Sparkman elevator falls more than six floors

by Angel Weaver
News Writer

For two residents of Sparkman Hall, a routine ride on the elevator took a scary turn.

According to Heather Musick and Aimee Sayers, they got on the elevator last Sunday night to go up to the fourth floor. However, when the elevator stopped, the doors wouldn’t open.

“The elevators are always getting stuck, so we really weren’t worried at first,” said Sayers.

The elevator then began moving up and down between the basement and the ninth floor. After approximately ten minutes, the elevator again got stuck, this time on the ninth floor.

At this time, Musick and Sayers say that the elevator fell more than six floors, then caught between the second and third floors.

“The cables were shaking and the lights were going on and off,” said Musick. “It was really scary.”

With the help of the University Police and several other residents of Sparkman, Musick and Sayers were able to pry the elevator doors open and crawl through a small space down to the second floor.

“I was afraid to crawl through because I was afraid the elevator would fall again before I got out,” Musick said.

Both Musick and Sayers feel strongly that the elevators at Sparkman are not up to standards and until something is done about it, they should be considered unsafe. However, George Lord, the Physical Plant Administrator on campus, disagrees.

“The elevators are old, but they are safe,” says Lord.

According to Lord, the elevators were installed in 1971. The University has a maintenance contract with Gadsden Elevator Company, who are required to do monthly maintenance inspections. But because of frequent problems, they are generally called out on a weekly basis.

“Anything that is twenty-seven years old is going to have some maintenance problems,” Lord said. Despite these problems, he says that the elevators have several safety features.

“The elevators are equipped with mechanical brakes, a counterweight mechanism, and an electrical speed brake,” Lord said. “The elevator couldn’t actually freefall, because all three systems would have to fail for that to happen.”

However, two residents of Sparkman Hall decided it was time to take action.

Vicki Chipe and Kelli Dunham started a petition just a couple of hours after the incident occurred.

“There is always something wrong with those elevators,” Chipe said. “We want the elevators to be truly fixed or to be replaced.”

One specific complaint is that neither elevator has a phone for emergency use. When the elevators were installed, telephones were not a required safety feature. However, it is required under current code.

The petition was brought before the Student Government Association at their meeting on Monday night. Chipe said that the SGA is behind the petition, and they plan to pass a resolution at their next meeting.

Meanwhile, Sparkman Hall Director Abby Musick agrees. According to Heather Musick and Aimee Sayers, they say they will be taking the stairs from now on.

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Scorched: Brother’s Bar damaged in late night fire

by Elizabeth Chandler
News Writer

One of Jacksonville’s most popular hangouts could have gone up in flames last week. According to Jacksonville Fire Chief Mike Daughtery, the fire department received a call around midnight last Tuesday from Jacksonville police, reporting that a fire had broken out at Brother’s Bar.

Workers at the fire station could see flames reaching 30 to 40 feet high, and responded quickly.

The fire started in an area that was used to store trash, which was described as garbage that was not properly disposed of. The contents of the garbage included paper, plastic, and other materials.

The fire quickly spread to the rest of the building, causing significant damage. The fire caused the loss of at least $100,000 in property damage, and at least $25,000 in insurance coverage. The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

Johnson, a Brother’s employee, according to Chief Daughtery, said that the fire appeared to be caused by a manufacturing defect in an electrical system.

Daughtery said that the fire was caused by an electrical failure in a faulty electrical panel. The fire spread quickly, causing extensive damage to the building.

There is no word yet on whether any employees or customers were injured in the fire. The investigation is ongoing, and the cause of the fire is still under investigation.

A favorite of JSU students, Brother’s Bar was partially burnt last Tuesday night.
3rd-98 Irene Benton Austin, 49, of Helen, reported disorderly conduct at Campus Inn Apartments parking lot.
3-7-98 Resident reported criminal trespass at Sparkman Hall, fourth floor.
3-7-98 JSUPD arrested Leon Jared McKelvey, 20, of Pell City, for DUI at Trustee Circle. Accomplice: Julie Dianne Boyd.
3-7-98 JSUPD arrested Julie Dianne Boyd, 18, of Pell City, as a minor in possession of alcohol at the parking lot of Bibb Graves Hall.
3-5-98 Fire alarm sounded at Stephenson Gym at 1:15 am.
3-5-98 Cleaning services reported criminal mischief at room 106 Mason Hall. 1 broken window, $50 of damages.
3-4-98 Michael Harvey Lasseter, 23, of Gadsden, reported unlawful breaking and entering at Stone Center/Merrill Hall parking lot. Stolen: 1 CD case containing 36 CDs ($360 value) and 1 CD box containing 12 CDs ($120 value) for a total of $480 in stolen property.

**Announcements**

-Wayne Greenhaw, a free-lance writer whose latest book is Alabama: Portrait of a State, will speak at the Houston Cole Memorial Lecture sponsored by the Friends of Houston Cole Library on March 10 at 7:30 PM, 11th floor of the library. Contact Steve Whitten at 782-5414 for more details.
-On March 26, 1998, The National Association of Industrial Technology will present a job fair, from 3PM to 6PM at Self Hall.
-Mason Hall. 1 broken window, $50 of damages.

**SGA Spring Elections**

- President
  - Originally from Valley Forge, Penn., Ryan Kruzninski is a senior at JSU. He serves as a senator in addition to his duties as SGA Chaplain, and has served on the Allocations and Residence Life and Facilities Committees. He is also a DJ at WLSJ 92J, has been a Peer Counselor for the last two years, and has been elected clerk of the YMCA Collegiate Legislature this year.
  - "I started feeling like there was a lot of apathy towards the SGA from students around campus, but I don't see any representation of that here," Kruzninski says. "I want to get students more involved. And I feel like I'm mature enough to fill the role - I'm 25 - And I definitely work hard enough."
  - "I don't have any problems with the system as it is, although I am open to new ideas," Kruzninski says. "I'm looking for more students to come and tell me what they want to have done."

- 1st Vice President
  - Running unopposed, Gina Orlando will be the next 1st Vice President of the SGA. Orlando, a sophomore who is originally from the Jacksonville, Fl area, has served on the SGA Senate for the past year, and has been involved with the Psychology Club.
  - "I really interest in this school, and want to do what I can for the school," Orlando says. "I knew Leanne Jordan, and got to see what she did, and just wanted to try out."
  - Orlando says that when she takes office she wants to get more students involved in the SGA. "I would like more campus involvement. I think we did a good job this past year, and I think that we have the ability to do a better job," Orlando says. "I would like to increase the hours at the Library on the weekends for people that stay here, and the computer labs - extended time."

- 2nd Vice President
  - Shane Thomas, who ran for this same office against Greg Swindall last year, has served for the last two years as chairman of the Student Activities Council. Thomas was involved with the College Legislature last year, and went to the College Bowl last two years. He is also a judge of the Student Judiciary.
  - "There were some ideas that I had last year, but this year, has served for the last two years as chairman of the Student Activities Council. Thomas was involved with the College Legislature last year, and went to the College Bowl last two years. He is also a judge of the Student Judiciary."

- Controller
  - A senior at JSU, Dan Killingsworth currently serves as Chief Justice of the Student Judiciary, an arm of the SGA Senate. Killingsworth is running unopposed in his bid for the office of SGA controller.
  - He has spent two years as an SGA Senator, is a Peer Counselor, and holds two offices in the Delta Chi fraternity. "I love the SGA. I love working with it," Killingsworth said. "This office is another step up the ladder."
  - Killingsworth, who will take official office after the Spring Elections, says he wants to make sure the Student Activities Council gets more money next year.
  - "I want to make sure the Student Activities Council gets the money it needs to run its programs," Killingsworth says. "I want to get more students involved."
JSU students gather in Capitol to lobby Gov. James

by Thomas Webb
News Editor

“We've been Fobbed!” shouted a student from the midst of the crowd, provoking a burst of applause just after Governor Fob James left the room.

James was an unscheduled guest speaker at the Higher Education Rally in Montgomery. The rally was part of a statewide Higher Education Week, sponsored by the Higher Education Partnership (HEP), a lobbying group formed by the state's 15 public colleges and universities.

A dozen representatives of JSU rolled into Montgomery in a cold, drizzling rain to join the rally on the front steps of the recently-restored State House. Curious people leaned out of the windows of the seven-story white building to see the crowd below, as the Troy State University marching bands played on either side of the State House doors.

The rain forced the rally to be moved indoors to a reception room in the nearby Capitol Building. After the students, faculty and administrators gathered in the Capitol Building, James began his unexpected speech by reminding his audience that he had attended college at Auburn in 1956 on an athletic scholarship.

James said that he felt politics had become too involved in higher education. “Over the last decade or two, a political formula dividing the funds one-thirds - two-thirds became the rule,” James said. “Not looking at programs, not looking at costs, not looking at need, not looking at expansion, but just politics.”

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--Lt. Gov. Don Seiglman

According to James, the way to improve higher education was to make it more efficient by eliminating programs that have few students. He compared spending in Alabama to that of other states, and said that reducing spending has strengthened, not hurt, higher education.

“I believe two and four year schools have been strengthened,” said James. “I believe efficiency strengthens.”

Lieutenant Governor Don Seiglman took time out of his role as Senate President to speak to present his views on higher education. Seiglman said that James’ education cuts are endangering the state’s future.

“You can’t build up a state by tearing down higher education,” Seiglman said. “We’ve got to build on the strengths of our great universities.”

Seiglman suggested a lottery-based scholarship system similar to the one in place in Georgia. Under Seiglman’s plan, Alabama students with a “B” average in high school would qualify to receive a free two-year technical or vocational training, or a full tuition scholarship for college.

SGA 1st Vice President Leanne Jordan said the only thing missing from the rally was participation from JSU students.

“I think it’s really a good thing when students can come together like that,” Jordan said. “I would have hoped that we could have taken more people, since twenty signed up, and only eleven came. I think for the people who went - they got a lot out of it... What we heard some was fact, some was not. It was interesting to hear what both sides thought.”

Glover said the event, which had higher attendance than last year, was a success. He says that the students managed to get their point across more clearly than they did last year.

“It was a well-organized, exciting event, compared to last year,” says SGA President Chris Glover, who helped organize the trip. “It had a spark to it... I think we made a point that we didn’t make last year.”

Gordon Stone, executive director of the Higher Education Partnership, planned this year’s Higher Education Day, which was themed “Top Ten in Sports - Why not in Funding?”

Students at the rally had delivered bags which contained information about higher education to each state senator and representative before the event, along with invitations to the event.

“We were there in force, and we were there with excitement,” said Glover. “We took it to the legislators this year, instead of asking the legislators to come to us - with the packages we brought, and with our message that was sent to them. I think what it takes is to take it to the legislators.”
Bill Jones in retrospect

by Buffy Smith
Managing Editor

Next month will mark the end of a legacy when JSU’s men basketball coach Bill Jones retires, after 24 years of service.

Born in Guntersville, Jones graduated from Marshall County high school in 1962. He spent the next two years of his life at Snead State Community College, due to an athletic scholarship for basketball and baseball.

“If I had not have gotten a scholarship, I probably would not have gone to college,” says Jones. “I really enjoyed the setting—everybody was very friendly during that period of time and made me feel at home.”

Upon graduating from JSU in 1966 with degrees in both Business and English, Jones pursued his baseball career to a halt. He then fell back on his business degree and started working for the Internal Revenue Service.

Jones got his start in coaching basketball while he was working as a contract negotiator for Redstone Arsenal. Snead State basketball’s basketball coach, who was suffering from a bout with cancer, called Jones and asked him to fill the basketball season for him. Jones worked at Redstone by day, and he coached by night.

The president of Snead State asked Jones to become the head basketball coach full time, but Jones had to refuse because he made so much more money at the Arsenal.

“I was crushed by that because that’s what I had decided to do,” says Jones. “Somewhere inside of me there was a coach trying to get out.”

Two nights later he left his $30,000+ a year job when the University of North Alabama called and asked him to coach as a graduate assistant for $100 a month, plus tuition.

“It didn’t take me very long to understand that money is not what makes you happy,” says Jones. “What makes you happy is getting up and going and doing something that you don’t feel like you are working, somebody’s paying you to do something that you really enjoy doing. That’s what coaching afforded me.”

Two years later Dr. Ernest Stone, JSU president of the time, called Jones and offered him the head coaching job here.

Over the past 24 years, Jones and the JSU basketball team have earned numerous awards and claimed many titles. Among these is Jones proudest moment in coaching: a National Championship in 1985.

“What makes that so special,” says Jones, “is there are a lot of people who have been in the coaching profession for more years than I have that have never had the opportunity to win a national championship. And there’s a lot of luck involved in that.”

Jones says that the national championship year was very special and, without a doubt, it was the pinnacle of his career. However, some of the most special moments of his career has involved his relationships with his players.

“I think coaches in college have to be kind of a daddy away from home,” says Jones. “We’ve had some great relationships with individual players over the course of those years.”

“Daddying” the JSU basketball team isn’t Jone’s only experience in fathering, he has two daughters. One of his daughters is a JSU student, the other is a ninth grader at Jacksonville high school where his wife teaches.

Jones is not sure isn’t sure as of yet if he will uproot his family and leave Jacksonville.

Brother’s from page 1

“Retiring Coach Bill Jones stands court side at his final game ending 24 years of coaching Gamecock Basketball.”

“Don’t have any long-range plans,” says Jones. “I’ve been living in this community so long and I don’t want to think about it really.”

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TMB to undergo extensive renovations this summer

by Thomas Webb
News Editor

Plans to renovate the TMB may begin to change the look of the building as soon as next year.

Don Thacker, Vice President of Administrative and Business Affairs, says that the $1 million plus renovation of the TMB are scheduled to begin this summer.

According to Noah Rucker, Manager of Marriot Dining Services at JSU, The Roost on the 2nd floor of the TMB is one of the areas scheduled to be renovated first.

“Our ultimate plan is to open that area completely up,” said Joe Whitmore, Director of Institutional Development in an earlier interview. “Take those slats down, and those iron gates. That whole area is going to be open and a lot more airy, a lot more of a mall-type concept.”

The new design for the food court will include areas for studying, watching television, and maybe even surfing the Internet, Rucker says. Among the restaurants expressing interest are Chick-Fil-A and Taco Bell.

Other planned changes to the TMB include placing a brick shell on the building, and replacing its flat roof with an angled one much like that on other JSU buildings.

According to Greg Swindall, SGA 2nd Vice President, there are also plans to move the SGA offices to the unoccupied space on the third floor.

Whitmore said that these changes are part of the University’s overall plans to make the campus more friendly for students, and to provide more services and convenience for on-campus residents.

“That’s a constant goal we have,” said Whitmore. “We’re always looking ways to try to improve that kind of stuff.”

Students may have their last chance to eat in The Roost (above) this semester. Planned renovations of the TMB include turning this into a Food Court, and adding a brick shell and angled roof to the exterior (at right). The renovations are expected to cost over $1 million, and are scheduled to begin this summer.

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Stop worrying about your figure

Americans need to stop worrying about their weight. I say this because I keep listening to conversations between 100 and 105 pound women who insist that their hips are too well padded, or that they need to lose that final globule of fat that is located on their leg (the one that no one else can see).

This obsession over weight is driven, really, by advertisements featuring women with barely enough mass on their bones not to be considered walking skeletons. I realize that everyone needs a goal to strive for, but let's at least try for something that is healthy. People seem to ignore the fact that these people are not the norm, and are either half-starved, or genetically unique.

Some women think that they have to have as close as 36-24-36 figures as possible to be beautiful. They feel that they can't possibly be attractive to guys, regardless of the fact that very few people are actually meant to have that figure, and would make themselves very unhealthy by forcing themselves to fit into it.

This warped perception is what causes a lot of people to become either bulimic or anorexic, which, if untreated, can kill people, either from starvation, or from a destroyed esophagus.

I'm not saying that people shouldn't worry if they weigh over 300 pounds and can't walk on their own without help; there are extremes on either end.

What I am saying is that people should let themselves be the weight that their body naturally should be, which depends on their height and frame. For example, a 5'10" tall man of average build should weigh 151-163 pounds, while a 5'6" woman of average build should weigh 130-144. (For people with Internet access, one address to take a look at for full charts on how to figure out their build and weight average is http://www.herb-alife.com/cgi-local/bin/web_store/cgi/ Web_store/html/products/hw_m.html for more details.)

On average, a woman should weigh about 12-15 pounds lighter than a man of her same height and build. Now reconcile this to the average weights of most supermodels and men of their same height. For example, Elle MacPherson is 6' and weighs only 128 lbs. Claudia Schiffer is 5'11" and weighs only 127 lbs; Niki Taylor is 5'11.5" and weighs 128. Now assuming that they have an average build each, these supermodels average at 24 pounds underweight of the female norm.

Being this far underweight simply isn't healthy. Undernourishment, throughout a person's teens and twenties can have serious effects on their health in later years; lack of calcium during this time period alone can destroy bone strength when you are in your sixties.

So stop complaining that you don't weigh the same as Kate Moss, or that your figure isn't quite the way you've seen models in magazines. If you feel you're overweight, eat and exercise, emphasis on the former. Exercising without eating destroys muscle mass more than body fat, leaving yourself feeling more depressed about yourself than before.

Eating the right foods can help you feel better about yourself, and help you reduce body fat and increase body tone. There are people on campus who can advise you on a proper diet for building yourself up. Look up the student health center or professors who teach health classes for more details. You can also call or email the Chanticleer for pointers towards the right people, at newspaper@student-mail.jsu.edu or 782-4701.

I had just gone down utilizing the bathroom of the Acoustic Cafe and I was heading back to the bar portion of the facility when I heard this girl address the coffee clerk by the wrong name. Albeit, he didn't have on a nametag, she was still using the wrong name - even if it did begin with the same letter as his real name.

This was as good a time as any to jump in and be myself. I immediately joined into the conversation and addressed the attendant by the name that this girl was mistakenly using. As a return cout, he addressed me as Frank.

We continued this absurd conversation for about five minutes, using these bogus names as often as possible. About the time the girl started feeling completely left out of the conversation, I looked directly at her and told her, "and by the way, he's not Josh and I'm not Frank. You completely messed that part up." I then turned around and walked away.

Moments before my fingers touched the door handle that would lead me into the courtyard, I heard her voice from around the corner wall when she asked the coffee clerk, "Who was that?" I smiled and said to myself, "I heard that."

So that you, the reader, can hear it as well, please allow me to explain. It wasn't one of those "who was that ignorant put?!?" kind of who-was-that. It was more along the lines of "Who was that amazing stallion of human flesh that just sent shivers down my spine and allows me to feel the tingles in my toes?!?" kind of who-was-that. Well, maybe it wasn't that extreme, but you get the point.

Anyway, it was enough to capture my attention and to react in a very chosen action. She was about to be on the way out the door when I snuck up behind her and whispered into her ear, "What are you doing tomorrow night?"

This was enough of an opening to get a date for the next night. After I received her phone number I went back to sit with my friends and she went to the Huddle House with hers.

Little did I know... I was being sabotaged.

She had asked all of her friends who knew Fritz. None of them knew me, but one had heard of me.

He had heard of me from the first girl I had ever gone out with here at JSU. She was into partying every moment in her new reign of unsupervised freedom, while I was into partying when all my work was done. Anyone who knows me knows I play quite a bit, but I make sure that my work is done first.

Anyway, this first chick and I just didn't work out. She eventually stopped returning my calls. I figured we just broke off as friends... we were still in classes together and she didn't seem to have a problem talking to me even if it did begin with the same letter as his real name.

Four months later, one her classmates was one of the persons in the Huddle House that night when the Acoustic Cafe chick was trying to find out anything about me. What she found out was not good. Matter of fact, when I found out what she had heard I was rather surprised she even followed through on our first date.

I was enlightened to this secret knowledge three months after our first date when she let me know that she wasn't scared of me anymore. That's kind of a shocking thing to find out when you're driving home from Tennessee with a person you have spent the last three months investing your time with. Apparently, during those first three months we were dating she had been expectantly waiting for my "nice guy" facade to dissipate and for me to finally slip and reveal this evil personality she had been warned about.

As it turns out, the person who tipped her off about my evil-no-good self had the same thing happen to him with the same girl that tried to ruin my rep. He seems to be a nice enough guy.

He even apologized to the girl who is now my wife for dealing her the bad information he told her when he knew me not at all.

He even apologized to me.

Regardless of what this other chick may have said about him, these actions alone have proved his coolness. And regardless of what this chick has said about me, my actions pushed past the bad press and earned the trust of the girl who would be my wife.

Score two for the nice guys. Peace.
To all concerned JSU students:\n
Whatever happened to people running on their qualifications? Today’s politics consist of mudslinging and backroom agreements.

Do not be a part of this.

Just because you have known someone longer or went to a party with them does not mean they are better qualified for a job. On behalf of all the candidates running for SGA executive offices, I would like to encourage each and every student to vote. The elections will be held Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 to 4 on the 4th floor of the TMB.

There are three candidates for the office of 2nd Vice President. This office is in charge of the majority of campus activities. I have served this office for the past year, and I’ve brought two concerts - Sister Hazel/Tonic and Kyle Vincent - three comedians - including Rickey Smiley - a gong show, Casino Night, and a great movie selection.

I have worked very hard and would like to keep my position. My hard work has paved the way for another concert next year, and a Def Comedy Jam series to be presented each month.

So my question to each and every student is do you want to know you’re going to have great activities next year? Please don’t put your campus life in the hands of someone who has never done the job.

It’s up to you.

What if you were choosing a mechanic? Would you want someone working on your car that has experience and is know for getting the job done? Or would you let someone work on your car - something that is vital to your daily life - that has smiled and pleaded for the chance try to fix your car, with no guarantee of fixing the problem?

This is the same kind of thing. Campus activities have proven to be successful this year. Please put the job of 2nd Vice President in capable hands, just like you would your car.

Greg Swindall
2nd Vice President SGA

To the Editor,

Another article about ISU’s parking problems? Not exactly. It’s not about finding a parking place… it’s about what to do after you manage to find one.

I work in the Computer Services Department. Therefore, I almost always have to parallel park. I always turn on my blinker to let the person behind me know that I am going to park. Usually this does not work. So I roll down my window and flap my arm around, indicating that I am going to park. If that does not work I hold a sign out the window with the words, “ATTEMPTING TO PARK” on it!!

I believe a class needs to be offered that is mandatory for every person who drives on campus that teaches them how to parallel park. Doesn’t everyone know that in order to parallel park, you have to pull up beside the car that is in front of the space that you want to park in and then you have to back it in. I cannot tell you the number of times that I have indicated that I wanted to park and as I inch up to park, the person behind me keeps inching up with me!

The Mail Center is an extremely congested place. And I suppose most people are in a hurry. This only adds to the frustration and impossibility of trying to park.

So, please, please, I beg all of you drivers out there, keep an eye out for us from Daugette Hall till the end of the road. For those of you that do pay attention, thank you so very much. Finding a parking space can sometimes be a miracle… allow us to be able to park in one.

J.M. Thompson

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If you could have someone packed up and shipped to you direct, who would it be… and why?

- I would definitely have to say the Beatles because they were by far the best music group of all times and I know they’d be great guys to hang with.
- Michelle Bryant
Senior

- Warren Blaire, because he is the sexiest Sigma man on campus.
- Ebony Bowie
Sophomore

- A 1600 pound woman, so I could find out how much the postage was.
- Ben Bryan
Freshman

- Pamela Anderson, for purely sexual reasons.
- Chris Betzer
Freshman

- Fidel Castro, for curiosity of foreign culture (purely sexual reasons).
- Robert Costello
Freshman

- Saddam Hussein, because someone needs to sit down and have a talk with him.
- Isaac Cowger
Freshman

- Jim Morrison - I just want to meet him—he is reason enough. Maybe we can share a taco.
- Elizabeth Rhody
Sophomore
“Well, no wonder! The tubes were switched! This thing’s been running in reverse.”

Metal-shop teacher Hank Borgner prided himself in his back-to-basics curriculum.
Casino Night was an odds-on favorite

by Angel Weaver
Features Writer

Gambling was legalized on campus for one evening only when the SGA sponsored Casino Night on Wednesday, March 4.

Casino Night was held at the Leone Cole Auditorium from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Wednesday evening. Students were charged three dollars at the door, then given a cup with “money” to gamble with. Non-students were charged five dollars.

Activities included bingo, poker, blackjack, slot machines, roulette, and craps. Various JSU instructors participated by running the gambling booths and tables. Dr. McGee also helped out by calling bingo early in the evening.

Throughout the evening, door prizes were given away, including T-shirts, sweaters, Value Meals from McDonald’s, and free bowling passes. Refreshments were offered, and music was provided by 92-J.

Late in the evening, several of the poker and blackjack tables went high stakes, and the gambling took a serious turn. Millions were won and lost within an hour, as people tried to increase their funds.

At the end of the evening, several items were auctioned off to the highest bidder. Dr. Rush from the Criminal Justice Department served as the auctioneer. Once again, various Greek organizations pooled their money and dominated the bidding. Items auctioned off included a VCR, a pearl necklace, and free tanning visits. A radar detector sold for 5.2 million, and the television sold for 65 million dollars.

According to Jayan Johnson, publicity director for the SGA, Casino Night was a successful fundraiser. “We had one of the best turnouts we’ve ever had,” Johnson said. Proceeds from the evening will go to improve conditions in the library computer lab.

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Power of Good-Bye.

The next song after “Frozen,” it almost seems to be a sequel to it: sort of a look into the aftermath of a ruined relationship.

“Little Star,” a song written for her daughter Lourdes, carries more true emotion than any of Madonna’s early hits.

Like Donna Summer on Ecstasy, “Skin” starts out with a slow smoldering inter that quickly builds into the breakbeats of electronica.

Madonna lets you peer deeper into the backup singers so that they can drown him out.

The band could benefit harmoniously as fingernails on a chalkboard.

One of the many highlights is the Louisiana Gator Boys, a supergroup of epic proportions.

The album features some classic retreads, like “R-E-S-P-E-C-T” by Aretha Franklin, “Cheaper To Keep Her” with Lonnie Brooks and Junior Wells, “634-5789” featuring Wilson Pickett and Johnny Lang, and the Blues Brothers Band’s version of the “Perry Mason” themesong.

There’s even the unofficial Blues Brothers theme “Can’t Turn You Loose” with John Popper making an appearance on harmonica.

The songs are all but forgotten.

With this album, maybe her songs will finally get the recognition they deserve. Regardless, with a performer like Madonna you can be sure that her music will shine a Ray of Light well into the next millennium.

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Richard's eyes swam with tears that he could never contain. The pain was too much, and he knew he couldn't hold back the emotions any longer.

"You can't just leave me here," he said, his voice barely above a whisper. "You promised you'd take care of me.

"I was just trying to protect us both," she replied, her voice small and contrite. "I didn't want you to get hurt.

"I'm the one that needs protection," he spat. "You're the one who needs to be looked after.

He couldn't believe it. They had always been on each other's sides, through thick and thin. Now, it seemed as if all the trust was gone. He couldn't bear the thought of losing her.

"I'm sorry," she said, her voice breaking. "I never meant to hurt you.

But it was too late. The damage had been done, and there was nothing he could do to make it right. He knew he had to move on, and fast.

As he walked away, he couldn't help but wonder what would happen to her. Would she be okay? Would she ever forgive him? He didn't know, but he knew one thing for sure:

He couldn't go back.
Jax State gets ready for Fifth Annual International Week
by Chris Colvard
Features Editor

Where else can you get Oriental and South American food at the same place? The JSU International Week offers students not only the opportunity to sample exotic foods, but also a chance to experience cultures at once.

The fifth annual event will highlight the cultures of JSU's various international students. Scheduled events include sports tournaments, a food court/talent show, and a guest speaker at the library.

Saturday, March 21, will be the Taster's Fair and Talent Show in the Roundhouse at 6:00 p.m. The Taster's Fair is a virtual smorgasbord of cuisine from other countries, cooked by the international students. After which, the students will entertain the crowd with various acts in their Talent Show. Last year, they featured folk dancing, singing, and even a cooking demonstration.

Sunday, March 22, will feature soccer and volleyball tournaments. The soccer games will be at the intramural fields starting at 10:00 a.m. The volleyball tournament will take place in the quad at 2:00 p.m. In case of rain, the games will be moved to Stephenson Gym.

On Tuesday, March 24, Phi Beta Kappa will present international speaker Dr. George Falbe of Columbia University at the eleventh floor of Houston Cole Library at 8:00 p.m. His topic will focus on the contributions of Arab science.

For more information on International Week, contact Dr. Adrian Aveni at 782-5674.

Springermania sweeps campus

by L. Vance Fleming
Features Writer

"I Have A Bizarre Sex Life!"

No, this is not a proclamation of my personal habits. This is the title of a recent "Jerry Springer" show in which the guests were announcing their strange sexual desires. Before the show was over, the stage was filled with the following: one guy wearing a bra and panties; another in only a diaper; a dominatrix with her "love slaves"; and a man (dressed as and previously thought to be a woman) whose boyfriend was with his new lover (another man). Needless to say, after all of these bizarre revelations on the show, I do not think anyone left with whom they came.

The above is a typical Springer show. Other norms are the continuous "bleeps" and numerous explicit names traded among the panel members. And there are more punches delivered here than during a boxing match.

NOTE: The first punch is typically thrown between Fiction from page 11

not scared of this punk!

I grab hold of my knife. For some reason my hand's a little shakier than it was before. I put my left hand on the back of his seat. If he turns around he'll see me. If I move then, he'll be the one to see me first.

I look around. A house is right in front of the car. I better not do it just yet, somebody might see me. I can't let myself get caught. I've still got my children to take care of. I've thought of them. I'll wait until there's nobody around, wait 'til nobody can see me. Then I'll go and be gone and nobody will know.

I can hear the steady clicking of his blinker. He slows down and turns left. I'm bracing myself against the seat to keep from falling over. I can hear the cigarettes slid-four and nine minutes into the show. All the while the audience cheers to it all. "Jerry, Jerry, Jerry..."

"Why do you call me your name," questions Springer, "they're doing it."

At the end of the show Springer gives his advice to the panel and audience. This from the former mayor of Cincinnati who has admitted to "sleeping" with a prostitute. Now really, is this what you want your moral standards set?

Do not get me wrong, I LOVE THE SHOW! I think driving to Chicago and taking in a live show for Spring Break is a great idea. And I am not alone. Walk into any building on campus and someone is talking about a recent episode.

How popular is the show? Nationally, Springer is the first to challenge Oprah Winfrey's talk reign. The show airs twice per day by WABM (Time-Warner cable channel 12). The first run is at 1 PM. And recently, WABM moved the second broadcast to prime-time (8 PM), a switch from after midnight across the board, stopping at the end just before they go over into the floorboard. I wish I had one of them members. And there are more punches delivered here than during a boxing match. I'm still going to cut his head off. That's what I'm doing, I'm still going to cut his head off.

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Vance's Final Thought: "Let me take this opportunity to thank all of you" for tuning into this article. If you watch the show on a regular basis, you are bound to see the shows run together, eventually with similar story lines. I wonder what alien life forms will think of our planet if Jerry... were to be the first transmission from us? Why can't people keep their shoes on their feet while on stage? And why is there always one person on the show who reminds me of someone I know? Maybe that is what makes the show so interesting. Watch the show and you might see these points.

"Til next time, take care of yourself...and each other."

--Irene Go Brazil--

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Florida International ends JSU’s hopes for TAAC title

by Shannon Fagan

Sports Editor

Florida International ended Jacksonville State’s hopes for a TAAC title with a 75-44 win Friday night. The Lady Camels were led by forward Heather Whaley with 17 points, 12 rebounds and 10 assists. Center Gergana Branzova also contributed to the win. She scored 14 points and pulled down 11 rebounds. The Lady Camels were unable to keep up with FIU’s 54% shooting. FIU used home-court advantage to their advantage, outscoring the Lady Camels 40-24 in the first half. They were able to hold the lead for the entire game, winning in convincing fashion by 38 points.

JSU finishes fifth in Rifle Championships

by Shannon Fagan

Sports Editor

The Jacksonville State Rifle team had their biggest challenge of the season this past weekend. They traveled to Murray State University to take part in the Rifle National Championships. West Virginia took first place overall in the competition. Jacksonville State came in fifth place out of nine teams with an aggregate score of 6110 in both the smallbore and air rifle competitions.

Stephanie Goeden rounded out the team. Litz’s total smallbore score was 1143 while Goeden finished with a score of 1124.

Two of the Gamecocks made the 1998 National Rifle Association’s Collegiate All-American Smallbore Team. On the First Team, Shane Barnhart was the only Gamecock to earn the honor. Lucinda Roddy made Second Team honors with her shooting performance.

Roddy also led the team in the air rifle standings. She finished ninth overall with a total score of 385. Her shooting earned her a place on the Air Rifle First Team. Barnhart also finished on the Air Rifle Second Team and Litz was an Honorable Mention. Roddy and Litz also finished on the Air Rifle Second Team.

It looked as if the Lady Gamecocks’ losing woes would continue early on. They shot a dismal 25% from the floor. However, JSU managed to hold the lead at the break 22-21. In the second period, the Lady Gamecocks heated up. They shot a blistering 54% from the floor and outscored the Lady Camels 53-47. It was a total team effort as five Lady Gamecocks scored in double figures.

Leading the way was forward Heather Mayes. She scored the nets for 24 points, going 7 of 12 from the floor. Millie McElrath hit four of her shot attempts on the evening to give her 12 points on the night.

Melissa Harden, Suzan Shirley, and Shneka Whaley also contributed to the win. They each rattled the rim for 12 points, helping JSU take the win. The Lady Camels were led by forward Ashley Moore and center Felicia Autry. Moore rocked the rim for 17 points and Autry chipped in with 12 points and pulled down 11 rebounds. It proved to be too little as the Lady Gamecocks advanced to the second round of the TAAC Tournament.

FIU 82 JSU 54

On Friday, it was an entirely different story. Florida International proved why they were the team to beat, winning in convincing fashion by 38 points.

Only one of JSU’s players scored in double figures. That was guard Suzan Shirley. She paced the Lady Gamecocks with 14 points. However, no one else could step it up for the Jacksonville State’s bid for an upset.

The Lady Golden Panthers got excellent play from their guards. Dalma Ivanyi and Donna Carrell each scored the nets for 12 points.

The loss marked the end of the 1997-98 season for the Lady Gamecocks. However, several members of the team received honors for their efforts on and off the court.
by Will Roe  
Sports Writer

After playing their worst defensive game of the season in last Wednesday’s 11-2 loss to nationally-ranked South Alabama, the Gamecocks have rebounded since then. The Gamecocks pounded Miles College on Thursday before hosting a long six-game weekend series with Siena College. Here is a game-by-game look at the last week of action for the Gamecocks.

#15 South Alabama 11,  
Jax State 2

It was not the best of times for the Gamecocks on Wednesday afternoon. The Jaguars took an early 3-0 lead through two innings and never looked back. USA was aided by the eight errors committed by the Gamecock defense. Perhaps the lone highlight of the game for Jax State was a two-run homer by Wes Brooks in the 6th inning.

Stephen Sparks got the win for South Alabama, while JSU’s Cypress Hathorn took the loss for the Gamecocks. Things could have been worse for JSU, though, as South Alabama left 14 runners on base.

Jax State 15,  
Miles College 1

The Gamecocks hammered the Golden Bears on Thursday. JSU managed 17 hits in the game, and jumped out to a remarkable 11-0 lead through two innings to cruise to an easy win. JSU’s Robbie Deason pitched the complete game to earn the win. He struck out nine batters. JSU’s Jeff Tidwell hit his ninth homer of the season. Clarence Prothro and Bryan Williamson each added homers for the Gamecocks in the win.

Jax State vs. Siena College 2,  
Sienna College 4,  
Jax State 3

On Saturday, the Gamecocks split a double-header with Siena College. JSU won game one behind Bryan Williamson’s complete game three-hitter. He struck out eight batters in the win. Jeff Tidwell went two for three with a double and one RBI. In game two, Siena’s Jeff Reardon pitched six strong innings, surrendering just six hits and one earned run to earn the win. J.R. Allen took the loss for JSU. Wes Brooks hit his eighth homer of the season, but it was not enough as JSU went on to lose the game.

Jax State 5,  
Sienna College 6

The warm temperatures on Friday gave way to some hot JSU bats. The Gamecocks smacked 15 hits off of Siena pitching, only one of which was a homer by Jason Nunn. JSU batters were hit five times by Siena pitches; Shawn Morgan was hit by two of Jason Kiser’s pitches. Jason Nunn got his first win of the season, pitching five strong innings for the Gamecocks in the win.

The rains came after the first game and delayed Sunday’s game two until Monday.

Jax State 5,  
Sienna College 2

The Lady Gamecocks were swept by the Lady Bulldogs. They led to three of the Lady Gamecocks’ four runs.

Jax State 17,  
Sienna College 3

In game one on Monday, JSU’s Lee Hinkson earned his fourth win of the season with his complete game. He struck out 13 Siena hitters. Jeff Tidwell went two for three with a double and an RBI to lead the Gamecocks.

Game two was originally scheduled for Sunday, but was played after Monday’s first game. JSU’s bats were as hot as they were on Sunday, as they scored a season-high 17 runs. JSU only needed four and a half innings to finish off Siena College.

Cypress Hathorn made up for his loss to South Alabama on Wednesday as he went the distance and struck out 11 Siena hitters. It was his first win of the season.

JSU got homers from Joey Foster, Clarence Prothro, and Shawn Morgan. Jason Nunn had three hits with three RBI’s in the game. Shawn Morgan went two for three with four RBI’s, including his second homer of the season. After the double-header, coach Rudy Abbott was happy with his team’s pitching in the games, “We got some very good pitching. Today, our pitchers kept it close until we started swinging the bats. "It thought we really started hitting the ball well in the second game.”

Sienna College 10,  
Jax State 5

With wind chill in the low 30’s for the game, it seemed to freeze JSU’s ability to beat Siena. JSU managed 10 hits in the game, but no homers with the cold wind blowing in. Blaine Douglass was tagged with the loss for the Gamecocks.

Lady Gamecocks sweep Samford in softball doubleheader

by Shannon Fagan  
Sports Editor

If you wanted to see an offensive explosion, then you were out of luck as the Lady Gamecock softball team hosted the Samford Lady Bulldogs on Saturday. The teams combined for a total of nine runs in both games. Here is a look at the action.

Jax State 2,  
Samford 1

In game one, Jill Wilcoxson evened her record on the season at 3-3. She pitched seven innings, striking out three batters and giving up one earned run.

The Lady Gamecocks scored their first run in the fifth inning to tie the score at one. They tacked on another run in the seventh inning to come away with the win. Second baseman Christine Tucker and catcher Lauren Buck supplied the offense. Both players went two for three on the afternoon.

Third baseman Toni Duncan and first baseman Jori Epler each had a hit to help the Lady Gamecocks

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Jax State 4,  
Samford 2

In game two of the afternoon, Julie Kish hurled seven innings of work. She earned her second win of the season.

Samford had seven hits in the game, but could only muster two runs. Five errors really cost the Lady Bulldogs. They led to three of the Lady Gamecocks’ four runs in the game.

Despite having only three hits, JSU took charge early. They scored two of their runs in the first inning. They put two more runs on the scoreboard in the fifth inning. That would prove to be enough as the Lady Gamecocks held on and swept the two game series.

Again, Lauren Buck supplied the offense. She accounted for two of Jacksonville State’s hits, raising her batting average to .308 on the season. Shortstop Julie Boland had the Lady Gamecocks other hit in the game. She increased her batting average to .342.

The Lady Gamecocks were scheduled to play a game on Sunday, but it was canceled due to rain.

Next up for the Jacksonville State will be in-state rival Troy State. Game time is set for Saturday at 1 p.m. in Troy. The Lady Gamecocks will return home to face the Arkansas Lady Razorbacks at University Field on Monday. That game is scheduled at 3 p.m.

Coming up on March 19, the Lady Gamecocks will pack their bags and travel to sunny Orlando, Florida. They will take part in the Orlando Rebel Spring Games.
It’s time to fill out those brackets--March Madness has finally arrived

by Shannon Fagan
Sports Editor

The Murray State Racers could also find themselves making it into the second round, possibly upsetting Kansas. Another dangerous team will be the South Alabama Jaguars. I see them upsetting Illinois and giving Maryland all they can handle in the second round.

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Speaking of North Carolina, I like them to come out of the East bracket. However, it will not be an easy task. Princeton, South Carolina, and Connecticut will be gunning for the Tar Heels. But, Antwan Jamison’s leadership and athleticism should be enough to squash the Connecticut Huskies in the Elite Eight.

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That leaves the Midwest bracket to complete the Final Four. This bracket will be interesting to watch. Kansas is the number one seed in the region, but I don’t see them in this year’s fight for the title. The reason is simple. The Jayhawks have played 37 games this season. They have to be getting tired after playing in so many contests. So who will come out of this region? I’ll go out on a limb and say the Rebels of Mississippi. Ansu Seassy will give Mississippi a spark for a while. I see them beating the Purdue Boilermakers in the Elite Eight for the right to play Duke.

So there you have it. But there’s one question left unanswered. Who’s going to win the title?

Well, it will be the match-up almost all basketball fans want. Duke against North Carolina for the fourth time this season, with the Tar Heels coming out champions. It will be a great title game, but I have to go with the rich history of the Tar Heels. They have proven they can beat the Blue Devils by defeating them twice earlier this season.

It’s that time of year once again basketball fanatics. March Madness has finally arrived. This year’s tournament promises to be one of the most interesting in recent history.

Which teams will surprise us this year? Which teams will make the Final Four? Who will cut down the nets in San Antonio? Only time will tell, but here’s a look at how I see things on the road to this year’s national championship.

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Ladies from page 13

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