Y2K: how will it affect JSU
Is our school prepared for the new millennium?

Adam Smith and Kevin Cole
Chanticleer Editors

The Y2K problem—it's something that no one wants to face, yet it is inevitable. People hear "Y2K" and go scurrying for cover in fear that Armageddon is upon us. The fact is, we have nothing to fear but fear itself.

What is Y2K? It's come to be known as a shorter way of saying the year 2000. However, the computer savvy have come to know it as a potentially devastating computer problem. But, how will this computer problem affect JSU?

To realize where the problem began, one would have to look back to the early days of computers. Memory for computers was very costly while computer and software vendors, as well as application developers, took all means necessary to save computer memory. As a result, four digit numbers, such as years, were stored as two digit numbers. So, software and computer companies must make changes in their programs to support four digit numbers and years. If not, when the clock rolls over to the year 2000, computers will recognize the two zeros as the year 1900, not the year 2000.

"Everybody had known for years and years that it would be a problem," says Randall Harper of the computer services center. "So software vendors and major manufacturers have been making changes in their products over the last few years. As the operating systems have been modified to support a four digit year, that has opened the door for application developers to go in and modify their applications to utilize a four digit year."

So will JSU's computer systems be affected by this problem? Since JSU uses a mainframe computer to power their main computer systems, Harper says that they will focus their attention on the mainframe. Many see Y2K, page 3

Selling JSU by the hour
Visitation days bring prospective students.

By Phil Attinger
Editor in Chief

Ferrets, bikes and giveaways galore marked this semester's first Visitation Day. Last Saturday, JSU held the first Visitation Day of the two held this spring. Exactly 167 prospective students, including 37 from out of state, filled through Stephenson Hall to find out what we had to offer, according to records at the Office of Student Affairs.

Having last semester's Parents' Day and the 1998 Fall Orientation for practice, JSU organizations and departments presented the full range of activity at JSU.

The JSU Police Department brought out an example of the bikes they use for campus patrol. The display bike had sirens, a rear baggage rack and full suspension. Where a tool kit would be mounted is a nylon pack encasing the battery. The main difference from most JSU-PD bikes was the motor.

JSU police officers usually patrol their area on foot. They wear the pedal-pants, because the electric bike is heavier with the motor and battery. Welch also says that Alabama Power donated the bike which costs more than $1,000. All other bikes the JSU-PD uses were purchased from Scott's Bikes on the square, he says.

The bike patrols are popular with students: "Visibility is a very big part of it (law enforcement) here," says Welch. "Public relations — letting yourself be seen and known. Students say it makes them feel safe."

Kim Etheridge and Phillip Powell, representative students from the Psychology department, took a moment during the session to step out from behind their table and take the ferry for a walk. Louise is an 8-year-old beige and black speckled ferret that has learned to nuzzle outstratched hands like a cat. Everywhere they stopped, she drew a crowd.

And what Visitation Day would be complete without free samples? The Chanticleer sees Visit days, page 7
- Eating Disorders—Tuesday, March 2, 3-4 p.m., 213 Stephenson Gym.
- Assertiveness Training—Tuesday, March 9, 3-4 p.m., 213 Stephenson Gym.
- Mr. Universe-ity Pageant will be held on Thursday, March 4, 7 p.m., at the Leon Cole Auditorium. Open to girls, boys, and college-age men and women. Call Pam Reid, (256) 820-2266, or Mrs. Griffin, (256) 820-3721.

**Chamber Players of the South.** Chamber Music with a Jazz Tinge at Mason Hall Performance Center on Sunday, Feb. 28, 8 p.m. Admission is free.

- Book Sale, sponsored by the Model Arab League—used book sale in 208 Martin Hall during the first week of March. Books sold (50 cents to $1 each) will help defray the cost of participating in this years Model Arab League. Please donate your used texts.

- "Prints and Drawings," by Conrad Ross. An exhibition at the Hammond Hall Gallery March 2-19. Gallery hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. There will be an opening reception, Tuesday, March 2, 7 p.m. in the Gallery. Ross will conduct a talk on his work and the "Wyco Press Collaborations," Wednesday, March 3, at 10 a.m. For more information, call Steve Lucksak at 772-5870 or Charles Groover at 782-5625.

- The Center for Cultural Arts in Gadsden features the talent of JSU student Mark Gallardo through March 30. A reception will be Tuesday, March 9 from 5:30-7 p.m. For more information contact Heather Hickles at 543-2787.

- Friends of Houston Cole Library is sponsoring "The Good Old Boy in Literature—Sterotypical Reality?" lecture by Pan Kingho of the Alabama Humanities Foundations Speakers Bureau, 11th floor, Houston Cole Library, Thursday, March 4, 4:30 p.m. Admission is free.

- Attention: Lost and Found!—if you have lost something in the vicinity of the Student Health Center (located between Sparkman Hall and Mason Hall), please call the Office of Student Services at 782-5491.

- The Chanticleer Staff encourages (rather thrives) on the feedback from theirreaders. If you have an opinion about anything, please feel free to drop us a letter or e-mail us. We are located in Room 180 in Self Hall and our e-mail address is newspaper@student-mail.jsu.edu. BRING IT ON!

**Phi Alpha Omega**

The Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity is currently re-organizing on the JSU campus. Alpha Phi Omega is an organization for campus and community service for men and women. Each chapter develops its own program, based on the interests of its campus and community. Contact the Office of Student Activities at 782-5491 for more information.

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**Footbells Environmental Organization**

The Footbells Environmental Organization will meet at the 213 Stephenson Gym on the second Tuesday of each month. For more information, call Diamond Harmon at 782-0796.

**International Student Organization (ISO)**

ISO is a social group offering support to the international students at JSU. Every spring semester, ISO organizes the International Week, a time to enlighten all as to our various cultures and lifestyles. International Week 1999 will be held on March 15-19.

- Sunday, Mar. 7: exhibition soccer, Dillon Field at 1 p.m.
- Monday, Mar. 8: Heritage Exposition, Roundhouse, 5 p.m.
- Tuesday, Mar. 9: Movie Night, 11th floor HCL, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, Mar. 10: International Dinner, International House, 7 p.m.; and Flamenco Ballet, Stone Center, 8 p.m. (RSVP: 782-5846).
- Thursday, Mar. 11: Speakers, 11th floor HCL, 7 p.m.
- Friday, Mar. 12: Volleyball Games, JSU Good, 3 p.m.
- Saturday, Mar. 13: Tastar's Fair/Talent Show, Leon Cole Auditorium, 7 p.m.

For more information, call Dr. Adrian Avos at 782-5674, Erick Kampe at 782-7509 or Katta Mota at 782-6921.

- JSU Music Department

Mimosas, JSU's highly esteemed yearbook, is desperately seeking volunteer photographers. Anyone with photography experience is welcome. Contact Libby Taylor at 435-2235. Snack Restaruant at 402-9272, or call the Mimosa office in Self Hall at 782-5240.

- Phi Writers' Club

Discussions of writing and literature! Share your current writing project! The Writers' Club holds regular meetings on Wednesdays from 3-5 p.m. in Houston Cole Library on the 6th floor. Join us anytime! Bring a poem, short story, essay, song, article, or other writing project if you want to! Bring a friend or two, you don't have to be a member. For further information, contact John Jones, 110 Stone Center, 782-5557, jjones@jsu.edu, or Elaine Ostray, 102 Stone Center, 556-5465, ostray@jsu.edu.

- JSU Men's Basketball

A final organizational meeting will be held on Thursday, March 9, in Room 245, Martin Hall, at 4:30 p.m. for all students interested in participating in this year's Model Arab League in Savannah, Ga. If interested, but cannot attend the meeting, contact the Buscom at 782-5811.

**Chamber Crime Docket**

- Items in the Campus Crime Docket are obtained from incident and arrest reports at the JSU Police Department.
- JSU students have the right to view these public records.
- If any information is incorrect, please contact us at 782-5701 or call the JSU Police Department at 782-5050.

- 16:49: Nataonya N. Griffen of Jacksonville, Ala., reported harassing communications to JSU PD occurring between 12:00 p.m., 11-1-98 and 10:07 p.m., 2-16-99 at Patterson Hall.
- 18:39: Kristopher Yardley Leslie of Jacksonville, Ala., reported theft of property to JSU PD occurring at Km 206, Dixson Hall between 10 p.m., 2-17-99 and 12 p.m., 2-18-99, $90 in cash was taken.
- 19:29: Kathryn Turner of Jacksonville, Ala., reported theft in the third degree to JSU PD occurring between 12:21 p.m., 2-18-99 and 11 a.m., 2-19-99 at Pete Mathews Coliseum. Twenty tickets valued at $100 were taken.
- 21:39: Clayton Jey Armstrong, 21, of Jacksonville, Ala., was arrested by JSU PD for harassment occurring at Sparkman Hall at 2:23 p.m.
- 21:39: Christline L. Ramsden of Jacksonville, Ala., reported harassing communications to JSU PD occurring at #4, College Apartments between 2:15 a.m., 2-16-99 and 6 a.m., 2-17-99.
- 22:21: 19:39: Dante Gabrielle Ransaw, 23, of Jacksonville, Ala., was arrested by JSU PD for DUI on Hwy 204 at 3:38 a.m.
- 22:20: Howard Christopher Lewis Pruitt, 22, of Jacksonville, Ala., was arrested by JSU PD for DUI in the MERRILL Building parking lot at 4:35 a.m.

- Lamba Alpha Epison—Criminal Justice Fraternity

The Department of Criminal Justice is offering more Saturday seminars for one hour of 384440-level course work. Firearm training (must bring own weapon) on Feb. 27. A mock trial: April 10. Registration begins the first Monday prior to the seminar's date. Cost is $25/45 members and $40/all others. Register in 126 Brewer Hall (2nd floor) or call 782-5355 for more info. See you at the arena.

- Phi Mu

Phi Mu would like to congratulate the outstanding sisters. This week's awards were presented to: Summer Hoff, who received the "Shine Star Award," Phi of the Week was presented to Tasha Thower, and "Phi Mu Lady of the Week" was presented to Amanda Down. Great job girls!!

**Student Accounting Association**

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**JSU Area Events Calendar**

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**Does JSU need new pipes?**

By Wendy Laminack

**News Writer**

The search for Jacksonville State University’s next President has almost come to an end. The three finalists for JSU President, according to SGA President Ryan Kruzinski, are Dr. Daniel W. Ball, Dr. Erik Joshua Bitterbaum and Mr. William A. Meehan.

**Ball is the Vice President for Academic Affairs at Southern Arizona State University. Bitterbaum is the Vice President for Academic Affairs and a Professor of Biology at Missouri Southern State College.**

Kruzinski said Kruzinski asked candidates to “pin-point some areas” that “play a part in keeping students (at JSU),” and asked how Greek life helped keep students involved.

“I also talked about having on-campus housing as opposed to residence halls,” said Kruzinski, who also broached the topic of having students and academic affairs as separate departments for the Board of Trustees for just student activities.”

“One of the missions for the Board of Trustees is not to raise tuition,” said Kruzinski. Every candidate was asked what kind of programs could serve effective for keeping tuition at present levels.

The 1999 YMCA Collegiate Legislature was held in Montgomery last weekend. This program allowed students to write bills and present them to a mock legislature, modeled after the Alabama State Legislature.

“Collegiate Legislature this year was a huge success,” said Kruzinski. “Over 200 people participated, three TV stations came and newspapers from around the state came. Our Jax State students had a very good representation in the house and senate.”

A lot of JSU students’ bills went on to be discussed, said Kruzinski.

Eighteen JSU students attended the event, three of which received recognition. Dale Wilson will serve as Lt. Governor, Dirk Echols was elected SGA’s representative for YMCA Collegiate Legislature and the Outstanding Delegate award went to Baron Jones.

Races that were passed by the colle-ge legislature will be sent to the governor and the Legislature, said House Speaker Pro Tem Chris Ingram.

**Anthony Hill**

Staff Writer

“A problem is festering underneath the JSU campus with no easy solution. George Lord, Assistant Director of the Physical Plant, simply says, “Our steam lines are getting very old.”

JSU’s Physical Plant, the department responsible for all maintenance and upkeep for the university, recently commissioned an engineering feasibility study by the Southern Development Investment Group, a division of Alabama Power, to determine whether to replace the old steam lines or install individual boilers in buildings.

The current heating system relies on steam generation from the coal-burning heating plant on Forney Ave. The plant sends steam through a system of pipes to 18 buildings on campus stretching from Wallace Hall to the Coliseum. Lord says the system is “very efficient” in terms of energy use and cost.

Old pipes lose their insulation and worn insulation leads to eroded pipes. That can mean trouble when the problem reaches across a system as large as the campus’ heating system.

The biggest dilemma with replacing the pipes involves tearing up what lies above the underground pipes. As Lord explains, the pipes run “under parking lots, some very nice landscaping and even portions of buildings.” The pipes also happen to run underneath Highway 21.

Replacing the pipes would require a major engineering effort, says Lord.

The alternative to replacing the pipes is to install individual boilers in each building. Placing boilers in each building would be costly, but it would provide a more flexible heating system.

The current system is automated and regulates all 18 buildings.
"X'-plaining the truth

The X-Files still rocks on FOX

After five years, will we finally know the truth?

By Dave Sharp
Managing Editor

The truth is out there, now what do we do with it? All the important questions were answered when TV's greatest conspiracy was “X-posed.” But now, a greater question has been raised about Fox's popular sci-fi/drama “The X-Files:” where does the series go from here? The two-part tell all episode, which aired Feb. 7 and 14, was a revelation to X-files (lovers fans) who had long anticipated the confrontation between Special Agent Fox Mulder and the evil forces he had been battling arguably all his life. What does happen now?

To back up for those of you who aren't hip to the show, this all began about five years ago when a prodigal young FBI agent named Fox “Spooky” Mulder (David Duchovny) took over a rather unconventional case load in the basement of FBI headquarters in Washington, DC. They were the x-files, established years earlier by FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover for the purpose of investigating strange phenomena that required special attention outside the normal operating procedures of the FBI. The x comes from the algebraic term meaning the answer lies in "x."

In the beginning, Mulder thrives on the need to find out the truth about his sister's alleged alien abduction that occurred when they were children. He believes his current position at the bureau will bring him the answers he has been looking for.

Through his investigations, he stumbles upon a piece of a puzzle that presumably have no solution. How was his father involved in his sister's abduction? Where is his sister? Is Mulder's real father his arch-nemesis? Does the Government have alien technology that it has been reverse engineering since the 40s? Why are alien and human DNA being cloned?

This mystery is largely attributed to a group of multi-national men known as the Syndicate who are above the laws of their nations. As Mulder periodically gets closer to the truth, they decide that killing him would make him a martyr of his cause. Enters Special Agent Dana Scully (Gillian Anderson). She is partnered with Mulder to discredit him, unbeknownst to her, with her strong background in science.

Mulder and Scully are complete opposites of each other, though the chemistry that exists between them works well. There has always been obvious sexual tension between the two, though lightly acted upon. With Mulder being the believer and Scully being the logical-explanation-finder, there's always sure to be a conflict of "professional" opinions. Scully used to screw everything up (How many times has she pulled a gun on her partner?), but now that she is opening her eyes, she has developed into a great asset to Mulder's plight for the truth and his only true friend.

The outer-world conspiracy is the backbone of the series, Mulder and Scully have run into their share of other-worldly phenomenon as well. Native American werewolves, LA vampires, the Jersey Devil and North America's version of the Loch Ness Monster have all been case topics for the duo. Also in the realm of the strange, there have been occurrences involving hibernating mutants, sea monsters, serial killers and biblical devastation.

Though the wait is over about the alien re-colonization conspiracy, series creator Chris Carter protests in an "Entertainment Weekly" article that the story is far from over. It appears there are several different avenues the series is now open to take. Perhaps the search for truth is just beginning.

With such supporting characters like Assistant Director Skinner (Mitch Pileggi), at times the only person the agents can trust, the sinister cigarette-smoking man (William B. Davis), allegedly involved with some of this country's greatest conspiracies and the paranoid Lone Gunmen (Dean Haglund, Tom Braidwood and Bruce Harwood), techno-geeks with the equipment and the drive to keep tabs on the government, and a first class production team, it's easy to see why the show has reached cult status and why it's been recognized with so many Golden Globe Awards.

It seems the series has lost some of its darkness after the production move from Canada to California this season. The poorly lit, misty forests have given in to bright desert. This was necessary, however, to complete the thought of last season's finale and last summer's movie. It was also key in another two-part, comical episode earlier this season about the mysterious Area 51.

"The X-Files Movie: Fight the Future" premiered on the big screen in June '98 and was faced with having to satisfy fans while attempting to attract new viewers as well. It did its job. Moviegoers didn't have to have seen every episode to know what was going on in the movie and the film did a good job at summarizing its previous five seasons.

The second film is due out in the summer of 2000 and Carter is reportedly under contract to complete a seventh season for FOX. Although there's no telling how far the series could go considering Carter always claimed that the series would end after a fifth season and "Fight the Future" would end the saga completely.

With a popular catch phrase like: "Trust No One,” “The X-Files” exploits the greatest common trait shared by our generation: the distrust of our government and authority. The production puts a twist on that factor and this is why the show is so appealing to us. We know what's going on. And more importantly, we know why.

To get the full story, it's best to catch up on old episodes that air Monday-Friday on FX (ch 27) at 7 and 10 p.m. Sometimes they run the conspiracy episodes back to back. New episodes air on FOX's sister station, FX, at 8 p.m. Renting the movie would be beneficial as well. In my opinion, TV doesn't get any better than this!
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“Take this job and shove it”

By Dave Sharp
Managing Editor

Are you tired of working? Do you feel under-appreciated at your job? When you die and go to hell, will you be back at your office? Peter and his friends are about to strike back against the man.

20TH Century Fox released Mike Judge’s “Office Space” this past weekend and it came in at a disappointing eighth, earning only a reported $4.3 million. But that’s OK. I have a feeling that this is going to be a huge video release.

“Office Space” borders on being an independent film which gives it all its charm. Filmed in Texas, the scenery alone screams mediocrity which is the main theme of the movie.

Peter is stuck in a dead-end job at the dreaded Initech Corp. constantly harassed by eight different superiors. It appears there is no escape from the everyday grind of pointless meetings, boring meetings and meaningless conversation with the boss until, one evening, Peter is coaxed into going to a feel-better-about-yourself hypnotherapist. He is trenched into a state of total relaxation and before he can be snapped out of it, the therapist dies.

Now Peter is the poster child for a stress free life and spends the next few days skipping work while focusing on a more laid back agenda which includes the sexy waitress Jennifer Aniston of “Friends,” and “Leprechaun”) at the local eatery.

Returning to work, he is interviewed by the company’s downsizing consultants who immediately recognize his lacking, upper management potential.

After learning of the demise of his friends’ positions with the company, they hatch a scheme to bug the computer network at the office and have money transferred into an account over a two-year period and the humor just runs from there.

The real comedy is seen in the misadventures of these three hardcore gangsta’ rap-loving, white-collar workers along with the supporting roles of VP Bill Lumbergh (Gary Cole of “The Brady Bunch Movie”), the annoyingly clueless executive who does nothing but sip on coffee all day, and Milton (Stephen Root of “NewsRadio”), the soft-nurturing, disgruntled pencil pusher who was actually laid off years earlier but keeps his desk due to the non-confrontational management policy.

Judge does a first-class job at his first venture outside the animated realm. He is sure to please us for years to come incorporating his special brand of humor, first displayed in “Beavis and Butt-Head” and “King of the Hill,” onto the big screen.

I recommend a matinee if you’re going to the theater, but don’t miss it.

Rating: B+

A little dose of ‘soul’

By Dave Matthews
Features Editor

Following a three-album legacy of a handful of hits, Collective Soul has released their fourth and most recent collection of cuts entitled “Dosage.” It contains the previously released song, “Run,” off the “Varsity Blues” soundtrack along with another hit, “Heavy,” which are both receiving strong airplay on our nation’s airwaves.

If you are a radio-friendly song-aholic, you can read in fine print on the back of the CD and find it contains a hidden track; a ripped-away, but much better version of “She Says” that first appeared on the “Scream 2” soundtrack, but not on a Collective Soul album. It is also a ‘hyperCD,’ a feature which allows you to run on your Mac or PC and access a special bonus track via the Collective Soul web site (www.CSoul.com) available only to owners of this CD. Instructions for use are on the back page of the CD leaflet.

There is great potential for radio stardom again with other cuts off the album. It is filled with songs from a band who conquered their sound in the mid-nineties and have etched their style to their own over the years, still pumping out strong electric rock guitar sounds that lay on so precious over the top of string sections somehow. Whatever it was that mixer Tom Lord-Alge did he did it well. He has probably made Atlantic Records’ Soul’s label since they began in ‘94, very happy once again.

This album definitely reflects the band’s own collective soul, everyone participating and treading new ground. “Dandy Life” an extraordinary pop song is sung by lead guitarist Ross Childress. Maybe they should let him step up more often. No offense to lead singer Ed see Soul’s dosage, page 7

JSU students will study abroad in China, the Yucatan and to Spain

By Phil Attinger
Editor in Chief
Information from JSU News Bureau

Over the next few months, students will travel to Spain, China and Mexico as part of JSU’s Study Abroad program.

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By touring the ancient Mayan ruins, students will receive credit in Biolog, Sociology, History, Anthropology or Geography. The cost for the trip is $1,200, which covers travel and hotel.

Where do you want to go?

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The class and tours are conducted in English, and cost of the trip is $2,300, which includes airfare, hotels, two meals a day, guided tours and motor coach transportation. For more information on the trip to Spain, contact Suco at 782-5236 or 782-5632.

Students may gain more information on all study abroad programs by calling the International Programs and Services Office at 782-5674.

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Stop fading the black
By Anthony Hill

After viewing “The Meeting” last Thursday night, I began to realize how much of a hole we as black people are putting ourselves into for the future. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Malcolm X, along with several other prominent members of the black race fought, protested and died for the rights of black people in the United States.

As we receive our freedom as a race, we throw it away without a trace. We as black people are putting each other down, taking our own lives and giving up tasks because of challenges. Sometimes I wonder what happened to the heart, determination and love which black people once possessed. There once was a time in which black women cried only when they were happy and black men quit only after a job or mission had been completed. Their only fear was of racist acts.

There is still and probably always be racism in the U.S. How can people have love for a race which does not have love for itself? Sure, I hear talk of uplift, scholarship, and love among the black race, but no one is doing a lot to make the prophecy a reality. Instead, I see jealousy, ignorance, envy, murder and “playa-hation” instead of congratulation. We take advantage of every privilege we have received as black people.

Some blacks are no longer happy to have the privilege to attend any school, eat at any restaurant, or sit on a seat of choice on a bus. We tend to worry about how much money we have, how fresh an outfit looks on us, how tough and hard we think we are or how fine we think we look.

Why can’t we simply live freely and enjoy life? We tend to live on the edge by drinking, smoking and not eating the right nutrients and vitamins essential for good health.

Thinking back on the struggle that our ancestors went through for our freedom, privileges and progress, one would think that being black should be a privilege. It is almost like being an Atlanta Brave: you go so long not meaning anything to the game that when progress finally arrives, you do everything possible to maintain position. People tend to care only about immediate family, supposed friends and significant others. Why can’t we go back to when we played as kids? No one cared about how cool one was or what social group he or she belonged to. The only concern was about being friends and living.

Ask yourself, “Why am I in college?” No one is in college to make a marriage partner, join a fraternity or sorority, or partner, join a fraternity or sorority. The next millennium is quickly coming upon us. The time has come for us to make decisions that will change our lives, control our thoughts and spread to others so that we may finally become free. We need to continue to make great leaps as a culture and stop taking steps backwards as a race.

That’s not smut I wanted
By Kevin Cole

I left off last week’s beef with a little pre-cursor to this week’s. I find it an inconvenience when searching the web that no matter what you type in your search engine, you end up with more porn sites than the subject you’re searching for. What’s that all about? It doesn’t seem to matter what you type, somewhere Captain Smut has a web site that somehow fits into your query. You could type purity.com and end up with a “naked cell-block of the month club” site. It’s amazing.

And how the hell did they get my e-mail address? I go to retrieve an e-mail from old Aunt Rose and end with an all together different kind of flower. “Hello Judy Rose, you look nothing like my aunt and that’s not the attachment I was expecting. Hey, and oddly enough, 1-900-857-5309 is your own personal number. “Give me a call sometime,” she says...among other things. And Whoa!!! Watch that animated cursor, you might poke an eye out.

If it’s not at home it’s at school as well. My friend Dave Sharp is in his internet research class the other day and was taking a pop quiz. One of the questions dealt with ice cream experts. So Dave types in “ice cream authority” in the local mothers the usefulness of the internet for their children. As we shall see, avoid the word TEEN in any search you do.

Here are some helpful Do’s and Don’t while navigating the super highway:
1. If you see an X it is probably not the local radio station.
2. Stay away from female names such as Lisa or Alexis (look, even Susan B. Anthony may be coined as something altogether different).
3. Let’s just say Petting Zoo might not be what you think.
4. If you’re doing a paper on reproduction, try...hmmm...I can’t help you there.
5. “.com” is “Righteously Outrageous Twirling Corps” (gay mail majorette site). Hey, it’s still men in camoflauge. “whitehouse.com” won’t tell you about the President’s approval rating, but if you’re looking for pictures of Hillary, you might be on track.

All I’m trying to say here is watch out what you download. You might not get what you’re looking for...I mean what you’re looking for.

JSU Organizations

Regardless of the results of the engineering feasibility study, it is clear that the campus heating system will require a major overhaul.

If the study does recommend a decentralized system, expect a lot of construction and higher heating costs because of the shift in energy source from coal to natural gas or electricity. In the long run, however, the campus would have a more energy-efficient and environ-

mental heating system.

If the study recommends replacing the pipes and maintaining the centralized steam heating system, expect a lot of construction, no real change in heating costs and the retention of a coal-burning plant on campus.

Plant,
through a program called the Energy Management Conservation System. Three buildings—Merrill Hall, Stone Center and the Alumni House—currently have their own heating systems.

One justification for installing individual boilers is that they would provide a more efficient, decentralized heating system. According to Lord, “Our mode of operation—extended hours in academic buildings—is requiring us to be more flexible. We have a very progressive campus here and we’re trying to adjust to its needs.”
**Recollected brings back memories**

By Phil Attineer

Editor in Chief

Let’s say you’re looking for a copy of “The Rise and Fall of the Roman Empire,” and would be willing to dig around for an old edition bound in leather? Or maybe you’d rather have a Norman Rockwell Saturday Evening Post?

Well then, you might want to try Recollected, John Henricks’ store of rare books and various collectibles. Run by Henricks and his wife Karen, the store sits in a niche on the public square in Jacksonville, bordered by Scott’s Bikes, Roma’s Pizza and Steak House, and the city police station. Karen says that she and her husband both like books, but that he’s a more avid reader. In addition to running the store five days a week, John teaches Sociology at Gadsden State Community College. He and Karen have both gathered an eclectic array of old and traveled objects. The front window displays appliances, toys, and a dressmaker’s dummy sporting a straw bonnet. A path leads back through office desks and manual ribbon typewriters to a shaded arrangement of old cameras, tin toys, modernist chairs and wallnut-stained and lacquered library shelves filled with a browser’s selection of fiction, art, science, drama, and comedy, with no sections marked. They are all out-of-print books, everything from reference to magazines to paperbacks.

There’s just something about touching things that have been around for a long time, that could have been read by any number of people, says Karen Henricks. “I think it’s because they’re things through which you can learn a lot about culture and history and the past and society,” she says.

A lot of their first collections, says Karen, were things that she studied in decorative arts class. But after she was done, they kept gathering. Their shop on the square buffers visitors from the sounds of the street that drift off into the distance, as if a mile away. Henricks says that physical things can or do separate you from the everyday, stopping to point out that the shop is full of everyday items.

“You can enter into a different realm with artifacts,” Henricks says. He shows off the store’s scattered groups of fountain pens, tin toys or smoking paraphernalia, saying, “I try to get different types of things.” Recollected is located at 107 Ladiga St., S.E. and is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30-5 p.m., Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m-3 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Call 435-4490, or just drop in any afternoon after class.
Despite rain, Gamecocks earn first win of season

By Shannon Fagan
Sports Editor

Talk about a tough few games. Following their opening loss to UAB, the Gamecocks took on SEC power Georgia in Athens.

As if that wasn’t hard enough, JSU traveled to Houston to take part in the Marriott West Loop Invitational. There they faced the number two team in the nation, the Rice Owls.

Here is a brief look at these games:

Georgia 6
Jacksonville State 1

The Bulldogs jumped out to a 4-0 lead after three innings. That would prove to be enough as their pitchers combined to only give up one run. That run came in the seventh thanks to Gamecock first baseman Russell Harry. He had two hits in his four plate appearances, including a double.

Joey Shiflett suffered his first loss of the season. He hurled four innings, giving up five hits and three runs before being relieved by Jason Nunn. His counterpart Rob Moravek got his first win of the season and kept the Bulldogs perfect at 4-0.

Rice 4
Jacksonville State 0

In the second game of the Marriott West Loop Invitational, the Gamecocks took to the diamond against the host team. JSU pitchers held their own against the second-ranked Owls, only giving up four runs. However, the same was true for their pitchers. They held the Gamecocks scoreless and only gave up four hits.

Rice manufactured a run in the first inning. They picked up another in the third and two more in the seventh to put the game out of reach.

The Owls had a no-hitter going into the fifth until third baseman Quinton Melancon came through with a single up the middle. The Gamecocks couldn’t cash in and lost their third straight game of the season.

Jacksonville State 16
Nicholls State 9

The Gamecock bats came through on Saturday, lighting up Nicholls State for 18 hits. Leading the charge was right fielder Sam Grant and Jason Nunn. They each went deep, accounting for three runs.

Other Gamecocks feasted at the plate as well. Center fielder Dean Friery pounded out four hits and accounted for a run. Harry had three hits, including a double and two runs. Joell Rivera went two for four at the plate, giving JSU another two runs.

Rain delayed the game for over an hour, prolonging the Gamecocks first victory of the young season. However, play continued on Sunday and Nunn got his first win of the year.

Nebraska 15
Jacksonville State 3

After completing the Nicholls State game, the Gamecocks had to get right back in action to face the Cornhuskers. Nebraska pounded out 19 hits, including a six run explosion in the sixth. That was more than enough as Nebraska shut down JSU.

Catcher Wes Brooks was the hot hitter for the Gamecocks. He had a perfect game at the plate, going three for three with a double and a run. Friery had two hits, including a home run. Sammy Buttonse suffered his first loss of the season.

The Gamecocks are now 1-4. They continue their long road swing on Friday when they play at Mercer.
JSU takes 2nd in tournament

By Shannon Fagan
Sports Editor

After an impressive start to the season at home, JSU hit the road for the first time this season at Belmont in a doubleheader. They lost the first game, but bounced back to win the second game.

The Lady Gamecocks traveled to Lafayette, La. earlier this week to play in the Louisiana Classic. JSU split four contests in the Classic to send their record to 5-3 on the young season.

JSU takes a good game as well, getting two hits and two runs in six innings, with both coming in the third inning.

Jacksonville State 6

Belmont 1

In game two, the Lady Gamecocks found their offense and Wilcoxson got back on track. JSU jumped out to an early lead, scoring three runs in the first inning and tacking on three more runs later on.

Buck went deep for the first time this season to help propel the Lady Gamecocks. She was perfect from the plate with four hits and two runs. Designated hitter Cindy Mackin had a good game as well, getting two hits and accounting for two more Lady Gamecock runs. Christine Tucker went two for three at the plate with another run to help JSU win.

Wilcoxson gave up eight hits in the game, but Belmont could only cash in for one run. That run came in the seventh. It didn’t rattle Wilcoxson as she earned her third victory.

Jacksonville State 3

Sam Houston State 0

Wilcoxson pitched another beauty on Saturday when JSU played in game two of the Louisiana Classic. She hurled seven innings, giving up only three hits to chalk up her fourth win.

The Lady Gamecock offense took charge in the fifth inning. They ripped the Lady Bearkats for three runs in the inning.

Leading the way was Terrah Foster. She had two hits and a run in her four plate appearances. Buck also had a hit and a run in the inning. Hollie Bowyer accounted for the other JSU run. It proved to be enough as the Lady Gamecocks got off to a good start in the tournament.

SW Louisiana 9

Jacksonville State 5

The Lady Ragin’ Cajuns were the next team that stood in JSU’s way. Southwest Louisiana dropped the Lady Gamecocks to keep their record perfect on the season at 4-0.

Things were looking bright early on for JSU. They held a 3-2 lead into the third inning, but that led was short-lived. The Lady Cajuns tacked on two runs in the third and plated five more in the sixth to ice the game.

Leading the Lady Gamecock sluggers was center fielder Michelle Uribé. She came through with two hits and two runs in her three plate appearances. Toni Duncan also accounted for two runs but it wasn’t enough.

Wilcoxson suffered her second loss of the year. She gave up 14 hits and nine runs in over five innings of work. She was relieved by pitcher Natalie Washington.

Jacksonville State 6

Sam Houston State 3

On Sunday, the Lady Gamecocks put their losses behind them with a solid hitting performance. Trailing 3-1 after five innings, the flood gates opened for JSU. The Lady Gamecocks plated four runs in the sixth and added another in the seventh to up their record to 5-2.

Leading the charge was Duncan and Bowyer. They each went deep for the first time this season and accounted for three of JSU’s runs. Foster and Tucker combined for five hits and two runs to help Lauren Buck get her first win of the season.

SW Louisiana 11

Jacksonville State 3

Looking for redemption for their earlier loss to the Cajuns, the Lady Gamecocks found none. They ripped Wilcoxson for 10 runs in the first two innings to put this one away early.

Duncan homered for the second time this season in as many games. She finished with two hits on the afternoon. Buck had three hits at the plate for another JSU run. Julie Boland also came through with a run off two hits, but it wasn’t enough.

The Lady Gamecocks get back on the diamond on Friday when they host Furman at 3 p.m.
Gamecock rugby team dominates Georgia College

By Eric J. Adler
Sports Writer

After being shut out by Auburn two weeks earlier, the JSU rugby team bounced back to defeat Georgia College and State University 42-12 at home on Saturday.

JSU dominated the game from the outset, relying heavily on an uncharacteristic offensive kicking plan.

Fly half Wes Sullivan earned "Man of the Match" honors. Having just finished the massive kicking plan.

Following the A-side game, JSU again defeated GCSU in a B-side "sevens" game (seven players per side, seven minutes per half) by a score of 18-8.

JSU's next game is in Charleston against The Citadel on Saturday, March 6.

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Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 9 — You've got a grand time in water signs, which brings out your gentle, nurturing side, if you happen to have one. If not, you could irritate when conditions like these are in effect. It seems like everybody's being really wimpy. A little of that goes a really long way with you, but today, try to be nice. It'll be good for you.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 6 — Some things you tried yesterday that didn't work will go smoothly now. You didn't really waste that time. It was useful, but perhaps for reasons you hadn't expected. Isn't it strange the way that happens? Well, no point in wondering about why. Just go ahead and push while you've got the advantage.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 5 — You might get a raise today, or a better job. You've probably already done the work to establish yourself as an expert in the field. Now, all you need to do is let other people know that you want to be rewarded. You'll get away with being a little aggressive. You might even get a standing ovation for tooting your own horn!

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 9 — Yesterday was a struggle, but today should go smoothly. Looks like you've got things up to take advantage of an opportunity, and that's exactly what will happen. You not only have the talent necessary, but you also have friends in high places. One in particular is going to give you a boost that could push you over the top. Mr. Bernard will eventually reward you, so don't argue. The positive impression you make now could benefit you in more ways than you imagine.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 9 — You hardly ever play hooky, so why the temptation is great. If you could start your weekend early, that would be perfect. If not, a long lunch hour may have to do. In any case, conditions are perfect for playing, and a new game is suggested. You can turn out to be a natural at something you've never done before.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 5 — This is a good day to advance in your career, and if you're going to do it, be nice. Look nice, smell nice, dress nice and act nice. Being pleasant will get you more points than just about anything else. This can't be phony, either. It's gotta be genuine. They'll be able to tell.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 10 — Today your bread will land buttered side up. You'll find a parking spot right in front of the store and the car behind you on the other side is actually after the guy in front of you. Don't waste this wonderful day on trivia. Think of something more significant you want to achieve, and make a start on it.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 10 — Money is not a topic you like to have your head full of, but every once in a while you have to think about it, and this could be one of those times. You have skills that are definitely marketable, and some probably aren't being marketed right now. There's an opportunity out there; all you have to do is find it.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 9 — Today's focus is on the areas of partnership, friendship and education, so you'll be meeting new people, making new friends and possibly even forming new partnerships. Your relationships can help you do your job better. Somebody on there would really like to play with you, and it would make your life easier to let that happen.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 5 — You could get more money for the work you do, especially if you put together a good case. You'll have to prove to the boss that you're generating income and you require a larger percentage. It's not going to be that hard to do, because it's probably true. Give it a try. The celestial influences are in your favor.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 10 — This is one of your best days all year. You've got luck in love, travel and self-esteem. You're looking good, feeling great, saying the right thing at the right time, doing everything perfectly. You're wise, generous, warm, loving, considerate, thoughtful. You know what else? You're appreciated.