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- · China has rejected the third U.S. draft of a letter aimed at ending a standoff over the 24 crew members of a U.S. spy plane being held on China's Hainan Island.
- · Researchers say they may have found a way to use stem cells taken from fat left over after cosmetic surgery to perform the same kinds of research now being carried out with stem cells taken from embryos.
- A powerful bomb has exploded in Rome, damaging a building housing a two political studies organisations.
- With the first round of presidential elections behind them, Peruvians now face a political spectrum that has been pushed sharply to the left.
- Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg said Monday she supports a proposed state moratorium on the death penalty, adding that accused murderers with good lawyers "do not get the death penalty."
- A tour bus en route to a casino overturned Monday on Interstate 8 in mountains near San Diego, injuring all 35 people on board, 13 of them seriously, police said. The driver was charged with driving under the influence.
- · A continent away from California, there's a scramble to start up 11 small power generators in time for the summer heat wave that is sure to hit New York City.
- Cor Boonstra, departing chief executive of Dutch electronics giant Philips, is to be investigated by public prosecutors for alleged insider trading in shares of media company Endemol.
- Troy Aikman's NFL career ended with the Dallas Cowboys after all. The three-time Super Bowl champion announced his retirement at a news conference Monday at Texas Stadium, where he starred for 12 seasons.

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# JSU to raise rent on residence halls

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By Danni Lusk Staff Writer

Jacksonville State University Housing has proposed raising private room rates in residence halls for the fall 2001.

"It is very important that we remain competitive with the private sector and with other universities," said JSU Housing director Marie Humphrey.

JSU Housing is an auxiliary of the University, making it a revenue-generating department. The department must at least "break even" when renting rooms each semester, according to Humphrey.

This is a difficult task though. "Each time that I sell a private room at Sparkman, for example, the University loses \$396 and that's a problem," said

With uncertainty about proration, the University cannot afford such a loss, according to Humphrey.

Compared to other universities in Alabama, JSU's rental rates are at the bottom. For a doubleoccupancy room at Montevallo University, a student pays \$1,072 per semester. At JSU, it is \$575 for the same type of room in Fitzpatrick Hall. JSU's most expensive private room rate rings up at \$862. It is almost double that at the University of Montevallo. "When looking at our rental rates compared to other schools we do not even compare," said Humphrey. "JSU is still one of the cheapest rental rates in the state."

Other options were considered before deciding to raise private room rates. The department considered raising double room rates. "I did not want to increase double rates and I think that is fair to the students because a private room is an option," said Humphrey.

The department hopes to be able to make lots of improvements in the future with revenue generated from the "modest increase," according to Humphrey. They look to put standard four-post beds in all the halls, which are typical in most other university residence halls now. Cable, microfridges and Internet access in each room and recreation equipment in halls are other improvements Humphrey hopes to achieve.

A few changes for the fall semester include sororities making their own room assignments and the Marching Southerners moving from Weatherly Hall to Dixon Hall. Humphrey also hopes for the creation of a student advisory council within the department. "I am an advocate for the students," she said.

Re-application for housing in the fall begins next week. Humphrey plans to communicate "effectively" with students on potential changes. "Before students re-apply they will get a sheet saying how much the rental rates probably will be," she said.

The proposal comes up for a vote at the end of this month.

"We support the educational mission of the



a significant increase in rent this fall. Photo by Callie Williams

University," said Humphrey. "But at the same time we must satisfy our customers.'

# Students wait with excitement over renovated dining hall



It may look like just a pile of rubble, but JSU has hopes for the new Jack Hopper Dining Hall after its completed renovation. Photo by Callie Williams.

By Stephanie Pendergrass News Editor

Jacksonville State University is becoming a site for renovation. So far, Houston Cole Library and McGee Hall have been on the top of the list for remodeling or construction. The next big project the University will see is the renovation of the Jack Hopper Dining Hall.

Known by many as "the caf," renovations to the dining hall began on April 3 and is expected to be com-

pleted by June 1 of this year. The project is being paid for by Sodexho Marriott Services and will cost \$400,000.

The Jack Hopper Dining Hall is in need of construction, and Noah Rucker, manager of dining services at JSU, is excited about the transformation of the outdated cafeteria. "It's been 15 or so years since [the dining hall has] even been painted, [had] new carpet, or anything else and it's long overdue. [The cafeteria is] dated and worn out."

While Jack Hopper Dining Hall is undergoing construction, Leone Cole Auditorium is keeping hungry students fed. The auditorium has been made available for students during the months of April, May and June and the Marriott has relocated there until the project is complete.

The new Jack Hopper Dining Hall will offer greater selection to its cus-According to Rucker, tomers. "Fresh and on time will be the concept." Students will be able to watch their food being prepared. "A lot of food will be made in the students' presence."

While many new features are being added, Jack Hopper Dining Hall will keep most of its original services. "We're keeping the basic [aspects of the dining hall] plus the [new] concepts we're putting in."

When "the caf" reopens it will have many new aspects. The new features include a pizza station and a sandwich station as well as "a bar [where] we can toss salads or make sandwiches in your presence, a grill and what we call the 'Classics,' where we present the basic meat and potato [meal]. It's all going to be new and exciting," said Rucker.

While prices may go up a fraction, the new Jack Hopper Dining Hall will keep the same basic hours of service and hopefully the renovation will add more nutrition and selection to the students of Jacksonville State University.

#### 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.
- 4-5-01: Matthew Noles, of Jacksonville, Ala., reported criminal mischief to JSUPD occurring at Crowe Hall.
- 4-5-01: Treacy Ann Nuse, of Jacksonville, Ala., reported theft of property to JSUPD occurring at Pete Mathew Coliseum.
- 4-5-01: Roy Gunter, of Jacksonville, Ala., reported theft of property to JSUPD occurring in the parking lot of Mason Hall.
- 4-5-01: Jason Larue Lynch, of Jacksonville, Ala., reported unlawful breaking and entering of a vehicle to JSUPD occurring in the parking lot of Dixon Hall.
- 4-5-01: Kristy Latosha Baldwin, 21, of Huntsville, Ala., was arrested by JSUPD on charges of DUI on Pelham Rd.
- 4-6-01: Michael Anthony Baxter, 21, of Birmingham, Ala., was arrested by JSUPD on charges of DUI on Madison Ave. and Mountain St.
- 4-6-01: Thomas Peter Hargrave, of Huntsville, Ala., reported criminal mischief to JSUPD occurring in the rear parking lot of Rowan Hall.
- 4-7-01: Jennifer Lynn Teel, of Jacksonville, Ala., reported third degree criminal trespassing to JSUPD occurring at the International House.
- 4-9-01: Jill M. Wilcoxson, of Jacksonville, Ala., reported breaking and entering of a vehicle to JSUPD occurring in the Coliseum parking lot.

Cole Library.

### Clubs and Organizations

#### • Zeta Tau Alpha

Zeta Tau Alpha wants to Congratulate all the new Zeta sisters! We are all so proud of you! Good luck to the men's baseball team this week and the women's softball team this week! WIN! PC member of the week goes to Meredith Barnes! Everyone have a wonderful and safe weekend!

The Brothers of the Delta Chi Fraternity would like to wish our softball team good luck. Congratulations to the new Sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha and we would like to say a job well done to Alpha Omicron Pi for their wonderful formal last weekend. Good luck to everyone on their finals coming up. Study hard.

The sisters of Phi Mu hope everyone is having a great week! We had an awesome time at our formal last Friday night at the Coffeehouse Cafe! We also had a great time at our luau mixer with Sigma Nu Tuesday-thanks guys! Good Luck to Alpha Xi with the "Womanless Beauty Pagent" tonight! Thank you Beth and Becky for hosting the end of the year cookout Sunday night! On Sunday, awards were also given out to Jenny Early-Sister of the Year, Sherry Todd-Most Outstanding Phi Mu, Ashley Gwinn-Most Ideal Phi Mu, Allison Byrd-Phi of the Year, Katy Watters-Most Improved GPA, and Kimberly Mack-Highest GPA. We are all so proud of you all! The awards for the week are Kimberley Barden-Phi Mu Lady of the Week and Tiffany Wood-Sunshine Award. Happy Birthday to all our March babies!! Good Luck with Finals! We love Phi Mu and JSU—GO GREEK!

#### Kappa Sigma

As the semester is coming to an end the brothers and pledges of Kappa Sigma are preparing to end a great year for the fraternity. The fraternity recently elected new officers. They are President-Kurt Sopata, Vice-President-Justin Edge, Grand Master of Ceremonies-Will Lamb, Treasurer-Joey Fuselli, Secretary-Philip Dunnavant, and Pledge Educators-Richard Elliot and Danny Klug. The fraternity is looking forward to working at Talledega Superspeedway during the race this month. We would also like to encourage everyone to support the JSU tennis team today at 1:30pm against Mercer. This will be the final home match of the year for the team. And finally we would like to wish everyone the best of luck with upcoming finals and to have a great and enjoyable summer break

#### Alpha Omicron Pi

The sisters of Alpha Omicron Pi would like to tell our sisters who will be going alum this week how much we appreciate everything that you have done for our chapter. You will be missed! Good Luck to Alpha Xi with the pageant tonight and to the JSU football team in the J-Day game on Saturday. We would like to wish everyone good luck on their finals. Have a wonderful and safe summer!

#### Alpha Xi Delta

For anyone who will not be attending the Holocaust Commemoration tonight, we would like to invite everyone to our Bachelor Beauties (womanless) pageant tonight at 8:00pm-TMB auditorium. It is going to be a lot of fun and all proceeds are being donated to the Elizabeth Glacier Pediatric Aids foundation. We want to wish Joy Dye Lisa DiMartino, and April Whitmarsh a happy birthday this month. Our awards for the past two weeks are: Marcee -new member of the week, Trina Kulakowski & Meghan Baxter-sisters of the week, Amy Johnson & Jessica Hess Bearry Best Bear, and April Whitmarsh & the entire chapter received the Support Award. A recepients are: Katie Green, Amber Burgess, Jessica Hess, Valerie Womack, April Whitmarsh, Jami Mayo, Kelly Patterson, Becky Lasch, Celinda Gardner, Miranda Killingsworth, Carrie Howard, Frances Archultera, and Jennifer Freeman. Keep up the hard work! Good luck to everyone on finals! Good luck Jami, we are going to miss you.

#### Announcements

- There will be a Sierra Club Meeting today at 6:30 p.m. in Stone Center Rm. 330. The topic will be "Canadian and US National Parks Slide Show" and will be presented by Rufus Kinney. For more information, contact 782
- Effective Wednesday, April 18, 2001, the physicians of the Student Health Center will begin their summer schedule. The physician's will be in the Student Health Center on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:00 a.m.
- Jacksonville State University's Little River Canyon Field School will host the following events; all require pre-registration by calling 256-782-5697. April 14, Birdwatching in Dugger Wilderness, 6am-10am, \$5/person. April 21, Birding at Cheaha's Handicap Trail, 6am-10am, \$5/person. April 28, Introduction to White Water Canoeing, 8am-4pm, meet at JSU, \$35/person plus canoe for 2, \$35. May 5, Birding in the Talladega National Forest, 6am-10am, \$5/person. May 5, Ultimate Canyon Hike 3, 9am-4pm, meet at Little River Falls parking lot, \$20/person. May 5, Wildflower Saturday, 8:30am-3:30pm, DeSoto State Park Nature Center, no charge. May 12, Birding at Ft. McClellan's Lake Riley, 6am-10am, \$20/person.

# Students selected to head student media

By Jamie M. Eubanks JSU News Bureau

The JSU Communication Board has named three students to head student media this fall. "There were a lot of great applicants," said Mike Stedham, director of student media at JSU. "It was a difficult task in choosing these students."

Ben Cunningham was a past editor of The Chanticleer who took time off from school to serve in the Air Force.

"I tend to approach life a little more systematically now than I did before joined the service," Cunningham. "I find it easier to set clear goals and priorities and work toward them."

WLJS will now be directed by Jordan Brewer. "Jordan is a very bright, hardworking radio personality," said Stedham. "He's done a tremendous job as assistant program director."

Brewer is also looking to improve WLJS. "We'll soon have a new board to work with," said Brewer. "It will take some getting used to, but our studio will now be more professional and state of the art."

Bree Davis will edit the Mimosa. She serves this year as assistant editor. "This year, we will incorporate volunteers who will get credit for working on the Mimosa," said Davis. "Later, these students can apply for paid positions." As part of her duties, Davis will organize a staff and ensure that all deadlines are met. "Bree has done an outstanding job as assistant editor," said Stedham. "She's a first-class promoter of the

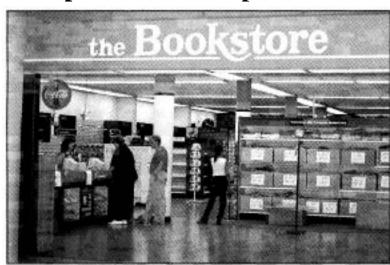
Brewer, Davis and Cunningham will begin their new jobs in May.

#### JSU Area Events Calendar: April 12 - 19 Fri 13 Thurs 12 Sat 14 Sun 15 JSU BA & BFA Graduating • A Capella Choir Alumni • Ride a bike, read a book, do your laundry, clean your residence, help an elderly cross the street, help a Girl JSU Easter Egg Hunt!?! Day • Gamecock baseball vs. Mercer in Macon, Ga., time Student Show in the Hammond JSU BA & BFA Graduating Student Show in the Hammond Hall Gallery from 8:30 a.m. to 4 .m. Scout sell cookies, study for • JSU Softball vs. Florida State University (2) @ 1 Hall Gallery from 8:30 a.m. to 4 Jazz 1 Concert @ 7 p.m. at Mason Hall's Performance p.m. • Men's & Women's Tennis vs. enter. Moreor 97, 1:30 p.m. Gamecock baseball vs. Mercel in Macon, Ga., @ 6 p.m. Mon 16 Tues17 Wed 18 Thurs 19 JSU BA & BFA Graduating ISU BA & BFA Graduating JSU BA & BFA Graduating ISU BA & BFA Graduating Student Show in the Hammond student Show in the Hammond Hall Gallery from 8:30 a.m. to 4 Hammond Hall Gallery from Hammond Hall Gallery from Hall Gallery from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. • McGee Hall Dedication @ 2 p.m. outside the building on the north side. • Faculty Scholar Lecturer: "Editing Robert Green" by Dr. Carmine DiBiase @ 7 p.m. on the 11th floor of the Houston Cale Library :30 a.m. to 4 p.m. 3:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. p.m. Lecture by Dr. Samuel Katz, M.D., on work being done to halt the AIDS epidemic @ 8 p.m. on the 11th floor of the Midnight Snack/Karoake in the Caf from 10 p.m. to mid-JSU Softball at. Samford Houston Cole Library Gamecock baseball vs. UAB University (2) @ 4 p.m.

## I know a good piece when I see it.



# Campus bookstore promises to be "even better"



Students who may have recently stopped by the campus bookstore might have noticed the lack of stock. However, they are now owned by a different company and will be prepared for the fall demands of JSU students. Photo by Callie Williams.

By Stephanie Pendergrass
News Editor

For any of those confused by the barrenness of the campus bookstore recently, it is not closing. Rumors of the closing of the bookstore have circulated, but with no truth behind them. The campus bookstore is, however, under a change of ownership, which began two weeks ago. This change could possibly enhance the store's stock and selling capabilities.

According to Randall Stephens, manager of the campus bookstore, Wallace Bookstores Inc. has gone bankrupt. This company had a lease on JSU's bookstore.

he campus bookstore might have noticed do by a different company and will be. Photo by Callie Williams.

Wallace started an online bookstore approximately a year and a half ago, and like many dot-com companies, it has failed. Wallace

Bookstores Inc. then had to file for

Chapter 11 bankruptcy due to the

loss of money in their online invest-

University officials became concerned with the bankruptcy situation Wallace was facing and took action. JSU's lease agreement with Wallace has been canceled, and with the cooperation of Wallace, "the change up went very smooth," said Stephens.

Now the campus bookstore is operated by the University and is a state-run business. "It should be a

lot better for everybody," said Stephens regarding the change of ownership.

Stephens was happy with the bookstore's performance this year. "We did well. Our sells were up [and] we were in stock." The bookstore had no control over or connection with the lease problems, those problems were on a corporate level.

Stephens expects the bookstore to be better than ever with the change in owners. While Wallace Bookstores Inc. was not able to keep the bookstore stocked with all the supplies it needed, the University should be able to give the store more selection. "We should have everything everybody needs, at the right time," said Stephens.

The same personnel will run the store next year, and the hours of the bookstore will remain the same. Hours of operation for the bookstore are:

Monday-Tuesday: 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday-Thursday: 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday: Closed

Stephens hopes the bookstore can continue its quality service in the next school year. "We want to give excellent customer service to the students and faculty. We've always striven to do that, but we want to do even better."

# JSU's radio station ushers in digital age with new board, computers



82J radio personality Nathan Weaver flies the new board. Photo by Callie Williams

By <u>Danni Lusk</u> Staff Writer

With one semester of school closing, a new semester at WLJS opens with a new set of equipment.

92J has installed a new control board to update the studio to today's radio standards. The old board in the station was over 25 years old. The old system was analog, using tape cartridges called carts and CDs to play music, commercials and public service announcements. Carts are not very reliable recording devices. The tape sometimes drags and causes the sound to be distorted, according to student media director Mike Stedham.

The new board is digital, eliminating the use of carts and will enable the DJ to use computer software to program songs and produce commercials in the on-air studio. "We wanted to make WLJS as much a good training ground as possible for people who were going to work in radio," said Stedham. "[The students] needed to use the kind of equipment they would encounter when they went to professional radio stations."

One of the advantages of having a digital board is music can be programmed in and played automatically,

without having a DJ in the studio. Music can be cued with the touch of a button or played automatically at a specific time. "We used to play rebroadcasts of old shows between 2 a.m. and 5 a.m.," said Jason Bozeman, director of 92J. "Now we're gonna be playing music that's stored in the computer."

During National Public Radio broadcasts, public announcements, commercials and local news can be played at a certain time automatically, said Stedham.

Although the new board could cut down on the number of DJs in the studio, 92J believes in having live DJs and taking requests, according to Bozeman. "That's what makes us ... an original station in this area."

92J is always looking for more volunteers to work at the station. Any student interested in radio can volunteer. "We are always looking for people who want to be in radio to come do a shift or two for us a week," said Stedham.

The new system is currently in use. "I think it's great for the station," said Bozeman. "I think it's gonna be one of those things that helps keep us on the edge of college radio in the state and help keep us one of the best."

# Smoke-free dorms work, studies show

By <u>Tim Higgins</u> Knight-Ridder Tribune

It's ammunition for those pushing for smoke-free dorms: Students in smoke-free dorms are less likely to take up such tobacco habits.

Researchers at the Harvard School of Public Health released a report yesterday that said nonsmoking incoming freshmen are 40 percent less likely to begin smoking if placed in a smoke-free environment, according to a prepared statement from the school.

In an additional report from those same researchers, a survey of 604 higher education institutions found that only 27 percent provided non-smoking dorms.

To Sharon Feltman of Breathe Easy, an anti-smoking group, this is proof that her group's efforts to combat smoking at the University of Missouri-Columbia are worth-while.

"It seems that" the reports "do confirm that living in a smoke-free

dormitory really helps change smokers' behavior in college students," she said.

In past months, Breathe Easy MU has pushed for a smoking ban in residence halls on the MU campus.

The Residence Hall Association's legislative body voted in January to support such a plan. A survey later of slightly more than 6 percent of MU's residence hall population indicated a majority of students supported tighter restrictions on smoking. Currently, students are allowed to smoke in their rooms.

University officials and students asked have been wary of such a ban.

In a prepared statement, Henry Wechsler, the main researcher in both studies, said, "These findings suggest that smoke-free dorms may help incoming college students who have not yet taken up smoking avoid tobacco addiction during college. ... While the difference in smoking rates may be, in part, due to self-selection by students into smoke-free housing, these resi-

dences appear to be protective. They also prevent nonsmokers from being exposed to the harmful effects of secondhand smoke and the risk of dormitory fires."

The news came in two reports. The first appeared in the American Journal of Preventive Medicine and looked at the habits of 4,495 students at 101 schools in the spring of 1999.

That study found students were less likely to begin smoking if placed in more restrictive environments than their counterparts in unrestricted ones.

The second, which found few schools provide smoke-free residences, was published in Journal of American College Health and supported by The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Feltman hopes these reports will help in her group's push for increased smoking scrutiny. "Things are moving in our direction." she said.



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# Seniors pull out all the stops for new art show

By Joshua W. Bingham Features Editor

After months of sweating through creative endeavors, 10 Jacksonville State University art students are presenting their senior shows to the professors grading them and anybody else who would like to appreciate their talents.

"Overall," Marvin Shaw of the JSU art department said, "usually the spring show is the biggest - same case this year, so we had to split it into two shows." The show was divided into one for the B.A. (Bachelor of Arts) students, and one for the B.F.A. (Bachelor of Fine Arts) students.

"Step by step, from the beginning of the semester until the end," Shaw said, "they have progressively produced and directed this with faculty supervision." These shows are culminations of the students' works in the and department. "Usually." Shaw said, this show will represent the lest works of the students. finish his piece.

Cynthia Castillo's final project is called "Solamente Problemas." Translated to mean a lot of problems, it is a pit-fired raku, hanging tile piece. "It was nothing but problems," Castillo said. It took her about three weeks from start to finish.

Alexandria Satterlund worked the whole past semester to create, through the use of computer-generated images, her final project called "Physical Fitness."

By working in collographs and an acrylic medium, Cynthia Baker's "It's About Life" took two semesters to create. "Life that grows, life that flies, life that swims and life that gets taken away," Baker said in describing her project.

Keith Reason used his graphic design talents to put together "Schotzksky's Deli Web Site." It's an "all flash web site," Reason said. It took him two months to fully design.

Hope Brickhouse worked the entire semester to design a restaurant system



Don Hampton hangs part of his "Et Cetera" piece for the B.A. art show. Photo by Becky

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Our senior shows are always the best prepared; the best explanation of what we do, what the students do, at JSU

--Marvin Shaw JSU Art Professor

Cynthia Castillo stands with her final project, entitled "Solamente Problemas." Photo b Becky Sproles

Tuesday was the opening night for six B.A. students. The pieces are being displayed until Monday in the Hammond Hall Art Gallery, "It's excellent work," Shaw said.

Dan Hampton made a CD cover for his final project called "Et Cetera." Hampton's concentration is graphic design and it took him two months to including a menu, a table setting, a sign for the restaurant and an embroidered apron for her final project, "The Silver Terrace," which is the name of her "imaginary restaurant," Brickhouse said.

Opening night for four B.F.A. students' senior show will be on Tuesday, April 17 in the Hammond

Hall Art Gallery at 7 p.m.

"It took about three months to finish," Stephanie Runyans said of her graphic design project, "Personal Business System." It encompasses envelopes, letterheads and business cards. Runyans will also be presenting one print, one brochure and two watercolor paintings. The brochure is from independent study, which was the call-entry brochure for the miniworks show hosted by JSU, and both watercolors are of endangered frogs. "My dream," Runyans said, "is to work for 'Southern Living Magazine."

Kayla Register's final project in the graphic design field is an adventure game with a wooden board and ceramic landscape tiles that can be moved around to make different scenes. Register crafted each individual piece of the 11 by 11 inch game, including four figures. "It basically includes dice, cards, landscape and

board," Register said. She will also include other works in the presentation. "I'm hoping a lot of my friends who have graduated come," Register said. "I'd like to see them."

"One day I'd really like to do package design for companies, for toys or cosmetics," Rachel Sellers said. And with that ambition, Seller's final project in her graphic design field is "A Family Travel Set" which is a package-design piece. Sellers created four different travel packs as a set. There is "one for boys, one for girls, one for ladies and one for men," Sellers said. The project took Sellers three months to complete. She is also including a mail-piece she made for the English department's Kaleidoscope 2000 and printmaking from her "Dragonfly Series," made from actual leaves and things from nature ran through the printmaking press.

Richie Ammons' focus is in drawing. His final project, "Viewing the Body," is "kind of a collage of different materials and medians," Ammons said. "It's breaking the human body into different parts and perspectives viewing the body in the literal sense, angles. Also viewing the bodies," Ammons said, "like at a funeral ... the different reactions and emotions. It's not obvious though, it's abstract." One of the bodies in Ammons collage is a dead body.

"Our senior shows are always the best prepared; the best explanation of what we do, what the students do, at JSU," Shaw said. "I would recommend to all students, faculty, everyone: come and see it."



#### Local Scene

4/12/01 Patrick Smith Band--Brothers

4/13/01 Cool Beans--Brothers

4/14/01 Snap 98--Brothers

4/20/01 Noise Around Us--Brothers

4/21/01 Hogg Mountain Lugg Nuts--Brothers

4/26/01 Dr. Dan--Brothers

4/27/01 Ethan & the Ewox--Brothers

4/28/01 Somthing 5--Brothers

#### Birmingham

4/13/01 The Moody Blues--Alabama Theatre

4/13/01 Everclear, Lifehouse & Matchbox 20--BJCC

4/16/01 Phil Lesh & Friends--Boutwell Auditorium

4/17/01 Kelly Joe Phelps--B&A Warehouse

4/20/01 Angie Aparo & BR5-49--Zvdeco

#### Atlanta

4/12/01 Jack Ingram--Smith's Olde Bar

4/13/01 Dash Rip Rock--Smith's Olde Bar

4/14/01 Guster--Tabernacle 4/16/01 Kelly Joe Phelps--Red Light

Cafe
4/18/01 Phil Lesh & Friends--Atlanta

Civic Ctr. Theatre 4/20/01 Old 97's--Roxy Theatre



#### CD Releases

Anne Sofie von Otter Meets Elvis Costello-For the Stars

Nick Cave & the Bad Seeds-No

More Shall We Part

Monster Magnet-God Says No
Ani DiFranco-Reveling/Reckoning

Spacehog-The Hogyssey

Les Claypool-Live Frogs-Set 1

#### April 17

Creeper Lagoon-Take Back the Universe and Give Me Yesterday Argie Martinez-The Up Close and

Personal Project

David Gray-Lost Songs 95-98 Alejandro Escovedo-A Man Under

the Influence



# Runnin' low Runnin' on empty

By Adam Smith Editor

I sat in my living room the other night listening to Jackson Browne sing "Running on Empty." And I sat in a kind of trance with the realization that not only am I running on empty as the semester ends, but so are a lot of other students on campus.

I'm not proud to admit the fact that I've been here since 1995, nor should I be. My mother tells me I'm suffering from what is apparently known as senioritis. I'm not sure what it is, exactly, but in my case I guess it occurs when you're about three classes away from graduation, and you pretty much stop caring. That's what has happened to me.

Like other students I have come into contact with, I started this semester on an incredibly upbeat note. There was a swing in my step and a song in my

heart. Three months later, I'm limping and Glen Danzig is in my heart scratching his fingernails over a chalkboard. Not to sound entirely overdramatic, but it's a pretty accurate description.

But I know I'm not the only one. Either ol' JSU is getting to be a tougher institution, or we're just all becoming a buncha pansies. I've had at least two people who I work with on an almost daily basis run by me not unlike chickens with missing heads because they were in a rush to get last minute papers done, or presentations done or books read, etc. etc.

I'm not writing this to seek forgiveness from my teachers for whatever academic sins I have committed over the past year. All I'm asking is that teachers perhaps be a little more understanding. And though I'm sure some professors would not agree with me on this, but I think they've forgot-

ten what it's like to be a struggling college student.

Take, let's see, me for instance. "I don't know about anyone but me," sang Jackson Browne in his classic song. I work two jobs, one of which is pretty much a full-time position, whether I like it or not. I work at a radio station on Saturdays and Sundays, which pretty much equals out to me working every day of every week. But, I'm not the only one. And I don't think teachers realize that. A huge percentage of JSU students hold down at least one job while attending school, and in many cases, they hold down two jobs.

Also, there are many students on campus who are mothers, or fathers. Or, they take care of sick family members, or they themselves have their own problems and require equal attention. These are the students that really deserve a break and a round of applause at the same time.

But the school itself isn't helping the cause of the student much. First of get rid of torturous/unfair/demonic attendance policy. It's a great concept on paper, and I do think it has its advantages. I realize that if you don't come to class, you can't successfully do the work that you are supposed to do. I have no problem with that concept, but I also understand that if students don't want

to go or can't go to class, they're not going to class. Trust me, I know.

Look at it this way. We go to school for roughly eight straight months with our only breaks being Labor Day, Christmas vacation, Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday and Spring Break. Taking into account that we are allowed a certain amount of days we can miss class, we don't get many breaks from the worries and stress of school which we so desperately need.

Come on Profs, what was life like when you were in college? Similar? Different? What? Times have changed, but I don't think they've changed that much. Students still struggle the same today with the pressures of school and college life as our professors did. We've actually got it worse than most, considering the cost of living now is much higher than it was when some of our professors were in school. And we also have the added obstacles of drugs, STD's, pregnancies and a veritable trainload of things that we shouldn't have to worry about at all.

But hopefully, like you did, we'll one day decide what we want to do with ourselves and go after it. But for now, all I ask is that you please be more understanding and patient with us. After all, we're just college stu-

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If you had your own column in the student newspaper, what would you say? If there were 5,000 copies of that newspaper printed every week at an 8000 student school, what would you say? If you knew that for every copy picked up, read and left behind, an estimated three more people came by, picked up, read and left behind that same copy of the newspaper, what would you say? You could hypothetically reach 20,000 people. What would you say?

I've said a lot. I am cashed. Spent. Exhausted. Depleted. Wasted. Lost. I took this gig last semester at the age of 23. Now I'm 30. I swear. I'm still fumbling for words, only now Mose Allison provides the background music. So while you sit here and think about those questions I asked way back there in the first paragraph, I'll turn it up.

"I'm not talkin'. Don't ask me what I have to say. If I said things are splendid, someone would be offended. If I said things were awful, it might just be unlawful. I'm not talkin'--it just don't pay."

Then there's this really short jazz part.

"I'm not talkin". Don't ask me what it's all about. I used to think I knew it, but man I just got through it. The things that really matter don't mix with idle chatter--and that's one thing that I can do without."

Then there's this longer jazz part. "I'm not talkin". Don't ask me what I'm gonna do. 'Cause things I say at midnight, I might not say in daylight. I read the final conclusion. It only reads confusion. So don't call me, baby, I'll call you."

So what would you write about if you wrote a 4,000 character column every week? What would you say? Would you take the job at all? Would you say anything and everything? Is it good to say anything and everything?

I'm tired of stirring the !#\*& with a stick. I tried to stir this place upthis homogenous 'mix' of students from such far-off places as Heflin and Sardis. And I'm tired of it, but I've got too much space to fill to pull a Mose and not talk. So in my next to last column, I'll try to offend any one and every one I may have accidentally left out.

Handguns should be outlawed. Their only use is to kill people. If you hunt with handguns, you're an idiot. Revolutions are not fought with handguns. And yes, if handguns are outlawed, only outlaws will have hand-

guns. And if rape is outlawed, only outlaws with rape people. And if murder is outlawed, only outlaws will murder people. And so on, and so forth.

I'll protect myself with my shotgun. Hunters are why we should keep our rifles and shotguns. Many hunters are like environmentalists with guns and I'm all about that.

This town should cater to students. If we leave, how many jobs will be lost through the University? How many restaurants will shut down? How many gas stations will close? How many other businesses--tanning salons and Movie Gallery's-will shut down? How many cops will be laid-off?

If the students leave the only places in business will be nursing homes. The students are the saving grace of this town, yet we have to fear walking home from the bar. Jacksonville's not a crime-ridden town so the cops have nothing better to do than harass students. I can walk home drunk without throwing rocks through windows or screaming at the top of my lungs. They taught me that in college.

JSU President Meehan said he wanted to increase enrollment in order to ease the pain of proration. I'd suggest making Jacksonville a little more hospitable to students, and yes, frat guys are included. Give the bars tax-cuts!

It's been said that I'm anti-Greek. That's not true. My best friend's a Delta Tau Delta at UK. But he did it for the status, the beer and the girls. His fraternity wanted me to join, but I thought it was superficial and petty. I wanted to attain the status, the beer and the girls on my own.

I'm not anti-Greek. I'm just not Greek and here are my reasons. You join a fraternity, buy a label and stick it on everything you own. Then you expect people not to label you. Fraternities even admit to promoting an ideology, and each fraternity is a little bit different. I just thought this was the Age of Individualism.

What else? What other rock have I left unturned? Oh well, I've still got next week.



• DOSWELL, Virginia (AP) — The world's first compressed-air roller coaster debuts Saturday at Paramount's Kings Dominion theme park, promising literally to blow riders away. The HyperSonic XLC uses a blast of air to shoot riders straight up a

165-foot tower, moving them from zero to 80 mph in two seconds.

- OSLO, Norway (Reuters) A sex-starved moose in Norway mistook a small, yellow car for a would-be partner, but defecated on it after it got no response.
- MIAMI, Florida (Reuters) Marital bliss was short-lived for one Florida couple whose wedding day dispute over gifts landed the bride a brief stay in the local jail.
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- CAPE TOWN, South Africa (AP) Office workers shaking off the Monday morning blues after the weekend found the entrance to their posh, waterfront office building blocked by a one-ton (0.91-metric ton) beached seal
- HANOI, Vietnam Rats are back in season in Vietnam's Mekong Delta with tons being brought to the market daily by rice farmers for sale to bars and restaurants.
- SAN ANTONIO, Texas (CNN) Our Lady of the Lake University professor Carey Guffey is going to creepy lengths to raise money for the college's Sigma Zeta Scientific Honor Society to travel to its national convention. So far, Guffey has raised \$400 that's one dollar for each of the 400 roaches he's had tossed on him as he lies in a coffin.
- NORTH PLATTE, Nebraska (AP) Police in North Platte, Nebraska, have a case with bite. They were called to the home of a 55-year-old woman who dropped her false teeth in the toilet, after she had been partying and drinking with her boyfriend.
- MACCLESFIELD, North Carolina (AP) Some clean-shaven guys could find themselves in a hairy situation in a couple of weeks. Beard-growing is now mandatory in Macclesfield, North Carolina. Any male without at least some stubble growing by April 15 will be subject to arrest and-or a \$25
- MANAGUA, Nicaragua (Reuters) A 58-year-old Nicaraguan man stepped in to stop his own funeral, appearing to his wife and family as they prepared to bury the wrong corpse.
- BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) For a few giddy weeks, a rich American bachelor named Bob Harris was the fantasy of legions of Colombian women and even a few men. However, none of it was true, the heartbroken masses found out this week.
- JUST TRYING TO LOOK HER BEST: A California woman lost her job as a medical transcriber at a hospital because she took too much time getting ready for work. Some days, she would groom herself from 8 in the morning until 5 in the afternoon, missing work entirely. She is suing to get her job back under the Americans With Disabilities Act.
- AND I'LL THROW IN TWO TONS OF MANURE: Cecil Hicks, an Alabama farmer who didn't like the way his best buddy was being treated by his ex-wife, hired a hit man to kill her, police say. The hit man, who turned out to be an undercover cop, asked for \$1,000 to do the job, but Hicks, 64, offered \$300 and four cows. He was arrested once the deal was made.
- I DIDN'T STEAL IT EXACTLY: An 85-year-old Oregon woman apparently took in the cat of a neighbor who lived down the street ten years ago, because she felt the animal was being abused. But she didn't tell the neighbor, who assumed the cat had run away. That would have been the end of the matter, but, when the cat became ill, the old woman made the mistake of going to the rightful owner and demanding money to put it to sleep. The neighbor had her hauled into court on theft charges, but the grand jury declined to prosecute.
- YOU MEAN THEY TOOK ME SERIOUSLY? Steve Schulte wrote a very touching obituary for his dear wife, Diana, and had it published in the Lincoln, Neb., Journal Star. Trouble is, she's still alive. Legions of sobbing friends and neighbors, who didn't know this, descended on their home or called offering help and consolation only to be told that it was really just a joke. The husband said he hadn't thought about the ramifications of his act.



"How do you feel about your past year at JSU?"



Kim Loeb Senior

"I just want to get out of here."



Travis Hal Senior

> "It's been good, but it's been long and tough."



Megan Swader Sophomore

"It's been really exciting and full of change."



Vic Burgess Senior

"Exhausting; too many papers, too little time."



Catundra Walton Sophomore

> "Always room for improvement."



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Jim White

No Such Place



Quick question-which is worse: losing a sports car or bearing the wounds of Christ?

Decide fast. Jim White presides over his world of outcasts and losers like a merciless god, a twisted moralist puppeteer ("the burn-outs of life's pressure cookers-now these are my people, my church without a steeple"), his warped vision fleeting and slippery. Think about the gaunt hitchhiker you just passed on the highway. Want to hear his story? Listen to "No Such Place."

The landscape painted on "No Such Place" is grizzly, smirking, and wickedly irreverent. Consider the drunken god White claims created him, the stigmata/stolen Trans Am fiasco in the album's opener, the pretty girl he watches digging a heart-shaped hole in the ground. This is bizarre stuff. A little disturbing, maybe. But through all of White's twisted reveries, he never loses sight of himself; a painful selfrecognition is evident in each song.

Jim White is there, taking notes.

"Damn, what good fiction I will

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mold from this terrible pain."

"No Such Place" marries White's penchant for backwoods irony and religious imagery to an almost futuristic sense of experimental production. It's a kind of Southern Gothic "Blonde on Blonde:" many of the songs stretch into epic labyrinths of rhyme and wordplay. "Christmas Day" is a devastating web of memories of a Greyhound Station kiss-off: a dead-on account of unshakable pain, right down the song playing overhead ("a bad Muzak version of James Taylor's big hit called 'Fire and Rain'"). It's an amazing touch—a resounding, crippling detail. Equally as intriguing is "Hey! You Goin' My Way?" a melody that wobbles with vague familiarity, until White reveals his source: "I rip off the dude where the colored girls doo-doo-doo-doo." Somehow Lou Reed's "Walk on the Wild Side" is resurrected into a triphop folk hymn, White's twangdrenched delivery as brilliantly deadpan as Reed's urban street scat.

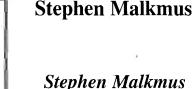
"No Such Place" neatly moves into personal, scathing diatribes on

lenging and increasingly mysterious antagonists. "Handcuffed to a Fence in Mississippi" is a riot, and "The Wound That Never Heals" garners guilty chuckles at the expense of a pile of mounting bodies a murderous wife leaves in her wake. "Bound to Forget" is the most infectious of the songs here, bass drum, organ and rickety slide slipping in and around White's disarmingly rhythmic vocals.

ignores the musicianship and fascinating production-oft-overlooked aspects of country and folk recording. White employs producers of Morcheeba and Sade and even tries his hand at a few of the tunes. It's quite a touch—making for likely the best sounding album to turn up in some time, the acoustic instrumentation laying back into slinky, suggestive swagger. "Corvair" is a delicate, off-key ballad punctured by thunderous blasts of cymbals, and "Ghost Town of my Brain" is set loose in a rattle-trap pit of interwoven grooves. Laced with static and disembodied vocal echoes, the album buzzes like a transistor radio broadcasting the apocalypse.

Jim White enlivens the spirit of the Flannery "god-haunted south" O'Connor painted so deftly, wrestling his convictions with his car keys. Literate and self-effacing and perfectly constructed, "No Such Place" is a brilliant record—as otherworldly as it is painfully real.

By John Xylem



Stephen Malkmus



Pavement, R.I.P.

It was a little over a year ago when Pavement called it quits, citing those dreaded "creative differences." In fact, the rest of the band had become a victim of their own genius, and particularly that of leader Stephen Malkmus. Under his guidance, musical inability and a barrage of witty, yet confusing lyrics, Pavement made classic albums like "Slanted and Enchanted," "Brighten the Corners" and their last album, "Terror Twilight."

Predictably, Malkmus decided to soldier on in the typically offbeat, sarcastic mode of thinking.

Malkmus' new self-titled album is about what you would expect from a guy who some critics have referred to as a "genius" or Indie-rock "god." Strong words written about a guy who hasn't exactly gotten rich off his wonderful, under-appreciated

Nearly ditching the hi-fi approach of "Terror Twilight," Malkmus gets back to his roots in fine fashion. Malkmus surprisingly found a band (The Jicks) that can sound almost as equally sloppy as his former group and the results are as comfortable as an **old** pair **of** shoes.

The CD kicks off well enough with a song called "Black Book" which while sounding easily like it could have come from the "Terror Twilight" sessions, it carries an uncertain light-heartedness musically, and lyrically it's all Malkmus.

"Discretion Grove," the single

sounds like a poor choice for such, and has therefore received little or no airplay; but then again it's also the most straightforward song on the album.

This sort of talk would be deemed sacrilege to most Pavement fans, but in fact this disc has many a straightforward song. "Church on White" and "Troubbble" in particular find Malkmus in the uncharted waters of being a sensible pop tunesmith, while "Phantasies" sounds like a wicked cross between Devo (Whip It) and The Buggles (Video Killed the Radio Star).

The album hits a pretty hefty speedbump with "Pink India," which might have you skipping to the next song quicker than you can say, "this is not the best song on the album." But it's just one song of 10, and with today's music market, that's an incredible feat.

At any rate, Indie fans can finally wipe away their tears and rejoice in the musical marvel that is Stephen Malkmus' new album. It might not be Pavement, but in some instances that ain't so bad.

By Adam Smith

## What's your sign?

By Linda C. Black Tribune Media Services

Today's Birthday (April 12). You may have thought you knew everything, but by now you should know that you don't. This year, make it your great quest to learn more. Pick a topic you're passionate about in April. Obtain a student loan in May. 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 9 - The world continues to be your oyster - for another day, anyway. If you ruled, what would you do? Better do it fast, because for you, the time for talking is over. Just do it!

• Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 4 - You may be feeling a little low, but that's OK. If you can spend the day going over the numbers, it'll be time well spent. Turn off the phone to cut down on distractions and minimize headaches.

• Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 7 - You could be the one with good judgment, objectivity and common sense. The others could get too hot under the collar. Offer your skills as an arbitrator, or your skills as a referee may be needed.

• Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 5 - The pace is quick, but with any luck at all, you can get the job done by tomorrow - or maybe even sooner. Plan to put most of the money you're making into savings, or use it to pay off a debt. It'll buy you more that way.

• Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 10 - Two days in a row? You are hot! Only Leos are this lucky. Nobody's had a 10 for months. Everything is lined up in your favor right now, so don't just sit there. Start something!

• Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 5 - Your frustration may be alleviated somewhat by getting rid of the clutter. You have stuff around that you haven't used in years. Don't throw away something that belongs to a loved one, though.

• Libra (Sept. 23-Oct 22) - Today is an 8 - They say that opposites attract. What do you think? Somebody who's been driving you nuts may be hard to shake. You want to get in the last word, but that's never going to happen. Did you ever think that if you lose, you might win? It's all just a game, any-

• Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 4 - The more you can produce, the better you'll do financially. Where are those energy reserves when you really need them? Luckily, you're a long-distance runner. Just keep going, even if it's a struggle. You'll pass the others through sheer determination.

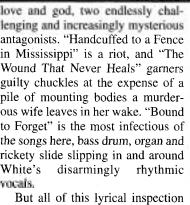
• Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is an 8 - Your idea of a good time often involves getting away and exploring new horizons. But now, you may be more interested in staying close to home. It looks as if somebody there has your full attention.

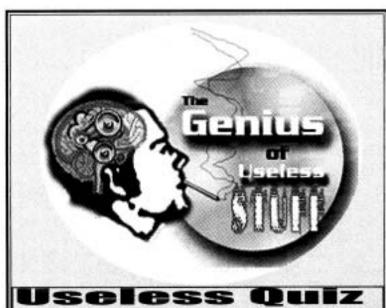
• Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 5 - The information continues to pour in, and some of it is quite valuable. Sorting the wheat from the chaff is a challenge, but you're up for it. Meanwhile, don't jump to conclusions. Get the whole story before you take action.

• Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is an 8 - Somebody's liable to lead you into uncharted territory. You're usually the one who needs a map. This time you may be drawing it as you go along. And why not? Cartography is one of your natural talents.

• Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 5 - Looks like fortune is smiling on you. There's work to be done, but you don't know where to start. Just take it slow and easy. You don't get extra points for going faster - although it won't be long before you do.







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- half a barrel of beer?
- 2. What machine is most often used in a lie detector test?
- 3. What does the hopeful Latin phrase "pacem in terris" mean?
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- What was thrown onto Barbara
   Bain's L.A. porch on a Sunday,
   killing her 14-year-old pet pooch?
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# JSU: a view of our school from a wide-eyed and optimistic freshman class



Some of JSU's best and brightest freshmen hang out and talk outside their dorm. Now that a year has gone by, how does the freshman class view our University? Photo Callie

By Joshua W. Bingham Features Editor

How is Jacksonville State University? Perhaps the best way to find out is by asking the latestarriving students, freshmen.

Sixteen freshmen, eight men and eight women, were surveyed, and the only sentiment that they all shared was that their first year was a good one.

Eighty-one percent liked the social scene around JSU. "Yeah man, it's pretty cool," Joseph Holler said. On the other hand, three didn't. "I think there could be more," Trace Fleming said.

How is the student body of JSU perceived? All but one saw their fellow students in a favorable light. "Everybody's pretty friendly ... nobody's stuck up or anything. Everybody talks to each other - get

along," Tim King said. "Most of them are stuck up," said the dissenter, Teresa Ross.

On being asked what they thought of JSU's professors, 31 percent liked them, 6 percent didn't and 63 percent thought they were in the middle. "They're ridiculous." Brandi Watson said. "Professors can be — whenever you ask them a question, they won't answer 'em directly. They give you off the wall answers, so you have to figure out their answers, then figure out the ques-

Along similar lines, two students thought classes were easy, three thought they were hard and the rest thought they were average and what they expected. "Some of the classes have been kinda hard," Kelsie Wadsworth said. "It's just getting used to having to do the work on your own."

Freshman college life can present new problems. All but three of those surveyed had at least one major problem. "Parking," Teresa Ross and Trace Fleming said. "Money," Brandon White said. "A

"I guess," said Charity Walker, "being so far away from home."

Figuring out what one's major in college is can often take a semester or two, but only 19 percent of those surveyed were undecided. The rest varied in many subjects, with a split majority of two majoring in business and nursing.

College students are a crazy bunch. From such movies as "Animal House," expectations are perhaps set. Eighty-one percent of the first-year students surveyed had done or seen interesting/crazy things at JSU. "Had to be going to see that Rickey Smiley show," Antoin Stockdale said. "Getting drunk for the first time," Brandi Watson said with a "Someone had Saran-Wrapped someone else's car. I thought that was great. ... I wouldn't have thought of that," Trace Fleming said. "Um, we went to the square, a couple a buddies of mine - we flashed people all night," Brandon White said. "We got caught by the cops. ..."

Sixty-three percent of the fresh-

math class," Brandi Watson said. men thought that they were going to leave attendance policies at high school as they began to pay for college and work on becoming adults, yet six students understood and liked regimented attendance. "I think that it's good - that they should have it like that because it keeps people in class," Taleah Collum said. "I think we're old enough to figure it out ourselves, if we want to go to class or we don't. I mean, we're paying for it."

> All the freshmen did enjoy their first year at JSU, and a few had some closing comments. "It's been fun, kinda hard, but not too hard," Joseph Holler said. "It's been all right, you know, it's not the greatest place in the world. It's a commuter college, but you know, that's it," Tyler Stenmoe said. "Well, I couldn't have made it through all that I have without help from Sue, the secretary of DSS (Disabled Student Services)," Jenny Lux said. "She's a wonderful person. She's a godsend."

According to Jacksonville State University's 2000-01 freshmen, JSU's not so bad.

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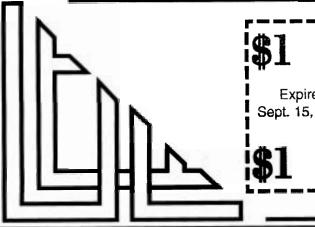
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# Morgan Freeman plays a familiar character in "Spider"



By Joshua W. Bingham Features Editor

Old Alex Cross sat on his tuffet, thinking of his detective ways. Along came a spider, which really was a surpriser, and mused Morgan Freeman to play.

The opening scene is of a car racing down a road with a serial killer in the driver's seat. Detective Alex Cross, played by Freeman, makes his man and tells the task force to

make the arrest. In an awesome computer-enhanced scene, the shiny red car that the suspect is driving hits the side of a bridge and spins over the edge. The car hangs as a beautiful agent screams to Detective

Thus the movie begins by taking the viewer straight into the action, and the rest of the movie is just as fast paced.

A congressman's daughter, played brilliantly by young Mika Boorem, kidnapped from a private school by an insider who wants to go down in history as one of the criminal greats. To do this, he draws Detective Cross in, even though Cross is recovering from the loss of a partner due to a messed-up-sting operation. Cross takes the bait, and the main cat-andmouse plot starts.

Freeman's acting is as fabulous as always, with his cool, subtle control Through facial of the screen. expressions and relaxed movements, Freeman definitely adds to the suspense of the movie.

Monica Potter, playing Special Agent Jazzie Flannigan who is responsible for the Secret Service's mistake, is at first very reminiscent of Julia Roberts with her nose flares and pronunciation of words. Yet as the movie progresses, Potter's talents shine through.

The serial-killer-crazy-man has been portrayed by many actors in many films, but Jay O. Sanders delivers a fine performance as kidnaper Gary Soneji. One of Soneji's memorable lines is "I'm living proof that a mind is a terrible thing."

The title for the movie makes sense when Detective Cross says

about Soneji, "he's like a spider and I happen to like spiders."

All the actors perform their parts well, and the plot of the movie takes some truly surprising twists toward the end. The trick is perhaps that the plot seems to fall into a familiar crazy-man does, thoughtful detective follows, almost Columbo kind edly jumps up a couple levels.

As far as detective/suspense movies go, "Along Came A Spider" is a fine example. Full of 21st-century-movie effects and cinematogra-

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#### JSU's Softball infielder Andrea Tomey rounds first and heads for home in this week's "One on One."

# Lady Gamecocks split with Stetson

By Staff Reports

After dropping two straight games to Tennessee-Chattanooga last Wednesday night, 2-0 and 4-0, the Lady Gamecocks were looking to get back to their winning ways in a showdown at University Field with the Stetson Hatters.

Despite a home run by sophomore Allie Simons to score the Lady Gamecock's first run in 21 innings, the softball team couldn't hold off Trans America Athletic Conference foe Stetson in the opening game last Saturday night.

The Hatters (20-19, 5-3) took the first game 5-1, while the Lady Gamecocks(16-20, 3-3) came back with a shutout win in the second half of the double-header, 2-0.

On the first at-bat of the day for Jax State, Simons took the first pitch by Kelli Lightner and knocked it over the left center field fence to give the softball team a 1-0 lead.

Stetson took the lead away from JSU in the third, when Leah Wilbanks recorded a single to start the inning. With runners on second and third and one out, Emily Harris singled up the middle to score Wilbanks. Alison Parker got the second RBI of the inning to make the score 2-1 going into the fourth.

The softball team wouldn't score again until the second game and Stetson would score three more runs in the top of the seventh inning to pull away from the Lady Gamecocks in the first game.

Senior Jill WIlcoxson (7-11) took the JSU loss and Lightner was the winning pitcher for the Hatters. Stetson out hit the Lady Gamecocks 10-3, as JSU only had one hit in the game after the first inning.

"I challenged the seniors in the second game," said head coach Jana McGinnis. "The first game was pitiful. A home run like that should give you a spark, but we sat back and relaxed."

The fantastic freshman, Renee Hasan recorded the first RBI in the third inning with a sacrifice fly to left field that scored Stacey Smith, who was pinch running for Simons.



JSU Softball infielder Renee Hasan takes a swing against Stetson during one of last Saturday's games.

Senior Lauren Buck scored the second RBI in the game, after a double to right center field knocked in Tina Hill. Hill had reached first base earlier in the inning with an error by Stetson's third baseman, Katie Harrigan.

Senior Meadow McWhorter (7-5) completed the game and held off the Hatters, only allowing two hits.

"Coach (McGinnis) challenged us," said McWhorter, after the win. "I pitched to not allow solid hits, because they have some great lefty slap hitters. We just shut them down and our defense played great."

The Lady Gamecocks will host the Florida State Seminoles on Saturday. The first pitch of the double-header will be at 1 p.m.

# Golf team performs well, despite bad weather

By Staff Reports

Columbus State fired a first day total of 553 and claimed the tournament victory after the final round was rained out at the Silver Lakes Golf Course on the Robert Trent Jones trail last Tuesday.

The Gamecock golf team hosted and fielded two squads in the 13 team field Amoco Ultimate-Young Oil Invitational, with both finishing in the top 10.

Nick Mackey led the charge on the links on the first day by firing a first round 75 and second round 70 to finish the day in fourth place, five strokes behind leader Anton Haakman of Columbus State (140).

Jose Campra also finished in the top 10 for team one, coming in tied for eighth after shooting rounds of 75 and 72. Steven Mackie finished tied for 14th after day one. For team two, the golf team was led by Chase Deck, who fired rounds of 76 and 71 to finish tied for eighth place.

While the men's golf team was sweating matters out at home, the women's team were having a bat the of their own in Birmingham last Tuesday as well.

Rain also caused the cancellation of the final round at the JoAnn Prentice Ladv Blazer Invitational, hosted by UAB. The Lady Gamecock golf team finished 10th out of the 14 team field in the shortened tournament.

Kathy Johnson tied for 16th with a single-round 79, five strokes behind tournament champion Leigh Ann Jones of Arkansas State. Colette Murray finished in a tie for 27th following a singleround 82.

# Football team is getting geared for J-Day

By <u>Anthony Hill</u> Sports Editor

The Gamecock football team is only a few days shy of their annual J-Day game. That scrimmage game is usually played as a celebration of a hard working spring training. The football team definitely looks to be improving by the day and looked impressive last Saturday in the pre-J-Day scrimmage.

From several accounts, the football team had several bright spots on the field.

"There wasn't an area on the field that didn't have their moments," said head football coach Jack Crowe. "I think purpose-wise we gave up more plays today than I'm comfortable with. (Collectively) We've gotten better every time we go out as a team."

Sure, you had the offensive heroics of quarterback Reggie Stancil who had four touchdown passes and another on the ground. However, this season, an area of concern for JSU is the establishment of other playmakers to help take some more of the load off of Stancil.

"Reggie's pretty consistent in what he does around here. The thing we went into the spring trying to accomplish was to make sure we had a receiving corps that could make plays," Crowe said. "What we had today was a couple of receivers step up and make plays," Crowe said. Reggie's spreading the ball around pretty well. Lerenzo (Banks) and Ralph (Jenkins) made a few plays."

Banks took two of Stancil's touchdown throws and tight end Jenkins hauled in a 35-yarder for a score. Tight end Derrick Delmarter, a newcomer this season, snagged another Stancil pass for 30 yards and a score.

Other newcomers on offense are tailbacks Jody Wright and the electrifying, Darrell Prater. Prater definitely looks to be the playmaker of the future for the Gamecocks. He scored the Gamecocks' first touchdown on a one-yard scamper and Wright had the Gamecocks' fifth touchdown with a six-yard score.

Of course, the success of the offense brings questions on how good the defense may be. The defensive unit was the football teams' strongest asset last season. But, with the departure of Delvin Hughley, Cornell Buford, Eriles McCollough and "Tot-tot" James, the Gamecocks are concerned with the defensive backfield. There are some bright spots in the secondary with the emergence of Neika Willis and weak safety Dewyane Cuffie.

Willis broke up a pass attempt that looked to be a sure touchdown intended for receiver Ouincy Bowie.

"I've come to expect what he (Willis) does," said Crowe. "He's a good cover guy. I thought the play he made down there on the ball in the end zone on Quincy was a great play."

Cuffie's highlight came when he blocked a field goal attempt to end a

scoring opportunity. However, there were mistakes made on the field, but nothing that can't be corrected according to secondary coach Matt Wannebo.

"We're not worried about making mistakes, we're worried about correcting mistakes when we make them. We learn from mistakes and we learn from what we do right," said Wannebo. "We're not trying to be perfect, we're trying go perfect what we're making mistakes on.

The defense is also going to be anchored by the talented Taylor "T-Mitch" Mitchell, Marvelle Granville, and big Jermaine Hoyt.

Coach Crowe said that on their best days, they're pretty special and they definitely displayed that last Saturday.

The football team will hold their annual J-Day game on Saturday at 11 p.m.

# One on One with "Thrill"



"I see us winning the TAAC. We just need to beat FAU and we've proved that we can do that."

By Anthony "Thrill" Hill Sports Editor

I initially didn't know what to ask Andrea Tomey. She's so intimidating as a player. She shows no signs of weakness when she enters the field of play. Even as the team breaks from the huddle you can see the look of a warrior on her face. I tried to find out whether or not the way she acts on the field is a reflection of the way she truly is. I found out that off the field she is quite removed from the hardcore shell that she displays during a game. Andrea is a quiet, shy, soft-spoken, young lady that just wants to be on a winning program. That's what motivates Andrea. The desire to win.

Thrill: How are you doing Andrea? Andrea: Good.

Thrill: How do you feel about the big game against Florida State on Saturday?

**Andrea:** They're not a conference game. So, I'm not really worried about them. It's a big game for us and everything, but our conference games are what's important.

**Thrill:** The softball team is 16-20 overall and 3-3 in the TAAC. Where's the team's confidence level going into this weekend?

Andrea: I feel like our confidence is up especially with our recent win. Our main problem right now is our hitting. If we can keep that up, we'll be all right. We should've swept teams in our conference, except for FAU. We proved that we can beat

Thrill: You were an outstanding athlete in high school, where you lettered in three sports. You had an even better career in junior college, where you were named Athlete of the Year and received the Golden Bat Award. What's been the highlight of your career?

Andrea: I think winning Athlete of the Year in junior college was my highlight.

Thrill: How do you feel about the

way this season's going?

Andrea: It's not the way we had looked at it in the beginning. I thought that we would do a lot better, but we played a lot of good teams. I think that what matters is how we end up in the conference.

Thrill: What's the team lacking? Andrea: Pretty much just confidence at bat. Our defense is solid and our pitching is really solid.

Thrill: Characterize your relationship with pitcher Meadow McWhorter.

Andrea: Meadow is my closest friend down here. We went to junior college together and she's the main reason that I survive here.

**Thrill:** What's up with the musical selection that comes on when you come up to bat? Are you a heavy metal chick.

Andrea: No, not at all. I like country. I didn't know what I wanted out there, so I let coach Stone pick it for me. (Both laugh.) I don't like it as much as I did when the season first started.

Thrill: Really? Andrea: No.

Thrill: Why is Michael Jordan your favorite athlete?

Andrea: I've always liked him growing up. I've just never stopped,

Thrill: Who's the funniest person on the team? Is there a team comedian?

Andrea: Yeah, we have two of them. Allie Simons and Carrie Parker. They can do anything to make you laugh. After we lost a few games at a tournament this year

Carrie came out with some huge glasses and said, "Coach, maybe I can see with these on." (Both laugh.) Everything they do is funny. **Thrill:** When you walk to the plate to bat, there is a look of disgust on your face. What are you thinking before you bat?

Andrea: I'm thinking, I want to get a hit. I'm a very nice person. I just look mean sometimes. (laugh.)

Thrill: Do you use that as an intimidation factor?

Andrea: Yeah, kind of. But it is really the way I am. I'm just a quiet person and it's just the way I am.

**Thrill:** How tough is it for you to live so far away from your hometown of Portland, Or.?

Andrea: It's really hard. It's gotten easier because of the friends that I've made this year and having Meadow here for me. It's been hard for me because growing up, my dad coached me and he was at every single game. He'll be here next week though.

Thrill: What do you see yourself doing 10 years from now?

Andrea: I want to be teaching and coaching softball in Oregon.

**Thrill:** Why did you choose to play for Jax State?

Andrea: When I came here I loved the coaches. The other coaches that I met just didn't have what coach

Thrill: Do you have a favorite music group or singer?

McGinnis had.

Andrea: I like the Dixie Chicks. I like country.

Thrill: What type of guys do you like to date?

Andrea: Athletic guys. I have a lot in common with them.

Thrill: You mentioned that you wanted to be a teacher someday. How do you feel about the recent grade school shootings?

Andrea: The first one actually started in Oregon. It just doesn't seem like it could happen where I'm from, but I guess it could happen anywhere. I feel like teachers play a big part in a kids life and I want to be a part of that.

Thrill: Free Association. Coach Jana McGinnis. (Softball coach)

Andrea: Probably one of the best coaches I've played for. She was a great athlete, so she knows what it takes to win.

Thrill: TAAC tournament.

Andrea: Want to finish first there. Thrill: Mount Hood Community College.

Andrea: The place where I got my most experience and had two of my best years of softball there. I met Meadow there. (Both laugh.)

Thrill: Yep, you met Meadow there. The Dixie Chicks.

Andrea: I love'em.

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Thrill: Renee Hasan. (Freshman infielder)

Great second baseman and she's a southern California girl. Thrill: How far do you see this year's team going?

Andrea: I see us winning the TAAC. We beat FAU once and that's the team to beat to win the conference. I think that we can do it.

Thrill: That's it Andrea. See ya later.

Andrea: Okay. Thanks.

# Wizards owner thinks Jordan will play agair



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The Associated Press

The owner of the Washington Wizards said he has a "gut feeling' that Michael Jordan will return to the NBA next season.

In a story running on the front page of Tuesday's Washington Post, Wizards majority owner Abe Pollin said he believes the odds are that Jordan will play for the Wizards next season. Pollin stressed that he did not know if Jordan has made up his mind yet.

The odds are that he's going to come back," Pollin said. "I think he's going to decide whether he's going to be able to play at the level that is satisfying to him." Jordan, a part owner and president of basketball operations for Washington, has consistently said that he's 99.9 percent sure he'll never play again. He was unavailable for comment Monday night.

Pollin stressed to the Post that he was simply stating his opinion. "What I said was my gut feeling," Pollin said. "It's his decision, I didn't think he'd come back when I first heard the talk. But when Mario Lemieux came back to the Penguins, it stirred something in Michael."

Lemieux, one of the owners of the Pittsburgh Penguins, returned to the ice in December after retiring at the end of the 1997 season and led the Penguins into the playoffs.

Pollin said he thinks Jordan, who won six NBA titles with the Chicago Bulls, is going through a self-examination of sorts. Jordan has been working out recently, including practicing with the Wizards.

"He's certainly working at seeing if he feels like he can" return, Pollin said. "He's told me when he has something to say about it, he'll tell me. "We'd welcome him with open arms," said Pollin, whose team's 18-59 record is third worst in the NBA. "It's his decision. It would have to be in his interest to come back and he would not do it unless he could perform at the standard he set for himself. "But it would be very exciting for everyone."

In order for Jordan to play again under NBA rules, he would have to divest his ownership interest in the Wizards — although he could find a caretaker to purchase his stake sell it back to him when he stops playing.

"I am working out because I got up to 240 pounds and I'm trying to lose weight," Jordan said last month. "People are taking this stuff way too far, but I can't control what people write or think so I'm not going to address this any more."

Some of the speculation about Jordan's return has been fueled by Jordan's close friend, Charles Barkley, who has said he would like to play with Jordan in Washington next season.

Jordan retired in 1993 after winning three NBA titles and tried to make a career in professional baseball. But he returned for the NBA playoffs in 1995 and played through 1998, winning three more titles.

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Should JSU move down a division?

A Sports Editorial By Anthony "Thrill" Hill

"When the going gets tough, the tough get going." That was a verse from an old Billy Ocean song. Every time I hear that song I think about how tough the goings are getting here at Jax State. It really doesn't look as if the tough is going anywhere soon enough.

Every since the BOARD OF TRUSTEES took it upon themselves to make the leap from Division II to Division I-AA, the school has been struggling to compile a winning record in many of the popular sports.

Most of the students that attend JSU have done nothing but hear people talk about how great we used to be and stories about the national championships that we used to win.

My question is: "Why don't we move BACK down to the Division II level? Okay, there's the idea that moving to another conference would be a better alternative. It might be for a while, but we can't run from the tougher teams forever. If we do skip conferences we will still have to play against the tougher schools once we made it to post season play. And then what's going to happened?

The best choice for this university and the athletics is to simply

move back to the division that showed us so much love, Division II. It doesn't make us any weaker to be in a division or two lower than Troy State. After all, it seems like the only reason we moved up in the first place was because the Board of Trustees wanted to be where Troy State was. The funny thing about that is, most of the people that were instrumental in the transition are no longer a part of this university. But we are.

We, the students, the fans, the supporters, and the players of the Gamecock athletics are here to take all of the criticism of not being at the top of our game in sports. That's not fair. All we want to do is have something to rally around. A good athletic program. That's what we need and deserve. No one brags about how we graduate more teachers and police officers than any other school in the South. Nor do people care too much about how friendly this campus is. All we talk about is how great our President is. He is a great person, don't get me wrong. But, I'd much rather brag about how good our teams are in sports. Maybe people would stay in town over the weekend if we had a dynasty being developed.

We have some great athletes who are a part of our athletic program that are not getting a fair shot at being the best. Other schools are ready to move up when they make that change. The schools that have been on this level only regroup and get better, while we're just trying to catch up.

We don't have the facilities or the money to make a transition like the one we've made. I'm tired of opponents coming to Jax State and treating our team like we're simply a scrimmage before their next game. We're better than that.

Sure, we could beat a few Division I-AA schools every now and then. But I'd much rather beat a lot of Division II schools and play a few Division I-AA teams during a season. It would all equal out then.

Jacksonville State has too many schools to compete with for players. We basically get the players that don't go to Auburn, Alabama, UAB, Troy State and occasionally, Georgia Southern and other Georgia schools. We are located in the middle of the football capital, the South. Something has got to give.

# Campbell sweeps the baseball team

By Staff Reports

The baseball team have been bouncing off of the ropes for the passed couple of games, just trying to bounce forward to get on some kind of positive streak. Matters got a little rougher for them when they played Campbell in a three-game series last weekend.

Jeff Huff hit a two-run home run in the first contest to lift Campbell University to a comeback win, then Wes Hepler swept the Gamecocks in the second game last Friday night at Taylor Field. They followed those two losses with a 4-2 defeat last Saturday.

Huff's two-run blast help the Camels erase a 2-1 deficit in the opener and the Camels went on to win 4-2. In the second game, CU scored to improve to 8-1 on the year.

Campbell clinched it fourthstraight Trans America Athletic Conference series in as many attempts this year while improving to 22-11 overall, 9-3 in the league. The Gamecocks dropped to 10-22, 2-10 in the TAAC.

Matt Kleweno (3-2) scattered four hits over six innings with one walk

and three strikeouts to earn the victory. Kleweno had a 4-0 lead entering the seventh before the Gamecocks loaded the bases with no outs on a hit batter, error and a bunt single. Joel Stapleton then broke up the shutout with an RBI single to end the day for Kleweno.

Camel reliever Andy Wade came on and gave up a bloop RBI hit to Michael Helms. Wade then snared a line drive off the bat of Ben Phillips and doubled up Carlos Delgado at third base. Wade then caught Ralph Couret looking at third strike to end the threat.

Wade tossed three scoreless frames of two-hit ball with no walks an three strikeouts to earn his first save. Gamecock starter Jesse Corn (2-2) allowed four runs, three earned, on eight hits with one walk and seven strikeouts in six innings.

Della Costa, Michael Wineka and Huff each finished with two hits to lead the Camel attack. Bobby Crompton had two hits to lead the Gamecocks in the loss.

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