Holiday season could bring Grinch while you’re away

JSU names new head coach

New JSU head football coach Jack Crowe brings his winning tradition to a struggling JSU Gamecock football program. Crowe will begin his reign in the 2000 football season. He replaces interim head coach Jeff Richards.

Former Arkansas Razorbacks head coach steps into the 2000 Gamecock season

By Erik Green
Sports Editor

After several weeks of searching, JSU officials named an official head football coach last week.

The next time the Gamecocks hit the field, Jack Crowe will be at the helm. A committee headed by Special Assistant to the President Jack Hopper reviewed a list of applicants, and Crowe was chosen to begin a new era at JSU.

“I’m extremely excited about the opportunity to coach and work at Jacksonville State University,” said Crowe. “JSU has great potential. I’m certainly looking forward to the challenge.”

Crowe has been a lot of places and has seen a lot of things, including a Florida-Citrus Bowl, a Sugar Bowl, a Liberty Bowl and a Cotton Bowl. As offensive coordinator at Auburn, Crowe coached a Heisman Trophy winner in Bo Jackson.

Crowe managed the Tiger offense when they led the SEC total offense, a feat Auburn did twice during his tenure. Auburn led the league in rushing three times under his offensive administration, and if offensive coordinator was not a big enough job, Crowe also coached Tiger quarterbacks.

Crowe’s career spans almost 30 years, and eight schools, including Calhoun County’s own Oxford High School.

Crowe never played a down of JSU football, but he began his reign at JSU Gamecock football program.

JSU’s Stancil named SFL Freshman of the Year

10 JSU Gamecocks earn All-SFL honors

From Sports Information

Ten Jacksonville State University football players received honors last Tuesday afternoon after the announcing of the Southland Football League All-League Team.

Jacksonville State’s Reggie Stancil was named SFL Freshman of the Year.

Stancil, a native of Moultrie, Georgia, finished third in the league in passing yards, averaging 174.1 yards a game. He also finished second in the league in total offense at 209.3 yards per game. For the season, Stancil passed for 1,915 yards and 10 touchdowns.

Reggie Stancil’s hard work on the field was recognized this season by the SFL.

He was also the team’s leading rusher with 387 yards and five touchdowns.

Also earning honors for the Gamecocks was wide receiver Joey Hamilton, who was named to the first team offense at wide receiver for the second consecutive season. He finished his career at JSU as holder of five school records. For the season, Hamilton caught 58 passes for 796 yards and six touchdowns and finished third in the league in total offense with 209.3 yards per game.

What you can do to protect your home

By Amy McElroy
News Editor

Exams are almost over, the semester is finally finished and it’s time to go home for the holidays, but what about your apartment or dorm room, will it be safe over the holidays?

With students leaving for the holidays there are some precautions that should be taken to help secure that your valuables will be there when you return.

“It’s really just using common sense,” said Safety Security Supervisor Sam Fiol of the Jacksonville State University Police Department. “I recommend that students store valuable equipment with friends if they can.”

Things of high dollar value that students aren’t able to carry with them, computers, stereos or VCRs, should be stored in a closet that can be locked. This will put the items out of sight and make them more secure, according to Fiol.

Lights are also useful in deterring burglars. Fiol recommends placing an automatic timer on your lights which allows you to set them to come on at a specific time and also turns them off. Lights that are simply left on the entire time you’re gone could have the opposite effect and let people know you’re gone.

“Lights that are left on all day and night,” said Fiol “appears strange when you don’t see any movement.”

Other things Fiol suggests students consider are having mail and papers stopped while away, window locks to secure windows, unplug all appliances and if leaving your car, place all items in the trunk.

While JSU has never had a problem with theft during the holidays, according to Fiol, you can never be too safe.

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**Announcements**

**Alabama's new seat belt law**

Effective Dec. 9, Alabama’s new seat belt law becomes enforceable as a primary offense. This new law has the following provisions: 1. Each front seat passenger must wear a seat belt when the vehicle is in motion; 2. Drivers can be stopped and cited for violations of this law; 3. The fine is $10 with no court costs if paid before the court date, a court appearance could bring as much as $25; 4. A violation of this law shall not constitute probable cause for the search of a vehicle.

**Clubs and Organizations**

**Phi Mu**

We would like to congratulate those girls who were elected for the year of 2000 to serve as Phi Mu officers for the year. President: Summer Bagwell; VP: Ashley Gwinn; Secretary: Katie Macagga; Treasurer: Shannon Collins; Phi Director: Shelley Hodges; Phi Assistant: Nia Cox; Membership Director: Brandy Tillman; Chaplain: Jenny Earley; Panhelianic: Lottie Ash. Congratulations to these girls who are such wonderful leaders of Phi Mu Sorority. We all know that you will be a wonderful executive committee. We would also like to congratulate Lottie Ash and Becky Sproles on being new members of the Jacksonville State Senate. We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Thank you to all the women of Phi Mu! You make us so proud!

**Zeta Tau Alpha**

We would like to say congratulations to Amy Broadway, Mary Cash, Lisa Hunter, Shannon Smith and Elizabeth Webb for getting accepted into the Order of Omega. Also, congratulations to all the new officers on our Programs Council, EC Member of the Week, Stacey Cross; Helping Hand-Candy Worthy; Strawberry Award-Leave Caubien; Crown Award-Brinley Smith; Zeta Lady-Amber Reid. We wish everyone good luck on their finals. Happy Holidays!

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**Free HIV testing: Nursing Center Clinic.** Tests done the last Friday of each month. Testing done by a representative of the Alabama Department of Public Health. For more information, call 782-5432.

**Students who have lost or accidentally thrown away their student handbook: not to worry, most of your questions can probably be answered on JSU’s website. For a complete handbook visit www.jsu.edu/depart/handbook/**

**Emotional Development Study:** Have a child between eight-months and 30-months old? JSU’s Center for Child Development needs you for a study on emotional development in infants. Call Serrin Restauri (492-0972, e-mail: ss4472@jsu.edu) or Jennifer Benefield (435-9997, e-mail: sia21799@jsu.edu).

**Need your Flu shot?** The student health center is giving Flu shots. The cost is $10 available to JSU students and employees only. Shots will be given Monday and Wednesday afternoons between 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. and Friday mornings between 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Please call for appointments and remember your ID card.

**JSU Chamber Singers Madrigal Dinner** Dec. 2-3, 7:30 p.m. at Leon Cole Auditorium. Call Dr. Corbin for ticket information at 782-5247.

**Applications for JSU Peer Counselor** will be available in Room 201 of Bibb Graves. All applicants must have a 2.25 GPA and must have at least 24 semester hours. Applications are due Friday, Dec. 10. For more information contact Eric McCulley at ext. 5278 or mcculley@jsucj.jsu.edu.

**Dauphin Island Sea Lab:** All students wishing to take Marine Biology or Marine Geology/Geography courses at Dauphin Island Sea Lab during Summer 2000 may now register. Please see Dr. Romano, Room 202, Ayers Hall or call at 782-5038. All Dauphin Island Sea Lab courses are listed in the Spring 2000 bulletin on page 29.

**New Directions offers counseling to students at JSU New Directions is a Counseling/Prevention program that serves the students of JSU. The program has a three-fold purpose:**

1. To provide counseling services to any student that needs a mental health issue addressed;
2. To help promote and provide the campus prevention programs;
3. To help educate the JSU community through educational classes and programs.

If you have any questions concerning: alcohol, drugs, anxiety, stress or simply coping with college life you can contact Ricky Naugher of New Directions at 782-5815 or find them in Room 146 of Daugette Hall.

**The JSU Clarinet Choir** will give a performance Friday, Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. in Mason Hall’s Performance Center. The performance is free and open to the public, the concert will include works by Telemann, Templeton, Uhl, W.C. Handy and Schickele.

**The Chanticleer Staff** encourages, or rather thrives, on reader feedback. If you have an opinion about anything, drop us a letter or e-mail. We are located in Room 180, Self Hall. Our e-mail address is jsu_chanticleer@hotmail.com, thanks.

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Crowe left Livingston in 1978 for a brief stay at the University of North Alabama, where he served as offensive coordinator. In 1980, the Lions of UNA won the NCAA Mid-Eastern Championship with Crowe as their offensive coordinator.

In 1989, Crowe got his chance to be a head coach at the University of Arkansas, and in 1990, he became the head coach of the Razorbacks. Over a period of four seasons, Crowe had a 19-14 record, and led the Razorbacks in becoming the 1989 Southwest Conference Champions. As offensive coordinator, Crowe helped Arkansas to the Cotton Bowl, and the Citrus Bowl. During his term as head coach, the Razorbacks also played in the Independence Bowl.

Crowe's most recent stop came at Baylor University where he served in the familiar position of offensive coordinator. The Bears had a 19-14 record during Crowe's stay, and won the Southwest Conference Championship in 1995.

Crowe comes to JSU after being out of coaching since 1995.

After accepting the head coaching position at JSU, one of the top priorities on Crowe's list was filling the vacancies at every coaching position on the Gamecock staff.

“I'm very pleased with the addition of these fine coaches,” said Crowe. “If you look at the background of all three coaches, they know how to be successful and they have excellent credentials.”

Crowe becomes the 11th JSU football coach in the modern era and the third official head coach in five years.

from front, SFL

his career as the SFL's career leader in touchdown receptions with 23.

Earning second team honors were senior offensive lineman Alvin Owens, senior defensive lineman Calvin Nichols and senior defensive back Delvin Hughley. Hughley was also named to the honorable mention All-SFL team as a return specialist.

Also, garnering honorable mention status were junior wide receiver Cedric Allen, senior offensive lineman Michael Childress, senior linebackers Cornell Buford and Alton Murphy, and junior safety Natasha James.

Sam Houston State quarterback Chris Chaloupka was named Player-of-the-Year, Offensive-Player-of-the-Year as well as Newcomer-of-the-Year, Troy State linebacker Anthony Rabb was chosen as Defensive-Player-of-the-Year, and Larry Blakeney of Troy State was selected as Coach-of-the-Year.

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Tis the season...

A list of things to do before finals to get you into the holiday spirit

**Thursday Dec. 2**
- “Santa Claus is Comin’ to Town” - Fox Family Channel
- “A Charlie Brown Christmas” - CBS
- “Decorated for Advent” - 5:30 p.m. First Presbyterian Church

**Friday Dec. 3**
- The End of The Affair - Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace - Special one week re-release

**Saturday Dec. 4**
- “How the Grinch Stole Christmas” - TBS

**Sunday Dec. 5**
- “Winnie the Pooh and Christmas Too” - ABC

**Tuesday Dec. 7**
- Joy Singers Concert - 6 p.m. First Methodist Gayle St. Jacksonville

**Wednesday Dec. 8**
- Youth Christmas program at First Methodist Church - 6 p.m.

**Friday Dec. 10**
- “How the Grinch Stole Christmas” - TNT

**Saturday Dec. 11**
- “A Garfield Christmas Special” - CBS

**Sunday Dec. 12**
- Holiday homes tour of two decorated homes - 1:30-5:30 p.m. tickets available at Harry’s Vintage Village on the Square

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**December 2, 1999**

**By Kevin Cole**

Features Editor

The end of the world is near, and you can watch it happen in Irondale at the Prophecy Y2K, The Revelation. Two Irondale companies, Alizarin Designs and Production Studios Inc., have transformed a prop warehouse into a 27-room Y2K horror house. According to the Birmingham News, the warehouse spook show has a plot line that consists of computer bugs sending planes crashing into Tiananmen Square and nuclear weapon launchings that upset distant nations. The aliens, whose planet is about to crumble due to a supernova, have decided Earth is a suitable planet to inhabit. Due to the mass destruction on the Earth, the aliens are forced to look for an alternative, and they recruit some earthlings on their search.

The company, who does things for Orlando and Atlanta, has spent 20-hour days working on the prop...
Pokemon: worse than a case of scabies

By Adam Smith

For the last few months, a full blown phenomenon has risen up from the pits of doom and invaded our lives. That phenomenon is known as the world of Pokemon.

Pokemon crept up on all of us like a case of scabies and has proceeded to burrow itself into my skin. I can’t run the channels at night without seeing Pokemon this or Pokemon that. Quite frankly, I’ve had it with Pokemon.

The most horrible thing about Pokemon is, now that the Christmas shopping season is upon us, I’ll have at least three more weeks of Pokemon disease.

There will be Pokemon dolls, Pokemon cards, Pokemon hats, shirts, pants, pajamas, keychains, board games, lunchboxes, posters, postcards, shoes, socks, toilet seat covers, child seats, bobbing head dolls, video games, books, comic books, masks, action figures and glow-in-the-dark night lights. I can’t take it anymore.

If you haven’t seen Pokemon, it is apparently a video game-turned card game-turned television show-turned movie. The Pokemon character, as far as I can tell, is a bright yellow kangaroo with the features of a rat. His sidekicks look similarly goofy—perhaps survivors of some horrible nuclear waste accident.

In essence, the children of America have glorified a bunch of neon-colored freaky cartoon characters. What kind of sick society do we live in? There hasn’t been this much attention paid to freaky children’s characters since the Teletubbies, and that was last year.

Where has the child’s imagination gone? When I was a kid, we had G.I. Joes, Transformers, Legos and things I could enhance my creative side.

There were still toys that were produced on the basis of popular television shows. I must have owned half of the world’s “Dukes of Hazzard” big wheels and matchbox cars in my younger days. I also had the “A-Team” van and a Voltron. That stuff was cool. It enhanced me as a person, for the better or worse. However, the shows came before the toys. It wasn’t vice versa.

I began to notice a decline in toys after I started high school. Toys began to lack imagination, and thoughtfulness on the part of the toy manufacturer. Anybody remember the Tickle-Me-Elmo? It was the bright red Elmo character from “Sesame Street” that vibrated and laughed when you tickled its tummy. What genius came up with that toy? I heard they’re now used as pleasure devices in bedrooms all across the United States. You figure it out.

However, if you’ll remember, there was a suspicious shortage of Tickle-Me-Elmos, as I’m sure there will be with Pokemon. And do you know who’s to blame for this conspiracy? Toy companies.

Toy companies prey on the underdeveloped minds of children by filling their heads with advertisements praising the latest Pokemon toy. Then the kids run to their moms and pops shrieking “I want Pokemon!! I want Pokemon!!” Then it’s a snowball effect. Toy makers sit on their hands until Christmas time when they know the demand for Pokemon is high, and then they’ll only make about a thousand Pokemon toys driving the prices sky high. Oh yes, they know what they’re doing.

This isn’t new, however. I can remember back in the 80’s when there was a demand for Cabbage Patch Kids and there wasn’t enough to go around as was the case with the Tickle-Me-Elmo doll. There was a similar problem last year with the recently declared homosexual Teletubbies.

Right now, as far as we know, Pokemon is not gay. He and Tinky Winky don’t run in the same circles, if you know what I mean. Maybe there is something good about Pokemon after all. No, I take that back. Pokemon must be stamped out. Join me in my crusade to rid this nation’s Wal-Marts and Burger Kings of all Pokemon paraphernalia. Do it for the kids.
Useless Quiz

1. What city honors its heroes with streets named Bowling Green and Fort Thomas.
2. What did Babe Ruth, Roger Hornsby, Ted Williams and Willie Mays all do in their major league at bat?
3. What sent a tiger across the center court crowd before the 1996 Wimbledon men's final?
4. What's the most abundant species of tiger?
5. What 20-mile strip of New York City is known as the longest street in the world?
6. What is the southernmost country in Scandinavia?
7. How many tons would one foot of wet snow on a regulation football field weigh?
8. What professional ambition is most often cited by Playboys centerfolds?
9. What did the French call "the English disease" and the English call "the French disease"?
10. What president kept two grizzly bears given to him by Lewis and Clark in a cage outside the White House?
11. What 250-pound star of Hairspray shed half her weight to host a TV talk show?
12. What word means "submission to the will of Allah"?
13. What was the first U.S. sitcom to be exported to Britain?
14. What country was Indian Ink first developed in?
15. What's the only U.S. state never to have banned prostitution?

Chock full of Real News

- Nude swordsman attacks churchgoers

LONDON - A naked sword-wielding man burst into a south London church during Mass, slashing and stabbing members of the congregation. Ten people were injured, three seriously. Six of the injured suffered stab wounds, including a man who lost part of a hand. The others were hurt in a stampede to get out of St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Church in Thornton Heath, a London suburb. Several men in the 400-member congregation wrestled the man to the ground as he lashed out with the 3-foot gold and silver sword, witnesses said.

- Theft makes them 'Mad'

STEVENSVILLE, Mich. - What, they worry? You bet they are. Richard and Patty Harris' giant 'bst of Alfred E. Neuman has disappeared from their lawn. The 5-foot-tall, 5-foot-wide statue of the Mad magazine mascot - complete with gapped teeth, freckles, big ears and polka-dot shirt - was missing Halloween weekend after grazing the yard for more than nine years. The Harrises had bought the head from an antique dealer who had obtained it from an amusement park in Indiana. "It kind of reflects our family philosophy," Patty Harris said of Neuman's trademark "What, me worry?" line. "When the boys were born, we bought it," she told The Herald-Palladium of St. Joseph. "That was the outlook we wanted them to have on life."

- Y2K problems preview

JOHNSTOWN, Pa. - As the end of the year looms, residents in one township are getting a sneak preview of the Y2K computer problem in the form of huge - or nonexistent - water bills. Some customers of the East Taylor Township water authority near Johnstown have received their October bills, and the results are off by several thousand gallons. Authorities in Cambria County blame a September computer malfunction similar to the Y2K glitch - the township computer system was swamped by the 9-9-99 date. For years, computer programmers used the code "99999" to indicate that a program had finished its operations and should shut down. The East Taylor Township water authority was in the midst of changing its computer system on that date. Billing that used the old system failed. Ed Ocpia, the township's water authority chairman, said the authority has only received four complaints from its 1,100 customers. Of course, some of those who didn't complain got bills showing a zero amount due.

- Turkey-day thief

GREENVILLE, Pa. - This was no trail of bread crumbs. It was a trail of devil's eggs, carrot sticks and bits of celery - leading, police say, to a missing turkey on Thanksgiving Day. Greenville police arrested Paul Anderson, 35, accusing him of breaking into a home and abducting with a "fully cooked, partially eaten turkey." A full relish tray allegedly was taken as well. The owner of the missing turkey had left the bird behind when going to visit someone. Police said witnesses saw Anderson trying to navigate his way down a street with the relish tray, full of goodies, balanced on top of a box holding the burns or gray hair and get him back to you in four days or less for $17. He has retooled about 2,000 heads so far, he said.

Jewel

Joy: A Holiday Collection

Jewel has released a Christmas CD, "Joy: A Holiday Collection," and as far as Christmas CD's go, it's a real gem. She tackles some of our favorite holiday favorites and does it well. Jewel seems to concentrate on her vocals, and for the most part, she has lost her folk sound. Maybe she is just showcasing her new talents.

Most of us are very familiar with holiday classics and we are used to hearing them in certain ways. Jewel has done an excellent job in satisfying our musical needs.

By Kevin Cole

Answers to the quiz

The first seven tracks are timeless classics, and they are Reindeer" is done a little differently, it works. This is the first track in which Jewel's voice becomes real folky. She does a great harmony echo bit that is original. Track ten is a medley starting off with an almost bluesy rendition of "Go Tell It on the Mountain." She throws an original in the three-song mix and rounds it out with "From a Distance."

Another bonus is a couple Jewel originals, "Face of Love" and "Life Uncommon." Jewel also does a Christmas version of "Hands." Her originals are good, maybe not classic, but you never know.

The benefit of this CD is, it is timeless. It is a CD you can pull out year after year. It is a definite addition to one's Christmas collection.

- Honey, I'm Home!
- How was your day at work?
- Oh, the usual, two torn, five wounded.
- Muppet deliveries.

CONGRATULATIONS! YOU'VE GIVEN BIRTH TO A... UH... WHAT LOOKS LIKE A HOUSEHOLD SCRUB SPONGE.
from page 5, Y2K project, according to The Birmingham News. The warehouse will have more than 25 skits to help illustrate their version of the Y2K nightmare. From alien abductions and men in Hazmat suits, the production sounds like a perfect way to escape your own holiday horrors.

The Prophecy Y2K, The Revelation is located on 2017 First Ave. N. It is open daily in December from 5 p.m. to midnight. The house will stay open until 2 a.m. on Jan. 1. It will cost you $13 but a portion of the proceeds will go to Irondale Community School. For more information call 256-951-0200.
Gamecock Basketball off to 2-1 start

From Sports Information

Rashard Willie scored 18 points and Mike McDaniel added 12 points and 12 rebounds to lead Jacksonville State to a 71-63 win over Mississippi Valley State as the Gamecocks won their 300th game at Pete Mathews Coliseum.

JSU now has an overall record of 301-60 since the building opened in 1974.

“This was a big, big win for us,” said JSU head coach Mark Turgeon. “We did a better job tonight in several phases of the game.”

The Gamecocks jumped out and led by as many as 11 points in the first half, after McDaniel scored on a lay-up with 5:27 left. Mississippi Valley State then went on a 13-1 run over the final five minutes to take a 31-30 lead at the half, despite shooting just 29 percent (10-of-34) from the field in the first half.

The Delta Devils took a 38-34 lead at the 16:55 mark before the Gamecocks went on an 18-3 run over the next five minutes to take a 52-41 lead after Josh Bryant scored inside at the 11:48 mark.

Jax State led by as many as 13 points (69-56) in the second half and finished the game hitting 31-of-45 from the free throw line. Willie led JSU by hitting 12-of-13 free throws.

The Gamecocks held a 51-34 advantage on rebounds, but JSU did commit 26 turnovers. Mississippi Valley State was led by DeWayne Jefferson, who finished the game with 14 points.

Willie scored 20 points while Johnny Kilpatrick added 12 and Bryant finished with 11 to lead Jacksonville State (2-1) to a 66-58 come-from-behind win over Florida A&M (1-2) at Pete Matthews Coliseum Saturday Night.

“I’m really proud of our guys tonight,” said JSU head coach Mark Turgeon. “They really fought hard to come back after getting so far behind in the game.”

The Gamecocks, who trailed by 18 points during the first half, missed their first 12 shots of the game and shot just 33 percent (7-of-21) in the first 20 minutes. The Rattlers held a 26-9 lead with 6:06 left before JSU went on an 11-0 run to cut the lead to 26-20 with 1:59 after Bryant hit a 15-foot jumper.

Florida A&M pushed the lead to 20 in the second half, but JSU righted the ship behind a 13-0 run that included baskets from Willie, Kilpatrick and Bryant to cut the deficit to 31-30.

JSU would answer on their next possession. Gamecock quarterback Reggie Stancil and running back Herman Bell went to work, pushing the football 57-yards on 14 plays, but after a tough defensive stand by the Trojans, JSU had to settle for a field goal.

On the first play of Troy’s next possession, Nutter found receiver Lenny Lucas, who raced 52-yards down field for the Trojan’s fourth touchdown. The extra point was good, and the half would end with Troy leading 28-3.

The third quarter was uneventful until the closing seconds when JSU’s Lorenzo Banks caught a pass from Stancil and ran down the field for an 80-yard touchdown. The point after failed, and JSU trailed by 19 to begin the fourth quarter.

Troy waited for their second possession of the fourth quarter to score their final touchdown of the day. The Trojans moved down to the JSU 17-yard line, and Troy State receiver David Hill caught a 17-yard touchdown pass from Nutter. After the extra point, the score was 35-9.

JSU was not finished. With 2:44 remaining in regulation, Stancil found Banks again on a 9-yard pass for the second and final Gamecock touchdown.

The game ended with Troy on top 35-16.

Troy improved to 10-1 overall, and 6-1 in the conference. JSU’s season ended at 2-9 overall, and 1-6 in the conference.
Ex-Rutgers students threatening suit over naked sprints

By Knight-Ridder Newspapers

Three former Rutgers students will file a lawsuit Tuesday against the university and its men’s basketball coach, charging their civil rights were violated during a drill that involved sprinting naked, according to a source involved in the case.

The December 1997 practice was all in good fun, coach Kevin Bannon said earlier this year, when some of the players told their story to The Record.

But two ex-players and a former student-manager for the team will claim they were improperly forced to strip and run wind sprints in the gymnasium as retribution for missing free throws in practice.

Information about the lawsuit came from the family of one of the players and associates for the Newark law firm of Ginarte, O’Dwyer, Winograd, and Laracuente. The firm will detail the lawsuit to The Record.

Josh Sankes and Earl Johnson Jr., who were scholarship athletes on the team, and Juan Pla, a former student-manager.

Bannon doesn’t deny what took place that day in Louis Brown Athletic Center in Piscataway. The players and the student-managers were told to form two teams for a free-throw shooting match. For every shot missed, everyone on the teams had to remove a piece of clothing. In the end, four team members ran wind sprints in the nude while the rest of the team and staff watched.

“It was well-intentioned — to provide some levity and fun for the guys during a difficult period,” Bannon told The Record earlier this year. “Absolutely no one was forced to remove his clothes or to run. The only people in the gym were my team, my coaches, trainer, and manager.”

Sankes and Johnson Junior have transferred to other schools. Sankes is currently playing for Holy Cross.

The lawsuit will name as plaintiffs Pla’s father, Gary Sankes, said the lawsuit wouldn’t exist had the players “ever received so much as acknowledgement or an apology from the university that “the strip practice” happened.”

By Black Knight-Ridder

The lead changed five times over the next five minutes, but JSU took the lead for good after Devin Beasley scored on a lay-up with 4:13 remaining. Florida A&M cut the lead to 57-56 with 2:44 left, but could get no closer. Germaine Diggs led the Rattlers with 12 points and 11 rebounds, while Janero Hemphill finished with 10 points.

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