**JSU losing on the field, in the ticket boxes**

**By Gracie Catchings**  
**News Editor**

According to the 1999 Gender Equity Report filed with the NCAA, Jacksonville State University had an athletic deficit of $4,094,821. Athletic programs in America’s colleges and universities rarely operate in the black and are under constant scrutiny when it comes to money matters. Although sports enrich the college experience, are they worth the multimillion-dollar deficits that come with them?

Revenues for JSU athletics in fiscal year 1999 were only $905,425 while expenditures were $5,000,246, according to the Gender Equity Report. This deficit in JSU’s athletic program is not atypical of college athletic programs within the state.

According to the Montgomery Advertiser, in 1998, JSU’s deficit of $3,844,868 was comparable to Troy State’s deficit of $3,424,217. Alabama State’s was $2,448,796 and North Alabama’s was $1,934,134.

Vice President of Administrative and Business Affairs Don Thacker said this gap has to be covered by other activities at the University such as tuition and fees, “other educational activities,” and interest on certificates of deposit. However, it is unclear if this gap is ever filled. Athletics is a part of the normal operating budget for the University. Thacker said, and encompasses merely $5 million out of a $47 million dollar budget.

“The largest area we spend money on is instruction,” Thacker said. “We spend far more recruiting and trying to get good faculty.”

“We talk about filling the gap a lot,” said Associate Athletic Director Debby Bishop. “Every school has problems budgeting. It’s a problem all over the country. Athletics is costly.”

If JSU moved from Division II to Division I-AA, there were many questions raised as to whether the move hurt or increased revenues. While JSU may not be winning as many games, the revenue sources are higher and more plentiful in Division I. Athletic Director Tom Seitz said revenues increased last year $150,000 from game guarantees, ticket sales, academic support and revenues from NCAA tournaments.

“Costs are higher also,” Seitz said, “but we try to offset that. We want to try to increase our revenues so that if there are any additional expenditures, we will cover those by the additional revenue we generate. We obviously don’t want to place any additional burden on the University.”

Division I-AA brought many perks to the athletic programs at the University even if it has not generated significant amounts of money. Women’s tennis scholarships increased, Coach Steve Bailey said, and he was granted a full-time assistant coach. The University receives more recognition, and recruiting in tennis and all other sports has increased the quality of athletes even though it has raised expenses.

“In order to be competitive at this level, we have to broaden our recruiting levels and find the best talent we can,” said women’s basketball coach Dana Austin. “That has caused us to spend more money.”

Winning is a big part of JSU coaches’ suggestions as to increasing revenues. While much of the attention is focused on more “popular” sports programs such as football and basketball, even though they are not winning, Austin believes coverage should be concentrated on teams that are winning in order to get better exposure and entice people to come to the games.

“At the level that we’re at, you’re going to have different sports that are successful different years,” Austin said. “I think the years softball does great, the years tennis does great, all the exposure needs to be put on them. We need positives out in the media. The year some sports aren’t doing good, don’t throw their name in every newspaper.”

Austin also suggested the University play more games that come with guarantees.

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**News Editor**

Students will get less bang for their buck next fall at Jacksonville State University as proration jacks up tuition and slashes some University programs.

“I think it’s inevitable that a tuition increase is going to have to be looked at for next fall,” said Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs David Watts.

Watts originally estimated a $100 per semester increase, but with the recent suit filed by the Alabama Association of School Boards and the Mobile and Pike County school boards, Alabama’s colleges may be hit harder than the blow of the original 6.2 percent cut. If the suit is successful, tuition could increase even more.

According to the Associated Press, the lawsuit would block $266 million in school budget cuts “on grounds that education is an essential function of government.” This sort of stance is a potential boon to kindergarten through twelfth grades but not to colleges who would then shoulder the brunt of the load. If the court rules K-12 exempt from proration, Alabama’s colleges and universities could suffer more than a 18 percent cut in state appropriations.

JSU President Dr. William Meehan told The Anniston Star JSU would not be able to tolerate what he estimates would be a 20 percent cut in funding. Personnel and staff cuts along with the University’s offerings would be severely impacted. Meehan joined with the presidents of other state higher education institutions in a counter suit to defend college education as “essential education.”

Departments all over JSU’s campus are bracing for the impact of proration. Budget cuts and redistributions and travel cancellations are just a few of the blows. Some departments will be hit harder than others.

“We set up our budgeting system a little bit different for this fiscal year, and part of that had a (reserve) account,” said Athletic Director Tom Seitz.

“We’re going to be giving up $10,000 in operational budget,” said Jim Fairleigh of the music department. “We have a big hit.”

About half of the original 6.2 percent estimated cut will be covered by University reserve accounts, Watts said. It remains to be seen what will happen if the impending lawsuit is successful.

“There’s lots of little pots of money people have here and there,” said Faculty Senate President Kelly Gregg, “and they’ve raided all those.”

However, financial aid and scholarships will not be affected by budget cuts.

“Students can expect the University to continue to support them as best we can,” Watts said.

Proration to cut further into Alabama colleges than expected

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Dr. David Watts escapes proration, heads for Texas

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**JSU Clubs and Organizations**

- Sigma Tau Delta will have its annual Faculty Scholars/ Bowl today, February 22, 2001, at 3:30 p.m. in Rooms 230 Stone Center.
- The team of Steve Whitton, David Myer, and Bill Hug will try to defend its win last year against the team of Teresa Reed, Jennifer Ferrell, and Gloria Horton. Gena Christopher will be the moderator. It’s been rumored that this year’s event will have a Who Wants to Be A Millionaire? flavor. Sigma Tau Delta members are urged to attend, and the general public is also welcome. We hope you will join us for this afternoon’s fun!

**Alpha Xi Delta**

- The sisters of Alpha Xi Delta hope everyone is having a good week. Good luck to ZTA on Big Man on Campus. Congratulations to the following sisters on award: Courtney Edmunds-Sister of the Week, Katie Green-New Member of the Week. Lisa DiMartino-Beary Bear, Miranda Killingsworth-Support Award, and Amber Burgess-Study Bear. Congratulations to the girls who made A’s this week: Carrie Howard, Lawren Tucker, Michelle McDevitt, Francis Archuleta, Bonnie Borden, Amy Johnson, Tiffany Stinson, Heather Stedham, Addie Ferguson, and Katrina Kulakowski!!
- Amy Johnson, we love you and we are glad you aren’t leaving!!

**Delta Zeta**

- Delta Zeta would like to thank Zeta Tau Alpha for a great Big Man on Campus. We all had a blast! We had a great mixer. Thanks guys, we had a great time. We would like to wish Phi Mu good luck on their upcoming Little Miss JSU! Everyone remember to support Up Til’ Dawn!!
- Awards for this week: twisted turtles - Becky Stone, Amy Payne, and Jamie Sexton, Alumna of the week - Danielle, turtle out of her shell - Stephanie Shirley, senior of the week - Stacy Dickeson, tiny turtle - Misty Brown, faculty of the week - Claudia McDade, sisterhood - Stacy Dickeson, chairman of the week - Amy Payne, and scholarship turtle - Leslie Godfrey.

**Zeta Tau Alpha**

- Zeta Tau Alpha wants to thank all the people who helped out or participated in Big Man On Campus. Ambre and Jenny you guys did a great job! Congratulations to Delta Chi and Zeta Tau Alpha for winning IM Greek Basketball. The Zeta basketball team would like to thank Kenny Edwards for coming to every game to coach us! Thanks! MVP’s for the basketball team go to Karen Bragg and Alison Wright. EC member of the week goes to our lovely Treasure Candace Calhoun and PC member of the week goes to Brook Nelson. Congrats to the baseball team and the basketball team for their wins this past week! Everyone have great weekend!

**Phi Mu**

- It is once again time for our annual Little Miss JSU Pageant benefiting Children’s Miracle Network. The pageant will be held March 17, 2001 at 6:00 p.m. in the Leon Cole Auditorium. The competition is for girls ages 2-9. The deadline for entry is February 28, 2001. If you need more information, please contact Karen Maxwell at 435-9503. We would also like to thank the brothers of Kappa Sigma for hosting a great Valentine’s Day mixer, and special thanks goes out to Joel Stapleton for competing in the BMOB contest sponsored by the ladies of Zeta Tau Alpha. Phi Mu would also like to recognize the following sisters for the following awards: Lauren Burnett, Phi Mu Lady of the Week; Meredith Ray, Sunshine Award. Good luck to everyone with midterms and have a wonderful week!

**Sigma Alpha Iota**

- Sigma Alpha Iota, Professional Fraternity for Women in Music, is holding our first campus-wide “Wanna Be A Diva?” Pageant to benefit SAI Philanthropies, Inc. Guys, this is your chance to show us how good you look in a dress! You will be judged on your appearance, a brief interview, and the talent of your choice for a cash prize. The “Wanna Be A Diva?” Pageant will be held on March 15th, at 7:00 PM, in the TMB Auditorium. If you would like to participate, or would like to sponsor someone, you may pick up an application at the Band Office, 304 Mason Hall, or in the Student Activities Center. All applications must be received by March 3rd. If you have any questions, contact Kim Hays at 782-6497.

**Alpha Omicron Pi**

- The sisters and new members of Alpha Omicron Pi would like to invite everyone on campus to Mr. University on March 1, 2001 at 7:00 PM in Leon Cole. We would also like to wish the Rifle Team, Tennis Team, Basketball teams, Baseball team and Softball team good luck this week!! Awards of the Week: Sister of the Week-Kristi Smith, Positive Panda- Elizabeth Davis, Thoughtful Sister-Leslie Gossett, Officer of the Week-Ashley Bernard, Scholar of the Week-Cheyenne Crasy

**Announcements**

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**JSU Area Events Calendar: Feb. 22 - March 1**

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Debby Bishop
Associate Athletic Director

I would love to be a team that shows up on a Clemson schedule or an Auburn or LSU schedule, Crowe said. “It would provide a major source of revenue if we could cross that line. Under optimum circumstances, we could break even. Are we capable of paying for ourselves? I think we are.”

Crowe said he does everything he can to help fan attendance, play games he can generate a guarantee with and solicit donations.

There is still a market for JSU football, Crowe said, even though Auburn and Alabama seem to dominate the football arena in the state.

“This is a college football state. I think there’s room for more than one,” Crowe said. “There are people who don’t want to drive to Tuscaloosa and Auburn and go through the hassle of getting through that crowd. There are people who would just as soon watch ‘Jacksonville play.”

The question of how to break even with athletic programs still remains. With recruiting and traveling expenditures on the rise and the impending threat of proration, finding ways of shaking their moneymakers may have to get more inventive for athletic programs.

“We do kind of burn the University,” Rivera said. “The athletes should really get more involved by doing more fundraisers to supplement what the University provides us. Students, teachers, and coaches should promote themselves more.”

“I just wish the sports could get what they need to get the resources to be successful,” Howe said. “We have to be more creative and aggressive in fundraising.”

One source of relief may come at the expense of the students. Admission will start being charged for baseball and softball games. However, Debby Bishop believes this is a positive step for the athletic program.

“You’ve got to sell your programs,” Bishop said. “To me, as long as we have free admissions, it’s like we don’t put a value on our athletic programs. As long as you get something free, it’s kind of like people take advantage of it. It shouldn’t be free. It’s not anywhere else. I would like to see us charge for all our athletic events.”

“We need more money in our budget,” Softball coach Jana McGinnis said. “If we only make $100 a season, we’re still going to charge. We also need to do something to bring in more support from the fans.”

Fan support has proved somewhat elusive for JSU teams. Being represented by mostly losing sports teams discourages some JSU students.

“They’re spending way too much money when no one’s winning,” sophomore Joseph McCauley said. “If we had more student participation, it would equal out,” freshman Amanda Johnson said.

Raising fan support is still an unanswered question for the University.

“Nothing we can do seems to build spirit from the alumni to the kid holding the balloon at the parade,” Thacker said, “to unite the University and bring all those groups together to create school spirit and school loyalty.”

“Have things where the community can get involved,” JSU quarterback Reggie Stancil suggested.

With fan support decreasing, most winning records plummeting and spending an ever-increasing problem, there would still be something lacking in a university without athletic programs. Whether it is athletes giving back to the community or the sense of identity and pride that comes with sports programs, athletics is just part of the college experience.

“Students take pride in our athletic teams,” Bishop said. “Sometimes it’s not fair to base your reputation on winning or losing. Athletics is just a part of University life. Education is first.”

“We’re not in athletics or Division I for the money,” Setz said. “We’re in it to improve the college experience not only for student athletes, but for students, faculty and the community.”

“Athletics has made me a better person and taught me a lot about life,” women’s basketball player Tiara Eady said. “And it’s not just about people showing up and playing. You get the whole community there.”

Howe is very proud of her soccer players that contribute more than just sports entertainment to the JSU community. “They read at schools, volunteer in hospitals. They’re here, always giving back to the community.”

Athletics also provides exposure for the University and a way to get their name out and draw in more audiences and more recruits.

“Athletics is a way for the University to advertise,” Setz said. “All universities, to some extent, are a reflection of their athletic program.”

With JSU’s record, one has to wonder what Setz means by this statement.

Dr. W. David Watts has served JSU since 1993

By Stephanie Pendergrass
Assistant News Editor

Jacksonville State University will soon be losing one of its faculty members. Dr. W. David Watts, Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs has accepted the position of President at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

Watts has worked for JSU since 1993. From ‘93-’96 he was Vice President for Academic Affairs and from ‘96-present, he has served as VP for Academic and Student Affairs.

According to the JSU News-Wire, Watts was picked unanimously after being interviewed for the position. The Board of Regents, who selected Watts for the office, “are delighted that he has accepted the presidency,” said Tom Loeffler, Chairman of the board.

“He brings to this new role a distinguished record of achievement as an administrator, a teacher, and a scholar.”

The search committee was strongly impressed with the qualifications of Dr. Watts. “We are confident that he will do a superb job of leading the University and bringing together all of its constituencies [..] in a shared commitment to excellence,” stated Edwin R. Sharpe, Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and chairman of the search committee.

Watts chose to pursue the position of President at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin with the help of a friend. “I was nominated by a friend and colleague.” Also, Dr. Watts is a native of Texas and much of his family resides there. “This was an opportunity for us to return to Texas,” stated Watts.

The University of Texas of the Permian Basin opened in 1972 and has served as an upper level graduate university. Watts sees the move to Texas as a chance to help the young institution. “It’s really an opportunity to participate in building a university almost from the ground up.

Watts will leave JSU around the end of June. When asked what he would miss the most about Jacksonville State, Dr. Watts stated, “Our friends, the people with whom I’ve worked, the students that I’ve taught and interacted with, the faculty that I’ve shared projects with. We’ll miss the Southerners, drama, we’ll miss the hills. It’s a wonderful place.”

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Brothers and Fuller’s Pub still continue to pack a serious punch

By Joshua W. Bingham
Features Editor

In a college town such as Jacksonville, students like to congregate at local bars for some leisurely enjoyment. Two local places which offer such a venue are Brothers and Fuller’s Pub. Both establishments are doing fine and always enjoy the patronage of students.

“I’m proud of the bar,” owner of Brothers Beau Nolen said. “With students are presenting 80 percent of his clientele. Nolen is trying to provide what students want and encourages students to ‘give Brothers a chance to entertain and show a good time.” Admission is for people 18 and up.

The atmosphere Brothers provides, “besides being a great bar with good friendly staff,” Nolen said, is a place with “good stuff to do Monday through Saturday.”

Mondays are open mike nights; there is no cover charge, and anybody who would like to is encouraged to bring a guitar or ‘whatever’ and go on stage to perform. Tuesday nights are “Dead Nights.” No cover charge, when Grateful Dead bootlegs are played and it is $1 off all import beers. Wednesdays are ladies’ nights with DJ Mack and all ladies are let in for free. Thursday through Saturday nights are live-music nights.

The types of bands drawing in the biggest crowds for Brothers right now are 80s-cover, groove and alternative bands. There’s not always the cycle of the same bands, one “just must watch,” Nolen said. “I’ve got many new bands and ones from all over the country coming through. If there’s ever a difference of bands, it’s here.”

Nolen couldn’t really say which nights are the most packed. “It all depends, like on what’s going on around campus. If I could predict that, I’d really be on to something.” All you can do is just open the doors and do the best you can do.”

JSU student “Super Dave” Chambers, who has been going to Brothers since 1996, said “it’s a cool atmosphere - cheap beer. If you want a cool place with cool people and a good time, this is the place to go. It’s got a good variety.” Chambers’ favorite memory of Brothers was “when the bartenders jumped on the bar this year like it was ‘Coyote Ugly.’ They were pouring water on each other, dancing - hell of a party, tell ya what.”

For Chambers, “it’s kind of a plain place for plain people, know what I’m saying.”

Fuller’s Pub, whose clientele is 99 percent JSU students, is doing “great,” bartender Micky Hale said. Though midterms are affecting Fuller’s right now, “when college kids have money, we do great.” Admission is for people 21 and up.

“The earlier you come, the better,” Hale said. Fuller’s opens at 8 p.m. and has drink specials from 8 to 10. “If people would come, we’d run them.” Some specials offered are nickel drafts, $1 off all liquor prices. Friday will be $1 margarita specials from 7 to 9. “Many times people call up and say what specials they want and I’ll run ’em. It’s very laid back here.”

People have often thought of Fuller’s as strictly a Greek bar, but Hale would like to “encourage all types” and would “like to see more independents.” Hale stressed the point that all people are welcome in saying “it’s a college bar. It’s not a Greek bar. You’re not gonna get picked on ‘cause you’re not Greek.”

“If you want to meet pretty girls, come up,” Hale said. “It’s often been 10 girls to every guy.”

On Monday nights, Albert Simpson from Highly Kind plays. Tuesday nights, customers can bring their own CDs in to listen to and others will be playing. Wednesday nights are ladies’ nights with DJ Bout-it, and a dance night. Thursday through Saturday nights usually have bands, depending on how students and school are.

Bands that perform at Fuller’s are the Wayne Mills Band, Freak Magnet and Elvis Willis. “You will probably see one of those at once a month here,” Hale said. Fuller’s is always looking for good bands.

Fuller’s is “not a stickey on door charges,” Hale said, “won’t charge an arm and leg to get in the bar.” Rarely is the door charge more than $5.

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American culture has a certain je ne sais quoi about it

By Joshua W. Bingham
Features Editor

Hello Big Johnny America. What’s that you say? You have the best culture in the world, the best country? You have the best morals? Every country is teaching English in school because we are the biggest, the best, the leader of ALL the world.

Really? That’s what I thought. America has a very high teenage pregnancy rate. I grew up seeing 13 and 14-year-old girls dressing up in tight shirts and high skirts, doing what they weren’t supposed to, just for that reason. Look around now; go the mall; what do you see? I see girls sometimes as young as nine, all make-up upped, trying their best not to be young. This is the way life is, right. Why?

I recently read a newspaper article about a group of doctors trying to stop the bombardment of sexual imagery thrown upon today’s youth causing this moral upheaval. Too much sex on TV causes corruption, so some say.

Before the populous of America goes around telling you what to watch, what dirty words not to say and what naked bodies not to show on public media formats, let me share something with you.

When I was in France, I was amazed. Every beach was topless. Late night public TV was soft porn. They didn’t bother editing movies to play on TV. They played curs words over the radio (on MTV, we surely can’t figure out what word the singer’s lips are mouthing). Could this be called more of a freedom of speech than we have? The French belief seemed to be: if you don’t like it, turn it off.

To not be able to make our own decisions of what things to see and what things to hear in the public arena except for what are morally ‘right’ according the ‘universal’ dos and don’ts will make us all more upstanding and morally good individuals.

Who’s the worst girl in town? The preachers’ daughter.

Here’s a classic psychological trick: Tell children not to go into one room of the house. They can go into every other room, but strongly tell them to stay out of one. Leave the door unlocked. As soon as you leave, what are the children going to do? They’re going to look into that room. You made that room something not to do, something dangerous, something fun. Taboo.

I was riding the metro (subway) one cool afternoon in France and I looked around. I saw old men with bowed heads and closed eyes. I saw middle-aged women looking out the windows or into a novel. I saw young men laughing loudly with short quick spurts of throaty French noises. I smiled. Then I saw two girls, about 16 or so, and I was intrigued.

These girls were wearing regular old jeans, sweaters, ones had a scarf and both had no make up on. They were talking with each other, smiling often, tossing their heads to the back or side with coy laughter, being young.

Around France, this seemed to be a recurring theme. Having now lived with a French woman for almost two years, my understanding is that French girls know to enjoy their youth. There is no rush to go out and do adult things while young. They often see naked bodies, naked truths. There is no shame in the body, no shame in sex, it is simply part of life. Being brought up without a taboo around these things, they are not on the “hush-hush” list and teenage pregnancy is not so common.

Why is America having a problem? Is it really because there is too much sexual imagery on TV, or is it because it is kept taboo?

The ‘moral right’ of America should study other, older countries to see how they deal with moral issues. Our America is a very young country. And yes we are the leader of the world in a lot of ways. But in being so young, perhaps we haven’t learned half as much about culture and how it should be run as we think we have. There are no new sins; only a big cycle of the same ones. European countries have been there a long time; they have seen a lot, realized where stupidity lies. Why don’t we study the EFFECTS of their cultures?

Perhaps in our fast-food, individualistic boxes of perversion, we don’t have time.

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By Joshua W. Bingham
Features Editor

Hello Big Johnny America. What’s that you say? You have the best culture in the world, the best country? You have the best morals? Every country is teaching English in school because we are the biggest, the best, the leader of ALL the world.

Really? That’s what I thought. America has a very high teenage pregnancy rate. I grew up seeing 13 and 14-year-old girls dressing up in tight shirts and high skirts, doing what they weren’t supposed to, just for that reason. Look around now; go the mall; what do you see? I see girls sometimes as young as nine, all make-up upped, trying their best not to be young. This is the way life is, right. Why?

I recently read a newspaper article about a group of doctors trying to stop the bombardment of sexual imagery thrown upon today’s youth causing this moral upheaval. Too much sex on TV causes corruption, so some say.

Before the populous of America goes around telling you what to watch, what dirty words not to say and what naked bodies not to show on public media formats, let me share something with you.

When I was in France, I was amazed. Every beach was topless. Late night public TV was soft porn. They didn’t bother editing movies to play on TV. They played curs words over the radio (on MTV, we surely can’t figure out what word the singer’s lips are mouthing). Could this be called more of a freedom of speech than we have? The French belief seemed to be: if you don’t like it, turn it off.

To not be able to make our own decisions of what things to see and what things to hear in the public arena except for what are morally ‘right’ according the ‘universal’ dos and don’ts will make us all more upstanding and morally good individuals.

Who’s the worst girl in town? The preachers’ daughter.

Here’s a classic psychological trick: Tell children not to go into one room of the house. They can go into every other room, but strongly tell them to stay out of one. Leave the door unlocked. As soon as you leave, what are the children going to do? They’re going to look into that room. You made that room something not to do, something dangerous, something fun. Taboo.

I was riding the metro (subway) one cool afternoon in France and I looked around. I saw old men with bowed heads and closed eyes. I saw middle-aged women looking out the windows or into a novel. I saw young men laughing loudly with short quick spurts of throaty French noises. I smiled. Then I saw two girls, about 16 or so, and I was intrigued.

These girls were wearing regular old jeans, sweaters, ones had a scarf and both had no make up on. They were talking with each other, smiling often, tossing their heads to the back or side with coy laughter, being young.

Around France, this seemed to be a recurring theme. Having now lived with a French woman for almost two years, my understanding is that French girls know to enjoy their youth. There is no rush to go out and do adult things while young. They often see naked bodies, naked truths. There is no shame in the body, no shame in sex, it is simply part of life. Being brought up without a taboo around these things, they are not on the “hush-hush” list and teenage pregnancy is not so common.

Why is America having a problem? Is it really because there is too much sexual imagery on TV, or is it because it is kept taboo?

The ‘moral right’ of America should study other, older countries to see how they deal with moral issues. Our America is a very young country. And yes we are the leader of the world in a lot of ways. But in being so young, perhaps we haven’t learned half as much about culture and how it should be run as we think we have. There are no new sins; only a big cycle of the same ones. European countries have been there a long time; they have seen a lot, realized where stupidity lies. Why don’t we study the EFFECTS of their cultures?

Perhaps in our fast-food, individualistic boxes of perversion, we don’t have time.
Monday's suck. I prefer to skip class, make some coffee, zone out for an hour then take a shower and head on down to The Chanticleer office.

This past Monday morning was no different, except for the fact that I zoned out for three hours and didn’t shower. Mr. Smith, my boss, called me at home, reminded me that I get paid to do a certain job that wasn’t getting done. I still didn’t want to go, but then he said, “There’s something here that may be of interest to you.”

So ‘jam clad I slipped on some sandals and headed for the dungeon of Self Hall. “What could it be?”, I asked myself. My birthday was Sunday, so I knew that what awaited me must be a French porno mag from my fan out there who remembered my anniversaire.

But it wasn’t. No “Oi” this year. However, what awaited me was perverse and obscene. It was a series of pictures, dated, and accompanied by an anonymous letter regarding the upcoming SGA elections.

This was not the first anonymous letter I’ve received regarding these elections. This was not the second, or the third. People are whispering and they whisper to me in hopes that I stand for all the whisperers. Two examples of this process are the “Train” concert and Student Activities Center (instead of the fourth floor of the TMB) and Stone Center (instead of the fourth floor of the TMB). That’s right! Two polling stations! I even volunteered to man a polling station to ensure easy access to every student.

**These issues—a possibly ineligible candidate (Stephen Brackett), a case of possibly illegal campaigning (Brandon Lewis), and an intentional intimidation to the democratic process (fewer polling places in low traffic areas means fewer votes which makes block voting by certain organizations very, very effective)—have not been resolved, and as of today, including today, we, the people who care, and the SGA have only eight working days to get these issues resolved.

I do not have the space to go into these issues in depth while writing about them in a manner in which you will read them. The current SGA is as artificial as Brandon Lewis’ plastic smile.

If you have any interest whatsoever in the upcoming elections, PLEASE ATTEND THE SGA MEETING ON MONDAY AT 6 P.M. IN ROOM 300 OF THE TMB.

If this University ever needed an effective SGA, it is now. With probation setting in, we need thinkers and doers. Not pretty people with bows. Not people looking to better our campus. Not people with a mean soft-shoe.

In my remaining space, I would like to address Don Killingsworth, who knows his job title, but if you ask him how his job entitles, he just repeats his title. He’s not quite sure what his job entitles.

These tap-dancing, glad-handing, and freelodging students are the most common type of students currently affiliated with the SGA. Are YOU going to allow this to continue?
The Doors, one of the most cutting edge bands of music history, has been given new life through modern-day talent in Stoned Immaculate: a tribute to excellent music and intelligent art.

It’s been almost 30 years since the Doors wrapped up recording their final album, L.A. Woman. One of the definitive rock bands of the 60s, the L.A.-based Doors exploded onto the charts with their self-titled debut album in 1967, which included “Light My Fire,” the number one single during the “Summer of Love.”

In July 1971, Doors lead singer and song writer Jim Morrison died. His radical and controversial lifestyle rocketed him into fame and just as quickly extinguished his life. Although he passed away young, Morrison’s hauntingly poetic lyrics accompanied by the innovative jazz-blues fusion of organist Ray Manzerek, guitarist Robbie Krieger, and drummer John Densmore refus- es to fade.

The Doors’ hard, sensual sound has influenced countless musicians following in their wake. It seems only fitting and about time for a tribute album where those who wish to honor one of rock’s finest bands and its Dionysian leader can pay their respects while bringing a fresh breath of air to the three remaining Doors to reunite one more time.

After five years in the making, the Doors tribute album, Stoned Immaculate — The Music of the Doors finally hit stores late last year. Stoned Immaculate is the brain-child of producer Ralph Saul, who sought to make a tribute album unlike any others — something more than a mere collection of covers by artists trying to score a hit off the coattails of former superstars. Stoned Immaculate features younger rock acts, including Stone Temple Pilots and Creed, playing their version of favorite Doors songs, as well as older blues artists who influenced the Doors’ music, such as John Lee Hooker and Bo Diddley.

Stoned also includes a number of new songs created through sampling the Doors’ classic studio and live recordings and mixing them with fresh music by the reunited Doors and guest artists. Perry Farrell and Exene lend their vocals to “Children of Night” and William Burroughs recites Morrison’s words in “Is Everybody In?”

Following the tradition of an American Prayer, the spoken-word album, the remaining Doors over-dubbed old tracks of Morrison reading his poetry with the music, creating new “songs” in the Doors’ canon: “Under Waterfall” and “The Cosmic Movie.”

This celebration of the music of the Doors constitutes a spectacular success. Stoned Immaculate shines a light on both the timeless nature of Morrison’s music and the group’s historical significance. This collection uplifts and refreshes the Doors’ legacy. As if anyone needed reminding, 30 years after his death Jim Morrison continues to wield powers even he couldn’t have imagined.

**By Aron Taylor Webb**

**Stoned Immaculate: The Music Of The Doors**

It’s not a surprise that the Beatles are a hit again with kids

By Liz Drops Knight-Ridder Tribune

News flash: It’s 2001, and the Beatles rule. Yeah, yeah, yeah ...

No matter what the Cute Beatle — that’s Paul, for those with failing memories — looks like wrinkled as crumpled fabric. Or that the Married Beatle — that’s John, as he was known in those early days — has been dead longer than his newest fans have been alive. The latest Beatles-greatest-hits album, “1,” spent a hearty 10 weeks as No. 1 on the Billboard chart before dropping last week. Amazing, consid- ering its 27 No. 1 singles, including “All You Need Is Love” and “Come Together,” debuted more than 30 years ago when Nehru jackets and love beads were must-haves, too.

So what if the Beatles are an ancient chapter in rock history? That didn’t stop Jack McLeod of Fort Lauderdale from asking for “1” as a Christmas present. Jack, by the way, is 10. “I like how they sound,” says Jack, who lis- tens to all the Beatles’ hits. “I really like that walrus song.”

Jack’s brother, Will, 16, introduced him to the Beatles because Will’s a fan, too. So is their father, Thom McLeod, 51, a chaplain with Vitas Hospice. Stephanie Zayas, 16, of Hollywood loves the Beatles, too, “even though I’m young.” She plays them in the car and while doing her homework. She likes to go to sleep to the soothing sounds of “In My Life.”

So much for Backstreet Boys and “N Sync. The real old boy band is the Beatles.”

The old boy band has a way of working their magic. The famous memories stay with you, even if you don’t think about them much. For example, you can’t help but think of the woman you were on your way home from high school with and you remember the name of the song you were listening to in the car and you think...”Hey, Jude.” It’s the Beatles, you know.

But don’t sell the Fab Four’s stay-ing power short. They were the most successful recording act of the 20th century, with more than 106 million albums sold, and that’s just in the United States, according to the Recording Industry Association of America.

Just as everyone suspected, any group that cranked out hits such as “Yesterday,” “Hey Jude” and “Let It Be” must have done something right. Their music transcends time, says Marc O’Cien, author of the 1982 book “As I Write This Letter: An American Generation Remembers the Beatles.” “Kids from any generation can relate to it because it speaks to them.”

Laura de Rome, 10, is at home in Davie, Fla., listening to “1,” which her parents bought her for Christmas. “I think it’s really cute,” says Laura, laughing. “It makes me feel old.”

At the time, she loved the music. She thought the guys were really cute, too. “I hear the music and still remember the words,” she says. Imagine...
Campus organization emphasizes “learning” and “knowledge” for African Americans

By Joshua W. Bingham
Features Editor

B.L.A.C.K. stands for Blacks Learning and Ascertaining College Knowledge. Formed this semester at Jacksonville State University by President Love Tate and Vice President Jamaal Davis, it is an open-member group encouraging all JSU students regardless of race or gender to join.

“The start of it was for black students,” Tate said, “but as we re-evaluated it, we came to understand that we need to work with everyone regardless of color, to actually represent the slogan of JSU: ‘the friendliest campus in the South.’” The genesis of BLACK occurred in the spring of 2000 “because we wanted more things for the black students to do besides going to the club on Thursday nights,” Davis said.

Mission Statement: To promote the growth and intellect of minority students on this campus and to help make JSU’s campus more integrated.

Representing 18 percent of the student population at JSU, there are more than 1,500 African-Americans. “For black students to walk into a classroom and see only two of you though, it’s intimidating,” said Tate. To help put that into perspective, Tate told of a white friend who related the same feeling of intimidation when he walked up to a group of 30 African-Americans. BLACK would like to help “tear down these walls of separation amongst the minorities and Caucasians of the student body.”

An event sponsored by BLACK addressing this issue will be “Bridging the Gap 2001,” on March 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the Leone Cole Auditorium. It will be an open forum/discussion in which pencils and papers will be passed out to everyone to write questions on and the “chosen ones” will be discussed by all.

“There’s much talk of apathy on campus,” Tate said. “Why? Because marketing is so bad on this campus. The leaders need to stand up. In this group we’re all leaders; people wanting to stand up and give the apathetic students a focus and a chance to make that change ... In our philosophy there are no officers.

Some things BLACK wants to do is to have more things geared toward minority students during the week and to help make JSU’s campus more integrated.

President Jamaal Davis, it is an honor for me to be here. There are also chapters of the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) and AAA (African-American Association) on campus. Tate and Davis support these organizations encouraging students to join them, and look up to them. They formed BLACK because “we felt that if we had our own, we would be able to operate and control it the way we saw fit. We don’t personal-
We are a co-op, where everybody should feel to speak up and share their ideas and make this organization everything it can be.

There is no membership fee for BLACK; all they want is "your mind and your time." Most events are free, donations accepted, and they meet every Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Room 302 in the TMB. Information can also be found in the Multicultural Affairs office, Room 401 in the TMB.

Of the other minority groups at JSU, the AAA - president Cicely Hayes and vice president Patrick Andrews - is a support group for African-American students which is "something that should try to build a community between the black students, because there's not enough unity," Hayes said.

Mission Statement: To identify specific needs, problems, or concerns to the University administration and to develop and implement strategies to address identified needs.

"You don't have to be black to join," Hayes said, and she encourages all to join "to dispel misconceptions and to help understand different races."

Of her thoughts on BLACK, Hayes said, "As long as it's something that's going to promote unity among black students, that's fine. I encourage participation in something that's positive and with good purpose in mind. I will support it." Hayes is "supportive of supportive endeavors."

In talking of all groups, Hayes said, "I want leaders to get away from their personal agendas and to start to do things for the good of the whole, which means you can't limit it to that organization. You have to invite everybody."

To encourage students to join AAA, Andrews said, "it only takes one person to make a change, but together we can make a difference."

AAA meets twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Thursday at 4 p.m. in the Multicultural Affairs office. Membership is $5 per semester and for more information, go to Multicultural Affairs or e-mail Hayes at cicelyh@hotmail.com.

The NAACP - president Marsha Swift and vice president Tanya Butler - is an organization promoting "unity, diversity and cultural acceptance," Butler said.

Every year, the NAACP hosts a unity ball and the African-American Heritage Pageant. They also go on a regional leadership conference every spring. They sponsor many voter-registration drives and tours out in the community.

Butler encourages everyone to come out and stresses that the NAACP is not just an African-American Association.

About BLACK, secretary Dedrisse Washington said, "as long as the organization is going to be positive and going to work on campus, I don't have a problem with them. Butler said, "knowing them personally, they have positive views. It's a good organization to offer different types of organizations on campus rather than greek organizations."

The NAACP meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday in the Multicultural Affairs office and annual membership fees are $10 for people under 21 and $30 for those above.

Director of Multicultural Services David Lee Zeigler enjoys all three of these organizations at JSU.

"They all have three distinct missions," Zeigler said. AAA focuses on "advocacy for African-American students." The NAACP focuses on "social issues for African-American students." BLACK focuses on "the intellect of African-American students."

"At JSU," Zeigler said, "we need to break this cloud of apathy and BLACK is just another opportunity for all students."
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5. What is the white part of your fingertips called?
6. When did Elvis Presley die?
7. What is the seventh planet from the sun in our solar system?
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Additional applications are available in the Office of Student Activities, TMB 4th floor. If you have any questions, or would like an Up ‘Til Dawn member to speak to your organization, please call 782-8054.
Baseball team splits doubleheader with Alabama A&M

By Matthew Martin
Staff Writer

The Gamecocks split a doubleheader with Alabama A&M last Saturday afternoon. They won the first game 4-2, but dropped the second game 5-3.

Both teams struggled from the plate, as both sides received good performances from their pitchers.

“We are not executing on offense the way I’d like to see,” said head coach Judy Abbott. “We are getting the pitching and defense, but our hitters are not aggressive right now.”

The Gamecocks fell behind in the first inning of game one, 2-0. After the first inning, Gamecock pitcher Steve Shippey settled down and finished the game strong. Shippey didn’t allow another Bulldog base runner to reach scoring position for the remainder of the game.

Shippey struck out eight and tossed a complete game.

The Gamecocks got on the board when Ben Phillips sprinted to home plate after a Bulldog error on a Brad Smith single in the first inning.

The Gamecocks then tied the game in the second inning after Carlos Delgado scored on a single by Smith. The score would remain tied until a strange series of events took place in the sixth inning.

Delgado was hit by a pitch, then Bulldog pitcher Toby Gardner was penalized for a balk. After the balk, Delgado would score on a double by Smith. Brian Shupe would score the final run of the game for the Gamecocks.

Shippey picked up the win for the Gamecocks.

“Shippey pitched a good ball game, he kept the score close to allow our team to fight back for the win,” said Abbott.

The second game began with four straight Bulldog singles off JSU pitcher Joey Shifflett, but they only managed one run. Alabama A&M would jump out to an early 2-0 lead after scoring a run in the first and second inning, but the Gamecocks tied it 2-2 in the third.

Delgado made the score 3-2 in the fourth inning after he tripled to bring in Shupe and Helms.

Smith connected on a single to left field in the fourth inning to score Smith and give the Gamecocks a 4-2 lead, but Alabama A&M scored three in the top of the fifth to take the lead for good. The hits came off of Josh Nix, who had only allowed a single Bulldog to get on base until the fifth inning.

“Right now, we’re struggling, but our confidence will come,” said Delgado. “We have good hitters, we will get it done. We just have to keep moving forward.”

Ron Conway allowed just five hits to get his first win of the season for the Bulldogs. Nix got the loss for the Gamecocks (5-3).

“We were pressing today, but it is early in the season,” said Brad Smith. “Our first conference game is still a month away, we want to peak then.”

With the split, Abbott recorded his 997th career win and could top the 1,000 plateau in the baseball teams next series, which begins tomorrow against Siena. The first game will begin at one o’clock.

The Independents prove to be better than Greeks

By Anthony Hill
Sports Editor

This is what it’s all about! An intramural championship basketball game between a group of regular students and the elite athletes of the Greek organizations.

A number of independent and Greek teams battled through a seven game regular season and three playoff games to have an opportunity to play in the Jacksonville State University Intramural Championship game last Wednesday.

The day began with an exciting game between the Hated and the brothers of Delta Chi fraternity. Both teams entered the match-up undefeated, but only one would leave Stephenson Gym with the championship trophy.

Delta Chi started the game on fire. They had a lead as large as six points until midway in the first half. That’s when David “Wood” Woodard and Kelley Hall took control for the Independent team.

“That’s how we play,” said Woodard. “I knew that we were going to win. We are one of those teams that come through in the clutch. We just started the game a little flat.”

The Independent team was able to stretch their lead over Delta Chi and take a six point advantage of their own into the locker room at the half.

The Independent team seem to catch a second and third wind during the opening minutes of the second half. They finished the remainder of the game on fire. Travis Howard,Tim Hall and former Gamecock standout Derrrell Johnson made a number of key plays to help the Hated pull away from the Delta Chi team.

“We didn’t have much depth on the bench and we were far too tired today,” said Delta Chi brother Ryan Bonds. “Heck, there’s no excuses. We just didn’t play well today.”

“We just didn’t have any practices coming into this game,” said Delta Chi Kenny Edwards. “Another thing that hurt us was that we didn’t have everyone here today.”

The Hated seem to wear the Delta Chi team down in the second half with a well executed full court press and motion plays on offense.

The Hated finished the game with an alley-oop from “Wood” to the captain and coach of the Hated, Kelley Hall. The Hated beat the brothers of Delta Chi by a score of 56-26 to take the Intramural Championship for the men’s division.

The women’s championship was a match-up between the ladies of Zeta Tau Alpha and the Reccos.

Zeta Tau Alpha played hard and held their own for a half, but was not able to outplay the Reccos in the end. The Reccos were not your average intramural women’s team though. They were mainly players from the JSU soccer team, former and present.

“They were really good,” said ZTA guard and SGA President Elizabeth Webb. “I didn’t know if I was going to play. Look at me, I have on pants.”

Both teams were very physical and athletic. But the Reccos proved to be better than the ladies of Zeta Tau Alpha and won the women’s championship title by a score of 35-23.

“I can’t say that I knew that we had it won, but we wanted it,” said Reccos guard and soccer defender Mindy Jones. “We were just over anxious to play in the championship and gave it our all.”

Softball splits with Georgia Southern

By Anthony Hill
Sports Editor

The Lady Gamecock softball season is finally here. The softball team started the season by splitting a two-game series with the Georgia Southern Eagles last Saturday.

Game one was full of great defense and missed opportunities until the final inning of the game.

Lauren Buck smashed a two-run homer in the bottom of the seventh inning to lead Jacksonville State to a 2-1 victory over Georgia Southern in the first game of a double-header at University Field last Saturday.

In the first game, neither team scored until the top of the sixth inning when Georgia Southern’s Shannon Hoolihan scored onreally Blazi single to make the score 1-0. Lady Gamecock first baseman Andrea Toney connected with a single and Buck hit her first home run of the season to finish off the Eagles in dramatic fashion.

The Gamecocks were led by Buck and Toney, who each finished 3-4 with a pair of hits. Jill Wilcoxson pitched the entire game to get the win and she also held Georgia Southern to just six hits.

Aimee Littlejohn was the loser for the Eagles.

“We can’t just rely on two players, Andrea Toney and Lauren Buck,” said Lady Gamecock head coach Jana McGinnis. “That’s why we’ve got nine players on the line-up.”

Game two was taken by Georgia Southern early in the contest. They scored two runs in the first two innings. Eagles pitcher Janice Savage pitched a no-hitter until the sixth inning. Lady Gamecock second baseman Renee Hasan singled to left field to free-up Allie Simons for their only score of the afternoon.

The Lady Gamecocks could get no closer and Georgia Southern scored another single run in the top of the seventh inning for the win.

Savage got the win after allowing just two hits. Meadow McWhorter (0-1) was stuck with the loss for Jax State.

“My biggest disappointment was our swings at the plate,” said coach McGinnis. “We weren’t taking full cuts, we were just half swinging.”

The softball team travels to Statesboro, Ga. to compete in the Georgia Southern Tournament tomorrow.
Thrill: What’s going on, Kelley? Kelley: Nothing much, man. How are you doing? Thrill: Everything is lovely. Your team won the intramural championship behind your leadership. This is why you do this? Kelley: Yeah, I’m a star. I’ve been playing this game since my eighth grade year. I got a lot of love for this game.

Thrill: I’m sure many people have come up to you and asked why you aren’t on the JSU team. I’m going to ask you too. Why aren’t you on the squad?

Kelley: I was recruited by JSU when I was in high school. The assistant coach at the time called me during that summer and wanted to meet the coaches and players. I got up here and the new coaches wanted me to try out. I think that things went all right, but I wasn’t in the best of shape. I was deficient though. The assistant coaches liked me, but it was a different story with the head coach. (Turgeon.) I talked with coach LaPlante and things might still happen.

Thrill: Oh, so there’s a chance that you’ll be a Gamecock player next season?

Kelley: Hopefully.

Thrill: There are so many athletes lurking around this campus. How do you think you will be recruited for this sport?

Kelley: It’s a school that helps you to be a good student. It’s in a small town, so there’s not too much to do. It’s missing a lot, but it’s good for its purpose. To get an education. Thrill: What’s up with the ladies? Kelley: (Laugh.) I’m in a relationship right now. But there are some nice looking women that go here.

Thrill: What do you think about Jay Heard? (Gamecock forward that is sitting out this season because he transferred from Auburn University.)

Kelley: I went 30-40 my tenth grade year and went 33-3 my eleventh grade year. We won the state title both years. My senior year we got beat by Oxford and JAY HEARD. They beat us by two points in overtime.

Thrill: Kelley: I had confidence in my team-mates, said Mike McDaniel after he fouled out of the game. “They kept us in this one and we came out with the win tonight.”

The Gamecocks (9-16, 6-10 TAAC) continued to roll as they beat the University of Central Florida on Senior Night. It was all about Josh Bryant and the Gamecock seniors last Saturday night, as they beat UCF by a score of 69-60.

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Dale Earnhardt will be missed

A Sports Editorial
By Matthew Martin

The intimidator, the Man in Black, or simply number #3. Those are some of the ways that Dale Earnhardt Sr. was known. Possibly the greatest NASCAR driver of all time was on his way to getting his first win as a NASCAR owner. It was a win on a track at Daytona, which three years removed had been his biggest demon as a professional driver, a win that would have possibly signified his transfer from reign as best stock driver, to a possible retirement, to focus on being owner of several cars.

Sadly, he will not be able to enjoy the win; Dale Earnhardt was killed on the final lap of the 2001 Daytona 500.

Dale Earnhardt Sr., who as a driver, was known for his aggressive driving. He was also known for winning. He won seven Winston Cup Championships, just missing his eighth in 2000. He was, without a doubt, the best stock car driver of his generation. He was either loved or hated by racing fans. There was not any middle ground for this driver. The one consistent thing that fans felt for Earnhardt was respect. He gave his all inside a racecar; he ultimately gave his life for racing. A track that had seen many disappointments for Earnhardt the driver, and had given him his biggest moment in 1998, was now to give him his second biggest moment, and his biggest as a car owner.

Ironically, on this day, the man considered so aggressive, was in fact sheltering his drivers in the race. Those drivers included his son, Dale Earnhardt Jr., and Michael Waltrip, a first year driver for Earnhardt. Earnhardt Sr. drove in the third and fourth sport late in the race, shielding those behind him from catching the two leaders. He looked to be in a position to win the race himself, but appeared to concentrate on being a father and a car owner. He chose to let someone else win.

That shows a lot about the man; it shows what he gave to a sport that he loved so much. NASCAR owes a lot to Dale Earnhardt Sr. He took the sport and raised it to a new level. Because of him, numerous sponsors joined the sport, and countless new fans flocked to the track to see him race. After all he was either loved or hated, so either way people were there to see “The Intimidator.”

In a sport that has many tragedies, in a sport that is this dangerous, it’s strange that what appeared to be such a minor wreck killed a legend in NASCAR. The wreck seemed to be a minor one compared to the crash that occurred just a few laps earlier. Why did such a small wreck take such a big man from the sport?

The Intimidator will be greatly missed, not only in the racing, but also in the world itself. He life was ended much too soon. You’ll FOREVER be missed #3.

Stetson claims win over Lady Gamecocks

By Staff Report

It was definitely a battle of who could steal the ball the most at Stetson last Saturday afternoon. Both teams are leading the conference in that category. The two teams combined for ten steals and 19 turnovers in the first half alone.

Stetson overcame its sixth second half deficit of the year to improve to 19-5 on the season and 11-4 in the league, having its final say over the Gamecocks, 72-62.

Both teams used steals and turnovers to build runs in the first half. Stetson took advantage of three Hatter turnovers in a row and went on a 11-1 run.

Stetson followed that up with an 15-0 run of its own, as JSU went on a seven minute scoring dry spell. But just as it looked as though the Hatters may have its second chance of the game to go ahead of the Gamecocks, Amanda Tyus hit her third 3-pointer of the game to keep the lead, 28-25. It was a 30-27, JSU lead at the break.

Tyus finished the afternoon with 22 points. Around the 11 minute mark of the second half, Stetson had five offensive possessions, off of JSU turnover, fouls and no defensive rebounding before it took the lead for the first time in the game, 41-40.

“We missed opportunities at key times,” said head coach Dana Austin. “But at least we played as a team and came mentally focused. We haven’t done that in a long time.”

The lead would change seven more times before the end of the game, but the Hatters took it for good at the four minute mark, 58-56 with a jumper by Amy White.

Senior Cherry Dyson led Stetson with 13 points, while Audrey Kull added 12 points.

Sophomore McKeel Copeland was the only player besides Tyus to score in double figures for Jax State with 18 points, five assists and two steals.

The Lady Gamecocks (7-16, 4-10) will play its final home games of the season this week as they host arch rival Troy State tonight and Mercer, Saturday.

“I feel good about our next four games,” said Austin, of the possibility of JSU going 4-0 in the final games of the season. “If we did today, I think it is very realistic of winning our last four games, but that is a big if.”
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