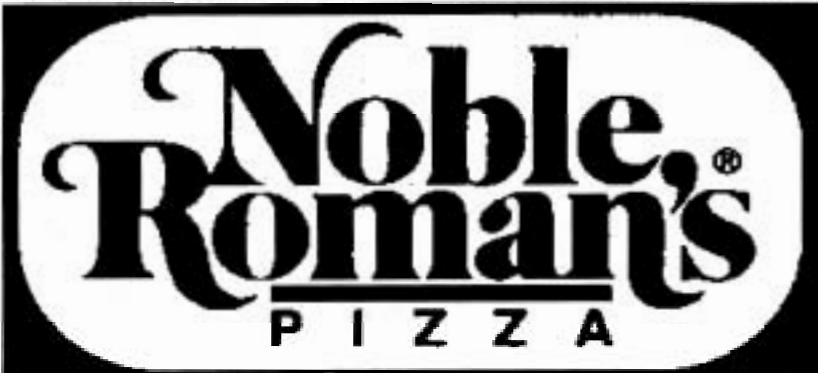
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THE WEEK IN SPORTS



92-J personality Jason Bozeman gets the royal treatment from Thrill in this week's "One on One"

Gamecocks lose two straight conference games

By Anthony Hill
Sports Editor

The Gamecock basketball team is beginning to look a lot like the football team when it comes to performance. They've been ahead of teams in the first half and haven't been able to finish them off in the second half. Jacksonville University defeated the Gamecocks by a score of 51-40 last Saturday night at Pete Mathews Coliseum.

Senior center Brant Harriman called the game with Jacksonville University a must win for the Gamecocks.

Jacksonville State University had a 10-point lead with 3:32 remaining in the first half. They held Jacksonville University to just 16 points. Things look to be going the Gamecocks way, until the Dolphins turned on the press.

Jacksonville University probably watched game tape from the Auburn and Kentucky game. Both teams used the full-court press to pull away from the Gamecocks.

"It's not the defense that you call; it's the way the defenses are played that matters," said Dolphins head coach Hugh Durham. "And our guys went out there and played."

The Dolphin press cut the Gamecock lead to only five points at the half. The Gamecocks could only make three shots in the entire second half. At one point, they had gone 18 straight possessions without a basket.

"I've never seen anything like that before," said head coach LaPlante. "It was one of those things where they started struggling offensively and just couldn't get it going."

The Dolphins were not much better in the second half. JU went 8-of-24 from the field and 0-of-3 from the 3-point line. They finished shooting 32 percent as a team for the game.

"We couldn't make any baskets; we just couldn't manufacture points," said LaPlante. "They did a good job of taking Brant away in the second half. We just needed somebody else to step forward and score some points."

The one-two punch usually comes from freshmen Earl Bullock. He could only hit 2 of 14 shots. He also went 1-of-9 from the tri-fecta.

"He's not going to do that very often," said LaPlante. "We just weren't making any shots."

Jacksonville took the lead for good with 8:54 remaining in the contest

after Ali Kaba hit a free throw to give the Dolphins a 37-36 lead. Jacksonville University outscored the Gamecocks 19-4 over the final 10 minutes of the game.

The Dolphins have held all three of their opponents under 20 points in at least one half. The Gamecocks, which shot just 13 percent (3-of-22) in the second half, committed 19 turnovers on the night.

The Gamecocks really seemed reminiscent of the Alabama A&M game, where the turnovers and missed scoring opportunities also caused the Gamecocks the game.

The Gamecock basketball team traveled to Buies Creek, NC to face the Campbell Camels in their second consecutive conference game. The Gamecocks seemed to totally reverse their fortunes during their game with the Camels on Monday night. They went from blowing leads in the second half, to coming back from 16 points down in the final half of the game.

A season-high in scoring by Brant Harriman was not enough for the Gamecocks to pull off a victory against Campbell University, as they lost by a score of 88-76 in overtime.

The Gamecock basketball team will play Tennessee State on Dec.



JSU Gamecock Center Brant Harriman goes up for a score during JSU's loss to Central Florida.

16. The game will also be televised on TV24-WJXS. Tip-off is set for 7 p.m. at Pete Mathews Coliseum.

Lady Gamecocks fall to Central Florida

By Anthony Hill
Sports Editor

The Lady Gamecocks were coming off a big victory over Florida Atlantic in their conference opener last Thursday. Head coach Dana Austin said that the team was going to surprise a lot of people this season. Well, the Lady Gamecocks really surprised the fans that were in attendance and their coach after a 64-54 loss to Central Florida last Saturday.

"I've never had a team shoot seven percent for a half," said JSU head coach Dana Austin. "You just don't expect good shooters to play like that. It was very frustrating as a coach."

The Lady Gamecocks made only two of 26 shots in a 14-point first half on Saturday. They missed their first 11 shots. Kelly Nye and Amanda Tyrus were the only two Lady Gamecocks to score. No starters scored a point in the entire first half.

"I was wondering if we were ever going to score ten points," said Austin. "I was proud of the way the team didn't give up and gave it a shot. We just couldn't get past that five point deficit."

"We were flat, everybody, me especially," Eady said. "I came out and missed the first couple of shots."

The Lady Gamecocks shot slightly better in the second half, but still couldn't overcome the University of Central Florida attack in the end.

Eady and McKell Copeland were trying to do whatever it took to give the Lady Gamecocks a spark in the second half. Eady led the Gamecocks with 12 points and 11 rebounds, while Amanda Gallagher added 11 points. Copeland added three assists and five of her seven steals in the second half.

"I think that McKell was dragging around in the first half, and in turn the team was dragging around," said Austin. "She came around in the second half and the team feeds off our point guard."

The Lady Gamecocks will play another home game on Dec. 12, when they face the UAB Blazers.

Chanticleer takes Dead Bowl II from 92-J in unpredicted victory

By Staff Reports

The workers of *The Chanticleer* and 92-J spend an entire semester planning, talking smack, and checking rosters in anticipation of dead day. You are probably thinking, yeah, so are the rest of the students on campus. *The Chanticleer* writers play a game of football against the disc jockeys of 92-J every dead day in a game known as Dead Bowl. Last year the game ended in a tie. Neither team were looking for a tie going into this year's match-up.

"Last year *The Chanticleer* was vastly better than us. I will admit that. Fortunately, we were able to tie," said Jason Bozeman of 92-J. "I know for Steven Benefield and Paul Williams, this is their last dead bowl. It's going to mean a lot to them."

Dead Bowl II was a game to remember, as the Chanticleer pulled away from the 92-J team in the second half to cling onto a 35-21 victory last Tuesday in the first match-up of the millennium.

"Well, I made a few bad passes. We didn't block many people and we had a couple of bad snaps in the end," said Steve Benefield, 92-J's

quarterback.

The 92-J team scored on their opening drive on a 10-yard quarterback bootleg to grab an early 7-0 lead. The Chanticleer tied the game minutes later when Dave "Broham" Washington found a wide open Anthony "Thrill" Hill for a five-yard touchdown pass.

Both teams stopped each other on their next possessions to end the half with the score tied, 7-7. The game would remain tied for only minutes into the second half. 92-J went up by a score of 14-7 after Jeremy Barlett intercepted a "Broham" pass and took it 41 yards for the score.

"I thought that we had the game after that interception," said Benefield.

It was Anthony "Thrill" Hill who took matters into his own hands and ran a quarterback sneak for 46 yards to tie the game at 14.

"They should have known that when I got at quarterback I was going to run the ball," said "Thrill."

The Chanticleer's defense rose to the occasion in the second half and frustrated the 92-J team into a few costly turnovers and penalties. *The Chanticleer* took advantage of their misfortune



and stormed in front, 28-14. *The Chanticleer* defense was anchored by Chris Lauer, Shawn Griffin and Shannon Fagan.

"I just used my speed to get to Benefield," said Shawn Griffin of *The Chanticleer*. "Most of their bad snaps were because I was talking to Bozeman and distracting him."

The game ended with *The Chanticleer* attempting to run the score up. "Thrill" hit Gracie Catchings with two passes with under 12 seconds remaining in the contest and would later score the final touchdown of the game.

One on One with "Thrill"



"The further we get from our ancestors, the closer we can become."

By Anthony Hill

Look at this guy. Do you know him? Well, you may not know his face, but if you listen to 92-J, you know his voice very well. Heck, if you watch channel 9 (TV24), you know his voice. It's used for voice over purposes for many local businesses around the area. Jason Bozeman is definitely one of a kind. I like to talk to Jason when I need a topic to write a column on. Jason is a Florida State fan also, with a well rounded knowledge of many things, especially sports. Being that *The Chanticleer* had a big DEAD BOWL II game against 92-J this past Tuesday, I thought it would be great to have the mouth, I mean, the heart of their team sit down with me after they got beat by us.

Thrill: I know that you've been waiting for this all year, Jason. Here it goes. What's up Jason?

Jason: Nothing much, man. I am straight.

Thrill: How's college life treating you?

Jason: All six years of it have been pretty good. I love it. I guess that's why I'm sticking around for so long.

Thrill: What's it like to be a disc jockey?

Jason: It's really not that much different than any other job. I pretty much just sit on my butt and I get to play a lot of music.

Thrill: What exactly do you do for the station?

Jason: I'm the program director. Any decision made about the programming, the shows that go on the air, and the personnel that's hired is pretty much my decision.

Thrill: As a student, tell me something that you feel the University is lacking right now.

Jason: To be totally honest with you Thrill, it's lacking a lot. People say that a lot of the things that don't work for us is because of a lack of spirit and we really don't have any identity as a school. We are just the small college up in north Alabama. The problem stems around the lack of something to rally around.

Maybe it will be an athletic program. Unless we get something that the students can feel proud about, we are not going to have any unity and we will never grow as a college.

Thrill: You mentioned that the students don't have anything to rally around. Do you think that the school should build some kind of monument or something in front of Bibb Graves or maybe, the Quad area?

Jason: Thrill, our school needs a FOUNTAIN. I've visited many colleges around the country and we are the only school that doesn't have a fountain. That's something that the students could rally around.

Thrill: They could have a contest for the best design for it and everything.

Jason: That would be a great idea. They could even put a plaque on the fountain with the designer's name on it forever.

Thrill: You and I have always had great conversations on a wide variety of topics. Do you feel that the University events are somewhat segregated? It seems like every event is either for this group or that group. Tell me your thoughts of that.

Jason: Our segregation is racial, financial, and social. It's not just Jacksonville State. We can pick apart Jacksonville State because this

is where we attend. There's so many schools just like it across the nation. I think that our biggest segregation is social. We all segregate into our own comfortable groups. Perhaps, that rallying point or that fountain can bring everybody together. It's definitely not the events.

Thrill: Let's talk about sports. What's your favorite sport?

Jason: Football. Now am I any good at it, that's another story.

Thrill: Who's your favorite college team?

Jason: Oh, the 'Noles. Other than Jacksonville State, Florida State is my favorite team.

Thrill: How could you be from Gadsden, Ala. and be a Florida State fan?

Jason: I've got relatives in north Florida. The first game that I ever comprehended was Auburn against Florida State a long time ago. It all started with me liking their uniforms. Then I started getting into their traditions and watching players like Ron Simmons, Chip Fergueson and Peter Tom Willis, who is from Mortimer Jordan High School. Of course, the coach.

Thrill: Do you have a favorite NFL team?

Jason: The Oakland Raiders. I was really just a college football fan, until my second grade year. A guy named Marcus Allen appeared. I'm also a Kenny "The Snake" Stabler fan. I am a die hard Raider fan.

Thrill: Do have a favorite Gamecock player or coach?

Jason: My favorite coach would have to be Mike Bobo. I'm sure all of them are great coaches though. My favorite players are Natarsha "Tot-Tot" James and Del-Del Hughley. Can I get a cool nickname like that?

Thrill: Sure, why not?

Jason: Can you call me "Boze-Boze?" I think that would be great.

Thrill: (laughs) You started your college career being this big time point guard that was highly recruited coming out of high school. (Both laugh) No, I'm only kidding. You did begin your career as an actor. How did you end up working for the radio?

Jason: When I got here, a guy named Zhane Smith told me that they had an opening to do high school football at WGMZ, which is now Z93.1. I got that job to do play-by-play with Mike Parris back in 1996. Parris stopped doing it because of some kind of NCAA rule and I got his job. I couldn't see

myself trying to make a living acting.

Thrill: If you could be any athlete, who would it be?

Jason: My role model right now is Chris Weinke (Florida State quarterback). I also like Neil O'Donnell and Jonathan Ogden.

Thrill: If you could be a member of any band or any musician, who would it be?

Jason: Radiohead. Pink Floyd is my favorite band, but Radiohead is doing it for me right now.

Thrill: You have a big flag football game coming up, Dead Bowl II. This game is played every year on dead day. Tell me your thoughts on the heated, but fun rivalry.

Jason: You have a that same game to get ready for my friend. Well, there was always been a rivalry between the newspaper and radio station. They just never got along. Each of them felt that the other was simply a drain on the department. Last year, Dave Sharp and I got together and came up with this great event to kind of keep some kind of rivalry between the two of us since we got along now. I think that we both have a lot to be proud of. I think that we have some of the best writers on our school paper than a lot of schools. 92-J is one of the most powerful college stations in Alabama. It's just fun.

Thrill: What is the funniest name that you've heard in sports? I've have to say the funniest for me is Ron Tuggnutt. How would you like

to have a sore groin and be named Tuggnutt?

Jason: What about Paul Head?

Thrill: Many people may not know this, but you're the Voice of Southside High football.

Jason: I do play-by-play for Southside High on Gadsden's best radio station, Mix-102.9. That means a lot to me because that is where I went to high school. It's special.

Thrill: Free Association.

Jason: All right. I've been wanting to do this the entire semester.

Thrill: British rock.

Jason: Radiohead.

Thrill: Chris Weinke.

Jason: Greatest quarterback in the country.

Thrill: Oakland Raiders.

Jason: Just win baby.

Thrill: Rich Gannon. (Raiders quarterback)

Jason: MVP.

Thrill: What's next?

Jason: I would like to continue to be a disc jockey. I would love to eventually do play-by-play for a college. I think Mike Parris has the greatest job in the world. Who knows? If he moves on to something bigger, which he should, because he is one of the best at his job—maybe I could have his job. That would be great.

Thrill: That's it. Thanks for your time.

Jason: Thrill, thanks for your time.

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"His trick knee popped out again."



A Sports Editorial
By Anthony Hill

They're not that great. They're not overwhelming. Heck, they're not even intimidating. They're just unbeaten.

In no way do the No. 1 ranked Oklahoma Sooners resemble the great Sooner teams of the past. The option has been replaced by a spread offense. The defense is good, but not great. Truth be told, in the panhandle of Florida they might be celebrating already after watching Oklahoma sneak away with a 27-24 victory over Kansas State in the Big 12 championship game. That was the game that pretty much sealed the bowl structure for the New Year's Day games.

I guess that it's okay to believe the Sooners are reborn. Not in their previous image, of course. The last Oklahoma team to make it undefeated this far (1987) won the games by an average of 33

points, according to Lee Corso of ESPN. The champions of 2000 somehow survived their last four games by an average of 6.5 points.

"It's really hard to be number one," said Oklahoma safety Roy Williams after the win over Kansas State. "We have a big target on our chest. People want to get after us. It's exciting though, just to know that people want to get us."

Well, more than the opponents that they played this year wanted to get at them. The Miami Hurricanes wanted to play them in the Orange Bowl. The Hurricanes are one of three teams that could have possibly been chosen to play against the mighty Oklahoma Sooners for the national championship in the bowl selection special last Sunday.

Too bad for the Hurricanes. The Florida State Seminoles beat them out by decimal points to play in the Orange Bowl.

The Oklahoma Sooners will now play a Florida State team that is probably the fastest team that they've faced since their 1988

game against the Miami Hurricanes.

The Sooners seemed impatient

down the stretch. While the season was winding down, they seem to be going a little flat. They have

an entire month to get ready for a January 3rd match up in Orange Bowl with the Seminoles. We will just have to see if they can go that long without playing and still play effectively.
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