

GAMECOCK SPORTS

Righting the wrongs of the sports world in 2000



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Yes, the new year is upon us, and with the coming of the new year I have decided upon a new name for my column. It seems that some of you Garden Staters were offended by the name of my last column.

Between the insult you felt and the toxic waste fumes you've been inhaling all your lives, I received quite a number of death threats on my answering machine.

I didn't mind it so much, but my roommate got sick of erasing them, so really I changed the column's name for his sake.

Well, anyway, I'm starting a new policy.

If anyone has a complaint from now on, here's

what you do. Type it up neatly, stick in an envelope, throw a stamp on it, turn it sideways and shove it straight up your candyass.

Hurray, it's the new millenium and we're all still here.

Well, with the 21st century upon us I was sitting and thinking what certain sports could do to erase some of their biggest problems.

The first sport I looked at was college football. The biggest problem in college football is the polls and the lack of an accurate way to determine a national champion. Anyone who thinks the Bowl Championship Series has erased the problems of the past is a fool.

All the BCS does is make sure that the No. 1 and No. 2 teams in the country play each other. This helps a little, but the problem is, who's to say what two teams are No.s 1 and 2?

Look at poor Marshall. The Thundering Herd went undefeated for the second straight year and were still ranked No. 11, with an invitation to play in the prestigious Motor City Bowl.

Hello, I don't care if you play the Will Rogers Shriners Institute, if you go undefeated, then you

deserve to be playing on New Year's Day. The bottom line is college football still needs a play-off system.

The next sport is professional ice hockey. Can someone please insert some control over this game? All of these guys are glorified barroom brawlers on ice skates.

The refs need to start enforcing other rules besides "icing."

Sooner or later, we'll look on the back of hockey trading cards and where the stats should be, will appear knockouts, TKOs and decisions. What the NHL can do is set stiffer fines and have longer suspensions for fights.

Next on my list is professional basketball. Where did the fundamentals go? Why couldn't someone have the hindsight to cryogenically freeze the old Boston Celtics? This is no longer a team sport.

All the NBA is now is an exaggerated game of one-on-one street ball. Do you know who I blame? The league. The NBA made the game like this when they outlawed the zone defense as an illegal defense.

The only illegal defense should be when gun-toting hoods like Gary Payton and Allen Iverson decide to go on the floor strapped.

Zone defense is an integral part of the game and it is taught at every level of play, so why ban it in the NBA?

The NBA needs to reinstate the allowance of a zone defense if they want to preserve the true spirit of competition.

The next sport is Major League Baseball. I am very happy with the way the game has come back in the last couple years of the '90's. Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa receive high praise for the reincarnation of "America's Pastime."

But, there is one tiny issue that needs to be taken care of, and that is John Rocker. Please don't fire this guy: all he did was speak his mind.

Instead, give him his own radio show. This guy would bring in better ratings than Stern and JohnBoy and Billy combined.

He should be punished for calling his teammate a fat monkey, but don't fire him, just trade him to the Mets.

That way, the "KKK's Athlete of the Year" can ride the subway to the ballpark everyday with those same "freaks, queers with AIDS and ex-cons" he talked so passionately about in a recent *Sports Illustrated* interview.

Womens' soccer still thinks it doesn't get the recognition it deserves. Well, I can fix that too. All they have to do is play topless.

Look at the response Brandi Chastain got when she took off her jersey at the end of the Women's World Cup, and she's barely a B cup.

Just think what showing a little skin could do for their television ratings. After all, look what it did for Vanessa Williams' movie and music career.

Come to think of it, all women's sports could get more attention if played topless. Well, except for the pro golfers. Please, keep those ladies on the LPGA clothed as long as possible.

Now that we've fixed all these problems, let's sit back and enjoy a great 21st century of sports.

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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
7:00-8:00 AM	Instructor's Choice		Instructor's Choice				
7:30-8:30 AM		Cardio Jam Yoga		Cardio Jam			
Noon 1:00 PM	Step & Sculpt		Step & Sculpt		Step & Sculpt		
1:05-2:05 PM	Faculty/Staff Aerobics		Faculty/Staff Aerobics	Faculty/Staff Aerobics			
2:00-3:00 PM						Step	Body Sculpting
3:15-3:45 PM	Slide	Lower Body Blast	Slide	Upper Body Blast			
3:55-4:15 PM	Ab Express	Ab Express	Ab Express	Ab Express			
4:30-5:30 PM	Cardio Jam	Kick Boxing	Cardio Jam	Kick Boxing	Cardio Jam		
5:30-6:15 PM	Water Aerobics	Water Aerobics	Water Aerobics	Water Aerobics			
5:45-6:45 PM	Athletic Condition	Body Sculpting	Athletic Condition	Body Sculpting	Yoga		Instructor's Choice
7:00-8:00 PM	Circuit Training	Power Interval	Circuit Training	Power Interval			
8:15-9:15 PM	Cardio Tae Box	Step Express	Step	Step Express			

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