JSU students get busy signal

By Anthony Hill
Staff Writer

Busy signal after busy signal is what you might get on a daily basis if you try to dial off campus during the week, according to students and faculty here at JSU.

"I think that it is very disappointing when you are trying to reach friends and family that stay off campus and you simply can't, because the lines are saturated," said Sonquez Williams, a JSU sophomore from Phoenix City, Ala.

Daily histogram reports show between the hours of 10 am and 11 pm the entire telephone system is completely busy. "You can bet that when the system is maxed-out, the next caller will receive a fast busy signal," said Evin Thompson, manager of telephone services.

The goals of the telephone service department are to maintain, improve and expand the communications services rendered by the telephone system; to permit an easy exchange of ideas, information and data as necessary to meet administrative and academic challenges faced by the campus community, according to the departments' website.

There are occasions when we are trying to complete business transactions during the day, between the hours of 8:00 and 10:00 and we are unable to complete these transactions because the phone lines are busy," said Raquel Bryant, administrative assistant of Multicultural Affairs.

"I really don't know what they are doing about the problem of communicating, but it should have been done a long time ago," said Donell Mitchell, a sophomore from Dallas, Texas. "If one can not dial out at night or whenever, then how are they supposed to deal with emergencies that could occur during the day; that is simply dangerous." The telephone service department has a system upgrade scheduled to begin during the thanksgiving holidays and is expected to be completed a week into December. "We are going to upgrade the switch, that's for sure," said Thompson.

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JSU gains alcohol awareness

Guest speakers share their experiences and losses during Alcohol Awareness Week

By Amy McElroy
News Editor

While some came for an autograph or simply to catch a glimpse of the former Crimson Tide running back, many came for the message that he was about to share.

Speaking to more than 215 people who gathered on the 11th floor of the Houston Cole Library last Wednesday evening, Bobby Humphrey shared his trials and tribulations with alcohol and drugs, and how he was able to overcome them.

The former All-American running back from the University of Alabama and All-Pro running back

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The sisters of Phi Mu had a great time in Gainesville this weekend. Thank you to all the seniors Beth Sellers, Misti Schreiner, Summer Bagwell, Aimee Hopkins, Patti Anne Townsend, Brandi Slinko for making this trip happen. Thank you to all the Phi Mu Ladies for making Phi Mu such an awesome chapter. Hope everyone has a wonderful week!

SGA brings game show, students could win big $$$

By Gina R. Smith
SGA Correspondent

This... Jeopardy! Well, not exactly. However, the SGA is bringing a similar quiz show to the JSU campus, giving students an opportunity to flex their cranial muscle.

Next Tuesday from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., teams of students will compete for cash prizes and prizes at the food court. Slab the TMB in a game show called “Think Fast.”

The structure of the competition will be based on team effort. Groups of students will form teams and take part in the event. All university organizations are encouraged to participate, including teams composed of JSU dorm residents.

This particular SGA event has been scheduled for midday, as opposed to the late afternoon and evening time slots often given to other SGA activities. “We wanted to give students who live off campus a chance to participate in our activities,” said SGA second vice-president Donnell Humes. “We also wanted to try something new. A game show isn’t something you’d typically think of as being an SGA activity.”

Attendance at SGA-sponsored events has increased this year, a sign of growing interest among students to become more involved on campus. With a wide variety of activities spanning the course of both semesters, Humes believes this trend of increase will continue.

The SGA hopes “Think Fast” will be one of the most successful events this year. With a top prize of $200 and an energetic, entertaining host, the food court promises to be full on Tuesday.

Announcements

- Free HIV testing: Nursing Center Clinic. Tests done last Friday of each month. Testing done by a representative of the Alabama Department of Public Health. For more information, call 782-5475.
- Students who have lost or accidentally thrown away their student handbook: not to worry, most of your questions can probably be answered on JSU’s website. For a complete handbook visit www.jsu.edu/department/handbook.
- Emotional Development Study: Have a child between eight-months and 30-months-old? JSU’s Center for Child Development needs you for a study on emotional development in infants. Call Sherri Restauri (492-0927, e-mail: st4472@sm.jsu.edu) or Jennifer Benefield (435-9997, e-mail: st2794@sm.jsu.edu).
- Academic Center for Excellence (ACE) Fall 1999 Workshops began with Time Management on Sept. 9. This is the first of many workshops throughout the semester. Please see the events calendar below for new times, locations and subjects. For more information, contact Pearl Williams at 782-5475.
- Need your Flu shot? The student health center will be giving Flu shots beginning Mon., Oct. 18. The cost is $10 available to JSU students and employees only. Shots will be given Monday and Wednesday afternoons between 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. and Friday mornings between 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Please call for appointment and remember your JSU ID card.
- Hammond Hall Gallery will host a Faculty Art Exhibition. The show is free and will continue through Nov. 24. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, please call Steve Louches at 782-5708.
- Applications are now available for membership in Order of Omega, the National Greek Leadership Honor Society. Interested persons should have the following qualifications:
  - Membership in a Greek-letter organization
  - G.P.A. equal to or greater than the all-Greek average of 2.56
  - At least 3rd or 4th year status at completion of Spring 1999
  - Leadership-in the Greek Community and Jacksonville State University
- Applications are available in the Office of Student Activities and are due Wednesday, November 10th. Please contact Cara Dawn Byford, Assistant Director of Student Activities, at 782-5491 for more information.
- Who’s Who applications are available in the Office of Student Activities. If you meet the eligibility requirements please pick up an application. The due date is in Nov. 5.
- JSU Chamber Singers Madrigal Dinner Dec. 2-3, 7:30 p.m. at Leone Cole Auditorium. Call Dr. Corbin for ticket information at 782-5544.
- Applications for JSU Peer Counselor will be available in Room 201 of Bibb Graves. All applicants must have a 2.25 GPA and must have at least 24 semester hours. Applications are due Friday, Dec. 10. For more information contact Eric McCulley at ext. 5278 or mcculley@jsucc.jsu.edu.
- Dauphin Island Sea Lab: All students wishing to take Marine Biology courses at Dauphin Island Sea Lab during Summer 2000 may now register. Please see Dr. Romano, Room 202, Ayers Hall or call at 782-5038. All Dauphin Island Sea Lab courses are listed in the Spring 2000 bulletin on page 29.
- The 13th Annual Phi Mu Alpha Southern Choral Marching Band Contest will be Saturday, Nov. 6. Preliminary registrations will begin at 11 a.m. and finals will begin at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

- The Chanticleer Staff encourages, or rather thrives, on reader feedback. If you have an opinion about anything, drop us a letter or e-mail. We are located in Room 180, Self Hall. Our e-mail address is jsu_chanticleer@hotmail.com, thanks.
Many students feel that the department should add call waiting to the system and others feel that the computer usage is a leading contributor to the problem and some feel that the entire problem is an example of poor planning by the university.

"First of all you need to understand that I am starting my third week in this position, so two and a half weeks ago I had no knowledge of this problem," said Thompson. "We are not satisfied at giving excuses, I am glad that I came in at a time when this upgrade was already set to take place, but I am glad that we are about to address it," said Thompson.

Doug Marlette

Pulitzer Prize-winning editorial cartoonist, Atlanta Journal-Constitution and Newsday, and creator of Kudzu comic strip on the JSU campus for the Ayers Lecture series...

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Doug Marlette

Kudzu comic strip creator, and Pulitzer Prize winning editorial cartoonist, Doug Marlette will be at Jacksonville State University to give the Ayers Lecture this year.

Marlette's editorial cartoons and comic strip can be found in newspapers all over the world. The Ayers Lecture Series, held every year, is specifically designed to bring in a nationally known journalist of some type to speak about the state of the art (journalism) as that person knows it," said JSU Ayers Chair of Broadcasting Lloyd Dobyns.

Marlette has won every major journalism award for his editorial cartoons including the famous Pulitzer Prize in 1998.


Marlette has also had some practice as an "Ivy-leaguer." "He is the only Harvard Nieman Fellow who is a cartoonist," said Dobyns. "Nieman Fellowships are handed out to the brightest newspaper people, the one's that are really up and coming." Marlette will be speaking on the 11th floor of the Houston Cole Library on Wednesday, Nov. 10 at 2 p.m.

Dobyns expects the lecture to be very funny. "He's got a kinky sense of humor and you can never predict what he's going to say."
Richardson, stood beside the overhead projector while photographs of her husband and two young sons flashed before the audience. "I'm just one part of Alcohol Awareness Week's efforts," Richardson said. "Things began to turn around for Humphrey as he sat in jail in Columbus, Ga. After being arrested for possession of marijuana, cocaine and charged with disorderly conduct, he began to look back at the mistakes he had made in his life. "I thought about how I would go out and speak what we have." He had to keep his eyes so he could play basketball with the angels. "We're not telling you to drink, but not to drink," Jones said. "We are just asking that you don't drink and drive. I don't want your mother's having to go through what we have."
By Kevin Cole
Features Editor

A wonderful display of art from those who teach it, opened this week at the Hainmond Hall Gallery. The show contains current pieces from each member of the Art faculty. Most pieces reflect the courses they teach. Marvin Shaw has both three-dimensional works, as well as intricate wood cut prints. “I put the wood pieces in because our students don’t see enough 3D,” said Shaw. “I like it as much as flat work. I escape from one to the other.”

Carter Osterbind has displayed a series of paintings. “I’m taking an image and repeating it;” said Osterbind. “I can do one very realistic and that kind of alters it down. The other ones I can get as crazy as I want.”

The show also contains; beautifully textured Watercolors by Gary Gee, amazing photography and mixed media pieces by Charles Groover. The show also displays intricate and colorful design pieces by Diana Cadwallander and mesmerizing vases and larger than life teapots.

If you enjoy art exhibits this show not only has talented artists but you can actually take a course from one of these artists. The gallery is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Ecstasy, not as euphoric as you think

By Christopher Lauer
Assistant Features Editor

What happened to the good ol’ days of sitting in the corner and drinking beer? Is the dancing, sweating and excessive water consumption all part of a health trend sweeping college campuses?

No, it’s the drug crazed side of the 90’s dichotomous lifestyle, riddled with the number one designer drug—Ecstasy.

Rolls, tabs, X and ecstasy are all street names for the drug, MDMA (methyleneoxydextroamphetamine). MDMA is a synthesized version of a neurotoxin found in animals. It is a stimulant/hallucinogen combination that sells for around $30.

Rumors surfaced over the summer of a shipment of 10 to 15 thousand tabs that hit Jacksonville. Any student who enjoys what little night life Jacksonville has can tell you that X is everywhere but if they are asked what exactly ecstasy is, no one knows. A few students’ responses were similar: “I think it is made up of heroin, cocaine and just a bunch of different stuff.”

“It’s one of the most frightening [drugs],” said Dr. Stephen Taylor of the Alabama Psychiatric Services, the largest psychiatric outpatient service in Alabama, which is located in Huntsville.

MDMA acquired the name ecstasy due to the heightened sense of sexuality it produces in the user. Ecstasy, like other stimulants, “directly stimulates the pleasure center in the brain. They activate the same chemicals that are associated with our body normally when we feel good, happy, or experiencing pleasure,” said Dr. Taylor. “They activate those same chemicals but they do it in a much more direct way and a very powerful way.

“So when you are doing that and also engaging in something pleasurable, you get a heightened sense of that pleasurable activity. So if it’s dancing, if it’s listening to music, if it’s having sex, it greatly increases the euphoria that you get from it,” said Dr. Taylor.

“The problem with that is, shortly after you get the intense euphoria, then you get the other effects of stimulants which are paranoia, hallucinations, thought disorder—all of the symptoms that are classic for schizophrenia. In fact, the very same chemicals that are in overabundance because of your brain’s own pathology in schizophrenia are the exact same chemicals that are released in overabundance when you take drugs like cocaine, or any other stimulant, including ecstasy.”

One of the problems with a drug in Jacksonville that heighters sexuality was addressed by Amy McElroy in the September 23 issue of The Chanticleer which included the cover story “Sleeping with the enemy of JSU;” an article that reported the alarming number of STD’s on the JSU campus.

All sorts of substances have been passed off as

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Editorial: Will NBC cause Y2Kaos

By Adam Smith

Woe is me. Woe is me. The end is near. Banks will go belly-up, businesses will be ruined. There will be no more Barber’s milk and Merita bread at the grocery store. I won’t be able to sign on to AOL Instant Messenger and talk to my friend Heidi in Baltimore.

Yes, Y2K is upon us. Locusts and plagues will ravage the earth. Planes will fall out of the sky. People with pacemakers will drop dead. The world will come to a complete stand-still. However, is it all truth or fiction?

NBC will air their newest made-for-televison venture, “Y2K: The Movie,” on Nov 21. The movie apparently will prey on the fears of all doomsdayers across the U.S. Y2K analysts are worried that the movie may make things worse than they actually are.

Do people really believe everything they hear, watch and read? Let’s not forget a little ditty called “The War of the Worlds.” Woe is me. Woe is me. The end is near. I myself am not worried about the movie. I’ll probably get a kick out of it. It’s the idiots who will believe it that scare the hell out of me. I’ll be honest. I’m sure I’ll have a few cans of spam and tomato soup stashed somewhere between mounting bottles of water. I believe it’s better to be safe than sorry. But I’m not going to withdraw all of my money out of my bank. But I’m realistic in the aspect that my few pennies aren’t going to cause a nation-wide depression.

I also believe that if the government says that we’re ok, we should be fine. Then again, I don’t believe everything the government says, nor do I believe that NBC knows our fate.

By Adam Smith

The Third Explanantion

What effect do you think the soon to be released docudrama, “Y2K: The Movie,” will have on our society?

I think the guys who are going to talk doom and gloom and the sky is falling, as far as Y2K is concerned, in a docudrama, are going to have a tough time selling it to the American people. Most of the stories that have been done, recently in the news, talk about the way people have adjusted to Y2K.

I think most Americans are of the belief that; we are going to transition from the 31 of Dec. 1999 to the first of Jan. 2000 in pretty decent shape. That in deed the sky will not fall.

I think the news media, to its credit, has gotten that story out. Of course we have yet to find out. A lot of horror stories are coming out over seas about Y2K (concerning) flying over seas. Airlines are cutting back on their flights. Not a whole bunch of people are going to be traveling during that Dec 31 to Jan. I period. Some airlines are not going to be flying at all. So from that standpoint there could be a little cause for concern.

But I think the over all premise, if it’s that disaster is about to befall us all on the 31 of December, when the clock strikes twelve, I think that’s going to be a real tough sell on the part of these people.

Jerry Chandler has been involved with three docudramas, one for CBS, ABC, and USA.

Forhum is our readers' column.

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- All submissions must include a name, phone number and student number for JSU students.
- And remember, please think before you write.

Thank You,
The Editorial Staff
From the title, some of you may be thinking I’m gonna bitch about those patchoulis wearin’ hippies that go to all those damn love-ins that they call concerts, and that I’m just so conservative and mis-in-formed that I spelled it wrong. But no.

Why would I waste my time, and your time, talkin’ about a bunch a’ long-haired, log-lovin’ flower children, when I could be expressin’ my beliefs on an important social and political issue? Why waste the 5 minutes I have been given to reach thousands of people by discussin’ something as menial as the lottery, or a New York City art exhibit, when I could be startin’ conversations all over JSU on something that urks me to veary greaters?”

That’s right-fish tanks. I’m here complainin’ about people who own fish tanks—especially the one’s with fish.

I mean, it’s all right to have ‘ah’ fish tank, just don’t put fish in it. You’cn throw greazy rags in it, or hold used motor oil or dog kool-aid in it (anti-freeze). You’cn keep your favorite copies of The Chanticleer in it. Or better yet, donate the fish tank and The Chanticleers with a couple of matches to a few homeless bums on a street corner and maybe, just maybe, they can keep their jobless, schizophrenic (choose a politically cor-
rect slang term for ‘buttocks’) warm for a few hours.

There are many, many more ways to use a fish tank that are much more interesting than simply using it as a place to imprison fish. You’cn keep ‘er in the garage and throw empty beer cans in ‘er. Hell, when I was knee-high to a grasshopper, me and my brother decided we’d make a TV-wars, with their little fish, are completely erased because it’s difficult to control the blast from a Barred war on all pet stores, focusing on the fish sections, but if a few ferrets have to get it...oh well. Unfortunately, an occasional Great Dane may catch a few shards of glass. And just remember, until all the fish tank own-
ers, with their little fish, are completely erased from the surface of this Earth, no one has the right to call me crazy.

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**By Christopher Lauer**

It turned out to be a torture-slash-death chamber for frogs. That’s why I consider a terrarium a justified use of a fish tank. It’s just the act of takin’ the tank in your house, and fillin’ it with water-now that really urinates on my snake skins. ’Cause that can mean only one thing, your gonna drop some mangly-ass fish off in there and start pullin’ people into your home as if you’ve just added a new feature to your home entertainment system. The fish swim. They frickin’ swim, okay. And if I wanted to watch swimming, I’d flip to “Baywatch” and wait for someone to drown.

“...Good things come to those who wait...” We live in an instant-microwave-TV dinner-56k modem I-want-it-give-it-to-me-now age where everything is geared toward fast service. However, not everything is caught up in this speed revolution. Some things just take time. This is where Patience comes in. I realize that I have to exercise patience and just plain wait on some things. For example, I am a typical student in that I never have much money. Although I want lots of money now, I know that realistically this is not going to happen until I get my degree and get established in my field and start saving and investing. Patience teaches me to look at the long run instead of here and now. For me, nothing does it like Prayer. When the class assignments start pil-

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People have different ways of dealing with stress. They deal with it through music, relaxing baths, through competitive sports, even seeking professional help. Some people, sadly, have no way of coping with stress.

As I look back over my academic years, I see that I have had my fare share of it. Fortunately, I have been able to deal with it because of four little words: Patience, Prayer, Positive Thinking and Perseverance. Although I’ve had more than my fair share of rough times, applying these “Four P’s” has helped me tremendously.

For me, nothing does it like Prayer. When the class assignments start pil-
Dear Editor,

I allowed a week or two to go by and gave the Baptists all the room they needed to say their peace on the editorial in which they were blamed for the lottery being voted down. If there were any animosity or antagonism toward the Hardee's family, I knew it may not be as earth shattering as the lottery but I would like to express my opinion as well.

Since when have you, Mr. Sharp, become the fashion guru of the south? You say that the star only helps to show how redneck the south, and more importantly Alabama are. Well I for one have the star on top of my antenna and hardly consider myself as a redneck. In fact the more stars I see the happier it makes me. My fiancée and I are in first semester at JSU. Her father is the regional vice-president of Hardee's and has worked very hard to turn that company around during its conversion process. Each time we see the star on someone's car we know that someone has been at Hardee's. That money will eventually make it to her father which will then be passed on to her and in the end be spent at this university. So as you can see Jacksonville has a closer relationship with the star than you thought.

What ever happened to a person's freedom of speech? If the person wants to ador his car with one star or a million stars, who are you to say if it is or is not fashionable? Maybe that person has enjoyed eating at Hardee's and would like to encourage others to eat there as well. Or maybe just they think the stars look good on their car. Whatever reason maybe they have the right to put it on and not give two cents of monkey pooh what you think.

In the end you have just as much right not to have a star as those who choose to brighten their antenna with the Hardee's logo. They should not however be subject to ridicule from you because of it.

One last question Mr. Sharp. Exactly why did Hardee's fire you?

Jared Duncan

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Dear Editor,

In looking through your Oct. 21 issue, I noticed there was no "Letters to the Editor" column. Nevertheless, I am sending this letter in the hope that the column was merely left out of that issue for lack of contributions.

I was fascinated by the diatribe of Mr. Christopher Lauer in the Oct. 21 issue. It brings to mind several thoughts. First, omniscience must be a terrible burden. That is the only way that he could have gotten the information he purported to have in blaming one group for the defeat of the lottery. I voted in that election and nowhere on my ballot did it require, or even ask, my denominational preference.

Second, as a responsible editor, you need to get that young man some help. Anyone who is as angry as he is needs help badly. Obviously, he was angered by the fact that not everyone in the state of Alabama agreed with his infinite wisdom. But, he was so angry that it led him to defame the poll workers in a most ungentlemanship fashion. May I suggest that you refer him to the very excellent counseling service at JSU?

Finally, no mention was made of the fact that almost every leading newspaper in the state of Alabama took a stand against the lottery. Perhaps it was professional courtesy not to point out that, in all probability, there were the major factor in the lottery’s defeat.

I hope that subsequent comments on hot topics will take a more reasonable, logical approach. It is appropri- ate that Mr. Lauer’s column was labeled “Crier,” for that is certainly what he was doing!

Sincerely,
Robert B. Ford, Jr.

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Dear Editor,

I have to say I've followed the debate about the education-lottery issue with some interest. My father taught music at JSU. My mother taught at high school in Jacksonville. I am now covering the going-on of the school board in High Springs. Florida.

It's a lot like home. Having a lottery has not solved all their needs. It hasn't hurt, but nothing ever fills a gap, especially money.

Money has a way of creating a new gap, because as soon as you think money will solve the problem, you need ever higher piles of the stuff. I am pleased to find that here, in a community much like the one I knew—and in many ways different—money is not the primary issue.

They don't have that much of it anyway. They have to be smart at putting it to its best use. No, what they have here is people, a highly diverse population, retirees who do not always lend a hand to help educate other people's children and a local newspaper man — not from my paper, thank goodness—who remains convinced that everything intended to keep order around here is part of a great conspiracy of corruption.

It isn't, but he likes to think so. Does any of this sound familiar? I hope so.

The truth is that every school district has to make sure its kids are getting the best education they can get, no matter how much money it has or doesn’t have. Money doesn’t teach people. People teach people to focus their attention on attracting people who care about the subject and the kids, and you have good education.

And by the way, if some of you still haven’t noticed, that’s what you have at JSU. The world may not know the name. Give it time. We’re young yet.

Alumnus and native,
Phil Attinger

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The release of the latest Stone Temple Pilots CD, “No. 4,” was as much of a sad event as a happy one.

Unfortunately the talented clean members of the band are having to suffer because lead singer Scott Weiland’s highly publicized drug problems. Unless you haven’t heard, Weiland is currently serving out a one-year sentence in a California prison because of his battle with the needle and spoon. However, Weiland is in fine voice on the new CD and the rest of the band kicks and swaggers as good as they ever have.

To give you a brief history of the band, they emerged in 1992 with their multi-platinum debut, “Core.” The album spawned such alternative classics as “Plush” and “Sex Type Thing.” Their 1994 release, “Purple,” was better featuring “Vaseline” and the terrific “Intestine Love Song.”

Since we last heard from the STP boys on their 1996 release “Tiny Music,” Scott Weiland released an ill-fated solo album, and Eric Kretz and brothers Dean and Scott DeLeo formed the equally ill-fated Talk Show with singer Dean Coutts. Both projects were flops and their rock and roll future hung in the balance.

Rock fans everywhere rejoiced when news of a new STP album was in the works. Thankfully, Brendan O’Brien, producer of “Purple” and “Tiny Music,” was back manning the controls.

The album starts off with the explosive “Down,” in which Weiland sings “pleased to meet you, nice to know me. What’s the message? Will you show me.” As usual, Weiland’s lyrics have a simple, but effective appeal.

The next two songs, “Heaven & Hot Rods” and “Pruno” have a similar enough sound to make you feel like you’re listening to a mid-seventies Boston album. However, Zeppelin-esque riffs keep you interested enough.

The high point of the album comes with the fifth track, “Sour Girl.” The song ranks with one of STP’s best, with stellar acoustic rhythms by Dean mixed with delicately plucked electric lines. Weiland’s vocals are almost breathtaking as he sings about his ex-wife.

Weiland comes clean (so to speak) on “I Got You.” Our favorite druggie sings about his “craving for the good life that sees me through troubled times when my mind begins to wander to the spoon.” It may be Weiland’s most honest moment.

Overall, the CD is another great STP album. I don’t think these guys are capable of making a bad CD. The playing is great throughout, and Weiland actually sings like he gives a damn. Our advice: If you’re a true STP fan, this is a must-have. It doesn’t serve as the best introduction to the band, but it’s not bad.

“Sour Girl” and “I Got You” are worth the price of admission alone.

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This silver screen debut of British theater director Sam Mendes takes a haunting look at what American suburbia has become at the end of the twentieth century while defining, to him, what is truly beautiful.

The Burnhams (Kevin Spacey and Annette Benning) are a middle-aged, middle-income, and a middle-of-the-road married couple who is fed up with the others' cynicism cultivated after many years of marriage. But, they put on the facade that they have a nice, normal life set in a suburb sporting the trendy cars and lower-white collar jobs so prevalent in America.

Father Burnham is stuck in his drone-like job barely making it from day to day without snapping when he learns his company is downsizing and he will be one of the first to go. He decides it's time to move on but without blackmailling his company for about $60K with some dirt he has on an executive.

Mother Burnham is a strong-willed, positive-about-life ice queen who sells real estate and literally goes to bed with the competition. She's not as strong as she looks and is actually on the verge of an emotional breakdown until she fanatically adopts gunplay as a hobby and a way to blow off steam.

Their daughter, Jane (Thora Birch), is the rebel in the family desperately withdrawing from her parents, as well as her deteriorating sense of life, and is perhaps the only real thing in the family. Jane hates only one thing more than her perverted father, drooling over anything with breasts she brings home, and her fake mother, who actually carries two faces for the two very different levels of confidence she has, and that's her best friend.

Angela (Mena Suvari) is the stereotypical, teenage, manipulative prom queen willing to sleep with anyone to get ahead in her soon-to-be-modeling career and plays an important role in Jane's self-discovery. The most prolific acting comes from Wes Bentley, who plays Jane's next-door-boyfriend Ricky who also likes to get her dad high. Ricky is ruled by his militant, ex-marine father whose charge has ruined his wife's mental state and any relationship he could ever hope to have with Ricky.

Mendes gives a harsh look at life and society while teaching us that we all need to "stop and smell the roses (a repeating symbol and theme in the movie)."

The mix of first rate performances from all the actors, Mendes' peculiar direction and his vision of what is truly beautiful in life makes for a sure nod from Oscar in the "big five" categories come March.

I'd recommend this movie anytime you get a chance to go and see it.

Grade: A

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**Ecstasy**

Ecstasy, including pure amphetamines, methadone and mixtures of these two that include anything from worming pills to fish tank oxygenating tablets.

"That makes it, in my mind, even more dangerous because literally, you have no idea what you're getting," said Dr. Taylor. "If you did know what you were getting, and if you could say for sure that it was a pure stimulant/hallucinogen combination, then you still have the dangers inherent with stimulant and hallucinogens, which are many. You literally become psychotic. Your judgement goes completely out the window. You have a very good chance of fatal cardiac infarction."

Taylor agreed that Ecstasy usage was on the rise among high school and college age kids. His explanation: "I don't think you hear enough of the numerous stories of the other people who are not as famous, don't have as much potential to be rich and famous, whom tried something, maybe not for the first time, maybe they did it several times and got away with it and therefore were lulled into a false sense of security about it and then one time had a bad trip or it finally affected there heart, even though it hadn't done it the previous 30 or 40 times they did it, and caused a fatal cardiac eurythmia."

"Those are the people you don't hear a whole lot about. And it's sort of like playing Russian roulette every weekend," said Dr. Taylor. "But if they're not the type of people who would do that then they ought to think seriously about doing what they're doing when using these so-called designer drugs. They are dangerous in ways that medical science hasn't fully worked out yet."
The Life of Business and the Business of Life

The title of a new biography written by JSU’s Professor Jackson

By Amanda Voss
Staff Writer

Professor Harvey H. Jackson writes for pleasure to cover a very important part of history.

Professor Jackson (the head of the Department of History and Foreign Languages) has just written a biography on Henry C. Goodrich.

The book, entitled Henry C. Goodrich: A Life of Business and the Business of Life, tells the story of this leading Southern business manager and his rise to become CEO of Inland Container Corporation in Indianapolis, Indiana.

“Goodrich’s career is unique in that he was involved in sales, manufacturing, and energy,” according to JSU newswire.

“I learned of Mr. Goodrich through a friend of mine who knew him and his family,” said Professor Jackson. “Since his career covered so much of the economic and business history in the United States since World War II, studying him seemed a natural way to study a period in which I was interested.”

“The book took about two years to research and write,” said the author. “It was easier to research because Mr. Goodrich was alive and could be interviewed, and he kept extensive records that were made available to me.”

Professor Jackson also expressed his desire to write a bibliography again, since his first book was a bibliography written about twenty years ago.

This book, released by Black Belt Press, will be available in most chain bookstores and is the first book written on this nationally leading businessman.
LEHIGHTON, Pa. - A portly (and growing) raccoon with a taste for snack food has waddled his way into the record books. The Guinness Book of Records last week named Bandit the world's heaviest raccoon, tipping the scales at 52.5 pounds. Since his last trip to the vet, he's gained another two pounds. Owner Pepper Klitsch said Bandit's favorite foods include potato chips, french fries, blueberry slurpies, Swiss cheese crackers, white cheddar cheese curls and Froot Loops cereal. Do we feel envy or disdain?

Man off hook for one-cent bill

EVANSVILLE, Ind. - Herman Wicker is off the hook for a recent emergency room bill, even after refusing to give one red cent to a collection agency to clear up the matter. The bill, which said the 85-year-old man owed a penny to a doctor at an Evansville hospital. Wicker said he was surprised about two months ago when he received a letter explaining the charge. He had not received a bill from the hospital or the doctor, he said. "I just couldn't believe it. I just couldn't believe it," Wicker said. Wicker telephoned the collection agency, pointed out the amount due was one cent and said he wasn't going to pay it. About 10 minutes later, the company called back to say an error had been found.

Llamma victim of mistaken identity

GREAT FALLS, Mont. - What's the difference between a deer and a llama? Well, a 21-year-old hunter opened the state's big game season Sunday by mistakenly shooting a 300-pound llama on the Cascade Hutterite Colony near Fort Shaw. The man didn't realize what the hornless, long-necked, woolly animal was, until he was rejected by a meat processor. "There are no charges, and this guy is absolutely humiliated," Game Warden Steve Vinnedge said.

Crab traps save man's life

TAMPA, Fla. - Overboard without a life jacket in the Gulf of Mexico, John Harris became innovative. Harris, 53, relied on flotation devices borrowed from crab traps to keep him above water while he awaited rescue. When Harris' nephew reported him missing, and a state officer spotted his boat with no one aboard, the Coast Guard launched a full-scale search. When a vessel rescued Harris later in the day, the improvisational buoys had kept him afloat for 30 hours. He was in good condition at Naples Community Hospital, a spokeswoman said.

Welding masks are Halloween fad

NORTH RIDGEVILLE, Ohio - Watch out for ghosts, goblins and those scary welders. The latest holiday hit in this Cleveland suburb is novelty welding masks, with helmets fashioned in the shape of devils, dogs, androids and more, all complete with dark visors. One welder, Jason Kuchta, eyed the hand-painted masks appreciatively, saying they were way too nice to wear on the job. The masks, made by a branch of Pro Plasti-F orm of Gardena, Calif., weren't designed for Halloween per se, but the company doesn't seem to mind. "At $59.95, you can do whatever you want with it," said Mary Sawyer, who handles the firm's sales.

The kindness of a stranger

NORWALK, Ohio - Chris Kempf's first fishing trip to Lake Erie last month seemed like a disaster until he hooked some human kindness. About eight miles off South Bass Island, the 26-year-old lost the leather wallet his wife, Jennifer, gave him on their wedding day. Then, earlier this month, an envelope arrived from Ontario. In an enclosed letter, retired Andy Cincnak told Kempf he found the wallet near his cottage and had carefully dried out the contents, including Kempf's treasured family pictures and a cross Kempf's mother had given him. Cincnak said he was glad to return the wallet. Kempf said he wants to buy Cincnak dinner.

Pie baking contest spurs political romance

SPRINGFIELD, Ore. - Springfield Mayor Maureen Maine, 43, plans to get hitched to Lowell Mayor Warren Weathers, 52, after a whirlwind courtship that began with a pie-making contest. The two met last February but sparks didn't begin to fly until July, when Weathers challenged Maine to a pie-making contest at Lowell's annual Blackberry Jam. Weathers lost and treated Maine and some colleagues to dinner at the town's only restaurant. The wedding is set for Thanksgiving Day, but it will definitely not be at City Hall.
Gamecocks lose to conference leaders

By Erik Green
Sports Editor

JSU’s football team had bad luck against conference opponents this season, and on Saturday, as the Gamecocks went to Stephen F. Austin, they found themselves playing catch up, only to lose 33-16.

Stephen F. Austin is the number one team in the Southland Conference, mostly because they have played more conference games than Troy State. SFA is number one for another good reason: running back Isiah Stoker. Stoker stroked the Gamecocks with 35 carries for 304 yards, and three touchdowns. SFA had 322 yards rushing and 193 yards in the air.

The Gamecocks were held to 66 yards on the ground, and, as usual, JSU posted high numbers passing, with 224 yards on 18 completions.

The Gamecocks have been a notorious fourth quarter team this year, and against SFA, the first JSU points came in the last 12 minutes of play.

The first three-quarters were all SFA. For most of the first half, both defenses held strong, but with 1:52 remaining before intermission, SFA made their way to the 23-yard line and kicked a field goal. The Lumberjacks capitalized on their next possession, and with less than a minute left in the half, SFA’s quarterback Wes Pate connected with receiver Jay Stegall from one yard out, to give the Lumberjacks a 10 point lead.

In the second half, SFA’s Stoker went wild. SFA moved down the field in the opening 30 seconds of the half, and after two plays, Stoker ran into the endzone for the second Lumberjack touchdown.

With less than 10 minutes to play in the third, Stoker broke free of Gamecock defenders, and raced unscathed 57 yards down the field for another SFA touchdown.

The game remained 24-0 until early in the fourth quarter, when Stoker took a three-yard run into the endzone, to put the Lumberjacks up by 30.

Without the benefit of a mercy rule, the Gamecocks pushed the ball down the field on their next possession, and JSU running back Mike Daies scored from 10 yards out to put the Gamecocks within 23.

On SFA’s next possession, the Gamecocks stepped up and got a safety, closing the gap to 21. JSU took over after the safety, and moved the ball 52 yards on six plays to score another touchdown on the hand-off from Reggie Stancil to Rondy Rogers. With 5:23 left in the game, JSU trailed SFA 30-16.

The light of hope for JSU was short lived, as SFA’s Ted Woodard closed the book on the Gamecocks by nailing a 25-yard field goal. The Lumberjacks would hold on to win by the final score of 33-16.

SFA, improved to 6-2 overall and 5-0 in the conference. JSU fell to 2-6 overall and 1-4 in the conference.

The Gamecocks will be on the road in yet another tiny tongue-twisting town next week as the travel to Natchitoches, La. to take on the Demons of Northwestern State. The last JSU home game will be Nov. 13 against Georgia Southern.

Lady Gamecocks kick out Cancer Tournament

By Joel Lamp
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Jacksonville State claimed the second annual Kick-Out Cancer Tournament by defeating Middle Tennessee State 3-0 on Sunday, and a scoreless tie against Georgia Southern on Friday.

In the Georgia Southern match, goalkeeper Adrianna Finelli had brilliant game, facing 20 shots and making seven saves, three of which came in the two overtime periods.

Angela Tribble paced the Lady Gamecock offense, getting three shots. Allegra Pound had two shots to help the Lady Gamer’s cause.

On Sunday the Lady Gamecock offense woke up. Tribble opened the scoring with a breakaway goal with just under six minutes left in the first half. Andrea Poole got the assist after setting her up with a pass over the defenders straight to Tribble.

With a 1-0 lead at the half, Meghan Barker gave the Lady Gamers a 2-0 lead just ten minutes into the second half. She fired a shot from the edge of the penalty box, and was set up by a pass from Poole.

With a 2-0 lead, Jennifer Weatherspoon put the match away with another breakaway goal. She was lead beautifully by Mary Stephenson, who dropped the pass over the defender’s heads, and Weatherspoon blasted it by the goal keeper.

For the regular season, the Lady Gamecocks went 11-3-5. They are the number four seed going into the Trans America Athletic Conference Tournament, which starts Friday.

Two years ago, the JSU women’s soccer program made its first ever post-season appearance at the Trans America Athletic Conference Tournament. They lost to eventual champion Georgia State in the first round.

In the two years since, the Lady Gamecocks have improved vastly. Last season left a bitter taste in the Lady Gamecocks mouth as they did not make the conference tournament. This season, they finished fourth in the conference and face number five seed Florida Atlantic in the first round.

Jax State is looking to wash away that experience two years ago, and claim the third conference title for Jacksonville State since moving to Division I five years ago (Softball won the TAAC in 1995 and Men’s Golf won in 1997).

First up for Jax State is Florida Atlantic. The Owls beat JSU in Jacksonville earlier in the season 2-1 in overtime. In that match,

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JSU scored a controversial goal that was overturned because of a delayed offside call. With a chance to avenge that loss, the Lady Gamecocks have a good chance of defeating FAU.

The winner of that first round match advances to face number one seed Central Florida. JSU played Central Florida earlier in the season to scoreless tie, as goalkeeper Adrianna Finelli had nine saves. The tie to JSU is the only blemish on UCF’s conference record, as they ranked 12th in the nation in goals against average, with a .625 GAA.

For the Lady Gamecocks win, they will need solid play from their top players. Senior Andrea Poole has led the Lady Gamecocks in scoring this season as she has eight goals and 24 points on the season. Freshmen Angela Tribble and Emily Hulburt have also come up big for the Lady Gamecocks. Tribble has seven goals and Hulburt has six goals to go along with her five assists.

If the Lady Gamecocks play as well as they have showed at times this season, this team has a shot at claiming the TAAC and advancing to the NCAA Tournament.
By Erik Green

Sports Editor

The Southland Football conference has been labeled the “toughest conference” in NCAA division IAA, and for good reason.

Some of the best teams in the nation call the Southland Conference their home, from top-ranked Troy State to Stephen F. Austin, ranked number 20 in the Division IAA polls, to our very own JSU who had a stellar season last year. Every year, Southland teams stand out in Division IAA.

JSU has had their share of top quality athletes to compete in DIAA’s Southland Football Conference. Current Gamecock receiver Joey Hamilton wrote his name in the conference record books this year. Last season, Montressa Kirby left JSU as one of the best quarterbacks in Southland history.

This year, other teams have brought players to the spotlight of DIAA. Troy State quarterback Brock Nutter is nearing the 2000-yard mark in passing yards, and has the second highest percentage in the Southland with 58.0. The leading passer in the Southland calls Sam Houston State his home. SHSU quarterback Chris Chaloupka leads the Southland in almost every category imaginable in regards to quarterbacks. Chaloupka has 2110 yards passing, and 16 touchdowns. He has a quarterback rating of 61.0. Chaloupka has given up 11 interceptions on the season.

In years past, McNeese State has been the proverbial powerhouse of the Southland, but this year, the Cowboys have suffered their share of defeats. Cowboy quarterback Blake Prejean is still one of the best in the country. Prejean has thrown 170 passes this season, and has completed 94 of them, for 1168 yards and eight touchdowns.

Northwestern State boasts the best running back in the Southland in Tony Taylor. Taylor has 186 carries for 1029 yards, and 12 touchdowns. Stephen F. Austin has two running backs who have legitimate claims to the second spot in the running back category. Karon Coleman, and Isiah Stoker are arguably the best position backs in the Southland Conference. Coleman has 89 carries for 765 yards and 10 touchdowns, and teammate Stoker has 104 carries for 681 yards and five touchdowns.

Sadly, a good bit of Stoker’s yardage came against JSU this past Saturday.

JSU boasts some of the finest receivers in the Southland. Hamilton has 48 receptions for 625 yards, and five touchdowns. Cedric Allen has come into his own during this, his junior season, with 28 catches for 357 yards and four touchdowns. This season, JSU has had many tough battles to face. The loss of All-American Montressa Kirby was one of the biggest, but two quarterbacks with little game experience came in and got their feet wet, and in the process, the two-redshirt freshman racked up their share of numbers. Reggie Stancil has 99 completions for 1281 yards, and 11 touchdowns. His counterpart, Tim Gallahan, has 49 completions, 582 yards, and four touchdowns.

If the experts are correct, Troy State will win the National Championship in DIAA. DIAA does something a little unusual to most people familiar with college football; they have a championship for the national title. Most people who watch college basketball know that the team on top after the regular season is not necessarily destined for the National Title. I think this year is the year of the Trojan, and Troy State will probably win it all, but be on the lookout for number two Tennessee State.

This year has brought forth an exciting season of Southland Football, and we must now wait for the championship to see if the Southland is really the “toughest conference” in DIAA.