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WORLD NEWS

• Russian troops entered the center of Chechnya's capital Grozny, Russian news accounts reported, as an explosion rocked a neighboring republic's capital early Tuesday afternoon.

• Rescue crews on Tuesday were combing the waters in an area between Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic for possible survivors after a sailboat carrying dozens of Dominican migrants capsized.

• The brother of a U.S. Army sergeant accused of killing an 11-year-old ethnic Albanian girl in Kosovo questioned the charges Monday, saying they were out of character and that his brother had never before been accused of such acts.

• As the nation honored the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Monday, thousands of people gathered here to demand that lawmakers remove the Confederate battle flag from atop South Carolina's Statehouse.

• CBS challenged ratings history and conventional wisdom Sunday when it premiered "City of Angels," a hospital series from acclaimed producer Steven Bochco with a predominantly black cast. At a time when the NAACP is pressing for greater racial diversity on television, "City of Angels" is seen as a key test of whether an hour-long drama centered on black characters can attract enough white viewers to become a prime-time success.

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Smith wins Miss JSU 2000

By Amanda Laughlin
Staff Writer

One little girl's dream came true Saturday night. Gina Rae Smith, 18, was crowned Miss Jacksonville State University at the school's annual pageant.

"It's a dream come true to her," said Gina's mother, Reggie Smith, after she tearfully greeted her newly-crowned daughter. "When Gina was little, we would call her 'Gina Pooh Rae—Miss USA.' Her dream was to be Miss America."

To win the title, Gina competed with eight other contestants in interview, evening gown, swimsuit and talent. She was awarded a year's tuition scholarship, \$1,000 cash prize, a year's free membership to "The Brick House" fitness center including the services of a personal trainer, a Miss America crown and pin, a silver tray and a gift from Griffin's Jewelers as well as many other prizes.

Gina also snagged the talent preliminary award singing "A Broken Wing" by Martina McBride. Although the judges were obvious-

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Miss JSU 2000 Gina Rae Smith proudly wears her crown with so much history and tradition.

On and off campus drug use, different as night and day

By Dave Sharp
Editor

Is drug trafficking a problem at Jacksonville State University?

"Not at this time," according to JSU Police Department Chief Nelson Coleman. "Not to our knowledge."

While drug problems are few these days on campus, JSU has had full-blown drug related investi-

On campus

- Seven drug related incidents in 1999.
- Nine arrests from those incidents.
- Up three arrests from 1998.

gations in the past involving cocaine and amphetamines, according to Coleman. But now, "every once in a while we'll get a call about the smell of marijuana in a dorm hallway." When marijuana and drug paraphernalia are found on campus, officers usually stumble upon it by accident in a routine traffic stop.

Only nine arrests resulted out of seven drug-related cases in 1999, up three arrests from 1998, according to University Police Department statistics.

While the Jacksonville State University campus stays relatively drug free, there's an altogether different story off-campus.

"There is a drug trafficking problem in Jacksonville," said Calhoun County Drug Task Force and Jacksonville Police Officer Jay Wigley. "It's like that in any col-

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JSU prepares for Presidential Inauguration

By Adam Smith
Managing Editor

The Presidency of Dr. Bill Meehan will finally become official on Monday, Feb. 7.

The inauguration, which was delayed at Dr. Meehan's request until the spring semester, has been in the works since last September.

The ceremony will be held at 10:30 a.m. in the Pete Mathews Coliseum and will be open to everyone, according to Pam Stinson, of the office of Vice President of Institutional Affairs.

A reception will immediately follow the inauguration ceremony and an additional reception will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Leone Cole auditorium.

Stinson expects a large turnout for the event, and said, "we hope we get around three thousand people."

The ceremony will also feature Governor Don Siegelman, who will be on hand to speak to those in attendance. Siegelman will be given an honorary doctorate from JSU. The last time a doctorate was awarded, it was given to Congressman Bob Riley at the

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NEXT WEEK:

A candid interview with world renowned and JSU's own Dr. Doug Rokke.



JSU's Dr. Doug Rokke (right) with 20/20's Bob Brown in an interview at Stone Center last February.

Campus Crime

- The Campus Crime Docket is never, and will never be, edited unless an incident report involves a minor.
- 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.

- **1-12-00:** Marcelle Staples of Lineville, Ala., reported harassment to JSUPD occurring at Sparkman Hall.
- **1-12-00:** Percel Franshun of Lipscomb, Ala., reported harassing communications to JSUPD occurring between 1-6-00 and 1-12-00.

McGruff 's Hotline

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CAMPUS WATCH




Announcements

Clubs And Organizations

- **Alpha Omicron Pi**
Congratulations to the new Miss JSU, Gina Smith and her court, Amber Cox (first alternate) and Kimberly Wright (second alternate). Also to Talent Winner, Gina Smith and Swimsuit Winner, Amber Reid. Good Luck to the Gamecocks on there upcoming basketball games. Also to the Pep Band and the Cheerleaders. AOII sister awards for this week are: Positive Panda-Kristi Smith, Sister-Jayne Johnson. Good Luck to AOII intramural basketball team.
- **Alpha Xi Delta**
Congratulations to Gina Smith on Miss JSU. Good luck to the fraternities on their upcoming spring rush. Good luck to the basketball team this week. You guys are doing great. The Beary Best Award goes to Amber Burgess and the Support Award goes to Mandi Milam. Congratulations to our new Executive Officers: Amber Burgess (President), Miranda Killingsworth (Chapter Life V.P.), April Whitmarsh (Programs V.P.), Lindsey Passler (Membership V.P.), Jami Mayo (Recording Secretary) and Kelli Patterson (Panhellenic Delegate). Also congrats to our other new officers. We hope everyone has a great week.

- **Free HIV testing: Nursing Center Clinic.** Tests done the last Friday of each month. Testing done by a representative of the Alabama Department of Public Health. For more information, call 782-5432.
- **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/depart/handbook/.
- **New Directions offers counseling to students at JSU.** New Directions is a Counseling/Prevention program that serves the students of JSU. The program has a three-fold purpose : 1) To provide counseling services to any student that needs a mental health issue addressed; 2) To help promote and provide the campus prevention programs; 3) To help educate the JSU community through educational classes and programs. If you have any questions concerning: alcohol, drugs, anxiety, stress or simply coping with college life you can contact Ricky Naugher of New Directions at 782-5815 or find them in Room 146 of Daugette Hall.
- **Anyone interested in Criminal Justice,** There will be a command post exercise seminar for one hour of 400 level credit from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, January 22. The cost is \$40 plus tuition. To register, come to room 126 of Brewer Hall or call 782-5516 for more information.
- There will be an **Archaeology Club Meeting**, Friday, January 28, at 7 p.m. in room 331, Stone Center. There will be a brief program and the annual Christmas party will follow. For more information, please call Dr. Koerper at 782-5604 or Dr. Holstein 782-5656.

• **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.

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Dreaming of making great papers...

- **Panhellenic Council**

Congratulations to the new Miss JSU 2000, Gina Smith, who won overall and the talent division, first runner-up Amber Cox, second runner-up Kimberly Wright, and to Amber Reed for winning the swimsuit division. Congratulations Zeta Tau Alpha for receiving the all sports award for the '98-'99 intramural year. January 25, at 7 p.m. at the Gamecock Center, there will be an informative session about Greek life; this will be an open invitation to all that are interested. Greek Award packets are out so don't forget to check your organizations mail box. Big Man on Campus sponsored by Zeta Tau Alpha will be held on January 27, at Leone Cole at 7:30 p.m., please come support. There will also be a sorority mixer sponsored by Alpha Omicron Pi on February 2. The Panhellenic Council will meet this semester on Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. at Stevenson if you would like to come. Thanks and have a great week!

- **Phi Mu**

We would like to welcome everyone back for the spring semester. We would like to congratulate all those sisters who boosted Phi Mu's G.P.A on campus to #1. We are so proud of you all. Those who achieved a 4.0 are Nia Cox, Laura Hawkins, Kimberly Mack, and Brooke Bell. Also there are many girls who received a 3.5 or higher Lorie Ash, Summer Bagwell, Jennifer Barrs, Ashley Gwin, Misty Haynes, Ammie Hopkins, Lara Limbaugh, Katie Mactaggart, Kimberly Snow, Becky Sproles, Tasha Thrower, Brandy Tillman, Amanda Woodrow, Jennifer Downs, Ashley Orton and Keri Turley, great job girls. Good luck to the JSU basketball team.

- **Zeta Tau Alpha**

Congratulations to all of our new members-Christina Cheatham, Ashley Jones, Beth Cousins, Julianne Fleming, Amber Stillwell, Marla Medders and Alison Wright. Also, congrats to Summer Martindale for Panhellenic Alternate and Emily Williams Panhellenic Jr. Delegate. Other awards of the week go to Teacher of the Week-Ms. Colley; Spirit Award-Meredith Barnes; EC Member of the Week-Jamie Whatley; Member of the Week-Allison Eason; PC Member of the Week- Britney Smith and Candy Worthy. Good Luck JSU Basketball Teams!

JSU Area Events Calendar: Jan. 20 - 28

Thurs 20	Fri 21	Sat 22/Sun 23	Mon 24
◆ "Expressions" Coffee House in the Food Court at 5 p.m.		Saturday: ◆ Women's Basketball: JSU hosts Samford ◆ Men's Basketball: JSU hosts Samford Sunday: ◆ Gamecock Rifle Team: James Newkirk Invitational	◆ SGA Senate Meeting, 6 p.m., Leone Cole Auditorium ◆ CBASE Exam ◆ Board of Trustees Meeting
Read or Listen to your favorite poetry at "Expressions" Coffee House, tonight at 5 p.m.			
Tues 25	Wed 26	Thurs 27	Fri 28
◆ College Bowl ◆ CBASE Exam	◆ College Bowl	◆ Women's Basketball: JSU hosts Florida Atlantic University	◆ Men's Basketball: JSU @ Samford

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From front page, **Miss JSU 2000**

ly **impressed by** Gina, a **sophomore** Communication major, she was in disbelief at being crowned Miss JSU. "Is this really happening?" asked Gina after winning the pageant.

Several other contestants also brought home awards. Education major Amber Cox, a 22-year-old senior, was awarded a semester's scholarship, a cash award and a gift from Griffin's Jewelers, among other things, as the first runner-up. Cox performed the soulful ballad "Break It to Me Gently" for her talent.

The second runner-up was Kim Wright, who is also Miss African-American Heritage Month. The 20-year-old sophomore and Criminal Justice major performed an a cappella version of the traditional hymn "The Old Rugged Cross." Kim, who was also second runner-up in the Miss JSU pageant last year, won a semester's scholarship, a cash award and a gift from Griffin's Jeweler's.

Amber Reid, a 20-year-old sophomore majoring in Communication, took the swimsuit preliminary award for the second

year in a row.

Gina will now begin to concentrate on sharing her platform, which is **FOCUS** (For Our Children's Understanding of their opportunities), and preparing for

Miss Alabama. For the Miss Alabama pageant, which is held in June at Samford University, each

contestant must compile a community service scrapbook in addition to perfecting interviewing techniques, individual talents, etc. The Miss JSU pageant provides some assistance for the titleholder in preparing for Miss Alabama. A board of directors will help Gina in interview and stage presence. An appearance by Miss JSU may be arranged through her director, Terry Casey. Casey, the Director of Student Activities, may be reached at 782-5491.

"When Gina was little, we would call her 'Gina Pooh Rae—Miss USA.'"
—mother, Reggie Smith



Kimberly Wright (left) was second runner-up, Gina Smith (center) Miss JSU 2000, and Amber Cox (right) was the first runner-up.

From front page, **JSU Night and Day**

lege town, though most of it (drug sales and abuse) occurs off campus."

January 2000 has already seen 29 drug-related arrests in Jacksonville, according to Task Force statistics. Those arrests were a result of 23 separate cases worked up by the 10 officers of the Task Force.

There has been a sharp increase in 'rave' drugs including marijuana, cocaine and GHB (or blue nitro), according to Wigley, which he says can be attributed largely to the nightlife here in Jacksonville. "Usually, drug use goes hand-in-hand with alcohol," said Wigley. The city's club scene was at the center of much controversy just over a year ago when a female JSU student was admitted to the Jacksonville Hospital ER after overdosing on GHB at a local bar.

From the January cases alone, nearly \$9000 of marijuana have been seized, as well as small amounts of crack cocaine and prescription drugs. Wigley had no comment on how many current investigations the Task Force is engaged in.

Calhoun County has experienced a surge in some illegal drug activity over the past year, according to statistics. The numbers of cases and arrests have dropped slightly in Calhoun from 1998, while the volume of narcotics is unsteady and varies.

the "no drug" policy include the possible dismissal from school, according to university policy. Employees of JSU can suffer discharge from their duties for such a violation.

Several measures are taken to ensure JSU remains as drug free as possible. The University Police Department holds several seminars every year addressing drug and alcohol abuse, according to Coleman.

While Coleman and UPD would like to expand the existing programs, federal grants run thin. "We have applied for money, but haven't received any," said Coleman.

UPD also services JSU's fraternities, sororities and any other interested group with the same seminars, as well as similar seminars involving fire safety, date rape and domestic violence.

Drug Awareness, Counseling and Treatment Career Services Center offers counseling and therapy to all students, faculty and staff of JSU. These services include intervention, short-term and long-term supportive therapies. Referrals may also be made to the County Mental Health Center or to a facility approved under our health insurance plan.

For more information, please contact UPD at 782-5050 or Counseling and Career Services at 782-5475.

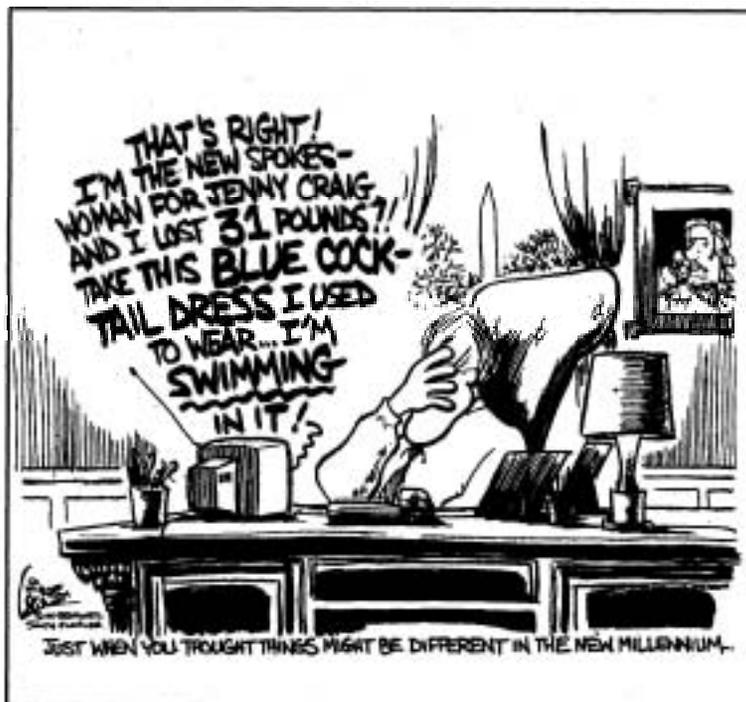
From the Calhoun County Drug Task Force

Category	1998	1999
Total Cases	724	613
Total Arrests	579	558
Distribution Arrests	118	83
Violent Crime Arrests	4	22
Pharmaceutical Fraud Arrests	145	89
Cocaine Seized	6,439.50 Grams	733.9 Grams
Crack Seized	1,509.80 Grams	1,454.28 Grams
Marijuana Seized	130,121.26 Grams	16,903.01 Grams
Opiates Seized	0	104
Stimulants Seized	60	2880
Depressants Seized	2890	2749
Hallucinogens Seized	6 DU	7565 DU
Marijuana Plants Seized	11,184	7514



Photos by Brena Latham

Not only did she win Miss JSU 2000, Gina Smith also won the talent competition Saturday night singing Martina McBride's "A Broken Wing."





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From front page, **Inauguration**

December 1999 **commencement** ceremony.

"We're very excited," said Dr. Alice Cusimano. "The governor will be here, and that's nice for the University." She said the honorary doctorate given to Siegelman is special because it is the highest recognition the University can give someone for the overall support of education, and went on to say that JSU has "not awarded that many."

"Every student will receive an invitation to attend, and we encourage all students to attend," said Dr. David Watts, Vice President of Academic Affairs. "We're all very enthusiastic ... this is a great opportunity."

Cusimano said all JSU offices will be closed from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. in honor of the inauguration. In turn, all classes will be dismissed during those same hours.

Former Presidents Dr. Harold McGee and Dr. Theron Montgomery will also be in attendance and will lead the faculty procession planned for the ceremony.

"There will be a faculty procession, and they will wear their

academic regalia like they do at commencement exercises, and they'll march in like they do at graduation," said Stinson.

"We've invited delegates from all over the United States from other Universities to join us and march too. There will be one line of delegates from other institutions and one line from Jacksonville State University."

The ceremony will also feature many of JSU's music programs. The JSU Jazz Ensemble, a cappella Choir, Chamber Winds, Chamber Trumpets and Gospel Choir will be providing entertainment at the ceremony.

Dr. Meehan is JSU's eleventh president and will receive a specialized presidential medallion to commemorate his presidency. Cusimano said the bronze medallions feature the University crest and are specially made for each president.

Watts emphasized the importance of this event by stating "this is an event that occurs infrequently. The last inauguration was 13 years ago, so we're very enthusiastic."

Medallion full of symbolism

By Buffy Smith
JSU News Bureau

At his inaugural ceremony, JSU President Bill Meehan will be presented with one of the most significant symbols of the University — the Presidential Medallion.

A special medallion is custom made for each of JSU's presidents. The Emblem and Badge Company, based in Providence, Rhode Island, is currently creating the brass emblem of office.

The front of each medallion has borne the crest of the University. The crest of JSU was created in the 1930s at the request of President Clarence W. Daugette, president from 1899 to 1942.

The crest was designed by artist Grace Stevenson McAbee, and her original drawing is on display in the Alumni House.

The crest exhibits the Lamp of Knowledge above Seven Strands of Rope, surmounting a shield-encased Griffin, emblazoned with a combination of laurel and oak



leaves, under which is a Latin inscription "EXEGI MONUMENTUM AERE PERENNIUS," which means "I have reared a monument more enduring than Bronze."

The Lamp is emblematic of knowledge and learning. The Rope of Seven Strands is symbolic of the ancient mystic numeral and represents seven spheres of learning. The

upper portion of the Griffin within the shield is that of the Eagle Owl adopted by the University as its first school mascot, signifying wisdom and lofty ideals.

The lower portion is that of a Lion, denoting strength and courage. It is bordered with the signs of Trinity. The rampant position of the Griffin depicts its readiness of fight for the ideals represented. The scrollwork of the laurel and oak leaves symbolize sturdiness and solidity.

The three-inch medallion created for Dr. Meehan is custom-cast and finished in brass. A brass jump ring holds a red and white ribbon.

The backside of the medallion has of six lines of engraving: "William Arthur Meehan, Ed.D. Eleventh President. Jacksonville State University. July 1, 1999. Investiture, February 7, 2000." The medallion will be presented to Dr. Meehan at the investiture ceremony on February 7, 10:30 a.m., at Pete Mathews Coliseum.



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“Ginuwine” platinum record artist coming to Jacksonville

By Anthony Hill
Staff Writer

Semester after semester, students complain that JSU does not offer enough events for the students, especially concerts.

Get ready for CBS/550 Music recording artist Ginuwine. The 24-year-old budding star (born Elgin Lumpkin) will be here to put on an exhibition for the ladies and a singing clinic for the men.

“With this campus basically being

a “suitcase” college, I think that this gives the students something worth while to stay in town and have a nice time,” said Karlos Commings, graduate of JSU.

With the artist juggling a busy recording and performing career, Larry Ackles, owner of The Reflection, found a way to bring him to JSU.

“I felt like he was the man I should bring to the area after I had seen him on three shows in one day.

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Birmingham

1/20/00 Collapsis--The Nick
1/21/00 Charlie Robison & Junior Brown--Five Points Music Hall
1/21/00 Rosie Ledet--Concordia Club
1/22/00 Blue Mountain--Zydeco
1/22/00 Forty-fives--The Nick
1/26/00 The Bacon Brothers--Five Points Music Hall

Atlanta

1/20/00 Big Sky--Smith's Olde Bar
1/20/00 Stereophonics--Cotton Club
1/21/00 Blue Mountain--Smith's Olde Bar
1/22/00 Chris Duarte Group--Cotton Club
1/24/00 Gap Band--Atlanta Civic Center Theatre
1/25/00 Bacon Brothers--Roxy Theatre



In the theaters

Girl, Interrupted
The Hurricane
Play it to the Bone

Jan. 21

Down To You
A Map of the World
Simpatico

On video now

The 13th Warrior
Bowfinger
The Wood
Mystery Men

CD releases

Mudhoney--March To Fuzz
Madd Rapper--Tell 'Em Why U Madd
Robbie Fulks--The Very Best of Robbie Fulks

Jan. 25

D'Angelo--Voodoo
Fire & Skill: The Songs of The Jam--Various Artists
Ghostface Killah--Supreme Clientele
Scream 3--Soundtrack
Reel Big Fish--Everything Sucks
Run DMC--Crown Royal
Van Morrison--The Skiffle Sessions
Warren Zevon--Life'll Kill Ya
The Melvins--The Crybaby

Heritage Cherry tops Jacksonville band list

By Christopher Lauer
Copy Editor

The onslaught of great bands continues this Friday night at Brother's with a performance from Heritage Cherry. Cherry will deliver what Jacksonville bar-fliers have come to expect from recent bands that have performed at local venues (Rollin' in the Hay, Jiggle the Handle, Thompson Brothers Band).

Their music, accurately described in their press release, is “a ripe blend of jazz, blues, country and dreamy rock n’roll that appeals to anyone with ears.” With the release of their first album, “Live at Smith's Olde Bar,” they have my ears. I'm just curious to see what kind of stage presence they possess. Do the eyes have it?

Their CD has received radio play on 92J and MIX98.1 in LaGrange, Ga., targeting songs: “Jezebel,” “Heavy,” and “Lucky.” There are many other great songs on the album such as, “Long Line,” “Back in the Saddle,” and “Good Day”—three songs with Shannon Tanner on lead vocals.

Tanner shines on silicon with a sexy, solid, soulful, sweet voice that'll take this band places. She shares lead vocals with Adam Wright (keyboard) and guitar duties with Alex McCollough, who also plays the lap steel, giving the band a lamenting country sound at times. Benny McLeod (drums) and David Van Drew (bass) tie the band together and complete the roster.

The band is currently developing material for a studio release, which may be highly anticipated. The live CD seems to be a near flawless performance, but the background conversations and beer bottle clanking may take away from the CD for many, but for me, it'll always

remind me of the college days in Jacksonville.

Seeing as how one of the few places to get the CD will be at their show on Friday, I won't review it, yet give everyone a chance to check out the performance at Brother's for themselves. If you like the performance, you'll like the CD.

Another pre-show glimpse of the band, and maybe the airing of a few songs, will be made possible by Jason Bozeman of 92J, Friday around 8 p.m.



The Administration Explanation

From Dr. Suzanne Marshall, JSU History professor.



What is your opinion on the Confederate flag controversy?

The Confederate battle flags were not considered that important (after the war). Maybe a few old Confederates cared about it until the Civil Rights Movement in the 50's and 60's.

The Confederate battle flag was brought back and put on the capital in Montgomery in 1963 when George Wallace was trying to segregate the University of Alabama.

Robert Kennedy came down to Montgomery to meet with Wallace about desegregating the school and Wallace put it up there as a clear symbol of States Rights and racism. In my view when people say 'it's our heritage' (one response would be) just because it's heritage doesn't mean it's good.

Secondly, if it was so important, why was it forgotten for some two generations? In the fifties, with the rise of the Civil Rights Movement, why did it suddenly get put up in context of racial prejudice and White supremacy?



The Town

editorial: Should he stay or should he go?

By Dave Sharp

By now, everyone must know of America's most famous, some might say notorious, illegal immigrant: Elian Gonzalez. A six-year-old Cuban national who was forced to brave the perils of an unforgiving ocean because his own mother, who drowned in the attempt, couldn't bear to watch him grow up in a country troubled with horrors absent in America.

Upon rescue, little Elian has been staying with relatives in Miami, Fla., until the matter of his deportation is cleared up with US authorities. This decision was made by a Miami judge who has been accused to have a conflict of interest in the case due to her link to Elian's family's spokesperson. The spokesperson was in the judge's employ as a political consultant.

His relatives, other Cuban nationals and thousands of demonstrators have rallied together and protested his exile from the US so he might have a real future in the [greatest] country in the world. Against the young boy is the INS (Immigration and Nationalization Service), other US organizations and a lower number of demonstrators who have actually picketed a Florida Senator's home to 'try and show the need, for one reason or another, to eject the young, illegal alien from the shores of the US. They believe the boy should be returned to his natural father, back in Cuba, who is [apparently] desperate to see his son.

I believe young Elian should be returned to his father in Cuba. While many are suggesting the boy makes up his own mind, a six-year-old can barely tie his own shoe let alone choose his fate with conflicting philosophies; others believe he should be with the only immediate family he has



left. But this reunion isn't what the US should put its interest in.

The US has had a long tradition of opening its arms up to the world and accepting all nationalities, creeds and colors. I myself can trace most of my roots back to areas in Europe and part of my heritage comes from a small percentage of Native American blood. If it weren't for the 'open-door' attitude this country has held, I could be in a third-world, war-torn country, with four children, not knowing how to feed them, and in constant fear for my life and the lives of my loved ones. But I'm one of the lucky ones.

That attitude or policy is old and tired and holds no meaning to the overcrowdedness this country experiences. Two and three centuries ago we needed settlers. Exploration and settlement of an undiscovered land is over, and has been for a very long time. Now, with a growing population, crime, poverty and illiteracy plagues our citizens. It seems the best interest of the US

is to close down its borders, at least for a while, and try to take care of its own citizens before playing Grandpa to the rest of the world.

For far too long, the US has been that friend of yours that will go out and buy a brand new car stereo for an automobile that has serious engine problems, rather than paying for necessary repairs. It seems what should be a 'top priority' list has been scrapped for toilet paper in the White House and most of the government's organizations. Instead, domestic interests have been abandoned for foreign policy and babysitting any third world refugee that blows [or drifts] our way.

True, what has happened to Elian is a tragedy. No person should have to endure such hardship at such an early age. But, this is an opportunity for the US to make policy that will protect and provide for its own, before putting potential refugees ahead of its homeless and poor. How much of American's tax dollars have been spent on this case alone? How much of the government's budget is allotted to the INS, deportation proceedings and deportations every year? How long will we continue to endure the cost and burden of refugees from third and second-world countries?

Whatever happens to young Elian, one thing is for sure: America will probably continue to choke on its chronic political correctness and turn a cheek to the real problems of this nation. And while our economy grows and prospers for the already rich or well-off, refugees and illegal immigrants like Elian and the sort will continue to drain the resources of this country for the ones who really need it.



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beef: No complaints from the cosmic cowboy

By Christopher Lauer

Analog and digital rolled over without a flaw, and I spent New Year's Eve laughing it up on Bourbon Street. I hopped a train and took a chance while all the naysayers and doom-seekers were stockpiling munitions. It was like I pulled the handle on the cosmic slot machine, and won. My first victory of the new millennium was as sweet as a Hurricane.

I woke up on that first day to the sounds of fundamentalist preachers backpedaling and Y2K tin can lids being removed. A smile has been on my face...until now, the day I was told to complain.

For once in my life, I have nothing to complain about. Old times are being forgotten and new ones are being made and pasted on this clean sheet given to us all by the powers of chronology. I have passed a major kink in my garden hose and can see the garden at the end of the tube. Everything seems to be going good. I'm gettin' the girl, gettin' the friends, got the classes, got the opportunities, and anything that was troubling happened a thousand years ago.

So what do I complain about? Not having enough staff writers? Being overworked and underpaid in a job you love with a staff you love? The flu? The parking at JSU? The Confederate flag? A Cuban boy? Or one of the many other generic complaints like violence in the media?

The Chanticleer doesn't have enough staff writers and there are underpaid positions opening up in the fall, but you have to volunteer and get your feet wet first. If we don't get some volunteers soon, there may not be a Chanticleer next year, and before you let out a sarcastic



"boo-hoo," I'll admit that our STUDENT newspaper is far from perfect, but we do have interesting stories and helpful bits of information from time to time. If you disagree, come on down, or at least try to understand that under 10 people put this paper together every week, and four of us stay up as long as it takes on Tuesday night to make sure we bring you some of the supplies needed for Thursday's daydreaming and procrastination.

And I guess I could complain about the flu, but I was drunk and dragged down Bourbon Street for the worst part of mine. This year's flu was the most fun I've ever had with a fever. I still have the month long crud that seems to follow, but I just gotta roll with the punches I guess, or maybe quit smoking cigarettes for a while.

Parking? I talked to President Meehan and he told me to remember that the parking lots in front of the TMB and behind Martin are current-

ly occupied and when those re-open, parking will be a lot better. Besides, do we really need another parking beef?

My opinion on the Confederate flag will probably piss a lot of devout Alabamians off, and after the reputation I gained with one lottery beef, I think twice before expressing my opinions so openly. But I'm still opinionated, and I think that the Confederate flag does stand for bigotry, racism, and other "Suthun valyas" of the same caliber. I agree it may have not originally stood for those values; it originally represented a segment of the population who wanted to destroy the greatest nation on earth. I find it hard to believe that Alabama, one of the most patriotic states in the nation, still proudly flies a version of this rebel flag.

I have no real qualms or quips about the Cuban boy, and maybe I'll tackle censorship in a few weeks, but if these are the only major issues in our world right now, aren't we lucky? The past two weeks have been relatively peaceful waves in a turbulent sea.

Maybe it's refreshing to see someone who has nothing to complain about. I know it is for me. Some things I cannot change, and cannot forget, but the new millennium has given me the chance to accept them. I hope this thousand year period continues just as it began, under threats that suppress the weak and big payoffs for the cosmic 'gamblahs.' Either way, I hope yours is going well and if not, hope it turns around for you soon.

Well, I guess I could have complained about people who own fish tanks.

the PULSE

What was the first album, tape or CD you bought?



Jason Boozeman Senior

"Dark Side of the Moon, Pink Floyd."



Dr. Kelly Gregg Freshman

"Alan Parsons Project, Tales of Mystery and Imagination."



Tim Hobgood Freshman

"Frankie Yankovic and His Yanks, Greatest Hits."



Cindy Porter Freshman

"Meet the Beatles."



Steven Loucks Art Professor

"Introducing the Beatles."

ICK COMICS



Top selling R&B artist to perform at Pete Mathews

From page 5, *Ginuwine*

"He's big time man," said Ackles. "The kids love Ginuwine as well as adults. One girl told me that if I can bring Ginuwine, she would personally sell tickets on the school bus."

The red-hot soul singer/songwriter is currently riding high with his sophomore album, "100% Ginuwine," which debuted in March at #5 on the Billboard 200 albums chart. It's still in the top 10 in the R&B charts and has gone gold.

This will be the first concert hosting an R&B artist in Jacksonville since Arista Recording group Silk performed at the Quad (now Club Retro) in 1995.

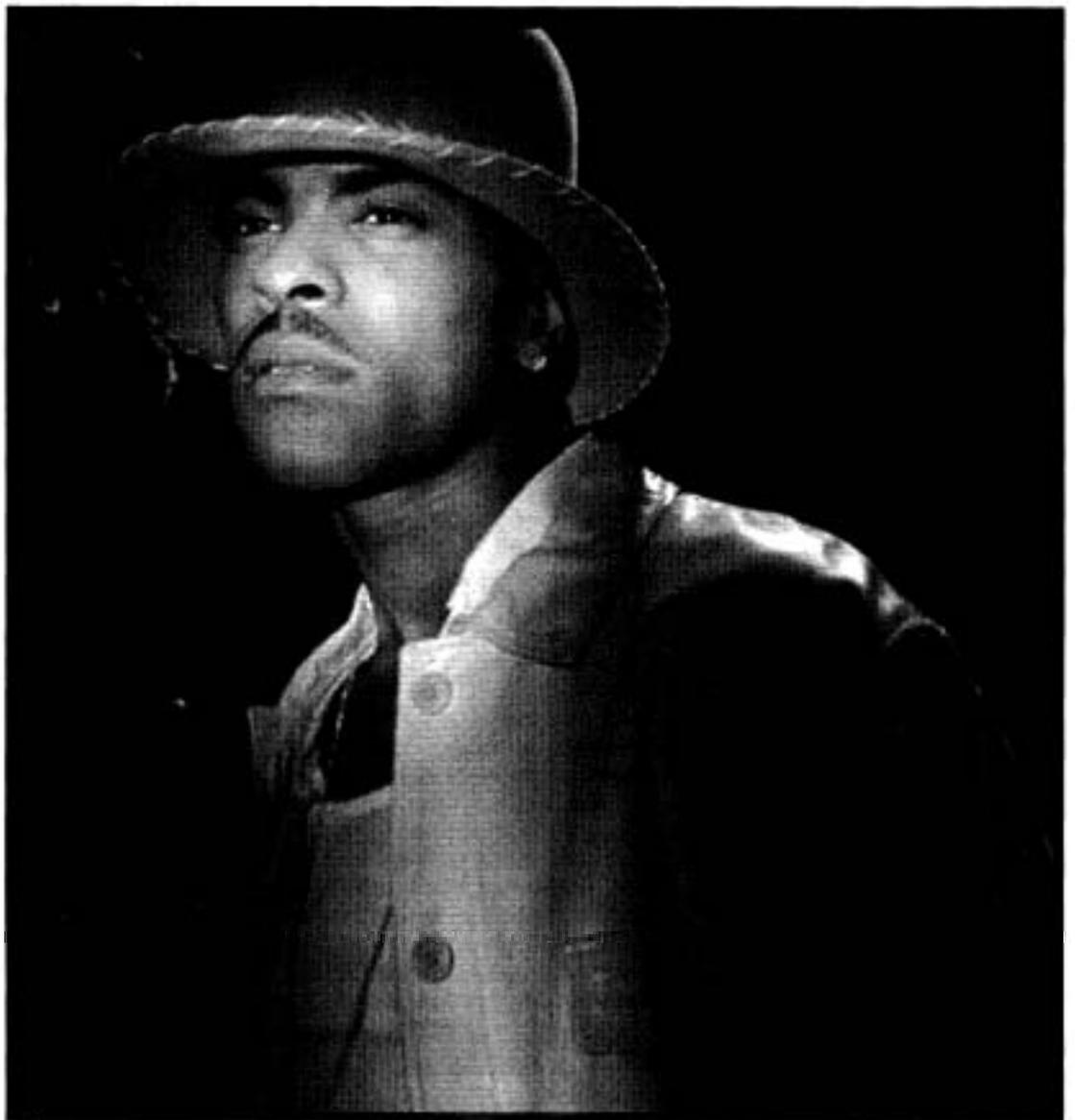
"I think that this will be big for the University, county and surrounding area," said Reggie Webster, a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. "We

need something like this to kick off Black History Month. People should really come out and support this event." After the concert, Ackles is planning to bring artist such as D'Angelo and Jagged Edge.

Along with Ginuwine, the multi-talented local group named Chocolate Buttermilk will perform along with a special presentation by University of Alabama graduate, Anil Goggins.

The tickets are \$15 for students and \$20 for general admission. The tickets are sold at Slip Disc, JSU's Office of Multi-cultural Affairs, CD City, H&R Fashion, On-Time Fashion, House of Styles and The Reflection.

The concert will be held January 29 at Pete Mathews Coliseum, with the doors opening at 8:30 p.m.



The web has been spun for college students

By Kevin Cole
Features Editor

Some web sites are marketed specifically for college students, claiming to know what we need in our academic existence. What do these sites have to offer, and are they worth it? Let's take a look shall we.

You may have noticed a slew of college geared sites being advertised on TV. Some of the ads happen to be pretty funny. Most sites are trying to get your textbook business but some offer things that appeal to most in our position: cool stuff!

ecampus.com claims to be "the globe's largest campus bookstore." Here you can buy, sell, or auction textbooks. The auction side is currently under a renovation. It is supposed to have real time bidding, "powerful" search engine, and if your selling a book it will allow you to give extremely large descriptions of your merchandise as well as setting a reserve price.

This site will also let you buy apparel from other university campuses. You can scroll through their list and buy, a sweatshirt from Boston College, or a hat from Auburn. They also sell items such as posters, lava lamps, inflatable furniture and area rugs.

varsitybooks.com offers a free job page, internship and studying abroad listings page. This great little edition lets you build a resume and actually works for you. You can research certain companies and it even has a salary calculator, apartment listings and crime statistics.

varsitybooks.com is mainly a textbook site. After typing some examples in, the easy to use search engine, I found such books like Contacts the required French textbook. They offered a hardback and a paperback version. The hardback was \$62.26 and the paperback was \$34.72. ecampus.com wanted \$60.88 for the hardback and they offer used books, but this selection didn't offer a used one. Amazon.com wanted \$73.25 for the hardback and neither offered the paperback. Our campus bookstore offers the hardback for \$64.50 new and 48.50 used.

Some sites like studensnow.com is a college magazine-like site. It is divided into areas like Life, travel and jobs. It's a cool site that allows you to check out areas of interest for the college person.

Allcampus.com is another site that entices you with info on topics like bands, on their garage band link. They also have links to other college newspapers. If you're a Greek, they have access to other Greek sites. Another plus is, it has free e-mail and chat rooms.

If you have the time and desire to partake in this marketing ploy, try it out. Some sites are useful; Some are just distractions. However, useless distractions are one of our downfalls anyway. So surf it up.

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Students often learn addictive behaviors at school

By Christine Tatum
CHICAGO (TMS)

College students may wind up with more than a diploma once graduation rolls around. They may also have an addiction or two — or three.

A recent study conducted by researchers at Washington University in St. Louis and published in a recent issue of the journal, "Addictive Behaviors," suggests that people who have one addiction are likely to have others as well. They evaluated 64 male and 65 female college students attending one private, highly selective, urban university.

Researchers also hypothesized that low self-esteem contributed to high levels of addiction, but they found no such relationship.

"We did not assess the extent to which participants in our study found their addictive tendencies to be dysfunctional or stressing," said David K. Dodd, a psychologist at Washington University who co-authored the study along with two students who graduated in 1998. "A relationship between self-esteem and addiction might be present among individuals who are more seriously addicted or disturbed by their addiction."

That makes sense to Lynn May, a student at the University of Missouri.

"I have seen the link between low-self esteem and addiction in some of my very best friends, and it seems to be a vicious cycle," she said. "A person will be down on themselves, so

for what they have done, and do it again to pick themselves up again. It's so sad."

In the study, students rated their personal levels of addiction to several substances, including alcohol; caffeine; chocolate and cigarettes and activities such as exercise; gambling; Internet and video game use and television viewing. Then they rated each substance and activity on how frequently it caused them to experience a symptom of addiction such as craving, a lack of control or withdrawal.

Among the study's findings:

* Women were four times more likely (36 percent) to be "substantially addicted" to chocolate than men (8 percent), and more likely to be addicted to caffeine (36 percent for women, and 23 percent for men).

* Men, on the other hand, were much more likely to be addicted to video games (25 percent) than women (0 percent); the Internet (23 percent for men, 6 percent for women) and television (34 percent for men, 17 percent for women).

* Men reported more addictive tendencies toward alcohol (34 percent) than women (19 percent) and were more likely to be addicted to cigarettes (31 percent) than women (14 percent).

The study also found a large correlation among substances and activities. For example, students who professed higher lev-

els of addiction to video games, and students addicted to smoking also appeared more likely to consume alcohol.

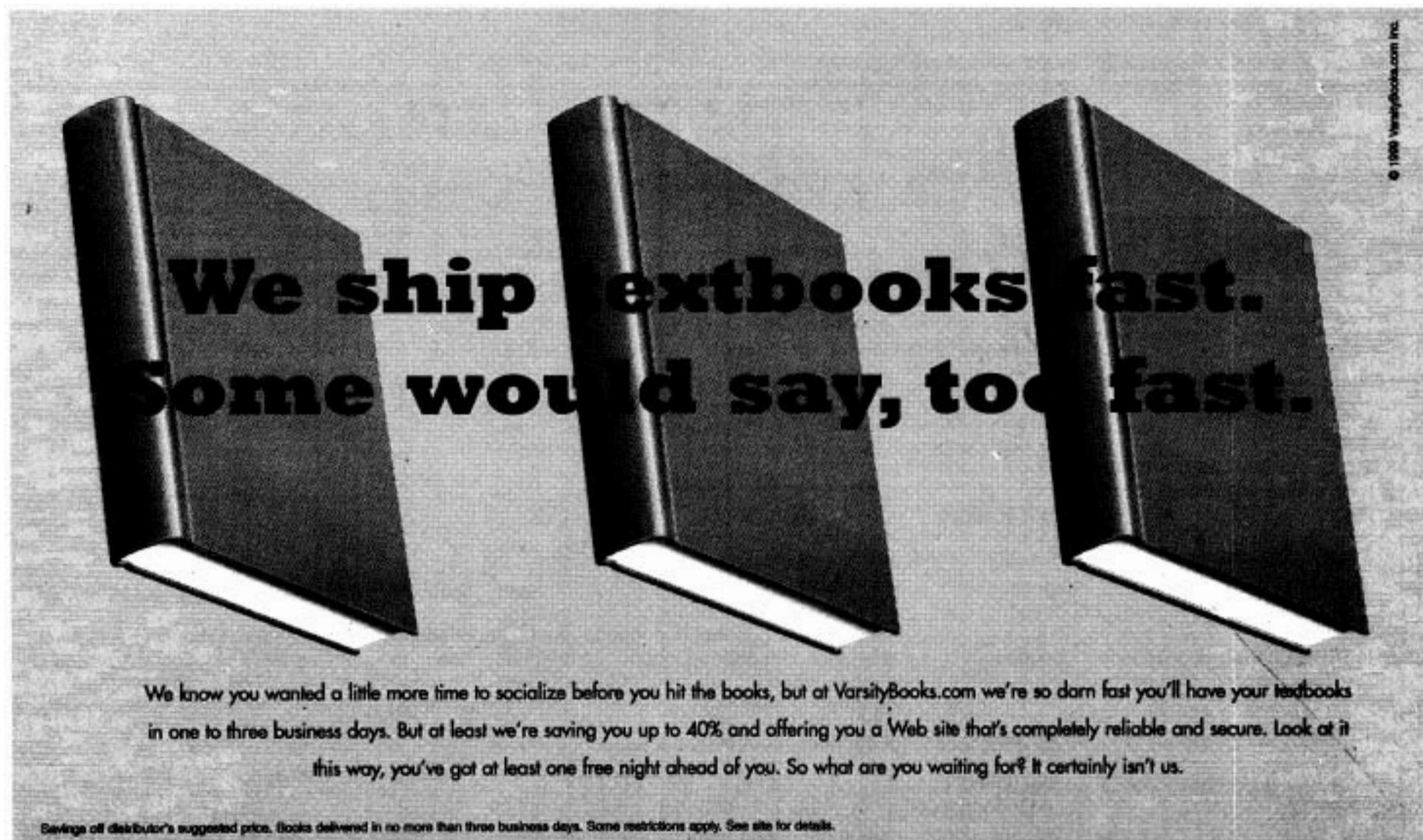
"Overlapping addictions do suggest a common core of vulnerability to addictive substances and activities found in everyday life," Dodd said. "Until recently, the search for this so-called addictive personality has been limited mostly to studies of alcohol or drug abusers who are currently in treatment for debilitating addictions. (However), we explored addictive tendencies among college students who are, in general, neither dysfunctional nor alienated from their social environment."

College students who didn't participate in the study had conflicting reactions to it.

"My female friends are less likely to be addicted to smoking and alcohol because they feel it isn't feminine or, especially in the case of alcohol, safe to consume it in public," said Jackie Pardue, a student at Agnes Scott College in Decatur, Ga. "And it's true that my friends who are addicts are usually addicted to more than one substance. It seems like once you begin drinking, you begin smoking."

Addictions aren't dictated by gender, and plenty of people with very positive views of themselves are addicts, said Yuan-Kwan Chan, a graduate student at Northwestern University.

"Bogus, bogus, bogus," she said of the study. "I am not addicted to caffeine, alcohol or cigarettes, so I suppose I am a semi-man and a 100-percent Internet-television junkie. I have friends and classmates who are addicted to all, some or none of the substances in question, and they all sure do have one thing



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Useless Quiz

1. What sitcom character moved from a Boston bar stool to a Seattle radio station?
2. Which one of Henry VIII's wives gave birth to Elizabeth I?
3. What's the world's second largest archipelago, after Indonesia?
4. What cartoonist has had three insect species named after him?
5. Who was the devil that bargained with Faust?
6. What is Canada's largest inland sea?
7. What's the positively charged particle in the nucleus of an atom called?
8. What boxer trained as a teenager by racing his Louisville school bus three miles to school on foot?
9. What book has been translated into 2,009 languages?
10. Who sold part of his ownership of the Beatles songs to Sony for \$95 million in 1995?

Answers to quiz

1. Dr. Frasier	2. Ann Boleyn
3. The Philippines	4. Gary Larson
5. Mephistopheles	6. Hudson Bay
7. Proton	8. Muhammad Ali
9. The Bible	10. Michael Jackson

Chock full of Real News

Thieves use backhoe in robbery attempt
 OGDEN, Utah - Some crafty thieves had the right tools to make off with an automated teller machine, but the wrong equipment to open it. Police say the suspects stole a backhoe from a construction site and used a tractor to pull up a freestanding ATM at the Weber Credit Union. They then towed the machine down the street. Though both the backhoe and machine were significantly damaged, the robbers could not get the ATM money vault open.

Pets may get some respect
 BOSTON - When little Mika was run down in the street one snowy night last year, city workers scooped up the dog and trucked the body to a deservs more respect, a state lawmaker says. Sen. Steven Tolman has filed a bill that would require police to notify the owners when a cat or dog wearing identification tags is killed in the street. Currently, the law requires anyone who runs over a dog to report it to the police or the owner. But if the motorist reports it to police, there's no requirement for the police to report the dog's demise to the owners.

Who wants to wed a multimillionaire?
 KENOSHA, Wis. - Dozens of women showed up at the Brat Stop tavern here hoping for a shot at marrying a mysterious multimillionaire. The event was one of several held around the country to narrow the field to 50 the number of finalists who will compete in upcoming Fox network special, Who Wants to Marry a Multimillionaire? The unidentified bachelor then will make his choice, and the wedding will be shown before a live television audience.

Man wearing Nixon mask robs store
 SANTA ROSA, Calif. - If he's ever caught,

the robber of a convenience store here may well use Richard Nixon's famous five-word defense: "I am not a crook." The Sonoma County Sheriff's Department says a robber wearing a mask of the late president entered the Pit Stop, produced a weapon, demanded cash and got away. The suspect is described as a 5-foot-6-inch man who weighs about 160 pounds.

Barney book contained surprise
 SPRINGFIELD, Mass. - A sing-along book about Barney the purple dinosaur caused some red faces after someone found an illustration of a bare-breasted woman inside. Michelle Capdeville said her young sons spotted the illustration in Barney's Sing-Along Songs, distributed by Avon. Avon apologized to consumers, and the company also has agreed to give refunds or replacement books, said an Avon spokeswoman.

Dead birds cover man's yard
 ANDERSON, S.C. - In a scene reminiscent of an Alfred Hitchcock movie, Charles Getsinger walked outside to get his newspaper and found dozens of dead blackbirds in his yard. "I said to myself, 'Lord have mercy. What's going on?'" said Getsinger, 66, who discovered the grisly sight when a bird dropped out of a tree and landed next to him. Clemson University researchers took the carcasses from Getsinger's lawn and are testing them to find a cause of death. Theories include poisoning to a bird virus that caused deaths in New York last summer.

Mystery of bones solved
 OMAHA, Neb. - There is no murder behind the mystery of the bones discovered in the elevator shaft of the elegant Blackstone Hotel. What was first considered possible evidence of a long-ago murder is probably the remains of someone's lunch. "It's all butchered cattle and pigs and turkey and chicken," said Rob Bozell of the Nebraska State Historical Society, who was asked to examine the bones by the State Patrol. The

bones were probably leftovers from a construction worker's lunch, or maybe something an animal dragged in, he said.

Dry county gets plates labeled 'DWI'
 JONESBORO, Ark. - Hundreds of license plates with the letters "DWI" have been issued to motorists in a dry county, of all places. The state Department of Motor Vehicles said it was only coincidence that Craighead County received that combination of letters, which are sometimes used to abbreviate "Driving While Intoxicated." The department screens out license plates it deems inappropriate, but none of the agency screeners were bothered by DWI. Among the banned three-letter combinations are DAM, SEX, FAT and PIG.

Suit claims haunted house too scary
 ORLANDO, Fla. - A woman suing Universal Studios contends the theme park operator's annual Halloween Horror Nights haunted house attraction was too scary and caused her emotional distress. The lawsuit by Cleanthi Peters, 57, also seeks compensation for injuries she says she suffered when she visited the haunted house with her 10-year-old granddaughter in 1998. Peters is seeking \$15,000 in damages for "extreme fear, emotional distress and mental anguish."

Accused bank robber left name there
 SALT LAKE CITY - It wouldn't be surprising if Johnny Lee Miller got upset at the mention of his anger-management course. FBI agents seeking a man who took \$34,804 from First Utah Bank on New Year's Eve caught up with Miller after finding his course graduation certificate in the bank's vault, said U.S. Attorney Paul Warner. The FBI said Miller slid a gun out from an envelope and demanded of a teller, "Where is your money?" The suspect took the gun with him but left behind the envelope, which also contained the certificate. It was issued by the Utah Department of Corrections.



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Ice Cube brings hilarity with "Next Friday"

By Dave Sharp
Editor

For those of you who cried with laughter last "Friday" when Craig and Smokey took the day off and got into some serious trouble, get ready to laugh again.

Audiences flocked to theaters this weekend making "Next Friday" number one at the box office.

Ice Cube is back as Craig, the post-high-school, unemployed, lazy, dope smoker who is still treading through his troubled situation at home.

This Friday, well—"Next Friday," picks up right where the last left off with Deebo (Tom "Tiny" Lester, Jr.) getting 'knocked the *&%^ out.' After a short time in jail, Deebo escapes vowing to get revenge for the beating he received from Craig.

Craig's dad then ships him out to the suburbs of LA to keep him safe by living with his uncle and cousin who recently escaped the slums after winning a \$1,000,000 jackpot in the lottery.

Between the uncle, who smokes more dope than Craig does; the uncle's girlfriend, who wants to get nasty with Craig and 'keep it in the family'; his cowardly cousin Day-Day (Mike Epps), whose pregnant ex-girlfriend likes to

destroy BMW's and accost people with pepper spray; the neighbors, drug dealing, gang members; their dog, a rapid Spuds Mackenzie, Deebo in hot pursuit, Dad (John Witherspoon) who seems to have a serious bowel disorder and everything else, this Friday is no better than the last one.

The main plot: after Uncle and Day-Day dwindle what's left of their winnings, property tax is due on their house by the next day or they run the risk of having their house auctioned. The solution: steal the money they need from the drug-dealing neighbors. That and the subplots produce some very funny situations.

The big laugh generator of the first movie,

Chris Tucker (Smokey), came up absent this time around, no doubt due to his newfound fame as the next Eddie Murphy or Chris Rock. Though "Next Friday" would have been funnier with him, the cast is able to hold their own and keep the audience falling out of their chairs.

My advice is though it was a funny movie, it doesn't measure up to the original. You might want to spend your money on a matinee or hold off for a video release where the first one hypnotized a loyal following.

Grade: B



Cousins Craig (Ice Cube) and Day-Day (Mike Epps) up to no good in the very funny sequel to "Friday."

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Sony PlayStation 2 Gran Turismo 2



PlayStation's new Grand Turismo 2 is a threat to one's GPA.

The addictive thing about GT2 is that it makes you start from almost ground zero. Armed with a cool 10-grand you begin your quest for money and cars. Unfortunately, ten thousand will only buy you a late model import. But that's the fun of the game. You take a piece of crap car, supe-it-up, and claw your way to the top.

In our tests we began with a 91 Toyota Celica 4WD. First you must earn licenses in order to race certain races. Unlike the first GT game, the licenses seemed a bit easier to obtain. Maybe we just became better drivers.

Once you've obtained a license you go and race. Using our used Celica, we began to win races, make money and win cars. Soon we were able to buy a turbo kit, computer chip, suspension, tires and even wheels from the wheel shop, where you can chose from all the latest styles. Soon we began kicking ass. In my household, we tag teamed the game and before too long, our garage was filled with everything from a VW Bug and a Mini Cooper to a 280Z drag car and a Formula Supra.

The races have many specific categories. Therefore you end up buying a multitude of cars so you can race in the specific races. For instance, we bought a 1967 Corvette Stingray and a Dodge Challenger so we could race in the Muscle Car Cup and a RUF Porsche Carrera to race in the Pure Sports Car Cup.

There are also general races, limited only by horsepower and licenses. Some even allow you to race any car you want.

When you buy a car from the manufacturer, some car companies allow you to race your car there against cars of the same company. In other words, if you buy an Alfa Romeo you can race against nothing but Alfas. The money is not great but it adds another option to the game. Not all car companies offer the "event" option.

The new GT2 has a rally mode as well. This adds a whole new element to the game. Just like in the road races, you can buy a car and transform it into a rally car. Here there is a another large race selection.

The game comes with two CD's. One is the simulation mode; the other is arcade mode. Simulation mode is basically what has just been covered. The arcade mode allows you to go head to head. It allows you to pick from a limited number of cars, but you can race anything out of your garage (which is a place where you store all the virtual cars you have won or bought). You can access your garage from either arcade mode or simulation mode.

Unlike most games, there are no cheats for GT2, at least

not yet. The nice thing about the game is even after you win all the races they offer an option that will customize a race for you based on your playing ability. You have to earn the super license, which is only offered after you obtain the other four. Therefore, this is a game you can play all the time. You never really conquer it. You can always race.

If you like racing games, this is a must buy. It offers you a lot of racing, a plethora of cars, and something else to add to your list of distractions.

By Kevin Cole



DMX And Then There Was X



On his latest journey into hell, "And Then There was X," DMX pitches grimy rap to the stop-and-go computerized beats, choppy basslines, orchestral strings and sprinted keyboard melodies of the Ruff Ryders' in-house producers. His latest single, "What's My Name," is a heated response to Kurupt's dis on him. On another track, "Party Up," DMX is heard warning naysayers, "Y'all gonna make me loose my mind up in here!"

This is DMX's third album in ^{two} years. With "And Then There Was X," the rapper doesn't miss a beat in continuing on his gangsta rampage. There are sinister street narratives about robbing stores ("One More Road to Cross") and getting rid of backstabbers ("The Professional"). In the solemn "Here We Go Again", DMX assumes the character of a "fatherly" outlaw who describes his thoughts about ending a young drug dealers life. "Move 2 a Song" is a critique of the notion that flashy jewelry and clothes will win love and respect on the streets. Lines such as "N#!*\$ walk around frontin', talkin' about jewels/ How much Y'all bust tools/ Y'all sound like fools"

might demonstrate that X isn't obsessed with becoming a glitzy hardcore rapper. (PUFFY should get a copy of this review.)

Much of what DMX raps about on this album appears to be heartfelt, though he does run out of steam toward the end of the disc. Nevertheless, DMX's chronicle of his life through hell and back is likely to satisfy fans.

By Anthony Hill



Jay-Z The Life and Times of S. Carter



Jay-Z comes across as the real deal-a former crack dealer who went from "slinging" hard to rapping hardcore rhymes. There maybe more talented rappers out there, but there is no one on the current scene who possesses Jay-Z's verbal flair and flash.

What sets the rapper apart is his facility for word play. On "Things That U Do" he comes with verse after verse of evocative poetics: "crazed and demonic/without blazin' chronic/product of Reaganomics" and then he comes with, "felt caged in but kept roamin', prayed for the day of atonement/married to the streets, no date on annulment."

On "Vol.3," Jay-Z demonstrates for the first time since his underrated debut, "Reasonable Doubt,1996," that he can be the high-post pop player and still kick down songs for fans in the underground. The current single, "Do It Again", demonstrates a night at the club for him and the Roccafella crew. Jay-Z's latest CD contains 15 tracks, with two bonus tracks at the end. The album has guests like Juvenile, Dr.Dre, the Roccafella click and Mariah Carey.

With "Vol.3," Jay-Z finally comes full circle and corral's hip-hop in the process. This is one of the best rap albums in stores ~~right~~ now and this could very well be his best CD yet.

By Anthony Hill

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Though we dropped to #2, Gamecocks are still March Madness Bound!

Gamecocks lose lead in TAAC

By Erik Green
Sports Editor

JSU's men's basketball team spent their last two games on the road, beating Mercer for the first time 69-65, but fell to the Trojans of Troy 74-70 on Saturday.

Against Mercer, Marlon Gurley finished the game with 14 points, and with 1.5 seconds left hit three free throws to clinch the victory for the Gamecocks.

At the 6:47 mark of the second half, the Gamecocks were up by 14, but Mercer began to make their way back. With 44 seconds remaining, the Bears had cut the lead to just three following a Noel West three pointer. In the closing seconds, West struck again on a lay-up cutting the Gamecock lead to one.

Following West's shot, Gurley was fouled while shooting a three pointer with one second remaining. Gurley hit all three fouls shots, and the Gamecocks escaped with a win.

JSU freshman Jarrod Greer had a career-high 13-points, and four

rebounds in the win, and center Brant Harriman finished with 12 points.

Mercer's Rodney Kirtz finished with 16 points, and Scott Emmerson had 13 points and 12 rebounds.

On Saturday the Gamecocks visited Troy and fell to the Trojans in crunch time.

The loss marked the end of the Gamecocks eight game conference-winning streak, and put them back to the number two spot in the TAAC.

The second half was the killer for the Gamecocks against Troy, JSU shot 34.5 percent from the field, and the Trojans on the other hand shot 51.7 percent. Troy outscored the Gamecocks by ten in the second half, and out-rebounded them 22-15. The Gamecocks had the lead going into intermission, but in the second half Troy was able to get better control of the boards, and they were able to control JSU center Brant Harriman more in the second half. Harriman had 18 points

and nine rebounds in the first half, but he ended the game with 23 points and 11 rebounds.

The Trojans held JSU shooting guard Marlon Gurley to nine points on 4-of-15 from the floor. Point Guard Rashard Willie (14 points) and forward Mike McDaniel (11 points) led the Gamecocks in scoring, they were also the only Gamecocks to reach double figures.

"The second half thing doesn't matter to me," Said JSU head coach Mark Turgeon. "The disappointing thing is we didn't do what we had to do to win. We just didn't do what it took to win, and they did, to their credit."

"I knew they were going to probably come out and come after me in the second half," Harriman said after the game.

"I don't know what turned it for us," said Troy coach Don Maestri. "I think we rebounded the ball better in the second half than we did the first, but that's not an adjustment as much as a mental attitude.

I think our kids got a little more determined to rebound the basketball, because we had really gotten whipped in the first half. We did tell our guys if you don't rebound the ball in the second half you'll get whipped for the game, but as far as (Harriman) I just think we had good fortune."

JSU fell to 11-4 overall and 6-1 in the TAAC.

"Our whole thing is to improve from this," said Turgeon. "I want to get better from this, learn from it. Hopefully we will."

Men's Record:		
Nov.19	at Ole Miss	L 74-59
Nov.24	Miss. Valley State	W 71-63
Nov.27	Florida A&M	W 66-58
Nov.30	Georgia Southern	L 87-84
Dec.4	at Stetson#	W 57-52
Dec.7	Georgia State#	W 81-79
Dec.16	at Tennessee State	W 77-65
Dec.18	at East Carolina	W 69-53
Dec.20	Morehead State	L 66-59
Dec.30	Clayton State	W 72-63
Jan.3	at Jacksonville#	W 82-73
Jan.8	Florida Atlantic#	W 68-46
Jan.10	Central Florida#	W 90-83
Jan.13	at Mercer#	W 69-65
Jan.15	at Troy State#	L 74-70

Lady Gamecock center Lisa Baswell shatters records and stays humble

By Erik Green
Sports Editor



The lady Gamecock basketball team may not be winning many games this season, but they're ahead in the leadership contest, and one of the main reasons for this is found in their All-Conference center Lisa Baswell.

In May, Baswell graduated from JSU Summa Cum Laude with a degree in Special Education, finished top of her class, and carried a 4.0 GPA. If all that was not enough, Baswell is considered

one of the best players ever for the Lady Gamecocks.

"Lisa had an outstanding season last year - offensively and defensively, said coach Dana Austin. "She is definitely our go to person."

Baswell is one of the most prolific scorers in Lady Gamecock history, aside from her ability to grab rebounds without a conscience. The Locust Fork, Ala. native scored a career high 46 points against Alabama A&M in December of '98, and had 15 (another career high) rebounds against Georgia Southern in November of the same year. The 6'2 senior has a career field goal percentage of .493, .333 from three-point land, three games with four blocks; twice Baswell has hit 15 free throws in a contest, and she had three steals in a game against Campbell University.

The 1998-99 season was just less than spectacular for Baswell, she was named TAAC Student-Athlete of the Year, she made the GTE-

Academic All-American First Team, TAAC Newcomer of the Year, was named TAAC player of the week on two occasions, she was a TAAC All Conference-First Team selection, led the conference and ranked fifteenth in the nation in points per game with 21.3. Baswell ranked twenty-second in the nation in free throw percentage with 85.5 (189-221), second in the conference in blocked shots per game with 1.21, her 46 point game against A&M tied an all-time school record for most points in a single game and most field goals in a single game (18). That record also ranked second in the nation in most points scored in a single game for the season. Baswell broke the TAAC record for free throw percentage in a conference game vs. Stetson with 15 in 98'. The game tied Baswell for third in the nation for free throw percentage in a single game. She also broke JSU's all-time record for most consecutive

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Lady Gamecocks fall to Georgia State and Campbell

From JSU Sports Information

Going on the road produced another sloppy loss for coach Dana Austin and Jacksonville State's women's basketball team.

The Lady Gamecocks, who were looking for relief after months of ups and downs, fell to the Georgia State Lady Panthers, 68-61, here Thursday night.

It was an unusual night for JSU. Most of the year, the Lady Gamecocks have relied on free throws to stay in games that may have been blowouts otherwise. For once, that was not the case.

JSU didn't shoot a free throw in the first half and managed to hold the lead. JSU also shot just 11 foul shots in the second.

"We put in a new defense yesterday and I think it suits this team," Austin said. "That is what kept us in the game."

Jax State's inside game worked very well in the first half, as freshman Tiara Eady made six of nine shots. The forward from Roswell, Ga., broke her career scoring record in the first half by tallying 12 points.

"I am proud of Tiara, she really stepped up," said Austin.

"I felt like I was at home," said Eady. "I had to take some of the pressure off of Lisa (Baswell) because they were keying in on her in the first half. I had a lot of support here tonight, from my family."

The game went back and forth until the Lady Gamecocks' Shneka Whaley hit a 3-pointer to help build a six-point JSU half-time lead, 31-25.

Georgia State came back and began the second half with a 3-point basket from Marika

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JSU's Gurley, one of TAAC's best

By Erik Green
Sports Editor



Marlon Gurley

Friends call him "The Don," teammates call him a leader, coaches call him mature, and fans call him "awesome." Marlon Gurley has what it takes to lead JSU's men's basketball program to the next level.

In the first few games of the season, JSU's men's basketball team struggled just a bit. Several players were unable to begin the season due to academic problems, or other various forms of ineligibility, and one of those players was Senior shooting guard Marlon Gurley. Gurley did not play in the Gamecocks first few games due to academic difficulties, but since then he has become JSU's leader, and leading scorer. Last week against Central Florida, Gurley had 28 points, 18 of which came behind the arc. In the last few minutes of that game, Gurley seemed to strip three-pointers at will. With 14 seconds remaining in regulation, Gurley fired his last three from about 30-feet, he was almost standing at his own bench when he took the shot. In retrospect, Gurley probably should not have taken the shot, but at that moment no fan, player, or coach seemed to mind. Head basketball coach Mark Turgeon sat dead still as he watched Gurley fire the shot, one only knows what was going through his mind at that point in time, but his reaction after the shot fell said it all. Turgeon was just as elated as everyone else in Pete Mathews Coliseum when the ball fell through the net, and he jumped to his feet like all the players remaining on the

bench. Gurley definitely lit a fire under the already excited crowd on hand for the game against UCF, and after each of those last three pointers; the roof about popped off Pete Mathews Coliseum.

Gurley is not a new comer to leading a team in crunch time, in fact he is known for his ability to control the tempo of the game and he has an innate ability to work for any shot he wants, and makes most of them. Gurley plays with as much intensity as anyone on his team, and he has the ability to takeover the offense and carry the Gamecocks to a victory. He is also cool under pressure, and exudes extreme confidence in his abilities as a shooter. A silent leader, Gurley has the respect of his coaches and teammates, and if anyone is the go to man for the game's last shot it's him.

"Marlon has matured a lot over the summer and will take on more of a leadership role this year, said Turgeon, "I expect him to have a great senior season."

Last season the Gamecocks finished 8-18 overall, and 3-13 in the TAAC. Talk about a comeback, the Gamecocks have already won more overall games, and have doubled their amount of TAAC wins, and it's barely mid-season.

Gurley was around last season, and led the Gamecocks in scoring, averaging 14 points per game. He also led last year's squad in field goals made (131), field goals attempted (370), three-pointers made (72), and three pointers attempted (208).

This year, Gurley is among the team leaders in almost every category, and with 11 games left, Gurley and the Gamecocks are looking for the first place bid in the TAAC tournament, and a possible spot in March.

From page 13, Lady Gamecocks

Maddox. GSU led several times in the second half, but JSU kept coming back. Baswell grabbed an offensive rebound with 3:57 left and dropped in a basket, bringing JSU within one point, 57-56. That would be the closest Austin would see the game before the final buzzer.

Eady ended with 18 points, followed by Baswell, who added 15.

In the second game of the week against the Lady Camels of Campbell, Jacksonville State finally scored some points before halftime, but the Lady Gamecocks eventually lost to the Trans America Athletic Conference leaders, 74-59, Saturday afternoon.

JSU only scored nine points in the first 12 minutes of the first half. CU's lead climbed to 27-9 before the Lady Gamecocks' Lisa Baswell scored 10 points in the last portion of the half to help out Jax State. Campbell led at halftime, 37-26.

The Lady Gamecocks came within six points with 13 minutes to go. Meanwhile, the battle between Campbell's superstar, April Cromartie, and Baswell came to a halt with 11:50 to go when Cromartie took a breather with four fouls and 18 points, but that didn't help JSU.

Despite Baswell's sensational performance, maybe the best she's played all year, no one else seemed to be able to score.

In a conversation with JSU coach Dana Austin earlier this week, she talked about the third "season."

"There is no telling what could happen," she said. "No matter what happens during the regular season, the tables could turn when it comes tournament time. We are trying to get better everyday in practice. We'll just have to see."

Most of JSU's scoring came from one source. Baswell had 34 points. No one else scored in double figures.

JSU shot better percentage-wise than the Lady Camels (38.6-33.9), but rebounding and second looks were the key. Campbell had a whopping 52 rebounds to Jax State's 29. The Lady Gamecocks had only eight offensive boards.

"You can't give up 23 offensive rebounds and expect to win on the road," Austin said.

JSU (4-10, 1-5) will host Samford in the second part of a double-header with the men next Saturday. The men tip off at 1 p.m. and the women follow at 3:30 p.m.

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The Chanticleer's Sports Quiz

- If you were an athlete at this college you would be known as a Flying Scot, what is the name of this institution?
- Where did Miami Dolphin quarterback Dan Marino go to college?
- Who is JSU's all time leading scorer in men's basketball?
- What former Gamecock dual sport athlete is in the top five all time scorers in basketball for JSU, and played in more than a couple of Super Bowls with the NFL's Buffalo Bills?
- Two Gamecock coaches are sisters, who are they and what sport did they play at JSU? Bonus: What local high school did these sisters attend?
- Who has the most wins as baseball coach in JSU history?
- Everyone knows John Elway was a legendary Denver Bronco, but which NFL team took him as the first overall pick in the 1983 draft?
- Famous baseball player Ty Cobb played in the majors for 24 years, and for only two teams, what teams were they?
- NBA legend Michael Jordan was recently selected as ESPN's athlete of the century, how many times was he named league MVP?
- Who was the only professional boxer to go undefeated, and retire as Heavyweight Champion?
- The Green Bay Packers won Super Bowl I by the score of 35-10, what team did they defeat?
- Many of the NFL's greatest quarterbacks entered the league in 1983, John Elway, Jim Kelly, and Dan Marino to name a few, but none of these legendary athletes won the Heisman Trophy. Who won the Heisman Trophy in 1983?
- The first World Series was played in 1903, what teams played in it, and which team won?
- Hockey's highest reward is winning the Stanley Cup, what NHL team has won the most?
- Who holds the all time Major League Baseball record for games played?
- Cynthia Cooper is one of the best players in the WNBA, what city is the team she plays for located?
- Most teams in professional sports mascot's name ends in "s." name at least five teams whose name doesn't.
- In NCAA Division I sports there are two teams besides the U.S. Military Academies who do not have the word "university" in their name, who are they?
- In what sport is it normal to be called a hooker (hint: in this game it's ok to tackle, but you better not block)?

Answers to Quiz

- Gordon College
- University of Pittsburgh
- Robert Lee Sanders (4th all time leading scorer at JSU 1,495 points)
- Dana Austin, Jana McGinnis, basketball/Bonus: Spring Garden
- Rudy Abbot (949 wins)
- Baltimore Colts
- Detroit Tigers, Philadelphia Athletics
- 9
- 5
- Rocky Marciano
- Kansas City Chiefs
- Mike Rozier - Nebraska
- Boston Pilgrims, Pittsburgh Pirates, Pilgrims won (5-3)
- Montreal Canadians (23)
- Pete Rose
- Houston (Comets)
- Utah Jazz, Miami Heat, Orlando Magic, Tampa Bay Lightning, Boston Red Sox, Chicago White Sox, Colorado Avalanche, New York Liberty (WNBA), Charlotte Sting (WNBA), Phoenix Mercury (WNBA), Utah Starzz (WNBA)
- Georgia Tech and Boston College
- Rugby

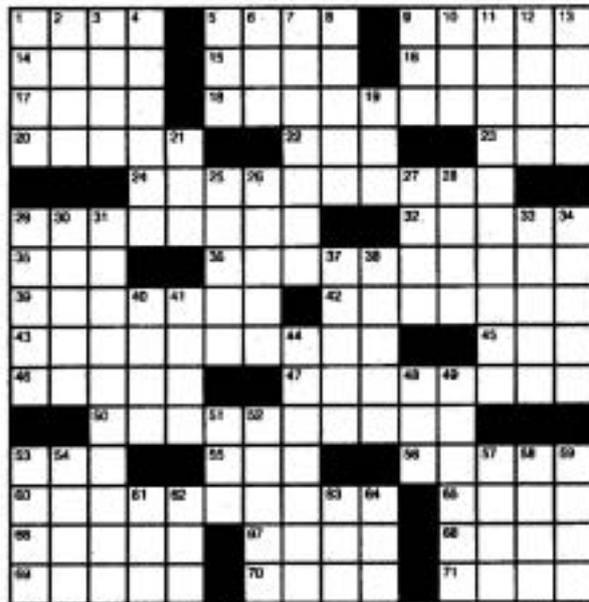
From page 13, **Baswell** free throws with 27 over two games between Stetson and Belmont in January of 1999. Finally, Baswell broke JSU's record for most consecutive games scoring in double figures; she scored at least ten points in 25 games. All that is pretty good for someone who has only played at JSU for going on two years, before her career at JSU, Baswell played at the University of Southern Mississippi for two years.

In high school, Baswell was only the fourth female in the state of Alabama to score 3,000 points in a career, was second in the state in career rebounds, and third in the nation with 1,960. Baswell set a state record in blocks while playing at Locust Fork High School with 543 in her career. She received several other honors including: being chosen as a member of the Alabama Sports Writers Association Super Five Team, Player of the Year in Alabama for class 3A during her senior campaign, a Bryant-Jordan Scholarship Region recipient, USA Today National Team honorable mention, and the Birmingham Tip Off Club Player of the Year (another honor from her stellar senior season).

In the end, Baswell remains humble. The one thing she said she tries to improve on everyday is not her game, but her Christian Influence. Although she has humble personal goals, she said her goals for the team are to win a conference and a national championship. Above all she said she tries not to be normal, and if everything she has accomplished is normal then most of us are in trouble.

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- ACROSS**
- Landlocked
 - African nation
 - Secular
 - Doctor deterrent?
 - Astronaut Shepard
 - River in Tuscany
 - Removed skin
 - "... we forget..."
 - Soon
 - Hawaiian shrub
 - Lulu garland
 - Enemy
 - Noted muckraker
 - Rhythm instrument
 - WWII surrender site
 - High mount
 - Concocting
 - Likes
 - Produce milk
 - Urger
 - Hemi-score
 - Do up laces, again
 - Healthiest looking
 - Portion
 - ...-tac-toe
 - Drench
 - Makes insensitive
 - Friedrich and Xaviera
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 - Mr. T's outfit
 - Realm
 - Stanley Gardner
 - Stingingly
 - Invitation acronym
 - Property record



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- DOWN**
- Shopping center
 - Toward shelter
 - Whip stroke
 - Have a funny feeling
 - Science research rm.
 - "We ... the World"

Solutions

- Exaggerate
- Pigeon, at times
- Galoot
- Chum
- Recklessly wasteful
- Late-night Jay
- Transition point
- Chest bone
- Nabokov heroine
- Choice of conjunctions
- incognita
- the Red
- Made an advance?
- Basketball player
- Unchallenged
- Eyeglasses
- Muffles
- Exhausted
- Native Alaskan
- Dirt
- Combustible stuff
- Cheese scrapers



- Put on
- Accustomed
- Possess
- Fragrant wood
- Return to water
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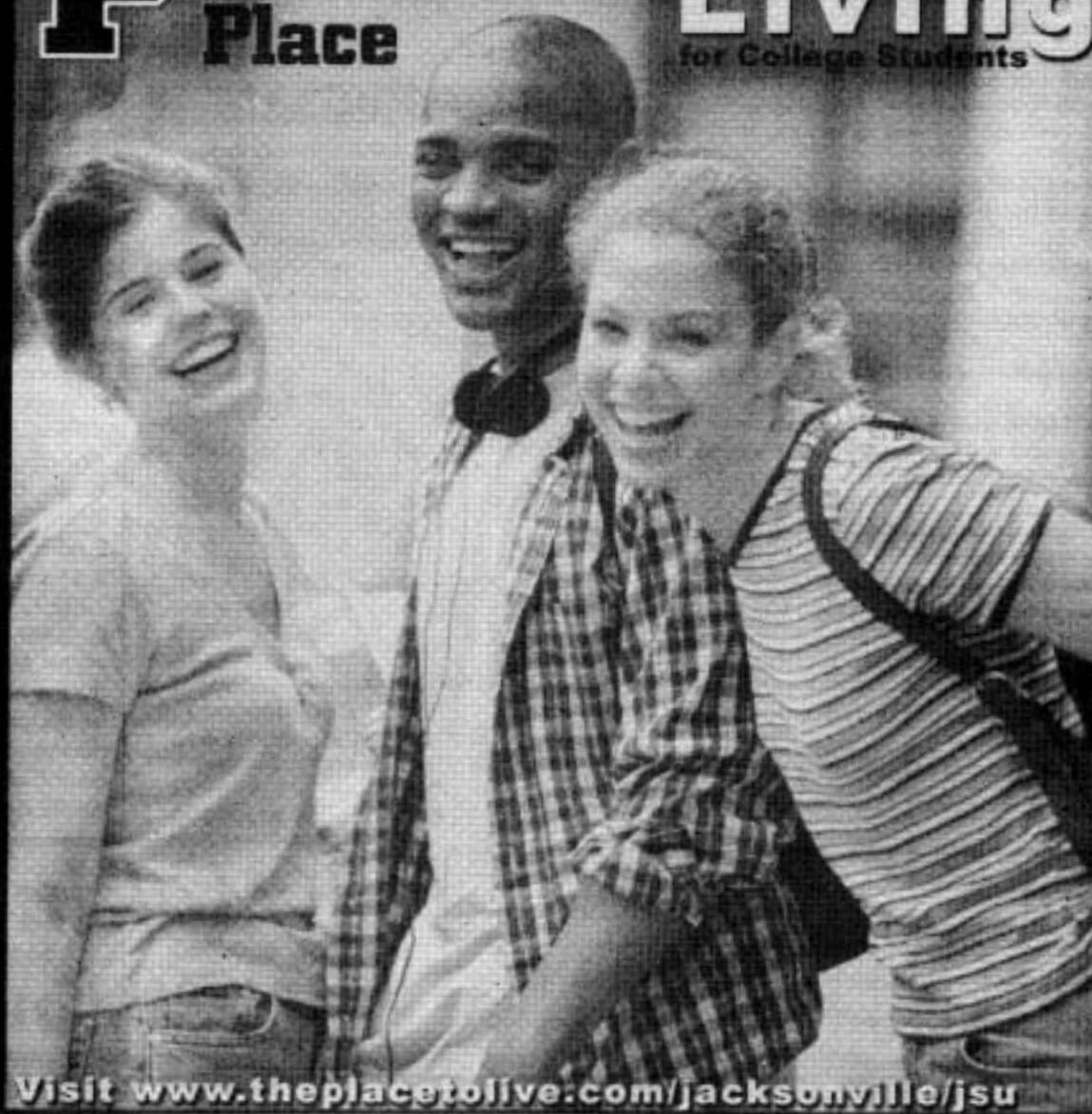
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