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IN THE *News*

Anniston, AL - (Chanticleer) By **Rebecca Matanic** Time Warner General Manager Don Richie says that ABC 33/40's decision not to air the April 30 "coming out" episode of "Ellen" should allow the Atlanta ABC affiliate, WSB, channel 2 to show the program in the local viewing area.

ABC 33/40 has utilized a FCC ruling to block duplicate programming from WSB in viewing areas shared by the two stations. However, since Jerry Heilman, president and general manager of ABC 33/40 along with his upper management staff have decided not to show the April 30 episode of "Ellen," Time Warner Cable can show the episode on WSB.

AUGUSTA, Ga. - (Atlanta Journal-Constitution) Last Sunday, the four-day PGA Masters Tournament ended with the record-shattering win of 21-year-old Tiger Woods. In his first Masters as a professional, Woods trounced all other opponents with a record 12-stroke lead over the rest of the field, and established a new record of 18 under par on 72 holes. This win makes Woods the first African-American man to win a major golf championship.

WASHINGTON, DC - (Washington Post) Controversy continues to swirl around the alleged abuses in Democratic Party fund-raising. House Speaker Newt Gingrich is pressuring Attorney General Janet Reno to establish an independent counsel to investigate claims that the Democratic Party may have used improper methods in its solicitation of contributions.

BIRMINGHAM - (Birmingham Post-Herald) A Birmingham activist wants Police Chief Johnnie Johnson to resign because of comments made by the chief in an interview published by *The Birmingham News*. Activist Ronald Jackson says Johnson's statement, "somebody has got to be convincing Ms. Jones to stop birthing children that are problem children," suggests that Johnson believes there is a genetic link between black people and criminality. "If he said, 'stop rearing' troublesome children, I'd have no problems, but ... 'birthing problem children' . . . stoops down into the racist bag to try to justify why his efforts haven't been more successful," Jackson says. Johnson declined to comment until he was better informed on the controversy.

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina - (New York Times) Last Sunday, Pope John Paul II celebrated mass in Sarajevo. The mass was attended by 35,000 people who braved the cold wind and billowing snow. The 76-year-old pontiff came to Sarajevo on a visit that had been planned over two years ago, but was canceled due to Serbian shelling of the city. The Pope urged the citizens of the war-torn Bosnian nation to make peace with one another.

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 very 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 per-

cent in 1981 to 47 percent in 1994, and 33 percent of students say they would choose to live in a substance-free environment if it were offered to them. Littlefield also stated that, according to the Association of College and University Housing, the number of universities offering substance-free housing residence halls is growing, and the demand for them is exceeding the supply.

Thomas says the Greek system as a whole has been expecting this kind of decision for quite a while. Since all national fraternities banned Tap/Keg systems in the 1980's, risk-reduction guidelines for their social events have gotten more and more strict. Sigma Nu and Phi Delta Theta are the first two large national men's fraternities to remove alcohol from chapter houses, but Thomas says they expect other fra-



Sigma Nu National Fraternity bans alcohol at all chapter houses citing study that finds students would rather live in substance-free housing. Tamara Miles

ternities to do the same.

Thomas believes the change to alcohol-free housing will positively affect his fraternity. "If nothing else," 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.

'Sooner 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, "sooner 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 applets access to a user's machines. Applets are the pro-

grams 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 hotsheet. 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.

CAMPUS CRIME DOCKET

- 4-8-97 Charles Howell reported criminal mischief at Bibb Graves Hall.
- 4-8-97 Tameka Jenell Reid reported harassment at Curtiss Hall.
- 4-8-97 Deidre Vernee Crawford reported harassment at Sparkman Hall.
- 4-9-97 Melissa Carloyn Vest reported breaking and entering of an automobile at Stone Center.
- 4-10-97 UPD reported carrying a pistol without a permit, minor in possession of alcohol, and DUI at Mountain Street.
- 4-10-97 Daric Lewis Nix, 21, of Jacksonville was arrested at Mountain Street and charged with DUI and carrying a pistol without a permit.
- 4-10-97 Dwayne Charles Goggins, 19, of Jacksonville was arrested at Mountain Street and charged with carrying a pistol without a permit and possession of alcohol by a minor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

•Attention Veterans—Please come by the VA office, room 101, Bibb Graves Hall to fill out a card for May Term, Summer I, Summer II, Marathon A or B, and Fall. Failure to do this will result in termination of your benefits.

•The Jacksonville Heritage Association will be holding Preservation Week 1997 from Sunday, May 11 to Saturday, May 17. For more information contact Pete Eschrig at 435-1565.

•Phi Beta Kappa announces a guest lecture by Dr. Lawrence Lipking of Northwestern University entitled "Reading Shakespeare's Mind" Monday, April 21, 1997 at 8 p.m. on the 11th floor of the Houston Cole Library.

•PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) meets every third Thursday of the month. We need your support, so please attend. We need you to give or receive support or just be there! **All is confidential!** Meetings are on 7-9 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church 1001 Leighton Ave. Anniston, Al. Contact Ann for more information at (205) 831-7280 or Carole (Gulf Region Director) at (561)272-1634. We celebrate real family values!

The Little River Canyon Field School announces:

•Introduction to White Water Canoeing April 19, 1997 in front of Bibb Graves Hall, JSU from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. There is a \$35.00 fee plus a water craft rental fee @ \$30 each two man canoe.

•An Archeological Tour of Calhoun County April 19, 1997 at Anniston Museum of Natural History from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. There is a fee of \$3.00 per person.

•Gorge Yourself: a deep canyon hike April 26, 1997 at Canyonland Park from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. There is a \$10 per person fee.

For more information or to register call Angela Morgan at 782-5697.

•The Friends of the Locust Fork River will sponsor "On the River," the fourth annual Friends' river festival Saturday, April 26, 1997. The gates open at 9 a.m. with bluegrass and folk music beginning at 10 a.m. and ending at 6 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children under 12. The Festival is held on the river's edge 30 minutes from downtown Birmingham on the I-65 North exit marked "Hayden/Corner" in Blount County. For more information contact the Friends of the Locust Fork at (205) 647-8835.

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Last Thursday, students, faculty, and Jacksonville residents gathered on the 11th floor of the Houston Cole Library to hear Holocaust survivor Herbert Kohn speak about his experiences. Kohn was invited to speak as part of JSU's annual memorial commemoration of the Holocaust of World War II. Tamara Miles

SGA sponsors Spring Fling '97

by Jennie Ford
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 Quid*, *Ethan and the Ewox*, 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, out-going 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 and 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

by Colleen Dibaise
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 par-

ties 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 are 21 or older might have trouble adjusting to the notion that they

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--David Glassman

can't drink a beer in the house, said David Blair, a Phi Delta Theta brother at Willamette University.

"It's time for fraternities to go back to what they used to be, (but) we've had it this way for a long time," he said.

With rush season set to begin next fall on many campuses, only time will

tell how popular the new policy will be with freshman.

"People really have a hard time getting away from the 'Animal House' image," said Blair, 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

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Student's quilt angers Catholics

University Park, Pa. - To Christine Eney, 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, Eney's quilt, titled "25 Years of Virginity: A Self Portrait," made a mockery of Christianity.

Eney displayed a quilt that fea-

tures 25 pairs of underwear with red crosses sewn in the crotches. Eney 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 peppered 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 Eney'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.

--College Press Service

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those of the overall student population, where 44 percent report binge drinking.

Often the drinking leads to tragic consequences. In February, eight Frostburg State University students, all members of an unsanctioned fraternity, were charged with manslaughter in the alcohol poisoning death of a freshman. That same week, nine students were charged with hazing after a Clarkson University freshman pledge was found dead at Theta Chi fraternity house after a night of drinking

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. Deloian, president of Phi Delta 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."

Organizational News

Zeta Sigma Nu Mountain Bike Club

The Zeta Sigma Nu Mountain Bike Club meets every Wednesday night at 9:00 in the Roundhouse. If you would like more information on the JSU Mountain Bike Racing Team, call 435-0881.

Greek Week 1997

Sorority

Champion - Alpha Xi Delta
2nd place - Zeta Tau Alpha
3rd place - Alpha Omicron Pi
Spirit Award - Zeta Tau Alpha
Greek Goddess - Beckie Nelson (Alpha Xi Delta)
Most Valuable Player - Christie Henly (Alpha Omicron Pi)

Fraternity

Champion - Sigma Phi Epsilon
2nd place - Kappa Alpha
3rd place - Kappa Sigma
Spirit Award - Kappa Sigma
Greek God - Chris Freeman (Alpha Tau Omega)
Most Valuable Player - Rodney Cole (Kappa Alpha)

**Thanks to everyone who participated and a special thanks to the Greek Week Committee for all your hard work.

Congratulations to Sigma Phi Epsilon 1997 Greek Week Champions

Sigma Nu

Sigma Nu would like to thank the alumni for their participation in Shipwreck '97 and the brothers for their hard work that made it so successful.

Zeta Tau Alpha

The sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha would like to congratulate the following new members on their initiation:

Lisa Braden, Amie Crow, Kellie Collins, Amanda McCoy, Camie Henderson, Beth Green, Misty Freeman, Heather Henderson, Kelly Rhinehart, Tracie Snow, Andie Cox, and Kristie Wilkinson

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ISSUE OF THE WEEK

New SGA off to a bad start



Scott Hopkin
Managing Editor

For the second week in a row, the new SGA hasn't bothered to drag enough of its collective self together to hold a meeting. While this student government body can't entirely be blamed for the lack of enthusiasm shown with the previous SGA, this certainly doesn't bode well for the future for student government at JSU. Do students have another year of apathy and rinky-dink concerts to look forward to?

I sympathize that the semester is almost over, and that no one feels much like making plans, but there is a lot that can be done in two weeks to prepare for the Fall semester. Guest speakers and concerts need to be planned in advance in order to secure success. Not two days ago there was an article in the Huntsville Times proclaiming the arrival of Spike Lee to Alabama A&M university, a decent speaker for black history month (though why JSU should wait for a particular month to bring in speakers is beyond me).

The SGA has a decent budget for entertainers and speakers, most of which seems frittered on maniacs who follow Chuck D around (who would have been a decent speaker on his own) and Silk concerts. Admittedly, most of the funds are spent on other things such as Parents Day, SGA movies for the week, and Casino Night, but does this mean that JSU can't have at least a regionally recognized band for homecoming?

Entertainment is not the only reason the SGA exists, however. The SGA is suppose to be a liaison between the student body and the administration, in order to sift out student's wants and complaints and present them to the administration, hopefully finding a happy medium if problems arise. How are students suppose to bring up their concerns if the new SGA can't manage to gather a quorum since the new group formed?

The recent SGA has a history of falling flat on their noses, though I applaud them for at least attempting new things. What ever happened to the friendly police or the monthly concerts at the roundhouse? And what about the attempts for a new students center?

SGA, it's too late now to plan anything major for the first week back in Fall semester, which is a shame. That doesn't mean that you can't jot down a few ideas during the summer of a few things you'd like to see on campus. If you ran for any reason other than your resume, do something. Anything. If you grab one more student to stay on the weekends, you're one step closer to having a four-year university, not a suitcase college. Or do nothing; yawn or drink away the next fiscal year. At least do the minimum expected of students here and Just Show Up.

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

- Managing editor
- News editor
- Features editor
- Sports editor
- Copy editor
- Photographer

The Chanticleer is also accepting applications for volunteer writers and photographers. Experience is not necessary. Anyone interested can pick up an application from The Chanticleer office (180 Self Hall) Monday between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., or call 782-5701 for more information.

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 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 re-runs 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, what will Heilman and his team do? 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 hap-

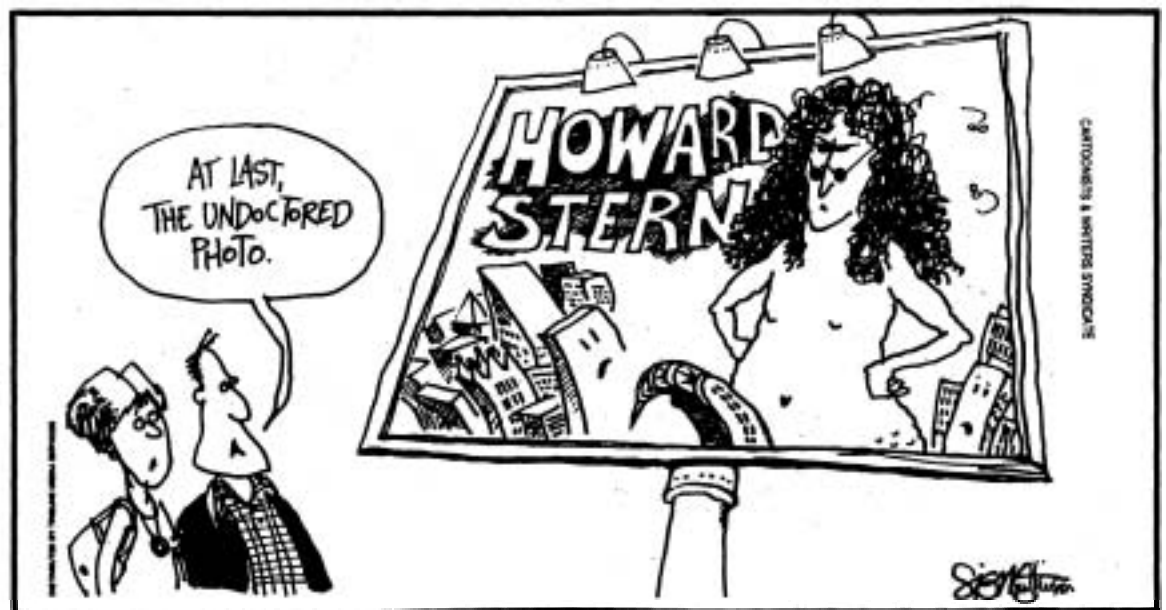
pen. When was the last time you heard someone say, "Before watching four hours of TV, I didn't know if I was heterosexual, homosexual or bisexual, but I now know that I'm straight?"

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 given on or before the last class meeting.

Final examinations in three, four, and five-hour courses are shown below.

Courses meeting daily or four days a week will utilize the final examination schedule for MWF classes.

DATE	EXAM TIME	REGULAR CLASS TIME	
Wednesday, April 23	10:00-12:00	15:00 MWF	Saturday, April 26 Same Time As Class Normally Meets
	13:30-15:30	07:30 MWF	
	17:00-19:00	16:30 W	
	17:30-19:30	18:15 MW	
	18:00-20:00	18:15 W	
Thursday, April 24	07:30-09:30	07:30 TT	Monday, April 28
	10:00-12:00	11:00 TT	
	13:00-15:00	14:30 TT	
	17:00-19:00	16:30 Th	
	18:00-20:00	18:15 Th	
Friday, April 25	08:00-10:00	12:30 MWF	Tuesday, April 29
	10:30-12:30	11:15 MWF	
	13:30-15:30	13:45 MWF	
	17:00-19:00	16:30 TT	
	18:00-20:00	18:15 TT	

Good Luck Everyone!!



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- The Chanticleer reserves the right to edit letters for space and grammar as well as style.
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- The Chanticleer reserves the right to refuse publication of any submission.
- Deadline for submissions is noon Monday, before desired publication.
- Submissions may be brought to the Chanticleer office, sent through campus mail to 180 Self Hall, or e-mailed to newspaper@student-mail.jsu.edu. All submissions must include a name, phone number, and student number for JSU students.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

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



"I find this very disturbing that someone else has the ability to decide that one is not mature enough to make one's own decisions on one's television viewing habits. I always thought there were two knobs on a TV. One to change the channel and one to turn it off."

Trevor T. Buford, Junior

"This is a bold move for the ABC station to make and a 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 casualness 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!"

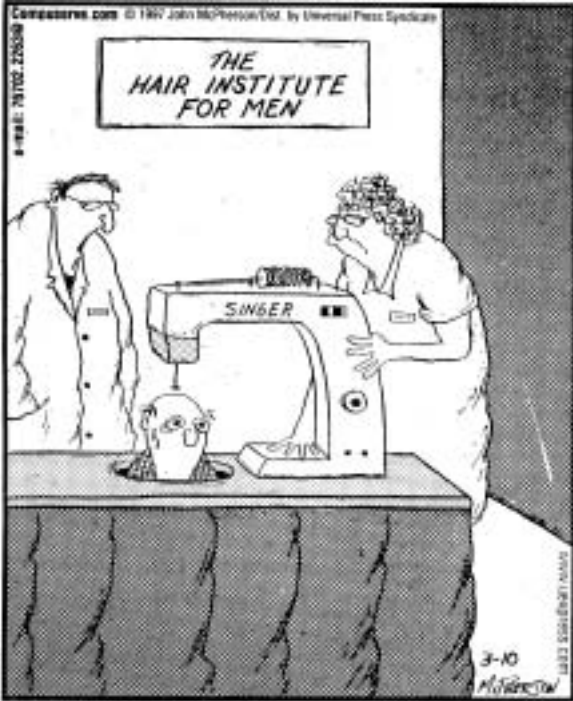
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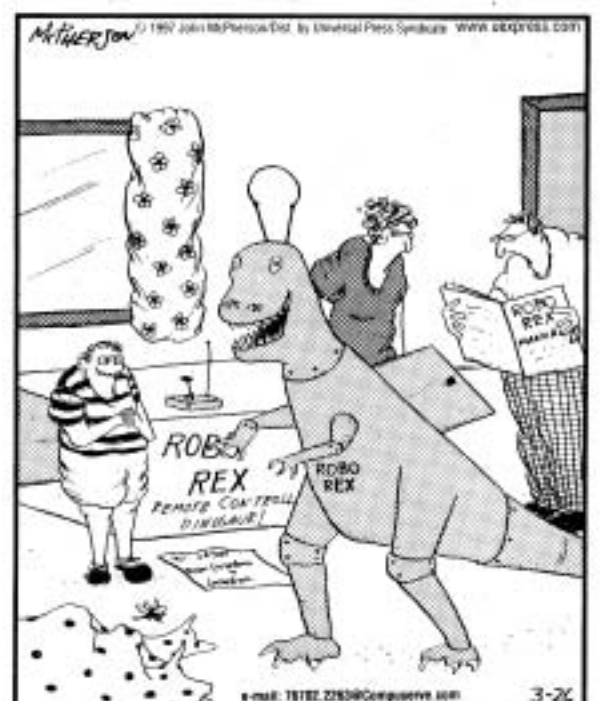
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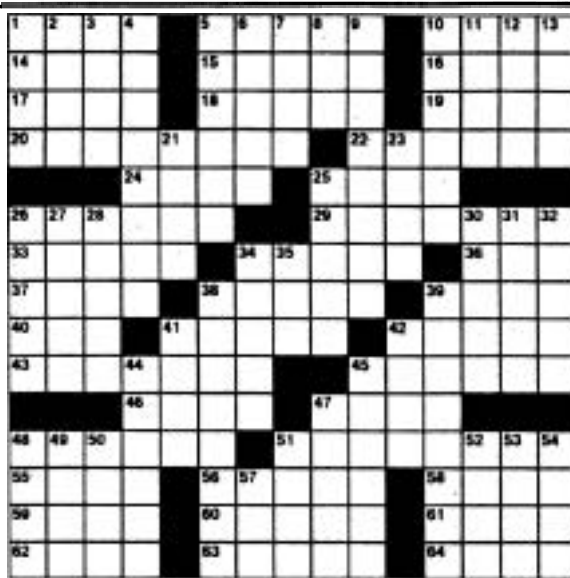
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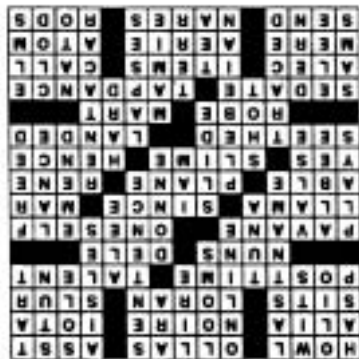
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College students may be vulnerable to cults

by Adolfo Mendez
College Press Service

After 12 years of being in a cult, Lisa Carroll left the group to obtain a master's degree in sociology.

Carroll researched cults for her master's thesis. "I wanted to find out why I went in," said Carroll, who now works in public relations for Southern California college.

Carroll 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, Carroll 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," Carroll said of her group, not tied to Heaven's Gate.

"I 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 any-

thing 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, Carroll 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 to 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 Carroll, 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," Carroll 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-



Recently, 39 members of the Heaven's Gate cult committed suicide.

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 millennialist 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," Carroll 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, Carroll 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."

--Bradley Summers

In his medical training, Summers said he saw 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 evi-

dent, 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, Vicars said.

"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."

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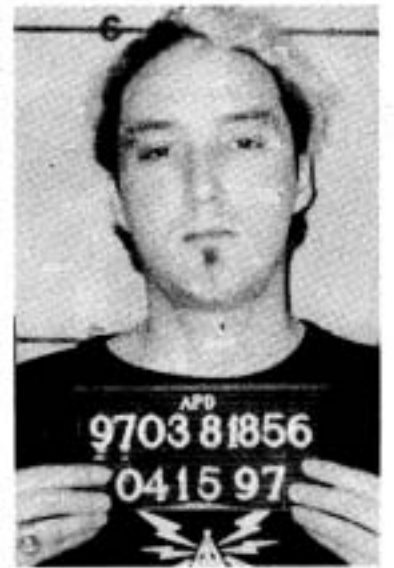
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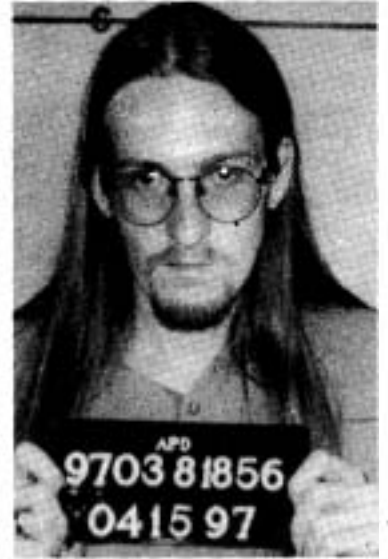
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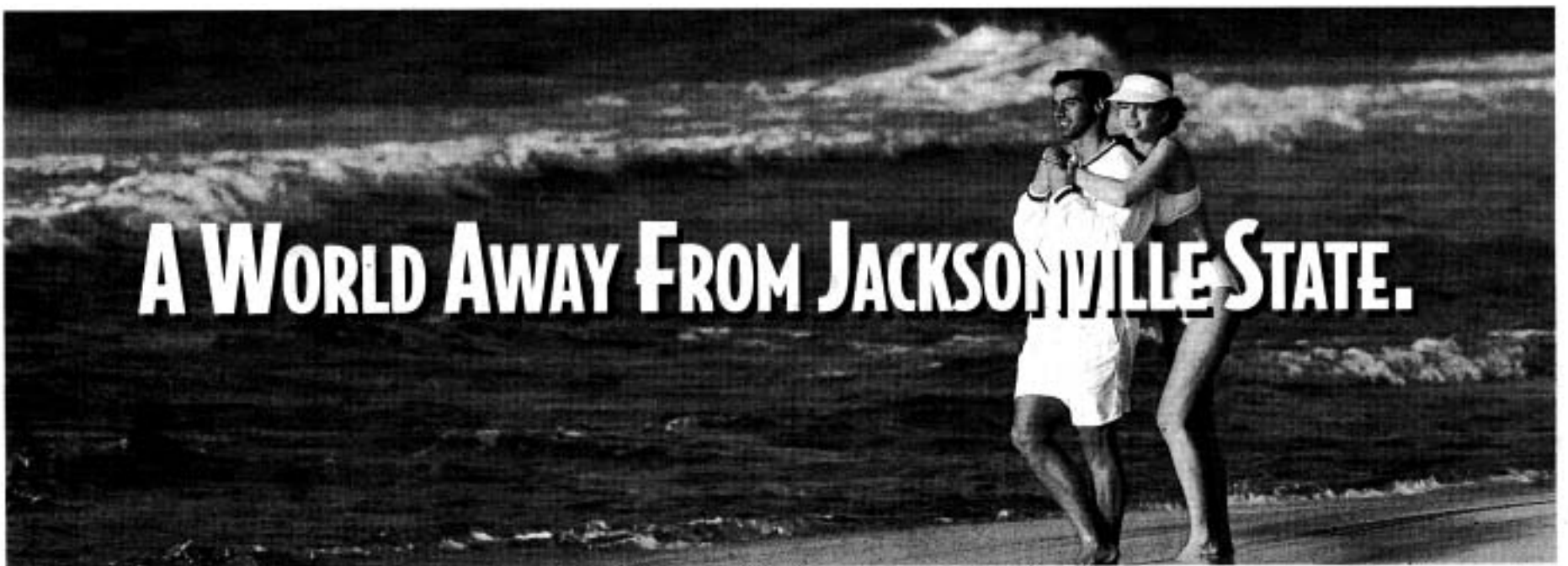
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--Trisha White

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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.

"I think we proved we were capable of rebounding from the losses at Centenary," senior Rachel Riddell said.

JSU dropped a doubleheader to Centenary Saturday, to fall into a first place tie with Georgia State. The GSU Lady Panthers split with Centenary Monday, allowing the Gamecocks to capture the West Division title with the sweep of SLU.

Coach Jana McGinnis' 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



Coach Jana McGinnis has reason to smile after leading the Lady Gamecocks to consecutive TAAC West Division titles. Ed Hill

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 Ladies 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 off of Riddell.

Riddell said the home run pitch to Darden was outside. Darden connected though, and 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

Wes 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 re-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. Wes Brooks led the

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Farewell comments from the Chanticleer sports editor

by Rebecca Matanic
Sports editor

I've learned many things since I took the job of sports editor last August. I've noticed that even when I've been relatively happy with a sports section, there are always things that could have been improved.

I have tried to focus on the major sports, without neglecting any others. I wish I would have had the time to write more about tennis, golf, rifle etc... You are all fine student-athletes.

I hope the next sports editor is blessed with at

least three or four enthusiastic sports writers. Throughout the school year, I had the good fortune of having one, Shannon Fagan. Shannon, thank you!

You covered football, men's basketball, baseball and a few other things I threw your way. Together we did not accomplish what a larger staff could have, but your dedication to deadlines saved our section on numerous occasions.

I hope Shannon and I provided some insight into Gamecock athletics. I certainly hope more students will choose to become a member of *The Chanticleer* staff.

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 consecutive

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, Marilyne 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.

Jones optimistic about recruiting class

by Shannon Fagan
Sports Writer

So far, so good. That's how things are going this recruiting season for basketball coach Bill Jones.

"I feel pretty good so far. We've got a good jump-start on the season. We've turned our attention to the post position, since we lost a great deal. We feel like we're in pretty good shape."

One player Jones is excited to have is Alex Beason. Beason is a 6'4" guard who averaged 26 points and over eight rebounds at Albertville High School. In addition to being a great scorer, Beason was voted 5A Player of the Year in Alabama.

"Beason is a terrific outside shooter. His offensive game is pretty good. We'd like to get back to our up and down tempo, and he should help."

Jones is continuing to work on recruiting to help fill the void left by graduating seniors Aaron Kelley, Rusty Brand, Kenny Sorenson, and Shane James. Certainly, Beason is a good start.

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 forward 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 Snead Junior 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 JSU 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.

"Lateatrice, she's about 6-1, she's got tremendous strength," Austin says. "She's a good offensive player. I recruited her heavily last year. I lost her to Florida A&M, her mom lives down there. She wanted to be close to her."

"I recruited her hard and I know she came to see us play on several occasions and for an official visit on one occasion... We're very fortunate to have her."

--Dana Austin

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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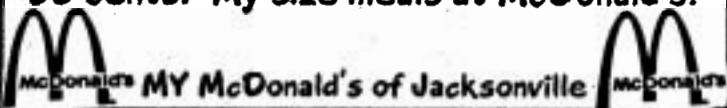
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WOMEN'S GOLF

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 60 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 Mattfolk'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 Ballestero 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 Centenary's top player. No. 2 seed Upeka Wijeratne cruised 6-1, 6-1. Carmen Garcia took the No. 3 match at love. Emily Gong took the fourth position, 6-3, 6-0.

Chrissy 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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charge for the Gamecocks, going 2-5 on the night and accounting for five Gamecock runs.

JSU 9 Centenary 8

In game three, designated hitter Ricky Collins hammered in four runs, including a home run. He also

pitched four innings, gaining his eighth win of the season. Roby Brooks went 3-4 on the afternoon, bringing in two more runs. The Gamecocks were able to hang on despite a late charge by the Gents for the one-run victory.

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



Gamecock Calendar


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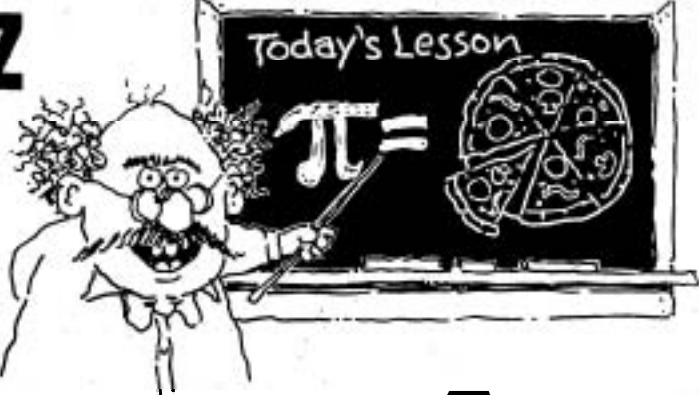
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