Trustees surprise JSU with annual tuition hike

By Dave Sharp
Editor

Jacksonville State University will continue raising tuition, the university’s Board of Trustees decided Monday.

Due to inadequate state funding, according to the Board, trustees passed an 8.2 percent tuition hike, up from $1,220 per semester to $1,320 per semester ($110 per credit hour). Tuition has risen 43 percent since 1995, when it was $920 per semester. Housing costs will remain the same as last year.

“As a student, I don’t want tuition to increase,” said Brandon Pierce, a JSU junior. “Many kids today have a hard enough time with [the cost of] college.”

“I don’t mind a slight increase if that money is helping the students,” said Stacy Cross, a JSU sophomore. “I think it’s ridiculous if almost all of that money goes towards the [remodeling and renovating] of buildings. I think if JSU is going to raise our tuition, they need to make more scholarships available.”

JSU students are borrowing more than ever to pay for their education, said Dr. David Watts, vice president for academic and student affairs, according to a report from The Anniston Star. Over 70 percent of the student body will receive some sort of financial aid this year, totaling $25 million. But they are paying off their loans very well, he added, with a default rate, 8.1 percent, well below the national average.

Other business:
- 1.3 acres of land near Kitty Stone Elementary School will be traded with the Jacksonville City Board of Education. The school board will build an administrative building there. In return, JSU will receive a 1.27-acre parcel near the old high school.

JSU wants land for its Northeast Alabama Economic Development Consortium. The consortium is a workplace development center run by JSU, Gadsden State Community College and Ayers State Technical College.
- University planners will extend the Chief Ladiga Trail to JSU, thanks to a near $200,000 federal grant.
- This summer, Construction on the Gadsden Economic Development Center will begin, a joint project of JSU and Gadsden State Community College. The $3 million center will focus on job training, small business development and distance learning.
- Renovations should begin to several buildings, including replacing the exterior of Houston Cole Library, adding parking spaces at Martin Hall, and roof and athletic field buildings.
- U.S. Sen. Jeff Sessions will receive an honorary degree when he speaks at commencement.

Open for business

JSUPD: “turn your radio down,” or pay big $$$

By Adam Smith
Managing Editor

How much is too much? That’s a question some students may be asking after recent campus citations for violations of Jacksonville City ordinance 387, or quite simply, the noise ordinance.

A handful of JSU students have been issued citations for this offense over the last two weeks. “A majority of our vehicle stops and our citations that we give out are not because someone has complained, but because someone has driven by one of our officers with their music way too loud,” said JSU Deputy Chief Terrance Schneider.

JSUPD officers have been issuing non-traditional citations to students who love high volume in their autos. However, some officers have also been giving warnings to the noisy students, said Schneider.

Section two of the noise ordinance states that “It is hereby declared a nuisance and shall be continued on page 3, NOISE

2000-2001 JSU Ambassadors selected

By Buffy Smith
JSU News Bureau

The first line-up of the JSU Ambassadors has been selected.

The Ambassadors is a new student organization, formed to help with University recruitment efforts. Adorned in JSU T-shirts, they will serve as official representatives at many University events— Preview Days, Graduation and Foreign Language Days. They will also accompany JSU admissions counselors to area high schools to recruit freshmen.

The following students were selected by the JSU Admissions Office to serve during the 2000-2001 academic year.

• Rebekah Adams, History/English major, from Heflin
• Brooke Bell, Criminal Justice major, from Cookeville, Tenn.
• Ryan Bonds, Finance major, from Guntersville
• Joshua Boyd, Criminal Justice major, from Gadsden
• Jennifer Downs, Nursing major from Montevallo
• Justin Edge, Computer Science major, from Jacksonville
• Mary Beth Edwards, Communication major, from Summerville, Ga.
• Daniel McLaren, Biology major, from Springville
• Kelli Patterson, Elementary Education major, from Roanoke
• Amanda Pope, Secondary Education major, from Rainsville
• Lauren Thrower, Exercise Science major, from Oxford
• Heath Willoughby, Elementary Education major, from Crossville
• Valerie Womack, Nursing major, from Fort Payne
• Ginny Wyatt, Computer Science major, from Pell City
• Salisa Gamble, Nursing major, from Anniston
White separatist group raises student ire on U. of Texas campus

By Julie Chen

A white separatist group's racially targeted fliers incited a student rally against racism on the University of Texas' campus Monday, and has prompted discussions of modern race relations among the general student body.

The fliers, which stated, "Don't have sex with blacks - Avoid AIDS!" cited the names of three black men who allegedly "lied about being HIV positive and had sex with dozens of white women."

About 4,000 of the fliers were distributed among the Houston, Dallas, Waco, College Station and Austin areas last week by the National Alliance, an organization that identifies itself as a white separatist group.

Last semester, the same group hung "Save the white race" banners over highway overpasses, causing uproar among both students and local residents.

"It saddens me that people think that, because it's apparent that people who think that way lack sufficient education and haven't been exposed to real-world experiences," said Elia Montelongo, a UT senior majoring in corporate communications and government. "It's one thing to be ignorant, but it's another thing to be proud about it."

The National Alliance advocates the establishment of an "Aryan nation" free of Jews and racial minorities, according to the Southern Poverty Law Center, a non-profit agency that tracks hate organizations.

A spokesman for the National Alliance, who asked to remain anonymous, told the Daily Texan that his organization is using university campuses to promote its message.

Students are pushing for the UT administration to "come out and make a statement against the group and say they are creating a hostile environment for African Americans on campus," according to Daron Roberts, UT student government president.

James Vick, vice president for student affairs, said UT is pursuing the individual who posted the fliers.

So far, UT hasn't released any public statements or press releases about the incident.

We've done all we can do here, it's time to ride...

Happy Trails!
Six JSU students have been selected to spend the summer working for Mickey and Minnie Mouse at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida.

Sakara Jones, LaShonda Hemphill, Tanya Fitchard, Ikenna Foxx, Michael Vaughan and Ambram Bowie were interviewed in March at Alabama A & M University by Disney recruiters.

The students had to compete for their positions against students from more than 1,000 colleges worldwide. They will work May-August and have the option of coming back and working holidays.

Pearl Williams, coordinator of part-time employment, is excited that so many JSU students were selected.

"I think it's one of the most exciting and unique experiences a college student can have," she said. "They live and work with a Fortune 500 company and gain experience that's unparalleled."

JSU has participated in the program since 1987. In the past 12 years, students have served in many positions at the theme park—merchandising, life guarding, and transportation. One student even served as Aladdin, while another was Minnie Mouse.

The students live in their own clubhouse with students from all over the world. When they're not working, students attend weekly seminars—learning work skills, leadership and the operation of a Fortune 500 company.

"They learn ideas that they can transfer to another job," said Williams. "This looks really good on a resume."

In October, Disney will interview students who want to participate in the spring program. If you're interested in working at Disney, contact Williams at 256-782-5289.

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### ORLANDO OR BUST: JSU students Sakara Jones, LaShonda Hemphill, Tanya Fitchard, Ikenna Foxx, Michael Vaughan and Ambram Bowie

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### Campus police cracks down on noisy students

unlawful to operate or play any radio, musical instrument, or similar device, whether from a motor vehicle or by a pedestrian, in such a manner so as to be plainly audible to any person other than the driver or operator of the device at a distance of five feet or more in the case of a pedestrian. Schneider added that if students don’t like the stiff penalties and fines, “turn your radio down.” The Jacksonville City Ordinance 387 states the following: Ordinance number 387


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Metallica, recording industry wage war against Napster

By James Boozer
Campus Correspondent
Columbia College

One of the newest and largest online music-sharing sites, Napster, suffered a major blow last week when the rock group Metallica sued it and three universities for copyright and racketeering violations.

The suit claims that Napster, along with Yale University, Indiana University and the University of Southern California, encouraged the trading of copyrighted music over the Internet without prior permission from Metallica.

"It is sickening to know that our art is being traded like a commodity rather than the art that it is," said Metallica drummer Lars Ulrich in a statement on the Elektra Records Web site.

"We take our craft, whether it be the music, the lyrics, or the photos and artwork very seriously."

Napster, a San Mateo, Calif.-based company that grew out of a dorm room at Northeastern University, allows registered users to search and download music directly from the hard drives of other Napster users. The files are stored using the MP3 digital format which allows them to be transmitted over the Web.

The MP3 digital files allow for the content of an average compact disc to compressed to one-tenth its original size while retaining its crystal-clear sound quality.

Joining Metallica in its fight against Napster is the Recording Industry Association of America. The RIAA filed a copyright infringement suit against Napster in December of last year. They also support a new standard, the Secure Digital Musical Initiative, aimed at wiping out music piracy and establishing a copy-protected alternative to the MP3.

"We regret that the band’s management saw fit issue a press release—and to file a lawsuit—without even attempting to contact Napster," said Eileen Richardson, CEO of Napster, in a statement to the Associated Press. The suit marks a new chapter in this music battle by involving three universities.

Officials at Indiana University have yet to respond to the suit citing that they have not seen a copy of it. IU blocked access to Napster in mid-February, but restored it last month after fixing its computer system.

Yale University officials alerted its students in February to the requirements of federal copyright laws as they applied to Napster according to university spokesman Tom Conroy. "[The school] is firmly committed to respecting intellectual property rights. We believe that the university has no liability to Metallica." Officials at USC could not be reached for comment.

Metallica is seeking to have the Napster site shut down, and the RIAA is asking for $100,000 for each copyright infringement. It is believed that the RIAA suit could force an amendment to the law governing electronic copyright issues passed in 1998.

With an estimated base of 8 million users, Napster is just one piece of the MP3 empire that continues to thrive and may continue to do so for years to come.

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From TMS Campus

Japan’s Trade Ministry has loosened procedures for exporting Sony Corp.’s PlayStation2 after imposing controls because of fears that some of the video game system’s parts could be used for military purposes.

The most profitable product of Sony Computer Entertainment, a subsidiary of electronic giant Sony, was slapped with the restrictions because the machine and its eight-megabyte memory card are sophisticated they could be used in missile guidance systems.

The machine, which includes a digital video disc (DVD) player and will eventually offer Internet access, figures prominently into Sony's profit goals. The company said it shipped 1.4 million in the month after the game’s March 4 launch and aims to ship another 4 million consoles in Japan and 3 million each to Europe and the United States by the first of next year. European and U.S. shipments are scheduled to start later this year.

Sony officials minimized the risk to its business imposed by the restrictions, which, they added, amounted to little more than some additional paperwork.

Sony’s first version of Playstation generated about 40 percent of the company’s group-based operating profits. The company already is facing tough competition from Microsoft Corp., which is expected to enter the game market later next year with its own video-game system, tentatively called “X-Box.”
Local rapper, JSU student speaks easy

By Christopher Lauer
Copy Editor

“I’ve seen a lot of different things. A lot of people, our age, and of my race, don’t usually get a chance to see stuff like that. And what I try to do, especially in my rhymes, is bring a lot of those aspects to the table.”

Jacksonville State University senior Dave Washington, a communications major, is the local artist Brohamm (Brother of every man). Last year he released his first album, which has done well in area sales, but even better in Internet sales.

His first album, “Ballin’ beyond ‘99,” promotes, according to Washington, “factual knowledge, hope, real life experiences and blue prints for a better future, while still keeping ‘crunk.’”

Washington is a student, a father, an ex-military policeman, the son of a pro-football player and a talented artist who finds the message he portrays in his music as very important. “I just want to be able to make an impact, maybe to say something that somebody doesn’t already know, make ‘em dance and listen to my poetry.”

Washington has been rapping since 1985 and has been doing it professionally for five years. He describes his style as a mixture of “southern hip-hop, east coast hip-hop and west coast rap.”

He recently shot a video at Club Retro and his second album, “3-6-0 Solo,” is scheduled for release this summer.

Along with his other accomplishments and irons in the fire, Washington is a businessman who handles all the paperwork for his own record label, Swing Chop Records, located in Nashville. The ownership of Swing Chop is shared with his DJ and best friend, Bruce Alan Dungee. Washington is also the executive producer of his albums.

Even though Washington has help and support from fellow JSU students (Mike Keinholz-marketing, Steve Levinson-road management, Candra O’Neill-webtech, Chris Colvard-CD page designer), he said he has difficulty juggling everything and that it is often his creative side that gets lost in the shuffle.

“Sometimes I have to totally cut off my creative skills. If I get a break from not having to do so much running around with the music, or calling this person, or doing that, or doing homework, I’m there. I just have to do it in sections. I have to take care of priorities first and then the artistic side is kind of like the reward.”

Besides being a personal reward, Washington’s artistic side has lead to an opening gig for the Goodie Mob and the chance to release a second album. “The new [album] is a lot more powerful, I think. It’s more mainstream but it’s also got a lot more elements of me. Every song is not a cash money song.”

Washington said he tries to diversify his message and bring as many aspects of life to the table as possible, but he makes one thing clear, “I think that the world is too big for everybody not to get along. There’s enough for everybody. We got to live here. When we die we’re all gonna be right or wrong. But while we’re here, regardless of everything else, we should be able to kick it.”

Washington’s music has received air play on JSU’s WLJS 92J and can be purchased at area CD stores, such as Slip Disc and CD Cellar, and over the Internet at Cdnov.com.

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Famous, or infamous, last words

By Dave Sharp

At the risk of sounding arrogant, you may recognize the following words:

If you’ve learned a firm and generated the rest of the words as a personal attack. A lot of people found comfort in our words and the phrase, “It’s about time someone stood up and...” was uttered by more than a few. I’m pleased either way. That might further infuriate the already scorned; but it was good to see that whether or not you agreed with us, apathy gave way, little by little. For a time, JSU students were concerned about issues that affected their college life.

Today, JSU administration, religion, Greek life, JSU administration and policies, campus police, local police, race relations and ourselves (through you) have been subject to controversy almost every day. Some might say these issues and organizations have been unfairly criticized. I would say we put them under a microscope and asked some important questions that nobody else would (or could).

Alas, I think there might be some misconceptions about editorial procedure here at The Chanticleer. We don’t just read a piece, laugh, think how much it might piss somebody off, laugh some more and irresponsibly drop it into the layout. Any editorial piece that had an iota of controversy was carefully dissected and in most cases, heavily edited by the editorial staff and myself. One in particular was discussed over an eight hour, two-day period and went through five edits before you read the finished product.

In the positive column, The Chanticleer is one of the best things I’ve ever been a part of. I encourage everyone to take the time to get involved with an institution like this on or around campus. To be a part of the student media, SGA, JSU athletics, a peer counselor, a JSU Ambassador, any club or organization or anything is something better than what I did the first three years at JSU: drink beer, watch movies and skip class.

Finally, I’d like to thank everyone and anyone who helped with the production of “the best year” The Chanticleer has seen in a very long time. My staff was outstanding; they deserved much more compensation than they received in their monthly paychecks.

Thanks for reading...
it was too late. Mother and child are doing well.

Guatemalans mark holiday with floggings

GUATEMALA CITY - The annual Easter witch hunt where thousands of hooded students publicly strip down suspected criminals and beat them is starting even earlier this year. The tradition and its accompanying parade - where about 15,000 mostly male students hit the streets in red and black executioner's hoods, asking for spare change to help finance their procession - began before Holy Week. In some cases where there was no time for elaborate details, incidents ended with students simply pummeling suspected criminals bloody. Vigilante acts are the norm in Guatemala, where last year saw 108 lynching attempts.

Even prostitutes need work permits

KARLSRUHE, Germany - Even the world's oldest profession is out of bounds for foreigners living in Germany without a work permit, the Constitutional Court ruled Friday.

The high court ruled in a case involving a 22-year-old Bulgarian woman who was caught working as a prostitute and fined for violating the conditions of her residency. The woman, who is married to a German, argued that the law was vague about whether the ban on "gainful employment" included prostitution. A lower court disagreed, and the Constitutional Court upheld that decision. Prostitution is legal in Germany.
Cracker is back, and this time they came armed with a two CD set called “Garage D’or” sure to please anyone who still believes Rock and Roll has a chance in hell of surviving.

For those unfamiliar with Cracker’s charm and sheer rockability, David Lowery (lead vocals) and Johnny Hickman (lead guitar) have been plugging away since their first release in 1992. With their 1994 release, “Kerosene Hat,” the guys gained huge national attention with their anthem-like kicker, “Low.”

However, rather than just throw out some oldies, Cracker finishes the first disc with three new cuts. “Be My Love” shows a stylistic shift for the band, sounding not unlike Radiohead. “Heaven Knows I’m Lonely Now” puts the guys on more familiar ground, with Lowery doing his usual vocals! The all-instrumental track sounds more like the fare of Dick Dale than a functional rock band. The remaining nine selections by a truly no bullsh*t rock band.

In my opinion: If you love Cracker, this is an absolute must-have. The second CD is truly diverse set of compositions by a truly no bullshit rock band.

Other novelties include a cover of the 70’s AM radio classic, “Rainy Days and Mondays,” and the accordion and fiddle powered instrumental “Steve’s Hornpipe.” This is truly a diverse set of compositions by a truly no bullshit rock band.

In my opinion: If you love Cracker, this is an absolute must-have. The second CD is truly awe-inspiring, not to mention the first disc. If you love bands that give 100% of their soul to Rock and Roll, give Cracker a try. To say the least, this CD is “crunk,” whatever that means.

By Adam Smith
Gamecocks fall to Central Florida in weekend series

From JSU Sports Information

With two strong pitching performances, Central Florida (30-12, 11-3) swept Jacksonville State (19-21, 2-12) in a key Trans America Athletic Conference doubleheader on Saturday.

Justin Pope pitched shut down the Gamecock offense in game one, holding JSU to just seven hits in his six innings of work. Pope bested JSU’s ace Bill White, who was ejected after the fourth inning for arguing with the umpire. White, who’s record dropped to 6-4, pitched only four innings, giving up seven runs, and walking nine while only giving up four hits.

The Golden Knights took control of the game early, scoring two runs in the first inning, on no hits. White walked the first batter, and hit the next one. The third reached on a fielder’s choice, but Ivan Trujillo beat out the play at second to keep the bases loaded. White then walked Jeremy Frost, to drive in the first run for UCF. White finally got an out when Matt Bowers hit a sacrifice fly to right field to give UCF a 2-0 lead.

The Gamecocks would cut the lead to one in the third. Jason Nunn hit a two out double to right field, which was followed by Russell Harry hitting a triple into right field to cut the lead to 2-1. But UCF would ice the game in fourth, scoring five runs, and added two more runs for insurance in the sixth against JSU reliever Jon Hannah.

JSU scored two runs in the seventh off UCF reliever Chris Youngberg, on a two run homer by Mike Helms, to make the final score 9-3.

“We had a chance to win the second game and get a split,” said JSU head coach Rudy Abbott in his quest for 1,000 wins. “We just didn’t take advantage of our opportunities.”

Game two began with a bang, as Central Florida’s Mike Myers hit a rocket on the first pitch of the game by Jax State’s starter Brandon Culp, to give UCF a 1-0 lead. The Gamecocks would fight back. Helms led off the game with a single up the middle and promptly stole second on the next pitch. Nunn laid down a sacrifice bunt attempt, beat out the throw that went into right field, scoring Helms. Harry then drove in Nunn on a ground ball to the shortstop. With two outs, and two runners on base, Brian Shupe singled up the middle driving home another JSU run. Brad Smith followed that with another shot through the middle, giving the Gamecocks a 4-1 lead.

UCF would cut the lead to two in the second, before taking the lead for good in the fifth. After the first two batters reached on base hits, Mike Meath hit a home run to right center field, to give UCF a 5-4 lead that they would not relinquish. The Golden Knights tacked on two more in the sixth for some protection that they would need. The Gamecock opened the seventh inning with Nunn slashing a double down the third base line. With two outs and Nunn on third, Jason Moser hit an opposite field shot for a home run, to cut the UCF lead to 7-6. UCF starter Casey Kennedy was pulled after pitching six and two-thirds giving up ten hits, and allowing six runs, only two of which were earned, while striking out six.

UCF brought in bullpen ace Jason Arnold, who struck out Andy Keith to pick up his sixth save. Kennedy picked up the win, extending his record to 7-0. Culp got the loss, and dropped to 1-1.

Central Florida’s Jason Arnold came on in relief to strike out Jason Nunn to hold to an 8-7 win and complete the three-game series sweep of Trans America Athletic Conference rival Jacksonville State (19-22, 2-13 TAAC).

Arnold picked up his seventh save, bailing out the Golden Knights (31-12, 12-3 TAAC) from Continued on page 11, BASEBALL.

Lady Gamecocks sweep Belmont, fall to UTC

From JSU Sports Information

The Jacksonville State Lady Gamecocks (27-17) swept a double header from Belmont University last Thursday, taking the first game 6-3 and the second contest by a score of 7-3. JSU junior pitcher Jill Wilcoxson got the win in the first game, making her the all-time winningest pitcher in Jacksonville State Softball history. Her career record now stands at 49-35.

Belmont’s Allison Alvarez hit a three-run home run in the first inning of game one to give her team the lead. Jacksonville State rallied to tie the game and took the lead on a bases loaded ground-rule double by junior Tanya Carter in the fourth inning. Carter, player of the week in the Trans America Athletic Conference, had two hits and two RBI. Senior Julie Boland and juniors Meagan Maskil and Lauren Buck all had two hits in the game.

In the second game, the Lady Gamecocks jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first inning on RBI hits from Carter, Buck and freshman Allie Simons. Janior Meadow McWhorter pitched the complete game for the win, her 11th of the season. The Lady Gamecocks, up 6-3 in the sixth, got an insurance run when senior Christine Tucker and Boland connected for back-to-back triples.

The bats couldn’t come through at the right times for the Jacksonville State Lady Gamecocks, as they drop two non-conference games to Tennessee-Chattanooga, 1-0 and 2-1 on Monday. JSU drops to 27-19, while the Mocs improve to 33-23.

The first game of the day went Continued on page 11, SOFTBALL.
Nice guys don’t even finish last

By Erik Green

I did a lot of homework and studying this weekend, but it had nothing to do with school. Forget school, my first love is football. Plus I never study on weekends anyway. I was pretty worthless actually. I was glued to the TV all day on Saturday and Sunday, watching arguably the most important day in football, the NFL draft. The draft is the bridge between college and the pros. It is the day every boy dreams of and most never see up close. Very few are involved first hand, less than three hundred to be exact.

I watched it religiously; I was rather pathetic. Round by round I sat there, moving from chair to chair, hating to miss a second to go to the bathroom. I might have been the only person on the planet who watched every round as if they were episodes of a mini-series by Stephen King. So I’m strange, but it’s what makes me tick. The draft is about young men getting the most they can out of the games. It’s what makes me tick. The draft is about young men getting the most they can out of the games. It’s about seeing everything you have ever dreamed of coming to fruition. It’s about something greater.

I was happy when Alabama’s Chris Samuels went as the third overall pick in the draft. I about cried when Shaun Alexander went to the Seahawks, come on; they have a running back already an All-Pro. Why couldn’t the Chiefs have gotten Shaun? They were next. I cheered when Chad Pennington got selected to the Jets. Still I watched and waited. I kept reading the names of the picks scroll by on the bottom of the screen as I looked for one name in particular—JSU’s Joey Hamilton.

Round one gone, no Joey. Round two came and went, no Joey. I was pretty sure he wasn’t going to be in the top three rounds and he wasn’t. Rounds four, five and six went by, no Joey. People asked me, because I’m in the Sports Editor, you know, the guy who knows everything about sports, “Is Joey going to get drafted?” I would say “Of course, probably in the seventh round.” The seventh round came and seemed to move slower than the others. Cleveland, no Joey, Washington, no Joey. The names kept rolling along, no Joey. I waited patiently, no Joey. Finally, at 4:30 on Sunday afternoon the final pick of the 2000 NFL draft was handed to a very old man, on a note card, and was brought up to the podium to be announced. The NFL and the media have a cutesy little name for the last pick of the draft, he’s known as “Mr. Irrelevant.” The name fits, only about one percent of “Mr. Irrelevant’s” ever make a name for themselves in the NFL.

It has gotten a bit better in recent years since the draft has been cut down from 12 rounds to seven, but as a general rule, winning the illustrious title of “Mr. Irrelevant” is a death sentence.

The name was called; I held my breath, no Joey. No Joey at all. I couldn’t understand. He did well in the NFL’s combine, someone told me. He jumped higher and ran a faster 40-yard dash than Peter Warrick, someone said. That’s right, “Mr. Football,” “Mr. All-World” Peter Warrick. You know, “Mr. Five-Finger Discount” Peter Warrick. Still, it wasn’t good enough I guess. Joey holds five Gamecock records, led the receiving corps in every possible category at JSU. Five records is not enough? Guys from Troy were drafted. Spurgeon Winn from SW Texas State was drafted, why not Joey? So, now what for Joey? Well, Sunday night, JSU’s all time leading receiver and five time record holder signed as a free agent with the Oakland Raiders. His contract was a two-year six-figure deal. All he has to do now is make the team. The Raiders had several spots to fill on this year’s team, first and foremost in the kicking game. The Raiders lost close games last year because of kicking problems, so this year they selected two kickers in the draft.

There is the chance Joey won’t make the squad, but don’t expect something like that to stop him. He didn’t work his butt off in the classroom to go back to Greenville and pump gas, you can bet on that. Wherever he goes, he will be successful, it’s just Joey; it’s his nature. Still it just doesn’t seem right. He went through hell while at JSU. He was recruited by one coach, played under another—we won’t talk about him, and in the end didn’t even get a consolation-thanks for playing spot in the draft.

Later Sunday night I was glad Joey wasn’t “Mr. Irrelevant.” I was glad I had the opportunity to watch him play and it just wouldn’t have been right for him to be remembered as “Mr. Irrelevant 2000.” I was just sad that to many students at JSU he was always “Mr. Irrelevant.” Football was irrelevant. No one packed into the bars in town to watch the draft. No media hype surrounded him. JSU apathy at its finest.

A few may ask, “Did Joey get drafted?” Some might say, “I think so, I think The Chanticleer said he did.” Some will go up to Joey this week and say, “Tough luck man, so what’s for lunch?” All another day at the most apathetic school in the South.

September will be here soon. A new batch of recruits will roll into JSU for the 2000 football season in the next few months, each of them waiting for their chance, each of them praying that the 2004 draft will have a place for them. Good luck to them. Maybe six records is the magic number.
Gamecocks gear up for conference foe Mercer

The Golden Knights would tack on a much needed insurance run in the ninth on an RBI single by Robert Van Kirk to give UCF a 8-2 going into the ninth.

"We've got to pitchers to stop hitting batters and walking people," said Abbott after his pitching staff walked nine batters and hit two others. "We're just giving teams base runners, and we can't afford to do that."

Rankin got the win for the Golden Knights and improved to 6-4 on the season. Lindsey got the loss, falling to 4-4.

JSU's next game is scheduled for Friday at 6:00 p.m., as they host Mercer in the first of three-game TAAC series.

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Lady Gamecocks look to TAAC Tournament

Continued from page 9, BASEBALL complete collapse in the ninth.

"We had a chance to win the game," said JSU head coach Abbott, "We made a good run there at the end. It is exciting to me to see our hitting start to come around."

Leading 8-2 going into the ninth, UCF went to Von David Stertzbach to nail down the win. Stertzbach lasted only three batters, giving up two hits, and walking the other. With the bases loaded and nobody out, UCF went back to the bullpen and brought in left-hander Clint Wells.

Wells didn't fare much better. Wells struck out JSU pinch hitter Joel Stapleton, and got Tony Maniscalco to hit a sacrifice fly to left field to cut the lead to 8-3. Wells then walked Brad Smith to load the bases again. This time, Brandon Stripling hit a shot over the left field wall for a grand slam and cut the Golden Knight lead to one.

UCF skipper Jay Bergman did not hesitate in going out to the mound and bringing in Arnold, who got the save in game two of the series, striking out Andy Keith to hold on to the win. Arnold threw just four pitches to nail down the save.

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Leading 8-2 going into the ninth, UCF went to Von David Stertzbach to nail down the win. Stertzbach lasted only three batters, giving up two hits, and walking the other. With the bases loaded and nobody out, UCF went back to the bullpen and brought in left-hander Clint Wells.

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