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THE CHANTICLEER

Possible tuition increase raises questions, eyebrows

Dyana Blythe
News Editor

SGA President Sam Witherspoon will enlist the SGA to try to halt a tuition increase being proposed at the Board of Trustees meeting in October. The spring increase of \$25 would bring a full-time undergraduate's tuition to \$800, excluding fees.

The SGA is unhappy about the news and would like to work with the Board against the proposal. According to SGA President Sam Witherspoon, "one of (the SGA's) goals is to keep the tuition as low as possible."

Although tuition at JSU is lower than that of all other colleges in Alabama except the University of North Alabama, it has increased nearly 30 percent over the last four years.

The increase would provide faculty with a much-needed pay raise, one they haven't had in three years, according to Witherspoon.

"I know we've got to give our faculty a pay increase, otherwise

we won't be able to keep them here," he said. "We have really quality faculty here and we need to be able to pay them."

While Witherspoon supports the pay increase, he does not believe it should come from students' pockets. Rather, the state legislature should provide JSU with the funds to pay its faculty.

Witherspoon has discussed the tuition increase with administrators, who told *The Chanticleer* they do not have anything to say until the Board meets in October.

Unfortunately, Witherspoon cannot fight the tuition increase alone. At Monday's SGA meeting, he brought up the issue, but senators were not quick to respond.

"I think maybe students are so used to tuition going up that it doesn't seem important anymore," he said.

Two senators, Angie Morgan and Brian Pankey, however, are interested in investigating the problem and are forming a task force to study the effects of past tuition increases.

The task force will compare the inflation rate to the rate of tuition increases and ask questions, such as, "is there another way the money can be raised?"

"We're going to study how our tuition increases have compared with other colleges, such as Alabama's and Auburn's," Pankey said. "We also want to compare their teachers' salaries with ours."

Pankey believes that many students may not care about a tuition increase because they are receiving financial aid in the form of grants or scholarships that pay full tuition.

"I know many people don't have to worry about tuition, but I pay my own tuition and bills," he said. "I have to work full time to stay a full-time student. Some students may not be able to do that."

Witherspoon hopes that other students will become interested in the tuition issue and help the SGA protest the proposal; if not, he's afraid the issue will die. "If students don't care, there's nothing we can do but pay the extra \$25."

Enrollment figures decline slightly

Stephen Hubbard
News Writer

While enrollment at Alabama's other four-year colleges appears to be either staying the same or increasing, preliminary statistics show JSU's enrollment is shrinking.

JSU's Office of Admissions and Records confirmed the number of students enrolled at JSU dropped from 8,240 last fall to 8,019 this fall.

Al Searway, director of Planning and Analysis, believes the decrease in enrollment is a result of a smaller number of entering freshmen.

"Our freshman class has fewer students because there are fewer out there to choose from. The number of 18-year-olds is down this year from last year." Searway predicts this trend will continue for another year before the number of potential freshmen begins to go up.

Tougher admissions policies also are responsible, according to Searway. "We have increased the standards to the extent that we have fewer that apply because they're not eligible."

The average ACT score on campus is up from 18.5 last year to 19.2 this fall.

Additionally, last year's tuition hike has caused some potential students to delay coming to JSU. Searway sees financially-strapped students starting at the less expensive junior colleges and then transferring to JSU. "The first year I think they don't come here because our tuition has increased so much."

Searway doesn't believe the proposed tuition increase this spring will affect enrollment until next fall.

He said the hopes the legislature will come through with more money for four-year institutions and put an end to the rising cost of attending JSU.

Fortunately, JSU is gaining students in other areas to offset the decrease in freshmen, according to Searway.

"We're getting older students and more transfer students. I think it takes students longer to graduate, so they stay in school longer. Those things keep enrollment up."

Recycling alive again

Melanie Jones
Managing Editor

JSU has recycled its recycling program after a summer of dormancy.

The program shut down in June when the company the University dealt with changed its policy and limited itself to metals.

The recycling committee spent most of the summer in negotiations with various companies and

is now working with Anniston Waste Recycling.

"Everything is now ready to go again," said Jerry Gilbert, political science department head and recycling committee chairman.

Gilbert is concerned that students will continue to throw cans and mixed papers in the trash because they don't know the program has been resurrected. That would have a devastating effect on

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James McFerren and Scott Ford enjoy the last days of warm weather by taking a break from school and taking in a few rays from the sun on the Quad earlier this week. Photo by Bradley Mickelson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• Instructional video services formerly provided by Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) have been assumed by Audio-Visual Services. The videocassette collection (formerly CCTV Library) is now housed in Houston Cole Library. Audio-Visual Services will also deliver television receivers and VCRs. Requests for A/V service should be directed to Ron Saska at Ext. 551. Television services will continue to provide video production services. Requests should be directed to Evin Thompson at Ext. 5085.

• The JSU dance team, the Fastbreakers, will hold tryouts at 7 pm Monday through Thursday at Pete Mathews Coliseum. There is a \$10 clinic fee.

• Don N. Smith, Interim President at the University of Houston, Victoria Campus, will visit JSU Monday through Wednesday. Open meetings will be held at 3:30pm Tuesday and at 10 am Wednesday in Houston Cole Library for faculty, staff and students to interview him.

• David Watts, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Southeast Louisiana University will visit campus Wednesday through Friday. Open meetings will be held at 3:30 pm Thursday and at 10 am Friday in Houston Cole Library for faculty, staff and students to interview him.

• JSU's chapter of Amnesty International will hold its first meeting at 4:30 pm Monday in 333 Martin Hall. Everyone interested in joining this worldwide Human Rights group is invited to attend this short meeting. For further information call Chris at 782-6543.

• The International Affairs Club was formed for those with an interest in international issues and those who wish to study or pursue a career in international areas. Everyone interested is invited to attend the first meeting of the semester at 4:30 pm Tuesday in 333 Martin Hall. For further information contact Saju at 782-7776.

• JSU's Model United Nations Team competes in model United Nations throughout the country. This year they will be competing at Harvard, against such schools as Yale and Princeton. Everyone interested in joining the team should come to an informational meeting 4 pm Monday in 333 Martin Hall. For more information contact Lisa at 782-6574.

• American Marketing Association will have its first meeting at 1:30 pm Wednesday in 101 Merrill Building. All business majors are encouraged to attend. For more information call Margaret Stewart at 435-2798.

• As required by JSU, all graduating seniors must take the College BASE Examination. Fall semester testing dates are:

- 8-12 am Saturday • 251 Merrill
- 2-6 pm Monday • 251 Merrill
- 2:30-6:30 pm Tuesday • 251 Merrill
- 5-9 pm Oct. 1 • JSU-G Enzor Auditorium
- 5-9 pm Oct. 5 • Fort McClellan Center
- 5-9 pm Oct. 7 • 251 Merrill
- 5-9 pm Oct. 8 • 251 Merrill
- 8 am -12 pm Oct. 10 • 251 Merrill

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--Ronald Reagan

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Bookstores survive start of busy new semester

Kelli Dobbs
News Writer

The beginning of a new semester always brings plenty of business to the three bookstores in Jacksonville. The question is, are there plenty of books to go around?

"Yes, there are enough books for everyone," Frank Smith, a worker at the Jacksonville Bookstore on the square, said.

"One of the only books we have been out of is the Western Civilization textbook. The (Western Civilization) classes are large so therefore there has been a slight prob-

lem with keeping the book in stock."

Smith said that if the store is out of a certain book that a student needs, the student should not worry because it can have the book for the student in a number of days.

The bookstore can reorder a book for a student and have it on the shelves usually in less than a week; however, there have been a few occasions when it has taken longer.

"From time to time, there are spot shortages on books but the students have been very under-

standing and patient about it," Smith said.

Boozer's, located just north of the square, did not comment on its book sales.

An employee of the JSU bookstore said the bookstore is not out of any books at the present time.

This employee, who would like to remain anonymous, said she has heard several students complaining about having to buy new books, rather than used books. She also said the bookstore has been very busy over the past week and that sales have been about average.

CRIME RELATED ACTIVITY

On 9-9-92 Amy Simpkins, 19, of Jacksonville was arrested at her residence and charged with harassing communications.

On 9-9-92 Eddie Gray, Jr., 20, of Birmingham was arrested at the parking lot of Pannell Hall and charged with public intoxication and minor in possession of alcohol.

On 9-9-92 a male and female were given trespass warnings for being in Sparkman Hall.

On 9-9-92 two non-students were given trespass warnings for being in Sparkman Hall.

On 9-10-92 Mitchell Harris, 20, a non-student from Birmingham was arrested at Dixon Hall and charged with minor in possession of alcohol.

On 9-10-92 Wendy Moring reported she has been receiving harassing communications.

On 9-10-92 Ronny Adamson, non-student, reported someone broke into his vehicle while it was parked at Pannell Hall.

On 9-10-92 Jennifer Patch, 18, of Huntsville and Kathy L. Hobbs, 18, of Huntsville were arrested at the parking lot of Brewer Hall and charged with possession of alcohol by a minor.

On 9-10-92 John Nettuno reported the rear window of his vehicle was broken while it was parked at the Coliseum.

On 9-11-92 Wakisha Powell reported a window in her vehicle was broken while it was parked at Ayers Hall.

On 9-11-92 Gib C. Roper, 22, of Jacksonville was arrested at Sparkman Hall and charged with drinking in public.

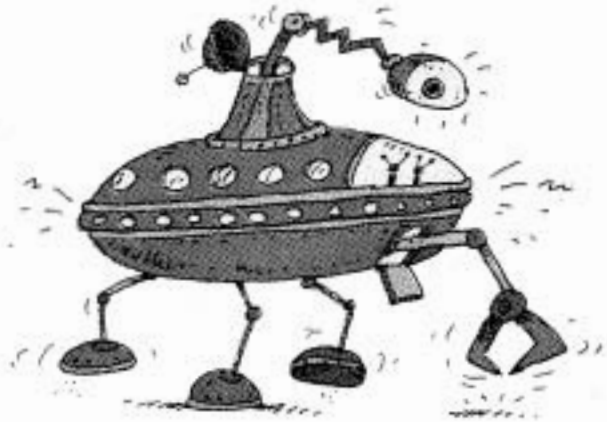
On 9-12-92 Jerel Davis, 22, of Fairfield was arrested on University Circle and charged with criminal trespass.

On 9-12-92 Brandon W. Davis, 20, of Jacksonville was arrested at Luttrell Hall and charged with minor in possession of alcohol.

On 9-12-92 Danly C. Carroll, 21, of Hartselle was arrested at Luttrell Hall and charged with providing alcohol to a minor.

On 9-12-92 Tammy Herron and Chandra Brown of Curtiss Hall reported they have been receiving harrassing phone calls.

On 9-13-92 a female was given a trespass warning for being in Luttrell Hall after visiting hours.



"You know, it's so ridiculous. If I don't call my parents every Sunday at exactly 5 o'clock, they think I was kidnapped by aliens, or something. Anyway, one Sunday me and Mark, we decide to take-off and check out the city. So we're hanging out and I look at my watch. 5 o'clock. Alright, so my calling card and I head down to the local pool hall. (Which I happen to know has a payphone) And I tell the folks the Martians send their best."

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Social work, art departments receive overdue accreditation

Denise Ingram
News Writer

There is a feeling of excitement in both the social work and art departments due to recent accreditation from their respective accrediting agencies.

This means these programs are providing the same quality education as similar programs across the country.

For Rebecca Turner, social work department head, the building and accreditation of the social work program "has been a mission for ten years."

"I'm really proud of this program, the students present and those who have graduated," she said.

This accreditation is especially important to social work graduates. They must show they came from an accredited program to apply for a license to work. Becky DeSha, a senior social work major, is "excited to be a part of the newly accredited program."

It will make finding a job easier — although according to Turner, placement is already 100 percent, meaning all graduates are be-

ing employed. Now the social work department is working on retroactive accreditation so all graduates since 1988 may be included in the new accreditation.

In order to gain accreditation both departments had to write a self-study of their curriculum; then a review committee came to verify the information before accreditation could be granted.

In response to objectives needed for accreditation, the art department hired a new faculty member who specializes in commercial design, according to Charles Groover, art department head. In addition, the installed a new computer graphics lab.

"We felt great pride in the accreditation after first time applying,"

said Karen Hendricks, a faculty member in the art department. "There were not many things amiss."

When the reviewers came, Groover said, "students were assured that they had received an education that meets national standards."

Another source of satisfaction came through the review team being "very impressed with our students," said Groover.

"I'm really proud of this program, the students present and those who have graduated... (It) has been a mission for ten years."

*--Rebecca Turner
head, Department of
Social Work*

Dorm regulations provide peace of mind

Edna Bogue
News Writer

While dormitory life at JSU might appear to create a peaceful, neighborly environment, rules and regulations have been implemented to reduce crime in the dorms. Many students will find that just like home, dorm life has its own set of rules for residents to abide by.

The regulations were created, designed and implemented last spring with safety and protection for residents in mind. After last year's string of crimes within the dorms, campus police decided tighter security would help curb the problems.

Security requires cooperation and teamwork by everyone involved—from campus police to resident assistants to dorm directors and finally even to the residents themselves.

Extra training was required of the new RAs to enforce security. "(The RAs) arrived on campus a week before the dorms opened," Michelle Arrington, an RA at Patterson Hall, explained. "Our training included attending seminars to learn university regulations and we even experienced mock situations to practice dealing with possible situations."

New dorm rules also means added responsibility for the dorm directors. Since Patterson just became coed, Dorm Director Vesta Okoye faced a new situation. "I've had to adjust to seeing and dealing with males in the building all the time and (as a result) had to make visitation adjustments by trial and error," she said. "But the males have been exceptionally cordial—all the residents have adjusted to the change and we all get along great."

Campus police have "an extended role by placing security monitors in all residence halls at night," David Nichols, direc-

tor of public safety, said. "(The monitors are) on duty from 11 pm to 6 am and 12 am to 6 am on weekends."

The monitors and campus police work together to ensure security for residents. The monitors keep all exterior doors locked at all appropriate times and do not allow access by unauthorized persons, according to Nichols.

Additionally, monitors serve as "eyes and ears for campus police and are equipped with two-way radios, so if anything goes wrong—whether of a criminal nature or safety or medical emergency—they can contact the campus police and enable the officers to make a quick response," he said.

Other forms of patrols include routine walks through the lobbies and the hallways of residence halls, bike patrols and vehicle patrols. Nichols feels that this "creates good visibility of the police and hopefully that discourages would-be trespassers who might want to create problems."

And while the campus police try to maintain a good working relationship with the residence hall staff, students should keep in mind that arrests for alcohol or other violations can be reported to the housing director and disciplinary actions may result. On the flip side, police can be notified of any violation and take any appropriate actions necessary.

Punishment may include being expelled from the dorm or arrested. In some cases both measures occur. Nichols explains that "one is disciplinary and one is criminal" in nature.

According to Arrington, a hard part of her job is dealing with residents who knowingly and uncaringly break housing regulations. Residents are encouraged to help maintain security by immediately reporting anything which may present a threat to any of the residents.

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Students plan disaster relief fund

Melanie Jones
Managing Editor

A joint meeting of JSU's sociology and social work clubs triggered an interest in a fund-raising drive to assist the victims of Hurricane Andrew.

Club members met with Elaine Nelson of the Calhoun county chapter of the American Red Cross to discuss the organization's disaster relief program. Nelson continued to stress the benefits of financial donations as compared to item donations. Since the organization would buy in bulk, they could

purchase more goods at a lower price with donated money than they could get through collecting goods. "Money allows us to do the most good for the most people without the problems of logistics," Nelson said.

Nelson reminded the students that donations made through the Red Cross will not go directly to the victims of Hurricane Andrew. The donations will go to the disaster relief fund, which is being drained by hurricane relief.

At first the club members were concerned that students could afford to buy items to donate rather

than make a large financial donation, but Nelson pointed out that all donations are accepted, no matter how small.

"If you were going to donate a pack of toilet paper for 88 cents, give that 88 cents instead," she said.

Club members plan to set up collection sites in the dorms to raise money for one large donation to the Red Cross to go to the disaster relief fund. Nelson said that with 3,000 residents, even a small donation from each could add up. "If they all gave a penny, that's \$300," she said.

"This could really be a success if we all work together," Mishaela Whatley, social chairperson of the sociology club, said.

Nelson said the Red Cross had given local chapters permission to accept donated items, but said the donations weren't going well.

"We are really having a problem with organization," she said. All items must be sorted and inventoried before being sent to the disaster area. The Florida State Fairgrounds are filled with trucks of goods waiting to be categorized before they can be distributed, so to keep from contributing to the

problem, the Red Cross chapters are trying to organize their shipments before they go out.

The Red Cross has had to do extra fund-raising this year, but Nelson stressed that fund-raising is not the organization's purpose. "Fund-raising will never supercede our service to disaster victims," she said.

Nelson said the organization had done its best, but they are still having problems in Miami.

"When you are hit with what is being called the worst natural disaster in U.S. history, you can never be prepared," she said.

Plagiarism plagues campuses

John Williams
College Press Service

A marginal student, at the end of the term, turns in a major paper that is academically perfect — brilliant thoughts, wonderful analogies, and insightful analysis.

Unfortunately, the words are not his.

The student has taken paragraphs verbatim from a research book and included them in his paper without citing the author. In real terms, this student is a thief — he is stealing someone else's work and passing it off as his own.

Plagiarism brings up a plethora of knotty problems for students and academicians.

If a professor suspects a student of plagiarism, how should the case be handled? Do students understand what plagiarism is? How does modern technology fit into the scheme of defining plagiarism and its consequences?

These questions muddy an already gray area.

Plagiarism has existed as long as people have written, and despite widespread knowledge that it is a form of academic cheating, it is still practiced.

"If students do not understand the importance of doing their own work and being honest intellectually, they will fail to understand that when they get into the work world," said Elizabeth Baer, dean of faculty at Gustavus Adolphus College in Minnesota. "It is

necessary for colleges to get students to understand the gravity of it. We need to help them (students) to understand that it is not acceptable."

Plagiarism is known to occur at all levels of high school and college, from the freshman year to the doctoral work.

"I see it as a very critical problem. It seems to me that the incidence of plagiarism has increased in the past 10 years," said Kevin Brien, a professor of philosophy at Washington College in Chestertown, Md. "I see it as something that is eroding academic institutions. Unless we work collectively to turn it around, we will continue to have problems."

Sometimes students plagiarize out of desperation because they are weak writers or because they didn't work on their assignments until the very end of the term. Other students say they do not know what plagiarism is, an excuse that doesn't wash with most faculty members.

"I believe 95 percent of college students understand what plagiarism is; they receive information about it from high school on," said Barbara Hetrick, Dean of Academic Affairs at Hood College in Frederick, Md. "In most instances, students may not have given themselves enough time to complete the assignments, or in some cases, may feel in over their heads academically. So rather than talk with the faculty member, they steal someone else's work to pass."

Recycling

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the program since many students threw their recyclable goods away before the program was discontinued.

"(The collection) certainly fell below our expectations," Gilbert said of the program's success last year.

The total collections for fall and spring of last year was 20,722 pounds of mixed paper, 6,259 pounds of computer paper and 1,506 pounds of aluminum cans. The cans brought in the most money for the University despite their lower weight due to current recycling rates.

Gilbert hopes to see the recycling rates go up. Since the environmental movement got underway, many more people have started recycling, causing the demand, and the rates, to go down.

"Last year, there were more materials collected than there were plants to process them," he said, "but experts believe the prices will go back up soon."

The funds raised through recycling are supposed to go into a scholarship fund, but because of lack of participation and low rates, very little money went into the fund.

"We paid rent on collection containers and paid the cost of containers for the cans," Gilbert said.

The new contractors provided collection bins, so that eliminates part of the cost of the program.

"We think we are definitely going to make some money this year, especially if people become more conscientious," he said.

With the money saved on rent of the collection bins, Gilbert hopes to place more collection points into the dorms and to provide bins on more than one floor of each building. "We've got the program back on track," Gilbert said.

Recycling Do's & Don't's

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Are students getting their money's worth?

Once again, it appears that the students of JSU will be called upon to help bear the University's financial burden.

A \$25 tuition increase is being planned for the spring semester, bringing the price tag for students' classes to \$800.

This tuition increase will supposedly support a 3 percent faculty pay increase, one which the faculty haven't received in three years.

The administration has given this tuition increase such a noble purpose that to fight the increase would be comparable to telling the faculty, "No, we don't want you to have a pay increase to make you happier and more financially stable."

In fact, we don't begrudge the faculty their increase. In fact, we applaud the faculty for patiently devoting themselves to us for all these years without a pay raise and then keeping quiet when they discover their pay raise may only provide them an extra meal at McDonald's.

What we do question is why JSU appears to be operating under the law of diminishing returns. We put more money in and all we see in return are fewer faculty members and fewer courses and sections being offered. We see longer lines in registering, less accessibility to teachers because of their heavy schedules and less individual attention in classes loaded down with students.

Why don't we press the alumni for money for faculty like we pressed them for money to move to Division I athletics? Surely they remember the pain of paying tuition and watching tuition soar to, what was to them, outrageous amounts.

In addition, we can point an angry finger at the state legislators, who are again providing level funding this year to JSU. If they were deprived of a pay raise for three years, you can bet they'd be finding the money somewhere to provide one.

It's unfortunate that faculty must be placed in the middle of this sore situation. The blame needs to fall on the shoulders of the bureaucracy running JSU. It has raised tuition nearly 30 percent in the last four years, and it needs to tell us where all that money has gone. Obviously it has not gone to keeping faculty and staff well-paid and well-appreciated.

False attitudes provoke rape

When a man is mugged, no one claims he asked for it. When a house is burglarized, no one says the owner invited it.

Why is it, then, that when a woman's body is violated, the crime is somehow her fault?

"She must have asked for it," sounds ludicrous when applied to any other crime, so why is it so commonplace when it comes to rape?

You may say it's not that common, that people aren't that cruel, but isn't that what you really mean when you say, "She shouldn't have been alone with him," or, "She shouldn't have been drinking?"

Even when you simply say, "She should have been more careful," it's the woman that you blame.

Some people are so frightened by the crime of rape they use blame as a defense mechanism. They believe the woman must have done something wrong. That belief makes them feel protected because they think they will never be raped as long as they don't do what she did.

Other people's views on the issue are more frightening. They honestly feel that rape victims are responsible for what happened to them. According to this misled

Melanie Jones
Managing Editor

sect of society, women invite rape through their appearance and behavior because somewhere, deep in their hearts, they want it. It would be nice to think that only the young or uneducated could follow that depraved belief, but unfortunately such ideas find their way into business discussions and classroom lectures daily.

Both groups are wrong, and more importantly, both are part of the problem of rape.

When these people find their way into juries, the law becomes twisted and all justice is lost. The law says that if a man has sexual intercourse with a woman who says no or is incapable of saying no, he has committed rape. Jurors sometimes have a problem understanding that their job is to judge if the man violated the law, not if the woman's actions justified it.

It doesn't matter what a woman says or does, even if she invites the man to her bedroom with every intention of having sex, if she changes her mind and he continues, it is rape.

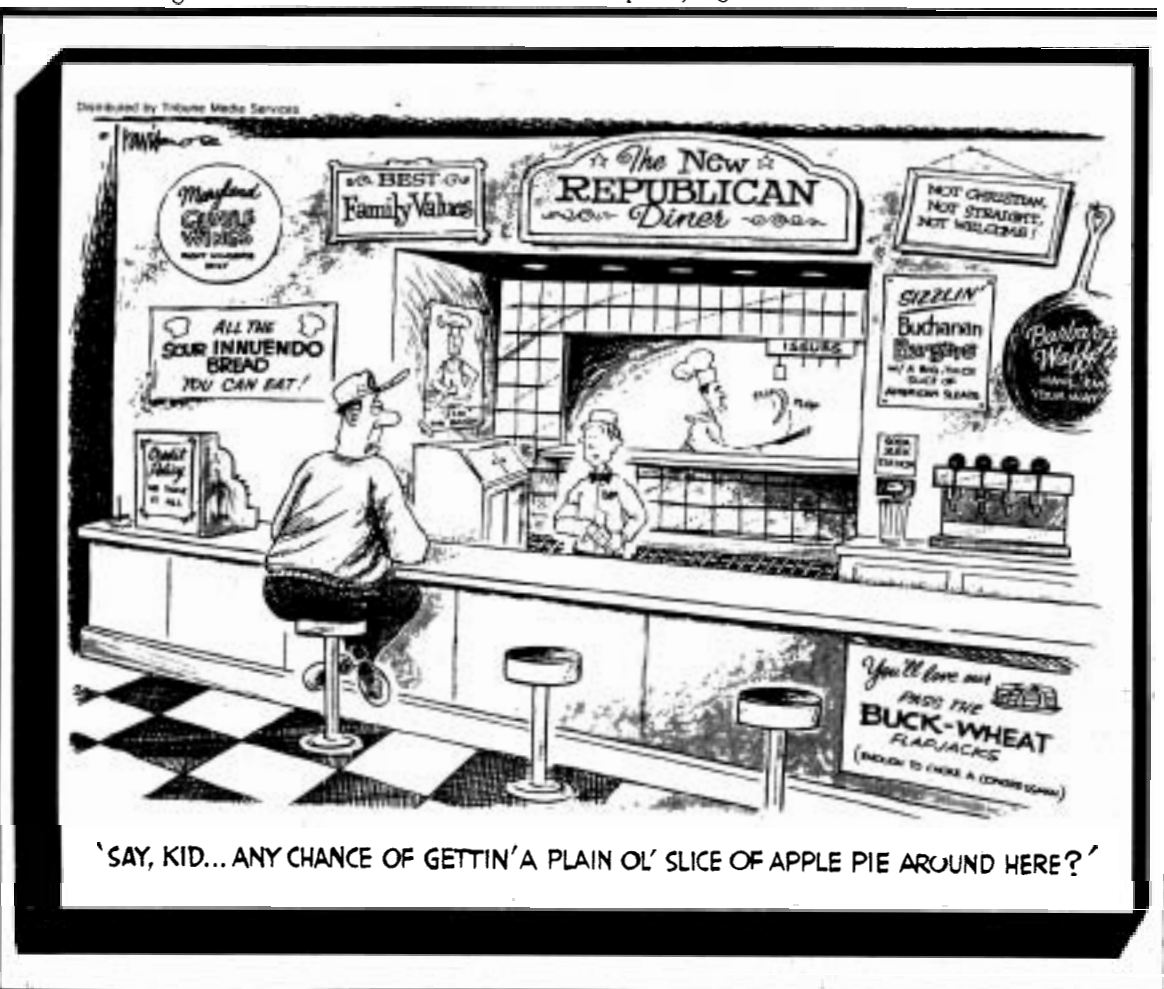
Some women make poor judge-

ment calls, but that doesn't mean they deserve to be violated. It's poor judgement to confront a man with a loaded gun, but a person who does it doesn't deserve to be killed.

The misguided attitudes of these people not only stand in the way of justice, they almost encourage the acts to continue. What's to stop a man from raping a woman if society tells him his actions are justified?

Because of the attitudes of some misguided people, many men do not believe what they are doing is a crime. If it is not a crime, then they certainly have no fear of being punished through the courts. The only other deterrent would be being shunned by their peers, but their peers not only accept it, they practically applaud it. They view it through the eyes of romantic movies and novels which say force simply allows the woman to enjoy herself without the guilt of giving in.

As long as society blames the victims, rapes will go unreported. As long as rapes go unreported, rapists will go free. Don't blame the victim and don't blame society. Blame the rapist. His was the only crime.



'SAY, KID... ANY CHANCE OF GETTIN' A PLAIN OL' SLICE OF APPLE PIE AROUND HERE?'

Don't talk to me about snakes

There are two schools of thought regarding snakes.

One is the school that always points out that snakes aren't really the epitome of evil and most of them aren't poisonous anyway, so don't be afraid of snakes.

The other is, don't talk to me about no snakes.

I'm a member of the second group.

I'm afraid of snakes. No, I'm terrified at even the thought of a snake. I don't even like to look at pictures of snakes.

When I was a kid, some idiot was always bringing a snake to school to frighten girls. I tried to hide my fear of snakes back then so I wouldn't be called a sissy.

Being called a sissy was a hard fate. It meant you threw a baseball with too much wrist, were overprotected by your mother and walked funny.

I was able to remain in the snake closet until one day the school bully, Frankie Garfield, brought a snake to school and said to me, "Hold my snake, while I go beat up a couple of fourth-graders."

What a dilemma. I had rather put my hand in a lawnmower blade than touch a snake. But if I didn't do what Frankie told me to do, he

**Lewis
Grizzard**

would do the fist dance on my face.

I opted for the fist dance. Frankie let me hold one upside the head and called me a sissy, but I didn't have to touch the snake.

The reason I bring all this up is I was thumbing through the paper the other day and there was an article in the Home and Garden section about garter snakes.

It was an article people who aren't afraid of snakes always write. It said garter snakes can live in urban and suburban surroundings, but it's silly to be afraid of them or attempt to kill them because they aren't poisonous and they're important to the ecological balance.

"It's shameful to destroy these snakes," the article said.

It also quoted a naturalist as saying snakes with longitudinal stripes, like the garter snake, in this country aren't poisonous.

So what am I supposed to do when I see a snake? Well, snake, let me see your stripes. Oh, they're longitudinal. That means you aren't poisonous. Here, let me pick you up and you can crawl around on

my head and neck.

No way. In the first place I'm not hanging around a snake long enough or getting close enough to see if it has longitudinal stripes and latitudinal stripes. It's always one of those things I've had trouble remembering — like which number to invert when dividing fractions.

I've written often here regarding my theory that if you figure there's really only one kind of snake and it will bite you, given half a chance, then you won't ever make a mistake and misread a snake's stripes and wind up having someone suck out the snake's poison. Blech!

To me, there is only one kind of snake, the dreaded copper-headed water rattler. If you run from it, it will chase you. If you lock yourself inside your house and hide in a closet it will wait outside until you finally come out because copper-headed water rattlers have x-ray vision and can see you in there.

Ane even if you stay in the closet for, say, a week, and the snake has to leave, don't forget the copper-headed water rattler also knows where you work.

To anybody who tries to tell me otherwise, save your breath. It's my phobia and I'm sticking to it.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A call for peace for the new year

Dear Editor:

This past summer, the members of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity attended the funeral of Antonio Taylor, the first brother from XI XI's chapter to fall from our ranks.

This was a very sad occasion for the organization, even more saddening considering that Antonio was a victim of the violence that monopolizes our evening news programs each day. The details of Antonio's murder are quite sketchy. Why he was killed or who killed him is still not known. All that is known is that Alpha Phi Alpha has decided to take this sad, negative occasion and turn into something positive.

As students of JSU and supporters of Alpha Phi Alpha, many of you can use this incident for positive gain also. In the past we all know that JSU's campus has been no stranger to violence. Alpha Phi Alpha asks you to really think before you commit a violent act this semester.

Before you start an altercation this fall, think about the possible outcomes. Before you "go for your gun," literally and figuratively, please think about the repercussions of your act. It is important to note that Alpha Phi Alpha's first party this semester was capacity and without incident. This party should serve as a model for all remaining fraternity and sorority functions at JSU.

Today as you commence your Thursday activities, Alpha Phi Alpha asks you to pause for a moment in memory of our beloved brother. Please look forward to contributing to our Antonio Taylor Scholarship fund. Alpha Phi Alpha sincerely hopes that everyone has a very peaceful and productive fall semester.

Sincerely,

Darren Douthitt
Alpha Phi Alpha

THE CHANTICLEER

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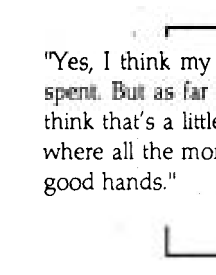
SPEAK UP

Do you think your tuition money is being well-spent?



"No I do not. I think it's quite high. They try to charge for every little thing anyway, like if you lose an ID, it's five dollars. It's just too much for me. I think it should be lower."

Nikki Cunningham
freshman



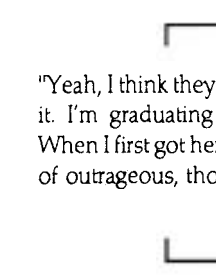
"Yes, I think my tuition money is being well-spent. But as far as parking tickets going up, I think that's a little ridiculous. I don't really see where all the money is going, but I trust it's in good hands."

Spencer Ford
sophomore



"I wish I knew where it was going. I do think the teachers deserve (a raise), because soon, we're gonna be in that working field as well. Yeah, if that's where it's going, I think it's okay. If it's not going there, I'd like to know where, though."

Lynne Kotula
senior



"Yeah, I think they're doing a very good job with it. I'm graduating within the next year or so. When I first got here, it was \$550. It's getting kind of outrageous, though."

Charlton Giles
senior

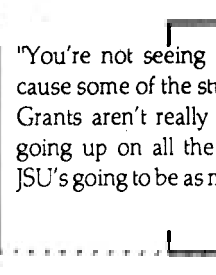


"That's a good question. It's not a point of it being spent well; it's more of a point of they need to let us know where it's going. We're not seeing where it's going; we're just hearing where it's going. We need to see it."

Martez Sheperd
sophomore

"You're not seeing an increase in students, because some of the students can't pay. Aid like Pell Grants aren't really covering their expenses. It's going up on all the campuses, but before long, JSU's going to be as much as Auburn or Alabama."

Bobby Thorne
sophomore



FEATURES

City police warn against speeding

Jamie Cole
Features Editor

Wal-Mart closes in five minutes. The traffic light, sensing your approach, goes directly from green to red. As you skid through, you look down and see that you're going 20mph over the speed limit. In the corner of your eye, in the rear view mirror, you see a sudden barrage of flashing blue and red lights. As the officer approaches the car, you panic when you realize that you forgot to buckle your seatbelt.

Sound familiar?

You're not alone. The most recent statistics show that the Jacksonville Police Department issued 289 tickets in July, 1992. This doesn't include 171 traffic stops for which tickets were not issued.

Your last minute trip to Wal-Mart could prove to be quite expensive. The typical fine for speeding in Alabama municipalities is \$20. This does not include court costs, which run \$40.50 in most cities. These costs are added to the fine whether the defendant appears in court or not.

According to Jacksonville's Municipal Court, the fines for a traffic ticket in the city are the minimum set by the state. Fines range from \$10 to \$30. Court costs remain constant.

A ticket also means costly "points" against the drivers license. These points are compiled over a period of two years and are based on severity of the offense.

"I tell people I stop that a ticket costs a lot less than an accident," says Jacksonville Police Sergeant Bill Norris. "Even a minor accident can cost as much as \$500 in dam-

age."

Accidents appear abundant in the city. Police reports show 21 accidents in July, including five with injuries. That figure increases with the number of students in town, as statistics from last March show 34 accidents.

"The intersection at Mountain (Street) and North Pelham (Street) seems to be the most dangerous," says Norris. The speed limit on both streets is 25 miles per hour.

David Coffey, a JSU freshman, was issued a speeding citation for traveling 39 mph on Mountain. "A few of the speed limits in the area are unreasonable," he says. "The limit on Mountain should be at least 30 or 35."

Norris says the city has little control over the speed limits on the highways.

"The state has the final say on the limits on Pelham and Highway 204." Norris says the city could make recommendations to the state, but that was as far as it could go.

The low speed limits do, however, allow for more discretion on the officer's part. "We don't have the time to stop everyone doing five miles and hour over the speed limit," says Norris. "An officer specifically working traffic may be more assertive, though, than an officer on regular patrol." Norris also says the officers do allow "a reasonable range" over the posted limits.

Despite the high number of tickets issued, there is very little change in this number when less students are in town. "One of the students called and complained to the mayor that we would single out students. I don't believe that we would do that. In (the students') minds, they might believe 'They're out to get us,' but that's just not true."

Norris attributes the almost negligible drop-in traffic tickets to out-of-town travelers driving through Jacksonville.

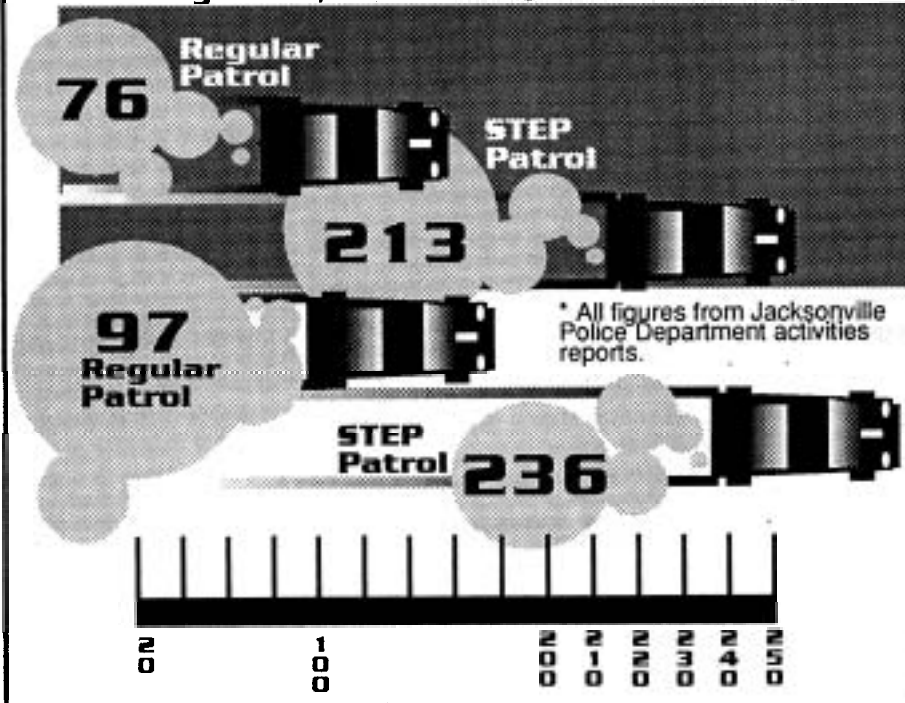
Naturally, the best way to avoid a traffic ticket is to slow down and watch the road. Norris says radar detectors are of little value when trying to avoid a speeding ticket. "They can have the radar detector on, but until I push the trigger (on the radar gun), it doesn't pick anything up. When I catch them, it's too late."

Norris says radar technology has surpassed that of the detectors. "I always tell people, 'You got something free with your car that tells you how fast you're going.'"

As far as who gets a ticket and who doesn't, the officer has the last say. Norris says, "I just try to take each individual circumstance and go with it. Is it fair to write one person a ticket and let another off? No, it's not ... we do the best we can. We have a conscience to live with, too."

Number of Speeding Tickets Issued

dark lane denotes July 1992 (fewer students)
light lane, March 1992 (school in session)



Police increase patrols

Jamie Cole
Features Editor
Melanie Jones
Managing Editor

Slow down or face the fine - that is the word to traffic violators from the Jacksonville City Police Department.

The Law Enforcement and Traffic Safety Section of the Alabama Department for Economic and Community Affairs granted the city police \$25,000 to help decrease the number of accidents and traffic violations within the city limits.

(The grant) will allow us to hire our own folks to come in on off-duty time," Jacksonville Police Chief Tommy Thompson said.

"(The police) want to make as many contacts as needed to make people abide by traffic laws."

Tommy Thompson
--Chief of Police

The money comes from federal funds granted to the state which then divides it among different programs and areas in need.

Thompson said his department applied for the grant because the city had such a high number of accidents and DUI cases, and he

felt the department's current manpower could not control the situation.

"We have two different sections now," said Jacksonville Police Sergeant Bill Norris. "We have officers that work routine patrol that may stop someone for a traffic violation, then we have the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program. This program is designed to enforce traffic laws."

Selective Traffic Enforcement Program was made possible by the \$25,000 grant.

"(The police) want to make as many contacts as needed to make people abide by traffic laws," Thompson said.

Points against license

Speeding	2
Speeding over 80 MPH	5
Reckless Driving	6
Failure to yield right of way	5
Running red light	3
Driving on wrong side of road	4
Running stop sign	3
Failure to dim lights	2
Failure to signal	2
Following too close	3

DUI convictions for liquor and drugs carry mandatory suspension.

SUSPENSIONS

Points are assigned and will retain point value two years from date of conviction.

- 12-14 pts. - 60 days
- 15-17 pts. - 90 days
- 18-20 pts. - 120 days
- 21-23 pts. - 180 days
- 24-above - 1 year

Slowing down saves lives

The last time I saw Bradley alive was at the Halloween carnival.

The next time I saw him...

The story is not a happy one. It's not an easy one to tell.

I grew up with Bradley. We went to church together and went to the same school. Bradley was popular, intelligent, athletic -- a model student. He was a vital part of our church group. Bradley was a part of our lives. He was always there. Always.

And he was there at the school carnival. With his friends. He and a few others decided to leave the carnival for a little Halloween mischief.

We hardly noticed he had left.

Just as I was removing my vampire makeup in the boys' restroom, someone burst through the door. I don't remember who it was. "There's been an accident" was all I heard.

About five miles from school, the car had left the road and slammed into a ditch, one side hitting a drain. The other boys in

Jamie Cole
Features Editor

the car were not hurt.

Bradley had been thrown from the car.

He lived for about a week, if memory serves, before succumbing to massive head injuries.

At his memorial service, they played a song...

"We'll keep you close as always... it won't even seem you've gone.

"Friends are friends forever..."

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Recently I was invited to ride in a patrol car to get an angle on my stories on traffic violations. I learned quite a bit on patrol that day. Sergeant Bill Norris of the Jacksonville City Police told me that a new program, the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program, was in place to help lessen the number of accidents in the Jacksonville area, particularly on the two state

highways that serve the city.

During my afternoon in the patrol car, we stopped about eight cars. They averaged about 15-18 miles per hour over the posted speed limit.

When we stopped the last of the eight cars, Sergeant Norris came back to the car with the license. He gave it to me.

"Should we give him a ticket?" he asked.

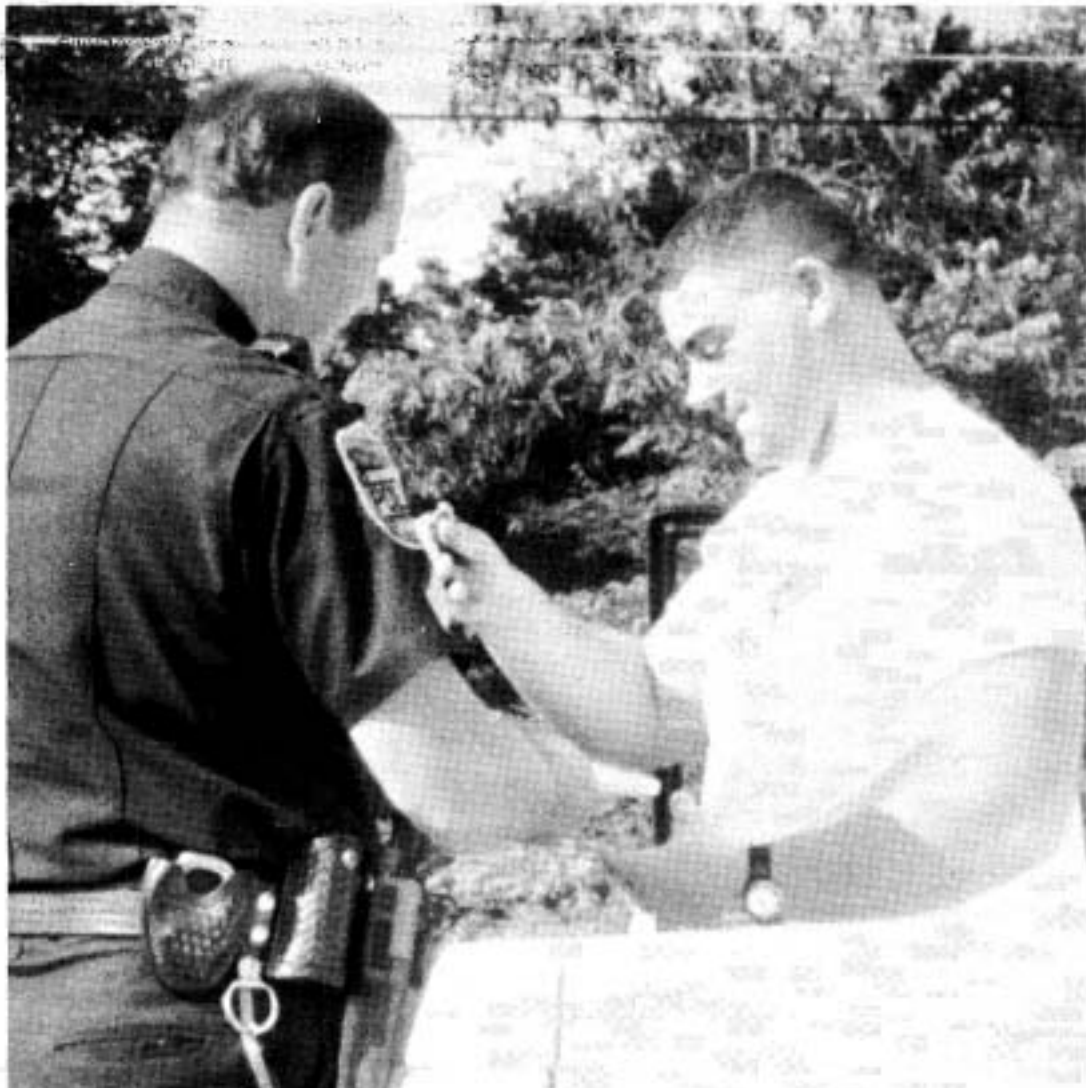
I looked at the radar. 17 miles per hour over the speed limit.

Now, I don't know if the person Bradley was riding with was speeding when the car was wrecked. I don't know who was wearing a seatbelt and who wasn't. I don't know whose fault it was.

But for a moment, I thought of what might have happened if they had been speeding, and had been pulled over.

Bradley would still be alive, a 21-year-old with his whole life ahead of him.

I looked back at Sergeant Norris. "Yes," I said. "He was speeding."



Jamie Cole

A JSU student receives a speeding citation from Sergeant Bill Norris of the Jacksonville City Police Department. Sergeant Norris heads up the JPD's Selective Traffic Enforcement Program. STEP insures stricter enforcement of speed limits on state highways in Jacksonville.

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Victims urged to report rape

Melanie Jones
Managing Editor

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At the moment a woman is raped, scientists say her brain chemistry is permanently altered; her body and spirit have been violated, and nothing will ever change that, but she can take immediate steps to regain control of her life.

"The first thing (the victim) should do is remove herself from the situation," Lou Lacey of the Jefferson County Rape Response Center says.

Lacey says rape victims should seek medical attention immediately. It is very important that women do not change or shower before going to the emergency room.

Assistant Calhoun-Cleburne County District Attorney Debra H. Jones advises victims that the emergency room visit is important not only for the woman's health, but also to gather evidence if she decides to prosecute.

To be admissible as evidence, a rape kit must be used within 48 hours of the rape. The kit includes

blood and semen samples, as well as a gynecological exam to determine force and the extent of injuries.

"Even if there is no semen in the vagina, the doctors know what to look for," Jones says. Through the medical exam, doctors can determine if penetration actually occurred, even if the suspect withdrew before ejaculating.

The doctors in the emergency room can test the woman for sexually transmitted diseases that may have been transmitted through the rape and provide treatment if needed.

The emergency room can also help the woman get in touch with someone who can assist her with her emotional recovery.

While the cost of such treatment may seem formidable to many women, rape victims can apply for Crime Victim Compensation Benefits. They must file for benefits within a year of the incident, which had to have been reported to the proper law enforcement agency within 72 hours after it occurred.

The maximum award through victims compensation is \$10,000,

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--Lou Lacey

Jefferson County Rape
Response Center

but it pays only those expenses not covered by another source, such as insurance. The funds can be used to cover such things as medical care, psychiatric care and victim rehabilitation.

In order for a victim to receive compensation, she must be willing to cooperate with the prosecution in building her case. The trial process may be difficult for the victim, but some experts feel it is in her best interest to prosecute.

"Following through with the prosecution of the attacker can be helpful to the healing process," Lacey says. "Even if the man is found innocent, at least (the victim) has been heard."

Both Lacey and Jones admit that the trial process can be very traumatic for the victims, but both

agree it has its benefits.

Jones points out that the victim is usually involved in only two of the four stages of prosecution.

During the preliminary hearing, the state simply has to prove that there is enough evidence to proceed. The victim usually has no reason to testify at that point.

The next stage in the process is the grand jury hearing. The victim most often does have to testify at this stage, but she is saved some of the trauma since the person she is accusing is not present.

"(The grand jury hearing) is like a practice run for the victim," Jones says. If the grand jury indicts the suspect, the next step is the arraignment, at which point the trial

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Woman reveals story of rape and response

Melanie Jones
Managing Editor

•The name in this story has been changed to protect the identity of the woman involved.

When "Karen", a JSU student, went to a party with some friends last January, she never expected the events of the night would still be haunting her today. That night, Karen says she was raped.

In the months that have passed since that night, Karen has faced doubt from many people while trying to deal with the fear and emotional pain on her own. Now she wants to share her story.

"I had been drinking," Karen says. "Everyone there had been drinking."

Her friends left during the course of the party, but Karen decided to stay. The others were supposed to come back for her, but the police broke up the party before they returned. A man she knew who lived in the same apartment complex where the party was held invited her to his apartment to wait for her friends.

The man introduced her to his two roommates, and then they went back to his room to talk. Eventually he left her alone to lie down until her friends came back for her.

"After he left, it was his roommate that came in (the room)," Karen says. "Once he got on top of me, and I realized what was

going on (penetration), I was pushing him off of me and going 'No! Get the hell off of me!' and I finally got him off of me. It seemed like forever, but it was probably a couple of minutes."

When she discovered the men didn't have a phone in their apartment, she went back to the apartment where the party was held. From there she called a friend who then took her to the police station.

"I know that it is important to report these things," Karen says, "and I didn't want to because I also know what happens when you go through courts. . . They'll tear up a victim and they'll shred them in a second with anything they can."

Karen did file a report the night that it happened. She knew from what she had read that she shouldn't clean up or change clothes, and as soon as the report was filed, she went to the emergency room where they performed the necessary tests and a gynecological exam.

Although Karen did everything she knew to do in order to prosecute, the man she says raped her has not been arrested. The problem arose when she couldn't remember the man's name when the police asked her if she knew who did it. She had only been introduced to him once, so she told the police what she thought his name was. When the police went to the apartment to

"I never in my wildest dreams would have ever thought (the case) would have gone this far."

--"Karen"

student who reported rape

identify the men who lived there, they found she had given them the wrong name.

Since that night, Karen has attempted to identify him through his driver's license picture, but she wasn't able to say it was the correct man with enough certainty to please the district attorney's office.

"It had been three years since the picture was taken," she says, "and I had only seen him for five minutes."

Karen also attempted to identify the man through mug shots taken when he was arrested on three felony charges in Florida, but she had the same results.

When she was unable to identify the man through mug shots, the police brought in his senior portrait along with several others. She chose his picture from the others right away, but when the officer asked her to rate how sure she was on a scale of one to 10 with 10 being the highest, she was only able to say eight. For the DA's office, an eight

wasn't good enough.

Besides the lack of a positive identification, the man's roommates have refused to testify. Karen says she has seen the man she originally left the party with after the attack, but he is confused about what happened. He told her he saw her come out of the bedroom, but he never knew why she left.

With the lack of supporting evidence, Karen's case is not strong.

"It's been a long process," she says, ". . . and now I don't see it going to court."

The legal proceedings will not allow Karen to forget that January night, and neither will the medical bills, which serve as a weekly reminder of what happened.

Although she is still covered under her parents' insurance, Karen doesn't want to tell them what happened, so she is paying nearly \$1,000 in medical bills on her own. Since no one has been arrested in the case, she cannot file for victims compensation.

"I want to tell my parents . . . but this would really tear them up," she says. She did tell her sister, and she went to counseling a few times, but that is the extent of her support system. "I've just dealt with it on my own."

She says her biggest fear right after it happened was retaliation for reporting it.

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New lab improves department, increases enrollment

'Demanding discipline' renewed for language majors

Jennifer Lynn McLoughlin
Features writer

JSU is breathing new life into its foreign languages department. The foreign languages major recently has been reinstated, class enrollment is up and a new lab facility has improved the department's resources.

Veldon Bennett, head of the foreign languages department, says the renewed interest in the field is a result of practical circumstance.

"The thrust of Japanese, French and German businesses opening

in the U.S. has given rise to a certain rekindling of interest," he says.

Shortly after Bennett began his career with JSU in 1971, he noticed a sharp enrollment decline in foreign language classes. "Across the U.S., primarily in the colleges, a permissiveness was creeping in," Bennett says. "Educators and administrators were listening to the demands of students.

"Many students could not see the relevancy between studying a foreign language and having marketable skills. Foreign language is a demanding discipline."

Now, Bennett says, students real-

ize the practicality of learning new languages, and the foreign languages department is responding.

"We're very pleased to be offering the major again," says Bill Meehan, acting vice president for Academic Affairs. "There are more degree programs today that demand foreign language skills, and there are unlimited possibilities for those who achieve a working knowledge of a foreign language. For example, there is the possibility of working in international business."

For Carol Abernathy of Gadsden, a recent graduate with a major in French, the love of language is

reason enough to pursue a foreign language major.

"I grew up in England, but I lived in France for three years," she says. "I simply fell in love with the language. I don't plan to use the major professionally; but if JSU ever develops a master's program in French, I'll have to have a go at it."

Abernathy was JSU's first foreign languages graduate since the reinstatement of the major. She finished with a double major in English and French and a double minor in German and management.

"The administration has been very supportive in reinstating the

major and providing the funding for the new lab facilities. We are extremely grateful," she said.

"There had been a foreign languages major at JSU since well before I arrived. Then in 1979, it was necessary to do away with the major. I see this (reinstating the major) as a very strong step in the right direction. Several majors suggest foreign languages, as does core curriculum, and I am appreciative of that."

"I'm glad things are going the way they are," Bennett says. "We have outstanding faculty members in the department and the potential for significant growth."

Rape

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date is set.

Finally, the victim is usually called upon to testify at the trial. This may be the most difficult time for her during the prosecution process since the alleged rapist is present for the proceedings, but she does have the benefit of knowing that, short of the appeals process, she is nearing a resolution of the case.

"We try to save (the victims) as much trauma in the legal system as we can," Jones says.

Support from friends is vital for the victim during the trial process, so Lacey urges people to be understanding.

"The important thing is to get them in control again," she says. Which means no one should try and force victims to talk about the situation. "Just be there and be ready to listen."

Karen

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"I was living by myself at the time . . . every noise I would hear I would jump up. For two weeks after it happened I didn't sleep, I couldn't eat. Every time I would eat I would throw it up," she says. "I was just a nervous wreck, and since then it's just gotten worse. I never in my wildest dreams would have ever thought it would have gone this far."

Karen is unsure of exactly where she is in the recovery process at this point. "Right now it's like it didn't happen to me. It's like it happened to someone else."

She is still angry that although she is the victim, she's the one who is paying the worst price. "I don't cry anymore," she says. "I've cried my tears, and now I'm just pissed off."

As far as the legal process is concerned, she isn't sure what direction she wants to take from now on. "It's a never-ending process," Karen says, "and at this point I just want to quit."

WORTH WATCHING

The Anniston Community Theater has announced its 1992-93 schedule:

- "Broadway Bound," September 11-27, directed by Steven Whitton.
- "Grover," November 13-15, directed by Josephine E. Ayers.
- "Dearly Departed," February 12-March 1, 1993, directed by Josephine E. Ayers.
- "Smoke on the Mountain," April 30-May 16, 1993, directed by Mike Beecham.

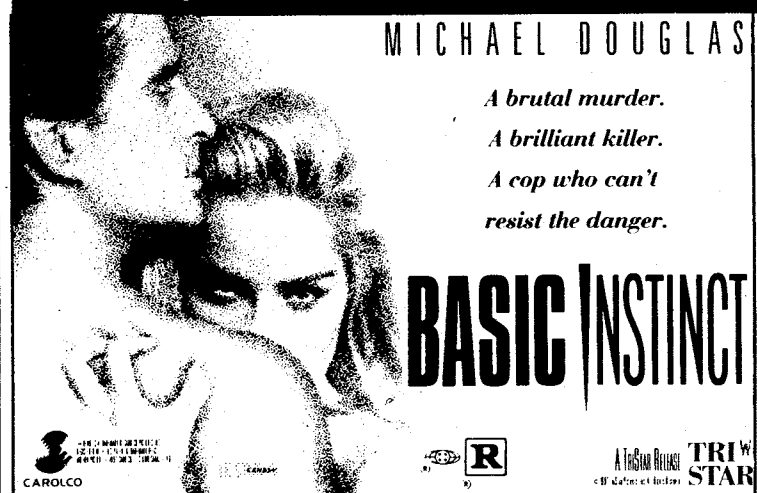
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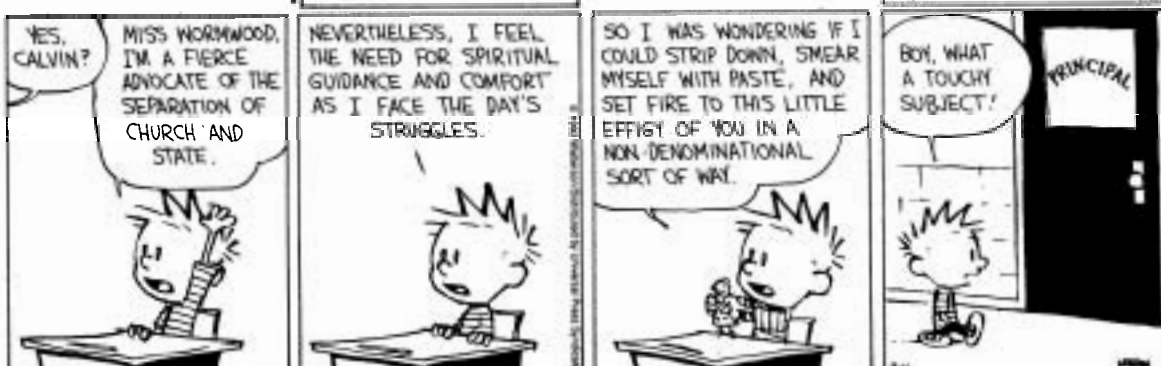
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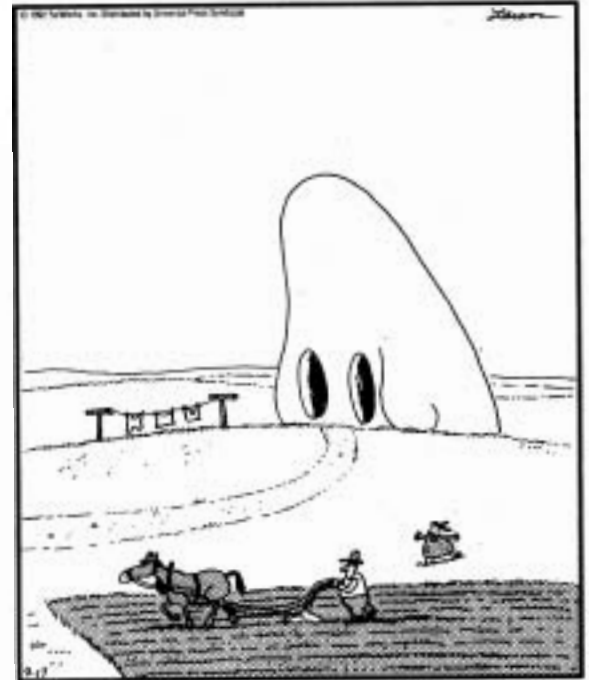
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Early piñatas

JSU prepares for Braves air attack

Tim Hathcock
Sports Editor

After struggling in its season opener against Alabama A&M, JSU took a week off in preparation for Saturday's Gulf South Conference opener against West Georgia. The game will kick off at 6:30 p.m. CDT at Grisham Stadium in Carrollton, Ga.

West Georgia enters the game with a 1-1 record after a come-from-behind 18-12 victory over Livingston. Samford defeated the Braves in the season opener 44-16. JSU has never lost to West Georgia, winning all 14 contests.

JSU head coach Bill Burgess felt it was perfect timing for the open date. "Our players never like an open date," said Burgess. "But we actually think, as a staff, it came at a good time. We had some of the hottest and most humid weather we've had since two-a-days and our players handled it real well."

The extra week of work could come in handy since the Gamecock offense struggled against A&M in the opener and now faces a West Georgia defense that returns nine starters.

"We felt like last year they were the most improved team in the Gulf South Conference," said Burgess. "To be perfectly honest with you, they believe they are going to win the ballgame Saturday night."

"We tried to improve in all phases of the game. I think we're improving offensively. But we're not going to go into any ballgame and do what somebody thinks we ought to do. Our players were recruited to run the option offense and that's what we do."

*--Bill Burgess
JSU head coach*

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Burgess knows exactly what to expect from the offense of West Georgia, and that is a sophisticated passing attack. "They are going to test us a little bit more in the secondary than we were last time out (against

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Danny Lee returns a kick against West Georgia in last year's game.

Deuceless Tide struggles offensively

I promised myself I would never do this, but I'm going to anyway.

If you will recall, in the spring I wrote the Atlanta Braves would repeat as champions of the Western Division of the National League. As of this writing, the Braves are currently in first place, 10.5 games in front of the Cincinnati Reds.

So I'm feeling froggy this morning and I plan to leap into the dangerous world of prognostication.

Alabama's David Palmer received not one but two traffic citations of the ugly kind, the ones they give you for driving while under the influence of alcohol.

Drunk driving is dangerous to the general public not to mention the drunk driver himself, but the Deuce's latest exploits have also hurt something else--Alabama's offense.

Watching Alabama try to move the football the first two weeks of the season has been about as excit-

ing as watching a chess match. Move over Boris Spassky, here comes Jay Barker.

From our meaningless stat department comes this: Barker is 12-0 as a starter. Does this mean he has led Bama down the field on late marches to victory time and again like John Elway?

No, it means the Tide has one of, if not the best, defenses in the nation. Coaches and knowledgeable fans will tell you a great defense can win a lot of games.

What kind of test that defense receives this week is still very much up in the air. Arkansas has been the epitome of a Jekyll-and-Hyde team so far, losing to the Citadel and handily defeating South Carolina.

Former Gamecock center Joe Kines took over the Razorback program after the loss to the Citadel. He replaced former Oxford High and Auburn assistant Jack Crowe and led Arkansas to a 45-7 trounc-

Tim Hathcock
Sports Editor

ing of South Carolina on the road.

More local oddities from that game. Former Anniston Bulldog Orlando Watters scored touchdowns on interception and punt returns to gamer player of the week honors for the Southeastern Conference. Also, South Carolina's nickname is the Gamecocks. Eerie isn't it?

The Deuceless Tide should manage two Michael Proctor field goals from its offense, but the defense will save the day once again. I see an interception or a fumble return for a score as well as a safety for a final of...

Alabama 15, Arkansas 3

What happened to the days when Auburn lined up and rammed the ball down opposing team's throats?

The Tigers managed a whop-

ping negative 16 rushing yards against Ole Miss, a team picked to finish in the cellar of the Southeastern Conference's Western Division. Now Auburn gets LSU, a team that manhandled a very good Mississippi State team last Saturday and played well in a loss to another Top 20 team in Texas A&M.

Poor Stan White has changed his number from 11 to a bullseye. White, whose brother Pat was a quarterback at JSU, has shown a propensity to throw the ball rather than take a sack. He completes most of them, too, if only a few more were to his teammates.

Auburn got well against a Samford team who picked up a nice check for curing the Tigers' ills. Alas, to paraphrase Lloyd Bentsen, I've seen LSU and LSU is no Samford. The sad thing for Auburn fans, the game will be televised (sigh).

The Bengal Tigers come out on

top in this one...

LSU 24, Auburn 10.

The new names for JSU's offense haven't exactly been rolling in, but I have gotten a few suggestions. A couple haven't exactly been flattering to the Gamecock's attack. Let's just say they refer to the lack of a bonified passing attack.

I don't know about you people, but it's not boring at all to watch a good team rush the ball 98 percent of the time. Bill Burgess is from the old school, which says the team that runs the ball most effectively will win the game more often than not. I happen to agree with him. Check his record if you don't believe me.

JSU travels to Carrollton, Ga. Saturday night looking to untrack its rushing attack that struggled a bit against Alabama A&M. It should be a great deal easier for

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Volleyball team looks to repeat championship season

Thomas Lanahan
Sports Writer

The 1992 Lady Gamecocks volleyball team hopes to have a repeat of the 1991 season, when the team had an overall record of 27-11 and captured its first ever Gulf South Conference championship.

Head coach Janice Slay thinks repeating will be tough, but the team will be ready. Senior Janet Ledbetter is more optimistic about chances of a repeat. "I don't feel there should be any problem in repeating this year," she said.

The Lady Gamecocks return six seniors from last year's squad. Amy Vycital, a middle hitter from Albuquerque, N.M., was a member of last year's GSC All-Academic team. She is joined by fellow senior Camille Ponder, an outside hitter from Jacksonville.

"I don't feel there should be any problem in repeating this year."

*-- Janet Ledbetter
senior hitter*

Both Vycital and Ponder were named to the All-GSC Tournament team last year.

In the middle is Tesha Zito, a setter from Kenner, La. Lynn Batey, an outside hitter from Anniston and Ledbetter, a weakside hitter from Oak Forest, Ill. also return.

Rounding out the senior class is Deanna Baker, a middle hitter from Anniston.

The team also has plenty of strength from the underclassmen. Lisa Smith and Rachel Spinner are both middle hitters. Jodie McGaugh

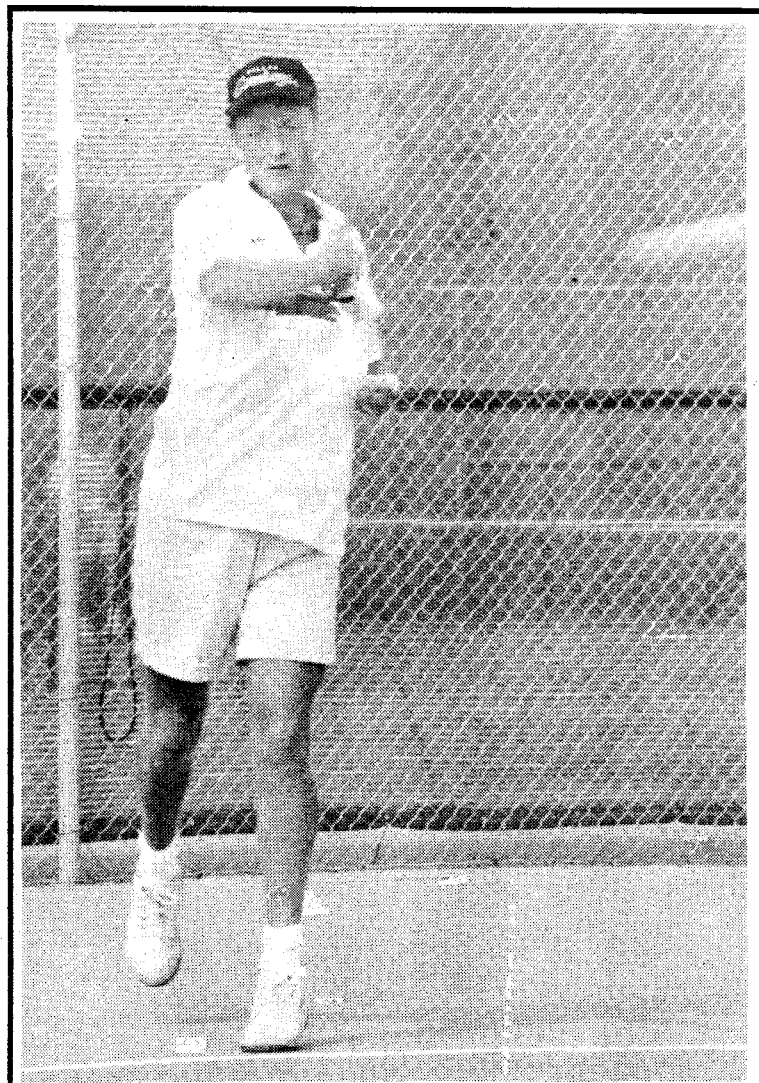
is a utility and defense specialist from Carbon Hill.

Dana Upton, an outside hitter from Jacksonville, was a member of the GSC All-Academic team. Cissie Nelson is a setter from Birmingham.

Two players will be redshirted this season. Sharon Peavy from Wetumpka and Wendy Franceschi from Panama will sit out the campaign.

The competition in conference play promises to be tough, but the consensus from team members and Slay is Mississippi University for Women is the most difficult opponent on the schedule.

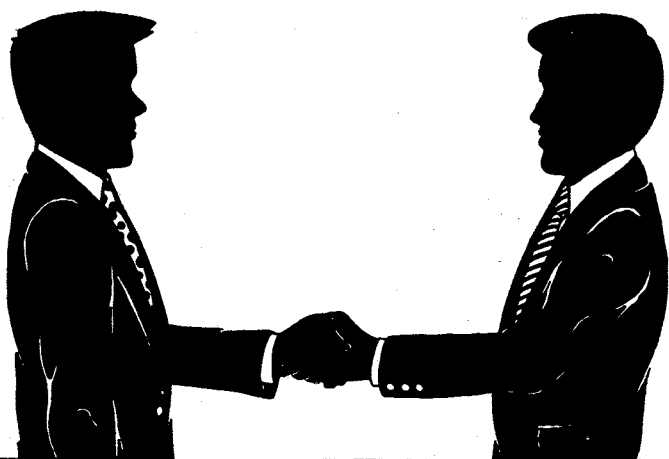
The Lady Gamecocks open the season against Livingston in the MUW Invitational at 11 a.m. Friday in Columbus, Miss.



Andrew Jackson, a junior from London, England, hits a forehand in preparation for the upcoming tennis season.

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Braves

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Alabama A&M),” he said. That’s quite an understatement considering last year’s contest, a 50-24 JSU victory. The Braves put the ball in the air 59 times, completing 29 of them.

Despite the air attack from the Braves, Burgess still sticks to his philosophy of stopping the run and controlling the pass.

“I don’t care who it is, you’ve got to stop the run to have a chance to win the ballgame. They do a great job of incorporating the run and the pass,” he said. “You get to laying your ears back trying to rush the passer and they’ll run the draw. You can get hurt real quick that way.”

Junior quarterback Chris Teal leads the West Georgia attack. “He’s an excellent leader,” said Burgess. “He makes real good decisions in reading defenses. They have two outstanding running backs. They have some experienced receivers to go with them and they have a strong offensive line.”

Mark Evans leads all rushers in West Georgia’s two games to date with 178 yards.

Burgess gave his formula for

victory as such. “We’ve got make first downs and not make turnovers. We’ve got to get points in the four-down zone and we’ve got to have success running the football,” he said. “We’ve got to make them snap the football to get it down the field. We’ve got to stop the run, get some turnovers and get our people around the ball and we’ve got to tackle well when we get there.”

“I’d love to give you all of this great coaching philosophy. But, that’s what this game’s about. That’s why we wear headgears and shoulder pads and we don’t play it in our underwear,” he said. “If you’re going to play this game, you’ve got to line up and knock the heck out of people. It’s not that damn complicated.”

Ray Crump returns to the lineup to bolster the offensive line after missing the A&M game with a broken bone in his hand. Crump will see action at both tackle positions. Tight end Brandt Dooley will miss the game, still recovering from a knee injury. Defensive back Kevin James will also miss the game due to a neck injury.

Football begins Monday

Intramurals offers variety of sports

Barry Adams
Sports Writer

Of the numerous sports offered in JSU's Intramural sports program, some are more popular than others. Intramurals go into full swing with the most popular team sport, flag football, starting play Monday.

Some of the sports offered that have yet to catch on are co-rec football and co-rec softball. Co-recreational sports are those involving teams consisting of both men and women.

Racketball and billiards are the two most popular individual sports, with spades and checkers being two of the least popular.

A complete listing of sports offered this fall follows:

<u>Team Sports</u>	<u>Entries Accepted</u>	<u>Play Begins</u>
Flag Football	Sept. 2-16	Sept. 21
Co-rec Football	Sept. 2-23	Sept. 28
Co-rec Softball	Sept. 2-16	Sept. 22
3-man volleyball	Sept. 10-30	Oct. 5
6-man volleyball	Oct 5-28	Nov. 2
Socer	Oct. 5-28	Nov. 2
Team racketball	Oct. 5-28	Nov. 22
3-man basketball	Nov. 10-24	Nov. 30
<u>Individual Sports</u>	<u>Entries Accepted</u>	<u>Play Begins</u>
Tennis	Sept. 2-16	Sept. 21
Backgammon	Sept. 7-23	Sept. 25
Chess	Sept. 4-17	Oct. 12
Spades	Sept. 14-30	Oct. 5
Checkers	Sept. 14-Oct. 7	Oct. 12
Table Tennis	Sept. 30-Nov. 4	Nov. 10
Racketball	Oct. 5-28	Nov. 5
Billiards	Oct. 5-28	Nov. 3
Badminton	Oct. 19-Nov. 11	Nov. 16

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3. Florida State	3. JSU
4. Florida	tie. Portland State
5. Texas A&M	5. Northern Colorado
6. Michigan	6. Angelo State
7. Notre Dame	7. North Dakota State
8. Syracuse	8. Texas A&I
9. Alabama	9. Northeast Missouri State
10. Penn State	10. Butler
11. Colorado	11. Hampton
12. Nebraska	12. Edinboro
13. Oklahoma	13. New Haven
14. Tennessee	14. Mankato State
15. UCLA	15. Savannah State
16. North Carolina State	16. Ashland
17. Clemson	17. North Alabama
18. Stanford	18. Sonoma State
19. Georgia	19. Cal State Sacramento
20. Virginia	20. Nebraska Omaha
21. Ohio State	
22. Georgia Tech	
23. San Diego State	
24. Mississippi State	
25. Mississippi	

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DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Sept. 5	Alabama A&M	WIN	7-6
Sept. 19	West Georgia •	AWAY	6:30
Sept. 26	Valdosta State •	HOME	2:00
Oct. 3	Mississippi Coll. •	AWAY	5:00
Oct. 10	Delta State •	HOME	2:00
Oct. 17	North Alabama •	AWAY	7:00
Oct. 24	Georgia Southern	AWAY	12:30
Oct. 31	Alcorn State	HOME	2:00
Nov. 7	Livingston •	HOME	2:00
Nov. 14	Kentucky State	HOME	2:00

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JSU Volleyball Schedule

9/18-19	MUW Invitational	A
9/23	Alabama-Huntsville	A
9/24-27	Eckerd College Invitational	A
10/2-3	UAH Invitational	A
10/6	North Alabama	A
10/8	Huntingdon College	H
10/10	West Georgia	A
10/10	Georgia Tech	A
10/13	Alabama-Huntsville	H
10/15	Livingston	A
10/16	Mississippi College	A
10/19	Samford	H
10/22	Mississippi College	H
10/23-24	JSU Invitational	H
10/27	Huntingdon Invitational	H
10/30-31	West Georgia Invitational	A
11/4	Livingston	A
11/5	Samford	H
11/9	Lincoln Memorial	H
11/10	North Alabama	H
11/12	West Georgia	H
11/13	MUW	A
11/13	Troy State	A
11/20-21	GSC Tournament	A

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the Gamecocks against West Georgia than it was in the season opener.

That's the good news. The bad news is the Braves have a much more versatile offensive attack than A&M. Versatile doesn't necessarily mean effective. A come-from-behind win over Livingston, I presume, and a blowout at the hands of Samford give no reason to believe the Braves will pull off the upset.

The Gamecocks also had an extra week to prepare for the game, having an open date after the A&M game.

JSU has never lost to West Georgia and the Gamecocks won't this time, either.

Look for JSU to prevail...

JSU 38, West Georgia 20.

There you have it. This week's predictions. I promise never to do it again, at least until next week.

JSU now No. 3 in NCAA poll

JSU dropped into a tie for third place in this week's NCAA top twenty poll. Pittsburg State remained in the top spot after beating East Texas State.

The Gamecocks were No. 2 in the preseason poll. They dropped after a close 7-6 decision over Alabama A&M. JSU is now tied with Portland State, who narrowly defeated Eastern Washington 24-21.

Mississippi College plummeted out of the poll completely. The previously sixth-ranked Choctaws were beaten by North Alabama 14-6.

North Alabama entered the poll at No. 17. Livingston received consideration but didn't crack the top twenty.

Roundball slate set

The 1992-93 JSU basketball schedule was released Tuesday. The complete schedule:

Nov. 23	Elizabeth City
Nov. 27-28	Arby's Classic
Dec. 4-5	Tom Roberson Classic
Dec. 14	Pfeiffer
Dec. 18-19	Raindrop Classic
Jan. 4	Athens State
Jan. 9	Livingston
Jan. 11	Miss. College
Jan. 14	Alabama A&M
Jan. 16	North Alabama
Jan. 18	Delta State
Jan. 23	Valdosta State
Jan. 25	West Georgia
Jan. 30	UAH
Feb. 6	Valdosta State
Feb. 8	West Georgia
Feb. 13	Delta State
Feb. 15	North Alabama
Feb. 20	Miss. College
Feb. 22	Livingston

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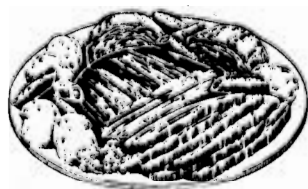
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