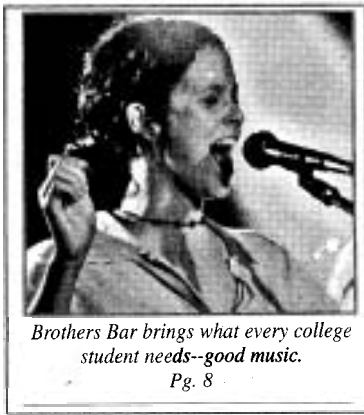


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- The pope's unprecedented apology for the sins of Roman Catholics, including wrongs against Jews, got a mixed review Sunday in Israel, which is awaiting a papal visit to the Holy Land next week. He specifically called on the pontiff to denounce the silence of Pius XII during the Holocaust. Israeli Cabinet Secretary Yitzhak Herzog called the pope's remarks "quite a remarkable step and very important historically."
- It couldn't be any easier for Texas Gov. George W. Bush and Vice President Al Gore. With their main interparty competition washed away by the tidal wave that was last week's "Super Tuesday" contest, the two front-runners for their respective party nominations stand poised to sweep this week's Southern regional primary, and streak toward this summer's party nominating conventions.
- The FBI on Tuesday will celebrate the 50th anniversary of its "Ten Most Wanted" list of fugitives — born by accident in 1950 when a wire service reporter asked the FBI to name the "toughest guys" being sought.
- U.S. pop star Michael Jackson has cancelled a visit to Warsaw after talks on building an amusement park in the Polish capital broke up, the city mayor's office said on Monday. Jackson's representatives and the mayor said in a statement the March 14-15 visit was called off after discussions with a private investor stalled.

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And another one down

Turgeon throws in the towel, heads for KANSAS?

By Erik Green
Sports Editor

Mark Turgeon is gone. After only two seasons as head basketball coach at Jacksonville State University, Turgeon resigned his position on Friday. Turgeon left JSU to accept the head basketball coach position at Wichita State University in Wichita, Kan.

Turgeon will get a "million dollar deal" at Wichita State, according to *The Wichita Eagle*. The former JSU coach agreed to a five-year deal worth over a million dollars. Turgeon will make a base salary of \$200,000 with bonuses bringing the figure up to \$250,000 a year. Turgeon's salary as Gamecock head coach was significantly less at \$80,000.

Wichita State Athletic Director Jim Schaus interviewed Turgeon last Wednesday in Atlanta. On Thursday, Turgeon was offered the



CHANGES: Former Jacksonville State University head coach Mark Turgeon on the sidelines.

job and he accepted. Turgeon told his players and JSU president Dr. Bill Meehan of his decision on Friday.

Turgeon's roots are found on the open plains of Kansas and he was a standout point guard for the

University of Kansas in the 1980's.

Having the opportunity to return to his home state played a part in his decision to leave JSU, Turgeon admitted on Friday. Being able to

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Webb, Lewis, Humes, Killingsworth clinch it: SGA's 'Decision 2000'

By Buffy Smith
JSU News Bureau

The votes are in and JSU's 2000-2001 SGA representatives have been chosen.

Elizabeth Webb, a criminal justice major from Sylacauga, is the new student body president. Brandon Lewis, a pre-business major from Arab, is first vice-president. Donnell Humes, an accounting major from Birmingham, is second vice-president; and Miranda Killingsworth, an elementary education major from Alexander City, will serve as controller.

The following students were elected Senators:

Rebekah Adams, Lorie Ash, Summer Bagwell, Meredith Barnes, Amy Barker, Brooke Bell, Joy Boyd, Lesley Bottoms, Michael Bentley, Michelle Bowen, Leigha Cauthen, Christa Collins, Beth Cousins.

Jenny Earley, Mary Beth Edwards, Richard Elliot, Nicole Harvel, Cicely Myiesha Hayes, Shelly Hodges, Stephanie Janis, Baron Jones, Craig Mewbourne, Kelli Patterson, Amy Phillips, Amanda Pope.

Kamilah Rashed, Becky Sproles, Mark Andrew Thomas, Carrie Thompson, Deidra Tidwell, Sherry Todd, Shannon Watkins, Emily Williams, Matt Wiram, Erin Woodruff, Tak Yuk "Irene" Wong and Kimberly Wright.

The SGA is currently taking applications for publicity director. SGA President Elizabeth Webb and Student Activities Director Terry Casey will select a student to publicize and promote SGA events during the upcoming school year. Those who are interested should pick up an application from the SGA Office on the fourth floor of the TMB.

Alumni leave their legacies



WALK OF FAME: Alumni's walkway in front of JSU's Alumni House.

By Dave Sharp
Editor

There's a new way for Jacksonville State University graduating seniors to leave their mark on their Alma Mater: brick

benches to line the walkway from the sidewalk at Hwy. 21 to the front steps of the house.

The commemorative 'Path of Alumni' has already begun with a handful of etched brick laid at the steps of the house. The other 25 yards of the path is concrete waiting to be replaced by the tailored brick.

"The rest of the sidewalk is easy to break up as we add bricks to the walkway," said Connie Edge, JSU director of Alumni Affairs.

Each personalized brick costs \$50. The proceeds earned from the bricks

will help complete the walkway's construction (as new bricks are purchased). A percentage will also be used to buy benches and aid in the JSU Alumni Scholarship Fund.

Each brick is four inches by eight inches and can hold three engraved lines of text with twelve characters to each line.

"These would make great graduation gifts from parents to their kids," said Edge. Alumni brick order forms can be picked up at the Alumni House. For more information, contact Connie Edge at 782-5405.

and mortar. JSU's Alumni Association is selling personalized bricks to be laid into a walkway in front of the Alumni House off Alabama Highway 21. The project also includes

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.

• **3-8-00:** Arthur Horton, 53, of Jacksonville, Ala., was arrested on charges of DUI by JSUPD occurring on Mountain Street.

• **3-8-00:** Will Madison Harvey, of Tyler, TX., reported criminal mischief to JSUPD occurring at Dixon Hall.

• **3-9-00:** Jason Larue Lynch, of Talladega, Ala., reported breaking and entering a vehicle to JSUPD occurring between 3-8-00 and 3-9-00 at Dixon Hall parking lot.

• **3-9-00:** Amy Frances Johnson, of Anniston, Ala., reported criminal mischief to JSUPD occurring at Sparkman Hall.

Clubs And Organizations

• Alpha Omicron Pi

AOII would like to congratulate all new SGA officers and senators. President, Elizabeth Webb; First Vice President, Brandon Lewis; Second Vice President, Donnell Humes; Contoller, Miranda Killingsworth. AOII senators-Christa Collins, Rebekah Adams, Deidra Tidwell, Joy Boyd, Erin Woodruff, Shannon Watkins, and Carrie Thompson. Congratulations to all who got awards at the Greek Awards Banquet. Good Luck to everyone in Greek Week activities. Congratulations to Zeta on BMOG and the winners. Also to Josh Boyd, the new Mr. Universeity. Congratulations to all AOII's who got awards at the Dedication to Decade Celebration.

• Alpha Xi Delta

The sisters and new members of Alpha Xi Delta would like to welcome all visitors and future Gamecocks to JSU. Congratulations to everyone on the SGA elections. A special congratulations to Miranda Killingsworth on Contoller and Amy Baker, Nicole Harvel and Kelli Patterson on Senators. Congratulations to everyone on their awards at the Greek Awards Banquet. We are very proud of Kellilyn Johnson for winning the Greek Woman of the Year Award. Good luck to the JSU Baseball team, tennis teams, softball team and the girls soccer team this week. We would like to thank Mike Johnson for coming and speaking to our chapter Sunday. We would also like to thank our wonderful advisors for all of the hard work that you do. We appreciate you. Chapter awards this week: Beary Best Bear-Kellilyn Johnson and Tiffany Burnham. Academic award-Lori Tidwell.

• Delta Zeta

The sisters and new members of Delta Zeta would like to congratulate Alpha Omicron Pi on being named Sorority of the Year and Pi Kappa Phi on Fraternity of the year. Congratulations to our sisters, Katie Gresham and Jessica Johnson, on being recognized for maintaining high GPA's. We are so proud of you! Good luck to all new SGA officers and senators. Congratulations to our new Delta Zeta senators, Mary Beth Edwards and Amy Phillips. Congratulations to the Anna Keen group on your great academic achievements throughout this semester. We are really excited about our sisterhood retreat at Mentone this weekend! Good luck to everyone in Greek Week! Have a great week!

• Kappa Alpha Order

The brothers of Kappa Alpha Order have a lot to say about their fraternity. They have grades that are above the All Men's Average, two Senators in SGA, who are Michael Bentley and Craig Mewbourne, the Vice President of SGA who is Brandon Lewis, the Greek man of the year who was Clint Kirkland, we received the Intramural Participation Award, and leading in the Intramural Activities. We are kicking off Old South Week, which we will be presenting: Rollin' N' the Hay, Memory Dean, Brad and Clint, Trestle and Bamboozler. Invitation only. For more information, call 782-6730.

• Panhellenic

Rho Lamda applications are available in the Student Activities Office. Greek Week will be held March 19th-23rd please come out and support we believe that it is going to be a blast! Greek Week T-shirts are now on sale for \$6, see

Cara Dawn Byford if you want one. The next Pre-View Day will be on March 18th. Congratulations to all students elected as Senators special congrats to the Greeks, you will represent us in an outstanding way. Congratulations to all the Greek Organizations on receiving Greek Awards on March 6. The Greek Awards : Greek woman of the year: Kellilyn Johnson Alpha Xi Delta; Greek man of the year: Client Kirkland Kappa Alpha Order; Panhellenic Council Advisor of the year: Aimee Brock Alpha Omicron Pi; IFC and NPHC Advisor of the year: Elijah Slaughter Kappa Alpha Psi; Sorority of the year: Alpha Omicron Pi; Fraternity of the year: Pi Kappa Phi; Outstanding Philanthropic Achievement award: Alpha Omicron Pi; Outstanding Philanthropic Achievement Award: Pi Kappa Phi; Student Life Excellence Award: Zeta Tau Alpha; Student Life Excellence Award: Kappa Alpha Psi; Intramural Participation Award: Zeta Tau Alpha and Kappa Alpha Order; National Pan-Hellenic Council Highest GPA: Alpha Kappa Alpha; Most Improved GPA: Zeta Phi Beta; Panhellenic Council Highest GPA: Phi Mu; Most Improved GPA: Delta Zeta; Interfraternity Council Highest GPA: Kappa Alpha Order; Most Improved GPA: Sigma Nu; Panhellenic Council Delegate of the Year: Tiffany A. Burnham Alpha Xi Delta; Interfraternity Council Delegate of the Year: William Z. Kimbrough Kappa Alpha Order.

Congratulations to Lori Ash, Summer Bagwell, Brooke Bell, Jenny Early, Shelly Hodges, Sherry Todd, and Becky Sproles on making Senate. Our annual Little Miss JSU will be on April 7, 2000 in Leone Cole Auditorium please come out and support. Applications will be in the SGA office or if there are any questions please contact Summer Bagwell or Misty Haynes. Thank you to all those people who are working so hard on Greek Week it will be a great success. Have a great week!

The brothers of Sigma Nu would like to congratulate our newest candidate, Ben Leonard. Good luck to our softball team this week. We would also like to thank John Suckow for being our DJ at our St. Patty's Day party this Friday; invitation only, for more information call 435-6951.

• Zeta Tau Alpha

Thanks to everyone who attended our Big Man on Campus! We raised a lot of money for Breast Cancer Awareness. Congratulations to Michael Sport, Brandon Smith and Justin Gomez for coming in first place! We would like to congratulate our sister Elizabeth Webb for being elected SGA President! We are also excited to have seven Senators! Member of the week-Mandi McQueen, Rush Helper Awards-Amanda Warren, Jennifer Jones, Elizabeth Webb, and Jennifer Cumbie, PC Awards-Andi Cox, Stephanie Janis, and Amy Broadway, Social Bunny-Leigha Cauthen, Crown-Elizabeth Webb, Cuddle Bunny-Amanda Laughlin, Strawberry-Stacy Cross, Sassy Strawberry-Amanda Pope, and Zeta Lady-Stephanie Janis. Good luck to the Zeta softball team this week! Zeta wishes KA good luck on their events this week! Also, congratulations to AOII and Pi Kapp for winning sorority and fraternity of the year!

Announcements

• **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.

• **Domestic Violence Training Conference:** Friday, April 7, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the JSU Gamecock Center. The cost is \$25. Limited seats are available. For more information, please contact Ted Embry at (256) 735-2558.

• **Student Accounting Association** will be providing income tax preparation assistance again this year. This assistance will be available from February 21 until April 15. They will be available on: Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. The place is the lobby of Merrill Building.

• **JSU's Little River Canyon Field School** presents a **Frog Pond Adventure** to be held March 17, from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. For more details, please call 782-5697.

• **Alpha Week 2000:** Monday March 13, Live Talent Show (\$1.00 Admission), 7:30 p.m. at the Roundhouse.; Tuesday, March 14, Black and Gold Pageant (\$2.00 Admission, 7:30 p.m. at Leone Cole Auditorium; Wednesday March 15, Male and Female Open Forum (Free!) topic: Relationships / Sex, 7:30 p.m. at the Roundhouse (Special PINK AND GREEN Surprise Afterwards); Thursday March 16, Bar-B-cue at The Alpha House, 3:00p.m.-7:00p.m., ICE COLD JAM! For more information call 782-0107; Friday March 17, Formal Black and Gold Ball from 8 p.m.-midnight at Anniston Meeting Center, Tickets only! \$10 Single / \$15 Couple, for more information contact Zheadric Barbra at 782-0107.

• **Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society** is hosting its fourth annual Faculty Scholars' Bowl on Thursday, March 23, at 3:30 p.m. in Room 230, Stone Center. At this event, members of the English faculty compete on "College Bowl-like" teams, testing their knowledge not only of language and literature, but also other areas such as science, math, current events, and sports. The rivalry is always fierce, and the battles are fun to watch. The event is open to everyone, and the members of Sigma Tau Delta encourage you to come and bring a friend. Admission is free, and the competition will only last about an hour.

• **Criminal Justice** will be holding a seminar on Saturday, March 18, which will be worth one hour of credit. The seminar will be covering all aspects of accident investigations. The seminar will cost \$40 or \$35 for LAE members. For more information, drop by Room 126, Brewer Hall, or call 782-5516.

• **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.

JSU Area Events Calendar: March 16 - 23

Thurs 16	Fri 17	Sat 18	Sun 19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residence Halls Olympics • Men's and Women's Tennis: Gamecocks host Alabama State University @ 1 p.m. • Leadership Calhoun County @ Houston Cole Library, 11th floor. Time: TBA • Open Pre-Registration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St. Patrick's Day • Effective Interviewing Skills Seminar @ Wallace Hall Auditorium @ 10:45 a.m. • Open Pre-Registration: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JSU Preview Day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greek Week Commences • Harlem Globetrotters @ Pete Mathews Coliseum @ 2 p.m.
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Mon 20	Tues 21	Wed 22	Thurs 23
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SGA Senate Meeting @ Leone Cole Auditorium @ 6 p.m. • Baseball Game: Gamecocks Host Wisconsin-Milwaukee @ 2 p.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Softball Game: Lady Gamecocks host Samford @ 5 p.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blood Drive @ Leone Cole Auditorium • Mens and Womens Tennis: Gamecocks host Mercer @ 1 p.m. • CBASE Exam 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CBASE Exam • Blood Drive @ Leone Cole Auditorium • JSU-Foundation-Investment Advisory Committee Meeting @ 3:30 p.m. on the 11th Floor of the Houston Cole Library.

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The torch is doused

By Gina Rae Smith
SGA Correspondent

Today victory will be celebrated. Tonight five days of blood, sweat and tears will culminate in the recognition of champions.

Those who dominate the JSU campus will shine. Who are these few? Who are these proud? The winners of the 2000 Residence Hall Olympics.

The road to gold began Sunday with all residence halls gathering material for the recycling challenge. Items for the challenge were picked up yesterday. In addition to this environmentally-conscious phase of competition, Sunday was also home to the N64 Bond video game tournament, as well as volleyball and basketball.

Monday's lone event was the chariot race, held on Bibb Graves' front lawn. Chariots were pulled by five persons, while one was chosen to sit completely inside the chariot. Although Crow Hall took first place in the speed category, Logan Hall took home the award for artistic design. However, Logan's efforts in the speed division were not without merit. Logan team member Jessica Childs ruined a pair of jeans in the fray. "But I did it for the love of the game," said Childs. "There's no 'I' in team." Fellow team member Cher Andrews echoed her sentiments. "We all worked together. I had a lot of fun in the chariot race, but it took my ass out!"

The bulk of the events was held Tuesday. Competition kicked off at 3 p.m. with the Eliminator and the Joust, followed by King of the Ring and the Egg Toss at 3:45 p.m. A hard-fought battle of Tug-of-War topped off the day's activities.

Wednesday brought an end to the Recycling Challenge and saw a scavenger hunt begin and end on the lawn behind Logan Hall where the Glazner dormitory once stood.

The 2000 Residence Hall Olympics wraps up this afternoon with a game of Double Dare on the Glazner lawn at 2 p.m. The winning team will be announced at 6:30 at a cook-out held at Bibb Graves. The victorious hall will receive a trophy and will have their residence hall's name added to a plaque in the housing department.

The Residence Hall Olympics are intended to bring together JSU's campus-dwellers in friendly competition.

"I think it's a great way for students to get together and enjoy outdoor activities, while at the same time getting to know those who live in their dorms," said SGA first vice-president Elizabeth Webb. Apparently, Webb's thoughts are also those of the participants.

"I think the games are a great way to bring residents from all halls together," said residence hall Olympian Felicia Hanserd. "I participated in the chariot race and had a lot of fun. Everyone should be involved in this."

Domino effect plagues JSU athletics, Turgeon next to head for exit

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play in a stronger league (the Missouri Valley Conference), and a pay raise also figured into the equation.

"(Going home is) what makes it attractive," Turgeon said. "Closer to home, No. 1. Better league, No. 2. More money? No. People who know me know I'm not about that. I took a big pay cut to take this (JSU) job."

Turgeon had two years remaining of his four-year deal with JSU, which included a limited buyout clause that requires him to pay for the remaining years of his contract, but he is not expected to have to fulfill that obligation.

JSU offered Turgeon a raise and a contract extension that would keep him until 2004. Not included in the offer were several things Turgeon wanted in order to stay at JSU: another fulltime assistant coach, updated facilities, and a budget increase, said a source close to the basketball program

"This is home for him and that is the paramount issue, and I understand that," said Meehan. "The trump card that was home is awful hard to come up against. I have nothing in my bag of tricks that would be like Kansas."

Turgeon's departure left JSU without a basketball coach, which now adds to the burden already resting on the heads of JSU officials who are still searching for an athletic director.

A search committee has been formed to find a replacement for Turgeon. The new athletic director, when that person is found, will be responsible for hiring the new coach.

"I hope all the pieces of the puzzle will fall together so that will be possible," Meehan said. "Right now, that's the plan. The athletic director, when that person arrives, will have input in that process. We have to get going."

The vacant position at basketball

coach is expected to draw the interests of more than the twenty candidates who applied at the same time Turgeon did more than two years ago. Some names expected to appear on the candidate list are University of Alabama at Birmingham assistant Andy Kennedy and St. Leo University (St. Leo, Fla.) head coach Mike Hanks.

In his two seasons as JSU head basketball coach, Turgeon had a record of 25-29, led the Gamecocks to their first ever Division IAA post-season game, and set a school record for DI wins with 17

Assistant coaches Brandon Johnson and Tad Boyle were expected to join Turgeon's staff at Wichita State.

April 5 marks the first day of the spring signing period for new basketball recruits. No word has been given as to when the university would name a new coach.

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That was then, this is now...

Edited by Dave Sharp

The following is a report from *The Chanticleer* on January 28, 1999

By Dave Sharp
Managing Editor

A Jacksonville man was arrested and charged last Friday with the shooting of his girlfriend.

Amy Katherine Haney, 21, was taken to Jacksonville Hospital for emergency treatment after she was shot in the back of the head with a .32 caliber revolver around noon last Friday. Once stabilized, she was transferred to Gadsden Regional Medical Center in grave condition and placed into a critical care unit, according to a Jacksonville Hospital spokesperson.

Thomas Lee Delancey, 27, was arrested by police at the Jackson Trace Apartments, where the incident occurred. Delancey also faced cocaine distribution, burglary and criminal mischief charges according to Jacksonville investigator Bill Wineman.

It will be up to the renters of the apartment next to Delancey's and the management of Jackson Trace Apartments to file for warrants on grounds of burglary and criminal mischief, said Wineman. The bur-

glary and criminal mischief charges followed Delancey's attempt to evade authorities by crawling into the attics of neighboring apartments.

The Calhoun County Drug Task Force had a warrant out for Delancey's arrest on the cocaine distribution charges. When asked if there were drugs or drug paraphernalia confiscated on the scene, Wineman had no comment.

Haney is still listed in critical condition at Gadsden Regional, though she is conscious and coherent, according to friends.

"Amy is still in a critical care unit and on life support. She is awake and understands what is happening around her, though she is unable to talk. The doctors are still unsure whether or not she is going to pull out of this. They are going to try and wean her off the life support system," said friend Kim Sharp.

Police are still investigating while Delancey is being held in Calhoun County Jail on a \$100,000 bond and awaits a preliminary hearing set for Feb. 12.

JSU Gosepel Choir to perform benefit concert for Haney

By Candra O'Neil
JSU News Bureau

The Jacksonville State University Gospel Choir ensemble will be performing a benefit concert for Amy Haney at the Christian Music Festival and Arts and Craft Fair from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 18, at the Oxford Civic Center.

The JSU Gospel choir will take the stage at 1 p.m., and other gospel groups from around the

Jacksonville, Anniston and Oxford area will be performing as well. This event will help Amy Haney buy a phrenic nerve (for breathing) pacemaker that retails for approximately \$60,000.

Included at this event will be a silent auction. Talladega Superspeedway has donated a Superspeedway Package for the Auction that includes: two pre-race pit passes and two tickets for the TouchStone 300 on April 15; two pre-race pit passes and two tickets

for the DieHard 500 on April 16; and a three-lap ride for two in a pace car around Talladega Superspeedway.

There are many other items that have been donated.

There will also be a bake sale and flea market along with food and games. Arts and crafts will be available from many vendors.

Munford area churches and the Munford area Homemakers Club are sponsoring this event.

Today

- Amy is paralyzed because of the bullet that hit her spinal cord.
- Amy is still at the Gadsden Regional Medical Center, where she has been since the shooting.
- Amy was just introduced to her "sip and puff" wheelchair that allows movement by drawing in and blowing out air through a straw.
- Thomas Lee Delancey still awaits trial on attempted murder charges.



BENEFICIAL: Amy Haney in February at Gadsden Regional Medical Center.

Contributions may be mailed to:

Amy Haney
c/o Regions Bank
P.O. Box 201
Lincoln, AL 35096

For more information on Haney, visit the website set up by her aunt, Shelia Estes, at:

http://www.mindspring.com/~alpin_esheila/foramy.htm

JSU Alumni Association donates 1K for July fireworks in Jacksonville

By Dave Sharp
Editor

Though it's four months away, Jacksonville's 2000 4th of July looks as if it's going to be brighter than years past.

The Jacksonville Professional Firefighter's Association (JPFFA) Local No. 3948 and the American Legion have raised \$5,700 of a \$10,000 goal to put on what JPFFA Lt. Steven Spoon said would be the biggest fireworks display ever seen. Spoon, the JPFFA Calhoun County has ever seen. Spoon, the JPFFA and the Legion have until an April 1 deadline to let the Pennsylvania-based Pyrotechnico know what kind of show Jacksonville can afford to

put on.

"We want a good show," said Spoon. "The last time the city fired [a display] was in 1985."

If hired for the job, Pyrotechnico would travel from Pennsylvania and do all the work themselves including setup of six-inch (in diameter) mortars that would have to be buried in the ground providing an extravaganza of fireworks. The company would also take care of all the cleanup involved. The JPFFA hopes to gain access to Wellesley property, just North of Alabama Highway 204 and Jacksonville State University's Pete Mathews Coliseum, for the display.



LET THE FIREWORKS BEGIN: Lt. Steven Spoon and JSU's Connie Edge

A \$1,000 contribution from JSU's Alumni Association was presented to Spoon Thursday by Connie Edge, director of JSU's Alumni Affairs. Matching contributions have also been donated from Alabama Power and Federal-Mogul.

"We need to do things

like this," said Edge. "I think the [fireworks] display is a great idea."

To contribute to the 4th of July fireworks display fund, send your donation to: American Legion Post 57, PO Box 592, Jacksonville, Ala., 36265.



Up for a Roll in the hay?

By Christopher Lauer
Copy Editor

Up for a little Duke Boys theme song? How about a "Louisiana Saturday Night?" Either way, if your up for some "Southern bad ass whiskey drinkin' bluegrass," local favorite Rollin' in the hay will be burnin' down Brothers Bar on Monday, March 20.

Rollin' in the hay has released three studio albums and two live albums with plans for a third live album to be recorded in April. The band has been playing bars, festivals and frat houses all over the east coast long enough to win a loyal following of 'hayheads.'

The band is a three piece composed of artists who have each gained individual recognition. Stan Foster (bass, vocals) is an Arkansas native with a degree in music education. He has established himself as one of the premier harmony vocalists and bassists in the area, according to the Rollin' in the hay web site.



Barry Waldrep (banjo, guitar, mandolin, vocals) and Rick Carter (guitar, vocals) are founding members of the Birmingham-based band, Telluride. Waldrep has been playing bluegrass since he was 6 years old and released his first solo CD, "Steel Rails," in 1997.

Carter released his first solo album, "Loveland," which led to several opening performances for Bob Dylan. Carter has released two other solo albums, "Lost Town" and "Dusty Jukebox."

The band plays original songs and covers songs by artists from The

Band to John Prine. Their next list consists of over 100 songs.

So ladies, break out that gingham dress, and gents, dig those boots out and get ready for a little beer drinkin' via Tennessee side-sippin', 'cause Rollin' in the hay is comin' to Brothers.

Fullers pub, strong stuff

By Amanda Voss
Staff Writer

The long awaited grand opening of Fuller's Pub will explode into festivities tonight with a Mardi Gras promotional party sponsored by the Miller Beer Co.

The bar, formerly Gaterz, changed owners after Jeff Webb decided to sell two of his establishments, Gaterz Bar and Cooter Brown's, to begin developing a chain of Jefferson's Restaurants in Kansas. Webb thinks, "Fuller's Pub will do very well," and will be a good business.

The new owner, David Fuller, is a JSU alumni and former Kappa Alpha Fraternity President of 1995. This bar is a long awaited dream of Fuller's. "I have always told myself I would have a bar of my own, so I could not let this opportunity slip away," said Fuller. "I have acquired lots of friends through the years here, and now I am proud to open a bar for you all."

Not only has the name changed, but you can

also expect a few other changes since the last time you were in the bar. One of your favorite 21 and up establishments has undergone some extensive and aesthetically enhancing changes. There won't be any eyesores in this bar. Fuller has gone to great lengths to ensure a comfortable and exciting atmosphere for all customers and friends of the Pub.

"Over time, we plan to make many renovations to the place," said Fuller. "Now, however, we've built a brand new bar and replaced all the games with new ones."

All of the games, including two new pool tables, a new dart board, a "Golden Tee" golf game, a Foesch ball table, and a new "Mega Touch" have been added.

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Editorial

Guns are NOT the problem



By Anthony Hill

In the wake of all the school shooting tragedies, the government, as usual, is calling for more gun control. They still don't get it man. And the reason that they don't is because of secular liberalism. The government seems to love to transfer blame to some object or situation other than the source.

Some states are installing different policies and rules to prevent more tragedies from occurring. Things like trigger locks and the so-called "safe storage" legislation are nothing more than a feel good idea that accomplishes nothing constructive. In some states, gun owners who fail to lock their guns up could face stiff fines and in certain cases, mandatory jail time. Come on now, laws like those can only be enforced after an unfortunate incident occurs. They pile grief onto an already tragic circumstance. Does that truly serve a good purpose?

Guns should be stored safely. Every responsible gun owner I know already takes precautions to secure their firearms. Most states have laws that cover gross negligence and firearm misuse. If a gun owner is careless with storage an injury or death results, appropriate charges may be brought upon review of the circumstance and at the discretion of the law enforcement. That really applies to the case of a 6-year-old boy shooting a girl of the same age at a school just outside of Flint, Mich.

That is a good law. I don't think government has any business mandating storage of personally owned items. Irresponsible

people will never obey laws that merely restate inherent responsibilities. I believe strongly in individual accountability. Lawmakers need to focus on ideas promoting individual responsibility rather than laws that punish the majority for the acts of a few. A realistic examination of the recent tragedies will show that youth violence is a symptom of a much deeper problem. Guns are not the cause, and trigger locks are not the solution. People need to simply wake up! Times are getting ridiculous. There is a different tragedy involving a gun every week, probably everyday.

Guns have been around since this country was formed and they were easier to obtain in the past. But never have there been killings like we have seen recently. Kids killing kids, people shooting up churches, serial killings and the list goes on. The government just needs to put more money into programs for people to help families interact better and handle problems in a better manner. This is needed very much in the black communities. Everything seems to go back to what JSU's Dr. Carmode is an expert of...family values. More families need to have better guidelines to live by.

We must return to a moral compass based on a belief in God, individual responsibility, honor, duty and commitment. Only by returning to these things can we expect our children to know right from wrong...and act accordingly.



Forum

Dear Editor:
(to Rufus Manley),

Can you believe the audacity of the SGA to try to get student seating at football games, bring comedians to campus, and have a homecoming? How dare they! I realize when you're elected SGA president you'll change all that. What? You're not running? In my opinion, if you don't run for an office you just lost your right to bitch. And what is it about us Greeks that frightens you so much? We are by far a minority on campus, with well under 10% of the students being Greek. Is it the fact that you're not of the right quality to get in a fraternity? Can't grasp the concept of brotherhood and true friendship?

You seem to feel that SGA is favored towards Greeks. Why do you think that is? Maybe because we're the only ones who show any school spirit. To tell you the truth, I'm not really sure what the point of your article was. It's probably because of my "drunken, wanna-be hippie mentality," but I'm willing to make you a deal; if one day you'll participate in an SGA activity, I'll try your donned in black, glass is half empty, I hate everything, pessimistic outlook on life.

In short, you are obviously unfamiliar with the Greek life in

our community. Most of the stereotypes aren't true. We're all not rich and we're all not jocks. Speaking for myself, I don't even own a tie-dye shirt and am unsure how I could be acting like a hippie. Most importantly, we are not a bunch of drunks. Yes some of us drink, but I'd have to say that a large number of college students drink. I'm glad for you that you don't drink because I know that if you did, you wouldn't have any right to refer to us as drunks. Being Greek truly is about brotherhood and learning life skills. I know my explaining it is pointless since your mind is already made up. However, if at some point in the future you open your mind, I'd love to explain what it's really about to you. Just give me a call and an hour of your time.

Also, if you are so upset with our great SGA seriously consider at least running for an SGA senator. You have a wonderful opportunity to influence others with your job. Why not put it to constructive use and try to get people to vote for you and your ideas, but please don't sling mud.

Sincerely,
Chris Betzler

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Thank You,
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The Town Crier

Beef

I've got no change in my pockets goin' jingalingaling



By Dave Sharp

Many of you out there miss the point of this column. First and foremost, it is meant to make you laugh. It is a lighthearted form of entertainment. Second: sometimes, it is a venting station. Third, there is the possibility that we might address real issues in the beef. But, if we miss a tough issue one-week, don't get upset. It's not the end of the world. Fourth, on the good weeks, this column is a mixture of 'all of the above.'

I've decided to address an issue of the JSU common folk today. It may be a trifle, but it irritates me weekly. I'm a snacker and a soda-pop/coke (whichever side of the Mason-Dixon Line you hail from) drinker. With class and my duties at the paper, I rarely have time to grab some fast food or drive 'all the way' home to make a sandwich.

I am one of the many here on campus that rely on the snack machines that supply us with appetite suppressants on our way to our next class. I also live on a typical college student's budget.

My beef is with the price we are charged for these temporary refreshers and energygivers. I can't believe that of all people to overcharge for a Sprite and a pack of Captain's Wafers they choose the poor college student.

While math isn't my forte, I

can do simple math: if a 12 pack of Coca-Cola costs \$3 at the grocery store, that comes out to .25 cents per can. Why do I pay .60 cents per can?

How about my favorite: sour cream and chives Captain's Wafers? I'm again paying almost double what I can get it in the grocery store for. When did the markup value of confection go up to 50 percent?

Similar 'overcharges' plague every snack/drink machine on campus. Believe me, I'm grateful they're there, but why 'nickel and dime' your students to death?

So-solutions? I'd like to offer some. If JSU is locked into a vending contract: when it's up, change vendors. By the way, vendors usually offer BULK DISCOUNTS. Hmmm.

I don't think I've ever seen a 'Coke' truck on campus (I could be wrong), if it's cheaper, why not go straight to the source. I'm sure Coca-Cola would give us that bulk discount along with some kind of education discount that usually dictates what we get on this campus anyway.

Hell, pay me five bucks an hour and give me a blank check and I'll go down to Winn-Dixie and stock us up. Out of all the big things we sweat for like tuition, books (also inflated items), rent, cars, gas and utilities, why not give in on a little thing? Come on JSU, let the soda flow like wine and let our Snickers be plentiful.

Forum

Dear Editor,

I'm writing to you in response to the editorial by Mister Grant Sinclair in the March 9th edition of the Chanticleer, 'To Puff or not To Puff'. As an occasional smoker, I find his little diatribe to be just as offensive as he finds smokers complaints. It's not so much his viewpoint that is annoying; it's the way he presents it.

First of all, let me just clarify a bit. As I said, I'm an occasional smoker, meaning that every once and a while I like to light up a clove cigarette (only kind I smoke, I might add). I grew up with two smoker parents, so I've become pretty accustomed to it, and it doesn't really bother me to have others smoke around me. But... I also respect the fact that some people are bothered by it, whether it be because the health hazards of second hand smoke, or simply an aesthetic preference. Either way, I try to be polite and not smoke around anyone who isn't comfortable with it. So, all things considered, the picture Mister Sinclair paints of smokers doesn't exactly sit well with me.

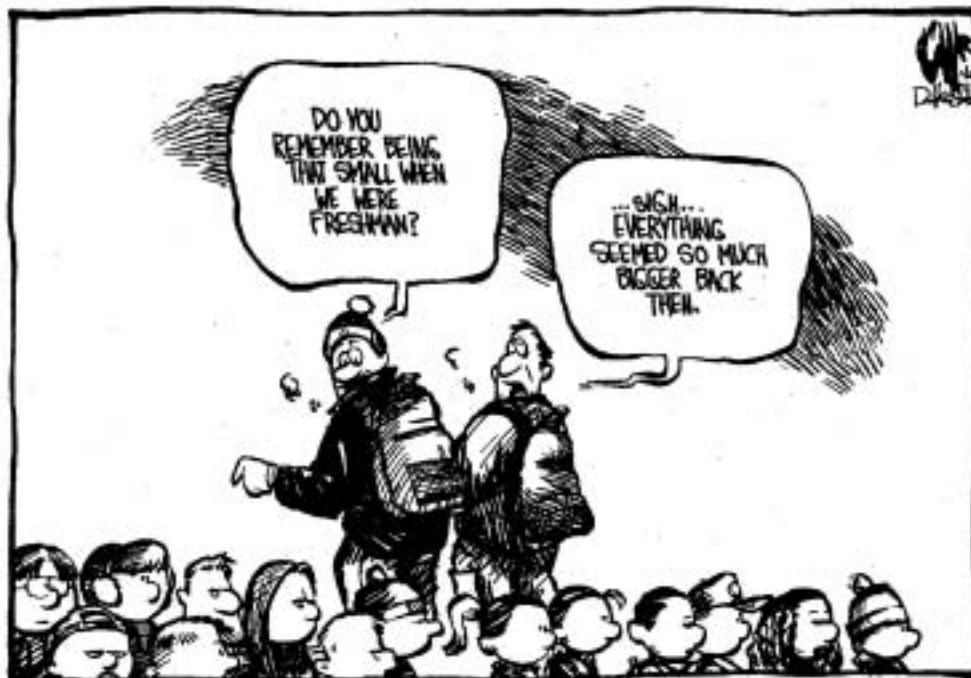
He is correct in one statement however. There is no legal right for anyone to smoke, in the Constitution or elsewhere. I might add that there is no law on the books that gives you a legal right to drive a vehicle, go to college, or drink your favorite carbonated beverage either, so I'm not sure exactly what point he was trying to make. Congratulations on actually reading the Constitution though, a lot of

people seem to skip over that one in their reading list.

Today, smokers are pretty much becoming the pariahs of our society. To paraphrase one comedian, 'You can't so much as smoke a cigarette in your own home, hidden in the bedroom under the blankets, without somebody beating on your door to complain.' Anybody who drives down Highway 21 towards Anniston is bound to have noticed the billboard that has a caricature of a man holding his breath, with the caption, "Sure, you can smoke around me, I'll just hold my breath." Well, to be honest, if I had had that response given to me after I had gone out of my way to politely ask if I could smoke a cigarette, I would light one up, and have to fight off the urge to blow a puff of smoke right into the sarcastic guy's face.

To sum up...if you don't like smoking, fine. Don't do it. If you don't like other people smoking, tough. It's their choice to make, not yours. We've got plenty of laws that regulate where people can and cannot smoke, so unless somebody is breaking one of those, they have just as much right to smoke as you do not to smoke. Feel free to try to talk them out of their habit, if you like, but at least have the common courtesy to do it with a little more dignity than a spoiled child throwing a tantrum.

Jason Jacobs
Sophomore,
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the PULSE

"What's your favorite thing to wear on St. Patrick's Day?"

	Stephanie Runyans Senior
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"A green bra with tassles that rotate."

	Tim Hobgood Freshman
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"Stephanie's matching panties that vibrate."

	Erin O'Briant Senior
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"My boyfriend."

	Dawn Scott Sophomore
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"Not a damn thing if I can help it."

	Jose Rodriguez Grad student
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"Nothing green because I don't look good in green."

SPECIAL FEATURES REPORT



My Brothers Bar

Story by Adam Smith, Photographs by Kevin Cole



Clockwise from top left: Shannon Tanner of Heritage Cherry belts out a soul tune. The horn section of the Patrick Smith band is an added bonus to a Brothers show. The Thompson Brothers Band is a rising star on the local horizon. The stumps are a Brothers trademark. Beau and Dan Nolen just after returning to Jacksonville. A hand stamp becomes a mark of the beast to would-be underage drinkers.

The small, quiet town of Jacksonville, Alabama isn't known for much, other than being the location for Jacksonville State University. Day after day, about 8,000 students take classes with varying degrees of interest, and by night they need a release. They need to be entertained, by means of sound and vision. Live music is what they crave. Live music is what they get from a small town bar called Brothers.

On the busy nights, the students line up outside and are herded in like livestock to the black counter on the right side of the door. Prospective party people must stop here before their fun begins. Driver's licenses are checked and monies are paid in the form of a cover charge.

The legal ones are fitted with their personal armbands sometimes adorned with the phone number of a local bonding company. It's a cruel reality, but it eventually makes sense. The ones who are under 21 are given the embarrassing hand-stamp of "NO." The stamp is bold and black with bars running

across the negative statement. They won't be drinking that night, but they won't be too upset about it.

To the left of the counter is the stage. On most nights, the attention will be focused here, unless you're hustling pool in the back of the bar. Looking at the stage at Brothers it's hard to imagine the likes of rock greats like Gregg Allman, George Thorogood, Stevie Ray Vaughn appearing there. That same stage has also seen the likes of modern day rockers like Collective Soul, Ben Folds and Grammy nominee Owsley.

Friends and acquaintances pass by and shout into



each other's ears to be heard above the sound. It's not just music you can hear, but music you can feel. You feel the pounding of the bass in your stomach and the jangling of the guitar in your head. You don't even mind having to scream your order to a bartender or when people bump into you without apologizing. You couldn't hear the apology anyway.

Leading the entertainment charge is Beau Nolen, the son of Dan and nephew of Dub. Dan and Dub Nolen founded the bar in 1976. He's come home to Jacksonville. Brothers holds a special place in his heart, not because he saw his first show there at age 10, but because he knows it's an asset to the city of Jacksonville. When he speaks of his establishment, you feel his excitement and ambition. His wide-eyed determination and dogged pursuit to get the best live entertainment in his bar is what keeps him motivated.

Bands like Juice from New Orleans, Bloodkin from Athens, Ga. or Angie Aparo from Atlanta are relative newcomers to Jacksonville. Recent notables like Heritage Cherry from Atlanta, The Thompson Brothers Band from Nashville and The Patrick Smith Band from Jackson, Miss., are quickly gaining a strong reputation for their performances at Brothers. Their motivations are simple. They aim to make people dance and have a good time, while making a few bucks in the process. Rock and roll is what they do for a living. They are grass-roots practitioners.

Kurt Lanham and Clay Connor, of the Jacksonville-based band Cool Beans, have seen the highs and lows of Brothers-its greatness and its decline.

Looking back at the "glory days" as they refer to them, Connor says, "when we first got here, there were some great, great bands. From 1991 to 1995, Brothers had a real good mixture of bands. People went to Brothers. You could guarantee Thursday, Friday and Saturday would be packed. It's kind of getting back to that now."

Another point brought up by Lanham and Connor is that Jacksonville is a "word-of-mouth" town. Most bands that have the best turnouts at Brothers establish their fan base in that way. It's something that all of the bands agree with.

On Feb. 10 and 12, New Orleans-based band Juice performed at Brothers. Having no record deal, they also get by on grass roots word-of-mouth promotion. "It really doesn't make a huge difference whether there's five or 500 people out there," says Juice drummer Aron Lambert. "We all do it because we love playing music."

"People really appreciate what we're doing," says Juice guitarist Chris Layton. "Our main goal is to

get the audience dancing and to make sure everybody is having a good time." Dave Jordan, bass player for the band, agrees and says they're happy to play places like Brothers. "Sometimes you get a lot better crowds from smaller towns than the bigger towns. We're all about the grass roots market. It's word-of-mouth."

Unfortunately, the word-of-mouth promotion doesn't work for everyone. A perfect example of the grass roots market falling flat was apparent on Feb. 16 when Angie Aparo took the stage at Brothers. Aparo, from Atlanta, has a major label record deal with Arista records. However, no amount of word-of-mouth grass roots promoting could get more than 30 people there to see Mr. Aparo. It was a heartbreaking turnout for Nolen, but he knows the next time Aparo's back, he'll be better known and the bar will be packed. Aparo's major-label debut was released on March 7, and is getting commercial radio play. Aparo seems to be unaffected by the meager crowd and gives a soulful performance.

Bloodkin, from Athens, GA played Brothers only once prior to their Feb. 18 visit, but were impressed with the small-town music scene: "College towns are great," says Bloodkin vocalist Daniel Hutchens. "You tend to gravitate toward them. They're usually some of the best places to play."

Hutchens refers to Brothers as being part of the "southeastern circuit" that bands have to travel on. Bloodkin is no stranger to the circuit, but they've also been privileged enough to play at huge venues like Red Rocks in Colorado and The House of Blues. When asked about college towns and their reception to original material, Hutchens agrees "there are places like that, but you have to try to overcome it. I think most places we play are fairly open to original music."

When Bloodkin took the stage on Feb. 18, they were greeted by at least 150 patrons, an excellent turn out for a Friday night. Fridays and Saturdays are generally considered low points because JSU is commonly known as a "suitcase college," meaning that most students leave campus after class on Fridays. However, Bloodkin also brought out an older local crowd, which is usually unseen inside Brothers.

Nolen knows that as long as great bands continue to perform at Brothers, the bar will continue to increase its popularity throughout the South. "I feel like this town is bubbling," says Nolan. "I want people to say 'Jacksonville is cool. I'd like to go to school there.' I'm just as excited as can be," says Nolan with a contented expression. "I love Jacksonville."



Globetrotters caught traveling

By **Anthony Hill**
Staff Writer

The Harlem Globetrotters have been known as innovators to the game of basketball. The Globetrotters are responsible for developing the fast-break offense, the slam dunk, a scouting system to recruit players and they also introduced the figure-eight "weave."

They will be here on Sunday afternoon to put on a show.

"They're doing a show in Birmingham on Saturday and they knew us as a venue," said Donnel Humes, SGA 2nd Vice President. "You know they were here sometime in the early 90's. I've never seen them before and I'm excited that they are coming."

The Harlem Globetrotters have performed before more than 120 million people in 115 different countries. They began their Denny's U.S. tour on Dec. 26. The team is currently featured in a new television commercial for Kraft's Miracle Whip. They also became the first team in history to receive the John W. Bunn Award from the Basketball Hall of Fame for their



HOOP DREAMS: One of the many Globetrotter exhibitions.

lifetime contributions to the game.

"I wonder what type of talent they have now. I have not seen them since Scooby Doo," said Zheadric Barbara, a senior from Cleveland, OH.

The Globetrotters have two teams that travel the world. Some of the players expected to play for the Globetrotters include veterans Reggie Philips (Cal-State Bakersfield '94), Sherell Ford

(Illinois-Chicago, '95), Johny Rhodes (Maryland '96), Exree Hipp (Maryland '96), and Otis Key (Lincoln '96).

"This will be my first time seeing them, as most students here, and I hope that everyone really enjoys it," said Humes.

The exhibition will be held at Pete Mathews Coliseum on Sunday, March 19 at 2 p.m.

Fuller's pub 100 proof

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The carpet in the game room area has been replaced and all of the walls and ceilings have been painted said Fuller. You'll also find more tables in the dance floor area for the people who aren't dancing. Also, the upstairs will be fully opened up with a few comfortable couches for those who just want to relax.

Some things to look forward to in the future include the building of a deck in the back courtyard area, with possibly a few gazebos. There will be plenty of sitting room to enjoy the nice days and nights, "but all in time," said Fuller.

Now there's no need to look any further than Jacksonville for a place to pass the long, lazy summer days away. Fuller's Pub will be open during the day as well and will quench your thirst during those steamy hot days with daily drink specials. As if you could be any happier, happy hour begins at 4 p.m. and ends at 8 p.m.

Patrons are excited to hear that "bands will continue to play on a regular basis; local music will

certainly play a role in the entertainment provided," said Fuller. The Pub apologizes for not being able to enlarge the stage area for the bands, but unfortunately the structure of the building will not permit it. Also, the jukebox at the front entrance will be replaced with an in-house stereo system for your listening pleasure.

Although there is a new owner, new name, and new changes, old fans of the establishment will find familiarity with the same friendly bartenders who mix up and serve their favorite drinks. Greg and Nicole Thrash and Shane "Yak" Robinson will continue to bartend. Greg will be managing along with Fuller's brother, B.J. Newman. "I will be present for the most part to see that things take off smoothly and continue to run smoothly," said Fuller.

David Fuller and the Fuller's Pub staff invite everyone to come party with them on the Grand Opening, Thursday March 16, and enjoy the Mardi Gras atmosphere while everyone relishes the re-opening of a great bar.



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Students Should Approach Spring Break Deals With Caution

By Sherri Richards
Campus Correspondent - University of North Dakota

GRAND FORKS, N.D. (TMS) — Justin Baesler, a student at the University of North Dakota, figured that by shopping on the Internet he could find a better deal for a spring break plane ticket to New York than he would have by dealing directly with the airlines.

He decided to hit priceline.com, which allows users to name their own prices for an array of travel services. Two of his bids were denied, but one — \$270 for a round-trip to the Big Apple — was accepted by Delta Airlines.

Baesler's delight turned to dismay when he checked out Delta's site to see how much money he had saved. Delta was offering the same ticket for \$160.

"I felt pretty screwed," he said. And he felt even worse when he read a priceline.com policy in small print that stated he couldn't cancel or exchange his ticket.

Students must be savvy shoppers when making plans for spring break, said Bob Johnson, owner of Stengl Johnson Cruise and Travel Ltd. Reading fine print is important, he said, because it often contains stipulations that don't require travel providers to guarantee a day of departure and a myriad of additional costs — such as taxes and fuel surcharges — tacked on to the promotional price.

"It's not a bait-and-switch tactic," Johnson said. "They have the prices there, but you need to read the small print."

Johnson said students also should be careful before signing up for travel packages promising around-the-clock parties and free-drinks. He said his daughter went on such a package trip three years ago and never saw many of the perks promised.

"(Their offer) is true, but the problem is that you may have 3,000 to 4,000 students," he said. "They (some travel companies) can't handle all of them."

Johnson urges students to ask travel operators to provide references before agreeing to do business with them. Reputable businesses will be happy to oblige, he said. And students should aim to work through companies that

have operated year-round for more than a year because they tend to be more reliable than seasonal businesses, Johnson said.

Students also can find information about good and bad travel vendors from the Better Business Bureau in the state in which the company operates. Debbie Reetz, information services supervisor for the bureau serving North Dakota and Minnesota, said many students get into travel trouble when they cave in to high-pressure sales techniques. Some companies, she said, insist that students must respond within 24 hours to receive the "best deal."

"Don't be pressured," Reetz said. "That's a red flag right there."

Reetz said students also should be leery about unsolicited advertising and toll-free numbers — all of which could stem from one desk in a shabby office, not a reputable company. Taking the time to check out a company's history, she said, will help students avoid scams.

When students decide to do business with a company, Reetz and Johnson said they could further protect themselves by asking for a hardcopy of their contract that also includes an itinerary, travel rates, cancellation policies and additional fees. The contract should be received a week or more before the scheduled departure date. Students should also call ahead to verify airline and hotel reservations to ensure they won't be stranded anywhere, Reetz said.

Baesler, the student from North Dakota, gives similar advice, encouraging students to research well and to check prices offered by several companies before doing anything.

Despite paying too much for his spring break, he said he's trying to maintain a positive outlook.

"I'm not bitter about it," he said. "I'm glad I'm going to New York. I just wish I had spending money."



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By
Dave
Sharp
Editor



Never judge a book...

Roman Polanski's seven-year hiatus ended last weekend with the opening of his latest thriller "The Ninth Gate."

This movie won't be for everyone. Though beautifully filmed, Polanski's style is rarely bound by the industry standards while he takes his time explaining his story. Every frame is carefully filmed with purpose and direction; action is sometimes slow moving.

Dean Corso (Johnny Depp), a book appraiser/mercenary, is trusted with the retrieval and inspection

of two rare, supernatural texts that were supposedly co-authored by Lucifer. His employer, Boris Balkan (Frank Langella), is a Satan enthusiast and rare book collector whose library has a devilish theme.

Corso's quest takes him to scenic Portugal and France where he encounters difficulties with his task. Others are interested in the ancient texts, hoping to summon Satan with the writings, and follow Corso while leaving a trail of bodies behind them.

'Gate' has a great mystery woven throughout its plot and is an exploration into a 'Hitchcockian' realm of evil, but with supernatural overtones. But here's the catch, the ending leaves much to be desired. Without ruining the film, I'll just say I was appalled by the conclusion and walked out of the theater feeling cheated.

Polanski apparently skipped his class on 'closure' and 'completely satisfying your audience.'

Grade: Should've, would've and could've been an A, but it's a B.



Mission aborted

It was supposed to be the first major blockbuster of a new millennium. It was also Brian De Palma's first chance at directing a first rate Science Fiction movie. Instead, "Mission to Mars" should have been scrubbed at the proverbial drawing board and the result is the bastard child of "2001: A Space Odyssey" and "Lost in Space."

"Mission" is a classic example of everything that's wrong with mainstream Hollywood as we bridge the end of a century of the art with the beginning of a new one. Big budget. Big director. Big actors. Big Story. Did I mention big budget? No heart.

The effects are cool, and according to 'authorities,' the


vehicles and equipment are as authentic as they come (or will come in the year 2020). But authenticity and visual effects does not a movie make.

The year is 2020 and it's time for man to land on Mars. One team lands, sets up camp, explores the red planet and discovers something has been on the planet before. Something intelligent. Contact is lost with the first crew so team two is sent in on a rescue mission.

Unfortunately, 'Mission' lacks any real emotion even from such an (potentially) emotionally stacked cast as Tim Robbins and Gary Sinise. Even a dramatic scene that should rival a certain 'selfless, love-filled' scene from James Cameron's "The Abyss" lacks any real sentiment and only left an uncomfortable feeling right behind my eyeballs.

While the film isn't a complete waste of time, I do recommend you enter with caution. See it in the theater for the effects, but sci-fi fans are sure to be as disappointed as I am.

Grade: C (and I'm being kind)



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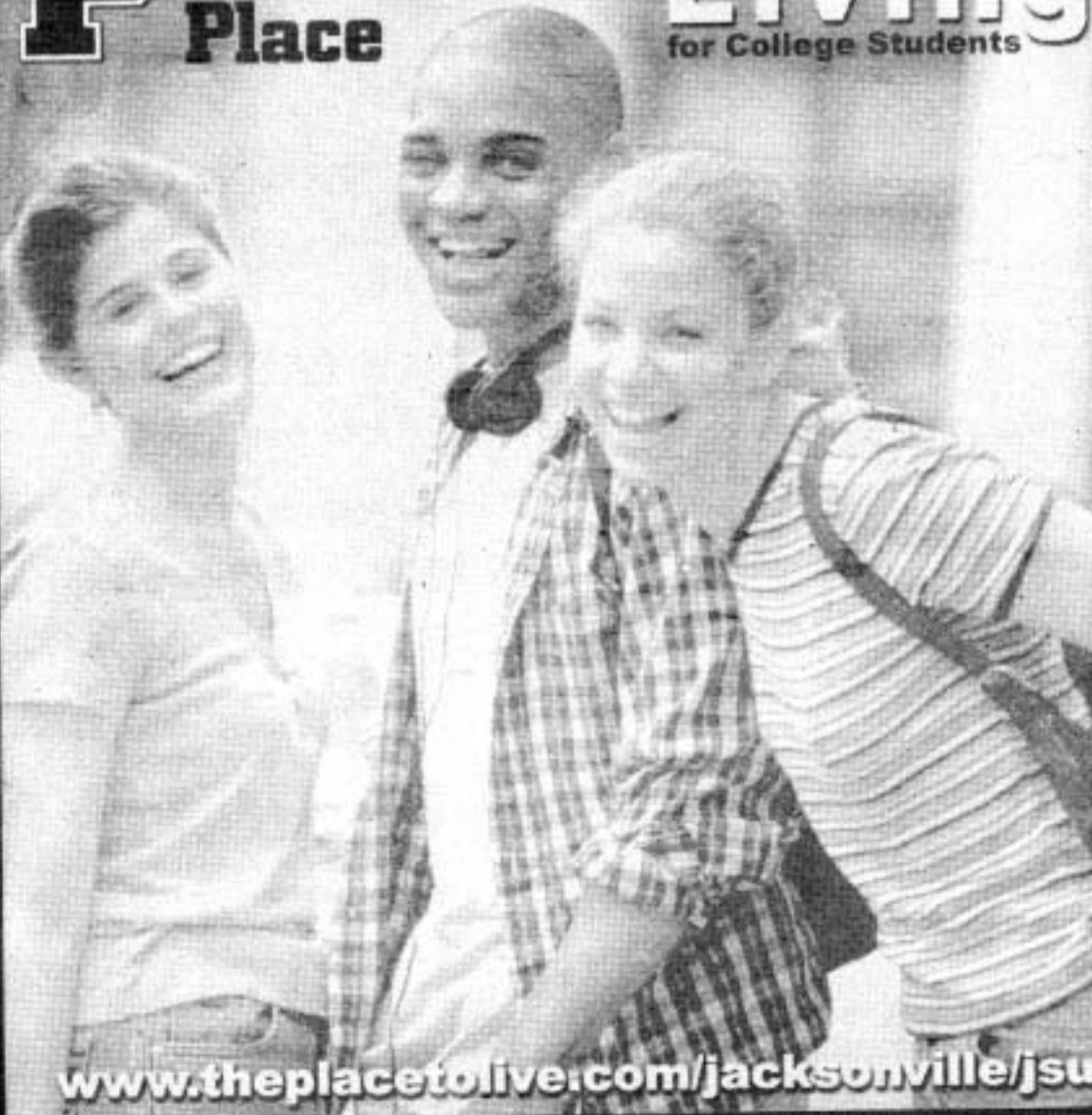
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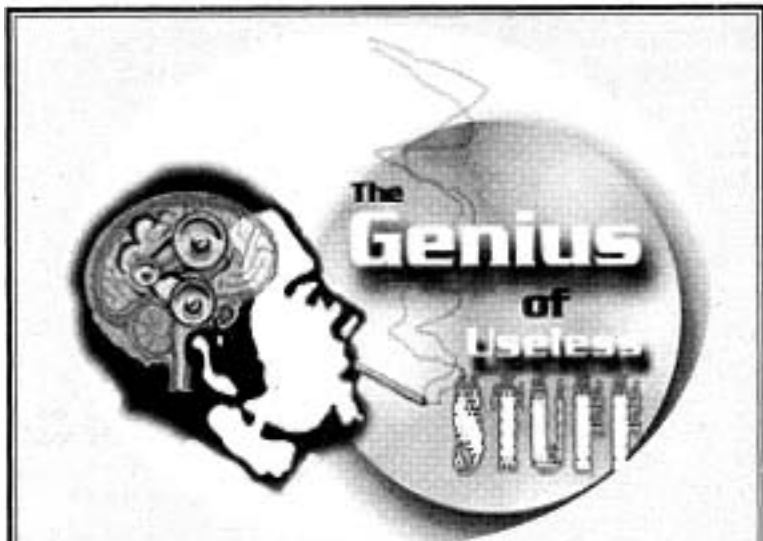
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Scissors lodged in woman's chest for years

GEORGETOWN, Guyana - A woman who has had a pair of surgical scissors lodged in her chest for 10 years should receive compensation, the Guyana Medical Association said Tuesday. Roman Soman, 43, did not know the scissors were there until she went to state-run Georgetown Hospital for treatment after she said her husband attacked her with an ice pick and a knife. X-rays revealed the instrument, apparently forgotten after a chest operation performed at the same hospital in 1990. A surgeon is to operate to remove the scissors this week.

Internet romance turns bizarre

CHARLESTON, S.C. - A man who flew from England to meet a 30-something woman he wooed over the Internet found out she is really a 65-year-old woman jailed earlier this month after authorities found the body of her former roommate in a freezer at her home. Now Trevor Tasker finds himself still single and the center of media attention. Wynema Faye Shumate was charged with unauthorized removal of a dead body and destruction or desecration of human remains after authorities discovered the body of James H. O'Neil, 70.

Police raid erotic hair salon

LAVAL, Quebec - Women in the Quebec city of Laval suspected their husbands and boyfriends were getting a bit more than a shave and a haircut at a local hair salon. Apparently, they were right. Police arrested eight people at Le Salon Sex Symbol, where stylists stripped, performed exotic dances and talked dirty as they clipped clients' hair, said a Laval police spokesman. The 28-year-old owner and a client were caught naked, playing with a sexual toy and oil, police said. Three female employees

and five male customers were charged with working in or frequenting a house of prostitution, according to the newspaper.

Go ahead, give your boss the plague

ATLANTA - Hundreds of people attending a conference on hospital-acquired infections this week in Atlanta found they were not immune to California dentist Richard Freeman's line of bacteria-inspired clothing. Every product that Freeman's Encino, Ca.-based company, Infectious Awareables, sells has a tag with information about the disease it portrays. He donates up to 30% of his profit for education and research. There are the colorful patterns of influenza, malaria, cholera and the plague, as well as the abstract designs of HIV, chlamydia and gonorrhea that appear on everything from scarves to boxer shorts.

The long road home

DELAND, Fla. - After a lifetime and a little bit of eternity on the road, Harry Hammond may finally be going home. The ashes of the former vice president and treasurer of the Clyde Beatty-Cole Bros. Circus have been traveling in a safe with the circus since his death in 1995. Now they will be sent to a family vault in Missouri. Having run away to join the circus at age 17, Hammond spent most of his life on the road. At the time of his death, his surviving family had no funeral arrangements so instead, Hammond's ashes traveled with the circus.

Students suspended for concert

SAN ANTONIO - Four students at a private Christian school have been busted for attending a Backstreet Boys concert at the packed Alamodome. Sunnybrook Christian Academy suspended the four for a day each because the students broke a school rule barring "involvement with inappropriate music," school

administrator Trudie Perez said. "They (the Backstreet Boys) have some good music, but some of the music, I have been told, has certain sexual references," Perez said. "That's not the message that we want to convey to our young people. We send the message of sexual abstinence."

Music is the state's passion

CHARLESTON, W.Va. - In West Virginia, where mountain music is a passion, lawmakers may have gone too far in seeking to honor the dulcimer instead of the fiddle or banjo. The Appalachian dulcimer is falling victim to a lobbying campaign by fiddlers who oppose naming the popular folk instrument West Virginia's official state musical instrument. The state Senate approved the measure Feb. 21, but House leaders say they will not take it up before the Legislature adjourns at midnight Saturday.

Finders keepers?

PITTSBURGH - Police officers should be allowed to keep whatever they find while on duty as a reward for putting their "lives on the line," attorney D.C. Nokes Jr. says. Nokes said Conemaugh Township Officer William Richards should be able to keep \$20,000 in \$1,000 bills that he found in the snow while questioning a motorist on Feb. 15, 1996. The motorist, Michael Shreckengost, later claimed the money belonged to him. He said he accidentally threw it out of his truck along with beer cans as police approached to ask him why his vehicle was parked on the side of a road, facing the wrong direction. Commonwealth Court ruled last year that the money should go to the state treasury instead of either Shreckengost or Richards. Both men appealed. It is now before the state Supreme Court.

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Useless Quiz

1. What's the most commonly used word in written English?
2. What's the most venomous snake in the U.S.?
3. What singer's Confederate flag cigarette lighter was recovered from the site where her plane plunged in 1963?
4. What disease's sufferers were required to carry a rattle to warn people of their approach in 15th-century England?
5. What did Zsa Zsa say was only a little less silly than "getting divorced just because you don't love a man"?
6. What seven words complete the "Purple Haze" line: "Actin' funny, but I don't know why"?
7. What momentary British monarch was dubbed "little man" by ex-girlfriends?
8. What three-letter word did Ice Cube define as "the network newscast black people never had"?
9. What herb is often called nature's mouthwash because it reduces garlic breath when chewed?
10. What mobster sighed: "I've been accused of every death except the casualty list of the World War"?
11. Who's the most often quoted author in the "Oxford English Dictionary"?
12. How many of every five songs on French radio stations must be performed by French artists, according to 1996 regulations?
13. What carbonated beverage was once dubbed "the holy water of the American South"?
14. What is the number one cash crop in the state of Alabama?
15. Who sued Apple Computer for libel after they referred to him as the "butthead astronomer"?

Answers to Quiz

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| 3. Patsy Cline's | 9. Parsley |
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Smashing Pumpkins

MACHINA/the machines of God



There's a fleeting moment in the middle of the "Everlasting Gaze"-The Smashing Pumpkins' new, don't-call-it-a-comeback single from their new comeback album. After two and a half minutes of Billy Corgan's tightly wound metal riffing, the music drops out, sending his vocals into an a cappella free fall.

It's among the most abrasive sounds heard on the radio in quite some time-13 seconds of unvarnished, prickly pain that are intensified by the fact that his voice (sorry, Billy) is about as pretty as my boy's bald-headed looks. Now granted, if all you want is ugly noise, it's not too difficult to find. What makes this particular interlude interesting is the way in which Corgan somehow manages to transform those 13 seconds, and the rest of the songs on the album into something that is actually catchy.

This may as well be the key factor in the Smashing Pumpkins' successful musical chemistry: Corgan's ability to handle the filth and the fury of, say, "Kerosene" with the song

writing skill and production pomp of "More Than a Feeling."

"MACHINA/the machines of God"'s first five songs probably will reassure fans who disliked the down tempo textures if 1998's "Adore," the album the group recorded after the band fired drummer Jimmy Chamberlin. Now that he is back on the drums, the Pumpkins may be returning to the glory days of "Siamese Dream" and "Mellon Collie and the Infinite Sadness."

The albums first five songs prove that these maturing monsters still know how to rock. Meanwhile, the final five entries are a quiet, lovely ying to the group's hard-rocking bang. From its thunderous beginning to its quiet, echoing end, "MACHINA/the machines of God" is perfect for Club Retro's dancing-in-dark-with-yourself- 'cause-it-feels-good-music. That is something that Billy Corgan and the Pumpkins do better than just about anyone else.

By Anthony Hill



Memory Dean

Still Hungry Souls



Atlanta-based Memory Dean has recently released their fifth CD "Still Hungry Souls." This is a very polished collection of 15 songs. Bubba Dean and Jay Memory formed the band in 1991 and have become noted for their harmonies. These harmonies are extremely tight on this album but musically it reminds me of bad Christian rock. I feel I can use this analogy because I

was a DJ at a bible college for two years.

This CD is bubble-gum pop. None of the tracks seem to have any guts. I'm not a fan of highly polished CD's. It's too clean and pretty. "All Over Now," the third track, is very mainstream. I kept hoping for something refreshing but instead I fell asleep.

"California," is the song that "has critics going wild," according to their

press release. Wheeee, is about as wild as I got. Wait, I had the urge to ride the escalator without holding the rails.

Lyricaly the CD is fairly good. Memory Dean writes all their music and I commend them for that.

They have guest appearances from Ken Block (Sister Hazel), Speech (Arrested Development) and Jennifer Nettles.

I saw these guys live about six years ago. They were acoustic and seemed to have more appeal. This CD just didn't give me the same feeling.

If I had to pick a favorite song it would be track 16. If your looking for something with more bite and less pop, listen to someone else's.

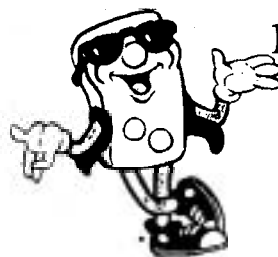
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THE WEEK IN SPORTS



Softball team beats Radford, goes 1-of-3 on the road.

White's no hitter leads Gamecocks to sweep Alabama A&M



Gamecocks take double header against Alabama A&M

From JSU Sports Information

Led by junior Bill White's no-hitter in the first game, and Jason Nunn's home run in the second game, Jacksonville State (15-5) swept a double header against Alabama A&M (6-4).

White's no-hit, 11 strike out performance lifted Jax State to an 11-0 win over the Bulldogs in just five innings.

"Bill was just hitting his spots today," said JSU head coach Rudy Abbott. "He didn't have his best stuff, but it was close."

White (5-0) struck out the side in the second, third and fourth innings.

He got some help in the field, as shortstop Chris Magouyrk made two great plays to preserve the no-hitter. White walked the first batter of the game and settled in, getting a double play on the next pitch.

Magouyrk had the lone error of the game for JSU, when his throw was just out of the reach of first baseman Russell Harry. White atoned for his mistake, striking out the next three batters. White struck out six in a row at one

point, and nine out of 10.

Nunn led the Gamecock offense, going 2-for-3 with two triples, and one run batted in. Andy Keith was 2-for-2 with two runs scored and four RBI's.

Game two was a pitcher's duel. The Gamecocks jumped out to a 1-0 lead, when Jason Moser singled, scoring Mike Helms from second in the first inning.

The Gamecocks extended their lead to 2-0 in the fourth, when Joel Stapleton doubled down the left field line scoring Joey Foster.

Alabama A&M tied the game in the seventh inning on a one out

triple by Michael May that scored two runs to tie the game at two. Lindsey dug in and struck out the last two batters to get out of the jam.

After Tony Maniscalco struck out to start the bottom of the seventh, Nunn hit a rocket over the left field wall to end the game, giving the Gamecocks a 3-2 win.

Michael Lindsey picked up his fourth win of the season, improving his record to 4-1.

The Gamecocks will be on the road Friday against Samford University.

2000 Gamecock Baseball Record

Date	Opponent	Score
Feb. 5	Alabama State	W 17-2
Feb. 7	@Alabama State	W 6-1
Feb. 12	UT Martin	W 15-8
Feb. 13	UT Martin	W 9-3
Feb. 15	@ South Alabama	W 5-4
Feb. 19	East Tennessee State	W 3-2/L 9-3
Feb. 20	East Tennessee State	W 10-9
Feb.22	@Georgia Tech	L 10-2
Feb. 25	Michigan	W 3-1
Feb. 26	Xavier	W 2-1
Feb. 27	Western Michigan	W 13-5
Feb. 29	Tennessee Tech	L 7-3
March 3	Siena Heights	W 11-1/ W 13-5
March 4	Siena Heights	L 4-2/ W 12-11
March 7	@UAB	L 20-9
March 11	Alabama A&M	W 11-0/ W 3-2

Baswell receives national honor

Softball team defeats Radford, goes one of three with Furman

By Erik Green
Sports Editor

The JSU softball team embarked on a ten game road trip, but not before walloping Radford in a double header at home on Thursday.

The Lady Gamecocks beat Radford in five innings in game one by the score of 14-2. In the second game, JSU shutout the Highlanders 5-0.

Meadow McWhorter was the winning pitcher in game one. The Lady Gamecocks scored seven runs in the first inning and seven runs in the third, to accumulate their 14 runs. The 14 runs came on only seven hits; the rest of the Lady Gamecock offense came from 11 walks and three hit batsmen.

JSU shortstop Julie Boland put the first points on the board for the Lady Gamecocks with a home run in the first inning.

In game two of the double header, JSU pitcher Jill Wilcoxson held the Highlanders to only eight hits and allowed one walk. The Lady Gamecocks scored one run in the first inning, three runs in the second and their last run in the third inning. JSU second baseman Christine Tucker hit a triple, scored twice, and added three bunt singles in the double header.

Saturday and Sunday, the Lady Gamecocks were on the road in Greenville, SC to face the Lady Purple Paladins of Furman University.

On Saturday, in game one of the three games played at FU, the Lady Gamecocks won 3-1. Willcoxson was the winning pitcher for the Lady Gamecocks.

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Lisa Baswell

By Michelle Alford
JSU Sports Information

Jacksonville State senior basketball player Lisa Baswell (Locust Fork, Alabama) has done it, again. When it was thought she couldn't top her long list of accomplishments, Baswell has (for a second year) been named to the GTE Academic All-America Women's Basketball Team. Not only that, she has also been voted the Academic All-American of the Year, by Sports Information Directors throughout the nation.

After the women's basketball team had two key players quit during the Christmas break and its hopes of a Cinderella season grew dim, Baswell, a 6-2 graduate student at JSU with a 4.0 GPA, continued to be the only player showing consistency throughout the turmoil. In the mean time, she prepared for her written and oral exam for graduate school, which she passed the week before the Trans America Athletic Conference Tournament.

Baswell led Jax State to the quarterfinals of the tournament, scoring 20 points against Jacksonville University in the 71-62 Lady Gamecocks' victory and scored 14 points in the season ending loss to Georgia State, 81-69.

She has held her composure and kept her focus, which has always been to make good grades and play good basketball.

"This is such an honor," said Baswell, of the award. "This is the biggest award I have gotten, because athletes don't always get recognition for what they do on and off of the playing field."

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JSU Lady Gamecock Lisa Baswell gets Academic All-American of the Year

Continued from page 15, Baswell

Baswell is the most decorated Lady Gamecock since coach Dana (Bright) Austin and coach Jana (Bright) McGinnis played for Jax State. She scored in double figures in all but three games during her two-year career at JSU and most recently was named to the 1999-2000 Trans America Athletic All-Conference first team. It marked the second year for that honor.

Some of Baswell's other accomplishments include: 1998-99 TAAC Female Student Athlete of the Year, 1999-2000 Trans America Athletic Conference preseason Player of the Year, 1999-2000 and All-District GTE Academic All America. She led the 1999-2000 Lady Gamecocks in rebounding, scoring, field goal percentage, free throw percentage and blocks. She ranked 16th in the nation in scoring and first in the TAAC (20.5), nationally ranked 10th in free throw percentage (86.9), and 1998-99 Conference Newcomer of the Year. She was selected as TAAC Player of the Week twice, holds several JSU and TAAC records. And finally is only the second JSU player in history of the program to score over 1,000 points in only two seasons. She ended her career with 1,185 points, which is fourth in the JSU 1,000 points club.

Baswell, who graduated Summa Cum Laude from JSU last May, was first in a class of 398 students. Her major was Special Education and she will graduate in April with her

Masters degree in Education. Baswell's 4.0 GPA earned her JSU's Mary C. Forney Award for the highest GPA in the College of Education.

Lisa Baswell continues to exemplify the ideal role of a student-athlete.

The College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) select GTE Academic All America(r) teams in ten programs: football, women's volleyball, men's basketball, women's basketball, baseball, softball, fall/winter men's at-large, spring men's at-large, fall/winter women's at-large and women's spring at-large. A first team, second team and third team are selected in both the University (Division I and I-AA) and College (Division II, III and NAIA) Divisions. Football consists of just first and second teams.

To be nominated, the student-athlete must be a starter or important reserve with at least a 3.20 cumulative grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) for his/her career. No athlete is eligible until he/she has reached sophomore athletic and academic standing at his/her current institution (thus, true freshmen, red-shirt freshmen and ineligible transfers are not eligible). In the cases of transfers, graduate students and junior college graduates, the athlete must have completed one academic year at the nominating institution to be eligible.

Third Annual Jacksonville State Invitational a photo finish

By Shawn Griffin
Staff Writer

Saturday, March 11, The Jacksonville State Track Club hosted its 3rd annual Jacksonville State Invitational.

"Despite the frigid rain and sweeping winds, the team did quite well," said coach Dick Bell. "There were some exceptional performances to be only our second competition of the year."

Teams which competed included: Jacksonville State University, Samford University, Tennessee Tech University, and Morris Brown University as well as several unattached individuals.

Performances by the Gamecocks were as follows:

On the Track & In the Field Women: 10,000 meters - Kelly Brooks (Friery) took 2nd place; 800 meters - Camille Scruggs (2nd), Rachael Richards (3rd), Jennifer Moore (4th); Long Jump & Triple Jump Andretta Jefferson (1st in both); Shot put - Kerry Mikell (2nd); Javelin Throw - Kerry Mikell (1st); Men: 1500 meter - Ronnie Laguerre (2nd), Shawn Griffin (3rd) and JSU's Nick Cutchens was 4th; 800 meters - Shawn Griffin (1st), Ronnie Laguerre (4th), Stewart Davis (5th); 200 meters - Mike Henderson (2nd) and JSU's Joey Hamilton (4th); 100 meters - Joey Hamilton (4th); 100 meter hurdles - Mike Henderson (1st).

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JSU's Lisa Baswell's hard work on and off the court pays off

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The week in JSU tennis

From JSU Sports Information

With a 7-0 win over Alabama A&M, Jacksonville State's men's tennis team was able to split its two matches during the past week, as they lost to Belmont on Thursday, 5-2.

Against the Bulldogs, Steve Taylor routed Eddie Yang at number one singles, 6-1, 6-1. Rian Greaves stepped up the number two spot, and beat Desmond McLennon, 6-2, 7-5. Freshman Matthew Wilson helped the Gamecocks cause by defeating Stendhal Perara in an impressive win, 6-0, 6-0. Sam Grant rounded out the singles at number four, winning 6-1, 6-0. The Bulldogs did not have players at number five or six, which they forfeited to JSU.

In the doubles matches, Will Wright and Stuart Marcus teamed to win the number one match 8-3. Larry Lombardo and Sanjay Weerakoon won the number two match, 8-3. A&M did not have a number three team and gave the point to JSU.

Riding a big wave of momentum was not enough to propel the Gamecocks past Belmont, with Bruins winning 5-2.

Steve Taylor lost a tough match at the number one position, 6-3, 6-4. Will Wright fell at the number two position, 6-4, 6-2. Stuart Marcus continued his great play, defeating Ryan Brown, 6-4, 6-4. Rian Greaves lost another tough match, 6-4, 6-3, at number four. Sanjay Weerakoon kept rolling, winning his second straight singles match, defeating Matteo Triacca, 3-6, 5-5, before Triacca retired. Wilson, played another tough match, before falling at the number six position, 6-1, 6-4.

In the doubles matches, Marcus and Greaves lost at the number one position, 9-7. Taylor and Wright picked up a

big win at number two, 8-1. Wilson and Lombardo lost at number three, 8-4.

The Gamecocks are 4-8 on the season, and travel to Birmingham to take on Samford in a key Trans America Athletic Conference match.

The women's tennis team also split their two matches during the week. After picking up a big 8-1 win over Delta State, the Lady Gamecocks lost to SEC-rival Alabama, 8-0.

Against Delta State, Sophie DeSmet won her first match at the number one position, winning 7-6, 6-3. Sally Pearson continued her hot play, winning 6-3, 6-3. Vanessa Gomez picked up her first win at the number three position, winning 6-1, 7-6, winning the tiebreaker, 7-5. Camilla Bourke lost her match at the number four position, 6-4, 6-1. Manda Martin picked a point at the number five position, winning 6-3, 6-0. Freshman Heather Miller kept the winning going, winning the number six match, 6-3, 6-1.

In the doubles matches, DeSmet and Pearson won the number one match, 8-5. Jessica Gomez teamed with Bourke to prevail at number two, 8-4. Vanessa Gomez and Martin won in a rout at number three, 8-0.

Unfortunately, the Lady Gamecocks could not keep the mojo going to upset Alabama. The Crimson Tide took all the singles matches and two doubles matches before the match was called.

DeSmet was a bright spot on bleak day, as she battled Dominique Gilindez in a thrilling three set match, before falling, 7-5, 3-6, 6-4.

With the loss, the Lady Gamecocks fell back to .500, with a 6-6 record. They take on TAAC-rival Samford this week in a key conference match.

JSU Rifle Coach aims for top spot

By Jeff Young
Staff Writer

Despite the fanfare surrounding athletic programs like football, basketball and baseball, Jacksonville State's rifle team has enjoyed a quietly successful year. In fact, for the past five years the rifle team has finished in the top ten in NCAA polls. A claim most of the other programs cannot make.

However, instead of complaining about the relative obscurity of the sport, team members simply go out and shoot their best. They're building a national reputation with pinpoint accuracy and flawless concentration.

Perhaps they get their stoic demeanor from Head Coach Gerald De Boy whose 24 years as an Infantryman has prepared him, indirectly and directly, for his current position.

Originally Coach De Boy came to Jacksonville State as a ROTC instructor, and coaching the rifle team was one of his additional duties.

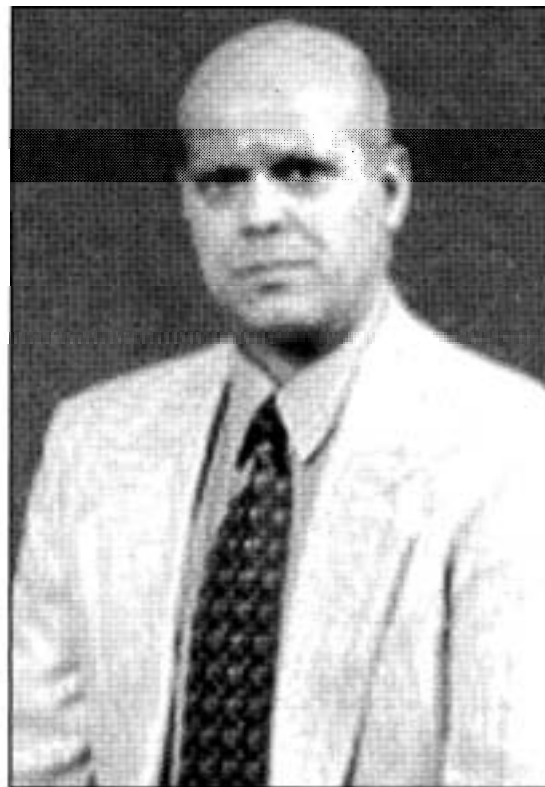
"I really wasn't aware that there was such a sport as rifle in college prior to my coming to Jacksonville State," said Coach De Boy.

The one common skill most veterans have is shooting. Coach De Boy simply took that skill and made the transition to coaching rifle using the basic fundamentals that apply to any shooting: breathing, aiming, and relaxing.

For 10 years he's used his shooting and leadership skills to coach a program to national contention, and in the process he's been named Collegiate Rifle Coaches Association Coach-of-the-Year and NRA Distinguished College Coach.

"Ultimately my goal is to have a national champion," said Coach De Boy.

With the amount of talent the rifle team has, and the fact that they have competed in the National Championship for the past six years, a NCAA title is not that far off.



Head Coach Gerald De Boy

In Coach De Boy's world you won't see three point shots and high-flying dunks, nor will you see long bombs to wide-open receivers, but what you will see is one the most mentally demanding sports on college campuses today. "Shooting is 95% mental," said Coach De Boy. "You have to stay relaxed to be successful." Coach De Boy admits shooting is not a fan-friendly sport, but he is making efforts to increase awareness. He's looking into the

possibility of adding cameras to the range, making it easier for fans to view the action.

Because of the individualized nature of the sport, spectators will never see the team effort they see in basketball and football. Do not, however, make the mistake of saying they are not a team.

The rifle team is a very tight-knit group that hangs out together outside the range, and Coach De Boy encourages a relaxed atmosphere that helps reduce the level of stress away from the demands of shooting.

Expect to see Coach De Boy and his rifle team make some noise in the near future. He's too close to achieving his long-term goal of winning a National

Championship to give up now, and he's recruited a few good shooters that should keep the winning tradition going.

"I see myself here at least another five years," said Coach De Boy. "As long as I stay healthy and it [coaching] remains fun."

The next time you find yourself driving by Rowe Hall, stop by and check out Coach De Boy's rifle team. You can't miss them. They're the ones shooting their way to the top.

Know who will win it all during March Madness? Wanna bet on it?

By Dave Scott
Knight-Ridder Tribune

If you think Gonzaga and Pepperdine are some nice things to sprinkle on your salad, you are bracketed for big trouble.

This is the day when every newspaper in the country publishes a chart that shows the matchups in the NCAA men's Division I basketball tournament. Copiers everywhere already are running low on toner as office pools are assembled in a ritual known as March Madness.

This is more about gambling than basketball; more about bragging rights than getting rich; and more about luck than anything you ever saw or ever will see.

The stinging memory of past years tells us that these pools often are won by newly arrived space aliens, political junkies and others who know nothing about basketball.

But if you do know something about basketball, it is important to make a good showing.

Help is on the way. The Web is available to succor the misinformed and aid the poor sap who has to keep track of everyone's guesses and declare a winner.

Filling out the brackets is fun. Keeping track of who is leading in the competition is drudgery. So consider giving the copier a break this year and have your brackets managed online.

• <http://hoopchallenge.cnssi.com/>

Like most online sites, this one offers free participation and prizes (mostly electronic equipment) just for the privilege of splashing advertisements at you with every click. CNN also paid a \$4,440 premium on an insurance policy that would pay you \$10 million if you pick every game correctly.

• <http://cbs.sportsline.com/>
Two brackets are offered at this popular sports site. Prizes include seven Oldsmobiles.

"I'm sure you've heard of the other sites that are giving away \$10 million if anyone gets a perfect bracket, but those are gimmicks," says

spokesman Alex Reithmiller. "Let's face it, no one has ever or will ever guess the brackets perfectly."

• <http://roxy.com>
You will see a lot of ads on this site, but also links to FANsOnly with its terrific chat rooms and special sites for narrow sports interests and particular schools.

• <http://espn.com>
<http://www.sandbox.com>

Both of these sites offer free games and make it easy to include your friends and enemies in the competition.

This is also the day to complain if your favorite team was snubbed by the selection committee or given an insultingly low berth. Don't whine with ignorance. These sites can help you blubber with authority.

• <http://www.teleport.com/gsr/we.come.html>

Not every fan follows the Division I schools. This site provides snippets about the lesser-know teams like Wisconsin Eau Claire and Western Connecticut State.

• <http://collegerpi.com>
You could survive the entire year without understanding the Electoral College or the basic tool of the NCAA tournament selection committee: the Ratings Percentage Index. Impress your friends by visiting this site and learning how these numbers are crunched.

• <http://www.broadcast.com>
Many first-round tournament games are played in the afternoon. This site has radio broadcasts of the games so it might come in real handy at the office.

• DirectTV
There was a time when ESPN showed at least parts of almost every game from noon till past midnight. These days CBS has the coverage and takes breaks to show sitcom reruns and even boring news shows. DirectTV offers you coverage of every game for \$49. Of course, you need a satellite dish and a subscription to the service, so you might need to visit a bar or restaurant with this service and hope they are willing to show your team.

Lady cocks have bad luck with FU

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Tucker was 1-of-4 on the day and scored two runs. Lauren Buck was 2-of-4, scored a run, and had one run batted in.

The Lady Gamecocks scored their first run in the third inning after Buck singled to left field sending Tucker home from second base. In the sixth inning, JSU's Allie Simons singled to left field sending Buck home from third base to put the second run of the day on the board. The Lady Gamecocks last run of the game came in the seventh inning when Tucker scored on a throwing error by a Lady Paladin.

The Lady Paladins only run came in the seventh inning when Chrissy Hacker singled to right field scoring Kay Brittain.

In games two and three of the weekend series, the Lady Paladins won 1-0 and 1-0.

In game one, Fu's Hacker was the winning pitcher, striking out seven JSU batsmen. McWhorter got the loss for the Lady

Gamecocks. Tucker was 2-of-4, Boland was 1-of-3 and Tanya Carter was 1-of-2, accounting for the Lady Gamecocks 4 hits. The Lady Paladins scored their one run in the first inning.

In game two, again FU scored their only run in the first inning, but it was as much offense as was needed. The FU defense held the Lady Gamecocks to only two hits, one by Boland and one by Meghan Maskel. Both of the JSU

hits came during the third inning. Buck was the losing pitcher for the Gamecocks.

Melissa Hutton, who went 2-of-3 and scored one run, led FU. Neither team had a RBI in the game.


The Lady Gamecocks continue their road trip against Campbell on Saturday.

Current softball record		
February	Opponent	Results
13	@ Georgia Southern	W 2-1 / W 5-4
17	@ UAB	L 7-0 / W 4-2
18-20	@ Auburn Invitational	
18th	• Indiana State	W 8-7
19th	• UAB	L 1-0
19th	• Auburn	L 2-0
20th	• Indiana State	W 2-1
20th	• UAB	W 15-1
20th	• Auburn	L 6-0
23	@ Tennessee State	W 12-0 / W 13-1
25-27	@ Texas A&M-Corpus Christi	
27th	Texas A&M Corpus Christi	W 8-2
27th	St. Johns	W 4-0
27th	St. Johns	W 6-1
27th	Texas A&M Corpus Christi	W 4-0
March	Opponent	Results
2	UAB	L 4-0 / W 6-0
4	@ Tenn.-Chattanooga	L 2-1 / L 8-0
9	Radford	W 14-2 / W 5-0
11	@ Furman	W 3-1
12	@ Furman	L 1-0 / L 1-0

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To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 6 - Something you and a partner do with a group could go awry. There's not enough money to go around. What to do? Well, you don't have to think of everything. Somebody else could come up with the winning idea this time. Be OK with that.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 6 - You experience complications. You'd like to spend the day with the people you care most about. Unfortunately, you have to do a couple of other things first. If they'll help pay the bills, don't complain too much, OK?

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 5 - A slight breakdown could occur. If you have to travel, expect delays and other difficulties. If you don't have to go now, don't. Don't take on any new responsibilities, either. The simpler you can keep things, the better.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 - A lot of people would like to have your money. Well, they can't if you won't let them. Sell instead of buy, and neither a borrower nor a lender be. If you can't make a good deal, keep your money where it is - in your retirement account.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 4 - You could experience trouble with a partner or an older person, maybe both. You want to please everybody, but you could end up not pleasing anyone - not even yourself! In situations like this, it's OK to duck out the back way. A compromise may be easier to reach tomorrow.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 7 - You may feel pressured. A lot of work needs to be done, but the orders you're get-

ting could be contradictory. Instead of doing the wrong thing or ending up in the wrong place, don't follow orders blindly. Figure it out for yourself.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Today is a 4 - Don't set up a date for tonight; work probably will get in the way. Either that or you could be late, or you might go to the wrong address. A phone call, if you can get through, might be better.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) - Today is a 7 - Something you've been asked to do could go against your grain. The stress you're under now could inspire you to make a change. You've put up with undesirable conditions for long enough. Be responsible about it.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 5 - Distractions are occurring. You may have trouble with travel or contacting a person who's far away. If you're up against new problems, maybe it's because you've solved all the old ones. Might as well look at it like that.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 7 - You don't have enough money to buy everything on your list. You either need to get more money or to make a new list. Knowing you, you'll choose the first option. Before you get a second job, study the situation for an easier way.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 4 - You may have to come up with a new idea, on a moment's notice. Luckily, you're good under pressure. You're good at fixing things, too. Don't take on more assignments, though. You have enough to do, winning with the hand you've been dealt.

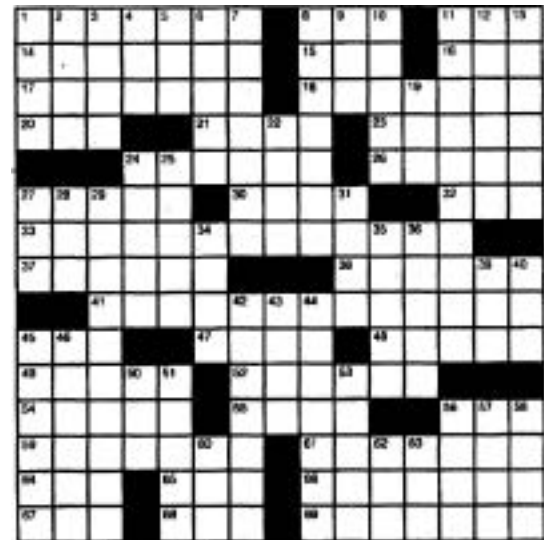
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 7 - All the confusion today isn't your fault. You might be someone who helps sort it out, actually. If you get a hunch that things aren't right, follow through on it. Ask the tough questions.

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