

# THE CHANTICLEER



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## IN THE News

**DENVER, COLORADO** On Mondays, June 2, a Colorado jury found Oklahoma City bombing suspect Timothy McVeigh guilty of murder and conspiracy, and recommended that he receive the death penalty.

McVeigh was arrested on April 19, 1995, only hours after a 4800-pound truck bomb exploded at the Alfred P. Murrah Building in Oklahoma City. The explosion killed 168 people and injured 500. U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch formally sentenced McVeigh to death by lethal injection on Thursday, August 14. When allowed to speak before receiving his sentence, McVeigh quoted the late Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis. "Our government is the omnipotent teacher for good or ill," he said. "It teaches people by its example."

The trial date for Terry Nichols, who authorities believe was also involved in the bombing conspiracy, is set for September 19.

**MIAMI, FLORIDA** On Thursday, August 7, a DC-8 cargo plane crashed into a warehouse district just after taking off from Miami International Airport. The crash killed five people.

Fine Air Flight 101 was carrying over 40 tons of denim to the Dominican Republic. Witnesses say the plane flew almost straight up into the sky, veered sharply to the right, and then fell. It smashed through a fence, skidded across busy 72nd Avenue, slammed into several cars in the strip mall parking lot, setting them ablaze, and finally stopped in front of a row of businesses. Three pedestrians and a motorist who lost control of her car were taken to the hospital with minor injuries. The four people on the plane were killed. Workers later found a body in a demolished car.

Authorities say a heavy cargo load or a shift in the cargo could have caused the crash. Fine Air representatives say the cargo was securely locked in place, and it routinely ships cargo in that fashion. However, the plane was carrying four thousand pounds more than the maximum weight for cargo on a DC-8 freighter, and Fine Air would not comment on the cargo load. Fine Air Services is the largest air cargo carrier serving Miami. However, the company has had its share of problems including a \$30 thousand fine by the Federal Aviation Administration three years ago for improper documentation of flight training.

## Bars now close earlier in Jacksonville

by Buffy Smith  
News writer

This Fall, the Jacksonville Police Department is enforcing traffic laws and intoxication laws.

Motorists should watch their speedometers more closely while driving through downtown Jacksonville. The mayor and city council has given \$5,800 to the Jacksonville Police Department to be used in putting off-duty cops back on the streets. "We're putting the folks where the problems are," says Police Chief Thomas Thompson. These officers will be monitoring the problem areas of Jacksonville: Pelham Road, Mountain Avenue, and the city square.

The 16-week program began on Tuesday, August 19. There will be 24 extra hours of patrol per week which create 3 additional day shifts and 1 extra evening shift. Two more night shifts have also been added to accommodate Jacksonville's "party nights;" Thursday and Saturday.

According to Thompson, the city council has decided to try to change the city's image. The council is tired of Jacksonville's reputation as a "drunk town." Since a main state highway runs through town, it doesn't look good to have intoxicated people pouring out of bars, into the streets at 6:00 and 8:00 in the morning. Therefore, all bars must now be closed every night by 2 am.

The city has also raised fines and court costs for the first time in 15 years. Effective August 1, public intoxication charges raised from \$86.00 to \$170.50. The extra revenue earned from this increase will be used to purchase a computer system for the jail.

"There's no law [against] being drunk, it's where your drunk," laughed Chief Thompson. It is legal to drink alcohol on your own lawn, as long as you're not on public right-of-way: the sidewalks, streets, or on any public property. It is also illegal to drink any alcoholic beverage or be in possession of any open container of alcohol on public property. This violates the state open con-

tainer law and the fine for this is \$120.50. Thompson cited an example of a minor who was recently arrested for staggering down the street with an opened beer in her hand. She was fined \$120.50 for violating the open container law, and \$170.50 for being a minor in the possession of alcohol. This could quickly eat away your college fund.

There are about 340 DUIs in Jacksonville every year. The penalty is a \$600 fine, a 90 day loss minimum of driver's license, and completion of DUI school. According to Alabama's zero-tolerance law, the first time a minor is caught driving under the influence, they are arrested and their license is revoked for 30 days. The second time, they are arrested and treated as an adult.

"A lot of drinking goes on," says Chief Thompson, "If you've got to drink, have a designated driver and when you leave a bar or party, leave [the] drink in there. Don't take it into the road."

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## Hacker seeks VISA numbers in JSU email

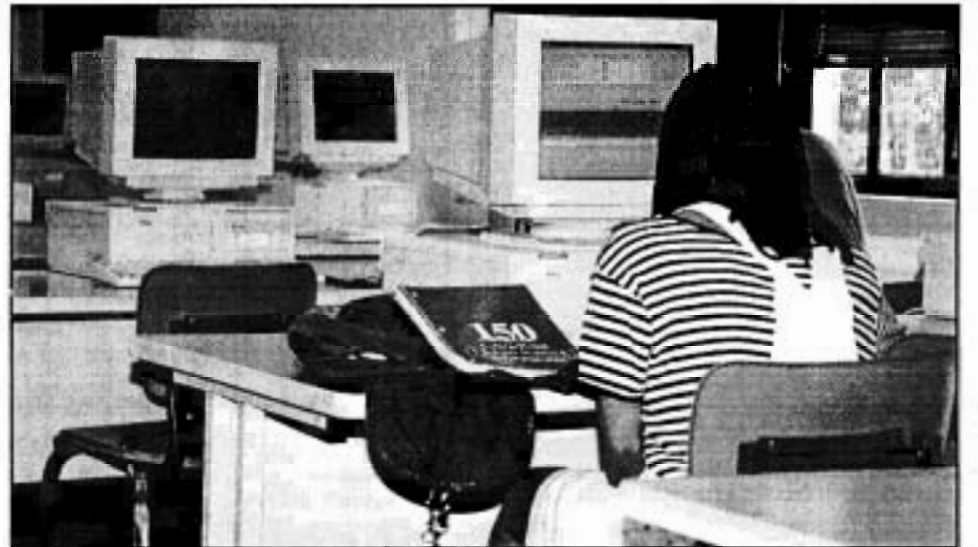
by Scott Hopkin  
Editor-in-Chief

"On August 15 the invasion commenced at 12:45 a.m. and terminated about 4:35 a.m.," says Don Walter, a consultant/programmer for Academic Computing Services at JSU. For slightly less than four hours, a hacker played with the JSU network, defacing the JSU homepage with the words "owned" and her signature, as well as used a search program on students email messages, looking for key words such as password, credit, visa. According to Walter, each of these searches took anywhere from ten to fifteen minutes. The hacker did not perform these searches on the faculty server.

According to Walter, the hacker was looking for messages from Internet sites confirming on-line purchase orders. "I didn't see any to be gotten," says Walter, "I did the same search he did and didn't turn up anything."

The hole in the security developed when the new Silicon Graphics machines donated to JSU were being installed. According to Walter, new Silicon Graphics machines have accounts built in without passwords. "Hackers know this, and as soon as they see a new Silicon Graphics machine go up, they go diving for it."

Because of the break-in, Academic Computer Services plans to force students to change their passwords, and encourage them



Currently, the only way to Telnet onto JSU servers to check your email is if you are in an on-campus lab. Fritz Fotovich

not to ever go back to the old one. "The encrypted form of password was compromised," says Walter, "not that they broke them [the encrypted passwords] but they could get to them."

Randy Harper, Executive Director Data Systems management Division at JSU, says they have "a better idea of what to look for when doing a new install" when dealing with security.

Walter and Sean Ponder, Manager of Academic Computer Services, are still track-

ing down the hacker. They have already tracked her back to a New Jersey Internet provider. The UPD has been called, but nothing has been made official. "Well, they couldn't decide what laws had been broken," says Walter.

The only thing that Computer Services could suggest for students to do to help protect themselves is to report any strange happenings, and change their password regular-

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## CAMPUS CRIME DOCKET

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Disorderly conduct was reported at the KA Sig Ep Fraternity house.

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William Thomas Cabandella, 20, of Atlanta, Ga. was charged with disorderly conduct at 305 S. Pelham Road in Jacksonville.

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Karim Mayham, 23, of 311 Nisbet Street, Jacksonville, was charged with assault in the computer lab on the 10th floor of the Houston Cole Library.

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Elizabeth Renee Ostrander, 23, of 810 S Chattanooga Street, Lafayette, Ga was arrested on charges of harassment on Forney Street in Jacksonville.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Chanticleer is looking for volunteer writers. Anyone with an interest in learning how to write, in meeting "strange and unusual" people, or would just like to see how a newspaper decides what gets printed is welcome to attend the weekly staff meeting. Meetings are Thursday afternoon at 5:30 p.m.
- If you want to make an announcement in the Chanticleer, please bring a typed note of what you would like said by Monday @ 5:00 p.m. Any student related or organizational note is welcome. The Chanticleer is located in 180 Self Hall, on the far side of the building from the radio station.
- Friday, September 11, from 12:30-5:00 is Fun Day on the Quad; make plans to attend!
- Canton of the Peregrine, a branch of the Society of Creative Anacronism, holds its meetings every Thursday at 6:30 in the Theron Montgomery building. The SCA is a historical recreation society focusing on the middle ages. If you think you might like to try your hand at ancient crafts, or perhaps put on armor and try to dent another's helm, please make plans to attend this week's meeting.
- Kyle Vicnet will be performing this Saturday following the JSU football game versus Southwest. Admission is free with a student ID or a ticket stub from the game.
- The Student Senate Meeting will take place on Monday the 8th at 6 p.m. in the Theron Montgomery Building. If you would like to see something different on campus, or would like to become more actively involved, please make plans to attend.
- Freshman Forum applications are due September 18 by 4:30 p.m. The applications will need to be delivered to the Office of Student Activities on the fourth floor of the TMB. Please contact the SGA at 782-5491 for more details

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## Fraternity party turns violent

by Cathy Higgins  
News writer

School has barely begun, and two JSU fraternities are already on probation for fighting. The incident occurred the evening of Monday, August 18.

According to witnesses, the fight broke out between Kappa Alpha and rushees from Sigma Phi Epsilon. KA and Delta Chi had one party, and Sig Ep had a separate one.

A source says that Sig Ep's gathering started earlier and members of Delta Chi were there. When the fun there died down, members of Delta Chi invited Sig Ep to their joint party with Kappa Alpha.

A witness says that members of KA started harassing Sig Ep rushees, but things calmed down. "It was just a misunderstanding," says a member of Sig Ep.

However things didn't remain calm. Around 3:00 AM a fight broke out. "All in all, about twelve people were involved," says an

unnamed witness. "One minute they were shaking hands, the next they were swinging punches."

"Most of the time it was three KA on one Sig Ep rushee. It's hard to see why these really big guys would pick on one person smaller than they are anyway."

Witnesses who wished to

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remained anonymous said they believe the university police didn't handle the situation properly. They arrested one person from each fraternity to write a report.

"Three guys from one frat had one guy on the ground, pounding him and they just overlooked it," says a

witness. "Meanwhile, they arrested a guy from Sig Ep who was just defending himself."

This same witness alleges the police arrested the Sig Ep strictly from appearances. "He was big and had a couple of tattoos and was just wearing shorts. But he tried to stop the fight when he was hit with a bottle."

According to Terry Casey, Director of Student Affairs, both Kappa Alpha and Sigma Phi Epsilon are on probation until JSU's homecoming. Neither can have any form of social function until then.

Although Delta Chi was at the party, they were not involved in the fight. "We were at the joint party. When the fight broke out, the members of Delta Chi got together and went back to our house," says SGA president and Delta Chi member, Chris Glover. "JSU, Kappa Alpha, Sigma Phi Epsilon, and the UPD all acknowledge that."

Members of KA were unavailable for comment.

## BCM seeks neutrality on boycott

by Buffy Smith  
News writer

Over 14,000 representatives from Southern Baptist churches throughout the south voted at their annual convention in Dallas this June to boycott the Walt Disney Company. These representatives say that Disney's values are depleting and what was once recognized as a family-oriented organization has now begun promoting questionable material.

Parents have trusted Disney for years to provide them with good family entertainment, suitable for young children. However, many believe that the recently produced Disney movies contain immoral material.

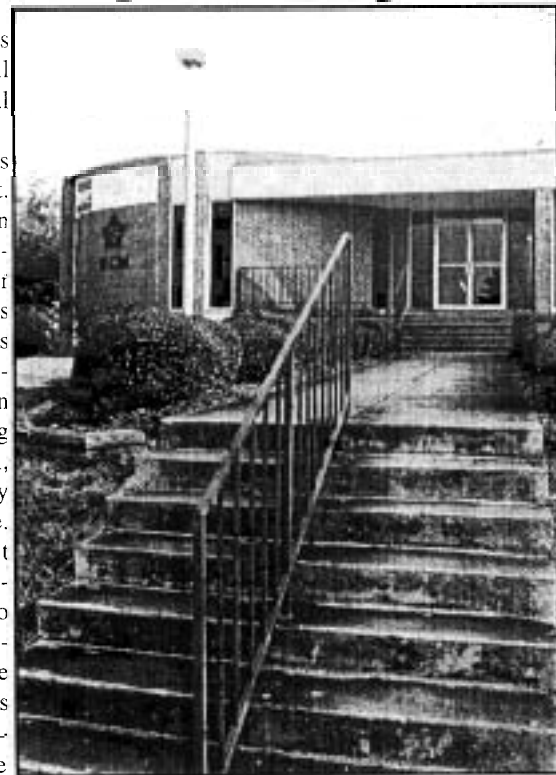
The Southern Baptists are most disturbed by Disney's apparent promotion of homosexuality. The Disney Company recently decided to include the partners of their homosexual employees in insurance benefits. These people are treated as married couples because they claim to be emotionally wedded even though they are not legally recognized as married. Disney also hosts "Gay Pride Day" at its theme parks.

It is impossible to know at this point if the boycott will be effective. The Southern Baptist Convention agreed to a similar boycott last year which proved unsuccessful. The current boycott appears to be more forceful, but since it is only in its beginning

stages, no one is sure yet if it will have any real effect.

Not all Baptists support the boycott. When the Southern Baptists pass a resolution at their Convention it is non-binding. This means that the resolution is the opinion of those attending the Convention, and not necessarily all Baptists agree. Each Baptist church elects a representative to attend the convention, but when the representatives arrive at the convention they vote according to their own personal convictions. What they vote for and agree to doesn't bind the church that sent them. Each Baptist observes the boycott according to his or her own convictions. One does not have to agree with the boycott in order to be a Southern Baptist in good standing.

Bob Ford, Senior Campus Minister at JSU's Baptist Campus Ministry, says that it is impossible for anyone to be expected to fully adhere to the boycott because Disney is a very large company which produces more than just chil-



The BCM has decided to remain neutral on the Disney Boycott. Fritz Fotovich

dren's entertainment. Disney is the owner of ABC and ESPN. Therefore, if the boycott is effective, participants will be limited to the theme parks and movies. "I know lots of preachers who may be sympathetic to the boycott who are not going to stop watching ESPN," Ford laughed.

The BCM isn't taking a stand for or against the boycott. Its leaders have decided to remain neutral and See boycott page 7

# Troy State game to be televised on Sports South

by Jeana Miller  
News editor

Football fans throughout the southeast who can't travel to Troy's Memorial Stadium for this year's Jacksonville v. Troy State football game will be able to watch it on television.

The problem is no one knows exactly when.

The Fox network first approached Troy State over the summer with the idea of televising the game. Dr. Harold McGee, JSU President, refused to move the game back from its originally scheduled date, Saturday, November, 22, to Thursday, November 20 so that it could be televised.

Mike Galloway, JSU Sports Information Director, explained, "It was Dr. McGee's decision that he was notified too late because of the students having to miss class and go down to Troy on a school night and things like that."

However, McGee reversed the decision in August after much pressure to take advantage of the positive exposure the televised game could bring to JSU's athletic program.

Now, however, Fox has scheduled an NBA game for the night of November 20. Galloway says that JSU doesn't know if the game will be live or tape-delayed.

"We're really in limbo right now [as to] what the deal is," he com-

mented. "Since it's not our home game, we're kind of in the dark." Galloway says that even if the game is tape-delayed, there is a

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chance that a local affiliate, such as Fox 6 in Birmingham, will carry the game live. However, no one is sure yet if that will happen.

Many agree that televising the

game would be positive for both the schools and viewers. Mike Williams, JSU Head Football Coach, remarked that "to be on television would be a big boost for [JSU's athletic department]." Galloway thinks that the "two quality programs, two great bands, all the pagentry, and everything else that goes with it is fairly interesting." Also, Troy State Head

Football Coach Larry Blackney talked about the intense rivalry between the two schools. He explained, "Everyone knows about the Auburn v. Alabama, ... Division 1-A rivalries. What they might not know is that Division 1-AA has some great rivalries too. None have been any better than Troy and Jacksonville State."

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# Students study at the Gulf

by Caryn Pearson  
News writer

Over the course of several years, Marine Biology students here at JSU attended the Dauphin Island Sea Lab at the Gulf of Mexico. The facility provides hands on experience in support of the Biology programs of colleges and Universities state wide. "The classes are very intense," said Tanya Wilkins, a JSU senior, "but I enjoyed classes more because of the field work."

"It prepares you for upper level courses," said John Moser a JSU graduate student, "it teaches you how to work together."

Working and living together provides the variety of students a chance to learn from each other. Jason Adams, a JSU graduate student, said each person provides a different view. He believes "the rare opportunity to meet so many great people and instructors" is the most influential part of the experience.

The Sea Lab at the Gulf of Mexico runs programs all year. Two semesters run during summer term, each lasting five weeks with the option of extra weeks pre or post term. Lectures occupy the morning, with field work on the beach, ocean, or salt marshes ending the day.

Although the courses are difficult, the students do break away from studies to have a little fun, and a theme party closes out the semesters. Graduate student Brent Nichols, who attended this past summer as a teachers' assistant, said "how can ten weeks at the beach not be fun."

# Minor allegedly drinks at Phi Mu party



Phi Mu Alpha hosted a gathering of over 300 people the night of the incident. Fritz Fotovich

by Rachel Watkins  
News writer

On the night of August 21, the Phi Mu Alpha music fraternity was alleged to be providing alcohol to minors during an open house party.

"The allegations were made by an eighteen year old, and not by any police agencies," says Phi Mu Alpha president Ryan Fitchpatrick. As of this time, there has been no decision as to whether charges would be filed in the matter.

The police report stated that two males and two females were observed walking down West Francis Street, and that one female was seen in possession of an open container of alcohol. Upon questioning, the witness stated that she had just left the Phi Mu Alpha house on West Francis Street. The witness advised she got the beer at the fraternity house.

The witness said that the beer was left out for anyone to take, and the witness further stated that she had already consumed one beer while

still on the premises of the Phi Mu Alpha house. The responding officers checked the female's identification, and she was found to be 18 years of age.

In a formal statement, Fitchpatrick denies the claims, saying, "Phi Mu Alpha in no way, shape, form, or fashion, promotes underage drinking or provides alcohol to minors."

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# Summer events you may have missed

compiled by **Jeana Miller**  
News editor

**CAPE CANAVERAL, FLORIDA** U.S. Space Shuttle Discovery returned from a successful 12-day mission on Tuesday, August 19. The six-astronaut crew believes it achieved 100 percent or better of the mission's goals.

Discovery left Kennedy Space Center on Thursday, August 7, with as many as 24 payloads. One of the main objectives of the mission was the release and retrieval of an atmospheric research satellite.

The satellite took measurements of atmospheric gases and temperatures while scientist on Earth studied the same portions of the atmosphere with weather balloons. 38 science teams from 15 countries participated in the gathering of data which will help them better understand ozone depletion.

The crew also grew colon cancer cells for medical research and experimented with equipment, including a vision system and a robotic arm, which may be used on

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the future international space station.

Mission Control grew anxious on Tuesday, August 12 when the atmospheric research satellite came within less than two miles of a 500-pound abandoned rocket motor

which was floating in space. Both the satellite and the motor were traveling at 17,500 miles per hour, and a collision between the two could have been disastrous. A chance of ground fog delayed Discovery's landing which was originally scheduled for Monday, August 18; nevertheless, the shuttle landed safely at Kennedy Space Center one day later.

**WASHINGTON** United Parcel Service began business as usual on August 20 after a 15-day strike by the **Teamsters Union** which virtually paralyzed the company.

One reason for the strike was wages for part-time workers. According to the Teamsters, 57 percent of UPS workers are part-time compared to the national average of 20 percent. Ten thousand of those workers put in 35 or more hours per week without getting paid full-time wages which are almost double the part-time.

UPS had said it would create one thousand full-time jobs from part-time over the next five years. Another reason for the strike was a proposal by UPS to raise its employee benefits by 50 percent and cut its contribution to the Teamsters' multi-employer pension fund.

The pension fund assures that Teamster members who work for smaller employers receive a pension as well as those working for larger companies such as UPS.

After days of negotiations, the Teamsters and UPS reached a tentative five-year agreement on Tuesday, August 19. The agreement included an increase in the base wages for part-time and full-time workers. It also will create ten thousand full-time jobs from part-time over the next five years.

Also, UPS will continue contributing to the Teamsters' multi-

employer pension fund. Each member of the Teamsters must vote on the tentative agreement before it is

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officially accepted. Representatives say that process could take up to a month. However, some Teamsters started back to work as early as Wednesday, August 20.

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**PASADENA, CALIFORNIA** Scientists hailed this summer's Mars Pathfinder mission as a 100 percent success, saying that it achieved all of its major goals and delivered double the amount of data expected.

Pathfinder landed on Mars on

July 4, and its rover, called Sojourner, roamed the surface taking pictures and performing rock composition tests for more than a month. The rover returned 1.2 gigabits of information which measures about the size of a typical novel. It made over 100 movements, traveled over 50 meters, and sent back more than 350 images of the Martian surface.

Originally, the Pathfinder mission was to last only 30 days, and the rover's power supply was expected to run out in roughly one week.

The mission's manager described the landing on Mars as an historic accomplishment that, for the first time, provides scientists with a true representation of the Martian surface. Among the new discoveries was a rock containing high amounts of silica, a mineral found in various forms on Earth.

Scientists also learned that temperatures fluctuate greatly on Mars, sometimes 20 degrees in a matter of seconds. Scientists say they will continue exploring Mars as long as the rover's power holds out.

## Tuberculosis Rising in the U.S.



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to encourage each student to make his or her own decision. The BCM helps students to explore what the boycott means and then allows them to decide for themselves what their belief is. "Sometimes that's our purpose, to help students make a faith stance, but not instructing them as to what their faith stance is supposed to be," says Gary Brittan, Campus Minister. "For us to stand dogmatically one way or the other means that we would probably drive away half the students with either stance." The BCM's goal is to reach out to students and accept them no matter which position they may take.

The BCM invites everyone to become a part of their ministry. It is located at the intersection of Highways 21 and 204 between Martin Hall and Brewer Hall. Celebration services are held every Tuesday night at 8 p.m.

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There are 20 cops on Jacksonville's police force. These few officers have to police a population of 11,000 citizens, plus 8,000 JSU students. They also have a 3 mile jurisdiction involving 3,500 people. The 18-24 age group involves the majority of Jacksonville's police attention. "We work with the students any way we can," says Thompson. "Having everyone back on campus is fun, we look forward to it every Fall, it just gets hectic."

**Hacker from page 1**

ly. "The best password is to do a phrase," says Walter, "then use the first letter of each word then maybe append a number at the end."

Harper says that they are looking into upgrading the Novell software from version 4.1 to version 4.11, which would cover a lot of security problems. Harper says that the software is currently too expensive for the university to buy, but that once it comes down in price, they plan on to "take it a server at a time." Currently, for every 250 users per server, the cost range is anywhere from \$75,00 to \$80,000.

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# VIEWS

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“ They think they can kick big business out of their community, and continue to live across the dinner table from God.

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SEE BELOW

## The Editors speak

Shannon Fagan  
T.V. or no T.V.? That is the question

Jacksonville State versus Troy State: without a doubt, this is one of the state's great rivalries. Now imagine if this classic match-up were televised. That is what Fox Sports South had in mind when it contacted both universities over the summer. The only catch was moving the game from its original date—November 22—to Thursday, November 20.

I know that you don't associate football with a Thursday night, but consider the following. The game was originally scheduled for the same day as the Iron Bowl. It would be unfortunate for a game like Jax State and Troy State to take a back seat to Alabama Auburn Television and national exposure sweeten the pot for two teams not normally shown to a large audience.

This could mean a great deal to universities such as Jacksonville State.

After a lot of debate, the issue seemed to be settled. Both schools agreed to play the game on November 20 with the understanding that the game was going to be televised live on Fox Sports South. All seemed well, but it seems like someone at Fox Sports South goofed.

The network forgot to check its calendar, which revealed a prior commitment. Suddenly, live tele-

vision seemed dead for the game because of an NBA game.

An NBA game? At the most important time of the football season? Some teams are striving for post-season in their final games of the regular season. I have nothing against basketball, but ask yourself this question: What sport is more important at that point of the year? Basketball is just beginning while football is winding down.

Last February, Fox Sports South experimented with Jacksonville State on television. They televised (LIVE) the Jacksonville State and Samford men's basketball game. Pete Mathews Coliseum was jam-packed with fans and the game came down to the final buzzer.

I think that a game like this, atmosphere and all, would make Fox Sports South want to continue televising JSU sporting events live!

At this point, it is anybody's guess as to whether or not the game will be shown. There is some talk about the game being shown to a few local Alabama stations. Will it be live? Will it be on tape-delay?

One thing is certain. Despite this frustrating and disappointing situation, the Jacksonville State and Troy State will be played (with or without T.V.).

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## Guest Speaker

Tim Lockette  
Go drive your car for the environment's sake

I'm about to ask you to do something for the environment. Don't worry — it's something simple, something you do every day, something no environmentalist would ever ask of you.

I want you to get in your car, and drive.

Drive up to Cleburne County, and see what a real forest looks like. A real forest is more than a few pines standing together in rows. When a lot of trees live together for hundreds of years, they develop qualities no single tree can ever possess.

A real forest has a pleasing smell, sharp as any foul odor you can think of. There's an aura of coolness around a real forest. A mass of trees can filter out the harsh sound of machines, while magnifying the human voice. You can talk to your gods anywhere, but only in a forest can you be sure they'll hear you. In the forest, your God is your father, no farther away than the width of a dinner table.

We used to have real forests here in Calhoun County. For a long time, I had forgotten what forests are like — but last week I went up to a place called Borden Springs to cover a story for the newspaper.

Here's the story: a bunch of people out in Borden Springs are mad because someone is planning to start a gold mine near Terrapin Creek. They're not “environmental types,” these folks — they're no bunch of long-haired neo-pagans. They're Cleburne Countians in feed-store caps, proud grandmothers with baby-puke stains on their blous-

es. They held their meeting at the Borden Springs Volunteer Fire Department. Borden Springs firemen wear red helmets with their surnames printed across the front in black-and-gold stick-on mailbox letters: that's the kind of folks you have in Borden Springs.

*“except for some ducks, some frogs, some dogs, and a few daredevil teenage skinny-dippers, almost no one will be affected by the toxic crud from this mine. Unless there's a flood or something.”*

The folks in Borden Springs say that this proposed gold mine is a strip mine. In the interest of fairness, I have to disagree. A strip mine is a massive ugly pit, like Dante's Inferno, built in the Nineteenth Century. Fat rail-baron types stand at the edge of a strip mine, smoking cigars with their hands on their lapels, and adjusting their bolo ties. What they're proposing in Cleburne County is a surface mine — a Twenty-First Century operation. A surface mine isn't necessarily huge — it grows until it stops showing a profit, and then closes. A surface mine is not owned by rail barons — it's probably owned by trim CEO-types, non-smokers in Italian suits. At least, one would assume so: just who really owns this mining operation is one of the great mysteries of the gold mine fight.

The Cleburne County gold miners plan to dig up truckloads of dirt, and sift a few ounces of gold out of each ton. Unlike a strip mine, a surface mine is a “closed system.” The tailings from the mine — mercury and lead and so forth — are poured into holding ponds with some sort of impermeable lining. It's a closed system: except for some ducks, some frogs, some dogs, and a few daredevil teenage skinny-dippers, almost no one will be affected by the toxic crud from this mine. Unless there's a flood or something.

I should mention at this point that I am no environmentalist. I

shouldn't be encouraging people to do something for the environment, because I'm no great believer in the environment. I'm a Calhoun Countian, and I believe in progress. If you have to cut down trees to get the stuff you need to live, then cut down the trees. People like me are the ones you ought to thank for the post-industrial paradise you see before you. Still, I can't figure out why anyone really needs gold, unless they want to melt it down into a calf-god or something.

Cleburne Countians don't believe in economic progress the way we Calhoun Countians do. They're proud of the fact that Cleburne County is the least developed county in Alabama. I must admit that they don't seem to be any poorer than folks in progress-minded Calhoun County — and they live across the dinner table from God.

I don't care about the environment as much as I care about democracy, and that's why I'm against the gold mine on Terrapin Creek. Demographers say that sophisticated, progress-minded college students don't really care about democracy. We know that the President is probably on the take, and we're too smart to think that our votes mean anything.

News of the failure of democracy has yet to filter down to the “ignorant rednecks” of Cleburne County. They still believe that they can make a go of this “government by the people” thing. They think they can kick big business out of their community, and continue to live across the dinner table from God.

Take a drive through the real forests of Cleburne County, and you might decide to live at God's dinner table yourself. That's all I ask. Take a drive, and think about it.

After you've thought, you can call the Sierra Club at (205)-322-6395 and ask them what you can do to save Terrapin Creek. Or you can talk to Rufus Kinney or Suzanne Marshall in Stone Center, and ask them the same.





# Forum

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Phi Mu Alpha Professional Fraternity for Men in Music has not at any point sponsored a function where alcohol was made available to anyone. This includes, but is not exclusive to, minors. Furthermore, the party in question on the night of Thursday, August 21 was not a function of Phi Mu Alpha. Phi Mu Alpha merely provided a location for the "Southerner's Party." This is a party held annually by those participating in Jacksonville State University's "Marching Southerners." All brothers involved with the party in question were involved either as a member of the Marching Southerners or were fulfilling custodial and house management duties. Brothers accounted for approximately 20 of the 350 people present at the party. No brother involved aided a minor in the acquisition of alcohol. This is in keeping with fraternity policy. Furthermore, in fulfillment of our legal responsibilities in hosting this party, no distribution of alcohol by those participating in this function was allowed on our premises.

Ryan Fitchpatrick, President of the Epsilon Nu Chapter of Phi Mu Alpha



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## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

### What did you find most shocking about Lady Di's tragic end?

--Compiled by Fritz Fotovich



"She was only trying to escape the papperazzi."

Wil Krol

"I really don't care. I wish the media would leave her alone."



Craig Jackson



"She was a woman the world respected, cherished and honored. I know that I, as well as the world, will morn in her loss."

Heather Hicks

"I think she was a great role model and could have accomplished much more in her life-time."



Kim Curtis



"That the car she was in was made in Germany - she being British royalty and all."

John Robinson

"They blew it up too much. They didn't do other prominent figures like this, such as Betty Shabazz and others. Let's stop the biases."



Anika Weed



"The whole thing."

Angela Barnes

# Relief felt at end of UPS strike

## College Press Services

Northwestern University sophomore Dena Eben is one of many students relieved that the Teamsters strike against the United Parcel Service appears to be in its final days.

Now she will not have to choose which clothes and dorm essentials to bring with her to school, and which she would have to wait to get when her parents come to visit in late October.

Eben said that since she thinks the US Postal Service does not offer enough insurance on packages and that Federal Express is expensive. UPS is her only shipping option.

"It would have been a big inconvenience [if the strike continued]," said Eben, who lives in West Orange, NJ. "While I understand the union's position... it was directly affecting me so I was kind of apprehensive about the whole situation."

However, many college bookstores still are scrambling to stock the shelves in time for classes. Even though a tentative settlement was reached Tuesday night (Aug. 18) between the Teamsters union and United Parcel Service, there is likely to be a backlog of textbook shipments going to college bookstores for the opening of classes.

For example, even though the

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**--Dena Eben**

Illinois Institute of Technology's bookstore made arrangements with alternative shippers as early as July 24 in anticipation of the strike, books that professors ordered late or that are needed for newly added courses have been delayed or are coming in slowly. The shipments may not arrive by the time school starts Monday.

"The major problem is not that they are stuck in UPS centers, but that other shippers have been overburdened and have not been able to provide their regular levels of service," said Suzanne Boose, the bookstore's manager.

To help alleviate these problems, the National Association of College Stores (NACS) has signed an agreement with two major textbook publishers,

McGraw-Hill Higher Education and International Thomson Publishing which allows NACS' member stores to copy materials from their textbooks.

The NACS, at association of about 3,000 retail stores that sells principally to students, said the agreement will end two weeks after the strike does.

"Even though the strike may be ending, we feel these agreements will still prove to be critical since the strike's effects will certainly be felt strongly over the next couple of weeks when full class-

es open at many colleges and universities," said Garis Distelhorst, NACS' staff chief executive.

Barnes & Noble College Bookstores, Inc., which operates 350 campus bookstores in the United States and Canada, also responded to the strike by using alternative freight companies like Airborne Express, FedEx, and the Postal Service.

"Fortunately, we're in good shape," said Chief Executive Officer Alan Kahn. "The stores are receiving shipments of textbooks, and our alternative

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## And now a word from your editor....

**Hello.**

I'm Chris Colvard, perpetual senior and new features editor for the Chanticleer.

My main mission for this paper is to make it a true student's paper, emphasis on student.

I want to make sure everyone has a voice through this section.

Once a month, we will run student-written poetry and

short stories. As soon as we can get the technology going, we will publish student artwork as well.

Every so often, we will run profiles on your favorite teachers and classmates. If you have a suggestion who we can profile, give me a call at 782-5701 and we'll see if it can be done. After all, I don't want to invade anyone's privacy.

Yes, we will have music reviews, but I hope to encompass a broad spectrum of taste. From rock and pop to rhythm and blues to country and western, we'll do it all. The last thing I want to do is pigeonhole us as a college-rock only paper.

We will also include news about the fine arts on campus. Theatre, art, chamber music - all that so-called high brow

stuff will be in the mix.

I'm also designing a new column for the paper dealing solely with the fraternity and sorority life on campus. All of you involved in the Greek system, let me know what going on.

One of my main loves, and one of the hottest trends around, is the computer. Every other week, we'll include computer news, game previews,

and web reviews. If you have a website worth reviewing, e-mail us at newspaper@student-mail.jsu.edu or e-mail me direct at Jovius@msn.com.

Okay, that's all I have to say right now. Thank you for your time. I hope to make this paper the students wouldn't mind reading once in a while.

Besides, the barbs of "Can't-Be-Clear" are getting old.

## Ain't no time for the Summertime Blues

**by Chris Colvard**  
Features Editor

One thing you can say about this summer, it was far from boring.

**Long Live The King** This summer marked the twentieth anniversary of the passing of the king of rock and roll, Elvis Presley. From Memphis truck driver to Las Vegas icon, the memory of Presley will live with us all. And not just the memory, if you believe the tabloids.

His death was commemorated by the usual biography specials, movie marathons, and video tributes. What makes this special is the re-release of his theatrical releases on film, ranging from his first film "Love Me Tender" to his critically-acclaimed concert in Hawaii.

Also, as a result, Elvis sightings and conspiracies hit an all-time high.

**Look, Up In The Sky...** And speaking of anniversaries and conspiracies, this year was the fiftieth anniversary of the possible UFO

sighting in Roswell, New Mexico.

Reports of an actual landing of an extraterrestrial craft have permeated the media since that time. From this, rumors of Area 51, Hanger 18, and other clandestine military bases have become urban legend.

And what did we do to commemorate? Along with numerous conventions and parties, NASA topped them all by sending the Pathfinder probe to Mars to scope out the planet.

Maybe the truth really is out there.



*The brother trio Hanson took the country by storm with tunes like "Mmmmbop"*

**Comics Rule the Silver Screen** And speaking of extraterrestrials (don't you love the way this segues), the movie "Men In Black" became, arguably, the top grossing film of the summer, beating out the obvious contender "Jurassic Park: The Lost World."

"Men In Black" is based on the comic book of the same name, helping to usher in the trend of comic book-to-movie that was a part of this summer's blockbuster season.

There was "Spawn," the gritty story of a soul from Hell exacting revenge from a previous life, "George of the Jungle," the legendary animated jungle lord (Brendan Frasier) brought to life, "Steel," the armor-clad black superman (Shaquille O'Neal), and of course, the star-studded "Batman And Robin."

How will the movie moguls top this summer in the years to come? I got a feeling they will find a way.

**The Boys In The Bands** Forget the Spice Girls. The



*Despite lackluster reviews, "Batman & Robin" managed to rake in a sizeable chunk at the box office.*

hot music story belongs to the sprouting of new boy groups hitting the country.

It started innocently enough. A trio of brothers from Oklahoma record an album of bubble-gum music. The album was "Middle of Nowhere." The brothers' name was Hanson.

At the same time, a group of five boys were starting a media blitz to usher in their debut album. They chose the name The Backstreet Boys.

Meanwhile, in the United Kingdom, another young quintet with a few years'

experience under their belt make a big splash in the United States. They are Boyzone.

These three groups started a new wave of mobs of teenyboppers, fanzines, and websites aplenty. Their CDs sold out as fast as they hit the stands.

Their popularity is growing by leaps and bounds through the summer. Who knows when this trend will die down?

Maybe when their voices start changing. Remember a group called Menudo?

**Legends Passing** I hate to end this on a sad note, but it needs to be done. Two movie legends passed away this summer, Jimmy Stewart and Robert Mitchum.

Jimmy Stewart played a range of characters through his career, but he will always be remembered for his roles of the everyman who can accentuate the positive. From Elwood Dowd in "Harvey" to George Bailey in "It's A

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# The Chanticleer CD Bin

## Oldstyle Blues Rock and Newstyle Swing



Camus  
**Sins  
Of The  
Father**

Atlantic Records  
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A refreshing change of pace from the blitz of college/grunge rock, Camus' premiere effort Sins Of The Father offers a good selection of blues-rock with various strong inspirations.

Throughout the album, the songs are a unique blend of Bob Dylan and Tom Petty with a dash of Paul Westerberg for good measure. The music meshes Camus' haunting and rugged acoustic guitar with slick production values that is missing from most debut albums.

The title song starts slowly, but it takes you through a psycho-carnival atmosphere with just enough of a slight disturbance to

make you sit up and take notice. However, it was also relaxing, like a manic lullaby.

Other tracks show his Dylan/Petty influences without distracting from the music itself. "U Who" and "City of Love" have an upbeat rhythm that doesn't distract from the contradicting mood of the lyrics. Other songs, like "Don't Call Me" and "I Was Blind," are mellow without being slow.

This is not an album that will make you jump up and dance; rather, you can just sit back and relax, listen, and let the music take you to wherever. Nothing high voltage, just simply good music.

**Cherry Poppin' Daddies**  
**Zoot Suit Riot**  
**Mojo Records**  
4 of 5

Take the big band sound of the thirties and forties, add some searing rockabilly guitar, and a gener



ous helping of swing. Simmer over the heat of an incredible brass section, and you have the Cherry Poppin' Daddies.

Zoot Suit Riot is a compilation album spanning seven years of righteous sounds. The lyrics seem to sway from the mildly suggestive, as in "Here Comes the Snake" and "Brown Derby Jump," to the wildly explicit "Dr. Bones." Some of the songs seem more at home in a Nine Inch Nails album rather than mixed with swing, but the Daddies make it work.

Their best work shines through

in "Come Back To Me." This tasty jumper smacks of Sammy Davis, Jr. fronting a piping hot brass section (supplied by The First Church of Frank Sinatra), giving it a sweet Vegas flavor. All that's missing from this song is

the dry martini in one hand and the smooth date in the other.

Some small editing problems in some of the tracks are the only things marring this fun album. It's the wildest, daddy-o!

--Chris Colvard

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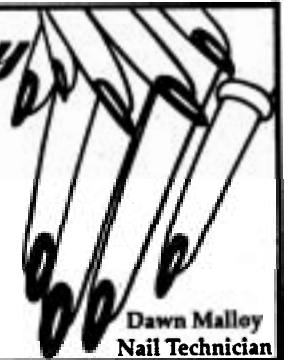
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# Diana: Princess of Wales, Queen of Hearts

by **Thomas Webb**  
Features Writer

**When Lady Diana** Spencer, daughter of the Earl of Spencer, accepted Prince Charles marriage proposal, she was elevated from aspiring teacher to aspiring queen. By the time she died in a tragic auto accident in Paris, the shy girl who wed the gawky Charles had been replaced by a glamorous, graceful, and poised woman - the brightest gem in the monarchy's crown.

The most beloved royal in the world, Diana had come to define what the monarchy needed to become if it was to remain vital. She gave the House of Windsor the greatest boost since Victoria ascended the throne over a century ago. Though banished from the inner circle of the Royal Family after her divorce from Charles, Diana remained their most effective ambassador to the world. Affectionate and caring, she had an aura of old-style glamour that had long been missing from the monarchy.

Her methods of dealing with her much-publicized divorce from Prince Charles set her apart from fellow royal divorcee Sarah Ferguson, formerly married to

Prince Andrew. Ferguson has used her notoriety to hawk products, whereas Diana has used her high profile to promote plans to improve the plight of millions. Her most recent effort was to help rally people to the cause of an international treaty to ban land mines.

Showing dignity in the wake of her struggle to become independent of the House of Windsor and still maintain control of her children, Diana won the world's respect as a

*The most beloved royal in the world, Diana had come to define what the monarchy needed to become if it was to remain vital.*

survivor. Now that her death has left a void in the Royal Family's popularity, the future of the monarchy seems to require that someone step in to replace Diana. The burden of this task seems to rest upon the shoulders of young Prince William, next in line for the throne after his father. Young, handsome, and charming, Prince William seems to embody all that the British public admired in Princess Diana, and seems to be the one asset left to the Windsor's going into the new millennium.

Diana enthralled the world from the moment she stepped into the spotlight, using the media to her advantage when she could, and being used by it when she wasn't careful. It was this love-hate relationship that ultimately was Diana's undoing. The same papers that dubbed her "The Queen of Hearts" also stalked her wherever she went, snapping her every smile, her every gesture, and her every private moment with their cameras.

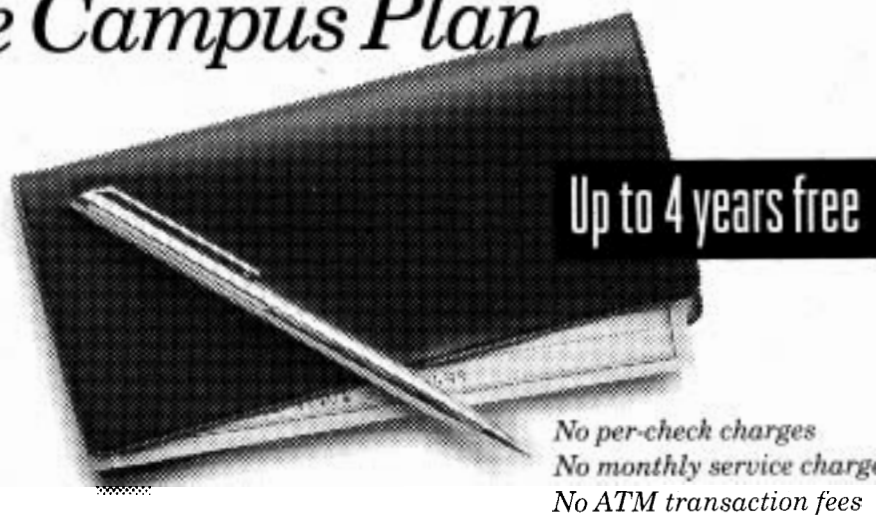
Hounded by the paparazzi (photographers who follow celebrities to get pictures to sell to tabloids), who had hoped to get a candid photo of Diana, and her new flame, Dodi Fayed, heir to the Harrod's Department Store fortune. Diana and Dodi's highly-intoxicated chauffeur crashed into a concrete divider in Paris' Pont de l'Alma tunnel.

Just a few hours later, Diana succumbed to internal injuries, alone in

a foreign land, far from her beloved sons. The photographers who chased her, some of whom continued snapping photos until police arrived, were already being rounded up. And the millions who had loved and followed Diana were plunged into mourning over the too-sudden death of a young princess who seemed to finally be finding happiness. The House of Windsor, the masses of Englishmen, and indeed all the world, felt the loss.

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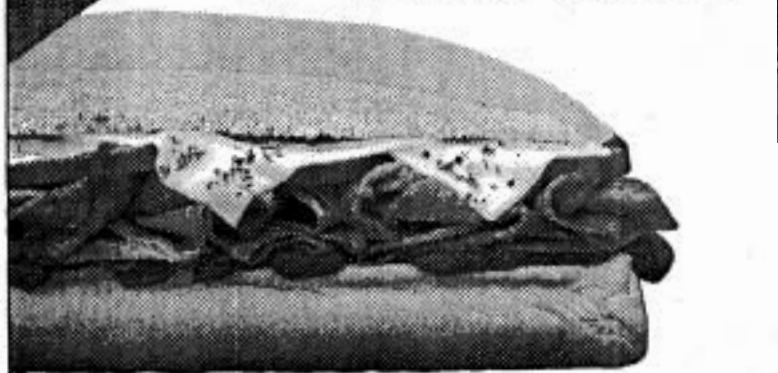
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Congratulations. You just witnessed a round in "Six Degrees of Kevin Bacon."

The object of this movie trivia game is that Kevin Bacon is, arguably, the center of the movie universe, and everyone can be linked back to him.

You've probably played it at parties, in dorm rooms, or even at the video store. Played it for fun.

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You, dear reader, get a chance to stump the *Chanticleer* staff and if you do, you win a Kevin Bacon video package.

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If you are the winner, we will notify you to come down to the office and claim your prize.

Then we'll come up with another hair-brained contest.

Okay, now the prize.

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Kevin Bacon, the CD soundtrack to "Footloose"... and one pound of bacon.

**That's** right, one pound of bacon. Rules? Rules, you ask? Don't be silly. Of course there are rules!

1. Maximum of six degrees. The six degrees means six steps, not six people. Kevin Bacon counts as the first person, and you're allowed five other people to connect with him.

2. You can use only movies. No television shows, no made-for-television movies, no miniseries. Just movies.

3. The actors must have appeared in a mainstream movie, not just little "art" films, not just pornographic films, etc.

4. No family relations, like "Samuel L. Jackson was in 'Pulp Fiction' with John Travolta, who is married to Kelly Preston."

5. Cameos are fine to use, but people who are extras cannot be used.

6. If you do stump us, you must provide the solution in order to claim the prize. You cannot say something like "that guy who was in that film." We need specific links!

7. Submissions must be in written form and have the following information: your name, your phone number, your e-mail address (if applicable), and the name of the film actor or actress.

8. You can only enter once a week. No multiple entries.

The ground rules are set. Now it's up to you.

### Summertime from page 12

Wonderful Life," Stewart showed what can happen with determination, faith, and love.

Robert Mitchum will be remembered for a different character range. His portrayals of tough guys throughout his career forever embossed him as one of the original macho men of Hollywood. One of his more memorable works, however, is his television work in the miniseries

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“ I’ve got a lot of respect for their team.”  
--Coach Mike Williams

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## New Era Dawns for Gamecock Football

by Shannon Fagan  
Sports editor

Are you ready for some football? It's that time of year once again as the Gamecocks open their 1997 football season this Saturday. They will host the Southwest Missouri State Bears. The game also marks the head coaching debut of Mike Williams.

Williams was hired last December and has brought about many changes. Although new to the head coaching ranks, Williams certainly has experience. At Southern Mississippi he coached several positions including running backs, special teams, and defensive backs. Williams has added many new faces to the team by recruiting 26 new players since last season. He has also changed the look of the Gamecocks by modernizing their helmets. The new helmets are red with Jacksonville State spelled out and the traditional gamecock underneath. "I am extremely excited about what we are doing. The season is finally here and we're going to see where

we are Saturday," Williams said at his weekly press conference.

The Gamecocks will have their work cut out for them this season. This year, the team begins play in the Southland Football League. The conference consists of eight teams, including in-state rival Troy State.

*The season is finally here and we're going to see where we are Saturday,*

--Coach Mike Williams

Jax State played conference teams last year but wasn't eligible for the conference title.

If the Gamecocks are going to be successful this season, they will have to win a number of games on the road. Jacksonville State only has four home games scheduled for the year. Those games are against the Bears on Saturday, McNeese State on September 27, Nicholls State on October 25, and Southwest Texas on November 15.

The Gamecocks will have road trips to Texas, Louisiana, and Tennessee.

Saturday's game will be Southwest Missouri State's second game of the season. They lost their opener to Pittsburg State 9-8 last week. Coach Williams doesn't want that score to fool anyone though: "Southwest Missouri lost to a good football team. We know they have a good football team. We also know that Jacksonville State is 0-4 against them. I've got a lot of respect for their team."

Returning for the Gamecocks this season is a familiar face. Quarterback Montressa Kirby will once again be the starter for the team. Kirby says he is anxious to get the season started.

"We want to beat up on someone besides ourselves. I think we're going to have a good season. Everyone doesn't seem to think so but our team does. We're just going to take things one game at a time." Kirby also says that the offense will be more open and balanced this year.

Offensive coordinator Doug Meacham

seems to agree with Kirby: "Basically on offense, we have real confidence in our scheme. Our biggest concern is execution. We're going to mix it up. Over the past couple of weeks our running game has really produced. We feel pretty confident with our running game at this point. We're going to keep our opponent guessing."

Defensive coordinator Charles Kelly expressed concern over his opponent this week. Kelly says that the Bears are a very physical football team.

"What worries me most of all from our standpoint is stopping the run up front. We've got to do some things defensively to counter their size," states Kelly.

After all is said and done, the Gamecocks should improve their 1-9 record from a year ago. The new enthusiasm that Coach Williams brings will motivate and excite the Gamecock players. Williams is delighted with the opportunity he has been given and has made it clear he will give it his all: "If it doesn't excite you, you shouldn't be in it."

## Athletic Director decides to leave after 25 years

by Shannon Fagan  
Sports Editor

Jerry Cole, Jacksonville State's current Athletic Director, announced his retirement on August 13. He has served the university for nearly 25 years.

Under his tenure, the Gamecocks have won numerous titles and championships. The list is impressive to say the least: 37 Gulf South Conference crowns and six NCAA Division II national titles.

The Gamecocks are the only school to win NCAA Division II national titles in the three major sports of football, basketball, and baseball. Cole also led the Gamecocks into the Division I ranks.

Cole feels it is time to step aside after his

many years of service," I have no unique reason for retiring. I just wanted to retire and enjoy some leisure time," Cole states. Jacksonville State developed under Cole. He says he is proud of the level the Gamecocks are at and is pleased with the facilities that have been developed.

*"I have no unique reason for retiring. I just wanted to retire and enjoy some leisure time,"*

--Athletic Director Jerry Cole

"I'm especially proud of the progress our women's teams have made in the last ten years. I'm mostly proud of the work our students have done over the years," says Cole.

His retirement takes effect the last day of September, 1998. Cole will step down as Athletic Director in June of '98 or possibly earlier if the university finds a replacement. Officials plan to conduct a search for a successor soon.

So what does the future hold for Jerry Cole? He hopes to continue being a part of the university. "The university has been a part of my life since I was 17. I came to school here and played ball here. I just hope to continue to sit in the stands and participate," Cole says.

Cole has certainly been a pioneer in bringing Jacksonville State athletics to where they are today. He has developed one of the most well-rounded athletic programs in the country. His accomplishments will not be forgot-



Athletic Director Jerry Cole Ed Hill

## Former Gamecock football star recently honored

by Shannon Fagan  
Sports Editor

Eric Davis, a former defensive back for the Gamecocks, was recently selected to be a member of the All-Time Division II Football Team. He played for the Gamecocks from 1986-1989.

As a freshman, Davis had an interception and returned six punts for 55 yards in limited playing time. He stepped it up in his



second season as a Gamecock with 23 solo tackles.

In 1988, Davis led the team in interceptions and finished the season with 53 tackles.

His final season was his best.

Davis racked up 51 total tackles and had six interceptions in 1989. He was considered an All-Gulf South Conference candidate.

After his playing days ended at Jacksonville State, Davis was drafted by the San Francisco 49ers. He helped them go all the way to the Super Bowl in 1995. San Francisco defeated the San Diego Chargers to give Eric a Super Bowl championship ring.

In 1996, Davis signed as a free-agent with the Carolina Panthers and with his help, the team reached the NFC Championship last year. They lost in the title game to the eventual Super Bowl Champion Green Bay Packers.

Davis is still their starting left cornerback and can be found picking off passes and making life miserable for opposing quarterbacks and wide receivers.





# Gamecock Calendar

**Cross** Samford 2  
**Country** p.m.  
 September September  
 6 at UT- 9 Georgia  
 Chattanooga State 4  
 a TBA p.m.

**Football** **Volleyball**  
 September September  
 6 southwest 5-6 at  
 Missouri Campbell  
 State 7 Invitational  
 p.m. TBA

**Soccer**  
 September  
 6 at

**Sports Section To Add New Feature**

In an attempt to keep you, the fans and readers of the Gamecock Sports Section, informed on what's going on in the Southland Football League, the section will feature standings in the conference. The section will also feature scores from teams in the Southland Football League.

This will be Jacksonville State's first official season in the conference. While details are being worked out, and football only a week old, here is the Division I-AA pre-season college football poll.

SOURCE: SportsTicker Top 25

Division I-AA

1. Montana
2. William & Mary
3. Troy State\*
4. Northern Arizona
5. Northern Iowa
6. Furman
7. Eastern Illinois
8. Western Illinois
9. East Tennessee State
10. Youngstown State
11. Delaware
12. Jackson State
13. Northwestern State
14. Eastern Kentucky
15. Murray State
16. McNeese State\*
17. Appalachian State
18. Florida A&M
19. Georgia Southern
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# Soccer team wins season opener.

Hot was the word describing the weather and the Jacksonville State University soccer team, Saturday afternoon.

The temperature was 96 degrees and the Lady Gamecocks defeated the Huntingdon Lady Hawks by a score of 1-0.

"It's good to start the season with a win," Howe said. "Shannon Gill

made a great goal for us and Andrea Poole played well in the middle."

Gill scored the only goal in the game with an assist by Amy Buchanan late in the first half of the match.

"Our defense was solid throughout the day and I have been worried about that aspect of our game,"

said Howe. "We should be healthier and more fit by next weeks game."

JSU will be traveling again Saturday, September 6th at 2 p.m. to take on the Samford Lady Bulldogs. Samford defeated Belmont University, this weekend 5-1.

# Jose Rivera, new head volleyball coach

Jose Rivera, after nine seasons of being an assistant collegiate volleyball coach, will take over the head position at Jacksonville State University this season. He comes to JSU from Mississippi State, where he was the top assistant coach under Head Coach Samye Johnson.

"He has the enthusiasm, drive and ambition to move from being an assistant to a head coach," Associate Athletic Director and Senior Women's Administrator Marilyn Osborne said. "He's someone who can bring us experience at the Division I level. I believe he can take our program up another level."

Rivera, 30, was a three-sport letterman of Manuela Toro High School in Caguas, Puerto Rico, and later played baseball at Livingston University (now the University of West Alabama). While at Livingston, he got his first taste of coaching as a student assistant from 1988-1989 and he has not stepped off the court since.

A dean's list scholar. Rivera

earned a bachelor's degree in physical education at Livingston in 1990 and a master's in 1994.

He has also held assistant coaching positions at Emporia State University in Kansas and Francis Marion College in South Carolina.

"I am very excited and determined to improve the volleyball record," Coach Rivera said. "My long term goal is to eventually break into the NCAA tournament in some capacity."

Rivera enjoys playing golf and competes in beach volleyball. During the summer months he is an instructor at several volleyball camps throughout the southeast.

### Personal

Born: January 31, 1967 in Caguas, Puerto Rico.

### Coaching Experience

College: Livingston University Student Assistant, 1988-89  
 Emporia State University Volleyball Graduate Assistant, 1990-1991  
 Softball Graduate Assistant, 1991-91  
 Francis Marion

College Volleyball Assistant Coach, 1991-92  
 Softball Assistant Coach, 1991-92  
 Livingston University Volleyball Interim Head Coach, 1992-94  
 Mississippi State University Volleyball Assistant Coach, 1994-1997.

### Playing

High School: Manuela Toro High School Baseball, 1981-84  
 Volleyball, 1982  
 Track, College: Livingston University Baseball, 1987-88.

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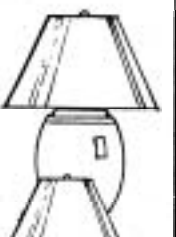


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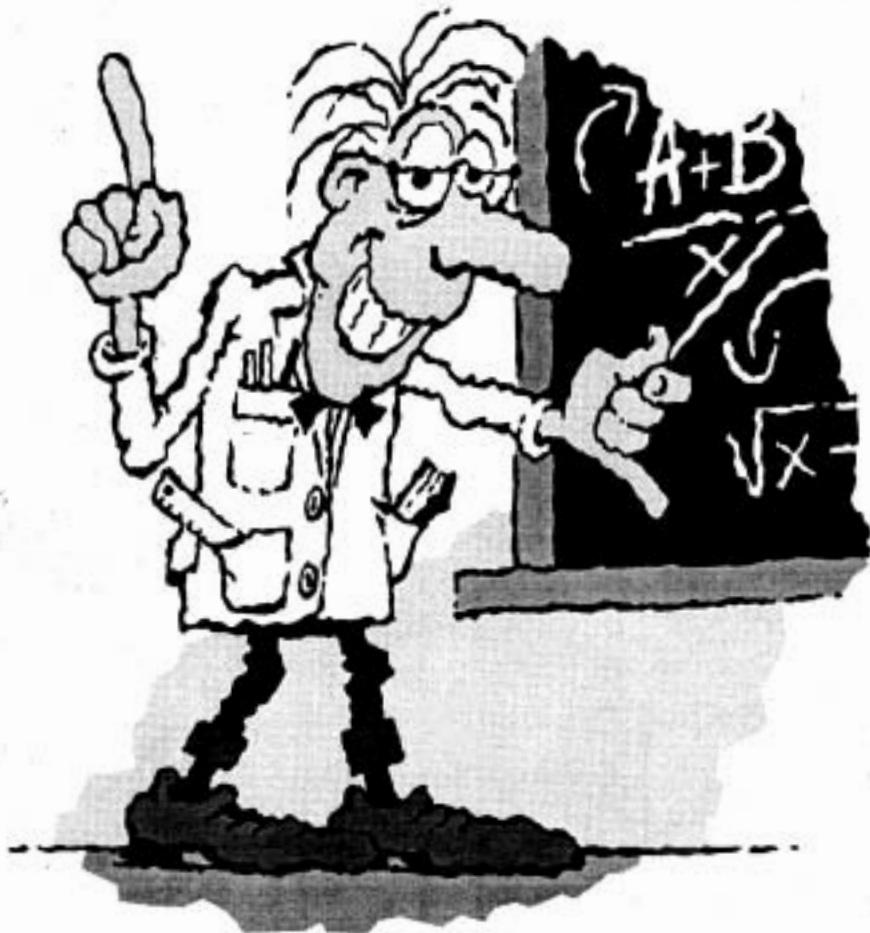


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