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What do our teachers need to know?

By Phil Attinger
Editor in Chief

"How are you going to teach a student, if you don't know anything?" says DeLandra Hunter, Language Arts Education major.

With 200 students, JSU has the largest education program in the state of Alabama, according to Shiela Anne Webb, Ph.D., dean of the College of Education and Professional Studies.

Recently, JSU has followed state mandate allowing students to earn certification in four years by reducing the course load to 128 hours, says Webb. Recently, JSU has required education programs to do follow-up studies.

"If your graduates don't do well in the field, then you could lose your accreditation by the state," says Webb.

To get an education degree at JSU, students must complete 60 education credit hours, with 48 in general studies; have a 2.4/4.0 G.P.A.; earn a 300 or better score on the Basic Skills Test; have three written recommendations from professors in general studies; have classroom observation at the level and in the area they wish to teach; and complete a personality interview.

When a student does a practicum, a stage of "student teaching," either Dr. Margaret Bogan and Dr. Carol Uline will visit the schools and check on their students' progress.

"Students tend to 'teach the way they were taught and not the way they were taught to teach,'" says Uline. "Students must get engaged in the process itself."

She refers to "cooperative learning," where high school students gather in groups to study an assignment. Each group learns to work as a team.

"I've talked to teachers in four different schools, and they barely use cooperative learning every day," says Autumn Lusk, Language Arts Education major. "We do it great. We're college students—we're a lot more mature."

Bogan tells a different story: "You have to make them think that what you know is the best stuff to know," says Bogan. She taught high school biology classes in Polk County, Fla. By applying coopera-

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A two-car wreck in front of Logan Hall on state Hwy. 204 on Feb. 9 of this year sent at least one motorist to the hospital. Recently, Miss African-American Heritage Month Kira Wright also had a wreck and suffered injuries on this road. With so many young drivers at JSU each year, what can you do to make yourself safe?

Driving the thin white line

With more than 400 accidents in Jacksonville in 1997, how safe are you on the road?

By Adam Smith
News Editor

Are you at risk of being in a traffic accident during your stay at JSU?

Recent accidents occurring around the JSU campus leave the impression that it can happen to anyone. At least two wrecks have occurred on State highway 204 within the last few months, and in both instances, JSU students were involved.

A report, issued by the Jacksonville Police Department containing statistics on Jacksonville accidents in 1997, states that 400 accidents occurred in Jacksonville

City during that year. However, there were 70 people injured in those accidents.

Many of the road accidents that occurred during that time were at intersections or various "road segments," some which were Pelham between Greenleaf and James Streets, Pelham between Francis East and Francis West Streets and Pelham between Mountain and Francis Streets.

Intersections also proved to be a problem in Jacksonville. There were 17 accidents at the intersection of Pelham and Greenleaf in 1997. That was the most accidents at any intersection that year. The intersection of

Pelham and State Highway 204 was second with 10 accidents.

The traffic problem is "worse at intersections," said Jacksonville Police Chief Tommy Thompson. He said that "the worst place is Greenleaf and Pelham." Thompson also gave advice to drivers in and around the Jacksonville area. "Twenty-five means twenty-five," said Thompson in reference to the speed limits on many of the streets in Jacksonville. He also said that "stop means stop," in reference to Jacksonville's many stop signs.

There are many common sense solutions to avoid being involved in

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A phoenix from the ashes

Depot restoration approved, and additions to city police

By Eric L. Adler
Staff Writer

On Monday evening, the Jacksonville City Council approved the expenditure of \$17,430 for renovation of the 140-year-old train depot on Mountain Avenue, NW.

An arson gutted the abandoned depot last September, destroying the southern end of the building and leaving the northern end damaged by smoke.

The City Council classified the restoration of the building as a pub-

lic works project, which allows the city's Parks and Recreation Department to spend up to \$15,000 on the project without specifically requesting approval from the City Council.

The funds approved on Monday constitute Phase I of a five-phase project. The Phase I funds go mainly toward buying structural building materials such as trusses.

At the same meeting, the City Council approved the hiring of three new police officers, Jonathan Best, William DeLeon and Curtis

Roberts. All three are graduates of the police academy and are certified police officers.

The three officers replace vacancies created by three resignations from the Jacksonville Police Department in the previous six weeks. The three officers who resigned left the department for higher paying jobs. The Jacksonville Police Department's starting wage for graduates of the police academy is \$8.23 per hour.

Meehan does not want to be remembered (as long as people remember JSU)

Phil Attinger
Editor in Chief

Amidst giggles from the audience and glitches from his laptop PowerPoint presentation, Bill Meehan, acting vice president of institutional advancement, gave his vision for JSU last Monday.

Meehan, one of three candidates for president of JSU, joked about a gift that the rifle team gave him: a white Tee-shirt with a black bull's-eye on the front.

When asked if he had a sense of humor and endurance, he answered that anyone who'd wait to start a family at age 44, and is still going at 48 would have to have endurance. As to sense of humor, he pointed to his problems with the laptop. "There goes the part about my technical ability," he said.

Meehan says that the president should be a visible representative of the university. He hopes that even if people don't remember his name, they will remember JSU.

Meehan feels that, having taught and worked at JSU for the past 22 years, he already knows where JSU has been and where it is headed.

Meehan says that 56 percent of JSU students are female, and most JSU residents are 26 or older. "These are the core of our future alumni," said Meehan.

Meehan says that JSU can accommodate 10,000 students, a fact that can benefit JSU in recruiting. He also supports JSU having the English Competency Exam. "I saw JSU before we had it," he said. Meehan says that JSU is one of the few universities in Alabama that requires speech in the curriculum. He feels that college graduates should be able to get in front of peers and explain what they know.

Meehan says JSU must move toward the SACS (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools) evaluation in 2003. He also wants JSU to do more than go to Montgomery and ask for money, but rather to convince the state that JSU is making Jacksonville a better community.

Meehan says that JSU has a unique opportunity to help train people needed for new businesses that may come to Gadsden and

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Announcements

Georgia Merit System Exams at JSU: Fred Meller, Georgia Merit System recruiter will be at JSU to present information about jobs with the State of Georgia and to administer tests for: Probation Officer I/II and Parole Officer I, Juvenile Probation/Parole Specialist II, Social Services Technician, Environmental Health Specialist I (DHR), Assistant Financial Examiner, Programmer, Programmer/Analyst, and Associate Disability Adjudicator.

Students wishing to take tests must be within six months of graduation (bachelor's) and must sign up for a specific test title before Tuesday, April 6 (two days after returning from spring break). Sign up in advance at the Career Planning and Placement Office in Room 107 Bibb Graves (782-5475).

Please contact Dr. Hugh McCain's office, Department of Sociology and Social Work for more details.

- **"Heavens Open House"--JSU Observatory:** Planetarium shows. For more information, call Dr. Laura Weinkauff at 782-5743, Dr. Doug Rokke at 782-5563 or the Jacksonville Public Library at 435-6332 or 435-6335.
- **It is time to renew your financial aid.** Deadlines are coming due--Check with your financial aid advisor. If you have any questions call 782-5006. Summer applications are now available in the Financial Aid office, Room 203 Bibb Graves.
- **Sixdegrees.com:** an online community with interactive services (chats, bulletin boards, people searches, instant messaging and interest groups). Interested? Go to sixdegrees.com--If you have questions, call Emily at 782-6586.
- **Emotional Development Study:** Have a child between 8- and 30-months-old? JSU's Center for Child Development needs you for a study on emotional development in infants. Call Sherri Restauri (492-0927, e-mail--st4472@sm.jsu.edu) or Jennifer Benefield (435-9997, e-mail--st2179@sm.jsu.edu).
- **Free HIV testing: Nursing Center Clinic.** Call 782-5432 for the next test. Testing done by a representative of the Alabama Department of Public Health.
- **Student Health Services is providing Flu Shots** to JSU staff and students for \$10: Mondays and Wednesdays, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.; Fridays, 8:30 - 11:15 a.m.
- **JSU Jazz Ensembles CD "Noteworthy" is on sale** from Dr. Chris Culver, trombone, in 203 Mason Hall, 782-5883. CDs are \$15 each.
- **JSU Marching Southerners' CD is on sale** from Ken Bodiford, Director of Bands, 304 Mason Hall, 782-5562. CDs are \$15 each.
- **Student TV station begins this month.** Call Lloyd Dobyns at 782-5230.
- **The Spirit Competition continues:** One point per person in your group attending SGA- or JSU-sponsored events. Come out and show your spirit.
- **SGA Golden Apple Award: Submissions due April 6.** The SGA is rewarding professors that contribute to JSU in many ways. To nominate a professor, come to the SGA office. Volunteers for the selection committee, call Kellilyn Johnson, 782-5491.
- **ACE Seminars: Alcohol and You--213 Stephenson Hall, Tuesday, April 6, 3-4 p.m.**
- **Alcohol Screening--Student Health Center, Thursday, April 8, 3-4:30 p.m.**
- **Drugs of Abuse--213 Stephenson Hall, Tuesday, April 13, 3-4 p.m.**
- **Anxiety Screening--Student Health Center, Thursday, April 20, 3-4:30 p.m. (R.S.V.P.)**
- **Anniston Museum of Natural History: Awesome Educational Adventures.** Different natural history topics presented each day: hands on demonstrations, live animals, artifacts and presentations. The adventures run from March 29-31. No admission charge for AEA activities; admission charged for exhibit halls.
- **The Center for Cultural Arts** in Gadsden features JSU artist Mario Gallardo through March 30. For more information, call Heather Rickles 543-2787.
- **Student Media opportunities:** The Communication Board is now accepting applications for *Chanticleer* Editor, *Mimosa* Editor, WLJS Program Director, and On-line Editor. Get an application from Cathy Rose in 237 Self Hall. Applications due Friday, March 26. Interviews are Wednesday, April 7, 3-5 p.m.
- **Higher Education Rally** on the steps of the state house in Montgomery on Thursday, April 8. Sign up at the Student Activities office. "We'll take people up until the bus is full," says SGA President-elect Don Killingsworth. Call 782-5491.
- **"The Liberal Arts: What They Were, Are, and Will Be"** a public lecture by Dr. Duane J. Oshiem, Professor of History at the University of Virginia, on the 11th floor of the Houston Cole Library, Thursday, April 8 at 8 p.m. Admission is free. If you have any questions, call Randy Davis, Department of English, at 782-5497.
- **University-wide Awards Day** on April 13 at 4 p.m. in the Gamecock Center. The SGA invites all departments to participate and send leaders to the ceremony to present awards. Call Gina Orlando, 782-4491, or Terry Casey, 782-5491.
- **Part-time employees needed for the Talladega 500 race, April 24-25:** Servers, bartenders, food/drink runners and clean-up personnel. Sign-up at the Part-time Employment office, 107 Bibb Graves, before Thursday, April 15. Call Pearl Williams at 782-5289.
- **The Chanticleer Staff** encourages, or rather *thrives*, reader feedback. If you have an opinion about anything, drop us a letter or e-mail us. We are located in Room 180, Self Hall. Our e-mail address is newspaper@student-mail.jsu.edu

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Thank you for reading *The Chanticleer*.

Organizations/Clubs

(Deadline for announcements is Monday, 5 p.m.)

- **Alpha Phi Omega**
The Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity (campus and community service for men and women) is re-organizing at JSU. Call Student Activities at 782-5491.
- **Alpha Xi Delta**
We congratulate all of our new members on initiation! Good luck to all of the sororities and fraternities during Greek Week. Good luck to Amy Kelly--Greek Goddess. We love you!
- **Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship**
Chi Alpha meets Thursdays at 7 p.m. in 213 Stephenson Hall. Contact Lanier Nail at 782-0768.
- **College Club**
Available to students: It's free, e-mail, voice mail, chat and check e-mail by phone. Call Ben Wyrosdick at 435-9042. To sign up, go to www.collegeclub.com
- **Footfalls Environmental Organization**
The Footfalls Environmental Organization meets again Tuesday, April 13, with guest speaker Bill Springer (Little River Canyon National Preserve Superintendent) in 208 Martin Hall at 4 p.m. Other events include an Observatory Open House, 3rd floor of Martin Hall, 7-9 p.m., Friday, April 16 (Planetarium will be open 7-8 p.m.) and an All-day nature hike/canoe trip in Little River Canyon, Saturday, April 17 (Meet in Martin Hall parking at 8 a.m.). Call Dwayne Hammond at 782-0174.
- **JSU Writers' Club**
The Writers' Club meets on the 7th floor of Houston Cole Library, Wednesdays at 3 p.m. Bring your writing work: --John Jones, 110 SC, 782-5537, jjones@jsucc.jsu.edu --Elaine Ostry, 102 SC, 782-5465, eostry@jsucc.jsu.edu
- **Lambda Alpha Epsilon--Criminal Justice Fraternity**
The Department of Criminal Justice has one more Saturday seminar for one hour of 300/440-level course work: A mock trial on April 10. Registration begins Monday, April 5: S35/LAE members and S40/all others. Register in 126 Brewer Hall (2nd floor) or call 782-5335.
- **Phi Beta Kappa**
The Gamma of Alabama Graduate Association of Phi Beta Kappa is sponsoring a public lecture by Dr. Duane J. Oshiem, Professor of History at the University of Virginia, entitled "The Liberal Arts: What They Were, Are, and Will Be," on the 11th floor of Houston Cole Library, Thursday, April 8 at 8 p.m. Admission is free. Call Randy Davis at 782-5497.
- **Phi Mu**
This week's awards: The Sunshine Award--Bradley Roberson; Phi of the Week--Nicole Byrd; Phi Mu of the Week--Shannon Collins. Great Job Girls! Congratulations, new Gamecock Hostesses: Amy Hopkins-Treasurer, Heather Dixon, Sherry Todd, Jennifer Thompson and Beth Sprakes. Congratulations new SGA Senators Misti Haynes and Amber Adams. Good Luck to our cheerleaders--Lori Ash, Celeste Bagwell and Emily Powell--at Nationals!
We encourage everyone to hear our motivational speaker tonight after Greek Awards at 8 p.m. in Leone Cole Auditorium.

◆ **Correction:** In the March 18 issue of *The Chanticleer*, we listed the pianist at Latin Night as Sneiana Lakcevic. Her first name is spelled Sneziana.
◆ **Correction:** In the February 18 issue of *The Chanticleer*, we listed the one of the new peer counselors as Leslie Bootoms in the photo caption. Her last name is spelled B-o-t-t-o-m-s.
◆ **Correction:** In the February 4 issue of *The Chanticleer*, we described the front page photo as a teddy bear. It was a bunny.

Campus 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.

- **3-17-99:** JSU Bookstore reported theft of property occurring between 2:05 and 2:10 p.m. One book was taken.
- **3-17-99:** Gregory M. Barrett, of Jacksonville, Ala., reported theft of property to JSUPD occurring at Pete Mathews Coliseum between 5:15 and 5:50 p.m. Miscellaneous items valued at \$120 were taken.
- **3-17-99:** JSUPD reports criminal trespass and open container in the Patterson Hall parking lot at 11:44 p.m.
- **3-19-99:** Keith Alan Smith, 19, of Albertville, Ala., was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia by JSUPD in the Park Place Apartment parking lot at 2:40 a.m.
- **3-19-99:** Dennis Ray Bishop, 18, of Albertville, Ala., was arrested on charges of minor in consumption of alcohol by JSUPD in the Park Place Apartment parking lot at 2:40 a.m.
- **3-19-99:** Shaun Gregory Mason, 23, of Albertville, Ala., was arrested on charges of DUI, possession of marijuana, and possession of drug paraphernalia by JSUPD in the Park Place Apartment parking lot at 2:40 a.m.

We also encourage everyone to attend our "Little Miss JSU" pageant, April 16--a great opportunity for girls ages 2-9. Thank you, Amanda Laughlin, for helping us out with the pageant. For more information on the pageant, call us at 435-0823.

Congratulations to Kea Hemery, our newest member of Phi Mu. We love all our new Phi's!! Kappa Sigma, we had an awesome time at our mixer!! Phi Mu is having a great time participating in Greek Week, good luck to everyone! Hope everyone has a great Spring Break!

- **Sigma Tau Delta**
Sigma Tau Delta English honor society presents Dr. Randall Davis, JSU English department, speaking on "Native American Literature and the Canon," Thursday, March 25, at 3:30 p.m. in Room 1103-A of the Library. A reception follows, celebrating Sigma Tau Delta's 75th anniversary and the 50th anniversary of the JSU chapter. Call Gloria Horton at 782-5409, for more information.
- **Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ)**
SPJ presents Chris Roberts (*The State* newspaper, Columbia, S.C.) speaking on computer-assisted reporting: 184 Self Hall (Communication Computer Lab), Monday, April 5 at 4:30 p.m.
- **Student Accounting Organization**
Free Tax Help through today, March 25. Bring all forms, including last year's federal returns to 204 Merrill Hall, or call 782-6578: 11 a.m.--noon; 2:30-4 p.m.
- **University Housing**
University Housing needs JSU students as Residence Hall Directors, Residence Assistants and Residence Hall Judicial Board for summer 1999, fall 1999, and spring 2000. Visit University Housing in room 100 Duquette Hall or call 782-5122.
- **Zeta Tau Alpha**
Congratulations to all winners of the Presidential Praise Awards. Thanks for all your help. Good luck to all Greek Week participants.
Awards: Dedicated Zeta-Holly Blass; New Member of the Week--Meredith Barnes; Sweetest Bunny--Erin Henley; Social Bunny--Amanda Beck; PC: Pat on the Back--Lisa Hunter; E.C. Pat on the Back--Amanda Laughlin; Sassy Strawberry--Ginny Conner; Best Big Award--Erin Henley; White Violet Award--Wendy Laminack. "Happy Birthday" to Shannon Smith, Lisa Hunter and Cathy Worthy.

JSU Area Events Calendar: March 25-April 7

Thurs 25	Fri 26	Sat 27/Sun 28	Mon 29
◆ XA Christian Fellowship meets in 213 Stephenson at 7 p.m.	◆ Student Media applications due in 237 Self Hall, 4 p.m. ◆ JSU Baseball at Central Florida	◆ JSU Baseball at Central Florida ◆ JSU Softball v. Belmont at Jacksonville, Fla. ◆ Men's/Women's Tennis at Stetson University	◆ Awesome Educational Adventures, Anniston Museum, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. ◆ Men's/Women's Tennis at Central Fla.
Spring Break: March 28--April 3			
Tues 30	Wed 31	Thurs 1	Fri 2
◆ Awesome Educational Adventures, Anniston Museum, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. ◆ JSU Baseball v. Alabama ◆ Men's/Women's Tennis at New Orleans	◆ Awesome Educational Adventures, Anniston Museum, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. ◆ JSU Baseball at Alabama	◆ April Fools Day: --Make sure that's Sunbloc, not tan-enhancer or Nair (for Au Natural crowd)	◆ If you're coming back early, choose a designated driver, and watch for quick-changing speed limits.
Sat 3/Sun 4	Mon 5	Tues 6	Wed 7
◆ Imagine Place Children's Museum opening, Gadsden Center for Cultural Arts, Saturday, April 4, 11 a.m. Meet in the park by City Hall at 10:30 a.m.	◆ SPJ presents Chris Roberts (<i>The State</i> newspaper, Columbia, S.C.) to speak on computer-assisted reporting: 184 Self Hall, 4:30 p.m. ◆ SGA Senate, Leone Cole Auditorium, 6 p.m.	◆ Art Department Senior Show (1 of 2), Hammond Hall Gallery, opening reception at 7 p.m. Show runs April 6-12	◆ Communication Board interviews for student media heads: 3-5 p.m.

Hostesses tackle recruits at JSU

“We not only recruit football players, but we also recruit students.” --Lesley Bottoms

By Eric L. Adler
Staff Writer

You have seen them cheering as a group at football games. You have seen the signs they have plastered around the football stadium. They are the Gamecock Hostesses, a group of 31 hard-working women who are intensely proud of JSU and committed to supporting the football team.

The main job of the Hostesses is to host football recruits visiting JSU, but the group does much more.

“My favorite part of being a Hostess is cheering on the football team with our recruits,” says club secretary Holli Blass. On away game weekends, Hostesses see the football team bus off on Fridays, sometimes as early as 6 or 7 a.m.

They do a lot for the coaches and players, decorating their lockers and doors before games and recognizing their birthdays. Hostesses also spend one or more years compiling personalized scrapbooks of newspaper

clippings and pictures to give to graduating football players.

Jason Czar, a 1995 graduate and football player, has fond memories of what the Hostesses did for the team when he was at JSU. He says they would decorate his locker every single week with “candy, little footballs and other decorations.”

Czar also says that a positive recruiting visit greatly influenced him to sign.

Lesley Bottoms, president of the Gamecock Hostesses, says that the Hostesses can show and tell recruits “exactly what it’s like here.” Anywhere from 10 to 50 recruits typically visit on days of home football games in the fall. Hostesses escort the recruits again in January and February during two-day signing visits.

Erica Gardner, a second-year member, says she likes “meeting so many different people. The best part is when recruits come.” She also says that it is a very good feeling when a recruit signs because she knows she has a part in it.

Bottoms adds, “We not only recruit football players, but we also recruit students.” As she explains, not all recruits end up playing college football, but most end up choosing a college and they will often choose JSU based on their visits.

The Hostesses recently selected 23 new members out of a pool of nearly 40 applicants.

The club is larger this year than it usually is, but the workload is heavy and members have to be very committed. They have a wide variety of reasons for being Hostesses, but Junior Jennifer Chappell sums it up best when she says she does it because “I love JSU, I like the football program and I have a lot of school spirit.”



Eric L. Adler

From left to right, the 1999-2000 Gamecock Hostesses: Row 1—Victoria Henry, Katie Gresham, Holli Blass, Jeney Shary, Janita Graves, Tiffany Burnham, Mandy McQueen, Lesley Bottoms, Jennifer Thompson; Row 2—Aissa Chambers, Allison Garner, Leah Galley, Amanda Hardin, Erika Burns, Jessica Crow, Kristi Holcomb, Stephanie Chapman, Melissa Abernathy, Beth Sproles, April Stanton, Jennifer Chappell, Natasha Cunningham; Row 3—Andrea Martin, Mary Beth Tate, Melissa Brit, Amanda Chanley, Elaine Reeves, Sherry Todd, Alesha Mance, Erica Gardner. Not pictured: Annie Hopkins.

Spring Break is dead ahead! Words of caution for the week

By Stan Kimble
Director of Substance
Abuse programs at JSU

Alcohol poisoning

Watch for:

- 1) Unconsciousness
- 2) Slow breathing
- 3) Cold, bluish skin
- 4) Strong smell of alcohol

toms, turn him/her on one side, propping that position with a pillow in the small of the back. Call 911 immediately.

Remember, while most people use alcohol moderately and appropriately, there may be those encouraged by the occasion to use dangerously.

Some precautions to take while out during this next, or any other week:

- Buckle up
 - Don't drink and drive.
 - Drink in moderation—define a limit and stick to it.
 - Don't drink if you are under 21-years-old.
 - Engage in alcohol-free fun.
- Remember these precautions and have a safe fun-filled spring break.

Although the headline above captures the arrival of spring holidays, it could quite literally spell disaster for the many students who choose alcohol as a way to celebrate.

Students should be well aware of the alcohol poisoning a result of heavy drinking. According to the National

Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), 50 students die every year from alcohol poisoning.

Signs and symptoms of poisoning are unconsciousness or semi-consciousness; slow breathing (the lapse time between breaths could be as long as 8 seconds); cold, clammy or bluish skin and the strong odor of alcohol.

If you encounter any person with these symp-

Teachers, from front page

tive learning skills, her students didn't even realize how much they had learned over the course of the year, she says.

Professors say that state officials, some of whom have no background in education, make the rules on what classes students must have. Students and professors agree that technique is important, but they know a teacher needs breadth and depth to survive.

Uline, who spent many years in the Army, sees teaching much like leadership. There are born teachers, but she finds this to be

rare, and believes most people fare better after methods training.

How well does the new 128-hour course limit work for education majors? Bogan says the professors may have had to cut the number of hours, but the students still have the same amount of time in the field.

As to possibly losing accreditation if JSU graduates fail to perform well in the field, Bogan says she doesn't believe in fear techniques. She also thinks that those who set secondary course content should meet with those who train the teachers, to ensure that the JSU courses correlate closely to what newly-trained teachers will be asked to teach.

Meehan, from front page

Anniston. He also wants JSU to sell its best skill: preparing teachers. With the learning center at Ramona Wood Hall, JSU has already reached out to children in Anniston, helping them bring up their grades, says Meehan.

On the question of the “education lottery,” Meehan says that he doesn't really believe that the lottery will support higher education directly. It will go mostly to scholarships and the programs in public schools. But he does support Alabamians having the choice to have a lottery.

He also supports athletics and raising admission standards. However, he wants to be sure that excellence in recruits is measured in more than test scores.

In summing up his view of management at the university level, Meehan says that he would be open and responsive: “Making sure the right things are done, and not just that things are done right.”

At the end of the question and answer session, Meehan thanked the faculty and staff of JSU for coming out. He then received a standing ovation, starting from the back of the room and moving forward.

Wrecks, from front page

a car accident. A report produced by the Consumers Union of U.S., Inc. provides many tips for drivers of all ages. Obvious examples include “Don't phone while you drive.” The report says that “using a car phone while driving quadruples the risk of having an accident.”

Other tips include “go with the flow. Keep up with traffic if conditions permit.” The report also says a driver should be a “loner” which means the driver should “avoid clumps of cars.” Also drivers should keep an eye open for upcoming traffic problems, and check mirrors frequently.

Another tip is to respect the left lane. The left lane is for drivers who want to go faster than the right lane drivers. “Don't try to block speeders,” says the report. “Leave the policing to the police.”

More obvious driving tips include signaling when changing lanes or turning. The report also says “wait to turn left. Also, when you're stopped in traffic, waiting to turn left, keep the wheels aimed straight ahead until the way is clear.” The report states that by doing this, the driver is less likely to be hit from behind and knocked into oncoming traffic.

Another very important rule is to get plenty of sleep before getting behind the wheel of a car. “If your eyes tend to stay focused on one spot, that's a danger sign,” says the report. Be sure to pull over to a rest stop or safe area to get some sleep before driving again.

Thompson also gave some advice on students who will be driving to their Spring Break destinations. Thompson advised that drivers “leave in plenty of time to get where you're going.” Thompson also warned against drinking and driving by saying “there's plenty of time to party when you get there.”

FEATURES

"Our folks are really dedicated to JSU."
 —George Lord
 Assistant Director of
 Physical Plant

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Has Oscar lost his luster?

By Dave Sharp
 Managing Editor

Traffic was a little easier on LA. residents this past Monday since the Academy of Arts and Sciences held its 71st Academy Awards the night before. It was called "Sunday night at the Oscars," and it was the first time the ceremony has been held on the weekend night. All the stars were out at this gala of galas and it was to some, a night of upsets. Whoopi Goldberg brought her special brand of humor as the host of the final show of the century, though after some out-of-place sexual innuendoes she says, "This may be the last time I'm asked back."

"Shakespeare in Love" was the night's sweep-er, although 7 awards isn't much of a sweep, winning two of the big four: Best Picture and Best Actress (Gwyneth Paltrow). It also won for Original Screenplay, Costume Design, Original Musical Comedy Score, Best Supporting Actress (Judi Dench), and Art Direction.

Steven Spielberg again gained long overdue recognition this decade as an outstanding filmmaker winning Best Director for "Saving Private Ryan." Ryan lost Best Picture (the first time in



An emotional Paltrow graciously accepts her Oscar and claims she is undeserving in the presence of fellow nominee, Meryl Streep.

10 years one film didn't spawn Best Director and Picture awards) though it did grasp the Oscars for Cinematography, Film Editing, Sound, and Sound Effects Editing.

Roberto Benigni's "Life is Beautiful" took

home Best Actor (Benigni), Original Dramatic Score, and Best Foreign Language Film Awards.

After devoting much of his life to Hollywood and starring in more than 70 films, James Coburn won a Best Supporting Actor Oscar for his role in "Affliction."

Other Oscar nods went to "What Dreams May Come" for Visual Effects, "The Prince of Egypt" for Original Song, "Gods and Monsters" for Screenplay—Adaptation, "The Last Days" for Documentary Feature, "The Personals: Improvisations on Romance in the Golden Years" for Documentary Short Subject, "Bunny" for Short Film—Animated, "Election Night" for Short Film—Live Action, and "Elizabeth" for Makeup.

Famous director of stage and screen, Elia Kazan won an Honorary Oscar and Norman Jewison won the prestigious Thalberg Award.

Overlooking the fact that this was a chance to be a truly historic ceremony ending an era and beginning a new, the show fizzled showing little tribute to a century of film other than a 5 minute collage. Only time will tell what Hollywood has in store for us the rest of this year and the coming millennium.

When in Rome

Alys Stephens Center

5/16 Spyro Gyra

City Stages

6/18 Issac Hayes

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4/13 DC Talk

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Coliseum

4/07 Celine Dion

4/11 Jay Z/DMX with

Method Man

4/19 Aerosmith

B'ham/Jefferson

Concert Hall

3/25 Kathy Mattea

Last week, they came, saw and conquered:

Residence Hall Olympics proves to be a firing effort of mind and body



In everything from the Spartan Challenge to the Trivia Challenge, students at JSU matched minds and muscle to see who was the best of all last week. Some events had many students, like the tug of war above. Other events, like the Road Race, had few.

Staff Writers

Trivia, trivia, trivia!

So you think you're pretty smart, huh? Well if you can answer the following questions you could have participated in the Trivia Challenge: Which season do children grow fastest? How long was the shortest war in history? What was the first product to have a bar code? What is the only king in a deck of cards without a mustache?

Eight teams participated in the Trivia Challenge portion of the Residence Hall Olympics last Wednesday at Stephenson Hall: Rowan, Weatherly, Logan, Crow, Sparkman and three teams from Patterson. Each match was two rounds long. First round correct answers added 10 points and incorrect answers subtracted 10. In the second round correct answers added 20 and incorrect answers still only deducted 10.

Since Logan Hall was the returning College Bowl Champion, the team of four was heavily favored to win. After defeating Crow Halls one-person team, 90 to negative 40, Logan Hall suffered defeat from Weatherly.

"This is not College Bowl, this is toilet bowl," said team leader and National College Bowl All-Star Stephen Brackett after their defeat.

The three teams remaining in the semi-final round were Weatherly, Patterson and Rowan.

Patterson beat Rowan in the semi-finals. The final round of play was no different. Weatherly dominated Patterson with a score of 30 to negative 20.

Live music

Students in the cafeteria last Thursday got the extra enjoyment of live music from Unintended Charm. A few students sat in front of the band. The rest spread out across the dining hall.

The band (Steven Hartsfield-rhythm, Matthew Scott-bass and JSU students Bo Boshell-singer and David Jeffrey-lead) performed sixteen original songs including a song called "420," which seemed to be a crowd favorite. They also played Pearl Jam's "Yellow Leadbetter" and REM's "Losing My Religion." Although the band has been together for about a year now, the cafeteria performance was their first gig.

The self-proclaimed pop-rock group's main goals are to get out a demo tape, make it to New York, and be successful. The band plans to continue to play in this area at Gatorz and Brothers.

Team sports

"This is no game," said Janay Johnson while watching the women's basketball teams becoming very competitive. Some girls were even seen limping off the court.

The residence halls got to show off their athletic abilities for Residence Hall Olympic Week last Thursday night at Stephenson gym. The events included men's and women's basketball and men's and women's volleyball.

Women's basketball and men's volleyball were the first events. There were no referees for the basketball games so the girls had to call their own fouls. Women's basketball became competitive and violent. Patterson Hall defeated Fitzpatrick for the championship with Sparkman taking third.

Jimmy Whited, the coordinator of the Residence Hall Olympics, called all the volleyball games. Crow Hall beat Patterson for first place leaving Logan third. Chris Amie, a Crow Hall volleyball player, said "They need to do things like this more often, so people won't be so lazy. It would improve JSU as a whole."

The next two events were men's basketball and women's volleyball. It was no surprise that Crow Hall dominated men's basketball, taking both first and second place since they were the intramural basketball champions. Dixon Hall placed third in the tournament. The same team that won women's basketball, Patterson, also won first and second place in women's volleyball, leaving Wesley in third. All events were sponsored by SGA and University Housing. Students look forward to events like these in the future.

Question of the week

What is your favorite April Fool's memory?
• compiled by Fritz



I baked my Dad his favorite chocolate-caramel brownies and loaded them with Ex-Lax. Then I clogged the toilet with paper towels.

Andy Hunter
Forced to leave the house Freshman

My Mom told my Dad there was a spider on his back and he threw his robe off... he was wearing nothing underneath.



Heather Piew
Glad she wasn't there Freshman



Letting all the air out of Ryan Kruzinzki's car tires!

Yvonne Benavides
Soon to be out of an SGA job Senior

Putting more hot air in Yvonne Benavides' head - OOPS!! April Fools! Not Possible - LET SOME OUT!



Ryan Kruzinzki
Soon to be dead Senior



I told my sister that my parents and I weren't going to celebrate her birthday this year. (That'll teach her!)

Gina Orlando
Won't get a X-mas present Junior

"They are the unsung heroes of the campus"

By Eric L. Adler
Staff Writer

"Many of the jobs are very thankless jobs. It takes a lot to work eight hours a day cleaning a bathroom and come back the next morning and do it all over again," says George Lord, Assistant Director of the Physical Plant.

Lord is very proud of his workers. Everyone on campus should be grateful for their work, he says.

"You see [the workers] all over the place. They're here seven days a week," says Lord. "They are the unsung heroes of the campus."

"They're committed to the institution and they know who their customers are: the faculty and students."

—George Lord,
Assistant Director
of the Physical Plant

The entire staff consists of about 50 craftsmen and 70 housekeepers in jobs such as custodians, painters, carpenters, plumbers, electricians, lawn-mower operators, locksmiths and grounds caretakers. Together, they form a team that is responsible for all aspects of maintenance and upkeep on campus.

The staff works around the clock. Though most of the work takes place during the day, some of the housekeeping and repairs have to take place during the evening in order not to disrupt classes.

Some of these workers have been at JSU for more than 30 years. "Our folks are really dedicated to JSU," says Lord. "Some have children or relatives who [are students at] JSU."



Night shift custodians Doris Shew (left) and Annette Braggs (right) in Ramona Wood Hall. Sixteen custodians clean the academic buildings daily between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m.

One worker—Scott Parker—is presently a JSU student.

"It's the best job I've ever had," says Greg Roberts, a night shift maintenance worker. The reasons why the workers like their jobs vary. Philip New, a heating and air conditioning mechanic who currently works in the heating plant, says that the job "offers my family security." Workers are eligible for the state retirement plan.

Doris Shew, a night shift custodian, likes her job because she says she is "with my buddies." A relatively large amount of vacation time is another good benefit.

Allen Bonds, who works as a groundskeeper, is proud of the work he does. "You can stand back and look at it when you're done," he says. On a recent day, he went to the twelfth floor of the Houston Cole Library, a unique vantage point where he could see the detail on his landscaping work.

The drawbacks of the job are simple and also vary. Workers on the night shift, for example, miss seeing their families. Groundskeepers say that it is difficult working outside when it is hot during the summer and cold during the winter. Custodians dislike it when people make messes.

Despite these drawbacks, the workers do their jobs faithfully. "We have a good work force, a very loyal and dedicated work force," says Lord. "They're committed to the institution and they know who their customers are: the faculty and students."

Annette Braggs, a night shift custodian echoes these words by saying, "We try to make it as pleasant for the students as we possibly can. If it wasn't for the students, we wouldn't have a job." She also points out, however, that it is a two-way relationship. Without the custodians, the students would not have a clean campus. The main goal, she says, is "for everybody to get a good education."

THE ~~Genius~~ of useless stuff

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1. "That's high quality H₂O."
2. Throw him to the floor, centurion!
3. Oh, you and Tommy Lasorda. (punches the picture) I hate Tommy Lasorda!
4. "(flipping a coin) Heads--Heads--Heads--Heads--"
5. "I'M 37 !?!"



Guess the band?

- Stix
 - OMD
 - General Public
 - Spandau Ballet
- 25 pt

Music Trivia:

1. Who is the lead singer of STYX?
2. Who was AC/DC's original lead singer?
3. Tony Basil's only hit was...?
4. Who sang "I'm going to Harden my Heart" ?
5. What Madonna song is in the movie "Visionquest"?

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Too strange to be true

School pulls plug on radio show after students read from Salinger novel

(This one really happened)
College Press Exchange

DE PERE, Wis. (CPX) — A couple of students at St. Norbert College said they were kicked off the air after they read eight pages from *The Catcher in the Rye* during their weekly campus radio show.

Murray McGough and Christopher Danczyk, both students enrolled at the Roman Catholic school, said the director of campus security showed up in the radio station's studios a little more than an hour into their two-hour, March 4 broadcast, ordering them to sign off. The pair said the officer told them a college priest had complained about their use of offensive language on the air and that school officials had instructed him to yank them off the air.

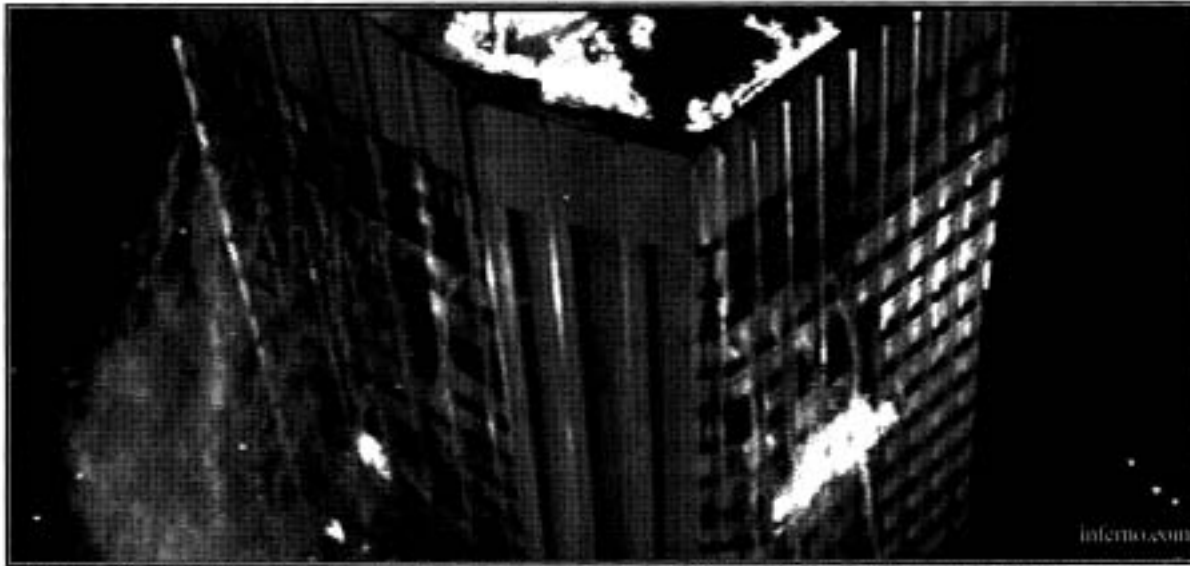
School officials confirmed that someone was dispatched to the station after a caller complained that the broadcast - which could be heard only on campus - contained obscene language, but they insist they didn't pull the plug on the show.

McGough and Danczyk said they read passages from J.D. Salinger's famous - and oft-censored - novel because they wanted to try something new. To protest the school's actions, the two students devoted their next show to reading sex-related passages from the Bible.

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Book burning on campus

From Salinger to Flynt, the shelves lie empty while JSU lies naked without a reference point



JSU's TV24 eye in the sky news chopper captures footage of Houston Cole Library as it burned last night.

By Adam Smith and Dave Sharp
Chanticleer Editors

It appears as though Ray Bradbury's "Fahrenheit 451" became more prophecy than reality when a fire ripped through Houston Cole Library last night.

The Jacksonville Fire Department received a call that the building was ablaze around 11:30 p.m. Unfortunately, most of the building had been gutted by the time firefighters arrived due to the 25 mile per hour speed limit on Pelham.

However, some of the fire was contained after students from the BCM and the Wesley Foundation brought buckets of water to pour on the fire. According to eyewitness Thomas Hobgood, a fight soon broke out between the two organizations over who actually came up with the idea first.

Fire fighters and police had trouble

containing the large crowds of onlookers. Fraternity members from Sigma Nu and Kappa Sigma were arrested for lewd acts and public intoxication after several members were reportedly urinating on the fire and screaming "burn-baby-burn!"

According to Jacksonville Fire Department reports, the building was almost destroyed. However the Theology section and the Dewy Decimal system remain intact. The Cliff's Notes section was also spared, as well as four copies of Salmon Rushdie's "The Satanic Verses."

Two survivors of the inferno remained trapped in the still running elevators until rescue workers were able to chopper in the jaws-of-life to the scene.

There have been no reports of death in the blaze, though several members of Alpha Xi Delta sorority were severely burned after reportedly try-

ing to roast marshmallows. The remaining Alpha Xi's rushed home to design T-shirts of the event.

There is no word yet on what started the fire, though speculators believe disgruntled construction workers, tired of wolf whistles from female SGA officers, may have been involved.

The study lounge will still be available for students who want to use it. However, according to library worker Chris Stolz, paneling will be put up for now to replace the burned out walls, and the couches will be replaced by milk crates.

With billions of dollars lost, administration is already looking to reallocate funds from the athletic department to make up for the disaster.

A full report on the fire is expected to be issued by the Jacksonville Fire Department on Monday.

SGA needs exposure

By Adam Smith
News Editor

On Thursday, the SGA will sponsor the first Nude Day on the Quad. The event is designed as a precursor to Spring Break which begins on Monday. All students are invited to attend. However, all participants must be completely nude.

The event kicks off at 12 noon on the Quad and will last until 6 p.m. Scheduled events include strip poker, a co-ed apple bob, a tug of war and mooning contest and pony rides. The SGA will provide free refreshments courtesy of the Marriott food services, and live entertainment will be provided courtesy of 30 Watt Soul. As you recall, they are the band who has made a name for themselves by playing in the nude.

"I think it's a great idea," said Kevin Cole of 30 Watt Soul. "We've been playing in the nude for years. It's just a different way of expressing your emotions. We're letting our inner child out. We're being free with nature, and I hope we give off that vibe."

There will also be slip n' slides to help participants cool down during the spring heat. SGA is also encouraging students to bring their coolers. They don't encourage bringing alcoholic beverages to the event, but if people happen to be drinking, it's okay by them.

If this event goes over well, the SGA plans to make Nude Day an annual event. If you decide to participate, make sure you bring your blankets and sun tan lotion.



Students blame social Chanticleer for the incident.

By Dave Mathews
Features Editor

A deep, strange secret may be out. The truth could have finally been revealed. In this par-

*batteries not included

ticular incident there was no Mulder or Scully involved but JSU had its own taste of an X-file.

Apparently Dr. Jerry Chandler, a communications professor here on campus revealed to a group of students in his media law class that he was in fact of an alien race far superior to that of ours here on planet earth.

"I don't know what exactly happened, it all seemed so strange. He just started slurring real bad as if his batteries were running out", says a student who witnessed the alleged event. "I knew this couldn't be the case, Chandler always has fresh batteries."

According to witnesses, Chandler began

slurring off words and sounds that were not unlike a cross between the grunts of a three-toed sloth and the tones of a modem connecting. Only fragments of the entire spectacle were translated by some.

"He talked about using JSU's new television studio, TV 24, as the medium to conduct his complex brainwashing of everyone in town", says one witness. "He acted as if he wanted us to join him, claimed we were his favorite class and that he trusted us." The witness adds, "There was no mention of any additional shoe purchases involved."

Never in the past has Chandler shown any signs of being from another universe but to

some students his behaviors have been questionable.

"I thought I saw him unplug himself from a wall outlet one morning last summer before a docudrama class," says one previous student who wishes to be kept anonymous. "It was as if he'd been stored away all night there."

"I just needed the credit to graduate, I don't really care about plans to take over the world, especially if he's going to start in Jacksonville," says one witness.

Chandler couldn't be reached regarding this incident. His secretary (a secretary?) claimed he was on a plane to somewhere. A plane, Dr. Chandler, or a mother ship?



Dobyns on his custom "Cinvasaki," was recently seen on campus challenging students to drag. Attempts by JSU police to approach the contraption have met with injury--eye burn from the "Cyc's" methane exhaust.

Possum Trot Outlaw

Communication department turns a deaf ear to rumors

By Dave Sharp
Managing Editor

It appears one of Jacksonville State's high profile professors has a strange secret life that may be disturbing to those that are closest to him.

Communication professor and Ayers Chair of Broadcasting, Lloyd Dobyns has been under investigation by police for his questionable lifestyle off campus.

Recently, after visiting Harley-Davidson's Bike Week in Daytona, Fla., an anonymous student came fourth to administration and reported they had seen Dobyns there, dressed in some rather outrageous leather attire. "It was shocking. He [Dobyns] was all by himself, downing bottles of Tequila and singing 'Menudo' tunes—weird," says the student.

Upon further research, it was learned that Dobyns is the last surviving member of the Possum Trot chapter of the Hell's Angels. In July 1998, at Little River Canyon, a bizarre lemming-like accident claimed the souls of all the Possum Trot Angels when they drove their

bikes into the canyon, except for Dobyns. Due to the line of succession, he immediately became leader of the chapter.

When interrogated, Dobyns stated he was busy fiddling with a Macintosh laptop, frequently on the fritz, when his "brothers" went for more beer and women. He claimed he knew nothing of the accident until he returned to the chapter's hideout hours later and found no one there.

**"He really hasn't done anything wrong, and besides, we're afraid of him."
-JSU Administration**

Though police were suspicious of Dobyns' statements, it was never concluded what happened on the cliff that night. The case remains open and will appear on next season's opener of Unsolved Mysteries.

"He's a definite loner. A quiet man that always keeps to himself, I've seen him at the bar drinking pina colodas (by himself) and mum-

bling under his breath," says communication student Kevin Cole.

Relatives claim Dobyns has never been the same since the accident and has become eccentric in his affairs. He even went so far as to ruin his vintage Harley-Davidson chopper by adding some strange effects to it.

Stealing a \$700 cow costume from JSU's drama department used in a production of "Oklahoma!," Dobyns made some alterations to the costume and fitted it for his chopper. Administration officials say he was never prosecuted in the incident due to his questionable mental condition.

When asked if Dobyns' position with the University is in jeopardy, administration officials said, "No. Absolutely not! He really hasn't done anything wrong, and besides, we're afraid of him."

Apparently NBC is now seeking a three year contract deal with the "hell raising outlaw of education" to host his own talk show. Dobyns was unreachable for comment and police really don't know what will come of this situation.

Who Can it Be Now ?



The Mimosa



Answers in bottom left corner

Chanticleer springs a few leaks

By Adam Smith
News Editor

JSU is in mourning today after the sad news of the tragic killing of Philip Attinger, Editor-in-chief of The Chanticleer.

Attinger was murdered Wednesday morning at The Chanticleer office in 180 Self Hall. At approximately 1:30 a.m., a masked man came into the office while this week's paper was being put together. The suspect, 21-year-old John Smith, of Jacksonville, Ala., was irate that his name was put in the campus crime docket the week before.

"I'm still in shock," said Layout Editor Kevin Cole. "I was making coffee and eating Cheez-Its one minute, and then all of a sudden I'm ducking bullets. It's a senseless tragedy."

"It was horrendous the way he murdered him," said Managing Editor Dave Sharp. According to Sharp, Smith came into the office and began to yell at Attinger. When Attinger refused to call himself a

"nincompoop" and apologize, Smith then opened fire. After shooting Attinger several times, Smith casually reloaded and proceeded to shoot Attinger several more times.

"When he got through, he asked us



JSU police found Attinger shot dead this morning: "We thought he was asleep."

if we'd drink a cup of coffee and have a smoke break with him," said Sharp. "We were in shock, but he actually seemed pretty cool to us. If he doesn't go to prison, he'll be our newest writer. He's the sanest person that's ever come into this office."

"I don't recall him...no, I don't remember him working here," said

Dave Mathews, Features Editor. "Who are we talking about again?"

Attinger became the Editor-in-chief of The Chanticleer last April. He was described by Cole as being "a hard worker, but a real pain on Tuesday nights." Attinger leaves a long legacy of great reporting. "I'll miss him, but the show must go on," said Sharp. "Besides he'd never let us drink beer in here, and we have to have our beer."

Answers from page 4

Movies

1. Water boy
2. Life of Brian
3. Fletch
4. Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead
5. Clerks

Music

1. Dennise De Young
 2. Bonn Scott
 3. Mickey
 4. Quaterflash
 5. Crazy for You
- Band photo
Spandu Ballet
Jumble

The Cars

- Teachers
Big photo-Dr. Whitton
L-R
Dr. Childress
Dr. Eoff
Dr. Suco
Dr. Rush

JSU



SPORTS

Who will win
the Final Four
this year?

• See below •

JSU swept by 23rd ranked Florida Atlantic



Ed Hill

Coach Rudy Abbott checks his line-up card. His baseball team suffered a rare sweep at home to Florida Atlantic.

By Shannon Fagan
Sports Editor

It's been a long time since Jacksonville State was swept at home, but that was the case when the nationally ranked Florida Atlantic Owls came to town. The Owls proved their ranking by outscoring JSU 26-5 in the three-game series.

The news wasn't any better earlier last week as JSU lost two games to Middle Tennessee State. Here is a look at the action:

Middle Tennessee State 6
Jacksonville State 2

It was a rough outing from the start for JSU. They found themselves down 5-0 after two innings, forcing them to play catch-up.

The Gamecocks trimmed the lead in the fourth with a couple of runs. Wes Brooks led the charge in the comeback attempt. He belted out two hits, including a double and a RBI. Several other Gamecocks had hits on the afternoon, but couldn't cash them in for runs.

Pitcher David Warren suffered his third loss of the season. He had an impressive 11 strikeouts, but gave up six hits and all of MTSU's runs.

Middle Tennessee State 6
Jacksonville State 4

The Gamecocks played long ball with MTSU in the second game of this brief series, but still found

themselves on the losing end of the scoreboard.

Joey Foster and Charlie Curry each homered to propel JSU, but it wasn't enough. MTSU belted out four runs off of starter Brandon Myers in five innings.

However, JSU found themselves tied in the sixth. MTSU stormed back in the next three innings and didn't look back.

Randy Mularz suffered his first loss of the year. He came in to relieve Myers in the sixth and pitched two innings, giving up four hits and one earned run.

Florida Atlantic 4
Jacksonville State 1

The Owls swooped into Jacksonville on Friday to begin a three-game series with the Gamecocks. Once again, JSU found themselves down early.

The Gamecocks lone run of the game came in the fourth inning thanks to Brooks. He ripped a solo homerun off of pitcher Dan Jackson. It was his second homer of the year and trimmed the lead to 2-1.

However, the Owls plated two more runs in the sixth off of pitcher Brandon Culp. Culp gave up all four of Florida Atlantic's runs in eight innings and suffered his fourth loss of the season.

Florida Atlantic 7
Jacksonville State 0

In game one of the doubleheader

on Saturday, JSU still struggled against the Owls' pitching.

The Gamecocks were stymied by pitcher Todd Moser. He only allowed two hits in seven innings. Those hits came off the bats of Tony Maniscalco and Russell Harry, but the Gamecocks couldn't push the runs across the plate.

Sammy Button got rocked in the first three innings, giving up six runs in the first three innings. That proved to be more than enough runs for the Owls, who sent Button off the mound with his third loss of the year.

Florida Atlantic 15
Jacksonville State 4

It looked like the Gamecocks would end their losing skid in game two of the doubleheader. JSU held a comfortable 4-1 lead after two innings, but then the hit parade cranked up for the Owls.

In the sixth inning, they rocked JSU pitchers Jason Nunn and Michael Lindsey for nine runs. That put the game out of reach.

Centerfielder Dean Friery had a good afternoon at the plate. He came through with two hits and a run in four at-bats. Maniscalco had a hit and two RBI but the Owls already had the game in hand.

The Gamecocks took to the field once again on Wednesday. They played the University of Montevallo in a brief two game series.

Will Duke win another national title in 1999?

By Frank Burlison
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

About 3 months ago, Duke and Michigan State hooked up in Chicago: the Blue Devils made the Spartans one of their 36 victims.

Saturday evening in St. Petersburg, Fla., Coach Tom Izzo's MSU team--20 years after the Magic Johnson-led Spartans won a national title--will get a rematch in the Final Four.

The Spartans (33-4), who fell behind 21-4 before falling to Duke, 73-67, Dec. 2, earned another shot at the Blue Devils by rallying from an early 13-point deficit Sunday to knock off defending champion Kentucky, 73-66, in the Midwest Regional final in St. Louis.

MSU has a 22-game winning streak, but the Blue Devils (36-1) padded theirs to 31 with an 85-64 victory over Temple in the East Regional final Sunday in East Rutherford, N.J.

Connecticut (32-2) and Ohio State (27-8) earned the spots in the other semifinal with their West and South

regional triumphs Saturday.

MICHIGAN STATE

The Spartans returned every starter from a team that lost to North Carolina in the Sweet 16 a year ago. It's no surprise that they're still playing. Three years ago Mateen Cleaves was ranked as one of the nation's two best high school point guards. The other, Mike Bibby, helped Arizona to a national title.

Cleaves might not excite NBA scouts with his jump shot, but it's hard to criticize his skills.

Junior swingman Morris Peterson doesn't start but leads the Spartans in scoring. In the Midwest Regional final victory against Kentucky, he had game highs of 19 points and 10 rebounds and made 6 of 6 free throws in the last 29 seconds.

DUKE

The Blue Devils came into the tournament as the overwhelming favorites to capture their third national title of the '90s. Krzyzewski's team cruised through the Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament and the first round of the NCAAs without Trajan Langdon

(ankle sprain). But the fifth-year senior recovered in time to juice the Blue Devils' perimeter attack and picked up the East Regional Most Outstanding Player honor.

Sophomore Elton Brand gives Krzyzewski an inside presence no one has matched up with, man to man, this season.

Junior forward Chris Carrawell. Sophomore Shane Battier has gotten much more national recognition, but Carrawell is even more versatile, serving as point guard William Avery's backup.

CONNECTICUT

An argument can be made that only Duke came into this season with more expectations. And the Huskies have done nothing to disappoint even the most devout Connecticut rooster. This is a team Calhoun built, mainly, through two recruiting classes. They signed forwards Kevin Freeman and Richard Hamilton and center Jake Voskuhl, in the prep class of '96, and guard Khalid El-Amin and top reserves Albert Mouring and Edmund Saunders in the class of '97.



While Duke came in as favorites, they face tough odds.

Hamilton has been a bit of a streak shooter during his three seasons in Storrs, Conn., but was a combined 17 of 33 from the field in the two West Regional games in Phoenix.

Senior guard Ricky Moore lost much of his offensive responsibili-

ties when El-Amin came into the program last season. But he's one of the nation's best man-to-man defenders, often guarding sub-6-footers or players as tall as 6-6. Moore is 6-2.

OHIO STATE

At No. 4, the only non-No. 1 seed in the Final Four. But that certainly isn't the biggest surprise about this team's appearance in St. Petersburg next Saturday. The Buckeyes were 8-22 in O'Brien's first season with the program and finished last in the Big Ten Conference. But their leading scorer was a freshman, Michael Redd. And he teamed with guard Scoonie Penn, who played for O'Brien at Boston College, to move OSU into the national top 10 and lead it to a second-place finish in the Big Ten.

It's no coincidence the Buckeyes made such a stunning turnaround after Penn joined the team.

Junior center Kenny Johnson wasn't nationally recruited but has evolved into one of the nation's best shot blockers.

A promising road trip turns sour for JSU in Orlando

From JSU Sports Information

Jacksonville State scored three times in the top of the seventh inning to post a 4-1 victory in the nightcap of a doubleheader to sweep Centenary last week.

The winning run scored on an error by Centenary freshman second baseman Marcy Bleich. The Lady Gamecocks added a run off a wild pitch and Lauren Buck capped the rally with an RBI-single.

Buck went the distance to earn the victory. She scattered seven hits, struck out three and walked a batter.

In the opener, Jacksonville State scored three times in the ninth inning to earn a 5-2 victory.

Christine Tucker delivered the game-winning hit with a RBI-double and Buck capped the rally with a two-run double.

Centenary scored runs in the first

and third innings courtesy of JSU fielding errors to take a 2-0 lead. Jacksonville State tied the game in the fourth on a RBI-double by Buck

**"We couldn't capitalize when we had the chance."
-Coach Jana McGinnis**

and a run-scoring single by Michelle Uribe.

Orlando Rebel Games

Things started out on a winning note for the Lady Gamecocks in their first four games in Orlando. They cruised to wins in the opening round by defeating Vermont, 5-0 and UT-Martin, 6-1.

On Saturday, the Lady Gamecocks upped their record in the tourna-

ment to 4-0 with wins over Wisconsin-Green Bay (7-1) and Dartmouth (6-2).

What started as nice road trip quickly turned sour. The Lady Gamecocks were defeated by Drexel 2-1 and Maryland-Baltimore 3-0. JSU struck out 10 times in a 3-0 loss to Cornell and had two errors. In the a 6-2 loss to Townson on March 22, Jax State committed six errors and struck out six times.

Their only runs of the day came when junior Michelle Uribe hit a triple to score junior Christine Tucker, who led the Lady Gamecocks with three base hits on the day. Uribe was knocked in by senior Tifanie Cain.

JSU fell to 21-16 overall and played its remaining two games of the tournament on Tuesday against Youngstown and Baltimore.

TAAC Softball Standings

<u>EAST.</u>	<u>TAAC</u>	<u>OVERALL</u>
Florida Atlantic	2-0	28-13
Stetson	2-0	17-20
Mercer	2-4	10-22
Campbell	0-2	7-17
<u>WEST</u>		
Troy State	4-2	21-9
Jacksonville State	5-3	21-16
Georgia State	2-2	15-13
Samford	1-3	8-17
Centenary	0-2	4-30

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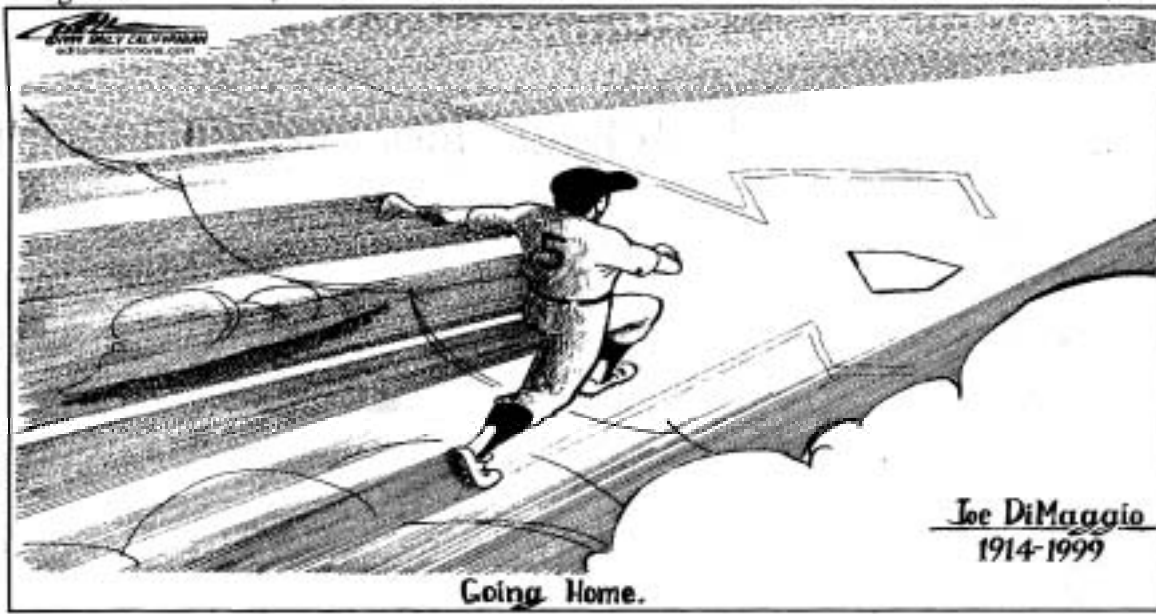
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