Police raid an old fraternity house

By Adam Smith and Kevin Cole
Chanticleer Editors

If you're currently residing in the old Pi Kappa Phi house, you may need to find a new place of residence. The Calhoun Sheriff's Department is now using the now empty house for their Emergency Services Team. According to Sheriff Larry Amerson, the department is being trained for high-risk situations such as drug raids and hostage crises. The ultimate goal is to "save lives," said Amerson. The deputies are trying to protect themselves and others in the apprehension of suspects by those in danger.

The four-month old program is comprised of 12 people, involving one sergeant and 11 deputies. These men have volunteered for this special training above and beyond their regular duties. These men come from all ranges of assignments, from corrections officers to reserve deputies. All participants have received specialized weapons training at Fort McClellan.

The team is led by Dave Partner, who is a reserve deputy with military training. Partner obtained the use of the fraternity house after finding out it was set for demolition. The house provides the perfect environment for this specialized training.

The Sheriff's department saw the need for a specialized unit after an incident in which a heavily armed man was holed up in Webster's Chapel. After killing one person, the man barricaded himself in his home. The Sheriff's department realized they had neither the equipment nor the training to handle such high-risk situations. Therefore, they had to rely on outside sources such as the military and federal agencies.

"It's almost a combat situation," said Amerson. "We have an objective. However, unlike combat, we don't just shoot people, we've got to do it in a peaceful manner. It's really a specialized thing."

The team will train at the old fraternity house on Mountain St, see Tac-squad, page 5.

Sparks fly in Jacksonville:

How best to protect yourself and your belongings from loss by fire

By Dave Sharp
Managing Editor

Recent fires in the Jacksonville area have sparked the question: Are we at risk of losing our belongings? Over the holidays, two rental properties fell victim to a blaze. At 103 Church Ave, the fire's source was said to originate from the entry room sofa. An external heating device was the culprit at 418 Goodlett Ave. NW, according to Jacksonville Fire Department reports courtesy of Jacksonville City Hall.

No matter what was at fault, renters or owners, the loss of property and real estate can be devastating to both parties. Most owners should have fire insurance to cover their assets.

But where does this leave the renter? In most cases, renters in Jacksonville are students who certainly don't want to lose property to an accident.

Renters are left out of the compensation loop because they simply don't take the time to protect themselves. A rash of what everyone should have learned in the third grade isn't necessary. You know, "Stop, Drop and Roll," the "evil octopus" (tangled power cords) and emergency escape rope ladders from second story windows. The best prevention starts with thinking. Don't put yourself at risk. But, if you do need to leave a house, have a fire safety plan.

According to an Alfa Insurance Agent, fire insurance policies run only approximately $8 a month and can cover up to $15,000 in damages and loss of property.

"It's a good policy for students," said Agent Randy Cooper.

State Farm Insurance had a similar policy. The minimum policy available would cover up to $27,000 in damages and loss of property and run about $17 a month. Relatively inexpensive for a peace of mind.

The ultimate learning experience

By Adam Smith and Kevin Cole
Chanticleer Editors

Criminal Justice majors at JSU are getting valuable hands-on experience thanks to a new program being offered by the Calhoun County Sheriff's department.

The Calhoun County Sheriff's department, in cooperation with JSU, is now hiring part-time employees in various criminal justice fields. According to Calhoun County Sheriff Larry Amerson, the sheriff's office got approval from the county commissioner's office to hire part-time employees.

Amerson said that availability of part-time employees was increased due to their proximity to JSU. "We have a pool of people who are interested in law enforcement and who are interested in corrections," said Amerson. "It has been very beneficial to us because we get an interested and motivated person."

Amerson also added that "our best pool comes from the University."

"Don't let them lie to you, we're cheap labor. They know we're college students and we'll work for nothing," said Lana Garner jokingly.

Gretchen Patton, a JSU student who was given a part-time administrative position.

Gretchen Patton checks in at her desk as a part-time administrative assistant.

see JSU Program, page 6
Student Health Services is providing Flu Shots to JSU staff and students for $10. Mondays and Wednesdays, 1:30-4:30 p.m. and Fridays, 8:30-11:15 a.m.

JSU Marching Southerners releases the 1997-98 CD in March. CD's are $15 each.

Student TV station begins in March. Volunteers phone Lloyd Dobyns at 782-5200.

Academic Center for Excellence Spring 99 Workshops, in 213 Stephenson Gym:
- Resume Writing, Thursday, Feb. 3, 3-4 p.m. - by Pearlie Williams and Jim Roberts.
- Sexuality and Love: Tuesday, JSU 3, 3-4 p.m. - by Claudia McDade.
- The Spirit Competition is still going. One point per person in your group attending SGA or JSU-sponsored events. Come out and show your spirit.

Faculty Senate meets Monday, Feb. 8, at 3 p.m. on the 11th floor of the library: Dean William Carr of the College of Graduate Studies and Continuing Education will speak.

Black History Month kicks off with "Gifts from God" a gospel music showcase, tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Leone Cole Auditorium. Other events include:
- Monday, Feb. 8: The Black Comedy Tour '99, with T. P. Hean, Leone Cole Auditorium, 8 p.m. JSU students/faculty/staff-free; general admission - $5.
- Thursday, Feb. 11: Black Film Festival, Leone Cole Auditorium at 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Feb. 18: A Night of Elegance, African-American Heritage Monal Railroad, McCullin Club (NCO) at 9 p.m. $5/single; $8/couple.
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What’s going on!
The SGA wants you to ask, “What's up?”

By Wendy Luminack
News Writer

Many JSU students wear them. They are red and white. “Hey, what’s going on tonight?”

Confused? Many SGA executive officers and senators have a shirt that seems to make them become a team, a shirt that reads “Ask me about tonight” on the back. It can only mean one thing if you see someone walking across the quad or else where on campus with a shirt of this kind — an event sponsored by the Student Government Association. Take a chance and ask. Become an involved student or faculty/staff member.

SGA 2nd Vice President Kellilyn Johnson encourages everyone to walk up to someone and ask, “What’s going on tonight?”

SGA has many events planned for spring semester. On Feb. 24 there will be another Open Mic Night. Show your support for the SGA and have fun. The event will be at the TMB Food Court at 5 p.m. If you are interested, contact the Student Activities Office at 782-5491.

Monday night, the SGA, along with the Multi-Cultural Services, will host comedian T.P. Hearn at Leone Cole Auditorium at 8 p.m.

“The comedy will be great,” said Johnson, who also said there was a great turnout at the last event.

“Last time was a lot better,” Douthard says. “But, I think that with us doing it once a month, it will help the turnout each time.”

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Testing... Testing... One, Two, Three...

By Thomas J. Webb
News Writer

The first SGA-sponsored Open Mic Night of the semester didn’t draw the kind of participation seen at last semester’s event, although the audience seemed to enjoy the few acts who took the stage to perform last Thursday.

“The acts we did have were very good,” says SGA Publicity Committee Chair Kamillah Douthard.

Douthard says she was disappointed by the turnout, but hopes to make Open Mic Night a bigger success when it returns on February 24.

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Start spreading the news, I’m leaving in May

By Adam Smith
News Editor

Bright lights, big city, and three hours of credit. That’s what you’ll get if you sign up for the May term class of 484/484G and ART 484.

The class, which is taught by instructors Dr. Steve Whitton and Mr. Carter Osterbind, will be taking a trip to New York City as part of the class. It must be mentioned that the trip will not be free. If you decide to take the class, the fee will be $1285, plus the cost of tuition. However, that’s relatively inexpensive for the amount of activities planned for the course.

This is the fifth time the class has traveled to New York City, and just the second year that the Art Department has been included in the course. According to Whitton, “One of the nice things about it, we’re able to throw together two disciplines like art and theater. It’s really nice to see actual versions of what we talk about in class.”

While in New York, Whitton will take the class to two different plays, and possibly two musicals, all of which will also be covered in the class. Two possible plays the class will be attending will be “The Death of a Salesman” and “The Iceman Cometh.”

When not attending Broadway shows, students will also be able to take in some of the finest art galleries and museums in New York City. This part of the course is led by Osterbind. In the past, some of the stops on the art front of the trip have included The Jewish Museum, the National Academy of Design, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, The Whitney, the MoMA and the International Center for Photography Midtown.

Whitton also mentioned the parallels between the art of a certain period, and the plays they attended. “We studied “Ragtime,” and Osterbind was able to talk about architecture of the period, and then we go see it and the set was amazing. It looked like Grand Central Station,” said Whitton.

The tentative trip dates are between May 25 and May 29. Part of the last day is usually designated as a free day for students to go and explore the city. “The amazing thing is to see students survive outside of the college,” said Whitton. “It’s the idea of education without walls.”

Students interested in registering for the course, and attending the trip, must sign up with Dr. Whitton or Mr. Osterbind by Feb. 15, and pay S585. The balance can be paid in two installments prior to the trip.

For more information concerning the class, contact Dr. Whitton at 782-5414 or Carter Osterbind at 782-5661.

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Smokers Fuming Over Price Increase

By Patrick Peterson
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

Smokers are fuming over a nearly 50-cent-per-pack price increase for cigarettes that went into effect last week. And they’re not kicking the habit.

“They’re all mad,” said John DeMiller, owner of Petit Bois One Stop on Eisenhower Drive in Biloxi. “Everybody’s complaining.”

Smokers have threatened to quit, DeMiller said, but the addiction keeps bringing them back to his store.

“They said they would quit the last time prices went up,” DeMiller said. “My business is about the same.

Cigarette prices rose $4.50 a carton last week as tobacco companies hiked prices in unison to pay for their multibillion-dollar legal settlement with state governments.

“We got a fax (Nov. 23),” said Liz Joachim of Frank P. Corso Inc., a Biloxi wholesaler. “We knew it was coming.” Joachim said the increase wiped out a price reduction six years ago, when tobacco companies lowered cigarette prices to compete with generic brands, which still cost less than premium brands.

“I think we’re going to see people going to generic brands for a little while,” she said. Mississippi limits the wholesale profit on cigarettes to 21.2 percent. Joachim worries that the latest price increase could encourage cigarette smugglers to bring cigarettes into Mississippi from foreign markets, avoiding U.S. taxes. Sales, however, shouldn’t suffer, Joachim said.

“Sales went down a little bit last week because people said, ‘I’m not going to pay the price,’” she said. “But they went right back up.” Not every smoker is angry about the price increase.

“I think it’ll help some people cut down or possibly quit,” said Jim Winter, 63, a non-militant smoker of 50 years who plans to continue his pack-a-day habit.

“I don’t care if they’re $5 a pack,” he said. “I just enjoy smoking. I will not quit.” The cheapest pack of smokes now sells for about $1.60. A premium brand costs more than $3 a pack. Cartons cost between $16 and $25.

“We’ve had a lot of people go to roll-your-own,” said Neal Peterson, who owns a discount cigarette store at Division and Bohn streets in Biloxi.

“It’s hard to quit. I’ve heard them all say, ‘This is my last pack,’ but they come back the next day.” He added that irritability will identify former smokers who no longer can afford their habit. Said Peterson, “All I can tell you is I wouldn’t honk my horn at them at a traffic intersection.”
Turn of the century plaza: A preview of the coming movie attractions at the turn of the century

By Dave Sharp
Managing Editor

I was lazy this weekend and didn’t get to the local theater to see a movie. So I don’t have a movie review this week. I’m sorry. However, I’ve compiled an interesting list of future releases with information off the web and things I’ve read in the past. The following is not written in stone and some of it may only be cool gossip due to the ever changing Hollywood scene. This is for you movie lovers.

April will see the release of “The Mod Squad,” based on the classic television series starring Claire Daines, Omar Epps and Giovanni Ribisi. A futuristic retelling of the epic “Beowulf” is out (if I ever became a movie director, this was to be my debut). “The Curve” tells of teamwork and another one of my directorial masterpieces.

May brings “The Mummy,” starring Brendan Fraser (maybe you saw the preview during the Superbowl). Really the only thing that matters this month is “Star Wars: Episode I—The Phantom Menace.” Of course this is George Lucas’ latest venture into his ultimate sci-fi saga starring Liam Neeson, Samuel L. Jackson, Ewan McGregor and Natalie Portman. Lucas has recently announced this will be the last trilogy.

June launches titles like “Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me.” Mike Myers is back with Heather Graham and Rob Lowe as the psychedelic James Bond. Disney’s annual animated film will be “Tarzan” this year.

No word on the star studded voice-overs yet. “Big Daddy” hits theaters starring Adam Sandler as a lawyer who adopts a boy to impress a girl (rumor has it he will be in another film where he plays the rebellious son of the Devil who is reluctant to take over the family business, now that’s comedy).

July has “The Wild, Wild West,” loosely based on the old TV show. It stars Will Smith, Kevin Kline and Salma Hayek. Audiences finally get to feast their eyes on “Eyes Wide Shut.” This two-year-in-the-making film starring Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman is directed by Stanley Kubrick. It is Kubrick’s first stab at directing in 15 years. “Mystery Men” is sure to draw movie goers with its all-star cast. Ben Stiller and William H. Macy star in this film based on a popular comic book.

August sees “Lake Placid,” starring Bill Pullman and Bridget Fonda. This is a cross between “Alligator” and “Jaws.” Universal Soldier 2 is scheduled for release and I’ll be leading the caravan to the theater if anyone is interested.

Other Summer movies that have no specific release date include “End of Days,” starring Arnold Schwarzenegger as an ex-cop who stops Satan from taking a bride. The classic Don Knotts role of Mr. Limpet will be tackled by Jim Carrey in “The Incredible Mr. Limpet.” “South Park” will also be out (I assume no explanation is necessary). Stephen King’s “The Green Mile,” starring Tom Hanks, hits the screen. Hanks plays a death row guard that learns one of his inmates has a very special gift. “Sleepy Hollow,” based on the legend, will be directed by Tim Burton and star Johnny Depp.

“Christopher Walken (as ol’ punkinhead)” and Miranda Richardson (this was to be another one of my directorial masterpieces). Autumn brings “Freddy vs. Jason” (again, no explanation necessary). “Friday, 2” “James Bond 19,” “Toy Story 2” and “Man on the Moon” (Jim Carrey portraying comedian Andy Kaufman). The year 2000 may bring “Atlantis,” “Blade 2,” “Charlie’s Angels,” “Die Hard 4,” “Dumb and Dumber: The Early Years,” “Halloween 8,” “Highlander: The Search For Conner,” “Hogan’s Heroes,” “How the Grinch Stole Christmas (Jim Carrey stars),” “Indiana Jones 4,” “Jurassic Park 3,” “The Martian Chronicles,” “Mortal Kombat 3,” “Planet of the Apes (Schwarzenegger),” “Rush Hour 2.”

“Scoby Doo,” “Shaft,” “Spawn 2,” “Star Trek 10,” “Terminator 3” (Cameron was forced into this because he went over budget on “Titanic”), “X-Files 2” and “The X Men.” 2001 brings “Alien 5,” “Batman 5 (Mel Gibson as the Bat),” “Mad Max 4” and “Superman Lives” (lots of production problems with this one after going through two directors and five writers. Nicholas Cage as the man of steel is getting fed up.). 2002 will see the 20TH anniversary of “E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial.” “Episode 2” of the “Star Wars” saga is also slated for that summer.

I’ll try to get back on schedule this week and go see something.

“I don’t think I’ve seen them before,” Douthard says. “Those two guys - I don’t think I’ve seen them before today,” Kruzinski says. “Then they get up there and they have a talent - the one guy can play guitar, and the other guy can sing, and they make up their own songs. Where else would you be able to know about that but here?”

Training, from front page

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Thrid week of every month. According to Amerson, teamwork is a big part of this project. He also stressed that it was important for each of the officers to know what another officer will do in a given situation.

Equipment is also a big part of the project. According to Amerson, “we’re waiting on more weapons. We’re hoping to get some from the military. Within the next two or three months, I hope that they would be at a level where we can use them operationally.”

The program will hopefully be in full swing soon, and as Amerson and Partner hope, help in saving lives and make our county a safer environment to live in.

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Phil Attinger, Editor in Chief

Start saving now.

Recently, President Clinton proposed investing the government surplus in the market and using the profit to bolster social security for the aging baby-boomers.

Nice idea. It seems to have merit and hope of success. There's only one problem: it won't work.

I wish Clinton the best of luck, and have been in favor of his domestic policies, but I don't know about this one.

What we're saying is that we trust a volatile market to care for the elderly, and we also seem to assert that this market is safe enough to do it.

Well, here's how a market works. People who have money purchase goods and services. This money goes into the pockets of the executives and corporate workers and money flows around. Those who have enough money, purchase stock in companies in hope of getting a dividend.

When large blocks of stock are being sold off for the case value, it plunges the stock market into a decline, which lowers wages, and thereby taxes.

The government will have to raise taxes or sell more of its stock to meet costs, and the market will plunge further.

This is the trend I see.

When the bulk of the baby-boom generation starts to cash in on its social security, it will drain the market.

As if that weren't the worst part, now we have a new niche industry in products for families with multiple births.

Since when did Americans need to have multiple births?

Not only will this drain every social program in existence, it will also deplete what few natural resources we have left. Hallelujah!

They've found out how to take it all with them when they die: have enough kids that it will all be gone for anyone else.

Well, I can't abide a world that won't take care of the people it has before adding more to it.

Rich or not, we Americans should learn to live on less before overtaking the world like a swarm of locusts.

My idea: have people put back some cash each month and be a little more self-sufficient, rather than living off the backs of the young.

Kevin Skip Cole, Layout Designer

Chariots of Dire—need.

I'm driving down Quintard this week and I sense up due to the sound of screeching tires and the onslaught of "a few choice words". As I glance in my rearview mirror I see a solder model Ford Escort swerve to miss Jed Clampet in his pre-Civil War S.U.V. A moment later he passes me and slows down at a red light. Much to my dismay the man had no working brake lights. Call me crazy, but brake lights are a needed addition to one's vehicle.

As a general rule, if your car is not road-worthy, you don't need to drive it.

If the color of your car is "Duct tape"... don't even bother cranking it.

If the only reason your car is lowered is because your driving on three doughnuts... walk.

If your blinker consists of hand signals... stay home.

If you have to untape your window to order a Big Mac... call for pizza.

If you have a confused escape route in case of a fire... bum a ride.

If your windshield consist of goggles... pray for a sunny day.

If your side mirrors are two of your buddies in the back seat going: "Yeah you got it, come on over... ride a bike.

Here is another example. I pass a woman driving a Ford Probe and she is missing her driver side window, which in itself is not inherently dangerous. But it's 38 DEGREES outside.

Then to top it off she has three kids in bear pelts with not frozen to their faces all huddling around the cigarette lighter trying to stay warm. They press their tiny faces to the window One of them is trying to write "this sucks" with his little mittened hands while the other two are blue with envy as I speed by in my climate controlled car.

I toss them a book of matches and head to class.

There are other things I consider unroadworthy. For instance who came up with the idea that the bed of an old pick up makes for a great trailer. What's that all about. Oh that's safe! It was only the front half that was inoperative.

And their always transporting leaves or trash weeks worth of garbage and I'm always behind them enjoying the aroma.

What about the old man on the scooter. You know him. What's he thinking. He rides with a cane in one hand. Does it help him make left turns? Perhaps it balances his center of gravity.

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And last but not least the mysterious Alabama, two headed driver. The couple with the bench seat. Driving a car is a one man operation. Make out back at the trailer 10 and 2 buddy.

I know the need for transportation. I also know what it is like to not have money to fix your car. But at some point we as responsible adults must draw the line before we put others in danger with our Chariots of Dire...need.

JSU Program, from front page

Senior, has made rapid advance-ments since being hired. "I worked in the jail part-time, then after a year I was promoted to deputy," said Wade. "I went to the police academy at Jacksonville, and two months later, I’m an investigator.

Yolanda Beard, a JSU senior, is a part-time corrections officer and is appreciative of "the knowledge and experience you gain from working up here."

According to Bruce Barclift, head of corrections, most of the full-time jobs have been filled by part-time JSU students. The sheriff’s department is hiring in communications, corrections, administration and forensics.

For more information contact the Calhoun County Sheriffs office at 236-6600
Students overflow the Juried Art Show with multiple winners

By Phil Attinger
Editor in Chief

See a wild ceramic plant, a ceramic backbone snaking around the floor and giant Autumn leaves on canvas—and these aren’t the prize winners.

Usually, the Juried Student Art Exhibit holds as the mainstay of the spring season. Rarely is the show ever this full.

Prints, photographs, paintings, design and ceramic works spill from the walls and display stands at Hammond Hall Gallery in one of the Art department’s most crowded shows.

Patrons stuffed the room last Tuesday night to see the works and congratulate the winners of this annual competition. More than 25 students submitted works: “This is normally more than we hang in a show,” said Charles Groover, Art department head.

“I’m going to have to come back tomorrow and just absorb it,” said Joey Crews, a senior Art student.

Of course, the evening began with the award announcements.

Best of Show went to Kevin Fotovich for his design piece: “Alabama Wildflowers Calendar.”

“It’s just one of the many great pieces in the show,” said Fotovich. “I don’t know why they chose that one, but I’m happy.”

Jeannie Williamson took first place in photography with “Groovy” and in printmaking with “The Giraffe.”

Like many upper-level Art students, Williamson spends hours at night in the print lab, where there are no windows.

“I’m a graphic designer,” said Williamson, referring to her field of study, “but I love these,” pointing at her two award winners. Williamson said that “Groovy” was a lot of fun to do. One the the photograph parasels was soaked in yellow food dye for 45 minutes to get an ocre patina. Desiree Harper took first place in drawing.

Yuko Ishida received first place in graphic design for her “Eating Disorder Brochure.”

Mario Gallardo won first place in painting for “Drifter.”

Cynthia Baker took first place in 2-dimensional design for “In My Way.”

Anna Hitt won first place in 3-dimensional design with a construction called “Set for Matisse,” resembling a garden table set for a meal.

Joey Crews, who won Best of Show last year, won first place in color theory with a staircase construction called “Movement of Color.”

Paulette Parks took the first place ribbon in ceramics with “September Tree.”

The show will run until Wednesday, Feb. 24, and is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.
The losing streak is dead. Jacksonville State got its first conference win of the season on Monday against Florida Atlantic. Defense was the key as the Gamecocks held the Owls to just 36 percent shooting from the floor.

Before that first win in the TAAC on Monday, the Gamecocks lost to the Central Florida Knights on Saturday. Here is a recap of the action.

Central Florida 82
Jacksonville State 64

Rashard Willie scorched the nets for a new career high in points, but the Knights proved to be too much to handle.

“I can’t imagine where we’d be without him,” says Coach Mark Turgeon about his point guard. “Rashard was fantastic. He’s a one-man show on the break.”

Central Florida came out of the gate in a hurry and opened up a commanding 39-24 lead at the break. The Knights had four of their starting five score in double-figures. Leading the way was D’Quarius Stewart. Stewart rocked the rim for 19 points, including four shots from three-point land.

Jason Thornton wasn’t far behind. He came away with 18 points, thanks to his shooting from behind the three-point line. He hit four of six shots from behind the arc. Mario Lovett managed 16 points and Bucky Hodge chipped in with 13.

Jacksonville State 71
Florida Atlantic 67

D’Quarius Stewart led the way for JSU with 23 points. He also added 10 rebounds. Clarrisa Tomlinson wasn’t far behind, rocking the rim for 20 points on the night. Aimee Cochran managed to score 14 points and teammate Mesha Tisdale chipped in with 12. Samford led at the break 34-28 and had to hold off a late surge by the Lady Gamecocks.

Belmont 88
Jacksonville State 59

“Rashard Willie’s 22 point outburst, two other Gamecocks scored in double-digits. Niki Okolovitch hit six of his 11 shot attempts to give him 14 points. He also led JSU in rebounds with 10. Jason Lewis chipped in with 10 points.

Jacksonville State 84
Florida Atlantic 73

On Monday, the Gamecocks finally got what they had been looking for—their first TAAC win of the season. Although the defense was key, two Gamecocks had career highs in points.

Shawn Philpotts and Jason Lewis each had 15 points, helping JSU earn the win. Markton Garley also had a good night shooting the basketball, evening away with 15 points. Rashard Willie chipped in with 12 points as the Gamecocks hit 54% of their shot attempts.

The Owls were led by Gary Durrant, who scorched the nets for a game-high 22 points, including four three-pointers. Damon Arnette rocked the rim for 15 points and James Turner chipped in with 12 points off of the bench.

However, defensive pressure by the Gamecocks spelled doom for the Owls. JSU held Florida Atlantic to just nine made shots in the first half. This allowed the Gamecocks to open up a 14-point advantage, a lead in which the Gamecocks would not give up.

Jacksonville State looks to make it two wins in a row tonight when they travel to Deland, FL. They will face the Stetson Hatters.

**Women’s Basketball**

*By Shannon Fagan*

After winning seven of their first eight conference games, the Lady Gamecocks fell to the Samford Lady Bulldogs on Saturday. JSU looked to rebound against Belmont on Monday but dropped its second consecutive contest in a rout. Here is a look at the action.

Samford 75
Jacksonville State 71

Lady Gamecock guard Heather Mayes returned to the court and made her presence felt. She lit up the scoreboard for 14 points, including four three-pointers.

Lisa Baswell turned in another impressive performance, leading all scorers with 25 points. Karen Harden chipped in with 12 points to help JSU. However, Samford hit 64% of their second half shots to squeak out a win.

Leading the Lady Bulldogs on their home floor were several players. Forward Jodi Morris hit eight of her shot attempts to give her 21 points. Clarissa Tomlinson wasn’t far behind, rocking the rim for 20 points on the night. Aimee Cochran managed to score 14 points and teammate Mesha Tisdale chipped in with 12. Samford led at the break 34-28 and had to hold off a late surge by the Lady Gamecocks.

Belmont 88
Jacksonville State 59

Things got even worse on Monday. The Lady Gamecocks dropped their second contest in two days with a trip to Nashville.

Belmont used a 10-point lead at the break to their advantage. Five players scored in double-figures to help them improve to 15-7 on the season. Leading the charge was Leah Primm. She came away with 16 points, including four three-pointers.

Candice Mitchell hit seven shots from the floor, on her way to 14 points on the evening. Tara Montgomery, Jessica Matson, and Denise Farrell also scored in double-digits as Belmont cruised to the win.

The lone highlight for JSU was Baswell. She was the only Lady Gamecock to score in double-figures with 23 points.

Jacksonville State is currently 10-9 on the season (7-2 in TAAC action). They get back in action on Saturday when they seek revenge on Samford. Tip time is set for 2 p.m. at Pete Mathews Coliseum.
Have we seen the last of John Elway’s playing days in Denver?

By Shannon Fagan
Sports Editor

As everyone knows already, John Elway and the Denver Broncos are champions for the second consecutive season in the NFL. This was what Elway came back another season for—to win another title.

Along the way, he eclipsed over 40,000 yards passing and now has more than 300 touchdowns in his career.

Add a Super Bowl MVP title to his belt and he’s all set for the Pro title “throws a pass” before the Broncos begin training camp this summer.

Have we seen the last of John Elway’s playing days in Denver? Plenty.

What more does he have to play for? Plenty.

First of all, Elway would be the first quarterback in NFL history to win three straight titles if the Broncos make it and win the big game next year. That is a very challenging feat to accomplish, and you know all about Elway’s competitive spirit.

Secondly, Elway would be the first quarterback to win championships in two different centuries provided they win next year’s Super Bowl.

Some people argue that he doesn’t have any gas left in his tank, but consider this. Elway passed for 336 yards against the Falcons, who had a good defense all season long. He threw an 80-yard strike to receiver Rod Smith for a touchdown, proving the arm can still throw the ball deep. That says to me that he has enough strength to go another season.

If Elway comes back and wins another title, he would have to be considered the greatest quarterback of all time. He would have three championships, the most fourth quarter comebacks, the most Super Bowl appearances of any quarterback.

However, there are some things Elway must look at on the other side of the coin. For one thing, there is his health. Elway missed several games this season due to nagging injuries. Can he get his body healed in time for another season at age 38? Another factor is his family. All of the time John has spent on the field meant less time for his wife and kids.

Elway took them in consideration last year when he asked them if he should come back for another year. The family voted for him to continue for one more year, but they may change their minds this upcoming season.

If he retires now, there could be other avenues of his life he could explore. One would be broadcasting. (Seems like every retired quarterback wants to do that).

Another possibility would be becoming part owner of the franchise. Current owner Pat Bowlen has discussed this option with Elway and he seems to be interested.

Taking all the pros and cons together, I personally feel we have seen the last of Elway’s playing days. He’s already taken his victory lap around Mile High Stadium, beaten his former coach in the Super Bowl, and has cemented his legacy in Denver. How many more times are the Broncos going to “Win one for John?” His decision is definitely an interesting one to make. Stay tuned.

By Eric Adler
Sports Writer

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To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 7 — Everybody seems to want to tell you what to do today, and you ought to listen. It looks like they have excellent ideas. They can also support you with a plan you've already got going. Go ahead and pass the ball to the others around you who can help. They'll be glad to do it, and it'll make your life a lot easier.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 5 — The work that's been piling up can't be put off any longer. Look at the bright side. Something you're doing today could be like money in the bank. It might actually be money in the bank. You don't get to spend it, but it's nice to know it's there and growing.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 6 — Somebody you thought you knew very well could surprise you today, and this is a good thing. Perhaps you could set up a little surprise of your own. What does your sweetheart really like? Dinner and a show? Or a Thursday night? Why not? Life can be a daring adventure, but it's up to you to make it happen.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 5 — If you can scrape the money together, you could make a good deal on a household item. Somebody else's dilemma could be your lucky break. If you're there with cash in hand, you could get it for pennies on the dollar. A little sleuthing is required. Start by letting people know all the things on your wish list.

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