JSU battles chronic housing problems

By Gracie Catchings
Assistant News Editor

The dawn of another school year would not be complete without complaints about housing.

A few changes in the Guide to Residence Living and university policy have left some students feeling angry and confused. However, Jacksonville State University’s Director of Housing Marie Humphrey said, “Policies are in place for a reason. Most of the policies, from my experience, have been written by the students.”

One of the biggest upsets this year is that students are no longer allowed to smoke in their rooms and are even banned from smoking anywhere around the dorms. According to SGA President Elizabeth Webb, “That outraged a lot of people.” However, Humphrey said, “If a smoker wants to smoke, I don’t have a problem with that. They just can’t do it in our residence halls for the overall community good.”

Many students have allergies that are aggravated when smoke gets into the ventilation system from the rooms of those who light up. Students are also banned from smoking around the premises of dorms because if the doors are open, smoke can filter into the building. Humphrey also believes that this change in policy is beneficial to the overall educational environment at JSU.

JSU student alleges road rage

By Josie Cunnell & Christina Morrison
Staff Writer/Features Editor

A Shelby County woman is on trial this week for a murder which allegedly resulted from “road rage.”

According to The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, accidents involving road rage, or aggressively driving, are on the rise. It appears Jacksonville is not immune to it.

On Sept. 19 at 12:45 p.m., Jacksonville State University senior Temika Lavender was sitting at a red light on Pelham Road, southbound at the intersection of Highway 204. Lavender said she noticed a red and black Ford dump truck fast approaching from behind and not braking. With two cars in front of her, Lavender said she could do nothing but brace for the impact. She then claimed the truck rammed her 1994 red Honda Civic, but she said that was only the beginning.

Lavender said her car was blocking the right turn lane heading onto Highway 204. She said apparently the truck driver wanted to get through, so he repeatedly bumped her car forward until he had enough room to squeeze by. Lavender said, “I was screaming. I had my cell phone, but I was so scared I couldn’t even dial 911. I was freaking out, and everyone around me was just staring.”

According to the Jacksonville City Police report, the man Lavender said hit her is Leroy Barron of Glencoe.

Lavender said the driver of the truck then rolled down his window and started yelling at her. Barron said in response to this...
The sisters and New Members of Alpha Xi Delta are looking forward to Homecoming with Sigma Phi Epsilon. We would like to wish our President, Amber Burgess a Happy 21st Birthday and also to Courtney Edmunds a Happy 20th Birthday. Congratulations to Margaret Dornan for earning Sister of the Week Award and to Jessica Hess for earning New Member of the Week Award. Good Luck to our Intramural Football Team this year. Roseanne Stone is doing a great job organizing everything. Everyone have a great week and study hard!

**Delta Zeta**

The sisters and new members of Delta Zeta would like to congratulate the Gamecock football team on an awesome win last Thursday against Samford. We would like to extend our thanks to Daniel Cochran for all your help! Good luck to the Delta Zeta intramural football team! Good luck to Pi Kappa Phi on a great War of the Roses this week! Delta Zeta’s 2nd Annual Turtle Tug will be held on Wednesday, October 18th at 4pm. We would like to invite everyone to come out and watch or participate. All money raised will support our national philanthropy, which is Speech and Hearing Impaired. More information will be announced next week.

Congratulations to our newly appointed officers: VP of Membership: Tavia McMunn, Secretary: Shirley Shirley, and Parliamentarian: Becky Stone. Awards for last week were: Support: Jessica Johnson, Twisted Sister: Jennifer Jones, Alumna: Stephanie Engler, Sisterhood: MaryBeth Edwards. Rosebud: Charlie Michal. Awards for this week: Support: Jennifer Ellison, Twisted Sister: Katie Wesley, Alumna: Jerriann Alldrich, Faculty Member: Ms. Suco. Happy Belated Birthday to Jamie Sexton! October birthdays are Katie Wesley (2nd), Michelle Zophi (8th), and Kristin Rodgers (19th). Happy Birthday!

**Zeta Tau Alpha**

Zeta Tau Alpha would like to thank Pi Kap and ATO for coming to our meeting last week. We are very excited about helping with your fundraisers. Also, thanks to KA and DZ for two wonderful mixers. Congratulations to the Zeta puppy putt team and the Zeta football team on both of their wins last week. PC members of the week are Holly Pinson and Emily Williams. EC member of the week is Jamie Whatley. The sisters and new members are excited about our sisterhood in Atlanta this weekend. A special thanks to Jamie Rotters and Amanda Pope for all the planning. We are so excited! We would also like to thank all of the students for coming out to support the Gamecocks. Congrats guys on your win! Gamecock Hostesses, we would like to congratulate the football on their win against Samford! We are very proud of each one of you. We know that you are going to continue to have a winning season. You represent JSU with GAMECOCK PRIDE! Thanks to the students for their fan support this past Thursday.

**Panhellenic Council**

Congratulations to all the Greek organizations on your new members! A special thanks to Delta Zeta on hosting a “tacking” all Greek mixer it was a lot of fun. Congratulations to Rebekah Adams on receiving the Panhellenic 1st Vice Recruitment position for this next year and to Jenn Foster on assuming a new Panhellenic position Panhellenic 1st Vice Recruitment position. Good luck to everyone on intramural sports this week. Our meetings this semester will be on Wednesday 2:30 in the TMB Auditorium if you would like to join us and see what we do. Have a great week!

**Delta Chi**

Hope everyone is having a great week. Hope you have a good football season. We are looking forward to working with our mixers with Phi Mu tonight. Tonight at 9:00 we will be having our new member and brother auction. It should be a lot of fun. For more information call 782-7453. We would like to wish everyone good luck with football.

**Phi Mu**

Phi Mu would like to congratulate the JSU Gamecocks for their outstanding win against Samford! Good Luck to the football, soccer, golf, and volleyball teams this week! Congratulations to ZTA on placing first in putt-putt this past Thursday. Congratulations to the Zeta putting team and the Zeta football team on both of their wins last week. PC members of the week are Pinson and Pinson. Tonight at 6 pm Phi Mu tonight. Tonight at 6 pm. We will be hosting a mixer with this week’s theme being “Children’s Candlelight Ceremony” on the JSU Quad, October 1st! Phi Mu boys are very excited about Big/Lil week. We hope everyone has a great week!
claim. "I'm a 61-year-old man. I don't bother at people."

"He told me he didn't see me," said Lavender. "How could he not see me? I drive a red car, and it was a beautiful day! And he was yelling at me, like it was my fault! Then he drove off!"

Barron said in his defense that it was a freak accident, and the police made no attempt to stop or apprehend him.

Lavender said she then drove to the Jacksonville Police Station. However, she wasn't able to give officers a detailed description of the truck.

Lavender said, "I was praying. Lord, I need more evidence."
Lavender said she then called her sister, and the two girls started combing area roads looking for the truck. Then they spotted the truck on U.S. 431 headed toward Glencoe.

Gadsden authorities were notified, and a roadblock was set up. Police stopped the truck, and Lavender positively identified the driver as the one she said hit her earlier. In the police report, Barron said he didn't remember hitting Lavender's car.

Barron said, "If I hit her, I didn't know it. If I done it, I done it. If I didn't, I didn't." According to the police report, authorities found marks on Barron's front bumper that were consistent with a rear bumper. They couldn't determine who was at fault, and do the report right then.

This case can be a lesson for students about what to do once they are involved in an accident. Sergeant Gaither of the Jacksonville State University Police Department said, "If you're there and you accidently hit somebody, you stop to see if they're hurt. Call the police, and one of us could be there in about one or two minutes. That way we can actually see the contributing factors to the accident. We'll have you move it (the car) to the side. Then we'll determine who's at fault, and do the report right then."

Although this is the usual way accidents should be dealt with, there are certain circumstances when police involvement is not necessary. Sergeant Gaither said that if both parties agreed that no one was injured in the accident and no property damage occurred then the parties can exchange phone numbers and fill out the accident report later.

Sgt. Gaither also stressed that if there was an injury or property damage did occur, neither party can leave the scene of the accident.

Gaither advised, "Just make sure they (students) get some good information: insurance, car tags, their full name and possible social security numbers. So if they (second party) decide that they don't want to do right about it, we can help them (students) with it." For more information on how to deal with car accidents, contact JSUPD at 782-5050.

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Students have all been called for direct Internet access much like the computer labs on campus. Students in these halls have access to the net that is 25 times faster than a modem would be. There is also the luxury of not having to pay a monthly fee to an Internet service provider. A one-time fee of $50-$60 is the only cost for a connection device called an Ethernet card. Harper said this technology "will help alleviate some problems caused by dial-up to the Internet." Harper hopes to eventually have this service available in all dorms, but each dorm will be evaluated on a "need" basis.

All students are issued a Guide to Residence Living. "When they check into the residence hall, that's the first thing we give them," said Humphrey. Students are encouraged to read the manual to fully understand and be compliant with the policies.

Humphrey further stated that the housing department wants to be a "good steward of the students' money." Humphrey believes the policies can get better and looks forward to working with students in order to better meet their needs.

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today, you need to be mindful that something like this can occur anywhere."

DiBiase thought he might have prematurely contacted the Jacksonville State University Police Department. He now echoes Chancellor White's thoughts. "You can't be too careful in today's world."

DiBiase feels the administration handled his situation swiftly and carefully. "Everyone involved acted professionally and with compassion," Dr. Felgar, Dean Wade, Dr. Watts, Dr. Cusimano and Dr. Meehan have done all they could to help me in this situation."

The threats against DiBiase were reported to the JSUPD. "What I've seen from the UPD impresses me enormously. Sergeant Giddy was very thoughtful in his examination," said DiBiase. Sergeant Giddy could not be reached for comment.

DiBiase's experience is not an isolated one in the nation's campus community. However, colleges across the country are working diligently to create more awareness regarding seemingly disturbed or withdrawn students. "We can't afford to ignore students' problems. Their problems could become ours," DiBiase said.

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On-Campus Interviews

Seniors, register now for your career opportunity-on-campus interviews. Bring your resume to Placement Services, Room 105 Bibb Graves, and Sign-up. There are a limited number of slots available; all interviews are on a first come basis. Interviews are reserved for graduating seniors.

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Career Fair - Merrill Building

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33. VERIZON WIRELESS...ALL MAJORS
Count on Something 5 to appear at Brother's

By Christina Morrison
Features Editor

The band Something 5 will return to its self-proclaimed home away from home, Brothers Bar, on Friday, Sept. 29.

The band has played frequently at Brother’s since their formation last year, and this visit will be in support of their debut album “Insulation.” The album was released on the label BlackHole Records in June of this year.

The band combines some hard vocals and tough guitars to produce a very alternative/hard rock sound.

They also include some catchy melodies in their sets. Radio play probably won’t be a problem for this band, since they, with their alt-rock guitar-driven sound, are what many alternative radio stations are looking for in a band. Think Days of the New mixed with early Stone Temple Pilots.

When asked how the band classifies their sound, lead singer Brent Merrill said, “Just an edgy alt-rock. I hate to use the term ‘metal’. . . Just heavy rock, heavy alternative rock. I mean, we discuss it all the time and we never agree on anything.”

The band is based in Atlanta, although the group hails from Alabama. Brent Merrill (vocals), Todd Wright (drums) and Ethan Hall (bass) are from Ranburn. Ralph Gooden (guitar) is from Roanoke.

The expertise in their first album is extremely surprising since the group has only been together for a year or so. But with the help of Producer John Keane (R.E.M., Widespread Panic) the band crafted a polished first class album. The CD holds an energy that will probably tend to be much more explosive on stage, which means this band will put on a rocking live show at Brother’s.

Although they have been working on their second album, the band has been touring hard for the last four months. “We’ve been playing throughout the Southeast for about a year now. We started doing little, short, I guess mini-tours you could

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The Boiler Room heats up Jacksonville

By Christina Morrison
Features Editor

The Boiler Room at Jack’s Alley, formerly known as Club Retro, is the newest addition to Jacksonville’s ever-growing list of businesses.

The club opened for business last night with the Fuzzy Navel Band leading the lineup of entertainment.

Entertainment will be a large part of the new establishment, since it has become a big draw for many Jacksonville State University students. There will be a weekly selection of musical acts for the clientele of The Boiler Room. The club will feature varied artists including local bands, DJ’s and more well-known bands.

“Fuller’s, they can sell liquor; that’s where they’re getting most of their business. We’re going to base ours (business) on the entertainment and keeping people happy. You know, if all they wanted was liquor, they’d go down to the liquor store and buy it. So I’m convinced they’re wanting entertainment and national bands, marquee bands,” explained Manager Craig New.

New said that The Boiler Room will be very different from Club Retro in many respects, “We’re looking at booking some national bands to come in. I just got off the phone with the previous owner finding out what the maximum capacity is here, because the more people I can get in here legally, the more tickets I can sell, and the bigger bands I can have,” said New.

New said that he encourages people to let him know what they want because he will be more able to please the crowd that way. “If they want a rock band, we’ll have a rock band. If they want a country band, then we’ll have a country band. For instance, we booked bands like Wayne Mills, Gus Whitaker, Elvis Willis, Brother to Brother, Area 51, and we have DJ’s that come in,” explained New.

Club Retro has been labeled by certain club-goers as more of a younger person’s club, in that it catered more to older high school students. But New wants to make it clear that JSU students are a priority in this club, although anyone that is

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Editorial

Talkin’ steroid injectin’ pill poppin’

Olympics down under blues

By Adam Smith
Editor

The Olympics are still underway. I think, in Sydney, Australia.

From what I can tell so far, the Americans are kicking the crap out of every country but China. To be honest, I probably haven’t watched more than the 30 minutes of the Olympics at one sitting. First of all, because I haven’t had the time, and secondly, the schedule is really screwing me up.

I have a hard time watching the prime time broadcasts because I know that I’m watching events that have already happened. I could probably get on the ‘net and find out the outcome hours before the event is aired over here. I heard Dennis Miller comment on “Monday Night Football” that he should just call Bob Costas in Australia to find out who won the football game because they are 16 hours ahead. Either way, the whole Olympic schedule is messing with my mind.

The other thing messing with my mind is the use of drugs in the Olympics this year. It seems to be worse than ever. The reds are on our tail, and they’re doing it naturally and without the help of any kind of steroids, growth hormones or narcotics.

The word on Tuesday was another round of athletes were either in trouble, or were having their medals stripped for the use of “performance enhancing” drugs. CNN reported that shot put world champion C.J. Hunter failed four separate tests for steroid use prior to the Olympic games. However, U.S. track and field officials knew about it, but nothing was said. Hunter, of course, denied everything.

The drugs aren’t just a U.S. problem, however. Romania’s Andreea Raducan was stripped of her all-around gymnastics gold medal after testing positive for a “banned stimulant.” Whatever the drug was, it was bad enough to get her team doctor expelled from the rest of the Olympics, and suspended through the 2002 winter games in Salt Lake City and the 2004 summer games in Athens.

However, I was thinking about this the other day. Yes, I was thinking. If I was an athlete (haha) and I was perfectly tuned and in the best physical condition I could possibly be in (haha), I would be pretty upset if some guy blew past me on the track. So, I might be thinking, “maybe I need something to boost my performance. Here I am the greatest athlete in the world, and some punk from Norway is three seconds faster.” It makes sense, but it may not make it right.

There was a “Saturday Night Live” sketch back in the 70’s that featured the late John Belushi doing a commercial parody on Wheaties cereal and the Olympics. Belushi’s cereal was called Little Chocolate Donuts, and it featured the obviously out-of-shape Belushi hoovering his way around a track to a gold medal win. When his run was over, he sat down to a “healthy breakfast” of Little Chocolate Donuts. It ended with the line, “Little Chocolate Donuts, the Breakfast of Champions.”

Why does John Belushi gorging himself with chocolate donuts make a damn bit of difference? Because it’s true. The Olympics should be that way. If you watch the Olympics closely, all the athletes look the same. Perfectly toned bodies, tan, muscular, fit. BORING. I want to see an obese woman running down a mat, jumping off a springboard and doing a sloppy triple gainer in the air before landing into a vat of melted chocolate. Better yet, I want to see toothless, toneless rednecks with naturally ruddy complexions in a relay race, in which the participants pass off a bottle of Southern Comfort. You can’t tell me that the ratings wouldn’t be through the roof. For once, maybe wrestling would finish second in the Nielsen’s.

People may scoff at my suggestion, but things would work a lot easier if we took a Nader-esque stance to the Olympics. Legalize it. Why not? Legalize everything. Nothing should be sacred. If you decide to keep drugs out of the Olympics, then all of the athletes should at least have the decency to be fat and slow. If not fat and slow, then geeky and weak with blinding white skin color. I’d watch. I swear I would.

I’m aware that many of these suggestions are completely ludicrous and without merit of any kind. However, I’m not on the International Olympic Committee, so the Olympic world is safe from my suggestions. For now.

Dear Editor,
I’m a freshman here at JSU, and I went to the game last Thursday. I have to say that I am really shocked at the way the students here acted at the game. I do not know if this happens at every game, but where I am from we do not act as disrespectful as some of the students were.

For the band booed at the captains from the other team as they walked past their section. During the game, several of the guys in one of the fraternities constantly shouted profanity at the referees and other team. Do not get me wrong.

I cheered for our team too, but there is a limit to what is ok and what is bad sportsmanship. If this is normal for games here, I hope that someone tries to get something done about it.

Dusty Lashley

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Forum

Hello! Do you have an opinion about anything?
Forum is our readers’ columns.

Our policy for letters to the editor should be kept in mind when sending submissions to The Chanticleer.

• The Chanticleer will not print letters which are unsigned, libelous and/or defamatory.

• The Chanticleer reserves the right to edit letters for space and grammar, as well as style.

• There will be at least two weeks between publication of letters from the same person. We will publish rebuttals no later than two weeks after the publication of the article, editorial or letter in question.

• The Chanticleer reserves the right to refuse publication of any submission.

Deadline for submissions is noon Monday, before deadline publication that Thursday. In the event of a three day weekend, submission deadline is 4 p.m. the preceding Friday.

SUBMISSIONS SHOULD BE SENT VIA E-MAIL to jsu_chanticleer@hotmail.com.

• All non-electronic submissions MUST BE TYPED. Handwritten letters will be accepted under any circumstances.

• Bring submissions or send through campus mail to our office: Room 180 Self Hall—25

• All submissions must include a name, phone number and student number for JSU students.

Thank you,
The Editorial Staff
Today’s Birthday (Sept. 28). A new and crazy idea you try could work. Do it with an imaginative and creative loved one, and your odds of success are greater. Jot down your plans in October. Figure out how much they’ll cost in November. Something you learn in December can amaze you, but it’s about time you found out. You and a loved one could win at a game in February. A risk you take in April’s less-likely to succeed. June’s good for anything creative. Watch out for a reality check next September.

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 - Let somebody else do the driving, make the decisions and take on the responsibility. You don’t need to be in control of this situation. Somebody else can do that quite well, so relax.
- TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 7 - A lucky break could go in your favor. You may be able to provide what’s needed on a moment’s notice. Watch for the opportunity by paying attention to your supervisor, teacher or anybody else in a position of authority. Think ahead, and you could earn a reward.
- GEMINI (May 21-June 21) - Today is an 8 - Follow through with a project that involves a foreigner, a foreign language or a college class. It should turn out quite well. Also, take a vow to keep your comments to yourself for the next few weeks. Dispense information on a “need to know” basis.
- CANCER (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 - You should feel better and come up with lots of new ideas. You should find communicating with a loved one easier, too. Sometimes you’re stuck for the right words, but that’s less-likely to be the case for the next few weeks. Relax.
- LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 7 - You may run into difficulties you hadn’t predicted, but that’s all part of the learning process. Don’t stop; keep reading! You’ll get better at a new skill with practice, too. You’re going from the theoretical to the tangible, and that’s sometimes awkward. Don’t give up.
- VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 7 - Worries about money could fade, as you continue to rake it in. Don’t stop to count it until the game’s over, which might not be until this weekend. Finish something you’ve started, and the rewards may be greater than expected. It’s still a lot of work, though.
- LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 9 - You may have overcome a big obstacle. All you have to do is finish something you’ve started, and the prize is within your grasp. You might rather play with somebody you love, so even a simple task could seem bothersome. It won’t take long.
- SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 7 - You’re smart and cute. This gives you an advantage, with a rather demanding person. Instead of feeling stressed, act like you know something the other person would find interesting. That may be the case, too. And, the other person may be willing to trade.
- SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is an 8 - You’re always interested in learning, and today you could get a good chance. A friend of yours could open the door to a whole new area for you. You ought to keep the discussions to a minimum. Practice, instead.
- CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 7 - Watch for a job that nobody else wants. A friend might let you know about a good one. If you’re in business, this may cost you a little, but it’s a good investment. If you’re an employee, accept less money to start. It could turn into more than you expected.
- AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is an 8 - If you’ve already made the commitment, congratulations. If not, it may almost be too late. Hurry, or it could cost you more than you bargained for. Follow through on a done deal. Don’t take off in a new direction.
- PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 7 - A tough assignment is just about complete. A crazy idea could work, and another option could become available. Don’t lose faith, even if this is costing more than you thought. If you build something that will last, it should appreciate in value.
**The Jayhawks**

*Smile*

With their latest offering, the Jayhawks prove that they are one of the most consistently good bands out there. "Smile" is a beautiful song that showcases the band's talent and their ability to write catchy melodies.

**Victoria Williams**

*Water to Drink*

Victoria Williams' voice exudes an almost childlike warmth and innocence, which makes her songs instantly relatable. "Water to Drink" is a perfect example of her musical style and songwriting.

**Boyz II Men**

*Following in the footsteps of New Edition and Bell Biv DeVoe, Philly's Boyz II Men brought group vocal harmonies in the 90s.*

Their first two albums, 1991’s infectious “Cooleyhighharmony” and 1994’s more ballad-heavy "II", sold a combined 15 million copies. Their 1995 duet with Mariah Carey, “One Sweet Day,” was the best selling single of the entire 90s. Through these efforts, Nathan, Shawn, and Wanya paved the way for groups like NSync and the Backstreet Boys. Thank you Boyz II Men. I guess someone had to do it.

Still, even through such songs as ‘I’ll Make Love To You’ and ‘End of the Road’ were huge hits, audiences of the last few years have shown short memories. The Boyz last full-length CD technically was a flop; it only went double platinum. With the new release, the Boyz find themselves in the unbelievable position of trying to compete with their musical offerings for a spot on the old home turf.

The first single of this album, “Pass You By” didn’t even dent the Billboard pop charts. It opened at #27. They better choose a stronger cut as the next single if they plan on making any cheese off their new joint.

By Anthony Hill
say. We go out for about four or five days at a time and then we come home for two or three days. We’ve been doing that for about four months,” said Merrill.

Despite the exposure gained by touring, there are down sides. Merrill explained, “Having to be stuck in a van with those other three guys, that’s probably the worst of it. We have a really small van now. But we’re all like brothers. We’re closer than brothers. Like, we get in those brother fights. We have a lot of fun together though. I don’t think any of us would trade the other one for anything in the world.”

When asked what one element really makes the band, Merrill commented, “I think it goes back to the fact that we’re so diverse. It’s, like, I know there are a lot of bands that have a heavy sound but also carry melody. But, we’re one of the few bands I think, at least in this area, that can play with Dexter Freeman one night and Stuck Mojo the next. I think that’s one thing that sets us apart.”

Something 5 has gained a fan base in Jacksonville through the efforts of WLJS, Jacksonville State University’s student radio station. “We love 923; Bozeman, Benefield, Mule, just everybody at 923. They are one of the sole reasons why we’ve done so well in Jacksonville. But they’ve helped us out everywhere. They’ve got a really good thing going supporting local music and stuff,” said Merrill.

Merrill explained why college towns are a great place to perform, “Oh, the chicks! Actually, it’s not! Oh, they don’t like it. But usually our target age is college oriented. I think that is the biggest advantage to going to a college town.”

Merrill answered the question of where the band will be in five years, smoothly, “Well, I’ll be a lot more well-off than I am now, and probably on the cover of Rolling Stone. I think we’ll be a successful rock band in five years. I know we will be.”

Besides their performance at Brother’s, the band will be playing the Beans and Ken Birthday Bash at the Oak Mountain Amphitheater on Friday, Oct. 13. So the Birthday Bash, which also features Stone Temple Pilots, will offer up another chance to see Something 5’s live show.

Newly addressed the rumors that have been going around Jacksonville as to why Retro was shut down for a short period of time. “We got closed down because of the transfer of all the paper work and the liquor license and all. And there was nothing more to that. I’ve heard a lot of the rumors about ‘Oh, they got busted for this or that.’ Nobody got busted. Richard’s (previous owner) license would not transfer to us. So we had to apply for our own license.”

New was very confident that The Boiler Room will be the number one club in Jacksonville. “I look to be the party spot in Jacksonville. If I can’t do that, then they need to close this bar,” said New.
**Film Clips**

By Tribune Media Services

**RATINGS:** The movies listed below are rated according to the following key: 5 stars — excellent; 4 stars — good; 3 stars — fair; 2 stars — poor; 1 star — poor.

- **THE ART OF WAR.** An American agent (Wesley Snipes) must uncover an international plot to bring down the United Nations on the eve of a historic summit with China in this thriller that also stars Anne Archer and Donald Sutherland. R (strong violence, some sexuality, language and brief drug content). 1:57.
- **ALMOST FAMOUS.** Cameron Crowe’s rapturously entertaining picture, based on recollections of his own experience, centers on a nerdy high school senior who lands an unbelievably cool job as a rock journalist in 1973 and goes on a cross-country tour with a band. It is packed with music and laced with heart-piercing wit and romanticism. R (language, drug use, sensuality). 2:00. 4 stars. — M.W.
- **BAIT.** A slick-and-quick muscle car of a movie that centers on a hapless hero (Jamie Foxx) who stumbles into a $42 million government gold bullion heist. Foxx squeezes some laughs out of his part, but this film goes nowhere fast. R (language, violence, sensuality). 1:59. 2-1/2 stars. — M.W.
- **BRING IT ON.** A “Cholees”-type comedy about a cheerleading squad led by Torrance (Kirsten Dunst) who discovers that an inner-city cheerleading squad has done their routine and has done it better. PG-13 (sex-related material and language). 1:38. 1-1/2 stars. — V.E.
- **DUETS.** A shallow film about the karaoke subculture where people compete for cash prizes. Gwyneth Paltrow stars as the illegitimate daughter of a karaoke hustler (Huey Lewis), if ever there was such a thing. The joys of singing give the movie a hook, but when “Duets” aims for lyricism, it’s got a tin ear. R (language, some sexuality). 1:53. 2 stars. — M.C.
- **NURSE BETTY.** This comedy centers on a nutty waitress (Renee Zellweger) who embarks on a zany cross country chase when her husband is killed and the murderers chase her to do her in as well. Also stars Morgan Freeman, Chris Rock and Gary Sinise. R (language, violence, sensuality). 1:48. 3-1/2 stars. — M.W.
- **STEAL THIS MOVIE.** A shallow biopic about the late ’60s radical Abbie Hoffman, whose humor and spirit brought an unusual feeling to the revolution. R (language, drug content and some nudity). 1:48. 2-1/2 stars. — J.P.
- **THE WATCHER.** In this creepy, sordid and poignantly dull film, a seductive serial killer (Keann Reeves) murders young women while a burned out cop (James Spader) is cold on his trail. Don’t go unless your idea of a good time is suffering along with the victims. R. 1:33. 1-1/2 stars. — M.W.
- **THE WAY OF THE GUN.** A bloody, violent film about two street guys (Benicio Del Toro and Ryan Philippe) who kidnap a pregnant surrogate mother (Juliette Lewis) who is carrying the baby for a corrupt businessman and his wife. This movie is Quentin Tarantino-esque, but lacks sass and humor. R (violence, language and sensuality). 1:59. 2-1/2 stars. — M.W.

**URBAN LEGENDS: FINAL CUT.** A moronic exercise in filmmaking about a young girl in film school who competes for the Hitchcock award in the hopes of landing a studio contract by making a slasher movie based on real-life murders. Her film comes to “life” when people who are helping her make it start to get killed. R (violence/gore, language and some sexuality). 1:35. One-half star. — J.P.
- **WHIPPED.** A romantic comedy with snappy dialogue that centers on a group of four college buddies (Brian Van Holt, Judah Dorf, Zoeie Barbell and Jonathan Abrams) obsessed with sex, who fall for the same woman (Amanda Peet). Some funny scenes, but not enough genuine affection. R (strong language, sexual situations). 1:24. 2 stars. — J.P.
- **WOMAN ON TOP.** A good-natured film about a Brazilian gourmet chef (Penelope Cruz) who leaves her homeland and her husband when she catches him cheating. Through a twist of turns she winds up with her own cooking show and has to make a decision whether to continue her new life or go back to her husband. R (some strong sexuality and language). 1:33. 2-1/2 stars. — M.C.

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FAYETTEVILLE, Arkansas — Instead of showing replays of touchdowns, the new video scoreboard at Arkansas’ Razorback Stadium sent out an emergency signal indicating a plane was down on Tuesday. The local Civil Air Patrol was about to spring into action before the Federal Aviation Administration pinpointed the source of the signal. “We’ve identified it as being a Jumbotron,” an FAA official said.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa — A 76-year-old ex-convict walked into a bank on Monday and handed a teller a note demanding two $50 bills. As the man left the bank, he said he would be sitting in his car smoking a cigarette, waiting for police to come take him back to prison.

MIDDLETOWN, Rhode Island — Monday was “Honorary Richard Hatch Day” in the “Survivor” champ’s hometown, the same city he sued last month. Hatch received a commemorative town title and a proclamation for using his wiles to win the popular CBS series’ $1 million grand prize. Hatch was charged with second-degree child abuse after his 9-year-old son said Hatch wrapped his hands around his neck during a run, but the charges were later dropped.

BOGOTA, Colombia [CNN] — Carlos Sanchez, who plays fictional Colombian coffee icon Juan Valdez, was greeted by Colombian President Andres Pastrana and given a silver cross for national merit on the character’s 40th birthday. Dignitaries and ambassadors attended the ceremony at the presidential palace. Valdez’s sidekick “Lana,” the mule, had to remain outside during the ceremony.

SORRY GRAMPS, WE’LL TAKE IT FROM HERE: When 92-year-old George Smith, a Florida millionaire, married a woman 42 years his junior and then started spending hundreds of thousands of dollars, his grandson asked a court to take over his affairs. The woman in question is a health aide who is currently facing charges of stealing $70,000 from a paralyzed man in 1998, and was later hired by Smith to care for his wife until she died. She stayed on as his housekeeper and married him a year later. Smith stands by her. In the end, a judge ruled Smith mentally incapacitated, and appointed a professional guardian to make his decisions for him.

MAKE A FOOL OF ME, WILL YOU! KA-BOOM!: A man in Khabarovsk, Russia, sought bloody vengeance when he found out that his wife was cheating on him. He went to the apartment where the two lovebirds were having their trysts to plant a home-made bomb. Alas, as he was attaching it to the door, it went off, killing him.

Honest Officer, I Was Robbed: Police say the 19-year-old night clerk at a Shawnee, Kan., convenience store bungled a robbery by covering the lenses of the security cameras with transparent tape. The cops say he stashed the money and then told them a cockamamie story that a robber called him and ordered him to tape the lenses, after which he came in and robbed the place. This account was not corroborated by the security tapes which “looked a little fuzzy,” but were clear enough to show what went on, said police.

Hey, Who Is Hunting Whom Here?: A 46-year-old Missouri father and his 25-year-old son were hunting with bows and arrows in the wilds of Colorado when a large black bear lunged out of the underbrush and bit the son on the buttocks. Though the father was carrying a .44-caliber handgun, he was so rattled that, instead of shooting the bum-biting beast, he threw the gun at it. In response, the animal stopped attacking the son, but bit the father on the thigh, then fled.

Don’t Mess With Armed Customers: A power company in Ixanovo, Russia, cut off the power to a missile base for nonpayment of its electric bill. In response, the base commander sent in a contingent of heavily armed troops who seized the power station and restarted the electricity.

Pretty Incriminating Evidence, Brad: When a film processor developed Brad Davis’ snapshots of himself, he noticed that Davis was photographed in front of the marijuana plants he had been growing in his LaPorte, Ind., home. He informed police who confiscated more than three dozen marijuana plants, and arrested Davis, who has pleaded guilty to maintaining a common nuisance.

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Rondy right, Rondy left, Rondy up the middle. That was the sight as the Gamecock offense put on a show in the 36-16 victory over the Samford Bulldogs (2-2) last Thursday night.

"Before the game I felt like someone had to step up offensively. If it had to be me then fine," said Rondy Rogers, the Gamecock tailback. "I'm feeling good. I'm still hurt, but I felt good. I'm still hurt, but I know that I'm going to keep on working to come back and forth. The Gamecocks proved to be too much in the victory over Samford on Thursday night."

The Gamecock offense nearly doubled its season production with 523 yards of total offense, including 249 yards rushing. Rogers finished the night with 80 yards on six carries and Stancil followed with 25 yards on seven carries. He also completed seven of 10 passes for 64 yards. Defenderly, Natarsha James finished the game with 11 sacks, 16 tackles, and Markie Coleman added nine tackles.

Rashard Brewer led the Bulldogs offensive with 88 yards on 16 carries. Kellet finished 13-for-33 for 203 yards. Acrivia Holmes had 117 yards on eight receptions.

The Gamecocks are off this week, but will continue conference play on Oct. 7 to play Sam Houston State in Paul Snow Stadium.
One on One
with “Thrill”

In the four years that I’ve been at Jax State, I don’t know if there has been a running back that made me say, “Man, he’s good.” Rondy Rogers makes me say that everytime he touches the ball. No, he doesn’t score everytime he gets the pill. As a matter of fact, last Thursday’s game was the first time he or the Gamecock offense has scored all season. But, as long as he’s on the field, you know there is a possibility of something electrifying happening.

Thrill: How’s it going, Rondy? Rondy: Doin’ good, baby. Thrill: What was the reason for the vast improvement in not only your play, but the team as a whole? Rondy: Well, we worked hard all week man. We’d put a lot of emphasis on being physical. We really worked on the O-line. They took it upon themselves to step it up this week and get some knock downs.

Thrill: What is your confidence level for the rest of the season, it does not get any easier. You know that we have the seventh toughest schedule in the nation? Rondy: Yeah, we just needed something to build our confidence. Now we see what we can do. If we continue to go to practice with the attitude that we need to get some things done, we will.

Thrill: Some people think that it is the role that you have stepped into as being the starter that has made you more productive. This is the kind of role that you are accustomed to. You were the man at Minor High in Birmingham. You were All-State, All-Metro, Super Team All-Metro and you lettered in basketball.

Rondy: That’s not it. I’m still the fullback; it’s just that Roger (Roger Bell) got hurt. I think that this is a temporary thing.

Thrill: You’re okay with that? Rondy: (pause.) Yeah, I’m fine with it as long as we win.

Thrill: Why did you change your number from 40 to 4? Rondy: I wanted 22. I chose 4 because it was a single-digit number. Couldn’t be 22.

Thrill: How is your relationship with Coach Crowe? Rondy: It’s good. He’s cool with me. He’s a nice guy. Of course, on the field he’ll work you hard, but off the field he’ll take care of me.

Thrill: Will you really be comfortable with being moved back to fullback? Rondy: I’m comfortable winning. (both laugh.) Whatever it takes to win. I’ll line up in the slot position. (both laugh.)


Thrill: That’s for the ladies, right? Rondy: Na, it’s for me. When I want to get something off my mind.


Thrill: Who was your role model growing up? Rondy: My mom. Because of how hard she works and the way that she is.


Thrill: Come on now. Your grandmother didn’t call you Pookie, Ray-Ray, or something?

Rondy: My mom called me Tiger, because I used to fight and scratch all of the time.

Thrill: Free Association. I’m sure that you know what that is by now. Rondy: (laughs.) You say something and then I go. I read the paper; I got you.

Thrill: Mike Williams.

Rondy: Gone.

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Thrill: Marshall Faulk.

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Thrill: Coach Skidmore.

Rondy: That’s my buddy. He takes care of me.

Thrill: Do you have a favorite teammate? Rondy: (pause.) Reggie. (quarterback.)

Thrill: They say that you two are twins.

Rondy: That’s what they say.

Thrill: Do you two give each other a certain look in the huddle or do something out of the ordinary? Rondy: No, we just keep each other doing the right thing. If I mess up then he corrects me and if he messes up I correct him.

Thrill: That’s it.

Rondy: Alright, take it easy man. Thrill: You do the same.

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