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WORLD NEWS

• George W. Bush, who ran for the White House through the 2000 campaign season promising to be "the education president," got his chance to make good on that pledge on Tuesday when he transmitted his education overhaul legislative package from the White House to both chambers of Congress.

• A man claiming to be an Iraqi supporter of President Saddam Hussein was overpowered after diverting a Yemeni plane to Djibouti with 91 passengers aboard, including the U.S. ambassador to Yemen, witnesses said

• Israeli and Palestinian negotiators have reached a "significant, possibly dramatic" development over the hotly-disputed Jewish territories within the West Bank, CNN's Jerrold Kessel reports.

• Five members of the banned Falun Gong meditation group set themselves on fire Tuesday in China's Tiananmen Square, according to an eyewitness. One of the five, a woman, died of injuries sustained in the fire.

• Northern California residents and businesses faced yet more power outages on Tuesday as state authorities continued to grapple with tight electricity supplies.

• Rae Carruth was ordered Monday to spend a minimum of almost 19 years in prison for his role in the ambush killing of his pregnant girlfriend.

• On the 28th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, President Bush signed an executive order Monday banning federal funds to international family planning groups that offer abortion or abortion counseling.

• The Rev. Jesse Jackson made good on his promise to quickly return to public life, going before a cheering audience Monday to call on President Bush to improve funding for public schools and maintain affirmative action programs.

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Houston Cole Library losing its marble

By Gracie Catchings
News Editor

Jacksonville State University students will eventually have to brave more obstacles than simply navigating Alabama 21 to get to Houston Cole Library. This summer, the aging façade will receive a much-needed face-lift.

Houston Cole Library was first inspected in the late 80s. Engineers determined the deteriorating marble would eventually have to be replaced, said Vice President of Administrative and Business Affairs Don Thacker.

Three years ago engineers were brought in again to do an extensive study on the cost and feasibility of re-cladding the library. Panels on the second and third floors were separating as much as 8 inches due to expansions and contractions caused by changes in temperature. The recommendation was made to re-surface the library with granite, Thacker said.



On close examination, the cracks in the Houston Cole Library become evident. Renovation is tentatively set for this summer

"At one point we were thinking about putting brick on it," Thacker said. "The building was not adequate to hold the brick. The granite that we are putting on is basically the same weight as the marble that is on it now."

Other materials such as metal were considered, Thacker said, but the

impending oxidation characteristics of metal would prove an aesthetic problem.

JSU Professor of Engineering, P. S. Yeh, questioned the use of granite on the library and believes there may be a better alternative. The use of granite will double the thickness,

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The trials and tribulations of parking and the permit



Photo by Gracie Catchings
By Stephanie Pendergrass
Assistant News Editor

Parking a vehicle is often a difficult task to accomplish at Jacksonville State University. With the immense amount of traffic and

overcrowded parking lots, finding a free space quickly is at times miraculous.

Approximately 8,000 parking decals are pre-ordered by the university. More than 7,000 are distributed through Jacksonville State University Police Department. While most students abide by UPD parking regulations and purchase a parking decal, others refuse to spend the extra \$15. The usual result to this is a parking ticket.

Some students are obligated to buy multiple parking decals, depending on the number of vehicles being used by that person.

"Some students are married, and they don't know which vehicle they're going to be driving. It's just really better to go ahead and get the

decal if you're going to be swapping out all the time because what you would get for one parking ticket would almost pay for a decal," said UPD secretary Karen Bates.

Both faculty and students have their opinions on parking and driving on campus. "I wish we could tow vehicles when you have students or faculty, staff or anybody that just keeps parking where they shouldn't park," said Bates. "I think that they should not let freshmen drive," said Justin Henry, a JSU student.

While students are expected to buy extra parking decals if various vehicles are going to be used, the faculty is not. Faculty members must have their own decal; however, these are

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Proration could mean inflation for JSU tuition

By Gracie Catchings
News Editor

Jacksonville State University students can expect tuition hikes, larger classes, fewer faculty and aging technology if proration takes into affect this year, said Vice President of Administrative and Business Affairs Don Thacker.

Proration, a cut in state funding for Alabama schools, hits colleges hardest. According to The Birmingham News, 62 percent of the growth of the Education Trust Fund is allocated to kindergarten through grade 12. If proration goes into effect, a cut in spending from 2 to 5 percent will greatly increase competition for those education dollars.

Suzanne LaRocca, CPA and internal auditor for JSU, hopes the cut will stay at 3 percent.

"Three percent is less than a million dollars to the University, but a million dollars is a lot of money," LaRocca said. "Right now would be the time to conserve and for everybody to start thinking about where they can save a little money if we have to.

"Right now the current fund, unrestricted, is funded 50 percent by state appropriations. So, a cut of three percent of 50 percent of your operations is pretty significant."

The majority of JSU's spending goes to salaries, but state law prohibits proration from cutting salaries.

"The budgeted expenditures, after you take out budgeted salaries for the University, is \$16.7 million," LaRocca said. "That's probably where you have to cut."

The University Division Directors are looking to see how they can cut 3 percent straight across the board, Thacker said. Turnover positions will be closely examined before they are filled, or they may not be filled at all. Summer school will be most affected academically because

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Campus Crime

- The Campus Crime Docket is never, and will never be, edited unless an incident report involves a minor.
- Items in the Campus Crime Docket are obtained from incident and arrest reports at the JSU Police Department.
- JSU students have the right to view these public records.
- If any information is incorrect, please contact us at 782-5701 or call the JSU Police Department at 782-5050.

1-10-01: William Q. Young, 19, of Gadsden, Ala., was arrested by JSUPD for consumption of alcohol by a minor occurring on 1-10-01.

1-12-01: Jesse Ian Stephens, 18, of Jacksonville, Ala., was arrested by JSUPD for third degree assault at 1001 Kay Dr. in Jacksonville occurring on 1-12-01.

1-12-01: JSUPD reported criminal mischief on Carpenters Lane in Jacksonville occurring between 1-11-01 and 1-12-01.

1-17-01: Christopher S. Haynes, 19, of Anniston, Ala., was arrested by JSUPD for public intoxication at Stone Center occurring on 1-17-01.

Clubs and Organizations

• Alpha Tau Omega

This week Alpha Tau Omega gathered clothes and toys for an underprivileged family in Jacksonville. We are looking forward to helping under privileged families throughout the year. Paul Carrigan and Tyler Harrell earned brothers of the week for their tireless efforts on improving the house. We have a brotherhood retreat scheduled for the 28th of January. We would also like to wish everyone good luck on rush. RUSH ATO!

• Alpha Xi Delta

Alpha Xi Delta would like to welcome, and congratulate our New Members: Nickie Simpson, April Morton, Sara Garrard, Katie Green, Addie Ferguson, Frances Archuleta, Trina Kulakowski, and Michelle McDevitt. We are so excited to have each one of you! Alpha Xi Delta would like to say Happy Birthday this month to Emily Taylor, Becky Lasch, and Meghan Baxter. Our Awards for the week are: Heather Stedham-study bear, Amy Johnson-sister of the week, and Trina Kulakowski-new member of the week. Congratulations to all the A recipients-keep up the good work. Good luck to our intramural basketball team!

• Zeta Tau Alpha

Zeta wishes both mens and womens basketball teams good luck this week! Zeta Tau Alpha's Athlete of the month is... ALISON WRIGHT!! Congratulations! Awards go to Jill Henderson Spirt, Karen Bragg Crown, Amy Yancy Social Bunny, Stacy Cross Zeta Lady, Merideth Barnes EC of the week, Marla Medders PC of the week and Jamie Rotters Senior of the week. Congrats to all of you guys!! Happy birthday to both Dana and Amanada Beck!! Everyone have a grrrreat weekend!

• Phi Mu

The sisters of Phi Mu would like to congratulate the men who received bids during fraternity rush this week. We had a great time on our Sisterhood Tuesday night! Phi Mu awards for the week are: Brooke Bell- Phi Mu Lady of the Week, Lauren Thrower- Phi Mu Dandé Lion, and Karen Maxwell- Sunshine Award. We also hope everyone has a great weekend! It's great to be a Phi Mu!!

• Delta Zeta

Delta Zeta would like to wish all the frats a great fraternity rush!! Thank you to the SGA for a great movie this week. Good luck to the JSU basketball team tonight! Everyone remember to support Up Til' Dawn! If you need info please stop by the SGA office. We would like to congratulate our college bowl team on a great job—Tavia McMunn, MaryBeth Edwards, Jamie Sexton, Jennifer Jones, Amy Phillips, Allison Garmon. We would like to congratulate our two newest members—Jamie Tyler and Nickole Pittman! We would like to wish HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Becky Stone, Stephanie Shirley, and Jessica Johnson!! Awards for the week are: twisted turtle - Jessica Johnson, alumna of the week - Kristen Rodgers, support - Amanda Miller, faculty of the week - Dr. Aquila Mims, senior of the week - Stacy Dickeson, sisterhood - Leslie Godfrey, tiny turtle - Jamie Tyler

• Alpha Omicron Pi

The sisters and new members of Alpha Omicron Pi would like to congratulate our sister Chelsie Clemment, Leslie Daniel, and Mandy Holland on Baseball Hostesses! Good luck to the sister of AOII on the up and coming Intramural Basketball games! Awards of the Week: Sister of the Week: Ashley Bernard, Thoughtful Sister: Liz Brodowski, Officer of the Week: Erin Woodruff, Positive Panda: Andrea Martin

Announcements

• **Free confidential HIV testing is available** at the Nursing Center Clinic, at Lurleen B. Wallace College of Nursing and Health Sciences. Please call 782-5432 to schedule an appointment. Office hours are from Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

• **Hammond Hall will hold an exhibition** featuring the works of Lynette Hesser and Steve Loucks from Jan. 25 & 26. Gallery hours are from 8:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. The exhibition is free and open for all to attend.

• **The CBASE Exam will be given** today, from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Rm. 20, Ayers Hall. Registration information can be picked up in the Office of Assessment, Rm. 144 Ayers Hall.

• **The physician will be in the Student Health Center** on Wednesday, February 7, 2001, from 8:00 am until 12:00 noon rather than the normal hours of 1:30 - 5:30 pm. Call the Student Health Center at 782-5310 for an appointment.

• **The Writers' Club is seeking submissions** for the 2000-2001 edition of "Something Else," the literary magazine of JSU. All students are encouraged to submit poetry (maximum of 35 lines), short stories, essays, and drama (maximum of 10 pages), and original artwork and photos (pre-shrunk to 8.5 by 11 inches) to the Writers' Club, JSU Box 3083, or to Professors Jones, McCurdy-Jennings, or Hawley in the English Department, Stone Center. Submissions should be typed and double spaced and be prepared for blind review, i. e. no names on the work, only student ID number. Include a cover sheet with name, student ID number, campus address, phone number, title of work, and category of submission. The deadline is Friday, 16 February 2001.

• **JSU is starting its first scuba diving club.** No equipment or experience required. For more information contact Ted Starnes @ 435-6951.

Campus Murders Drop While Sex Offenses, Robberies Increase

By Matthew McGuire
TMS Campus

The number of murders decreased on college campuses this year, however, the percentage of sex offenses, robberies and hate crimes increased despite downward national trends, according to a new crime report issued by the U.S. Department of Education.

The report analyzes crime data reported by 6,300 colleges and universities for 1997, 1998 and 1999. Of the crimes committed, only 19 percent occurred on campus, compared to 73 percent that occurred on public property. Of the crimes that took place on campus, about one-third were committed in residence halls.

"This report gives us a national perspective on campus safety and serves as a benchmark for parents and students to compare security at individual colleges and universities," said outgoing U.S. Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley.

Colleges and universities have been required to record campus crime and distribute an annual security report to students and employees and prospective students. However, it wasn't until this year that schools were required to report the data to the U.S. Department of Education.

The number of murders declined by 54 percent, down from 24 deaths in 1998 to 11 in 1999. This decrease is greater than the national average decline of 8.5 percent in 1999.

The number of sex offenses increased 6 percent from 2,337 in 1998 to 2,469 in 1999. The study states that sex offenses are "the most underreported crime in America."

Burglary is the most frequently reported crime to the U.S. Department of Education, and a total of 26,035 burglaries were reported on campuses—an increase of 2 percent from 1998. Nationally, burglaries declined by 10 percent.

JSU Area Events Calendar: Jan. 25 - Feb. 1

Thurs 25	Fri 26	Sat 27	Sun 28
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JSU Women's Basketball vs. B'ham.-Southern @ 7 p.m. • JSU Art Gallery Showing: "Ceramics Embellished" works by Lynette Hesser in collaboration with Steve Loucks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JSU Art Gallery Showing: "Ceramics Embellished" works by Lynette Hesser in collaboration with Steve Loucks • Seminar by Dr. James R. Garey, Univ. of South Fla. entitled "Things Your Mother Didn't Tell You About Animal Evolution," in Rm. 100 Ayers Hall 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JSU Men's Basketball vs. Samford @ 7 p.m. • JSU Women's Basketball vs. Samford @ 4:30 p.m. • Rifle team vs. Murray State @ Murry State, time TBA 	
Mon 29	Tues 30	Wed 31	Thurs 1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SGA applications become available 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JSU Men's Basketball vs. Campbell @ 7 p.m. • Education career fair from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Stephenson Hall

What's your quest?



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The holy grail of college newspapers

North dakota professor sues former student for libel over graphic article

By Billy O'Keefe
TMS Campus

A professor at the University of North Dakota has filed a \$50,000 libel suit against a female former student, six months after he successfully sued the same student for slander and nearly two years after the she was found to be stalking him.

Physics professor John Wagner claims that an article written by 44-year-old Glenda Miskin, in addition to being libelous, is emotionally distressing and exists with the intention of dragging his name and career through the mud.

The article, entitled "Kinky Torrid Romance by Randy Physics Professor: UND ruins the Career of Religion Student with two Children," describes in graphic detail a courtship of Miskin by Wagner. Among the accusations Miskin makes are that Wagner is a sex offender and a pedophile.

Miskin's article, which appears on her site, undnews.com, and is linked at a separate site, und-fraud.com, accuses the university and Wagner of conspiring to cover up the accusations and drive her out of the university.

"I have learned that it is not safe to make reports to UND Officials," Miskin wrote. "They will blow your confidentiality and will consider you the problem. Looking at a degree on my wall that came from an institution like UND would make me want to throw up. The question that still remains is, is this the reputation that the State of North Dakota and the University of North Dakota wish to project to the public who pay their salaries?"

In addition to seeking punitive damages and compensation for lawyers' fees, Wagner wants both Web sites, which he claims have had hundreds of thousands of visitors, to remove the article.

Miskin was suspended from the university after a disciplinary panel in 1999 determined that she was stalking Wagner via a bombardment of phone and e-mail messages. By her own design, she did not and will not return to the university.

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Yeh said, and thus increase the weight of the building. Yeh advocates the use of copper as a stronger, lighter and more durable material than granite.

"Even if they used granite, it may not last longer than what we have now, even with thicker granite," Yeh said. "The copper will still be stronger and about the same weight as we have now."

Copper lasts about 80 to 100 years, Yeh said, and would match the existing buildings better than the dark gray granite.

"Copper itself was not considered because it's just cost prohibitive," Thacker said.

The administration plans to forge ahead with construction this summer. Once the granite is quarried and shipped in from Texas, Thacker said. The job will take approximately 12 to 18 months. Two sides of the building will be worked on at one time and protected walkways will provide access to and from the building.

"There will be complete access," said University Librarian William J. Hubbard. "We won't be shutting down the library. The worst I can foresee is we may have to shut down one entrance at a time. I hope the people will bear with us when we've got scaffolding and contractors in the building."

The twelfth floor will also undergo some changes. The aluminum "box" that is now on top of the library will be extended and enclosed to form a porch-like area. The structure currently houses the air equipment for the library and is leaking. The new improvements will assure the area is watertight, Thacker said.

Although the outside of Houston Cole Library will undergo massive change, students can still expect to see those same couches and stained carpet in the interior.

"The carpet is worn and it's discolored," Thacker said, "but it's still functional, and it's not torn or anything. It just looks awful."

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those contracts are not yet in. The need for new vehicles, repairs and technology will also be put on hold until absolutely necessary.

The biggest concern for students, however, is more tuition increases and fewer faculty.

"It's not going to help tuition," Thacker said. "The state probably brings in half of our core operating budget. Any time that is closed down, tuition picks up. The state of Alabama is putting more and more burden on the student, and it puts more and more pressure on us to try and come up with creative ways to try and fund higher education."

Dr. Kelly Gregg, president of JSU's faculty senate, is concerned about vacant faculty positions and increased class sizes as effects of proration.

"They probably won't fire anyone, but if there are positions that are currently being advertised for, it's very likely they'll be unfilled," Gregg said. "A department may have one less faculty member forever, depending on how long this goes on. This is especially bad for departments with a small number of professors."

Obviously, a decrease in the number of professors will mean an increase in class size, Gregg said.

"Instead of a class of 30, you'll have a class of 40," Gregg said. "Ten years ago, that didn't happen on this campus. That used to be one of our things we were proud of. We had these small class sizes. If you're going to prorate, you have to increase the class size and drop the number of offerings."

Alabama has been slowly decreasing the amount of funding allocated to postsecondary education in the last 20 or 30 years, Thacker said. Alabama's universities once received 80 percent of their funding from the state. That number has dwindled to 50 percent while neighboring states Florida, Georgia and Mississippi have massively increased their funding over the last 10 years and do not suffer from the threats of proration.

Alabama teacher salaries are also well below the national average.

"Your good faculty members can

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hanging decals that can be moved from one registered vehicle to another.

Some larger universities, such as Auburn, restrict driving on campus to upperclassmen only. Although JSU does not have such restrictions now, there is uncertainty for the future. Chief Coleman of JSUPD is unsure if driving will one day become a privilege for upperclassmen only.

"The president of administration is a student-friendly person and he's done everything he can to make sure all the students are happy and have as much mobility around campus as possible. He wants to make the campus as friendly as possible and as convenient as possible," Coleman said.

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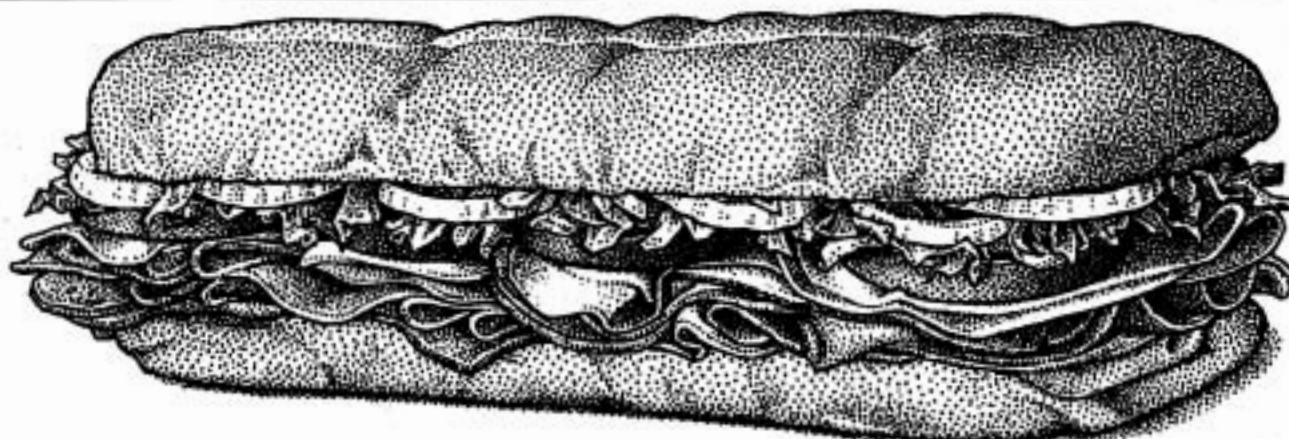
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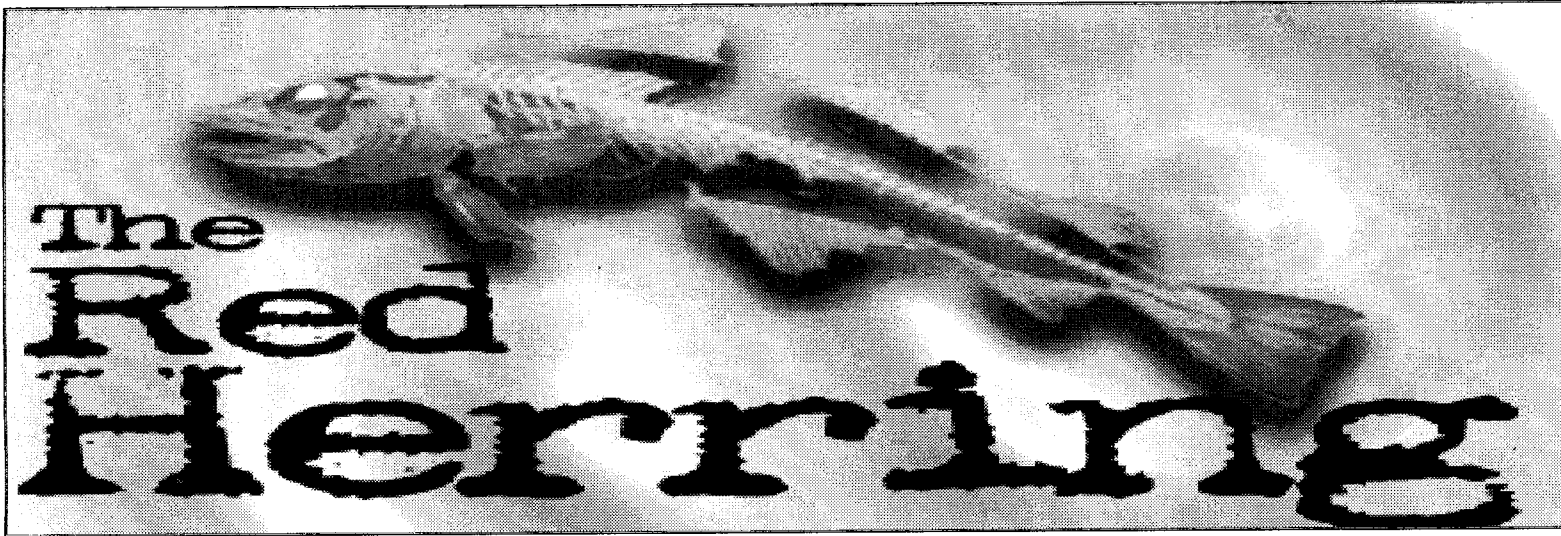
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How well do you know your professors?

By Joshua W. Bingham
Features Editor

"Thought flows in terms of stories—stories about events, stories about people, and stories about intentions and achievements. The best teachers are the best storytellers. We learn in the form of stories," wrote author Frank Smith. The average Jacksonville State University student visits at least two different storytellers per weekday. From where do these storytellers/professors come? What led them to this profession? What do they like?

Unfortunately, all of the professors could not be reached to answer these questions. However, Dr. Gordon A. Crews, department head of Criminal Justice, Dr. Robert P. Felgar III, department head of English and Dean of Nursing and Health Sciences Martha G. Lavender, R.N., D.S.N., were contacted and happily consented.

Dr. Crews is originally from Virginia and is an alumnus of University of South Carolina, home

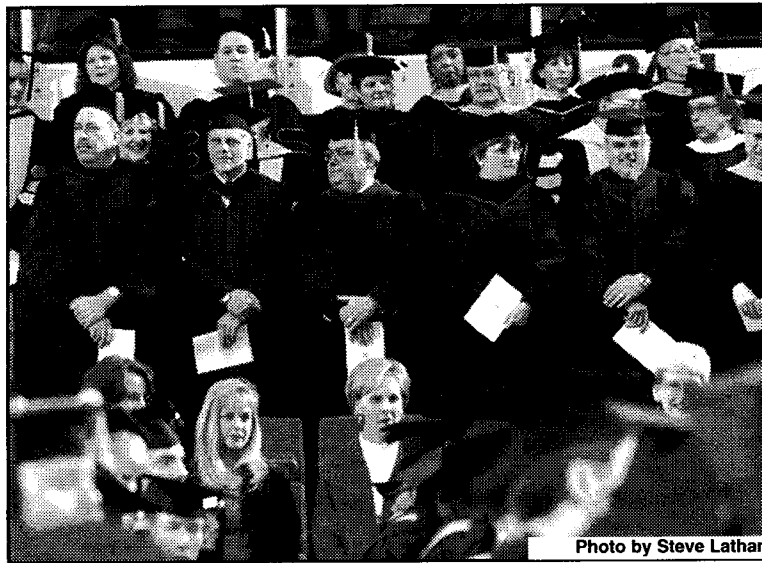
of "the other Gamecocks." Crews has been teaching for 12 years and was hired as department head this past August. Before that, he worked in Law Enforcement Corrections and is "just excited about getting up here with a bigger program."

Crews was "born and raised police." His parents and grandparents were law enforcement. As a result, Crews "just developed an early love of criminal justice." He graduated college and went straight into law enforcement but later became interested in training.

"I went back to graduate school and did a little bit of training with the South Carolina Police Academy while I was working on my masters and really just, I guess, kind of fell in love with school. Believe it or not, it happens to a few people."

Crews likes the friendliness of JSU. "It's been amazing how much help and support I've gotten in taking over the department."

The only thing Crews does not like about JSU is the location. "I guess I'm just not used to having to drive far for a mall, or that far for an air-



JSU professors dressed in their caps and gowns during December's graduation
Photo by Steve Latham

port, or that far for the coast, those kinds of things, but that's really about it. I mean, we're dealing with it."

To succeed in Crews' class, and be a student whom he holds in high regard, one must have motivation. "Well, somebody could say, 'you

want the smartest and the brightest.' I know from my own experience though, if you've got the motivation, you can pull the rest of it together, especially in our field."

When asked about the stupidest

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Local movie theaters lower prices drastically to keep up with competition

The marquee in front of the Plaza Cinemas advertising the \$1 movies
Photo by Callie Williams

By Danni Lusk
Staff Writer

Going to the movies can be an expensive event, but not since Carmike and Plaza Cinemas have dropped their admission prices.

College students of any financial caliber can enjoy some of the latest movies now.

Price of admission to Carmike in Lenlock has dropped from \$6.50 to \$5, matinee tickets to \$4. Plaza Cinemas of Anniston reduced its

price to \$1. for all seats. The two local theaters hope the reductions in admission lure business from the new Amstar Theatre in the Quintard Mall. The first night Plaza sold tickets for \$1, about 600 moviegoers went to Plaza Cinemas instead of the Oxford "megaplex."

Although the admission prices have dropped, concession stand prices have remained the same. With the profit from concessions, Carmike plans to improve the quality of its facilities.

"We're actually putting money into the theater to get it working up right," said Carrie Anders, manager of the Carmike Cinema. Improvements in seating and the movie projectors are being made to accommodate the increase in business the theater hopes for.

Carmike will continue to show the newly released movies, while films

like "Charlie's Angels" and "Meet the Parents" are being featured at the Plaza Cinemas. Even if you don't make it to the new movies for \$5, you will still have a chance to see them a few weeks later for \$1.

The \$1 theatre seems to be the popular choice for some JSU students.

"I'll probably go to the \$1 theatre," said senior Stacy Uptom, "to see the ones I hadn't seen when they had came out."

Movie show times at the Plaza and Carmike Cinemas typically run between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. on weekdays and weekends.

Anders is hopeful of the business that the reduction in prices will bring. "We're hoping to get a lot more of the public in here. We were getting ready to contact JSU. We wanted to get the new students aware of us."

Local Scene

1/27/01 Patrick Smith Band--Brothers

Birmingham

1/26/01 Will Hoge & Monte

Montgomery--Zydeco

1/27/01 Cool for August and King

Konga--Zydeco

1/27/01 Angie Aparo--Five Points

Music Hall

1/31/00 Kevn Kinney--Zydeco

2/3/01 Dirty Dozen Brass Band--

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Atlanta

1/26/01 Meat Puppets--Cotton Club

1/26/01 Marvelous 3--Tabernacle

1/27/01 Krystal, Destiny's Child &

The Backstreet Boys--Georgia Dome

1/27/01 Jill Scott--Tabernacle

1/30/01 Marz, Insolence & Insane

Clown Posse--The Masquerade

2/2/01 The Kentucky Headhunters &

Hank Williams, Jr.--Fox Theatre

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Jerry Garcia Band-Don't Let Go

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Let's get wit' it

A weekly BEEF
By Gracie Catchings

Whatever happened to college being a place where you come to receive that Renaissance education and become an enlightened individual? It seems that a lot of people are here just because it was expected of them to attend college or it was close to home or whatever. Or they're here and it's their first time away from home and they want to PARTY! Well, there's nothing wrong with either of these, but I think it's time SOME people got serious about their education. Who's with me here? Maybe you began college for some or all of the aforementioned reasons, but now you want to learn what's out there and become an intellectual.

A good way to learn more is to participate in class, people. Now I am a very shy person in class, but if I can overcome, so can you. I hate it when people don't respond to questions teachers ask in class. For some reason, after a few minutes of that

long awkward **silence** that accompanies Joe **Professor's** question, some unseen force penetrates my very being, and I must rescue this poor soul who is screaming in agony from the bottom of this great chasm to these deaf and dumb individuals. Suddenly my hand flies into the air, and sometimes an intelligent response issues forth from my mouth, and Joe Professor gives me that look that says, "Yes, you've answered the \$64,000 dollar question. Tell her what she's won Bob."

This is college, people. You're supposed to study and learn and answer questions in class. This isn't like high school (I hope) where the jock in the back corner is going to beat you up and stuff you in a locker for sounding smart or the geek in the front row is going to criticize you in some foreign tech-speak and **fling a crusty hanger-on** at you because he thinks you're an idiot. If you've got a question or one individual thought in your head, say it! Don't be afraid to be wrong either. At least you spoke up and said

something, now didn't you? How can you really learn if you don't participate? Doesn't anyone else ever feel bad when a teacher is left hanging?

And then there are those young collegians who fail to realize they are no longer first graders and insist on talking in class while the teacher is talking-the Peanut Gallery I believe is the correct nomenclature. We all know them. When these bright individuals do decide to grace the rest of the class with their distinctive patterns of speech, they end up spewing forth something just incredibly vomitous like the comparison of a poem by Whitman to their latest comic book.

Maybe JSU is not the BEST place to become a Renaissance man or woman, but hey, you can give it the ole college school try. Your education is what you make of it. Grab hold of every advantage, every opportunity. Get involved in something you care about-something related to the field you wish to pursue. It makes all the difference in the world and enriches your college experience. Not to mention, it makes a good resume look even better.

Before I started working for The Chanticleer, it was work, school, work, school, work, school, all the time. I was mired down in my own

little universe and knew hardly anything about this campus and wasn't big on the "social scene." It took getting out of my comfort zone for just a little while to walk into this office in 108 Self Hall and introduce myself.

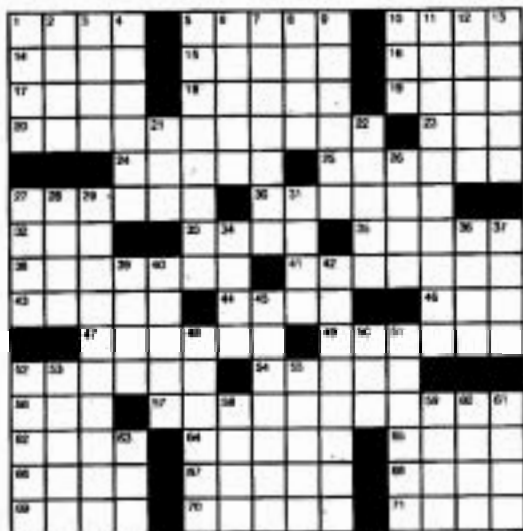
The people I've met, conversations I've had and interviews I've done have taught me more about this college and the world in general than I can ever sputter into words. These experiences have made me realize what I want out of life and what I am capable of. Practical experience adds to and enriches any classroom experience.

I wonder what people are afraid of. Why aren't more people involved? Why do people seem afraid to branch out and better themselves? I suppose part of it may be because JSU has a large commuter population (myself included) and a large number of "non traditional" students. Even though I am from the South, I think Southerners are stuck in this traditional mentality and breaking the mold frightens them.

So I beg you to think about why you're here at good ole JSU and what you want out of life. Do you want to better yourself? Do you know where you're going in life? Are you doing all you can to become a Renaissance man (or woman)?

Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Jolly old salts
 - 5 Heroic tales
 - 10 Part of a process
 - 14 Oversupply
 - 15 Great lake
 - 16 First victim
 - 17 Conception
 - 18 Former name of Guam's capital
 - 19 Skin opening
 - 20 Gold rushers?
 - 23 Ms. Peeples
 - 24 Incited
 - 25 Acted as
 - 27 Interlock anew
 - 30 Downy ducks
 - 32 Writer Levin
 - 33 Prayer ending
 - 35 Fired
 - 38 Memory loss
 - 41 Soybean kernel
 - 43 Premiering film
 - 44 Mark ___ Baker
 - 46 Santa ___ CA
 - 47 Critic Leonard
 - 49 Ankara's land
 - 52 German emperor
 - 54 Shorthand, for short
 - 56 Well-thoned skill
 - 57 60s hit by Ernie K-Doe
 - 62 Pocket bread
 - 64 Master
 - 65 Opera set in Egypt
 - 66 Manipulates
 - 67 Beckalido
 - 68 Welsh symbol
 - 69 Turner and Knight
 - 70 Ice tail
 - 71 Sand rise



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Solutions

1 JOLLY OLD SALTS	23 MRS. PEEPLES	45 FILL
2 ERNIE K-DOE	24 INCITED	46 SANTA CLAUDE
3 ONE WITH REGRETS	25 ACTED AS	47 CRITIC LEONARD
4 DAVID OR THE THINKER	26 ARING STREET	48 FAIRY-TALE BEASTS
5 CHINA'S LARGEST CITY	27 INTERLOCK ANEW	49 ANKARA'S LAND
6 BELOW'S MARCH	28 MS. BOMBACE	50 CYCLE OR SEX
7 PORTUGUESE NOBLEMAN	29 FREED FROM SLAVERY	51 REAGAN OR MACDONALD
8 FIRST-RATE	30 DOWNY DUCKS	52 INSUPERATIVE
9 ENTRAPPED	31 PARTY TO	53 ORIGINAL
10 BLACKJACK	32 WRITER LEVIN	54 SHORTHAND, FOR SHORT
11 RED MEAT CHOICE	33 PRAYER ENDING	55 SHORT AND TO THE POINT
12 UNEARHTLY	34 LANDLOCKED	56 BLUSH GREEN
13 ARGUE A CASE	35 FIRED	57 60S HIT BY ERNIE K-DOE
14 OVERSUPPLY	36 CHROMOSOME UNIT	58 BLUSH GREEN
15 GREAT LAKE	37 SINGER ANITA	59 IN ___ OF
16 FIRST VICTIM	38 MEMORY LOSS	60 AZIBIAN GULL
17 CONCEPTION	39 PERIODS	61 FINNEGAN'S ___
18 FORMER NAME OF GUAM'S CAPITAL	40 OREGON CAPITAL	62 POCKET BREAD
19 SKIN OPENING	41 SOYBEAN KERNEL	63 NINCOMPOOP
20 GOLD RUSHERS?	42 SURFING SITE?	
21 MOS. AND MOS.	43 PREMIERING FILM	
22 GIVE OFF AN ODOR	44 MARK ___ BAKER	



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Thank You, The Editorial Staff



decisions and deal with the consequences. How can American society ever evolve if the issues are pushed further away, and the eventual, inevitable dealings postponed?

If conservatives want a return to morals, we have to find a new morality: A morality that speaks to new people of a new world, with new problems. There's no going back, only going forward. We have to find reasons for morality. We are no longer the type of people that will do it just because it said so. But reasons abound.

I woke up crying at 2:43 a.m. I'm not ashamed; it wasn't my fault.

I was dreaming--thinking in my sleep--about President Bush, about craniums being cracked at an inauguration, about John Ashcroft, about direction, about censorship, about the paradox of American culture, about Nice.

I spent three days in Nice over the summer. Besides being overruled with hash, Nice is topless. After walking the beach one day and seeing innumerable breasts, I gave it a rest. I went to the motel and spent the majority of the remaining days reading "The End of the Affair" on a balcony overlooking the Mediterranean.

But during that one day I did walk the beach I stared, and I got caught staring. When I got caught, the women would either: A) do nothing, B) shake their head in disapproval and lie back down, or, C) give a look as if to say, "What's the matter with you? Haven't you ever seen a naked woman before?"

Yes...Yes! I have seen a naked woman before! I've seen naked women before!

I love my country, but things have to change. We only drool like savages because the things we all desire are kept out of our reach, kept in glass cases that are wiped clean and pushed in front of our faces every day. It's time to be who we really are. It's time to let things out of the glass cases and learn how to deal with them.

What's wrong with the naked human body? Does it invoke feelings in you that you can't handle? Feelings you don't want to deal with? What's wrong with the naked human body? Everybody's got one, and everybody wants to see somebody else's.

This is America--"Land of the Free. Home of the Brave." We are Americans--"Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness." I want you conservatives to look up the definition of liberty. I have my life, but not my liberty, and I'm definitely not free to pursue happiness--a happiness that will not affect your life one bit. With Bush, Ashcroft, and the Republicans, things are bound to grow worse because the American people won't have the freedom--the liberty--to make potentially bad

ple that will do it just because it said so. But reasons abound.

If you believe in God, just let these people who have abortions or smoke hash pay the consequences you believe they'll have to pay when the stand on trial in front of the only true judge. What do you think you are? Do ye of so little faith have to punish the "sinners" here on Earth? Can't take that chance, huh? There might not be a God. Throw the switch, hypocrites.

Yes, I am a bleeding heart liberal. I would rather have my freedom of speech, and my freedom of religion, than my right to bear arms. I would rather be called a communist than a fascist. I believe in social programs, drug clinics and soup kitchens. I believe in welfare and feeding the poor. I believe that not everyone was given the chances and opportunities that I have had.

I grew up in the 34th poorest county in the nation--Lee County, Ky. I've seen your trickle down economics. I rode the bus with children who couldn't afford shoes, whose houses had dirt floors. I've seen people who couldn't get a job. I've seen people who weren't smart enough to hold down a job. I've seen places where there are no jobs within an hour's drive in any direction. I will not stand aside and let these people die because I have learned something from every single one of them.

And I've seen Mr. Peabody's coal trucks. And I've seen Mr. Bush's oil wells. I've played in creeks full of brine water. I've smelled pollution as the sun rose over the mountain in my backyard.

And I'm a First Amendment martyr, lost in this maze of what is funny on television, yet can't be repeated in real life. A maze of what can't be said on television but is said by the majority of people watching. A maze of what we all do, all desire, all contemplate and utilize secretly, yet can't be discussed. I am awake--crying--and alive enough to see the paradox.

We are in the midst of a cultural revolution, between yesterday and tomorrow, between the blinded and the insightful, between ignorance and intelligence, between lies and truth.

F o r u m

Dear Editor,

I may be one of the few people who pondered the Chanticleer's policy for letters to the editor before writing. They include: The Chanticleer will not print letters which are defamatory; The Chanticleer reserves the right to edit letters for . . . grammar as well as style; The Chanticleer reserves the right to refuse publication of any submission; and finally, "please think before you write." Oddly enough, these criteria appeared directly adjacent to Christopher Lauer's column in the January 18th edition. Lauer's article, depicting God as a sadistic, profane "Man in the Big Boat" of life who chops up drowning victims on a whim was poorly written and very disappointing. Is it possible that the standards for submission of letters from outsiders do not apply to the Chanticleer staff? As mentioned in previous letters to the editor. . . is all the profanity in the Chanticleer necessary? Does it portray a group of individuals who have the intellect to choose words that are appropriate and well thought out? Quite frankly, profanity may be the least of the issues that arise from Lauer's article. My hope is that in the criteria listed for letters to the editor would also apply to articles submitted by the paper's staff members. I hope that the Chanticleer writers will focus on achieving a high standard of journalism, and not resort to "Shock-Jock" mentality. When inferior writing, such as Lauer's article, appears before the editor, I hope the editor will have the courage to reject the submission and maintain the integrity of not only The Chanticleer, but also Jacksonville State University.

Julia Stevens Hill

Dear editor,

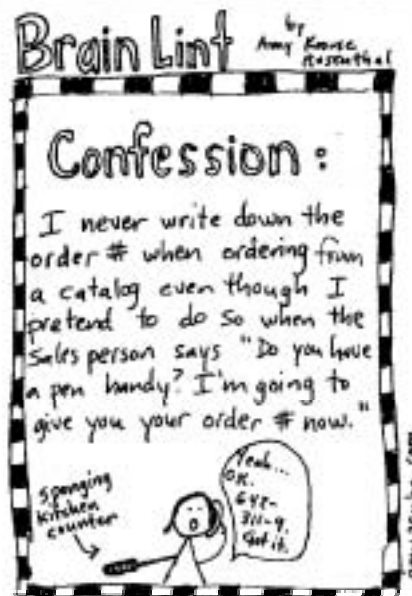
Kudos to Gracie Catchings! Thank God we finally have an editor with the courage to speak the truth and give the people the majority opinion. Contrary to what Mr. Smith might think, the conservative viewpoint is the mainstream. People in this country tire of hearing people like Smith who engage in vicious, mean spirited name calling against any who disagree with their noisy leftist/communist viewpoint. To me, it is very hypocritical to state your policy of not printing letters which are libelous and/or defamatory and then engage in the same practice that you outlaw for everyone else.

Marcus J. Bartlette

Dear Mr. Editor,

I know I am probably going to be condemned for this but I would like to congratulate you, Mr. Smith, Mr. Lauer and the rest of the newspaper staff for a job well done. I say condemned because I fell a great many of your readers believe all you do is sit around and complain about our school. What I think they don't realize is that the complaining is to expose what is wrong with our school and to get people to act upon those revelations. That's is a journalist's job. Always has, always will. I feel that the people who merely complain about your complaining are missing the point entirely. I commend these people for their responses but I feel they should also seriously look at the things you are talking about and maybe see you are right. I look forward to another semester of your complaining. I hope someone else will hear your cry of a better JSU.

David McCarley



"What's the craziest face you can make, and what do you call it?"



Joshua Eason
Freshman

"Errr....."



Clay Smith
Senior

"huhh?"



Jayme Thomas
Senior

"bblllddd..."



Katie Pergen
Sophomore

"koo-koo-ka joob."



Mr. Carter Osterbind
Art Professor

"Innng..."



Prodigy of Mobb Deep

H.N.I.C.



"It's about to get real, very real," announces Mobb Deep's Prodigy at the start of his solo debut, "H.N.I.C." In the rugged Mobb Deep tradition, he's not kidding, either. What ensues is an ambiguous ride through the soul of the 26-year-old survivor of the Queensbridge projects in New York's Long Island City section of Queens. And what we find is a complex riddle of a personality.

Prodigy is the H.N.I.C., "head n#\$\$@ in charge," the ruthless guy who needs "more guns like I need more funds," who pops "n#\$\$@s like a fish fry." He's also the "young black entrepreneur," the hip-hop businessman who offers

this advice on "Genesis": "We need to pay more attention to our surroundings/ Busy wildin' for the wrong cause/ Put that same strength into something that'll pay off." His trick here is to blur the lines, to keep his listeners guessing. Is Prodigy a guy from the "QB" (Queensbridge projects) that still runs the street? Or is he this entertainer rising above the dirt to blast other rappers for not being more positive in their raps?

Songs such as "Can't Complain" make you wonder. Not until the end of the album are we sure of Prodigy's detachment from the life, or at least his intentions to distance himself from it (he was in fact recently robbed at gunpoint outside

of his own hood). Mobb Deep understudies, Bars & Hooks drool over album sales, not guns, on "Diamond," which is the hottest song on the CD. Prodigy, who suffers from sickle-cell anemia, shows what real agony is on "You Can Never Feel My Pain": "You're crying 'cause you broke from the projects/ That's not pain, that's emotions/ I'm talking about permanent, physical suffering/ You know nothing about that." I begin to realize the pain that my boy "D" goes through physically when I play this in my ride.

The album ends with the clever use of a dialogue excerpt from the 1989 film "Lean on Me." "I'm the head n#\$\$@ in charge!" A second later: "C'mon, let's get a bite to eat." Those are the words of the superintendent character played by Robert Guillaume (Benson), as he separates work from play. It is the tension that helps make "H.N.I.C." one of the year's most chilling hip-hop records, and gives Prodigy a credible voice of his own.

By Anthony Hill

McDonald's to rotate in up to 40 new menu items

By Jim Kirk
Chicago Tribune

Looking to substantially beef up its offerings in an era of growing alternatives, the Oak Brook, Ill.-based fast-food giant is embarking on perhaps its most ambitious menu expansion ever.

On Sunday, Jan. 21, McDonald's debuted a permanent "New Tastes Menu" in all its U.S. restaurants, offering up to 40 new food items including new sandwiches, drinks and breakfast items that will rotate four at a time for several weeks in different parts of the country.

The idea behind the new strategy, backed by estimated \$30 million to \$40 million national advertising campaign from DDB Chicago over the next few months, is to try to win back customers who opt for competitors offering everything from tacos to chicken sandwiches in a brutally competitive fast-food arena.

"New Tastes" is the result of an ambitious plan ordered up by McDonald's Chief Executive Jack Greenberg to dramatically improve the menu. For years, McDonald's has been criticized for both the quality of its food and the size of its menu limited mainly by the company's long reliance on a system to remake sandwiches. That changed last year, when the company equipped all its nearly 13,000 U.S.

restaurants with the expensive "Made For You" kitchen systems that allow customers to customize sandwiches more conveniently.

Other fast-food chains, notably No. 2 Burger King and No. 3 Wendy's, have made inroads by offering customers choices of condiments on their burgers or by introducing new sandwich products for weeks at a time.

While McDonald's has for years rotated new sandwiches in and out locally, it never had a permanent spot on the menu to offer several choices at a time.

But pressure is mounting in Oak Brook for a home run to re-energize U.S. sales, meaning executives are placing great emphasis on the success of the "Tastes" menu.

For the past two years, the chain, under Tom Ryan, senior vice president of McDonald's U.S. menu management, has been aggressively working on new product development.

McDonald's track record over the last several years in launching new products has been mixed, at best. Although breakfast and Happy Meals, introduced several years ago, have been major successes, more recent offerings, including the Arch Deluxe and Big Xtra, have flopped.

Company executives believe that adding a wide variety of items from Mighty Wings to Arctic Orange

milkshakes periodically on a permanent menu board will keep a lock on customers who may be tempted to go elsewhere.

Menu items will be selected by groups of local franchisees around the country, depending on local tastes and ethnic makeup of a given region. Individual outlets, however, will not be able to select their own offerings.

The new plan is expected to receive a healthy dose of national advertising support over the next several weeks. The campaign will continue to feature the "We love to see you smile" tagline introduced by DDB last summer. It is believed that McDonald's has bought time either right before or right after the Super Bowl on Jan. 28 to help promote the new menu.

Although McDonald's shares were little changed on the news climbing 56 cents, to \$34.69 the ripple effect was felt at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, where pork belly futures soared on belief that the new pork products on the menu would boost demand for nonbeef products.

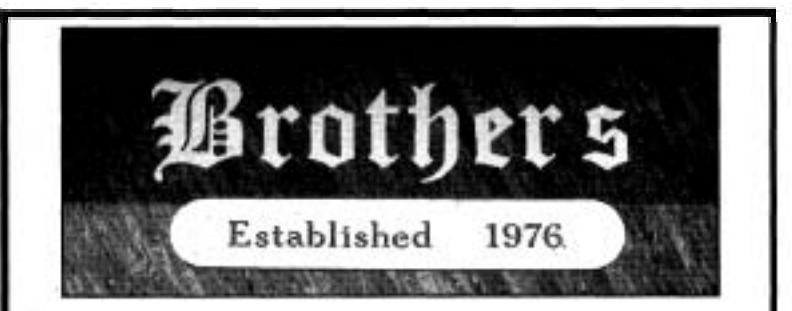
"What they've done is taken the limited-time offers and made it permanent," said Dennis Lombardi, an executive with restaurant consultant Technomic Inc. "That creates interest and increases traffic."

What's your sign?

By Linda C. Black
Tribune Media Services

Today's Birthday (Jan. 25). You're facing a few tough puzzles, but don't worry. If you didn't have a challenge or two, you'd get bored! 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 7 - Give your teammates your full attention. They're going through all sorts of strange traumas. The overall outcome is good, so don't worry. People will learn to express themselves and to listen. Play the role well, whichever one you get.
- Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 6 - Don't be fooled by apparent confusion at the top. The rules seem to be issued by a committee. They're even contradictory! If you want to make any changes to the way things are going, speak up soon.
- Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 7 - To advance in your career, move quickly. The opportunities are mixed in with difficult moments. If you can get the information across, or provide what's needed, you could make yourself indispensable. It's worth the effort.
- Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 6 - This is a day of great fluctuations, true. But, unless you're an expert, it's silly to worry about them. Everything will even out by tomorrow. Don't get stirred up by this temporary turbulence. You can ride out this storm easily.
- Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 5 - Your partner's fancy footwork is absolutely awesome. Provide plenty of applause. Your partner may be out a little further than intended. Your encouragement is appreciated. Save your constructive criticism for another time.
- Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 4 - If there were 25 of you, you'd still have trouble keeping up with the work. Use your imagination and experience to keep things under control. By tomorrow evening, you can be in a quiet place with somebody you love.
- Libra (Sept. 23-Oct 22) - Today is a 9 - You and your sweetheart have big plans, but you're not getting much encouragement from anybody but each other. The key to your success is to keep going. Ignore the people who say you can't do it.
- Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 7 - If you'd just put a down payment on a house, today you'd be finding all kinds of messes on the walk-through. All of your worst fears would be coming true, but don't give up. Besides, the seller would be promising to fix everything. If anything like that happens, get it in writing.
- Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 6 - You may feel like you've just opened a can of worms. You have some great ideas and some that won't work. Unfortunately, you can't tell which is which. Give what you've recently learned time to sink in. Don't believe everything you hear, either.
- Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 5 - If somebody else wants a lot of your money, think it over carefully. Don't just blindly bet the ranch, even on something that looks like a good cause. Use your brains to work out the best strategy. Don't be ruled by your emotions.
- Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 7 - If you can stay organized, this day will go a lot better. Some of your plans will go like clockwork. Others will fall flat. Use your wit, as well as your wisdom, and you'll gain status, as well as approval.
- Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 5 - Peace of mind is available, although it may take a while to get there. You keep second-guessing yourself. If you're not careful, you'll spend the whole day talking yourself around in circles. Plan a quiet evening. You'll need the rest by then.



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thing a student has ever done, Crews responded, "I really haven't had anything here this fall, but for me, one place I taught at a couple years ago, we had a couple students that really got into it. They wanted to be law enforcement, and they were hot and ready to go. They went to a couple police auctions, got 'em an old troopers car, got 'em an old blue light, got 'em an old ticket book, and started pulling people over, writing them tickets.

"And what was funny is it went on for at least an entire semester because the people were paying the tickets. You know, one lady finally complained on one of the tickets and then they figured out, this is a fake ticket."

Crews said most people would just pay their tickets and go about their business. The students were not doing it for personal money. The money was going right into the city. "They went to jail," Crews said. "I mean, 'cause that's serious, impersonating a police officer. If you get good at it, then who knows what you might, you know, getting access to people in that regard, who knows what else they might have ended up getting in to."

Dr. Felgar is from Los Angeles but has been living here in Jacksonville for 30 years. He went to Occidental College for his undergraduate work and Duke University for graduate. He is teaching because he is "absolutely fascinated by literature."

At JSU, Felgar likes "the sensitiv-

ity the people have for each other's feelings. I like, in my case, the opportunity to teach a wide range of courses. I taught most every course that we offer. That wouldn't be the case elsewhere. And I like the fact that I can walk over here in 12 minutes, which I couldn't do in Los Angeles."

What Dr. Felgar does not like about JSU is ... well, as he said, "I could use a little less bureaucracy."

Felgar's ideal student is "animated, curious, asking questions, skeptical about what I say, challenging."

Felgar said that the stupidest thing a student had ever done was that, "once, a student, about two weeks into English 201 asked when the speeches would start."

Felgar added, "I would just like to say that I'm very proud of the English department and the people in it are extremely capable and all very good teachers. It's an honor to be a part of it."

Dean Lavender is from Gadsden, graduated valedictorian of Hokes Bluff High School and obtained an Associate degree in nursing from Gadsden State. Lavender then worked at Baptist Hospital, now Gadsden Regional Medical Center, while finishing out her baccalaureate degree here at JSU. Her clinical speciality is pediatric nursing and neonatal nursing. She came to work at JSU in 1982 with a state-funded perinatal outreach grant. With that grant, she "thoroughly enjoyed" traveling to 11 counties in north east Alabama and offering continuing education programs for nurses taking care of women and newborns.

She came to the faculty in 1984, became acting dean in 1996 and was named dean the following year.

Lavender started teaching because when she was in a management role in clinical nursing, she was required to rotate shifts, "and that made life a little bit difficult." In looking for a job that offered one shift, she found teaching. "But what I found out was that teaching students was just as rewarding if not more rewarding than taking care of patients. Because in fact, I realized that I wasn't impacting just one person's life, but every student that I taught went out and touched hundreds of lives."

To Lavender, JSU is "a place that's warm and friendly, offers the needed service in education...If anybody asked me what I thought of JSU, I have sent two children here. I had the opportunity to send them anywhere I wanted to, and they're here because I think it's a quality program."

The only problem that Dean Lavender has with JSU is how regional universities are funded. "But that's not a JSU problem, that's an Alabama and Montgomery problem," Lavender laughed and continued, "I'm a very optimistic person, if I ever have any problem, I usually confront it right there and it either gets fixed or I drop it."

Dean Lavender's ideal student, "because they make decisions that impact life and death," must be "one that's intellectually inquisitive and one that's also very caring of what they do... That's one of the things I have always required. If that

patient's laying there, I want you to treat them the same way you would want your mom or dad treated."

One of the stupidest things that a student did in Dean Lavender's experience happened while she was teaching about polio. "I was talking about that the normal course of polio is typically resolved in 18 months and most people fully recover. I had a student raise their hand and say, 'Well I've never seen anyone that recovered from polio,' and the whole class broke off into laughter. And I said, 'Well, people that have had Polio don't wear a sign that

they've had polio.'"

Dean Lavender said, "In terms of the impact and what I like about it, one day it will be me looking up from the gurney, and I hope to see a JSU graduate standing before me. And then I'll be able to relax and rest, healed."

In knowing more about these three professors, perhaps the next time a student listens to the narrative sililoquies of them in class, the student can think, "you know what, they're people too. And they surely have other stories that I might never hear."


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marriage of only five months. He met her through a lonely hearts agency. Testifying in court, the man admitted that it was his fault that their union had broken down: He was making constant demands for sex. He is 94 years old.

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• **BOB? HEY, BOB!? ARE YOU OK!? BOB?** Bob Talley turned 100

years old, and, as with all good Englishmen who reach that milestone, he received a congratulatory telegram from the queen. After reading her majesty's message, he **dropped dead.**

• **A FAILURE OF OUR EDUCATION SYSTEM:** Two Las Vegas teens went to Pittsburgh to execute a scam, buying a whole lot of expensive goods with 37 counterfeit credit cards, police said. A clerk became suspicious of Jennifer Jordan and Melissa Neal when one of them misspelled Los Angeles, where they claimed to be from, as "Los Angles." They were arrested.

• **DETROIT** — Nearly 100 warning labels competed for the top prize in the Michigan Lawsuit Abuse Watch's Wacky Warning Labels contest on Wednesday. The winner: "Shin pads cannot protect any part of the body they do not cover."

• **MACON, Georgia** — After joining a performer on stage at a comedy club, a 43-year-old man confessed to three local bank robberies. "After he got onstage, he said, 'I have something on my mind that I want to share with you. ... I'm the one who has been robbing all the banks in middle Georgia,'" club owner Mike Smith said.

• **KEYES, Oklahoma** — Here's a story: Inmate escapes, steals van,

gets lost, and dials 911 to take him back to the prison. The 38-year-old inmate escaped from a work crew last Tuesday and drove a stolen van 150 miles before placing the call.

• **ZURICH, Switzerland** — A mouse that appeared during an incoming flight from the Dominican Republic delayed a Swiss jet until it was found. The plane was grounded for a day as workers searched for the rodent. The poisoned mouse was found dead Monday morning in the

cockpit.

• **MIAMI, Florida (CNN)** — As Miami police hunt for Alexander Pena, a man they say is a con artist and career criminal, the suspect may have provided the best clue yet for cracking the case — his face. Pena, accused of stealing more than \$200,000 since 1998, sent detectives a videotape of himself, taunting them with a challenge: "Good luck trying to catch me."

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Tales from the front:
True stories of
stupid people
doing stupid things
and relationship advice

By Cheryl Lavin
Tribune Media Services

How often have you read a tale in "Tales From the Front" and wondered, Why did she do that? What was she thinking? This is one of those tales ...

Georgia says when you hear her story, you will think that she is "the most naive person, or the most forgiving person, or the just plain stupidest person" you ever heard of.

While she and her husband were married, she helped him pay off \$17,000 to the Internal Revenue Service, money he owed because he hadn't filed a tax return for six years before he met her. During their divorce, he forged her name on four credit cards and charged nearly \$17,000. When she told him he was ruining her credit, he said, "You ruined my life when you divorced me."

Since she divorced him, 11 years ago, he has refused to pay child support. He never repaid the \$2,000 Georgia loaned him in 1991 because he was being evicted from his apartment and his car was being repossessed. After his car was repossessed,

he only paid her \$400 of the \$1,600 he owed her for the car she then sold him. He harassed her and her boyfriend with hundreds of phone calls and anonymous letters. He slashed nine of their tires and sent a voodoo doll, stuck with 100 pins, to her boyfriend's children.

Five years ago, she gave him a car, old but in running order so that he would have wheels. Three years ago, she put him to work at a company she founded. Although he had no accounting background, she made him office manager. The office was in her home. He would come to her house and get their son, for whom he paid no support, ready for school. She liked that he was spending time with their boy.

Last year, business was slow and she had to fire four people, including him. She wound up giving him more vacation time than he was entitled to because as office manager, he was in charge of keeping track of everyone's time off and he hadn't.

After letting him go, she discovered \$1,600 in personal charges on his corporate American Express account. He admits to only \$1,000 of it. He is now receiving unemployment benefits, but he refuses to look for a new job. He has hired an attorney to look at his severance agreement because he feels it is unfair.

"He disrespected me, my home office and the job I gave him. He alienated everyone who worked for me."

So, why did she put up with it?

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7. What New York filmmaker believes hats make him 50 percent less recognizable?
8. Who stayed awake crossing the Atlantic by repeating the line: "There's no alternative but death and failure"?

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6. Timothy Leary
7. Woody Allen
8. Charles Lindbergh

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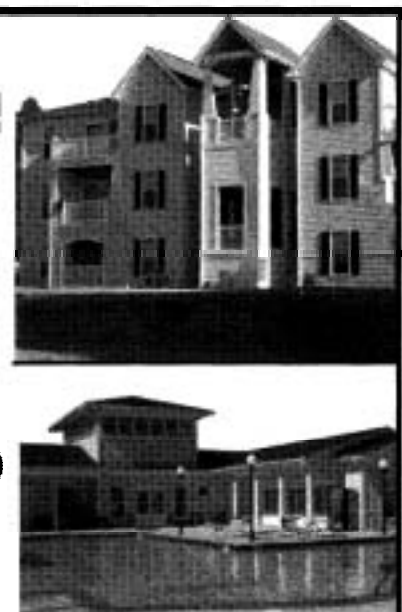
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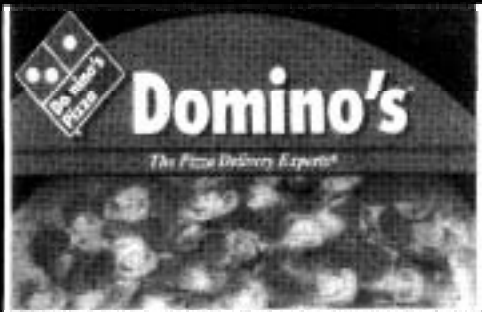


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THE WEEK IN SPORTS



JSU tennis player Vanessa Gomez creates a racket with her backhand in this week's "One on One"

Samford takes down the Gamecocks

By Anthony Hill
Sports Editor

The Gamecocks have already faced some of the best teams that they will play this season. The only problem is that the competition doesn't get any easier, just a shorter distance to travel to play the teams for the remainder of the schedule.

Last Saturday the Gamecocks traveled to Birmingham to face our arch-rivals, the Samford Bulldogs. The Gamecocks have not won a game at Seibert Hall since joining the Trans America Athletic Conference.

Derrick Jones scored 17 and Samford (9-8, 6-2 TAAC) shot 87.5 percent from the field in the second half as the Bulldogs defeated the Gamecocks (6-11, 3-5 TAAC) 68-61 in Trans America Athletic play last Saturday.

"You've got to give credit to Samford," said JSU head coach Mike LaPlante. "They shot the ball extremely well in the second half. They missed just two shots, that's just an incredible shooting performance."

Samford indeed looked to be playing at their best of the season. Offensively, they shot 14-of-16 in the second half, while limiting the Gamecocks to 36 percent from the floor.

The Gamecocks jumped to an early 4-0 lead and led by a score of 11-3 at the 14:50 mark of the opening period. But Samford went on a 21-8 run over the next eight min-

utes, taking a 24-19 lead with five minutes remaining until halftime.

"We felt like if they were going to guard the arc, we could make some positive things happen another way," said Samford head coach Jimmy Tillet.

JSU battled back to take a 30-29 lead with 37 seconds left, but two Cornell Felton free throws gave the Bulldogs a 31-30 halftime lead. A lay-up by Mike McDaniel gave JSU the lead at the 15-minute mark. A three-pointer by Johny Kilpatrick gave the Gamecocks their final lead of the contest with 13:32 remaining in the game.

Samford was ahead by the score of 61-57 with 2:10 left in the game when a technical foul was handed to McDaniel. Samford's Chris Weaver hit one of the foul shots. After the free throws, Bulldog forward Corey Green made a lay-up to put Samford up by seven. The Gamecocks never got as close as five points for the rest of the game.

"It's the official's judgment on what's respectful or disrespectful and his opinion is the only one that counts," said LaPlante. "You can't put yourself in that situation. I don't think that Mike was trying to draw a technical foul. I think that it was the heat of the game."

The Gamecocks were led by McDaniel, who finished with a game-high 24 points. Kilpatrick and Brant Harriman each tossed in 11 points on the night.

The Gamecocks host the REMATCH of the two teams on



JSU forward Mike McDaniel goes up to the rim for two points during an early January game.

Saturday at Pete Mathews Coliseum. Tip-off is set for 1 p.m. The game will also be televised on Fox Sports.

The student-athletes-of-the-year will be honored at halftime of the game.

Lady Gamecocks drop fourth conference game

By Staff Reports

It is always tough to play basketball in Carter gym, but it is very difficult when Wanda Watkin's Campbell Camels are undefeated in Trans America Athletic Conference play.

Also put into consideration that Campbell was looking for its 13th consecutive league win and that it has an overall 235-69 record at home and the chances of a JSU win became slim.

Jacksonville State (5-10, 3-4) dropped its fourth consecutive game to the Camels (10-4, 6-0). 75-48.

"We totally executed our game plan in the first 20 minutes," said head coach Dana Austin. "We played good defense, but the game was totally lost in the first five minutes of the second half."

The score was tied at 23 at the break and until that point the game was played evenly. Jax State kept a slight lead until the 14:17 mark of the first, when the Camels went up by two and then by five, after Campbell stand-out April Cromartie got a technical foul with 4:40 on the clock.

The Camels kept fighting back as well, pulling the game into a tie at the break. Jax State didn't score after the 4:16 mark of the first half.

Campbell went on a mission to keep its league record perfect and its freshmen Crystal Clary was the key. Clary had a modest nine points in the first half to lead Campbell. By the end of the game Clary racked up 22 points and 15 rebounds.

Led by Cromartie and Clay, the Camels came out in the second half with a 9-0 run and that is all the boost it needed. Cromartie finished with 13 points.

"We talked about how important the first five minutes of the second half would," said Austin. "It just fell apart and Crystal and Cromartie just did what they wanted."

JSU was led by junior Amanda Gallagher, who was the lone Gamecock in double figures with 11.

Tennis team collects victory

By Staff Reports

Athletics are on the rise here at Jacksonville State University. The majority of the programs are going through changes and are finalizing any new additions to the staff. Many are looking forward to success in the near future. The tennis team has started the season off with a "smash."

In its opening match of the 2001 season, Jacksonville State's women's team took a Trans America Athletic Conference win from Georgia State, 4-3. Jacksonville State's record improves to 1-0,

while Georgia State falls to 0-1.

Freshman Gabriela Baca, in her first collegiate start, was the hero of the day, stealing the fourth and winning point away from the Panther's Brigitte Blomberg in the number six singles match.

Jax State struck first as the Gamecocks won two of the three doubles matches to claim the first point of the day.

Sally Pearson and Sophie Desmet won 9-7 and Manda Martin and Heather Miller won 8-5.

Pearson won the number one singles match, but three Georgia State wins followed on the second, third

and fourth matches.

After a close win by Baca in the six singles match to tie the match 3-3, Martin gave JSU its first win of the 2001 season. It will also go down as a Trans America Athletic Conference win for the Gamecocks.

"It was a great win for us," said head coach Steve Bailey. "It also shows great potential when a freshman comes away with a key win in the first match of the year."

The Gamecock tennis team will play again on Feb. 7th, as they host Samford in another key conference match-up. The matches will begin at 1 p.m.

February tennis schedule

- 7 Samford @ 1 p.m.
- 9 Alabama State @ Montgomery 2p.m.
- 10 Springhill @ Mobile @ 11a.m.
- 13 UAB @ Birmingham @ 1p.m.
- 17 UT- Chattanooga @ noon
- 21 West Georgia @ 1p.m.
- 23 AU- Montgomery @ 1p.m.
- 25 South Carolina State @ noon
- 27 Mercer @Macon, GA. @ 1p.m.

One on One with "Thrill"



"What you put into life is what you get out of it."

Vanessa Gomez is definitely one of a kind. There aren't too many female athletes who I feel as comfortable talking to as I do most of the male athletes. There aren't too many female athletes that are as knowledgeable about sports, geography, cultures and life than Vanessa. And, there aren't too many ATHLETES who look as radiant as Ms. Gomez. I've known her for about two years now and every time I see her is like meeting her for the first time. She is so refreshing, cool, nice and just plain-ole, down-to-earth. Most of all, she can really play tennis.

Thrill: One on One with Vanessa Gomez. This is pretty exciting for me.

Vanessa: (Laugh.) Thanks.

Thrill: How's everything going?

Vanessa: Good. I am just trying to get comfortable in my classes.

Thrill: What made you decide to come to JSU?

Vanessa: I came here on a visit and I simply loved the scenery. I thought that JSU had a good atmosphere. I also liked the coaching staff. JSU also gave me the opportunity to go to school and play tennis while being on scholarship.

Thrill: How was it for you to go to high school in Texas and then attend college in Alabama?

Vanessa: It was different. I immediately noticed the looks for the way that I may have dressed, the racial issues, differences in peoples behavior and things like that. I am used to a wide variety of people. I'm from Dallas, which is a melting pot for cultures.

Thrill: How long have you been playing tennis?

Vanessa: Well, I started when I was eight. I'm twenty now. Wow, it's been a little over twelve years. It's amazing how long I've been playing. I grew up watching my all-time favorite player, Martina Navratilova. I also liked Jennifer Capriati.

Thrill: Are there any special moves that you specialize in? I heard that you were a pretty good baseliner.

Vanessa: (Both laugh.) Where did you hear that?

Thrill: (Both laugh again.) Someone told me.

Vanessa: Actually, I am pretty good from the baseline. So, I guess that

you could say that I specialize in baseliners.

Thrill: Is there an intimidation factor in tennis? Do players use intimidation as an advantage? Do players use stare downs, hard swings and loud grunts to scare other players?

Vanessa: Yeah, definitely. Some players may hit the ball extremely hard to let the opponent know that they are there to play. I know that Monica Seles used to grunt really hard to intimidate opponents, as well as the Williams sisters.

Thrill: How good will the tennis team be this season?

Vanessa: I think that we will do well this season. The women's team played with so much emotion against Georgia State. I can see good things happening this season.

Thrill: Have you enjoyed your college career thus far?

Vanessa: I have enjoyed it very much. I mean, I don't want to live here forever or anything like that, but I do feel like this is a great place to go to school.

Thrill: What types of things do you do for fun? What do you do when you're not playing tennis?

Vanessa: Can I say...No, I'm just kidding. I just hang out. I like to watch movies, spend time with my friends, and travel. I just like to have fun.

Thrill: What type of relationship does the tennis team have? Do you guys hang out sometimes?

Vanessa: Sure, we go out sometimes. We all get along very well.

Thrill: You won a state championship in doubles play while you were in high school. Does that mean that you would prefer doubles matches over singles?

Vanessa: Actually, I like singles a lot more. I like to play and know that if I lost that it was my fault. (Both laugh) No, seriously, I like them both, but I would have to say that I like to play singles more.

Thrill: Coach Bailey says that you are high spirited and that you fight for the win on the court. What does he mean by that?

Vanessa: High spirited. (Laugh) I play hard. I never give up. I used to say, "I won't give up until death." I feel like Coach Bailey might've meant that by what he said.

Thrill: You also have a twin sister who attends JSU. How's the relationship between the two of you?

Vanessa: Well, it's the same as a lot of sibling relationships. We have been around each other for twenty years now. We shared cars, we lived together, we've done everything together. We get along just fine, but we need our space. We had a chance to go to different schools, but I didn't want to do that, because then we would've been alone.

Thrill: Do you feel like the popularity of tennis has increased, especially women's tennis?

Vanessa: Oh, definitely. The game is becoming more and more popular, especially with players like the Williams sisters, Hingus and Anna Kournikova. I think that players like those are good for the game.

Thrill: What are your plans after college?

Vanessa: I want to get a job in public relations and then eventually get my master's. I wouldn't mind coaching tennis. I think that would be a lot of fun.

Thrill: Is there something about the university that you want to see

changed or improved?

Vanessa: Yeah, parking. No, I'm kidding. Well, being that I'm a communication major, I would love to have more professors. I would also like for the support of the athletics to improve. Not just athletics; I would love to see people support the events that go on around campus and have more events over the weekend. I had never heard the phrase "suitcase college" until I got here.

Thrill: Free Association. San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Vanessa: The place I was born.

Thrill: Steve Bailey. (Tennis coach)

Vanessa: Great coach.

Thrill: Dr. Carmode. (Communication professor)

Vanessa: My favorite professor.

Thrill: Real Italian pizza.

Vanessa: Oh, I love it! (Both laugh.)

Thrill: One more question. Who would you rate as the premier player on the team right now?

Vanessa: The team as a whole is very good. But, I would have to say that Gabriela Baca is coming along quite nicely. It is impressive to see a freshmen play well under the conditions that she played under in the Georgia State victory. I think that she was down 5-3 in the third set. It really didn't look like she would pull it out, but she did and that was impressive.

Thrill: That's it, Vanessa. Thanks for your time and good luck with the rest of the season.

Vanessa: Thank you. Bye, bye.

Lady Gamecocks on losing skid

By Staff Reports

If you could combine the first half of last Thursday night's game with Campbell and the first half of Monday's game against Georgia State, JSU head coach Dana Austin might be pleased.

Despite playing another competitive first half against GSU, Jax State still can't find the juice to put away the tough opponents in the second half of play. The Lady Panthers (10-5, 4-2) won its second conference game in a row, 92-53.

JSU (5-11, 3-5) jumped on top early in the game, 7-3, but GSU came back and held a small lead most of the first 20 minutes. After a 26-19 lead by the Lady Panthers, Jax State came storming back.

JSU's Amanda Tyus and Laura Baswell hit back-to-back three-pointers with 6:20 to go in the half and then the Gamecocks stole the ball and had back-to-back lay-ups to tie the game. Following the last lay-up by junior Laura Baswell, there was a foul on the Lady Panther's Alana Smith and Baswell hit the go ahead free throw, but that was the last point Jax State would score in half.

Georgia State went on an 8-0 run to raise the score to 34-27 at half-

time.

"I really do think Campbell and Georgia State are the best teams in the conference right now," said Austin. "There is a big difference between the top five teams and the bottom five."

Lea Henry's Panthers showed the Lady Gamecocks how and why they are currently second in the TAAC in the second half of last Saturday's game.

GSU went on a 13-2 run to open the second half, that built a 20 point lead for Henry's group. Then one would might say that was "all she wrote." Led by the Lady Panther's stand-out, Leslie McElrath, Georgia State would build its lead to as much as 43 points. McElrath finished the game with 26 points and nine rebounds.

Despite McElrath's big night, GSU had an additional four players in double figures and Marica Maddox had ten assists. Every player on GSU's roster scored.

The Lady Gamecock were led by Tyus, with 15 points and Baswell chipped in 13. Freshmen Kelly Nye had four assists.

The Gamecocks will host Birmingham Southern tonight at Pete Mathews Coliseum. Tip-off is set for 7 p.m.

Student-Athletes to be honored

By Staff Reports

On Saturday during half-time of the Gamecock's game against Samford men's basketball game, 40 deserving student-athletes will be honored for academic excellence during the 1999-2000 school year.

The Scholar-Athlete Hall of Fame began at the end of the 1996-97 academic year and has inducted 65 students during the past four seasons.

This year 40 student-athletes will be recognized, which is the most ever inducted at one time.

The criteria for entry into the Hall of Fame includes: Student-athlete must earn a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.50. The student must also have earned at least 28 hours during the previous school year (1999-2000 fall, spring and summer). The last qualification for the honors is that the student-athlete must have been participating in his or her sport the previous year.

The list of recipients are as followed: Laura Baswell (Basketball), Lisa Baswell (Basketball), Heather Beers (Volleyball), Suzanne Bilbrey (Soccer), Camilla Bourke (Tennis),

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A Sports Editorial
By Anthony Hill

Let's talk Super Bowl

ber it was, but it was the game that they played against the Buffalo Bills.

This may be the first Super Bowl that is not about a single player from either team, except Ray Lewis. Not because of his experience last year around this time, but because he's the Defensive MVP for the NFL.

This game seems to be more about the teams and not specific players. Sure, this game will come down to who has the better defense, especially with both of the teams having an average offense. Some people would like to make this out to be a game in which the Ravens win for their owner, Art Modell. My question is, when did everyone start caring about Art? Everyone hated him and talked about how crazy he was to move the team from Cleveland to Baltimore and now everyone loves him.

I personally feel like the game will initially be about the comparisons between the personnel of the two teams.

Let's take a look at the two coaches. Apparently, the two became pals while working at various Utah academic outpost. Fassel was the guy that told Billick to take the job in Baltimore and now they are playing

each other. Both coaches seem to be about their players, FIRST. And that is a major step toward having a winning program.

Then, I believe that you have to take a look at the quarterbacks and where they have come from to get to where they are. One guy is dismissed as a drunk, racist quitter, and the other is derided for his passing inaccuracy. But, America is the land of opportunity, so Collins and Dilfer found new homes, cultivated new gardens and led their new teammates into the Super Bowl. I honestly believe that Collins is the better of the two, but neither is worth

purchasing their jersey from your local mall.

Let me be honest with myself. This game is all about the defenses and the team that can make one more offensive play than the other. Comparing the two offenses is like comparing a stalled car to a derailed train. The Ravens offense only makes one play a game. Luckily, their defense makes SO many plays, especially Ray Lewis.

The Giants defense is like having 10 well-oiled components, plus Jason Sehorn, working hand in hand, covering sideline to sideline in a complex demonstration of team play.

The funny thing about comparing the two defenses is that the Giants

seem to have a better team defense, yet the Ravens have the number one defense in NFL history. That is funny when you try to think of all the people that are on that defense. Uh, there is Rod Woodson, Ray Lewis and Tony Siragusa and I can't remember anyone else. That's sad when a person can only name three or four players on the NFL's best defense ever.

This will be the first time a team has made it to the Super Bowl that has NEVER been on Monday Night Football? The entire nation will get their first look at the Baltimore Ravens this Sunday and the world will witness what I believe will be the best Super Bowl ever.

Super Bowl XXXV is finally here. Can you believe that the picture the people at Charles Schwab painted nearly two years ago ended up being a preview for the Super Bowl.

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I must admit, at first, I wasn't sure if the NFL champion would be able to beat the XFL champion. I had a talk with Grady from 92-J and we both agreed that this might be a game to remember. Initially, this game appeared to be the Super Bowl no one wanted. Now it may be the most anticipated Super Bowl since the first one that the Cowboys played in. I'm not sure which num-

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