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**Announcements**

**Campus Crime**

- **1-18-00**: Corey O'Brien Salter, of Montevallo, Ala., reported harassment to JSUPD occurring at Dixon Hall on 1-17-00.
- **1-19-00**: Joshua Delane Parker, of Centre, Ala., reported harassing communications to JSUPD occurring at the International House on 1-18-00.

**Clubs And Organizations**

- **Alpha Xi Delta**
  Congratulations to our new members: Jami Campbell, Genni Tomasic, and Agata Czerwiski. We wish the JSU basketball team good luck in their game against ZTA this week. Also, we continue to wish the JSU basketball teams good luck. A special congratulations goes to our new Order of Omega initiates Kellilyn Johnson and Janna Wigley. Good Luck also goes to all the teams participating in the College Bowl this week. Additionally, we want to say congratulations to April Whitmarsh and Alvin Owens on their engagement as well as Eve Ann Horton and Bryan Wallace on their engagement. The sisters of Alpha Xi Delta are looking forward to the sisterhood retreat this weekend. Chapter Awards: Sister of the Week-Katli Patterson, New Member of Week-Kristin Faulkner, Beary Best Bear-Valerie Womack, and the Support Award-Lori Tidwell. We hope all of our sisters and new members have a wonderful week.

- **Alpha Omicron Pi**
  AOII says congratulations to the basketball teams on there win against Samford and Good Luck to the women's team tonight. Good luck to Zeta Tau Alpha and all the contestants in Big Man on Campus. Good luck to all the fraternities during Spring Rush. AOII is looking forward to their mixer with all the other sororities on Wed. Congratulations to the Rifle Team this weekend. Kelly Dove won first place overall and high score all categories. AOII sister awards: Sister-Karen Edwards, Positive Panda-Jenn Foster.

- **Phi Mu**
  3We would like to congratulate those ladies who helped Phi Mu win our first Phi Mu Intramural Basketball Game. Great Job Girls! Phi Mu’s awards for the week are Sunshine Girl: Jenny Earley Phi Mu Ladies of the Week are Shannon Collins and Angie Roberts. Good Luck to the JSU basketball team. You all are making JSU shine! Also good luck to the Phi Mu intramural basketball team with their upcoming games. Hope that everyone has a great week!

- **Zeta Tau Alpha**
  We would like to congratulate the JSU basketball teams for their wins against Samford. This week, the Sassy Strawberries-Allison Wright, Amy Ginn and Elizabeth Webb; Crown Award-Amber Reid; Social Bunny-Candace Milican; Best Lil’-Angela Wester; Best Big-Mary Cash; Most Valuable Player-Stacy Cross; Cuddle Bunny-Candy Worthy; Strawberry Award-Meredith Barnes; New Member of the Week-Beth Cousins, Member of the Week-Allison Eason. Big Man on Campus is tonight at 7:30 p.m. at Leonce Cole Auditorium. Admission is $1 and there are door prizes. All proceeds go to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

**JSU Area Events Calendar: Jan. 27 - Feb. 4**

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| Women’s Basketball: JSU hosts Florida Atlantic University | Men’s Basketball: JSU @ Samford | Saturday: 
- Ginnwine at Pete Mathews Coliseum, 8:30 p.m. 
- JSU Rifle Team: @ Withrow Invitational 
- Men’s Tennis @ Alabama | SGA Senate Meeting, 6 p.m., Leonce Cole Auditorium |

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**The Chanticleer**

- **Free HIV testing: Nursing Center Clinic. Tests done last the Friday of each month. Testing done by a representative of the Alabama Department of Public Health. For more information, call 782-5452.**
- **Students who have lost or accidentally thrown away their student handbook: not to worry, most of your questions can probably be answered on JSU’s website. For a complete handbook visit www.jsu.edu/department/handbook.**
- **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.**
- **Anyone interested in Criminal Justice, There will be a command post exercise seminar for one hour of 406 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. Koerner at 782-5004 or Dr. Holstein at 782-5556.**
- **Want to win $100? Zeta Tau Alpha is hosting the second annual Big Man on Campus Men’s Variety Show, on Thursday, Jan. 27 at 7:30 p.m. at Leonce Cole Auditorium. The entry fee is $25 per act, which can be provided by the participants or a sponsoring organization. The first prize is $100. Call Stacy Cross at 782-6199 for an entry form or more information.**
- **Phi Eta Sigma Freshman Honor Society will award national scholarships this spring. Five graduate and 27 undergraduate awards at (or up to) $2000 and 61 undergraduate awards of $1000. JSU chapter members should contact Ruth Kinnity for applications. The deadline for applications is Feb. 23.**
- **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, Seif Hall. Our e-mail address is: jsu_chanticleer@hotmail.com, thanks.**
Like Boland Hall, JSU residence halls have no sprinkler systems

Hall fire said they paid no attention to alarms because of the numerous false alarms, 18 since the school year began. At JSU, anyone who instigates a false alarm or meddles with fire prevention equipment is evicted from university housing and criminal charges are processed on the offender, according to Fiol. “This includes tampering with early warning devices, emergency lighting for the evacuation system, smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, hoses and fire exit doors.”

Though announced, fire drills are held every semester, Fiol admits the sad truth is “students don’t care about the drills.” The University Police Department experiences problems with drills because students “think they have better things to do than running out of a building,” said Fiol. “We have interrupted their sleeping, studying or whatever, but at the same time we interrupted them, we may have just saved their lives.”

“We get a lot of bad comments and dirty looks from students while conducting these drills,” said Fiol. But the rules are “residents MUST vacate the residence hall immediately upon hearing the fire alarm. It is a violation of university policy and state and federal laws to remain in the building during fire alarms.”

When a tragedy like the Seton Hall fire strikes, Chief Daughtery admits it piques people’s interest and makes them ask themselves: “What can we do different here to keep the same thing from happening to us?”

There are an estimated 1,700 fires each year in dorms, fraternity and sorority houses resulting in 70 to 80 injuries per year, according to National Fire Protection Association statistics. Since 1980, there have been 17 deaths attributed to these fires.

Dr. Doug Rokke delivers what he knows best ...

From front page, Rokke have been recycled to manufacture new products,” according to Rokke.

The health risks of DU were known as early as the 1940’s, yet the government allowed it to be used anyway, according to papers on depleted uranium.

“It’s a mess,” said Rokke. “Today everybody’s sick, people are dead, kids are dead ... and the U S Department of Defense is still refusing to do anything.”

Rokke himself feels the effect of the DU used in Desert Storm.

Amazingly, those in need of medical treatment are denied. Dr. Rokke and others from JSU are dedicated in helping veterans find medical care. “We’ve got a commitment to the world; a commitment to taking care of people.” Unfortunately, funding and time is often a problem, according to Rokke.

Many veterans in need of care are being referred to a coordinator to the U. S. Department of Veteran Affairs in Baltimore, Md. Rokke receives anywhere from 30 to 40, sometimes 50 e-mails per day from people seeking help for medical reasons, people with updates on DU, or those who just want to learn more on the effects of DU and why it was used.

Those wanting to help also contact Rokke, ranging from JSU students to doctors and lawyers from around the world.

In November, Rokke, who has been teaching at JSU for 2 years, traveled to Cambridge University to present a paper on depleted uranium. People from around the world were present. He has also worked with 60 minutes and 20/20, who visited the JSU campus last February to interview Rokke on the effects of DU.

“The world has been coming to our door,” said Rokke, speaking about television networks from England, France, Canada, Germany and even Japan, that have come to JSU to learn more about depleted uranium.

JSU Police give important advice to students’ children

From front page. McGuff

Officer Gaither also explained to the children about the value of gun safety, what to do if they found a gun and most importantly, if there is a gun in their house-keep away from it.

After the demonstration “we took the kids outside and they got to see the new police car,” said Fiol. “All of them were filmed with the (dash-) mounted camera and saw themselves on TV.” They were also given the opportunity to talk on the police radio.

Then the children were loaded in groups in the back seat of the police car and were taken for a ride. They also experienced the loud sounds and bright lights the car could perform in an emergency.

By the end of the visit, every child had an official “McGruff the Crime Dog” coloring book.

Fiol received a letter from the nursery students thanking the officers and asking when they were going to come back for another visit.

“It was really nice; we had a great time,” said Fiol. “I like doing these kind of things for the kids.”
JSU student studies Chinese language and culture at Wuhan University

From front page, China

most respected universities in China and one of the very few
doctorate-granting Chinese institutions, is located in Wuhan-
the largest city in Central China. Wuhan, with a population
of 7.3 million and an area of 8,467 kilometers, is the largest
commercial and financial center in Central China.

JSU and Wuhan University have been exchanging students
and faculty for almost 10 years now. “We have not had any
student from JSU go to Wuhan and not like it. Most of our
students not only like it, but they can’t wait to go back
again,” said Dr. Adrian Aveni, Director of the International
Programs and Services. “I would like to emphasize that
Wuhan University is an especially attractive opportunity.”

“I got treated very well,” said Warlick. “They’re quick to
befriend you.” But Warlick admits his stay was not incident
free. “Some things bothered you. Over time they build up,
but then [you realized] it was something you had to live with
and you understood why it was like that. You just got used
to it.”

Warlick was in China during the Yugoslavia-United States
Conflict in which the United States accidentally bombed the
Chinese embassy. “I was there for maybe two months at that
time. It was an eye-opening experience. They were obvi-
ously angry. They took us aside and told us to be careful. It
was very short lived and I was not really scared. I knew I
wasn’t going to be harmed.”

Among these hardships, Warlick also admitted having to
face the aspects of our own culture that have filtered through
to China. “The Backstreet Boys are huge in China. So are the
Spice Girls and Ricky Martin.”

Another cultural aspect noted by Warlick, “You could drink
beer anywhere you wanted. On your lunch break, you can go drink and eat with your friends and then
come back and work. It’s acceptable to have the smell of
beer on your breath when you come back to work, so to
speak.”

JSU students have the opportunity to travel to Wuhan and
study from September to May. While at Wuhan, students
take Chinese language and culture classes. “When I was
there, I studied just Chinese language,” said Warlick. “Most
people think of Chinese language as impossible [to learn].
How can you learn to speak Chinese? In about six months, I
could get around. And by the time I left, I could talk about
almost anything.”

Any students interested in the JSU-Wuhan University
exchange program should submit a short letter including
class standing, major, prior international travel and how they
think traveling to Wuhan will enhance the quest for a career
and enrich their personal lives.

“I grew up a little bit, being alone,” said Warlick. “Being
alone in the sense that I was there by myself. I didn’t know
anybody. I learned how to speak Chinese. I was proud of
myself for that. I spent less than a year in a country and I can
communicate with people and travel around if I’d like to.”

For more detailed information, contact JSU’s International
Programs and Services office at 782-5674 or stop by room
122 in Daugette Hall.
The Red Herring

JSU drama goes ‘Into the Woods’

By Amanda Laughlin
Staff Writer

Have you ever noticed that all fairy tales have a similar plot and array of characters? There always seems to be a witch, a prince or princess, and a beautiful girl. Throw in a crisis, along with a spell or two, and voila—a fairy tale. JSU’s upcoming production of “Into the Woods”, a musical fairy tale by James Lapine with music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, contains all of these elements...with a twist.

Lapine’s fairy tale is a bit more like a soap opera than a fairy tale. Several familiar characters appear in this fantasy such as Little Red Ridinghood, Cinderella, and Rapunzel. The Baker and his wife, two of the main characters, learn that they have been cursed with childlessness from the witch next door. However, they are given the opportunity to alleviate the spell by obtaining “a cape as red as blood”, “a slipper as pure as gold”, “hair as yellow as corn” and “a cow as white as milk” in three days’ time. During their quest, the Baker and his wife run into several familiar characters such as Little Red Ridinghood, Cinderella, and Rapunzel. The Baker and his wife take full advantage of each instrument.

On their first track “Wake,” they grab you early with a slide guitar hook from lead guitarist Jason Harrelson. The rest of the CD follows suit. Lead singer Chris Godfrey has a southern-soulful, gravely-liquored-smokefilled pipes of a voice. Their second track, “What a Shame” is a little reminiscent of Everlast’s “What it’s Like” with more of a Southern appeal. The rhythm section shines on track three, “Not Again.” “Better Days,” track four, is a bluegrass beat with a Dickey Betts style guitar. Of course, no jam band would be complete without a ten-minute song. “Saucy” is not an instrumental, but a little darker than the rest of the CD. Of course a great wah sound on guitar helps keep it funky. This band will impress you with their many facets, their tightness, and the general appeal. If you’re interested in some of their music tune Into 92-J for No Cover Fridays 5-7 p.m. or visit their website at www.hannawardpass.com.

Hannaward ‘Pass’ through Jacksonville

By Kevin Cote
Features Editor

If you’re looking for a good time jam band, “Brothers” has a stump for you this Thursday. Tuscaloosa’s own Hannaward Pass is bringing their high-energy style of rock and roll to Jacksonville. This six-piece band is a great example of what the Southern appeal.

“The music of Hannaward Pass is derived from the influences of Latin, Southern Rock, Funk, Blues and even a little Folk. As a result, the music has many layers and facets. Although each song has unique qualities, they all bear the undeniable “Hannaward Pass signature,” according to their web site.

Their self-titled release is a concrete effort from a band that just formed in 1997. Although there are only five songs on the CD, it totals nearly 30 minutes worth of music. What do you expect from a jam band? One the most impressive qualities of the band’s CD is the tightness of their music. The songs are very well orchestrated and take full advantage of each instrument. They have great guitar hooks, and the rhythm section round out the flavor of the band. It’s very tasty.

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With the oh-so-important Iowa caucus happening this week, it’s evident that we are in the full swing of another election year. While the phrase “Presidential Race 2000” may provoke yawns from unconcerned Americans across the U.S.A., it is semi-important. Who is going to lead this great country into brighter and better things? Who is going to address the issues that we as college students and as people are deeply concerned about? Are you concerned yet? I didn’t think so.

To fully realize who the best person is for the job, you must look at the candidates. (In a monster truck rally voice): Standing at 6’ and weighing in at 185 pounds, and hailing from the great state of Texas: George W. Bush (The crowd goes crazy). Bush has a reasonable lead over second place John McCain, in spite of his recent Democratic-like stance on abortion issues and having done large amounts of cocaine. However, Bush refuses to say how much cocaine he has, in fact, done.

The fact that Bush has been getting a bad rap from the media about his past/present/future drug problems is kind of hypocritical. How many reporters have never used drugs? Only the ones who work for the Christian Science Monitor. How many of them would ‘fess up to using? Not many, but we know what’s going on. Back to the race... (continuing in the monster truck rally voice) Standing at 6’2” and weighing in at 220 pounds, Senator John McCain. McCain is the guy you see on television all the time, but people really don’t have much to say about the guy. No one seems to know anything about him, his policies, favorite color, food, sexual orientation, etc. He just looks like a cranky albino. He may not be a cranky albino, but he carries himself that way.

Last but not least... Standing at 5’9” and weighing in at 200 pounds, Steve “The Rich Guy” Forbes. The sad thing is, Forbes is probably the smartest guy running. His flat tax ideas were so nifty that every candidate is now proclaiming that he invented the flat tax idea. Forbes may have actually had a shot, but he looks like a cross between Alfred E. Newman and a deer in headlights. In the presidential race, it’s not how much you know, but how good you look while not knowing it. Now we get down to those evil liberal democrats. The ones who are known for a consistent shagging of women, albeit movie starts (Kennedy=Marilyn Monroe) or pudgy interns (you know already).

Standing at 6’1” and weighing in at 180 pounds, Al Gore is the Democratic front runner. Actually, as stiff as Al is, he’s more like the front crawler. He’s cut from the same cloth as his buddy Bill, but he’s too dumb to cause any serious trouble. Al claims to be the average everyday Joe, like you and I, but he fails to mention that he grew up in the posh area of Washington—D.C.—that is. However, if bleeding heart liberal is your bag, then he’s your man.

Standing at 10’4” and weighing in at 250 pounds, Senator Bill Bradley is so close to Gore in the Gallups he can smell Al’s pine tree perfume. If you didn’t know, Bradley was once a great basketball titan and promises that he can score just as many three pointers in the ‘oral office.’ If you’re a bleeding heart liberal, and you like basketball, then Bradley is your man.

That’s it for the main contenders. If your beliefs lean more toward the Third-Party and Independent candidates, you might want to vote for a rich guy who gets lots o’ chicks (Donald Trump) or you might want to vote for a crazy coder who gets no chicks (Ross Perot). If you drive a Chevrolet Corvair, and disagree that it’s “unsafe at any speed,” you might not want to vote for Ralph Nader, who is running on the Green party ticket. If you have extreme conservative David Koresh-like views, then vote for Pat Buchanan, running on the Reform party ticket.

Just remember, it is vital that you vote in the November election. If you like one candidate, dig deeper and find out what his views are. Voting is a sacred liberty, and one we shouldn’t take for granted. If you snooze, you lose. Besides, remember the lottery fiasco? Enough said.

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Do you have an opinion about anything?

Forum is our readers’ column.

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- The Chanticleer will not print letters which are unsigned, libelous and/or defamatory.
- The Chanticleer reserves the right to edit letters for space and grammar, as well as style.
- There will be at least two weeks between publication of letters from the same person. We will publish rebuttals no later than two weeks after the publication of the article, editorial or letter in question.
- The Chanticleer reserves the right to refuse publication of any submission.
- Deadline for submissions is noon Monday, before desired publication that Thursday, in the event of a three day weekend, submission deadline is 4 p.m. the preceding Friday.
- Bring typed submissions or send through campus mail to our office: Room 180 Self Hall—JSU, or send submissions via e-mail --- jsu_chanticleer@hotmail.com.
- All submissions must include a name, phone number and student number for JSU students.
- And remember, please think before you write.

Thank you,
The Editorial Staff
By Kevin Cole

Why is it that the smallest things seem to be the ones that frustrate you most? In most cases, I feel I’m a pretty patient guy. I have a bit of understanding and the large problems I seem to handle in stride. But you stick me in a situation like something as miniscule as mailing a letter on a busy day at the post office, and I’m livid. Why is that? I’ll tell you why.

While I’m spending thirty minutes in line to mail one damn letter, I’m contemplating on how these people could run a more efficient postal service, which adds to my frustration because I’m not in this business and I’ve already come up with half a dozen ways to make this whole process faster. And if they take the time to read this article, perhaps on my next visit they won’t get as many bomb threats.

I know this is not a major problem in our society but perhaps less time on the “trail of tears” of a line at the post office would free up those individuals to work on our society’s major problems. Let me just explain this little ordeal I suffered through the other day.

I drive up to our local post office and wait for one of the three ample parking spaces the city has provided for its entire town. So while I’m blocking traffic to get into the post office I’m thinking I could have hand delivered this to Omaha in less time than it’s taking me to get a parking space. (Bing) My first efficient idea! Maybe it’s my high level of intelligence but the thought occurred to me, “would it kill them to get a few more parking spaces?” I know I’m asking all of a maybe a days work from city employees but with a can of yellow spray paint and a straight edge and we could park in the front lawn. (Boom) Problem solved.

So now I’m in the post office and I take my place in line behind a couple of guys who have pitched a tent and are scratching the days they’ve been there in the cold ceramic tile. The lady in front of them just put down the FBI’s most wanted list as though she just finished a great novel. She pulls the afghan over her feet and stokes the fire.

I thought to myself, “Hey there is a bright side to every situation... by the time my mom gets this letter, the stamp will be worth something... if she’s alive.”

I noticed that although the line was stretched out the door they have wisely chosen to only open up one of the three windows. Well that makes sense if you open up all three windows no one has a place to put their sleeping bags. (Bing) Efficiency idea number two! I know I can’t pass basic algebra here, but stick with me. If you have line A stretching out the door moving at a pace of three feet a day with one window open and line B moving at three feet a minute with three windows open, which line will have less casualties as the one man behind the only window opens fire due to his mental instability? That’s right folks, one window open to sew the hoards of people coming in the door. I have never in all my years at JSU seen all three windows open at the same time at that post office. Not even at Christmas. And to top it off the lady whose is not manning her post teases us by frequenting her window just to grab something and leave again. Always looking at us as if to say to herself, “hmm, that’s a damn big line.” I know I’m not Postmaster General, but when you see the Red Cross giving aid to those on line open another window.

And if things weren’t bad enough, I finally get to the window. The man tells me I need to fill something out and to step over to the next window so he can help the person behind me. “When you get done just step back over and I’ll get you next.” I calmly say, “O.K.” I fill it out in say 45 seconds, I turn back and the guy behind me is checking out. But you see it was hard to tell who he was because I could barley see over the five hundred letters he had in his possession. This man had backed his semi to the window and was pitching letters to the clerk, who was having trouble typing with one hand and polishing his AK47 assault rifle with the other. Licking the bayonet, the clerk asked him how he would like these shipped. The ‘Man’ of course never thought of bulk mail and insisted on overnight. So after tossing a fifth something out and to step over to the next window to grab something and leave again. Always looking at us as if to say to herself, “hmm, that’s a damn big line.” I know I’m not Postmaster General, but when you see the Red Cross giving aid to those on line open another window.

Meanwhile (Bing) I realized B.J. and the Bear, with his letters for each person in India could have benefited from a drive-through window. What a concept. Why don’t I get paid for this?

I’m no Henry Ford but I think the local post office could benefit from a few minor alterations to their game plan. I might not receive mail for the next few weeks but I’m willing to take the risk. I’m willing to stand up to the powers that be, and say “I’m tired of no parking spaces, I’m tired of only one window open, and I’m tired of wasting time trying to mail a simple package that shouldn’t take more than five minutes.” Damn it, next time I’m going postal...you can put a stamp on that!
Years later, a boy, Lesra, read his book and began his own plight, with the help of his Canadian friends, to rescue the Hurricane from his prison. And so begins the last, and eventually successful, attempt to free Carter Washington shines, as usual, in his portrayal of the war-torn, life-exhausted Carter. The problem with the casting comes from virtually the rest of the entire cast. Even Vicellous Reon Shannon, who portrays Lesra while getting undue critical acclaim, falls short in his duties, giving his character a saturated stereotype from "Uncle Tom's Cabin" or "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn." I believe the time period was 1984, not 1784.

Grade: C
JSU production “Into the Woods” comes to Stone Center stage

Characters who are also wishing for something as the Baker and his wife wish for a child. At the end of Act One, all of the wishes are granted, and the characters believe they will live “happily ever after.” But in Act Two, things take a turn for the worse with drastic results.

“It’s funny. There’s a lot of funny stuff that goes on...and there’s a lot of stuff people have heard of, like Rapunzel and Cinderella,” said Nicole Sprayberry, who plays the part of Florida, Cinderella’s stepsister.

It is a challenge to keep the stories separate, yet woven together, said Dr. Wayne Claeren, the show’s director. “Act One is light-hearted, but it gets more serious in the second act,” said Claeren. “It’s also a challenge to deal with in that respect.”

It is an exciting show, with 3 choreographed dances, a 22-member cast and numerous musical numbers. Vocally, the music is very difficult. In some of the tunes, different melodies intertwine to create one song. Needless to say, rehearsals have been going on since auditions in November to prepare for the show, which will be held February 17-20 and the 24-27.

The cast is almost entirely made up of JSU students. The part of Cinderella will be played by Chrysta Norred, and her prince is played by Michael Waid. Jessica Duke is playing the part of Little Red Ridinghood and the infamous wolf from the same fairy tale is being played by John Dodson. The Baker and his wife are being played by Cody Goss and Lindsey Wheeler. Other main parts include Jack from “Jack and the Beanstalk", played by Crismorriss, and Rapunzel, played by Kim Mullen. Since “Into The Woods” is a musical, the actors and actresses must not only be dramatically talented, but also vocally gifted. However, according to Sprayberry, the entire cast does not have to be “musically inclined”. “There will always be a role you don’t have to sing for,” said Morris.

Students are not only starring in the show. “We have students involved in all elements,” said Claeren. The costumes for each separate fairy tale are being designed by different students, resulting in various styles, periods and cultural designs. Students are also helping with props, lighting, music and choreography.

Most of the proceeds from the ticket sales pay for the production of the musical, including the royalties for the right to perform the musical. Some of the proceeds, however, are earmarked for student scholarships.

The evening shows will begin at 7 p.m. and Sunday performances will begin at 2 p.m. Tickets are $8 for adults, $6 for JSU faculty/staff and senior citizens, and $5 for students, children, and military. Tickets are on sale now and may be purchased at the JSU Theatre Box Office at 782-5648. The box office will be open daily the weeks of the production, and reservations can be made in advance.
**Useless Quiz**

1. What was the first U.S. state to outlaw gambling?
2. What fish is the most exploited on the U.S. Pacific coast by the commercial fishing industry?
3. How many substitutions are allowed in a World Cup soccer match?
4. What sport are an annual average of 4,750 Japanese playing when they die?
5. What were the Little Rascals called before their comedies aired on television?

**Check full of Real News**

**Man returns book - 40 years overdue**

EDMOND, Okla. - Art Ogg has finally returned his library book, 40 years overdue. He checked out the adventure novel Snow Dog in 1959 as a 15-year-old and described it as "a really neat story written through the eyes of a trapper in the Yukon." Ogg, now 56, lost track of the book after he joined the Navy at 17. He stumbled across it again about three years ago while helping his mother tidy up her attic in Dwight, Ill., 70 miles southwest of Chicago. He also sent a check for $292.20 to cover late charges for 14,610 days that the book was overdue, calculated at 2 cents a day.

**Man goes buggy over flies**

OLIVIA, Minn. - Ron Morris says he is going absolutely buggy over the flies. The dairy farmer and his family complain that house flies from a neighboring chicken farm swarm around them so much they can't talk outside without getting a mouthful of flies. The Morrises want a judge to declare the Golden Oval Eggs facility and its 2 million egg-laying hens a public nuisance.

**Barbies net woman over $125,000**

NORTH ST. PAUL, Minn. - Lila Idso said goodbye to Barbie, but hello to more than $125,000. Idso auctioned off hundreds of Barbie dolls and doll accessories she'd collected over the last 20 years with her daughter. Proceeds from the seven-hour auction will help Idso buy a new car, pay living expenses and set up a trust for her grandson. The auction had no difficulty attracting customers. Bids came in from as far away as California and Florida. Bids had been e-mailed from Switzerland and phoned from Japan. And more than 100 people bid in person.

**Fire station violates city's fire code**

CHARLESTON, W.Va. - A new $1 million fire station here cannot open because it is in violation of the city's own fire code. "It's kind of ironic," said Capt. Johnny Brotherton, Charleston fire prevention chief. The 6,600-square-foot wood frame structure's fire wall is compromised by metal studs going through it and a door that isn't adequately fireproofed, Brotherton said. The problem must be fixed before the station, located in a newly developed business district, can open for fire and ambulance service.
The Notorious B.I.G

Born Again

The long-promised “Born Again” is, at least in theory, the hip-hop equivalent of “Weekend At Bernies”: It contains the late B.I.G.’s demos, sides, spare verses and other pieces of songs, cut with new production and guest verses by numerous rappers. The idea was to boost his reputation as being “the greatest rapper of all time.”

Biggie was a tremendous rapper, with an unmistakable drawl and ear for the perfectly nasty detail. But he is not the greatest on the strength of the two albums he completed before he was murdered.

Of this disc’s 18 tracks, 14 are brought up to regulation length by “featured” guests. The fragments of B.I.G. are solid performances, but sometimes very slim. “If I Should Die Before I Wake” is built out of roughly 20 seconds of Biggie tape, plus guests shots by Black Rob, Beanie Seigel and Ice Cube. If “I Really Want to Show You” seems very familiar, that’s because it was called “Everyday Struggle” when it was on “Ready To Die,” before K-Cl and Jo-Jo put in their two cents along with Nas. And the grave-robbing is only the beginning: about half of the tracks mentioned in The Source a few months ago appear to have been held back for another album.

Eminem tears into his verse of “Dead Wrong” like it’s his chance to prove himself, and knocks it out of the park. Nobody wants to waste a second of Biggie tape, so the production frames his lyrics like jewels of wisdom. Overall this was a good CD, but it definitely does not put Biggie over the late Tupac in the quest of making him the “greatest.” I personally feel like LL Cool J is the greatest of all time. This is an album that Biggie Smalls fans will love, but the rest of us will tolerate.

By Anthony Hill

Bob Marley

Chant Down Babylon

It’s one thing to complete a dead star’s unfinished album, such as Notorious B.I.G.’s “Born Again” or John Lennon’s half of “Milk and Honey.” It’s quite another to go back to material the artist was satisfied with the first time and allow remixes and guest vocalist make it more “contemporary.” Stephen Marley has done just that with his father’s recordings. He brought a gang of rappers, Erykah Badu, Stephen Tyler, Joe Perry and Lauryn Hill.

The brittle hip-hop snap of the new rhythms and tempo only emphasizes the imperfections of Bob Marley’s human voice—“Jammin” especially gets mangled. It is a little ironic that, although it is a hit Marley-remix right now, it’s the Ibiza All Star’s remix of “Sun Is Shining,” which isn’t on this album. Stephen would have done better by simply recording the music presented during the Bob Marley tribute special on TNT.

On the other hand, Marley’s tracks are really useful as a basis for hip-hop. They’ve got a reliable groove, good hooks, warm spirituality and a sharp sense of the politics of poverty. The rappers who zero in on the messages of Marley’s words are the ones who do best with him. Rakim tears into “Concrete Jungle,” weaving an elaborate take on its lyrical themes that’s delivered with the same simmering fury. Though Chuck D seems not quite as comfortable with the beat of “Survival,” he comes with a couple of great lines: “Gold, silver and the diamonds that we all mining/Got to go mining/mining/Got to go mining.” And Lauryn Hill warms up “Turn Your Lights Down Low” something nasty. Her harmonies float around Marley’s voice like smoke.

Unfortunately, too much of the album is more of a disgrace than a tribute. Krayzie Bone is badly out of his league when he goes up against “Rebel Music.” (And what’s up with MC Lyte’s shout-out to Allah? Marley was a Rastafarian.)

It all goes back to the words of my boy J Deese, “You can’t simply put a lot of artist on a CD to make good music.” That only makes HYPE!

By Anthony Hill
THE WEEK IN SPORTS

Gamecocks go 1-2 this week

By Erik Green
Sports Editor

JSU’s men’s basketball team defeated Samford, but lost to Campbell and Mississippi State this week.

Mississippi State’s Tang Hamilton, Antonio Jackson, and Robert Jackson were just short of explosive in their win over the Gamecocks in the first game of the week on Wednesday.

Jackson finished with 15 points. Antonio Jackson had 14, 12 of which came from three-point land, and Robert Jackson had 15 points and six boards in the win.

The Gamecocks didn’t fare so well against the Bulldog defense. Big playmakers Marlon Gurley and Mike McDaniel were the only Gamecocks in double figures, and center Brant Harriman was held to only eight points and nine rebounds.

In the opening minutes of play, the Gamecocks held tight with the Bulldogs, and it seemed for a time that JSU controlled the tempo of the game. At the 6:03 mark of the first half, the Gamecocks trailed by only five, but in the next few minutes MSU’s Antonio Jackson would show the Gamecocks why his team held up so well against Auburn this past weekend.

The next three MSU shots would come from Jackson and each from the arc. By the two-minute mark of the half, the Bulldogs had a comfortable 11-point lead, and at intermission, MSU led JSU 46-25.

The Gamecocks would never return from that deficit.

In the second half, MSU began to walk away with the game. By the 9:58 mark the Gamecock defense seemed to be at its weakest as MSU’s Derrick Zimmerman dunked over stunned defenders and amazed fans. The Bulldogs took advantage of JSU’s sheer exhaustion and began to pick apart any shell of energy left in the Gamecocks.

At the 5:02 mark, MSU led 71-52. JSU made a run, holding MSU to only two points for the rest of the game, but the Gamecocks ran out of time, and the game ended 71-63 in favor of the Bulldogs.

“They outplayed us in the first 3-4 minutes, then our kids settled in and we started to defend,” said Mississippi State head coach Rick Stansbury. “After the first couple of minutes a game for the Huskers, and McDaniel next step in his career led him to Nebraska. At the University of Nebraska, Harriman put in a few minutes a game for the Huskers, and added some points, but his talent was not being used to it’s fullest, so the next step in his career led him to JSU.

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Lady Gamecocks Beat Samford

By Joel Lamm
Assistant Sports Editor
Sports Information

Sparred on by a 14-5 run midway through the first half, Jax State held on to nail conference win number two, beating Samford 55-48. The win ended a three-game losing streak for the Lady Gamecocks. JSU improved its record to 5-10 and 2-5 in Trans America Athletic Conference play.

JSU led 11-10 with just over 11 minutes left in the first half, and went on the 14-5 run. The run was highlighted by two huge three-pointers, one by Shneka Whaley and the other by Tanya Simmons. The Lady Gamecocks were able to continue their momentum throughout the first half, and led 34-21 at the break.

The second half was a back and forth affair. JSU led by 13 with just over 16 minutes left, when Samford went on a 13-4 to cut the Lady Gamecocks lead to just four. But that was as close as Samford would get, because the Lady Gamecocks pushed the lead out to 11 with just over five minutes left. Neither team was really able to generate any offense after that, as both failed to score in the last two minutes of the game.

Leading the way for JSU was senior Lisa Baswell, with 18 points and seven rebounds. Whaley, another senior, chipped in with 10 points, seven boards, and four assists. Tiara Eady, who as JSU head coach Dana Austin said, “stepped up and played her best game of the year,” had 13 points and five rebounds.

Shneka Whaley Continues to Lead the Struggling Lady Gamecocks

By Erik Green
Sports Editor

Shneka Whaley knows a little about pain. Last season, Whaley, the star point guard for JSU’s women’s basketball team, suffered a knee injury that might have ended some athlete’s careers, but not this tough senior.

Whaley sat out last season as a medical red-shirt, and now she is back at the helm for the Lady Gamecocks. Her pre-season prospec- tuses said her production would depend on how she recovered from the injury, and recover she did.

This season Whaley has led the Lady Gamecocks through a tough schedule and plenty of heartbreaking losses. Losing is not something Whaley is accustomed to however, and her career highlights show it. Even if the Lady Gamecocks lost, Whaley’s post game stats would make it seem like they had won by 20 points. This season, Whaley is averaging just over 30 minutes per-game; she is shooting almost 40 percent from the field, just over 50 percent from behind the arc, and 50 percent from the free throw line. Whaley has 17 steals on the season, and averages 11.6 points per game, and has 174 points this season.

The Lady Gamecocks might be 5-10 overall, but Whaley is playing on a level higher than that.

Brant Harriman Brings Big Time Experience to Gamecocks

By Erik Green
Sports Editor

JSU’s men’s basketball team needed a top-notch center to add to this year’s team, and they found what they were looking for in 6’10 junior Brant Harriman.

After last season’s 18 finish, head basketball coach Mark Turgeon began looking for a weapon in the middle, and his search paid off. Harriman put in a few minutes a game for the Huskers, and added some points, but his talent was not being used to it’s fullest, so the next step in his career led him to JSU.

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Gamecocks remain #2

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ple minutes we stepped up and got into them, pushed the lead out and hung on from there.”

“For some reason teams come in here and shoot well against us,” said JSU head coach Mark Turgeon. “We’re a pretty good defensive team, that’s the frustrating part. But, yeah, it wasn’t our night and it was their night. They were focused and ready to play. They had a better team and played like it tonight. They played at a higher level.”

After the loss, JSU fell to 11-5 overall, and 6-1 in the conference. MSU moved to 11-6 overall and 2-2 in the SEC.

After losing to MSU, the Gamecocks next opponents would be Bulldogs, but from Sanford, and this time JSU had something to prove.

Samford came into the season as defending TAAC champions and the Bulldogs proved why they are the team to beat this year as well.

Once again, the Gamecocks were forced into overtime in order to gain a victory, as they defeated Samford 69-65.

“This throws us into contender status in this league, because this is a tough league to play in,” said JSU forward Mike McDaniel, who finished in double figures in both points and rebounds for the fifth time of the season. “It gets us over the hump.”

Samford is second in the nation in shooting, but Saturday they shot well just like Samford did. “We had shots around the basket, but we shot them in rhythm.”

“We were for real today,” said Turgeon. “We had so much motivation going into this game because of what they did last year and they shipped us twice last year. If you want to be a champion, you have to go through the champion. We played with a tremendous amount of emotion.”

The first half belonged to the Gamecocks. At one point, JSU had a 15-point lead, but in the second half, Samford would counter, and by the 13:35 mark the Gamecocks led by only one point. From there, the game remained close.

A couple of big defensive plays by both teams led to the overtime, and the Gamecocks ran away with the extra period to gain their 12th win of the season, and their seventh TAAC victory.

On Monday, Campbell University shocked the fans at Pete Matthews Coliseum by beating the Gamecocks 54-51. The loss was only the Gamecocks’ second to a conference opponent this season.

The Camels of Campbell improved to 7-11 on the season, and 5-4 in the TAAC. The Gamecocks fell to 12-6 overall and 7-2 in the conference. Campbell’s Adam Fellers had 18 points and 12 rebounds, and McDaniel had 12.

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Georgia State shows no 'love' for Gamecocks

By Joel Lamp
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Sports Information

JSU's women's tennis team opened its 2000 season with a loss on the road at Georgia State, 7-2. In the singles matches, number one Jax State's Sophie DeSmet lost to Nina Jansen, 6-4, 6-4. The number two match provided a surprise as freshman Sally Pearson won her first match at JSU, beating Ana Kolar, 6-3, 6-3.

Camilla Bourke lost the number three match to Jovana Krsikapa, 6-4, 6-3. Vanessa Gomez lost at number four to Sonja Pavlinic, 6-2, 6-4.

In the doubles matches, DeSmet teamed up with Pearson to win their first doubles match, beating Jansen and Abraham, 9-8, winning the tiebreaker, 9-7. The number two team of Bourke and Martin fell to Krsikapa and Pavlinic, 8-1. The twins team, Vanessa and Jessica Gomez, fell at number three doubles to Roberts and Kolar, 8-5, after leading 5-1.

JSU's next match is Feb. 4, as the Lady Gamecocks travel to the state's capital, Montgomery, to take on Alabama State.

With knee injury, Whaley keeps on dribblin'

FROM PAGE 13, Whaley

During the 1997-1998 season, Whaley started all 28 games as point guard for the Lady Gamecocks, she scored a career high 24 points against Mercer in January of '98, had 18 games in which she scored in double-figures, averaged 12.5 points per game, led the team in assists with 94, and was third in the league in free throw percentage.

The year before that, as a sophomore, Whaley played in all 29 games and started in 24 of them. She scored a then career high 23 points against Georgia Southern, scored in double-figures in 16 games, averaged 9.8 points per game, led the team in assists with 99, had 38 steals, was 73 percent from the free throw line, and was named to the Trans America Athletic Conference All-Tournament Team.

Whaley started 20 games as a freshman, averaged 5.7 points a game, scored 20 points against UAB, had three games in double-figures, and had a career high eight rebounds against Georgia State.

Whaley's winning tradition got its foundation at Cleveland High School in Cleveland, Tenn. under head coach Roger France. Whaley led the Lady Raiders to a 25-5 record her senior season. She averaged 10 points and nine assists per game, was named All-District, All-Region, and All-State honorable mention her senior year. Whaley scored a career high 26 points against Sullivan East High School and led the Lady Raiders to a berth in Sub-State twice.

Whaley has had an exceptional career, 2630 minutes played, started 74 games, has 253 assists, 155 steals, and 784 total points, but the one thing she doesn't have is a conference title, and most likely she wont get one her senior season. Of course, Whaley will still keep playing as if she and the Lady Gamecocks were number one, and the team to beat. The way Whaley and teammate Lisa Baswell are playing; the conference tournament might prove to be the Lady Gamecocks chance to shine.

Harriman dominates

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rebounds with 28, second in the league in defensive rebounds with 38, second in the league in field goal percentage with .592, tied for fifth in the league in blocks with 7, 11th in the league in scoring with 13.6 points per game, and seventh in the league in free throw percentage with .804.

During his time at Nebraska, Harriman played in 31 games, averaged almost 11 minutes per game, and averaged two points and 2.6 rebounds per game during his freshman year. He had eight games with five or more rebounds, scored a career-high 10-points and had seven rebounds in the Ameritas Classic championship game.

In High School, Harriman played for Mason City High School, a team ranked 16th in the nation by USA Today during his senior season. Harriman led Mason City to back-to-back class 4A(largest classification) state championships, he earned first team All-State honors both his junior and senior seasons, he was also a first team All-Conference and All-Tournament. Harriman holds five different school records, finished his prep career on a 35-game winning streak, averaged 17 points per game, 12 rebounds per game, and five blocks per game as a senior, and shot 80 percent from the field.

The greatest accomplishment of his life was going undefeated and winning the state championship his senior season, Harriman said.

Now that the days of high school are over, Harriman says he would like to be remembered in college as: someone who helped JSU an NCAA Tournament.

Harriman's biggest goal of the season: "To get a #14 seed in the NCAA Tournament and shock a #3 seed," an accomplishment TAAC rival Samford didn't manage to acquire last season.

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