Learning Services receives award

By Jamie M. Eubanks
JSU News Bureau

“Success breeds success.” This is the motto that gained Learning Services of Jacksonville State University the Outstanding Developmental Education Program Award. Thirty-six individuals have received this award, but this is the first time a program has been recognized. One such individual was Learning Services’ own Dr. Claudia McDade, who received the award in 1998. Dr. McDade is the director of Learning Services and professor of psychology at Jacksonville State University.

Forty-three two-and four-year colleges and universities including Jacksonville State University, Troy State, Auburn, Alabama and others were in the running for this award. And Jacksonville State University’s Learning Services was chosen by the Alabama Commission on Higher Education to be the best of them all.

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How to guard your stuff as you stuff your face

By Gracie Catchines
News Editor

Thanksgiving is a time for family, giving thanks and rest from the daily grind. With the holidays quickly approaching, Jacksonville State University offers some guidelines to make sure students’ rooms and valuables are secure.

“Basically they need to lock their doors,” said Area Coordinator for Housing and Residence Life Bob Boyle. “First floor residents need to close their blinds so no one can look in. Upper floors can leave them open, obviously they need to lock their doors.”

During Christmas holidays, Boyle said they also tell students to unplug their appliances. The Thanksgiving break is so much shorter that it’s not really necessary to unplug devices at this time.

Students must vacate the residence halls by 4:30 p.m. on Wed., Nov. 22. Once the students are out, the Department of Housing and Residence Life officials check every dorm to make sure all windows and doors are locked. The main entrances to the halls are chained shut, and secondary entryways are secured with wooden braces.

University Police Chief Nelson Coleman has officers on patrol 24 hours a day to ensure campus security.

“When people go home for the holidays, the thefts pick up,” Coleman said. “We want to remind everybody to be careful and guard their property and make sure it’s secure.”

Property crime is the number one crime on JSU’s campus, according to a security reminder sent out by Coleman to campus residents. The University Police Department’s 1999 crime report cited 68 combined cases of burglary, theft and breaking and entering a vehicle.

Coleman said that most of these thefts occur when students forget to lock their rooms or their vehicles.

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Voter mix-up nixes some students’ right to vote

By Gracie Catchines
News Editor

Voting is a right that comes with America’s democratic system. When Americans are denied their right to vote, they become angry. Several Jacksonville State University students who registered to vote through the University were denied their right to vote in the Nov. 7 presidential elections.

“I don’t know who is responsible for the mix-up,” said student Tonya Curtis. “If the school is going to do something this major, someone responsible who could do it properly should be in charge.”

SGA Vice President Brandon Lewis attributed the mishap to improperly filled out registration forms. It also takes longer to register if forms are picked up and sent to Montgomery instead of being turned back into the University. Lewis, who was in charge of taking the forms to the Board of Registrars on Noble Street in Anniston, said that when 400 applications are turned in, it is hard to check them all. Though a form may not appear confusing, college students run into problems mainly with the address portion.

“Our job is to provide the registration applications for people to fill them out, and we send them in,” Lewis said. “Registering to vote, there are so many possible mistakes. If you put your home address down and then put JSU as your mailing address, it won’t work.”

Inaccuracies in birth date or Social Security number and handwriting legibility are other contributing factors in rejection of voter forms.

“Many of these students who were turned away during a recent JSU voter drive. There have been complaints from JSU students who registered to vote with the school that they were unable to vote on election day,” Lewis said.

Lewis turned in the 400 voter registration forms on the last day to register at the Board of Registrars. SOA held their voter drive so late because they felt it corresponded well with the elections for Homecoming Queen.

“What better time to register people to vote than when they’re voting for homecoming queen?” Lewis wondered.

Continued on page 5: Voter mix-up.

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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.

11-6-00: Shimmon Burch, of Morrow, Ga., reported theft of property at Jack Hopper Dining Hall to JSUPD occurring on 11-6-00.
11-7-00: Latonya Onyesa Bowie, of Anniston, Ala., reported harassing communications at Sparkman Hall to JSUPD occurring between 11-6-00 and 11-7-00.
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11-7-00: Victor Gonzalez, of Jacksonville, Ala., reported breaking and entering a vehicle at Crowe Hall parking lot to JSUPD occurring on 11-7-00.
11-10-00: Christopher Adan Champion, of Wellington, Ala., reported a violation of the open container law at Beck Circle to JSUPD occurring on 11-10-00.
11-10-00: Jeremy Coates, of Jacksonville, Ala., reported theft of property at Jack Hopper Dining Hall to JSUPD occurring on 11-10-00.
11-11-00: Tonya Catrice Butler, of Jacksonville, Ala., reported third degree assault at Pannell Hall to JSUPD occurring on 11-11-00.
11-12-00: Dusty A. Lashley, of Elba, Ala., reported breaking and entering a vehicle at Patterson Hall parking lot to JSUPD occurring between 11-1-00 and 11-12-00.

Clubs and Organizations

- Zeta Tau Alpha
  Congratulations to all of our new sisters! Love all of you and are proud of you! Also, congrats to the JSU football team on their win this weekend! Thanks to everyone who participated in our Fun Run. We were able to raise a lot of money for breast cancer. Awards this week... Beautiful Zeta- Amy Yaney, PC member of the week. Holly Pinson, Missy Almaroad and Creative Zeta- Amy Broadway. Good Luck to the Zeta volleyball team this week. Remember that this is the week that we WHUP TROY!!!
- Student Government Association
  The SGA Senate met last Monday 6th on the third floor of the TMB. Three bills were tabled for further discussion until Monday 13th. A bill was passed to allocate money to the NAACP. All students are encouraged to fill up the Crow’s Nest and support the Gamecocks this Saturday-Go Cocks!
- Phi Mu
  Phi Mu would like to congratulate all of the newly elected Panhellic and IFC officers! We are very excited about our Carnation Ball in Birmingham tomorrow! Congratulations to the Gamecocks on their victory this past weekend. WHUP TROY this Saturday! Go Gamecocks! Phi Mu is looking forward to our mixer with ATO tonight. We hope everyone has a great week!
- Alpha Omicron Pi
  The sisters and new members of Alpha Omicron Pi would like to wish the best of luck to the JSU Gamecocks on there upcoming game against Troy State. Whup Troy!!! We would also like to wish all volleyball teams good-luck in the playoffs today. Congratulations to Kelly Dove for setting a new JSU Record for the Rifle Team, and good luck to the team on your upcoming matches. Awards: Sister of the week - Sara Thompson, Positive Pandal Deidra Tidwell, Officer of the week- Jennifer Foster, Thoughtful sister - Mandy Holland and Amanda Blalock.
- Alpha Xi Delta
  We would like to wish much luck to the Gamecocks. Whup Troy! Thank you to all organizations and individuals that attended our Risk Management Program. We had a great time at our social with ATO. We hope that everyone has an awesome week and remember to study hard. Finals are just around the corner!

Announcements

- Free confidential HIV testing is available at the Nursing Center Clinic, at Lorleen B. Wallace College of Nursing and Health Sciences. Please call 782-5432 to schedule an appointment. Office hours are from Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 1 p.m to 4 p.m.
- Applications for Orientation Peer Counselor are available in Room 201 Bibb Graves Hall. Requirements to become a Peer Counselor are: 2.25 GPA, 24 semester hours earned, have previously served no more than one year as a Peer Counselor, a strong desire to assist new students in their transition to JSU, and strong communication skills. Applications are due by 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 14 in Room 201 Bibb Graves Hall. For more information contact Eric McCulley at ext. 5278.
- The Student Health Center is currently administering flu vaccinations for JSU students and employees. The cost for the vaccination is $10. Appointments will be scheduled for Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday mornings from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Please call 782-5310 for an appointment.
- The CASE Test will be given on Monday, Nov. 20 from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. and on Tuesday, Nov. 21 from 2:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Room 20 Ayers Hall. Seniors who have completed 96 credit hours or more toward a degree can obtain registration forms in the Office of Assessment, Room 144 Ayers Hall.
- The African American Association will be having its first annual pancake breakfast Saturday, Nov. 18 from 9 to 11 a.m. on the third floor of the TMB. Admission is $3 and the breakfast is all you can eat! For ticket information, contact the Multicultural Services Office at 782-5886.
- The International Student Organization (ISO) invites all international students to their Thanksgiving dinner. The dinner is taking place at the International House at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 26.

JSU Area Events Calendar: November 16 - 23

Science center gets financial boost from Westinghouse

By Jamie M. Eubanks
JSU News Bureau

Preston Gray of Westinghouse
Anniston recently made a $10,000 donation to Jacksonville State University's new McGee Science Center.

Westinghouse was founded by one of America's greatest inventors, George Westinghouse. Today, it continues to be a pioneer in electrical generation. Westinghouse Anniston is a division of the Westinghouse Government Environmental Services Company. The Anniston business provides non-defense-related businesses with environmental and remediation services.

"When we first started the renovations and building for the new science center, Mr. Gray had a great interest in wanting to help," said Howard Johnson, department chair of Physical and Earth Sciences at Jacksonville State University.

"Support from our corporate neighbors means a great deal to the project."

The donation will be used to purchase a gas chromatograph. This piece of equipment will be used in the new chemistry labs to analyze samples of matter. The chromatograph actually tells the students what chemicals make up the substance being analyzed.

"This is a key piece of equipment," stated Johnson. "Students will have access to equipment they will use once they reach the working environment." Many of the current apparatus are old, and their accuracy and reliability are failing. Johnson hopes this donation will improve that.
Feathers ruffled in the Crowe’s Nest?

By Gracie Catchings
News Editor

The Crowe’s Nest at Paul Snow Stadium may be more aptly dubbed the Greek section rather than the student section.

“The student section doesn’t cater to the students,” student David McCarley said. “Most students sitting there were Greek. One whole section had a huge K.A. taped on it.”

McCarley added that the 50 “regular” students that were there were crammed into the first five rows of the student section. The Kappa Alphas claimed about three-fourths of the P-Q section for themselves.

According to SGA President Elizabeth Webb, seating is not a problem in the stadium, even in the Crowe’s Nest.

“There has been one game where the Crowe’s Nest was full,” Webb said. “If you want to sit somewhere, sit there. Nobody can tell you where to sit; nobody can tell you where to not sit. If they get there first, they get to sit there first.”

SGA Vice President Brandon Lewis, a member of Kappa Alpha, recommended looking harder if seats cannot be found.

“There is ample room if you want to sit somewhere around (The Crowe’s Nest),” Lewis said.

The question has been raised whether or not the Crowe’s Nest should be expanded. With a total capacity of 14,500 and an average attendance of 9,000 per game, according to Mike Parris Voice of the Gamecocks, the stadium has not been packed this year.

“If we’re not going to fill it up every game, there’s no reason to expand it,” Webb said. “When I go over there, there’s plenty of places for me to sit, especially by the second quarter.”

Student attendance is an ongoing problem at JSU football games. Many students often cite football games as social events designed for JSU’s Greek community and thus decide not to attend. Webb believes this excuse is merely a cop-out for apathetic students.

“I think in order to get students to games, we’re going to have to start winning all the ball games,” Webb said. “We have a great football team, it’s just that students don’t care.”

Although the Nest was packed the first game, attendance waned by the third. With the upcoming game against Troy State, perhaps the Crowe’s Nest will be packed once more. Let’s hope students can find a seat.

Marquette Students Voted Multiple Times, Student Newspaper Reports

By Billy O’Keefe
TMS Campus

A poll conducted by Marquette University’s student newspaper, the Marquette Tribune, found that nearly two in 10 students voted more than once in last week’s general election.

Among 1,000 students surveyed by the Tribune, 174 claimed they voted at least twice. Twenty-six students claimed to cast three votes, while 13 students said they voted four times.

According to the poll, most of the students who cast multiple votes took advantage of the absentee ballot system, voting absentee in their home state and voting again in Wisconsin. Respondents also said that a loose and disorganized voting environment allowed them to cast multiple ballots in Wisconsin alone.

“It was total chaos,” Marquette senior Laura Smith told the Tribune. “There were no lines, just people standing around in big herds.”

Not surprisingly, students who admitted to casting multiple votes requested anonymity. Violating state election laws in Wisconsin carries a possible $10,000 fine and up to three years in prison.

Marquette Vice President of Communications John Hopkins said that the university plans to cooperate with authorities in hopes of investigating-and eliminating-any instance of voter fraud at the university.

“These allegations, if true, are frankly appalling.” Hopkins said in a statement. “The fact that many of those the Marquette Tribune spoke to seem to have been motivated by a misplaced sense of humor-writing in Mickey Mouse, for example-rather than a desire to influence the outcome of the election, in no way lessens the seriousness of their alleged offense.”

Hopkins added that the university will, in accordance with its student conduct code, take appropriate action against any students convicted of voter fraud.

The Tribune’s poll came in light of allegations by Wisconsin Republicans of statewide voting irregularities. Those allegations were based in part on rumors of multiple voting at both Marquette University and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

On a lighter note, three students who participated in the poll admitted to voting for cartoon characters, while 51 students voted for themselves.

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Art exhibit highlights faculty talent

By Keri Driggers
Guest Writer
& Christina Morrison
Features Editor

The Jacksonville State University Department of Art has recently opened its faculty art exhibition in order to show the public their newest ideas.

From capricious pastels to grandiose sculpture, the comprehensive scope and skill seen in this show attests to the talented staff of this department.

Untitled works by Diana Cadwaller in colored pencil evoke pristine emotion and feeling. With predominantly horizontal and vertical lines, the straightforward arrangement, coupled with intermingling soft colors, both energizes and delights. Bright pieces of unfinished wood and various metallic objects extend vertically along the wall. Excited students viewing the show shared their approval.

“Our professors are immensely talented and I couldn’t think of another group of people I’d want to teach me about art,” said senior Cynthia Castillo.

“This diverse collection of works shows what a multi-talented group of instructors we have here at the art department,” junior Jerrod Brown said.

“It’s very diversified; our staff is wonderful,” said senior art student Tomnar Estinayo.

The faculty exhibition runs through Nov. 22. Campus gallery hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mon. through Fri. For more information, please call 782-5626.

Art gallery livenes up Anniston’s previously lackluster downtown

By Christina Morrison
Features Editor

A new art gallery has opened in Anniston featuring the work of many area artists, including several from Jacksonville State University.

The Art Work Gallery is located on Noble Street next to the Coffeehouse Café, which is in the building formerly used for the shop Kaboodles. Although the space is a bit small, the owners have made good use of the available area.

The walls are covered with paintings done in a variety of different media and art genres. There are several pieces of photography, metal, ceramics and painting available to choose from. The gallery also boast several different original pieces in the form of painted gourds and creative furniture. Jewelry pieces are also on display.

Although much of the art on display is made to hang on walls, some of it is designed to serve an everyday purpose in an exceptional way. Much of the furniture looks quite useful, and also several other pieces such as an ornate mailbox can be used in everyday life.

All items in the gallery are for sale, and prices are clearly marked. Unfortunately, some works are expensive, upwards of $600, but there are certain pieces which are comparatively less expensive and retain the same quality as other works.

Some of the area’s most prominent artists are members of the gallery and have their work on display. Many artists, such as Diana Cadwaller, K.I. Peterson Henricks, Marvin Shaw and Carter Osterhind, hail from JSU’s art department. Besides JSU faculty, the group is also complemented by former and current JSU art students.

Another point that makes this gallery inviting is the fact that the staff is made entirely of the artists whose work is on display.

When a customer visits, he or she will invariably meet an artist who can better explain their work and possibly the work of others.

The gallery is owned and operated by a cooperative of artists, known as JSU’s Artists Cooperative. The cooperative includes 20 charter members, and the group hopes to attract other area artists.

Each member must pay a one-time joiners’ fee and a small monthly fee thereafter. This money goes to keep up rent and utilities for the use of the building.

Although the cooperative accepts almost any type of artwork, there are strict criteria as to what is set up for sale.

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It’s Bush...no, it’s Gore...no, it’s Bush...wait, Gore has it again...no, no, now it’s Bush...no... wait

By Adam Smith

Editor

What a difference four days make. The last editorial I wrote, I vowed it would be my last presidentially related editorial for some time. Unfortunately, I wrote it on Monday, Nov. 6. I had no idea what the next four days would hold for me, or the nation.

It's the smell of seagull poop. It's the smell of doctor's orders filling up a plan book. It's the smell of seagull poop. It's the smell of doctor's orders filling up a plan book. It's the smell of seagull poop. It's the smell of doctor's orders filling up a plan book. It's the smell of seagull poop. It's the smell of doctor's orders filling up a plan book.

Law suits, manual recounts, electronic recounts and general hysteria have put Florida on the map in a bad way. While I have previously hated Beach, it now has a different funk way. While I have previously hated protesting out in the streets of Palm Beach, it now has a different funk way. While I have previously hated protesting out in the streets of Palm Beach, it now has a different funk way. While I have previously hated protesting out in the streets of Palm Beach, it now has a different funk way. While I have previously hated protesting out in the streets of Palm Beach, it now has a different funk way.

The last editorial I wrote, I vowed to stop writing political editorials. However, the events of the past four days have forced me to rethink that decision. I now realize that it is important to keep the public informed about the current political climate. It is essential to hold our leaders accountable and to ensure that they are working for the best interests of the country.

The United States is at a crossroads. The choice we make now will determine the course of our nation for years to come. It is important that we take the time to carefully consider our options and to make informed decisions.

This is a time of great uncertainty. The outcome of the election is still in doubt, and there are many unanswered questions. We need to be vigilant and to stand firm in our commitment to democracy.

It is important to remember that our government is a reflection of our values. We must work together to ensure that our elected officials are responsive to the needs of the American people. We must demand accountability and transparency in our government.

The future of the United States is in our hands. We must be prepared to take on the challenges that lie ahead. Let us work together to build a brighter tomorrow for all Americans.
I, Cock, feel compelled to retract your last letter concerning the SGA. I applaud you for your letter, but I believe your methods are drastic. Your job is to inform the ISU community and to combat campus apathy. My job is to entertain and represent the student body. I did go out and enjoy myself at Brother’s Bar on Wednesday November 1st. I drank and was loud. I thoroughly enjoyed the band. In fact they are one of the best bands that have come to Jacksonville. I apologize for misrepresenting my constituents. On the other hand, I am a 21-year-old college student. Another topic addressed in your article was role models. Washington and Jefferson were slave owners. In fact historians believed that the slaves bore their illegitimate children. Lincoln wanted to reunite the country and would have done so with or without abolishing slavery. Furthermore he did not believe that African Americans were equal to white men. Theodore Roosevelt built the Panama Canal on the backs of South Americans. Franklin D. Roosevelt stacked the Federal courts in his favor, circumvented congress twice (New Deal and WWI) and led the nation into the Cold War. Wallace stood for segregation (need I say more). Ted Kennedy, on the other hand, stood for the Patient’s Bill of Rights, which allows individuals to sue HMOs. My role models are Fredrick Douglas and Patrick Henry. I would have chosen Benjamin Franklin or Winston Churchill but they notorious for being drunk.

You were incorrect in your assumption that the SGA had $30,000 for a concert this fall. We do have less than $37,000 for the fall and spring semesters. Here’s our dilemma. We want free events that every one can enjoy, but we also want a concert. The popular bands cost between $20,000-$60,000. This fall we submitted bids for Fuel, Destiny’s Child, Vertical Horizon, Nine Days, Lee Ann Womack, and Ben Harper, but they were slow to pull off of a lucrative tour to do a show here. With 6-8 weeks until homecoming, the executive board chose to shoulder the pressure from fellow students and work toward a better show in the spring.

I want the students to know that we will continue on our present course, which is to increase involvement, reформ our SAC constitution, create the Student Activity fees, and work toward having a concert in the spring.

This is my resolution. I challenge every student to attend the events, get involved, offer suggestions, and join our courageous fight.

Donnell Humes
Sandler shares a bit about “Little Nicky” and career success

By Andy Argyros
TMS Campus
Campus Correspondent

Adam Sandler returns to the big screen in “Little Nicky” on Friday, November 10, his most special effects laden film to date. After stepping out of the confines of bluegrass a few years back, Tony Furtado unveiled a couple of majestic, ambitious albums—pooling his fleet-fingered picking resources with an amazing sense of melody and restraint. Tony Furtado Band finds him stepping in a new direction, willingly embracing opened-jawed jams and looser, more relaxed improvisation. Fusing only a hint of bluegrass with thick country blues and jazz, it stretches out into moments of both perfection and boredom.

Furtado fronts his augmented four-piece, alternating on banjo and slide guitar and even occasionally singing. The elastic rhythm section is receptive and quick to fall into swirling, endless grooves, but is偶. by Ross Martin, the band’s full-time electric guitarist. His clean, shimmering tones are too warm and sweet to solo over the gritty, acoustic players, and his static rhythm work has none of the spacious rattle that Furtado’s glass-on-steel vibrato musters.

Martin’s inclusion is the otherwise astringent unit’s one redeemable—especially in light of guest Keddy Joe Phelps, who lends his shredding voice to a trio of delta blues pieces; “False Hearted Lover” is a blistering exploration of ambient Indian modes (via Furtado’s dueling slide guitar and tambourine against percussive tablas and frame drums) that recalls By Goody’s improvised blues rags. “Raleigh and Spencer” summons the Prohibition-era Carolinas at a creeping pace, the song slowly unwinding into some kind of spacey, almost spacey, almost bluesy outpouring. Why was Phelps limited to vocals? His slippery slide certainly heightened Furtado’s past works; who knows what kind of ghosts he could summon a Martin’s place? (Having a virtuoso like Phelps over only to sing is kind of like hiring Eric Clapton to play tambourine.)

The album has some fine tunes on it: “Hazel Comes Home” and “O Amante” are the kind of lyrical, melodic instrumentals that made his breakthrough. “Roll Away My Blues” and “Miles Alone” is a sly, razor-sharp jazzy excursion, and “Cypress Grove” gives Furtado a chance to show off a bit on both slide guitar and slide banjo. But the obligatory Irish jig (“O’Koktown Cell”) is violently prodded by unnecessary drums and “Waiting for Guiteau” and “Tyson’s Dream” come dangerously close to making Furtado turn the slide banjo into an electric one.

Tony Furtado Band threatens to fire completely unexplored horizons of music with some of its more ambitious pieces, but too frequently lapses into uninteresting repetition. But Furtado knows how to chase music into an exhausting bliss, and, with the right players, he just might do it.

By Graham Smith

What’s your sign?

By Linda C. Black
Tribune Media Services

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 5 - Romance beckons, but making the connection won’t be easy. Set something up, anyway, even if it’s a late date. You’ll want to put your feet up and talk freely with somebody you trust. You need a good pop-talk to boost your morale.

• Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 7 - A misunderstanding with your mate could wrinkle your brow. Make sure you both know who’s supposed to do what, when. You’re a good manager, and you’ll get the chance to prove it. Remind everybody ahead of time so your plans will go smoothly.

• Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 5 - Work could be a challenge. You’re sailing along with it, doing everything right and what! A breakdown. If you’re working with a computer, make sure you keep backups. You’ll fix everything, but it may be late by the time that happens.

• Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 - Start the day by telling the people you love how much you care about them. Mention that, if a child mistakes love for gifts. You can love a person very much, but that doesn’t mean you’ll buy them whatever they want. They’re two different things.

• Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 6 - You’re up against stiff opposition. Explain everything as clearly as you can. Also, take time to listen. If the other person doesn’t think you’ve heard him or her, he or she may not listen to you. That’ll make the whole thing take longer.

• Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 7 - Don’t argue with the boss today. Even if you win, you’d come out a loser. Instead, provide the information that’s needed. That’ll make you look like the good guy, no matter what happens.

• Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 6 - Move slowly, even if you think you’re onto a good thing. The bonus you think you’ll earn may be more fantastic than reality. Don’t believe everything you hear, either. Something that seems like a done deal might not happen. Cover all your bets.

• Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is an 8 - Your intuition’s working well. If you get the idea that you shouldn’t say something, you’re right. You, more than anybody, know how to keep your mouth shut. It’s a gift. Listen and find out what others want and what you think.

• Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 3 - You’ve got a burning story you want to tell. It could get you support from a person you admire, but keep it to yourself anyway. You don’t want to tell somebody a story that has to be changed, later. You may not know it all, yet.

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By Linda C. Black
Tribune Media Services

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 5 - Romance beckons, but making the connection won’t be easy. Set something up, anyway, even if it’s a late date. You’ll want to put your feet up and talk freely with somebody you trust. You need a good pop-talk to boost your morale.

• Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 7 - A misunderstanding with your mate could wrinkle your brow. Make sure you both know who’s supposed to do what, when. You’re a good manager, and you’ll get the chance to prove it. Remind everybody ahead of time so your plans will go smoothly.

• Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 5 - Work could be a challenge. You’re sailing along with it, doing everything right and what! A breakdown. If you’re working with a computer, make sure you keep backups. You’ll fix everything, but it may be late by the time that happens.

• Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 - Start the day by telling the people you love how much you care about them. Mention that, if a child mistakes love for gifts. You can love a person very much, but that doesn’t mean you’ll buy them whatever they want. They’re two different things.

• Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 6 - You’re up against stiff opposition. Explain everything as clearly as you can. Also, take time to listen. If the other person doesn’t think you’ve heard him or her, he or she may not listen to you. That’ll make the whole thing take longer.

• Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 7 - Don’t argue with the boss today. Even if you win, you’d come out a loser. Instead, provide the information that’s needed. That’ll make you look like the good guy, no matter what happens.

• Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 6 - Move slowly, even if you think you’re onto a good thing. The bonus you think you’ll earn may be more fantastic than reality. Don’t believe everything you hear, either. Something that seems like a done deal might not happen. Cover all your bets.

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Campus e-classifieds add clarity

By Christine Tatum  
Chicago Tribune

After receiving what seemed like daily e-mail messages to the entire campus announcing the sale of a student’s futon, DePaul University officials took an unusual step and developed its own online marketplace.

The university’s Intranet site, called the DePaul Town Square, facilitates the trading of everything from animals to zip drives. The site, launched six months ago, lets students, faculty and staff post free ads under several categories, including “electronics,” “tutorial services” and “tickets.”

“I think that DePaul is definitely moving in the right direction,” said graduate student David Bohn, who hopes the site will help him sell his 1990 Mazda Protege.

Lisa Heller hopes to help this idea along. She organized sales at the University of Richmond in Virginia and Tufts University in Boston after seeing the great stuff students tossed curbside. Earlier this year she founded Dump & Run Inc., a non-profit service that collects students’ throwaways in the spring and sells them to incoming students in the fall.

The money raised goes to charity.

“Delegate and I knew I could go to the Dumpster and find all kinds of things I needed,” said Jesse White, a USF graduate who is now president of Resource Management Group, a consulting company that is coordinating the Web site’s development. “It wasn’t hard to find vacuum cleaners, irons and ironing boards that had no business being there.”

The University of Wisconsin at Madison’s Surplus with a Purpose program, devised about 20 years ago, has struck a balance between the online marketplace and the cluttered barn where Heller stockpiles the goods she collects.

Called SWAP, the program’s inventory is composed of surplus items that students leave behind and that are collected by the university and nearby state offices.

“I obviously had nowhere to put the crane that came passing through here a few weeks ago,” said SWAP business manager Tim Sell. “And that horse, well, I wasn’t sure how I was going to feed him, either.”

Heller hopes the online marketplaces popping up on campuses will reduce students’ wasteful disposals. Dump & Run would be a logical safety net just in case they don’t, she said.
If you like T & A and plenty of senseless, and at times completely stupid, violence, then "Charlie's Angels" is the movie for you. The movie, which is based on the immensely popular 1970s television show, has the shallowest of premises imaginable. It is the basic Angel assignment—don't let the bad guys take over the world and also avoid breaking a nail.

The worst part is that an audience member with an I.Q. of 75 or more has already guessed who the "bad" guy is at the beginning of the movie. Since this takes any previous anticipation or thrill away from the movie, the audience is left to laugh at the bizarre antics of the Angels, played by Drew Barrymore, Lucy Liu and Cameron Diaz.

The T & A factor in the first scene sets the tone for the rest of the movie. If you can't already imagine Cameron Diaz naked, then this movie does a lot to help that image along. Nuff said.

One part of the movie that promised it the D rating instead of the F is the appearance of Bill Murray. He plays the advisor to the girls and the go-between for Charlie. Although this is obviously not one of his better movies, he does put in a cute, not too serious performance. He perfectly assumes the role of the 'dopey man' figure, although no stupidity on his part could make the angels appear intelligent, unless intelligence is rated by bra size.

Also the appearance of Crispin Glover (Marty McFly's nerdy dad on "Back to the Future") as an evil henchman makes for much audience discussion. He has definitely buffed up since his previous movie role, although you can't get a feel for his acting ability since he doesn't even have a one-liner in this film.

There are also some minor cameos made by Matt LeBlanc and Tom Green of MTV oddball fame.

The film requires an extreme suspension of disbelief, especially during the action-laden parts. The hokey action scenes are the main part of this movie. It could be said that the movie is one long, obviously faked action scene interrupted by sparts of dialogue. Although the world is out to get the Angels, they seem to escape unharmed each time. After something blows up (which happens quite often) the angels are seemingly thrown back from the blast and showered with a few sticks of debris. In the next scene they are freshly Max Factor'd and ready to go without a scratch.

Another point to consider about the action scenes is the evident fakeness of the angels' moves. They try and kick like some video game characters. It would have been so much better if they would have used fewer special effects on these parts of the movie. Also in a scene where Drew Barrymore is supposedly shot by the bad guy, they have to do a "Matrix" instant replay, since Drew is just too fast for the camera. Obvious ripoff.

A final point to make about the movie is that it doesn't stand up to the previous television series. Granted, the series wasn't all reality, but it did show women as intelligent and innovative people, even if they did have to use sexy feminine wiles to get what they wanted sometimes. The Angels in this film are all about sexiness, not the strength of being a woman, which takes away from the film as a whole.

So the movie ends with the audience having had a few laughs and many incredulous "Yeah right's." The worst part of the movie was that it was left open for sequels. God forbid.

Grade - D
A political candidate in
Oslo, Norway, not
knowing that the place is featured in
a reality television program and so is
taped 24 hours a day by 17 small
video cameras placed throughout the
premises. Staff members monitoring
the cameras nearby saw the would-be
thief grabbing cash, and rushed
into the apartment and grabbed him.
At first, he denied everything. Then,
they showed him the cameras.

"He was pretty embarrassed
and unhappy. ... Some of the partici-
pants said they almost felt sorry for
him because he was so unlucky or
stupid."

"ARE YOU READY TO RUM-
BLE? AIEEEE! Casey Sabalsa, age 7,
was practicing the moves pro
wrestlers make in TV by leaping off
his dresser and onto his bed when he
bounced too high and went flying
out the second story window of his
taum. Wash., home. Fortunately,
his mother said, he landed on thick grass which cush-
tioned his fall, and he was not hurt
very much. His mother was shocked
when he walked into the kitchen and
told her what had happened.

"HEY, WHAT KIND OF A RIDE IS
THIS? A Russian woman tried to
sell her grandson for $70,000 to a
man who was going to take the boy
out of the country, remove his vital
organs, and sell them for transplants.
Granny was arrested before she
could complete the deal, and no
harm was done. The lad thought he
was going to Disneyland.

"THE HORSE HAD, MAYBE,
TWO BEERS, TOPS: After a car hit
a horse on U.S. 62 in Arkansas, a
state trooper arrested the horse’s
rider, who was apparently drunk, for
driving while intoxicated. The
charges were ultimately dropped
when it was determined that the law
applies only to motorized means of
transportation. And, anyway, the
horse was sober.

"I’LL TAKE IT IN 10S AND 20S,
PLEA: Kevin Jackson, a 49-year-
old Utah auto mechanic, tried to
cash a phony $100 million Federal
Reserve bearer bond, the feds say.
Prosecutors say that the U.S. gov-
ernment never issued notes that
large: $1 million notes were the
largest. Jackson was arrested for
mail fraud and transporting a coun-
terfeit security across state lines.

"IT’S NOT WHAT YOU THINK,
OFFICER: A 15-year-old boy, who
took off from a New York home for
troubled youths last spring, turned
up in Florida in the fall, living with
a 34-year-old divorcee who had
worked at the home as a teacher’s
daie, police said. She was arrested
for custodial interference. Officials
were investigating their relationship.
Useless Quiz

1. What Italian city is considered the fashion capital of the world?
2. What are dogfish smaller versions of?
3. Who had 149 singles on the Billboard Hot 100 chart from 1956 to 1990?
4. What bullfight participants wield lances while atop blindfolded horses?
5. What hide was first used to cover baseballs in 1975?
6. What early 1970s term describes a stagnant economy plus inflation?
7. What kids’ show plays on Tunisian TV as “El Hu Ya SimSim”?
8. What town did Howdy Doody live in?
9. Who placed the first telephone call to the moon?
10. What U.S. product is Estee Lauder the British equivalent of?
11. What was Red Foxxy’s last name before show business beckoned?
12. What are known in the deal biz as “angle irons” and “Roxels”?

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The Gamecocks defeat Louisiana-Lafayette

By Anthony Hill
Sports Editorial

The Gamecocks have an all-time record of 2-4 versus Division I-A schools. The last time the Gamecocks claimed a win was a 32-28 victory over Northeast Louisiana in 1994. The Gamecocks had lost four straight games to I-A teams going into the game with the Ragin’ Cajuns. They got their second win over a Division I-A school when they beat Louisiana-Lafayette by a score of 28-14 last Saturday.

Sophomore quarterback Reggie Stancil led the way as he threw for 205 yards and rushed for 84 and scored three touchdowns in the victory.

“It seemed like he (Reggie) was more relaxed in this game,” said wideout Herman Bell. “He always shows leadership and plays well. I wouldn’t say better than any other game; it just care together today for him.”

The Ragin’ Cajuns took a 7-0 lead on their first possession of the game after Lance Domec threw a 41-yard touchdown pass to Marcus Wilridge. Brent Bergeron added the extra point to cap a four-play, 56-yard drive.

The Gamecocks got on the scoreboard after linebacker Dell Gaines recovered a ULL fumble on its 30-yard line. The offense went 30 yards in six plays to tie the game after Rondy Rogers scored on a three yard run.

“The turnovers are the things that control who we are,” said head coach Jack Crowe. “That’s just the personality this team has evolved into. I hoped we could’ve scored without the turnovers, but in all honesty, I’m not sure we could’ve. The defense had a lot to do with the offenses ability to score.”

The Gamecocks defense came through again on the next Ragin’ Cajun possession after Cornell Buford recorded his first career interception on the Gamecocks’ 32-yard line.

The Gamecocks marched 70 yards in nine plays to take the lead. Stancil scampered in from 11 yards out for the touchdown on the first play of the second quarter. Hopkins’ extra point gave the Gamecocks a 14-7 with 14:57 remaining in the second quarter.

“Our defense works hard, and to help them we’ve got to put points on the board, whether it’s three or six,” said Stancil. “That’s going to pump them up and keep them doing the things they do.”

Jacksonville State took a 21-7 lead with just :08 remaining in the first half after Stancil found Quincy Paks

Basketball team ready to start regular season

By Anthony Hill
Sports Editor

The Gamecock basketball team is ready to get the regular season started after beating two good exhibition opponents. The latest victim to fall to the Gamecocks was a team from Hungary.

The match-up of the night was between 6-foot-10 senior Brant Harriman and a 7-foot-1 Hungarian named Caigler Lassio. Harriman went toe-to-toe with the bigger, and older Hungarian.

“He showed a high level of patience,” said head coach Mike LaPlante. “He let the offense come after Lance Domec threw a 41-yard touchdown pass to Marcus Wilridge. Brent Bergeron added the extra point to cap a four-play, 56-yard drive.

The Gamecocks have many “sky walkers” on the team: players that can simply get the crowd on their feet when they dunk the ball. But they are also a good 3-point shooting team. Earl Bullock was 4-of-6 from behind the arc and Freshmen Emerson Brown went 1-for-3 from the 3-point range. Bullock and Brown aren’t the only guys that can hit from the tri-feeta for the Gamecocks.

Harriman is also cleared to shoot the ball from long range.

The Gamecocks were up by 16 points in the second half, 70-54, when Harriman connected on his first career 3-pointer from he top of the key. “We practice threes in practice all of the time,” Harriman said. “Coach LaPlante doesn’t want me shooting 10 (3-pointers) a game, but he says if you have one and you’re open, you’d better make it.”

The Gamecocks, which went 2-0 in exhibition games, tip off the 2000-2001 season tomorrow as they travel to Huntsville to play against Alabama A&M. Tip-off is set for 7 p.m.

Stancil named SFL Player of the Week

By Anthony Hill
Sports Editor

Fans and supporters have been talking about how good the players of the Gamecock football team actually are all along. Three players already have been named the Southland Conference League Player of the Week.

Sophomore quarterback Reggie Stancil was the fourth Gamecock this season to be given the award. Stancil, from Moultrie, Ga., passed for 205 yards in the Gamecocks’ 28-14 win at NCAA Division I-A Louisiana-Lafayette.

Quarterback coach Mike Bobo told Reggie that he was going to have a good game going into last week’s clash with Louisiana-Lafayette. Reggie replied, “I should because I haven’t had one all year.”

The 1999 SFL Freshmen-of-the-year tossed an 11-yard touchdown pass and rushed for another one as the Gamecocks claimed their second win over a NCAA Division I-A school.

“Reggie made plays, and some of them were not designed plays,” said head coach Jack Crowe.

Stancil collected nearly 300 yards in total offense as the Gamecocks beat a Division I-A team for the first time in six years. He enjoyed his first 200-yard passing game of the year in completing 13-of-23 passes for 205 yards and rushed for a season-high 84 yards on 12 carries.

“I just got in my mind that it was time to start playing,” said Stancil. “I know I can play and I hadn’t really showed it all season. I think that I played well today, but I know I still can play better.”

It seems like every time the Gamecocks post a victory, a player gets awarded with player of the week honors. The Gamecocks are approaching the final game of the season and could use one more recipient of the award.

The Gamecocks will host in-state and SFL rival Troy State on Saturday. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. at Paul Snow Stadium.
One on One with “Thrill”

I remember the first time I met Tommy Rice. We were a class together during his freshman year at Jax State. I will never forget one of the projects that Tommy did for that class. He showed the entire class “how to be a defensive tackle.” I can’t say that I learned any more about being a defensive tackle after watching his presentation, but I can say that I know he knows how every time I see him “Dline” opposing players on the football field. Tommy is one of the guys that proves that athletes are not these dumb, arrogant, heartless people that they are sometimes made out to be. He’s one of the good guys that exemplifies what a student athlete and a person should be like.

Thrill: What’s up, Tommy? Tommy: Good. How are you, Thrill?
Thrill: Oh, I’m good.
Thrill: How does the team feel going into the Troy State game?
Tommy: Well, we’re confident. We are coming into this game with confidence. I don’t mean confidence as in cocky; I mean confident as in, we know that we are a good football team.

Thrill: How are you preparing for this game, mentally?
Tommy: Like I always do. Smash with football. Visions, envisioned myself making plays.
Thrill: How do you feel personally about the season? Tell your feelings on how it started and how it could possibly end.
Tommy: It started off okay. Well, we had that loss and things started to go a lot bit down hill. What we’ve been through has pulled us together as a team.
Thrill: During two-a-days you were playing on the offensive line. How did you end up back on defense?
Tommy: Coach Crowe came up to me and said he thought that I should be back to defense. He felt that I would be better at what I knew.
Thrill: You were a good offensive lineman and defensive player in high school. Were you afraid by going to Pigsah, my neck of the woods and was straight up with me.
Tommy: Tommy, what type of player are you? You seem so calm. What do you believe a game to get you ready to play?
Tommy: I’m just myself before a game. I play a Gameplan. I talk to Pigsah, my neck of the woods and was straight up with me. During the game I just know that nobody can block me, so I just play.
Thrill: So, you are just this regular guy before a game. You don’t start smashing you head into the locker or sniffing ammonia or anything like that?
Tommy: No. I’m usually just a normal guy. Sometimes I listen to some music to get me dancing and that usually gets me feeling good before a game. I think that I play better when I’m either mad or really happy.
Thrill: Which one have you been this year? More mad or happy?
Tommy: Up and down.
Thrill: What type of relationship do you have with the rest of the defensive linemen? You all are so different.

Tommy: We are different. We all have unique things about us. But we are all one unit. Most importantly we are all friends.
Thrill: Do you ever go and take a look at the kind of magic that Reggie does on the field?
Tommy: I tell you he is really amazing. To come out and throw for over 200 yards and rush for almost a hundred and simply take over a game is really amazing—he can play. Give me an example of a play that you have seen him make.
Tommy: Well, it was the fake route to Quincy Bowie. He came over to me and said simply that it would work. Great players make great calls.
Thrill: Enough about football. Are you in a relationship?
Tommy: Yes, I am taken by someone. She is a wonderful person, I think that I would possibly marry her.
Thrill: Wow. That’s good man.
Thrill: Who’s your favorite NFL team?
Tommy: The Chicago Bears. “Da Bears.”
Thrill: Who would you compare your style of play with? I look at you play and I immediately think of Grant Wistrom. (St. Louis Rams defensive end.)
Tommy: Thank you. He is one of the greats. I like a lesser known, Jim Flannigan. My favorite player coming up was Howie Long. I guess that I would say that I pattern my style after Grant Wistrom.
Thrill: Do you talk trash?

Volleyball team wins season finale

By Sport Information

Joe Rivera and company had hoped to do everything in their power to advance to the Trans America Conference Tournament. They did indeed do so, but the final tally was a tough one for Jax State.

The task wouldn’t have been so hard if the Lady Gamecocks weren’t playing in Troy or if the Lady Trojans weren’t JSU’s rivals. Add to the fact JSU knocked TSU out of post-tournament play last year and it may have been a piece of cake for Jax State to win the match.

Unfortunately, the Lady Gamecocks were knocked out of the TAAC Tournament this time around at the hands of TSU, 3-1.

“Our serve reception was definite-
I can't believe it's over

A Sports Editorial
By Anthony Hill

The final chapter of what has been called one of the best rivalries in college football is about to be written on Saturday. What a weekend it is going to be on many college campuses across the nation. I can't believe that we are not going to play Troy State anymore, well, at least not in Jacksonville.

The Trojans of Troy State are moving up to Division I-A next year. That means that we will no longer get the opportunity to play them again. They will start the 2001 season in Lincoln, Neb. They've got to come to Paul Snow Stadium first.

This is the biggest weekend in college football. Let's see, Florida State and Florida, Michigan and Ohio State, Virginia and Virginia Tech and of course, Auburn and Alabama all play on Saturday. None of those games are as deep as the 59-year-old rivalry between the Gamecocks and the Trojans. Some of the players came to Jacksonville to play in this one game and this will be their last opportunity to do it.

We have so much going in our favor going into this big game. We are coming off of two big wins, the team has more confidence than ever and the defense is geared for the test. You can't help but think that this is our year to beat Troy State. Come on now, you see how well the team is playing right now. We couldn't have scheduled Troy State at a better time.

The Trojans are the No. 1 team in the division and we have not beaten them in about eight years. Okay, here's the good part. We have played extremely well all season, with the exception of two games. Even in the games that we've lost, we were just a couple of plays and a few minutes away from being the best team in the SFL. This game seems like Troy State is the favorite on paper, but I don't think that they are as good as the Trojan teams of the past. I know that we are a different Gamecock team than they think we are. It really comes down to what squad shows up to play.

The Gamecocks and Troy State are a lot alike. Both teams have the tendency to explode on any given offensive series; but I think that the difference between the two teams is the Gamecock defense. When they are on, there is no one in college football that can move the ball on them. Everyone knows about how explosive our offense CAN BE. We all know that Reggie is the man, Rondy is explosive and the “O-line” simply dominates. Honestly, we should win the game on Saturday by a touchdown or two. Really.

I am getting my VCR prepared to record the Florida State v. Florida game because I would not want to miss this classic match for any-thing or anybody. If you have not seen one football game all season, you need to be at Paul Snow Stadium at 7 p.m. on Saturday.

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