No alcohol in Sigma Nu house

by Jeana Miller

News writer

Sigma Nu National Fraternity is initiating a policy to remove alcohol from all of its fraternity houses. Its 210 chapters have until July 1, 2000, to comply with the new rule.

The new policy does not effect Sigma Nu’s current rules regarding alcohol consumption on the property of a third party or a licensed vendor. Ben Thomas, Commander of the JSU chapter of Sigma Nu explained that the policy is not yet complete, and little is known about its exact restrictions. “This is not a policy to make chapter functions or members alcohol free,” he says. “It is an attempt to reduce chapter liability by removing alcohol from chapter property.”

M. E. Littlefield, Executive Director of Sigma Nu, gave several reasons, one being rising insurance premiums, for the new rule. He explained that about 98 percent of incidents which harm individuals, damage chapter property, or cause lawsuits are related to alcohol abuse. He attributed low grades, poor image, declining alumni support of collegiate chapters, sexual assaults, and hazing to alcohol abuse as well. Littlefield also cited results of the Astin Study to support the policy. The study, which has been going on for the past 25 years, compiles interviews of over 200,000 entering college freshman throughout the United States. The results show that the number of college students who do not drink has increased from 21 percent in 1981 to 47 percent in 1994.

The policy also says that students should be wary of downloading *.zip or executable (*exe) files. Viruses, or programs that perform “extra features” such as dialing a Russian Internet provider instead of your normal provider, are a danger.

“Hacking has moved away from messing into somebody who’s not honest,” he commented, “a move this bold will allow the community and media to see fraternity life for its positive values, and focus less on its perceived indiscretions.”

Safe surfing a necessity for students

by Scott Hopkin

Managing Editor

JSU students using Microsoft Internet Explorer on their home computers face a new danger far more serious than a continual busy signal. Unless students have downloaded version 3.02 or the specified patch, unscrupulous website owners can modify files, run programs, or delete student’s hard drives, just by a student opening a web page.

“It’s easy to do,” says Don Walter, who works with Academic Computer Services. “People here have done it. It’s a real serious threat...If you go to some of the weirder pages, you’re in danger.”

Students in the labs are not affected because the university uses only Netscape browsers, which do not have this bug.

The only way to avoid this problem is to either download a patch from Microsoft, which corrects the problem, or download Internet Explorer 3.02.

“Soon or later you’re going to run into somebody who’s not honest”

--Don Walter

“It’s like leaving your keys in your car,” says Walter, “soon or later, you’re going to run into somebody who’s not honest.”

According to the FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) on the Microsoft webpage, the error, which was discovered by “an independent third party,” allows apples to access to a user’s machines. Applets are the programs run by Java that allow for moving portions of web pages.

Walter also advises students to be careful about downloads off of the Internet, especially compressed (*.zip) or executable (*.exe) files. Viruses, or programs that perform “extra features” such as dialing a Russian Internet provider instead of your normal provider, are a danger.

“Hacking has moved away from messing around with your system to taking money from your pockets,” says Walter.

He suggests that students download only from popular sites, such as Gamecenter.com or any places listed on the JSU hosts list. He also says that students should be wary of downloading items released that day, because complaints of problems would not have had time to get back to the site’s webmaster.
SGA sponsors Spring Fling '97

News editor

Students looking for something to do before the stresses of Finals Week found it on Tuesday and Wednesday night. The SGA kicked off Spring Fling '97 Tuesday night with the movie "Jerry Maguire." JSU's Earth Day festivities, scheduled for Wednesday at the Quad, included a volleyball tournament and free caricatures. Quenchable Quodd, Ethan and the Ewoks, and Funquarium were also scheduled to provide musical entertainment. Spring Fling '97 draws to a close today at 3 p.m. Today's activities include a barbecue lunch, more live music from local bands, novelties and games like Laser Tag at the Quad. Lunch is $3.50 for students.

Terry Casey, director of Student Activities, says Spring Fling is a chance for students to have "a few fun activities before finals start." This is the first annual Spring Fling. It was originally scheduled to start last year, but the SGA's activities were suspended by the administration soon after elections.

Angel Narvaez, outgoing SGA 2nd Vice-President, says that Spring Fling '97 is "something sponsored by the SGA for students to enjoy before the end of the year."

Narvaez says that he expects Spring Fling '97 to be a success since there was not one last year. He said in-coming 2nd Vice-President Greg Swindall, worked together to plan this year's activities.

Swindall says that the funds for Spring Fling '97 came from the SGA's entertainment budget. And, he says, volunteer help for the Spring Fling came from SGA senators as well as the Student Activities Committee and students not associated with SGA committees.

National frats shed "animal house" image

College Press Service

In an effort to shed their "Animal House" image, Phi Delta Theta and Sigma Nu have become the first fraternities in the nation to ban alcohol in all chapter homes.

The policy, announced March 14, is slated to go into effect by the year 2000. Both fraternities cite surveys that say incoming freshman are more interested in their studies than chugging beer.

"This is what we believe is going to be the future of the fraternity movement," said David Glassman, assistant executive director at Sigma Nu's national headquarters. "We think this is actually a way to become more sensitive and more conducive to students' needs and desires."

More fraternities are expected to follow suit. Lower insurance rates, better living conditions and the academic improvement of members are among the benefits expected from instituting no-alcohol policies, Glassman said.

Chapter houses can still throw parties in which alcohol is served, as long as they're held at a site other than the fraternity house, Glassman said.

Still many students said they wonder how fraternity members including potential pledges will react to an alcohol-free house.

Although most fraternity houses were dry until the 1960s, brothers who were 21 or older might have trouble adjusting to the notion that they can't drink a beer in the house, said Tamara Miles, University of California's School of Public Health and Social Behavior.

"People really have a hard time getting away from the 'Animal House' image," said Brian, 20, a sophomore. "But there's a lot more to a fraternity than drinking.

Still, alcohol-related incidents at fraternities, including hazings and deaths from excessive drinking, continue to grab headlines. In 1995, a nationwide study by Harvard University's School of Public Health and Social Behavior accused many fraternities of being "functional saloons" after finding fraternity and sorority members drink more heavily and frequently than non-Greeks.

The survey of more than 17,500 students at 140 colleges and universities showed that 86 percent of men and 80 percent of women living in fraternities and sororities are binge drinkers. (Binge drinking is defined as consuming five consecutive drinks for men, or four for women, one or more times during a two-week period.)

These numbers are nearly double See Frat page 3
University Park, Pa. - To Christine Enedy, a Penn State senior, her quilt made a personal statement about her religious beliefs.

But to a state lawmaker and the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights, Enedy’s quilt, titled “25 Years of Virginity: A Self Portrait,” made a mockery of Christianity.

Enedy displayed a quilt that features 25 pairs of underwear with red crosses sewn in the crotches. Enedy told the Associated Press that the exhibit celebrates her Catholicism.

When the quilt was displayed on campus, the Catholic League of Religious and Civil Rights pressured the university with letters calling for its removal. Also, a Republican legislator, John Lawless, asked the governor to denounce the quilt. The governor declined.

Penn State has supported Enedy’s right to exhibit her work.

“I can’t imagine any circumstances under which this university would want to encourage censorship,” said Graham B. Spanier, Penn State’s president.

--College Press Service

Interracial marriages on the rise

Ann Arbor, Mich. - More Americans are marrying outside of their own racial group than at any time in the past, according to an analysis of U.S. Census data.

University of Michigan researcher Reynolds Farley found that in the last decade, about 8 percent of black men married white women, compared to fewer than 2 percent in the 1940s or 1950s.

“In recent years, the proportion of both men and women from all racial groups who ‘marry out’ has increased,” Farley said, “and the percent of young black men who marry white women has increased fairly sharply.”

However, intermarriage is still much less common for blacks and whites than for Hispanics or Asians, he said.

Interestingly, gender seemed to be closely linked with rates of interracial marriage. Among Asian-Americans, women married someone of another race at a much higher rate than men, but among blacks, men were much more likely to marry outside their race than women.

Also, those living in California or Hawaii were much more likely to marry outside their racial group than those living in the South or Midwest, the study found.

Educational attainment also made a large difference, especially for blacks. “Black men with college degrees were most likely to marry white women,” Farley said.

More influential than either geography or education, however, was recent service in the armed forces, the study found.

White men who had served in the military were three times as likely to marry black women as white men who never served.

White women who had served in the military were seven times as likely to marry black men as white women who never served, the study found.

Farley says racial integration of the military could account for breaking racial dividing lines.

“Too often, the fraternity experience today is defined by alcohol,” he said. “We risk losing our purpose.”

The no-alcohol policy reflects that the frats are “aware of the need for proactive change,” Glassman said.

“This is not the end-all. We don’t expect this to end all alcohol-related problems,” he said.

Robert B. Dalioh, president of Phi Delta Theta Theta’s general council, said a fraternity is supposed to stress friendship and a commitment to community service.

“Too often, the fraternity experience today is defined by alcohol,” he said. “We risk losing our purpose.”

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The Chanticleer is now accepting applications for the following paid positions:

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Offended or not by “Ellen,” hypocrisy and censorship should not be tolerated

by Rebecca Matanic
Sports editor

ABC 33/40’s recent decision to censor our viewing choices by not showing the April 30 “coming out” episode of “Ellen” reeks of hypocrisy and sets a dangerous precedent.

Jerry Heilman, president and general manager of ABC 33/40 says that his station will not air the program because “we do not think it is appropriate for family viewing.”

The “we” in Heilman’s statement is not the public. The “we” is the powers-that-be at Heilman’s station. It might be true that many viewers agree with the station’s decision, but if Heilman and others in the upper management are allowed the power to select our viewing choices based on their “moral standards” we may soon be watching just their news and reruns of “Little House on the Prairie.”

There isn’t a show on television that some citizen can’t find offensive in some way. However, as viewers, we have the ultimate power - the remote control; if you don’t like it, change the channel or even read a book. I certainly don’t believe in censorship, but the hypocrisy in ABC 33/40’s decision suggests keeping “Ellen” in the closet is nothing more than a public relations scheme. Heilman said he would show “Ellen” later in the evening if allowed by the network, so children would not be exposed to the show.

It is the parents’ responsibility to decide what is appropriate for their children to watch.

If you look at the current ABC lineup, these children that Heilman claims to be so worried about can watch the TV-14 rated “Relativity” Mondays at 7 p.m. I watched “Relativity” last week, Monday night along with previous episodes. During last week’s show the children Heilman refers to could have witnessed adultery, pre-marital sex and an unwed couple living together.

Monday’s episode of “Relativity” featured two lesbian character’s who actually shared an on-screen kiss in an earlier episode this season. That episode was also shown on ABC 33/40, although at that time “Relativity” was shown at 9 p.m.

It does make me wonder, though, if “Relativity” has an upcoming episode where there is pre-marital sex and adultery, plus another subtle touch of lesbianism, will it still be on the air? If the lesbian characters appear in the episode, do they censor the whole episode, or go to a news break while the lesbian characters are on camera?

Heilman’s station also airs the TV-PG “High Incident” Thursdays at 7 p.m. Although I am not a regular viewer, the cop show, with a parental guidance rating does contain violence.

It is hard for me to understand why it is more detrimental for a child to hear Ellen DeGeneres’ character utter two words, “I’m gay,” than it is to see police in a shoot out with criminals.

Sexual orientation doesn’t just happen. When was the last time you heard someone say, “Before watching four hours of TV, I didn’t know I was heterosexual, homosexual or bisexual, but I now know that I am straight?”

When Heilman and his staff decided to censor “Ellen” they had not even seen the episode. According to USA Today, ABC affiliates did not receive the controversial episode for viewing until Friday, yet Heilman and his staff made their decision two days earlier. Censorship is troublesome enough, but censorship without viewing is outrageous.

If the “coming out” episode of “Ellen” has any affect beyond a few laughs, it will be a positive effect to those teens who are struggling with their sexual orientation. Studies have shown that at least one-third of teen suicides in the United States are related to confusion and/or shame about sexual orientation. These are children coming from all backgrounds: rich, poor, Baptist, Catholic, Jewish, black, Hispanic, white. You may not agree with it, but it is a reality.

In reality, “Ellen” is a sitcom, and “Relativity” is a drama. Together they are only TV shows. Just because a child might watch “Relativity” does not mean that the child will someday have pre-marital sex and commit adultery.

No child and no adult will “become gay or lesbian” because Ellen DeGeneres is a lesbian portraying a lesbian character on TV.
Spring 1997 Final Exam Schedule

Classes will meet as scheduled through April 21, 1997.
Final examinations in courses with less than three hours credit will be
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Jaime's on the line... for a $50,000 donation. Will talk to you for a half hour... for $100,000 he won't...

Good Luck Everyone!!

What do you think about ABC 33/40's decision to not air the "coming out" episode of Ellen?

---Compiled by Tamara Miles

"I'm not surprised. We live in a part of the country that tends not to be open to people's preferences; whether religious, social, or emotional."  
Jason St. John, Senior

"If the station will show made-for-TV movies about more 'controversial' issues, why can't one half-hour episode about a harmless lifestyle be aired?"

Rhonda Caler, Sophomore

"This is a bold move for the ABC station to make and commendable one at that. The issue of homosexuality has all too often been taken lightly, so I am very impressed by ABC's stand against the casual depiction of homosexuality. Maybe this is a new trend in television broadcasting."  
Elizabeth West, Freshman

"Ridiculous! Everyone has the option to switch the channel if the episode is offensive! I am against censorship in any form."  
John Brown, Instructor

"I totally disagree with the decision because if you've been following the show all this time, what do you do now? Hear about the episode instead of seeing it? I know this is Alabama, but come on!"  
Priscilla Thomas, Graduate

"It is a shame. I feel that this is just TV. It is also a chance for people to understand this is not a biased South anymore. This just hurts 33/40's image and takes away a little of their credibility for being open-minded, especially since they have a high rated news program."  
Billy Thomas, Senior

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"Mr. Stekson, we are very busy people. Do you want the finest hair-replacement procedure available or not?"

"After months of gathering dust, the Norsteens' $1,500 treadmill is finally put to use."

"The manual says it needs 187 "D" batteries."

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**THE Crossword**

**ACROSS**

1. Laugh heartily
5. Crooks
14. Inter —
15. Bees
16. Very small amount
17. Heels
18. Nautical tracer
19. Disparaging remark
20. Racetrack periwinkle
22. Stars have it
24. Sisters
25. Strike out
26. Old stately dance
29. Pronoun
33. Andean beast
34. Before now
35. Scratch, e.g.
36. Jet
39. Ariste Magritte
40. Of course
41. Goopy stuff
42. Thorough
43. Was furious
45. Caught
46. Judicial wear
47. Trading place
48. Imperturbable
51. "Bojangles" Robinson's forte
53. "Crooks"
55. Author Waugh
56. Details
58. Drop in
59. Only
60. "Bojangles"' nest
61. Perturbable
62. "No man is an island" poet
63. Note
64. Poise

**DOWN**

1. Fastener
2. Mixture
3. Ingeniously
4. Bergen, to Candice, e.g.
5. Internet access
6. Comes into view
7. Italian money
8. Coach
9. Court judgment
10. Passageways
11. Foot bottom
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29. "None"
30. Change for the better
31. Jogging
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33. Released
34. Playground feature
35. Ingenious
36. Bergen, to Candice, e.g.
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41. Used a gun
42. Difficult
43. Copied, in a way
44. Copied, in a way
45. Runs out
46. Some missiles, for short
47. "Bojangles" Robinson's forte
48. "Crooks"
49. Gen. Robert —
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51. "Crooks"
52. Alliance
53. "Bojangles" Robinson's forte
54. Trees
55. "Crooks"
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57. Oolong

**ANSWERS**

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"Whoa! Up 14 pounds since November! What'd you do? Get a job at a doughnut shop!!"

"Those are 20 percent off."
College students may be vulnerable to cults

by Adolfo Mendez
College Press Service

After 12 years of being in a cult, Lisa Caroll left the group to obtain a master’s degree in sociology. Caroll researched cults for her master’s thesis. “I wanted to find out why I went in,” said Caroll, who now works in public relations for Southern California college.

Caroll joined when she was 18, while she was a freshman in college. The death of her mother that same year drove her into involvement with the cult. “That’s usually when people get involved in cults and mainstream religion. It’s the feeling of emptiness,” she says.

Concerned for her safety, Caroll prefers not to reveal the cult’s identity. “It’d be too dangerous,” she said. “You have to understand their mindset.”

It’s the same mindset that drove the Heaven’s Gate cult to commit mass suicide in San Diego. “I would have done anything to protect the leader of the group. I believed that she was God,” Caroll said of her group, not tied to Heaven’s Gate.

It had dreams about throwing myself in front of a bullet to protect her. The group that I was with is still active. They will do anything to protect this person,” she said.

The initial comfort she felt in the group gave way to feelings of disillusionment when she discovered she was discouraged from asking “too many questions.”

“I was excommunicated because I stood up one day and asked some questions,” she said.

College students often are drawn into cults because the groups “mix truth with lies. If it was just one big lie, it would be easy.”

While it’s normal to feel homesick while being away from home, not all students know how to cope with their feelings, Caroll said.

Some, as a result, join cults, who fill the need for family, she said.

Estimates on the number of active cults in America range anywhere from 3,000 to 5,000, depending on the source. Numbers for college student involvement are more difficult to come by, given the secrecy of such groups.

But author M. Rudin, who wrote “Cults on Campus: Continuing Challenge,” notes that more than half of new cult members are between the ages of 18 and 24.

Cult recruiters find college students attractive targets because often students desire to “better the world, to improve themselves” or feel closer to God,” said D.H. Blunt, author of “Cults on Campus: Awareness is Key.”

Yet while mainstream religious organizations have a mission of enhancing the spiritual development of members, cults, on the other hand, have self-preservation as a main goal and often use deceptive recruitment and conversion techniques, said Rudin.

Cult experts say that research into cults reveals some common themes in such groups:

1. Mind control — Many groups discourage members from reading material other than that produced by cult group. They discourage television and newspaper reading. The reason this works, says Caroll, is because they label such sources as being part of the “dark side.”

2. Cutting family ties — “With lots of groups, they’ll tell you your family is unenlightened,” Caroll said. “Once you’re out of your support system, you become more dependent on them.”

3. Denial of reality — Sometimes, reality becomes distorted by date-setting, says Larry A. Trachte, a professor at Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa. Trachte, who’s taught a course titled “Religious Cults” since 1979, expects a rise in the start of a millenialist fervor as the year 2000 approaches.

The Heaven’s Gate cult believed a spaceship was traveling behind the Hale-Bopp comet, a belief with no basis in scientific fact.

For college students, denial can manifest itself in more day-to-day tasks. “They tell you don’t worry about the stress in school. All the stress you’re under doesn’t matter, because school really doesn’t matter,” Caroll said.

Still, colleges expose students to a world of ideas — ideas which threaten a cult’s grip on members. Some groups, therefore, try to persuade young followers to drop out, Caroll said.

Artificial tanning: weighing beauty vs. possible risks

by Nicole Griffin
The Utah Statesman

LOGAN, Utah — In her attempt to look as tan as possible for a special event, a young woman arranged several tanning sessions, all at different salons.

After her long day of tanning, the young woman was relaxing at home when she smelled something unusual, according to folklorist Jan Harold Brunvand in “Curses! Broiled Again.”

When she realized it was coming from her own body, she showered, but was unable to rid herself of the smell.

A few hours later, a doctor’s consultation revealed that she had cooked her insides and had only a short time to live.

Although this story is considered an urban legend by folklorists, and even Brunvand admits the story’s sketchy at best, medical experts, including the American Academy of Dermatologists, tout the serious medical problems associated with tanning by artificial light.

The darkening of the skin by artificial light works by exposing the skin to ultraviolet radiation, according to the Tanning Fact Book distributed by ETS, Inc. Tanning Systems. These UV waves cause pigment to the rise to the surface of the skin, thereby causing the “tan look.”

Logan dermatologist Bradley Summers said artificial tanning has become popular in the past years because of society. “There is this perception in society that tan skin looks better,” he said. “It’s the mark of a leisurely lifestyle.”

Summers said this societal perception is ironic because years ago, tan skin was the sign of the working class, and to the contrary, the aristocracy prided themselves on being milky white.

According to Summers, those who frequently indulge in this new trend have two main reasons to worry about the health of their skin: skin cancer and premature aging.

There’s no question that tanning beds are not necessarily safe. Summers said. There is definitely skin cancer risks associated with frequent tanning, he added.

“I try to warn people when they ask about it, but they have to make their own decisions,” Summers said.

In his medical training, Summers said he dermatology patients who had something like tanning booth addiction.

The patient’s skin looked just like leather with white and brown spots, and they had prematurely aged at least 20 years, he said.

“I try to warn people when they ask about it, but they have to make their own decisions,” Summers said.

“People are going to do it whether they know the risks or not.”

Despite these warnings, the success of the tanning industry is evident, even in Cache Valley in Utah.

Ten local tanning salons provide customers with private rooms, which in addition to housing tanning beds, contain radios, rotating fans, towels and cans of spray deodorant — everything to make the tanning experience a comfortable one.

While salon clients lie in the bed, which closes over them like a clam shell, they are exposed to ultraviolet light bulbs from the top and the bottom. Sessions last anywhere from just a few minutes to a half an hour.

Stephanie vicars, manager of Island Tan, said most of the people who come to the salon know tanning is not entirely safe. Clients are warned about the dangers associated with UV radiation to eyes and skin by posters hanging in the rooms. In addition, every customer is required to sign a release form.

“Either they will tan in the sun or here. Both ways are harmful,” she said. “That’s basically proven — it’s their decision to make.”

Vicars said 30 to 40 percent of the salon’s customers are Utah State students — both male and female. Also, she said, many come to Island Tan because they don’t want to burn when going on vacation or Spring Break.

Summers said the yearly use of a tanning bed before going on vacation may be justified.

When asked the ultimate reason why people tan, Summers said he thought it was because it makes people feel good. Psychologically, Vitamin D from UV radiation helps people feel better, he said.

Although the interest in tanning is still very strong and there continues to be a strong demand for services, Summers said down the road, the tide may turn when people acquire a greater understanding of the risk.

“I envision society’s attitude about tanning changing, just as it did with smoking,” he said.

“But that will be many, many years down the road.”
**CONCERT CORNER**

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May 23 Metallica

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Melissa Ferrick/ Squirtgun/
Teen Idols

Variety Playhouse
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Lady Gamecocks to host TAAC tourney

by Rebecca Matanic
Sports editor

The Jax State softball team claimed its second consecutive TAAC West Division crown with a 6-2, 3-1 sweep at Southeastern Louisiana Monday. The victories improved the Lady Gamecocks to 25-11 overall and 12-4 in the TAAC.

“Thank you, everybody, for being there,” said coach Jana McGinnis, whose squad will host the TAAC Tournament, April 24-26 at University Field. Despite losing five starters from last year’s squad and only having two pitchers, McGinnis’ team is on-track to capture a second consecutive conference championship.

“I think we’re really solid, if everybody can stay consistent,” catcher Trisha White said.

“We’re going to need to focus on one game at a time at the tournament,” Riddell says. “That way we can be successful.”

The Gamecocks are also in position to earn another appearance in the NCAA Tournament. Russo and Riddell lead Gamecocks

Riddell smacked two hits and pitched a complete game to lead JSU to a 6-2 victory over SLU in the first game of the doubleheader Monday.

After missing a doubleheader at Troy State due to illness, Riddell said she was worried about not being 100 percent for the crucial conference battles.

“I knew the weekend was important for the team....so I had to be there to help Julie (Kish) with the pitching.”

First baseman Jennifer Russo helped the Gamecock bats with two hits. White led Jax State with two RBIs.

Julie Kish allowed just one run while surrendering nine hits in the second game to give the Gamecocks the sweep. With the win, Kish improved to 11-4 on the season. Riddell relieved Kish late in the game to earn her third save of the season.

Centenary delays JSU celebration

The Centenary Lades delayed the Lady Gamecocks West Division title with a 3-1, 4-3 sweep Saturday in Shreveport, La.

“I think we went in with more pressure on ourselves,” White said of the doubleheader loss. “I don’t think we played our game.”

Centenary’s Tommie Darden spoiled the Gamecocks hope for a split in the night cap with a solo home run in the bottom of the seventh inning.

Riddell said the home run pitch to Darden was outside. Darden connected through, although not a powerful shot, she hit it hard enough to send it over the fence for the victory.

JSU baseball team continues winning streak

by Shannon Fagan
Sports writer

Since losing a three-game series with Southeastern Louisiana, the Gamecocks have reeled off five straight wins. On April 8, Jax State played Tennessee Tech and came away with the win to start the streak. April 9, the Gamecocks returned home to face Georgia State. It wasn’t an easy game for the Gamecocks, but they came away with a come-from-behind 5-3 win.

Over the weekend, JSU traveled to Shreveport, La., to face Centenary. The Gamecocks swept the three-game series to improve their record to 32-10.

JSU 9 Tenn. Tech 6

Roby Brooks went deep for the 13th time on the season, helping the Gamecock cause. Roby Brooks had two hits on the afternoon accounting for a run. Melvin Springs had two hits on the day that led to another Gamecock run.

“He (Hathorn) came in and slammed the door for us...He gave us a chance to win the game,” --Coach Rudy Abbott.

The story of the game was pitcher Ricky Collins, who hurled nine innings of work and picked up seven strikeouts along the way. The win increased his record to a perfect 7-0 for the season.

JSU 5 Georgia State 3

Roby Brooks sent his eighth home run over the fence in the sixth inning to give the Gamecocks a 2-1 lead. Georgia State put up two more runs in the seventh inning to take the lead, but the Gamecocks didn’t back down. They put together three runs in the eighth inning to get the lead once again. Pitcher Cypress Hathorn got his first win of the season.

“He (Hathorn) came in and slammed the door for us. He gave us a chance to win the game,” --coach Rudy Abbott said.

JSU 6 Centenary 2

Bert Higgins, Mike Garner, and Scott Green each accounted for a run to help the Gamecocks prevail in the opening game of the three-game series. J.R. Allen pitched seven innings, earning his seventh win of the season. Gamecock pitchers allowed only two runs, one in the first and another in the sixth.

JSU 12 Centenary 10

In game two of the series, the runs came in droves. The Gamecocks powered out 13 hits on the night, leading to 12 runs.

Lee Hinkson picked up the win, increasing his record to 8-1. Hinkson pitched five innings and struck out nine batters. Bryan Williamson picked up his third save of the season as the Gamecocks’ offense outmanned the Gents in the slugfest.

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Farewell comments from the Chanticleer sports editor

by Rebecca Matanic
Sports editor

I am leaving this position because I am scheduled to graduate in December. However, I feel it is necessary to thank a few people who not only made my job easier, but gave me their full support.

A special thanks to women’s basketball coach Dana Austin and her assistant Tracy Linton. Both Austin and Linton consistently went out of their way to grant interviews, return phone calls and give me the player access I needed.

The same goes to softball coach Jana McGinnis and assistant Mark Wisener. I really appreciate the support and wish a happy TAAC Championship and student support upon you.

Ed Hill, university photographer, thank you for your kindness, extra work and talent. I would also like to thank Associate Athletics Director, Marilyn Osborne, men’s basketball coach Bill Jones and the Gamecocks’ new football coach Mike Williams.

Finally, I need to thank the gang at the Sports Information Department. This has been a rewarding and challenging experience for me. I hope more students discover and support JSU athletics.
Austin lands top recruits

by Rebecca Matanic
Sports Writer

Lady Gamecocks’ basketball coach Dana Austin has signed four recruits including Alabama’s high school all-time leading scorer Heather Mayes.

“We’re very fortunate to have her,” Austin says of Mayes. “She can play anywhere from the one, two or three position. She can play from small guard to point guard. She can play all of those positions.”

Mayes started her college career at Division I power Western Kentucky, but left the program after her freshman year. She is currently attending and playing softball at Snod Jr. Community College. The 5-9 Mayes scored 4,149 points and collected 1,737 rebounds in leading Class 2A Fyffe High School to three state championships.

“I recruited her hard and I know she came to see us play on several occasions and for an official visit on one occasion,” Austin said of Mayes. “We’re very fortunate to have her.”

Austin also signed forward Melissa Harden’s sister Karen. Karen comes to the Lady Gamecocks from Dodge City Community College. The 5-9 guard is expected to give 35-2 added strength, rebounding and 3-point shooting.

Karen’s a tremendous player,” Austin says. “She’s going to add a lot to our program. She’s got the guts and the desire, she’s a lot like her sister.”

Austin added that Karen is a good shooting guard, who drilled over 40 percent of her shots from 3-point distance last season.

Division I transfers Lateatrice Thomas from Florida A&M and Lisa Baswell from Southern Mississippi will give the Gamecocks additional height. Both Thomas and Baswell will have to sit out a year due to NCAA Division I transfer requirements.

Thomas has three years of eligibility remaining while Baswell has two. Both players will be allowed to practice with the Lady Gamecocks next season.

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Fortunately, for the Lady Gamecocks, Florida A&M did not provide Thomas what she was looking for. Even though Thomas and Baswell can’t wear a Jax State uniform next season, their contributions in practice should strengthen an already talented squad.

Baswell, who played at Alabama’s Locust Fork High School, is a 6-2 post player. Baswell ranked high in the state in rebounds during her high school career. Baswell started at Southern Mississippi for two years.

“When she contacted me, she wasn’t satisfied (at Southern Mississippi),” Austin says. “She wanted to get closer to home.”

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The Gamecocks hope to continue their current winning streak when they face Southeastern Louisiana in a doubleheader at home on Friday.

Women’s Golf

The JSU women’s golf team is in ninth place after two rounds at the TAAC Tournament in Daytona Beach, Florida.

The Lady Gamecocks shot a 115 over par 691 in the first two rounds. Jax State trails, the leader, Central Florida by 50 strokes.

JSU came out strong in the first round with a team score of 330, to trail by just 12 strokes. Unfortunately, the Lady Gamecocks had a disastrous 361 second round to drop to ninth place.

The Lady Gamecocks’ Vicki Hanks is tied for 16th place with a two-round plus 21 total of 165. Marie Maitfolk’s two-round 169 places her in the 29th position.

Men’s Tennis

The Jax State men’s tennis team closed its season with a disappointing 4-0 loss to Campbell in the first round of the TAAC Tournament, April 10 in Macon, Ga.

Alvaro Ballesteros lost at the No. 1 singles 6-4, 6-0. No. 2 John Jacobson dropped his match 6-4, 7-5. Steve Taylor lost at No. 3 singles 6-1, 6-1.

The Gamecocks finished the season with a 7-15 record.

Women’s Tennis

The Lady Gamecocks got off to a good start in the TAAC Tournament with a 5-1 victory over Centenary. Unfortunately, in the second round, Jax State squared off against the No. 3 seed Florida International. FIU coasted to a 5-0 victory over the Gamecocks.

JSU’s No. 1 singles player Soledad Galindez won 6-0, 6-1 against Centenity’s top player No. 2 seed Upekha Wijeratne cruised 6-1, 6-1. Carmen Garcia took the Nos. 3 match at love. Emily Gong took the fourth position, 6-3, 6-0.

Chris Pietro dropped the No. 5 match 5-7, 0-6, but No. 6 Camilla Bourke cruised to a 6-1, 6-0 win.

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