Germany is celebrating the 10th anniversary of reuniting the Communist east with the capitalist west amid arguments over who should take the credit.

Israel and Palestinian security officials have agreed in principle to a cease-fire to end the bloodshed in Giza, the West Bank and East Jerusalem that has left at least 48 people dead.

Transit mechanics and maintenance supervisors broke ranks with striking bus and rail drivers in Los Angeles on Monday, announcing they would return to work for one week in hopes of ending a walkout that has stranded 450,000 commuters.

Monday's CNN/NASA Today/Gallop tracking poll indicates the upcoming presidential race is still tied, with Texas Governor George W. Bush and Vice President Al Gore winning 45 percent each.

Women having cancer therapy may one day be able to avoid the ovary damage that often leaves them unable to bear children, researchers report. Scientists studying chemical and radiation damage to mice cells report promising results when the action of the chemical ceramide was blocked.

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**Zeta Tan Alpha**

Zeta is excited about War of the Roses which is sponsored by Pi Kappa. We would like to thank Kappa Sig for their wonderful PC member of the week was Amanda Pope. Good luck to the Zeta tennis and football teams. Zeta will be participating in Race for the Cure at Lynn Park this weekend. We also plan to cheer the Gamecocks on to another victory as they play Sam Houston. Happy Birthday this week to Holli Bliss, Kristie Wilkinson, Brooke Nelson and Danica Moss.

**Interfraternity Council**

Best wishes to Jennifer Foster and Junior Panheilnic this year. IFC dues are to be turned in by Friday, Oct. 13 Meeting tomorrow at 2:00 in the auditorium on the third floor of the TMB.

**Phi Mu**

Phi Mu would like to tell our bowling team good luck, congratulate our tennis team on making it to the finals, and thank our intramural football team for all of their hard work this week! Good luck to the JSU football team against Sam Houston State! Good luck to all Gamecock volleyball, soccer, and tennis teams, too! Phi Mu is very excited to host our Parents Day Brunch this Saturday—we love our Phi Mu moms and dads! We had a blast with Delta Chi last Thursday at our "Red Light District" mixer, and had a great time participating in Pi Kappa Phi’s War of the Roses! The Ballerinas and Southerners looked great during their exhibitions last week! Phi Mu would like to wish Jenny Newcomb a Happy Birthday! Thanks to everyone who made our sisterhood retreat to the Occo this weekend so fun! The time for the "Children’s Candlelight Ceremony" has been changed, and will be from 5-9 p.m. on the JSU Quad, Oct. 16. Thanks to Ashley Gwin and all of the other sisters who made our "Hall Cleanup Day" such a success! We hope everyone has a wonderful week.

**Student Government Association**

The SGA met on Sept. 25 in the TMB. Elizabeth Webb discussed working to get the taxes taken off JSU students’ textbooks, and the South Dakota Indian Reservation Clothing drive that will begin soon at JSU. A bill was passed that will place certain restrictions on a Homecoming Queen nominee. A nominee will now have to have a minimum of 32 hours at JSU, and a 2.25 GPA. There were bills passed to appoint Robert Hayes and Stacy Dickenson to the senate. Preview/Parent’s Day is Saturday, Oct. 7. The Gamecocks will take the field at 2:00 p.m., so all students are encouraged to fill up the Crow’s Nest again! Allocation applications can now be picked up in the Office of Student Activities.

**Office of Student Activities**

The Office of Student Activities and The Student Government Association would like to remind students that it is time for Who’s Who again. Nomination forms will go out this week to all faculty and staff members. Nomination forms can also be picked up in the Office of Student Activities, 4th floor, Theron Montgomery Bldg. Minimum requirements are as follows: Undergraduate- 1) Junior or Senior status, 2) Completed 80 semester hours with at least 32 JSU hours, 3) Overall GPA of 3.0; Graduate- 1) Unconditional Graduate Student 2) Completed 12 JSU hours 3) Overall 3.5 GPA Call the Student Activities office at 782-5491 with any questions or for information! Students please check your JSU mail box for an eligibility letter.

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**Kappa Sigma**

The brothers and new members of Kappa Sigma are looking forward tonight to DISCO 2000 party. There will be a brother and new member auction also starting at 11:00. For details see 782-7530. The fraternity would also like to wish good luck to the Gamecocks this weekend.

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College Crime Stats Now Available Online

By Caryn Rousseau
TMS Campus
Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON The U.S. Department of Education has made crime statistics for more than 600 colleges and universities available on the Internet.

The department is still waiting on more than 6,000 institutions to report their statistics, which will be posted as they are received.

The goal is for parents and students to easily review crime statistics. Institutions have until October 17 to report statistics for their campuses.

"Safety is certainly a concern for parents and students in selecting a college," U.S. Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley said in a statement. "This is the next step in making such information readily available."

The department has made the statistics available since the passing of the 1998 Higher Education Amendments required it to do so. The statistics are available at https://ope.ed.gov/security.

Statistics posted include criminal homicide, manslaughter, sex offenses, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, car theft, arson and hate crimes. University systems are required to report separate statistics for each campus and publish where each crime occurred.

Statistics also must include arrests for possession of illegal weapons, drugs and liquor. Universities also publish the number of people receiving disciplinary action for these violations.

Current and prospective students can request this information from institutions, which are required to collect and distribute campus crime statistics.

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A couple of factors involved in the delay. First, some of the vaccines manufacturers have reported that one of the three virus strains involved in the making of the vaccine has not grown as well as previously used strains. Secondly, two of the licensed manufacturers in the United States have been experiencing manufacturing problems.

Worldwide epidemics of the flu, known as pandemics, have occurred three times in the twentieth century. During the 1918 epidemic of the Spanish flu, 500,000 people died in the United States. This is the highest known influenza-related death toll. In 1957, 70,000 people died in the U.S. from the Asian flu; and in 1968, there were 34,000 deaths due to the Hong Kong flu.

JSU's Student Health Center will also be offering flu shots for faculty, staff and students beginning in mid-October. The shots are $10. They are given at times when the physician is present: 1:30-4:30, Mondays and Wednesdays, and 8:30-11:00, Fridays. Appointments can be made by calling 782-5310.

"We encourage anyone with asthma, diabetes, heart disease or who is immune-compromised to come in as soon as possible," said Nancy Edge-Schmitz, RN and Director at the Student Health Center. Edge-Schmitz also strongly encourages students living in residence halls to get a shot as well due to the close living arrangements.

The Nursing Center Clinic at JSU will be holding flu shot clinics for the community on November 21 and 30. Flu shots are $10. A pneumonia shot can also be given at the same time for $15. The shots will be given by appointment. Appointments can be made by calling (256) 782-5432

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According to Coleman, the part of UPD was to find several vendors and send that information to Vice President of Administrative and Business Affairs Don Thacker. Thacker said the radar detectors are only part of a campus improvement plan hoped to be realized by the year 2010. In addition to having a large number of additions added to buildings, the plan reconfigures several major roadways on campus and has many provisions for pedestrian passage.

"A lot of the buildings were built in such a way that it does not facilitate easy movement of people," Thacker said. "A lot of the campus was built when there were only 500 or a thousand students. Now there's 8,000. We have a long list of things we want to do as money comes available to accommodate students."

Thacker stressed that an area of concern to both students and faculty is the area on Alabama 21 in front of Brewer Hall. He also said the University has tried through the years to make people aware of the potential problems that could occur in that area and that "a lot of people that go down Highway 21 go down it several times a day, and they're just not thinking." Echoing the sentiments of Chief Coleman, Thacker believes that people will slow down if they are made aware of how fast they are going.

The question of elevated crosswalks has also been debated as a means of ensuring pedestrian safety on campus. Not only are crosswalks more costly than these $9,500 radar detectors, Thacker reported that "experience has shown that people will not go up an elevated crosswalk and then back down. It's too much effort and too far. They will take the path of least resistance."

In addition, elevated crosswalks would have to be high enough to accommodate the large trucks that traverse Alabama 21 en-route to Federal-Mogul. "It's going to be so high, it's going to be up in the sky," Thacker said. "Then you've got to
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Keep Up the Great Work!

Sponsored jointly by the Panhellenic Council, the National Pan-Hellenic Council, and the Interfraternity Council
Hot, jazzy soup to be served this week at Brothers

By Adam Smith
Editor

Brothers will be jamming and swinging this week as two diverse acts take to the stage.

Soup, an Atlanta-based band, is scheduled to perform tonight at Jacksonville’s oldest bar. Kevin Crow, the band’s lead guitarist and vocalist, is excited about the opportunity to return to Jacksonville after playing abroad for a few months. "Last time we were there, we had a really good time," said Crow. "We’re trying to create Jacksonville into a good town for us."

The band’s influences are as diverse as their sound, and chain bands such as the Spin Doctors, Phish, Bob Dylan, CSN&Y, the Beatles and Tad may be helpful in molding their sound.

While the band has plenty of studio experience, they are true road dogs at heart. However, they know the road has its good and bad points. “There’s good things about it (the road). You get really tight musically. It’s great playing with other bands and meeting other musicians,” said Crow. But he also stated “it’s hard to write songs on the road.”

The band, considered by some to be a “jam” band, has deeper roots in rock and roll tradition. While the band does appreciate a good jam, they easily can change the pace of things with a burst of band member Andrew Margolius’ harmonica and exquisite accordion.

Rounding out the lineup are Erik Rowan, on vocals and acoustic guitar. Bram Bessoff pounds the skins for the group and Lee Adkins plays bass.

Most recently, the band played alongside heavyweights like Stone Temple Pilots, Everclear and Green Day at Atlanta’s Big Day Out festival. The band will be literally all over the map in the coming months playing cities like Chattanooga, New York, Boston, West Palm Beach.

Art Gallery features legendary Star photographer Ken Elkins

By Christina Morrison
Features Editor

Photographer Ken Elkins has been taking pictures for over 40 years and is showing the best of his work in an exhibit at Jacksonville State University’s Hammond Hall Art Gallery.

The exhibit opened on Oct. 3 and will run through the 27. There is no admission price and the gallery is open for all to come and view Elkins’ art.

The pieces that Elkins has chosen to show are diverse and contain several different subjects. Art Department Head Dr. Charles Groover said, “This is just a selection of works that he (Elkins) has selected from his career of photographs. The subject matter will vary.”

JSU’s Art Department has chosen to display the work of Ken Elkins for many reasons. “Ken is a nationally known photographer. He’s been in photojournalism for many years and has just recently retired. So we thought it would be an appropriate time to retrospect him and some of his work. He’s very unique. He brings essentially an art perspective to the photojournalism that he does,” explained Groover.

When asked whether his photographs are an art form or a career choice Elkins commented, “It was both. Starting out it was a career and then I think some of them turned to art. Some of them do and some of them don’t. But a lot of them do, especially the good faces—kids and the old folks. Once you photograph something you’ll never be able to get it again, so I think it turns to art.”

Elkins’ photos quite often capture distinct features of Alabama. Elkins said, “Most of my shots are rural Alabama. I think my pictures don’t need a lot of words. They’re pretty self-explanatory. You can relate to them once you see them.”

Elkins said that many of the subjects he photographed were very memorable characters. “Well, Goat Soup’s photo is the best. It’s just a really good photo. The subject is very well played (Goat Soup) and the subject is very well played.”

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We may not be perfect, but give us a break, OK?

By Adam Smith
Editor

I’d like to address an issue today that has been gnawing at me for a while. Well, a while is technically only a few days, but still.

It all started Sunday night while I was watching a re-run of “That 70’s Show.” Whether you’re familiar with the characters or not is really unimportant. To get to the crux of the situation, one of the female characters entered a beauty pageant. Her beauty coach. In one scene, he might ask during the pageant. When her less than bright boyfriend acted as her beauty coach. In one scene, he might ask during the pageant. When her less than bright boyfriend acted as her coach, she was splattered all over the news for a period of a couple of weeks for every other state to see. I say take that manager out back and beat the crap out of him. We’re never going to get above the image of George Wallace and Bull Connor if there are people like that in this state. The fact of the matter is, the largest Ku Klux Klan chapters in the U.S. are located in the Midwest. Not in Alabama. Last but not least, if you’re marricd to your cousin, live in a mobile home, dropped out of high school, have less than 10 teeth and have fantasies about midgets, don’t get on “The Jerry Springer Show” and declare this. I can’t count the number of times I’ve seen some toothless moron on an afternoon talk show making our state look bad. What’s even worse, is that I can peg where they’re from before I even hear it. They can only be from one of five places anyway. Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Michigan and New Jersey seem to produce the cream of the afternoon talk show guests. I’m begging these people from Alabama. Don’t do it. I don’t care if you do. I make sure they have a place in a place with a Mercedes Plant, the largest replica of the Statue of Liberty, a Harley Davidson test facility, three sports franchises, and coming soon, a chemical weapons incinerator (not good) and a Honda plant? We’re doing all right for a bunch of podunks. We may be lottery less and have our share of crooked politicians and cops, but we’re doing okay. I may not salute the Alabama flag every time I see it, or shed a tear when I hear a Yellowhammer pecking away on some decaying tree or house, but Alabama is where I live. I think for the most part we have good people here. We also have the best food. And we have Milo’s sweet tea. Need I say more? I may not want the “South to rise again,” but a little respect from those rude, natty and arrogant city slickers up north would be much appreciated. Kiss my grits.

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The worst part is, our state has a bad habit of enforcing these beliefs. Let’s face the facts. If you live in Alabama, you’ve got to choose one or the other. Alabama or Auburn? Who cares? I personally don’t give a damn. There are those unfortunate souls who believe that Auburn and Alabama are nothing but football teams, and aren’t actually schools where learning takes place. I’ve met some of them. Sad, but true.

And to take you back several months, there was an instance in our very own state in which a Taco Bell manager refused to serve a bus load of black people. And of course, it was splattered all over the news for a period of a couple of weeks for every other state to see. I say take that manager out back and beat the crap out of him. We’re never going to get above the image of George Wallace and Bull Connor if there are people like that in this state. The fact of the matter is, the largest Ku Klux Klan chapters in the U.S. are located in the Midwest. Not in Alabama. Last but not least, if you’re married to your cousin, live in a mobile home, dropped out of high school, have less than 10 teeth and have fantasies about midgets, don’t get on “The Jerry Springer Show” and declare this. I can’t count the number of times I’ve seen some toothless moron on an afternoon talk show making our state look bad. What’s even worse, is that I can peg where they’re from before I even hear it. They can only be from one of five places anyway. Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Michigan and New Jersey seem to produce the cream of the afternoon talk show guests. I’m begging these people from Alabama. Don’t do it. I don’t care if you do. I make sure they have a place in a place with a Mercedes Plant, the largest replica of the Statue of Liberty, a Harley Davidson test facility, three sports franchises, and coming soon, a chemical weapons incinerator (not good) and a Honda plant? We’re doing all right for a bunch of podunks. We may be lottery less and have our share of crooked politicians and cops, but we’re doing okay. I may not salute the Alabama flag every time I see it, or shed a tear when I hear a Yellowhammer pecking away on some decaying tree or house, but Alabama is where I live. I think for the most part we have good people here. We also have the best food. And we have Milo’s sweet tea. Need I say more? I may not want the “South to rise again,” but a little respect from those rude, natty and arrogant city slickers up north would be much appreciated. Kiss my grits.
This past Thursday, the federal Food and Drug Administration made it possible for a woman to get an abortion at her local doctor's office. The treatment involves two visits, and side effects likened to a spontaneous miscarriage, with uterine cramping, bleeding, nausea and fatigue. The drug is expected to be comparable in price to that of the average, everyday surgical abortion.

The FDA approved mifepristone for prescription by doctors in the United States. Mifepristone, aka RU-486, was developed 20 years ago by a French company and has been available to European women for over 10 years now.

An estimated 500,000 European women have had abortions using the drug. Mifepristone has proven effective in terminating 92 percent of pregnancies that are under 50 days in duration. One percent of all pregnant women who use the drug requires a surgical operation to stop the bleeding.

Ninety-six percent of women who used mifepristone successfully said that they would recommend it to others. 86 percent of women whom the drug failed said they would still recommend it to others.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta say that the abortion rate in the United States is at its lowest level in 20 years. French ministry of health officials in Paris say that they have found that the pill has not replaced surgical abortions, nor has it increased the number of abortions performed every year.

Also in the past week, a person accused of being a poor, lazy attempt at a typical, sensationalist journalist. But to me, the ends justify the means. If you're still here, everything you read after the opening paragraph to this point was information gathered from CNN.com—information everyone should know. Am I effective and successful in getting it to you?

What I’m about to say from here on out is not meant to be humorous, but rather cynical, pessimistic, maybe even sarcastic.

The pro-lifers believe abortion is a moral issue. And I agree. To me, the moral issue is whether or not to bring another child into this world. And I would like my (our) choice of whether or not to do so to remain mine (ours=girlfriend—70% of choice, me—30% of choice).

Many pro-lifers appear to be extremely religious, and they probably believe that the legalization of mifepristone is the fourth head of the seven-headed beast, or the left eye of the woman riding it, or the 99th word of Genesis combined with the third letter of every third word in Job. They believe that this is another sign of the impending apocolypse. Yet they have no problem bringing another innocent child into this hell-bound world? Should the son suffer for the sins of the father? Never having a life, from what I know, is not suffering. According to Buddha, life is suffering.

Have the pro-lifers turned on Jerry Springer and seen the people repopulating our nation? It’s not me, but hold your sigh of relief, because it’s pimps and whores from inner-city Chicago and three-toothed trailer-trash crackheads from Booneville, Kentucky. It’s men with 6 children by 4 different women, and women with 4 children by 8 different men. And the retarded acorn really doesn’t fall far from the tree.

Have the pro-lifers stayed up at night and witnessed the people that we’re supposed to help repopulate the world? For the price of a cup of coffee, you can give that starving man the energy to slam bones and brush the flies away from his lover’s crusty eyes. Yet that man has done nothing to better his world, or the world he is about to bring a child into. The man has ensured his child of the same life he has—a life of starving to death slowly for twenty years. If you had the choice of never having life, never knowing life, and therefore, never missing it, or the life of a Somali who was bound to die at 4 years-of-age from starvation, which would you choose? Seriously. Think about it?

And all these questions make me raise the question, “So where is God?” Well, God helps those who help themselves, or so I’ve heard. And the FDA is trying to help us, however misdirected they may be. If you think that the FDA is sitting on their high horse saying, “Yeah, let’s legalize mifepristone. That’ll screw the world up royally,” then you’re the one who is royally screwed up.

The FDA had a deadline and a decision to make. The drug has been around for over 20 years and has been legal in Europe for 10. That’s twenty years of testing, and ten years of pussyfooting due to this country’s abortion issue. The drug is safe, and has been safe. Possibly safer than many drugs approved for the correction of more superficial and non-life threatening, or really even life-altering, occurrences, such as weight gain and hair loss.
Radiohead

Kid A

★★★ 1/2

The most anticipated album of the last two years finally hit stores Tuesday with the release of Radiohead's follow-up to 1997's "OK Computer."

"Kid A," the new album, is unlike anything the band has previously recorded. Gone are the pop hooks of 1993's "Pablo Honey" and 1995's "The Bends." The key word for the new disc is "experimentation."

On this album, Radiohead lays down the guitars and packs the drums away in favor of avant-garde synthesizers and ancient drum machines.

However, this is the first album in a two-part collection. Its pop-friendly sequel is to be released in 2001, and from all accounts, will be more mainstream.

Experimental this album may be, but it still has as many peaks as it does valleys. The disc opens with "Everything in its Right Place," a song dense with looped synthesizer samples and the haunting, ominous voice of singer Thom Yorke. The opening track appropriately sets the terse, soul-less mood for the rest of the album. Unfortunately the opening track may cause many fans to shriek in fear for the rest of the album.

If the case can be made that "OK Computer" was about the pitfalls of 20th century technology, then "Kid A" is about the aftermath.

The title track, "Kid A," continues in the vein of the opener, but adds drum loops a-plenty to the mix. Yorke's filtered, indecipherable voice acts more as an instrument adding texture than it does a voice. However, it's a song you despise at first, only to find yourself wanting to hear more.

Throughout the rest of the album, things even out, though only slightly. "The National Anthem," is a fierce foray into the world of sound collages, not unlike something you might hear on the Beatles' "White Album." Simple bass lines over driving drums intersperse with the occasional bursts of guitar and clumsy, incoherent horn bursts.

"How to Disappear Completely" sounds like it could have easily fit alongside any tracks on "OK Computer," as does the first single, "Optimistic." While "How to Disappear Completely" accentuates Yorke's strong points (the subtle ballad), "Optimistic" is the album's most pop-friendly joint, and mines a repetitive almost Eastern musical idea.

The album takes only a few unfortunate twists and turns, one of which being an instrumental called "Treefingers," in which the boys do their best Brian Eno impersonation. Unfortunately Brian Eno is Brian Eno, and Radiohead should stick to being Radiohead.

The remainder of the album changes feelings and styles with rapid quickness, and while musically dependable, gets shaky at times. "Idioteque" and "Morning Bell" are both assured compositions capitalizing on mood and texture to the extreme.

What can be said about the album as a whole? It will leave a lot of people scratching their heads wondering why. True Radiohead fans will be pleasantly surprised. However, if you're looking for another "Creep," "Fake Plastic Trees" or "Karma Police" you can look to the albums they came from. Radiohead are now light-years away from anything going on in music right now, and as long as they keep their artistic doors open, we should follow them inside.

My advice: True, and I emphasize true, Radiohead fans should buy this album. With all of the absolute crap on the airwaves right now, this album (as confusing as it is) is a welcome relief.

By Adam Smith

Cam'ron

S.D.E.

★★★ 1/2

Cam'ron first lured audiences in with his 1998 single "3,5,7," which jacked the theme of "Magnum P.I." and helped the rapper's full-length debut, "Confessions of Fire," go gold. Of course, being good friends with Ma$e, who contributed on the cut "Horse and Carriage," helped the album out too. Ma$e was popular at the time. Now, after teasing us with the catchy advance single, "Let Me Know," Cam'ron is back with his second offering.

"S.D.E." finds the rapper employing the formula he used on "Confessions," but turning it up a notch. The beats are more impressive and Killa Cam has improved as a lyricist. On "What Means the World to You," he kicks a bounce-style flow that was mixed with a Police-type track behind it. On "My Hood," he rhymes over a Casio keyboard concoction, a la Swizz Beatz. The new single, "That's Me," is an opera-infused track featuring haunty violins that play against a Timbaland-like drum pattern. "Sports, Drugs and Entertainment," is a paeon to three of rapper's favorite vices.

S.D.E. is far from groundbreaking hip-hop. But, for fans of Cam'ron's previous releases, it's a solid sophomore effort and worth checking out.

By Anthony Hill

Ugly Duckling

Journey to Anywhere

★★★ 1/2

Hip-hop fans with their ear to the underground may remember Long Beach, California's Ugly Duckling from their 1999 debut EP, "Fresh Mode." While this, their debut full-length CD isn't a great departure stylistically, it shows growth, not to mention a winning sense of humor.

Their self-incriminating name is the first clue to the fact that Ugly Duckling is not your average crotch-grabbing, crass-swinging hip-hop. Their claim to credibility doesn't come from the jiggly school of braggadocio, as witnessed by "Journey to Anywhere's" copping of both materialism.

What's more, these three California white boys have no political stance to speak of. Instead, they focus on their love of hip-hop and their desire to reintroduce good, clean fun into the genre.

In contrast to their fresh-faced EP, "Journey" has a noticeably refined style. DJ Young Einstein provides the creative nucleus of the album by combining dusty beats with catchy melodic hooks. The result is deeper, more layered-soundscapes over which MC's Andycat and Dizzy tag-team rhyme with a light hearted, quick delivery.

After "Journey's" 14 tracks of sunshine-style rap, one might crave something more substantial, either lyrically or musically. But, you can't fault Ugly Duckling for trying to have fun in a genre soaked in material excess, sexual aggression and "Bling, Blingin.'

By Anthony Hill

Vincent van Gogh to Disney World

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Crow encourages everyone to come out and see them tonight by saying, “if you’re looking for an energetic and inviting show, and one you can get involved in, come see Soup.”

Hitting the stage on Oct. 7 is the Rebirth Brass Band from New Orleans. Having opened up previously for such diverse artists as Ani DiFranco, the Grateful Dead and the Ohio Players, they are sure to easily “jazz” their own vocabulary, adding elements of rap, reggae, avant garde jazz and the pulse of the streets of the city,” according to their bio.

Dubbed “the heavy weight brass band of the world,” the guys in the Rebirth Brass Band certainly live up to their title, and are definitely worth checking out this Saturday.

The New Orleans-based Rebirth Brass Band will certainly jazz things up on Saturday night. Photo by Soren McCarty

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Man, he was sort of special. He traveled all over the United States selling goats. When I met him he only had one goat left,” Elkins said. “Elkins shared his expertise on photographing subjects. “Once you get to meet people and start talking to them and get them to relax a little, then you can take out your camera. I never would take out my camera immediately. Doing it that way made it a whole lot easier for me to get the pictures that I wanted, whether it was a face or just a good feature-type photograph. That’s the way I worked most of my subjects. I did my thing while they did their thing.”

Elkins offered some advice for JSU’s photography students. “Nothing can beat experience and using your own ideas. That’s what you really need to concentrate on. If you have an idea just go shoot it. And it’s always good to stay in school and get your education.”

Elkins wasn’t sure what kind of influence his work would have on the art students here at JSU. “It’s left up to the individual. It depends on whether or not they want to get out and do a lot of shooting and printing, and basically a lot of hard work. Their ideas are important. I don’t know that I’ll have any influence, but I want to tell them where I found my pictures and how I got them. Maybe it’ll have some influence as far as shooting and compo-

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The band’s latest CD, a generous two disc live album on Phoenix records, showcases their many talents. Crow said that he loves the “live album essence” and the band as a whole is happy with the final product. The disc features crowd favorites like “Leisure Suit” and the medley of “Coffee Table” and “Cybil Rivalry.” The disc also features an excellent take on Bob Dylan’s “Tangled Up in Blue.”

If you have an idea just go shoot it. I still work bass fishing with my daughter and even participating in trophy tournaments. “I’m enjoying my retirement. I’ve had a lot of fun since I’ve been off,” said Elkins.

Elkins said that he is currently looking for a publisher that can produce a book containing a collection of his favorite pictures. “I think it would be something everyone would be interested in,” commented Elkins.

Now that Elkins has retired, he looks back on his career as a great experience. “I’ve had a great career. I don’t think anyone enjoyed shooting pictures more than I have. I think it’ll show once you see the pictures.”

The Art Department shows several artists’ works throughout the year. For more information on gallery selections contact the Art Department at 782-5626.
Denzel shines in “Titan” thriller

By Erik Green
Contributing Writer

Very few true stories are good enough for film, but often times the ones that make it are the best. Every once in a while, a story is so good it tells itself. “Remember the Titans” is one of those stories.

For sports fans, a movie about football is automatically a “must see,” but in disgust. Do not expect to do that by a black head coach, Herman Boone (Denzel Washington).

In the tradition of “Rudy,” “Hoosiers” and “Brian’s Song,” “Remember the Titans” warms the heart and breaks it all at the same time. It sends cold chills up the spine, time. It brings their own personalities to a team, which until then, would have never associated with one another.

The crux of the movie, apart from the aforementioned aspects, was the idea that a group of people, from such diverse roots, would come together to form one “soul” one team.

On the downside of the film, the plot is rather predictable in parts, and some of the characters could pass for stock characters, but as a whole, “Remember the Titans” is truly one of the finest films of the year.

Denzel Washington fans will add this movie to their libraries, which include some of the finest films about race issues in American history.

Grade: A

Throughout the movie, Yoast and Boone have to overcome the racism and fear between the two of them and the community, while trying to unite a team, which until then, would have never associated with one another.

“Remember the Titans” was highlighted by the traditionally beguiling performance of Washington, who played the role of Boone convincingly well. Others such as, Ryan Hurst (“Patch Adams” and “Saving Private Ryan”), who played the role of Gerry Bertier, newcomer Kip Pardue-the next teen idol-who played “Sunshine,” and Donald Faison (“Clueless” and “Waiting to Exhale”) topped out a cast of actors who each brought their own personalities to a true story of an already lively football team.

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Useless Quiz

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2. What shopping mall fixture began as a single San Francisco clothing store in 1969?
3. What Beatles song observes: "there's a shadow hanging over me"?
4. What country was the first to register a patent on polyester?
5. What's literary lingo for strings of words with similar starting sounds?
6. What U.S. state gave the world James Brown, Little Richard and Otis Redding?

7. What is the bullet in 1963, seconds after he was told: "If anybody shoots a shot at you, I sure hope they are as good a shot as you are"?
8. What kills most Americans aged 25 to 44?
9. What pop star was nicknamed for the yellow and black striped shirt he often wore?
10. What are doggie bags called at Fido's Fast Food Eatery in Toledo, Ohio?
11. Who killed Cleopatra in 30 B.C.?
12. Who called Rush Limbaugh "the most dangerous man in America"?

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“We don’t even think about last season. That is what most teams want us to do,” said Adrien Buford, a Gamecock linebacker. “We just go out there and play our game,” said Gamecock defensive back Delvin Hughley.

The Bearkats will be looking for the Gamecock offense to make mistakes early.

“It’s really important for us to come out strong and stick it to them,” said Jaquail Young, a Sam Houston State linebacker. “If you don’t score, you can’t win. That’s the bottom line.”

The Bearkats defense ranks atop the Southland Football League in four statistical categories and stands second nationally in the NCAA Division I-AA pass defense. They allow a mere 13.3 yards per game. After four games this is the closest average, 12 points per game and the Bearkats defense ranks fourth overall in Division I-AA.

The Gamecock offense is going to have to play as well as it did against Samford to keep the game close against a powerful Bearkats defense. “Our number one challenge on offense is to put plays together in succession and control the ball,” said head coach Jack Crowe.

Part of the reason why the Gamecocks didn’t win last year’s contest was their inability to stop the Bearkats wide-out Matt Dominquez. The Bearkats think that they can win without making him too much of a factor. “You never know when you’re going to get the ball. Everybody expects Matt to get the ball, but we also have to expect it so we can make plays.” said Jonathan Cooper, a Bearkats wide receiver.

Kickoff for Saturday’s game is set for 2 p.m. at Paul Snow Stadium. The game will also be televised on WJXS-TV 24.

By Anthony Hill

Sports Editor

It will be Parents and Preview Day for JSU as the Gamecocks (2-1) tie up with the Sam Houston State Bearkats (3-1) on Saturday.

Both teams are coming off of a bye week, open dates to nurse injuries and look over more game tape.

“I feel good about the game. I’m healthier than I’ve been and my knee feels better than it did against Samford,” said Gamecock tailback Roger Bell. “I think that we’ll have more support for this game. The weather will be better and people are pretty excited about us. I’m ready.”

Sam Houston State enters the game after an impressive 38-7 win over Texas A&M-Kingsville over a week ago.

“We had some folks a little banged up. We got them ready,” said Matt Dominguez, Sam Houston State’s All-American wide-out. “I think they (JSU) had an open week as well; so I’m pretty sure they did the same thing. I know that it is going to be a different game than it was last year.”

This game will mark the sixth time the Gamecocks and Bearkats have met on the football field. JSU holds the advantage in the series at 3-2.

By Sports Information

Before weekend play began Friday, the Trans America Athletic Conference had four soccer teams that remained undefeated within the league. Now, there are two.

In a battle to atop of the high ranks in the TAAC, Jacksonville State’s senior midfielder Suzanne Lounder knocked a near perfect shot just over Samford’s goalkeeper for the only score in the overtime win. Cecilia Lounder recorded the assist as she kicked the ball back to Bilbrey on the attack.

“Our rivalry with Samford is huge and that is why we had the urgency to score,” said Bilbrey. “We have always been coached to try and score within the first five minutes of each period because that is when teams are most vulnerable.”

Bilbrey’s game-winning goal, her second of the year, came only five minutes into overtime play. Just minutes before, Samford’s Rebecca Kent had a free kick at the other end of the field and the ball nailed the tip of JSU goalkeeper Adriana Finelli’s glove and the cross bar. The ball dropped right in front of the goal and the Bulldogs were called off-side, but not before Finelli kicked the ball out of scoring position.

The match was an even heat throughout the entire 90 minutes of regulation. Each team finished with only saves and both keepers had two saves.

Corner kicks were the only difference in the statistics, as JSU led six corners to none. Jax State improves to 7-4 on the year and 3-0 in the TAAC. With the win the Lady Gamecocks also ended Samford’s seven-game winning streak as the Bulldogs fell to 7-3 overall and 3-1 in the conference.

“Both teams played extremely well today,” said coach Howe. “This is a classic rivalry. Samford has been on a winning streak and we knew we had to put forth our best effort.”

Jacksonville University is the other unbeaten team in the conference.”

By Anthony Hill

Sports Editor

The Gamecock rugby team is (1-1) after defeating the University of Alabama by the score of 11-3 on Saturday.

“I feel a lot better. We had a lot of guys ring it up from last week’s game,” said Daniel Kirkland, former football player, now starting rugby player.

How sweet it was for the Gamecock rugby team to defeat the Crimson Tide after an 11-0 loss to Georgia Tech a week ago. The Gamecocks looked as if they might be shut out again as the Crimson Tide held a 3-0 lead at halftime.

They finally got on the board after Corey Dupree scored from 20 yards out to give the Gamecocks a 5-3 lead with 22:00 left in the second half. Ralph Rezza had a 17-yard score taken away due to a sideline infraction.

“I think that most of the mistakes and penalties were made because of inexperience of both teams,” said Ben Copeland, a senior player for the Crimson Tide.

Tod VanDee made a bone-crushing hit on a Tide player to set up a kick by Jeremy Messiah. The kick gave the Gamecocks a five point lead with six minutes remaining in the game.

“We made more mistakes than Jacksonville did, and they really cost us today,” said Copeland.

Messiah would score again two minutes later to secure an 11-3 victory for the Gamecocks.

“We got a lot of new guys. They really stepped it up today,” said Rugby captain John Burke. “We really appreciate the SGA, athletic director and football coach for everything, especially letting us use the field.”

The B-side of the team lost to the Crimson Tide by a score of 27-12. Reggie Jones and Tim Stell were the two Gamecock scorers of that game. “They had most of the guys that played on their A-side team playing against our B-side guys,” said Kirkland.
I still remember the first time that Delvin Hughley and I met. It was November of 1995. We were both seniors in high school on the JSU campus for an official football visit. He came running through the Gameday Center doors as we were approaching the dining portion. He came in late because he had just finished playing a high school basketball game. I said to a high school teammate of mine, who was also here for the visit, “He looks like he’s going to be good.” What do you know, about 25 pounds and four inches of hair later, the guy is considered one of the best at the defensive back position.

Delvin: What’s up “Del-Del”?
Thrill: I’m chilling man. I’m just tired.
Delvin: Thrill, what has your season been like thus far? Are you playing the way that you’ve expected yourself to play? Give me your personal judgment on how you’ve played after three games.
Delvin: Well, I think that I have done all right. I feel like there is more to come. The only game that stands out is the game against Nicholls. The game that I took the ball in for a touchdown on the first play of the game. That is really what you dream of doing.
Thrill: Yeah, you’re right about that. Thrill: Finally, the defensive backs are playing like the group of the DB’s that played back in 1995. You remember that group, the “Killer Bees.” Do you feel like you all are as good as that group?
Delvin: It really depends on how you judge the two. I feel like when it comes to speed, yeah, we are better. I think that we have our strong points and they definitely had theirs. Thrill: It had to be difficult to sign with a struggling program. You were a winner in high school. You were All-County, Honorable- Mention All-State and you won a Class 6A State Championship.
Delvin: Yeah, it was kind of difficult. But I thought that things were going to turn out okay and I think that they have for the most part. You go into every situation like thinking that you’ll make a difference and that’s what I did.
 Thrill: Give me the three best players you’ve played with or against.
Delvin: (pause.) Montessa Kirby, the name speaks for itself. Joey Hamilton and the running back from Southwest Texas last year. He was unbelievable, man. Those are the three best players I’ve been around.
Thrill: This is your senior season. Do you feel adequate to succeed?
Delvin: Yeah. I mean, you just know that this is it. It’s like now or never.
Thrill: You seem so calm on the field, “Del-Del.” What makes you “go” out there on the field? Is it the crowd, one of the players, what is it?
Delvin: I’m just a calm player. I like to let the game come to me. I like to show my emotions on the field, by my play. That’s my style. You know what I’m saying?
Thrill: Yes, I feel that.
Delvin: I know that the loss to South Florida made the team feel bad. You’ve got to feel a sigh of relief knowing that the same team beat Troy State over the weekend.
Thrill: Yes, it does. They beat us by a lot more, but that kind of shows everyone that South Florida is a good team.
Delvin: You’ve got the D’Angelo look going with the long-haired hair. It looks good. I remember when first met you, you had the long-curl hair. What made you change?
Thrill: Delvin: You know what man? I kind of always wanted to do this. I just really did it after I saw a dude have braids that didn’t even have as much hair as I do. So I just did it.
Thrill: Besides winning the Class 6A State Championship, what has been the greatest moment in your career?
Delvin: (pause.) Probably the interception I had in the Nicholls State game. Yeah, I would have to say that as my greatest moment. I mean, I have had many individual awards, like the player of the week and for the conference and the nation. I didn’t even know about that until this past weekend. But the interception was something that I shared with the team.
Thrill: Delvin: Who’s your favorite coach?
Delvin: I would have to say coach Wannebo. He is my position coach. He is cool to me. He lets us go out and play our game and be loose. But, I like all of the coaches.
Thrill: You’re a guy that’s extremely talented athletically. Do you sometimes want to play another sport along with football?
Delvin: Yeah, I guess that I do wish that I could play another sport sometime. I would not mind playing a little basketball. It’s too time consuming to play two sports.
Thrill: What do you do when you’re playing or thinking about football?
Delvin: I try to stay away, far away, from football. I spend time with my little boy. I basically just chill and rest up.
Thrill: What do you listen to before a game? What does “Del-Del” bang before a game?
Delvin: I listen to a little Phil Collins, “In the Air Tonight.” I bang some Cash Money and Pastor Troy, but mainly Phil Collins.
Thrill: Montressa Kirby. Delvin: Yeah, she’s good. Thrill: Charles Kelly (ex-defensive back coach.)
Delvin: He is the reason that I came to Jacksonville.
Thrill: That’s it. Good luck on Saturday.
Delvin: Thanks man, I’ll holla at ya.
Thrill: Okay, man.
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