Charges filed after stabbing at Fuller's Pub

By Danni Lusk
Staff Writer

Charges have been filed by the Jacksonville Police Department against a Jacksonville resident in the wake of a Feb. 11 stabbing at Fuller's Pub.

Travis Bundrum was charged with the stabbing of JSU graduate student Joel Harver.

Harver said at approximately 2 a.m., a conflict started between a group of Harver’s friends and another group, one of them Bundrum. According to Harver, Bundrum struck a female companion of one of Harver’s friends.

Harver then said he attempted to get Bundrum out of the building. It was then Harver was stabbed. “I didn’t even feel it,” said Harver, “I just looked down and there was blood all over me.”

Harver was taken to Jacksonville Hospital. After exploratory surgery and a short stay in the hospital, he was sent home.

According to Jacksonville Police Chief Tommy Thompson, first-degree assault charges were filed with the police department that night. Bundrum was taken to the Calhoun County Jail where he was held on $10,000 bond. A preliminary court hearing will be held March 23.

Fuller’s Pub manager Billy Newman said there have been a couple of fights in the pub, but “never anything like this.” Two bouncers are always on duty at Fuller’s. Newman plans to double-up on security when big-name acts play. “We did everything we could do,” Newman said.

The incident won’t keep Harver from going back to Fuller’s. ‘The stabbing was a “freak accident,” according to Harver. “I’ve been here since ‘95 and I’ve never seen anything like this before,” said Harver.

Proration cutbacks find JSUDP in the line of fire

By Gracie Catchines
News Editor

Student safety and campus security are already taking a fall from the proration punch. With no money for training, travel and equipment and maintenance, the Jacksonville State University Police Department may turn to students to collect more money.

“It’s already just getting down to the wire,” said JSUDP Chief Nelson Coleman. “Basically, we have just enough money to buy small office supplies and gasoline for the vehicles. Anything else we need we have to go and kind of beg for.”

JSUDP has no overtime money left for officers who work events such as sports games and concerts. Coleman said. In the past JSUDP hired Jacksonville Police Department officers to supplement their force, and that money is gone as well.

In an effort to raise funds for the department, raising the fine for parking tickets and the price for decals was suggested, Coleman said. The fine for tickets would increase from $10 to $15, and the price for a decal would jump from $15 to $20.

“We’re just thinking of reasonable ways to help raise money for the institution by bringing our fees to what other universities already charge,” Coleman said.

JSUDP does not receive contributions from alumni and donors. Coleman said. Although JSUDP receives equipment through police related grants, they receive nothing else above their budget from the University.

“Our department is just a little smaller than the Jacksonville City Police Department,” Coleman said. “Their annual budget is two a half times what our budget is. Our budget should be what their budget is.”

There is also a shortage of student patrol officers who have to take over dispatcher duties, Coleman said. With no extra money in the

Candidates prepare for battle as SGA elections kick off next week

By Gracie Catchines
News Editor

With the upcoming SGA elections, many students may not know the names or the faces of those hoping to fill the positions. Currently 14 students are hoping to win the titles of SGA president, first vice president, second vice president and controller. All information was obtained from the candidates’ SGA officer and senator applications provided to The Chanticleer by current SGA president Elizabeth Webb.

Candidates for President:

Stephen Ronald Douglas Bo Brackett is a junior from Gadsden, majoring in biology. Brackett currently serves as SGA director of business and is a member of Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society, College Republicans and the Residence Hall Judiciary Board.

“I seek the position of SGA president because I want to give something back to JSU,” Brackett said. “I feel that I have been given many opportunities here that I would not have received at another university, and because of this I want to serve not only the University, but the students as well.”

Robert Brandon Lewis is a junior from Jacksonville, majoring in marketing. Lewis currently serves as SGA first vice president and peer counselor for 2000-2001. He is a charter member of the Order of Delphi and is also a member of Kappa Alpha Fraternity. He has served as SGA senator, executive assistant and head of the constitution and code of laws committee.

“The students of JSU deserve the very best student representation possible,” Lewis said. “An honest, competent, concerned and forward-looking president should lead our Student Government Association. I am of the notion that I possess those necessary qualities.”

Donnell James Humes of Jacksonville, is a senior majoring in accounting. Humes currently serves as SGA second vice president and is a member of the Student Activities Council. He is also a peer counselor and member of the Residence Hall and Facilities Committee, Comedy Club Committee and Omicron Delta Kappa National Honor Society. He is president of the Model Arab League and is the cinematic arts vice chair.

“I seek the office of the president because I want to improve my home,” Humes said. “For four years

I have worked to create, encourage and strengthen campus organizations. Furthermore, I want the honor of holding the highest office of service at Jacksonville State University.”

Matt R. Wiram is a junior from Birmingham, majoring in computer science. Wiram currently serves as

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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.

**Community Crime**

- A motor vehicle on Trustee Circle was given a uniform to JSUPD occurring on 2-20-01.
- A police officer at Pete Mathews Coliseum occurring on 2-20-01.
- A student and arrest reports at the JSUPD occurring on 2-20-01.
- A police officer at Pete Mathews Coliseum occurring on 2-21-01.
- A police officer at Pete Mathews Coliseum occurring on 2-22-01.
- A police officer at Pete Mathews Coliseum occurring on 2-23-01.

**SJU Police Department**

- For more information contact JSU Police Department at 782-5050.

**JSU Clubs and Organizations**

- **Alpha Tau Omega**
  We had a great time at Night Of The Deer on Thursday Night. Thanks to Delta Zeta for a great mixer on Wednesday Night. ATO is participating in "Read Across America" at Katy Stone Elementary this week. We also have a fishing tournament scheduled for March 10 at Big Oak Boys Ranch. Good luck to Coach Abbott as he goes for his 1,000th victory this week. Congratulations to Jonathan Portis for being elected Brother Of The Week.

- **Alpha Xi Delta**
  Go Greek with Alpha Xi Delta! Good luck to AOtt on Mr. University tonight! Don't forget to vote in the SGA elections! We support Miranda Killingsworth for SGA president! Good luck to all gamecock athletics this week!! We are excited and looking forward to our sisterhood retreat this weekend at Stone Mountain! Congratulations to our recipients- Heather Stedham, Lisa DiMartino, Jennifer Freeman, Amber Burgess, Frances Archuleta, Addie Ferguson, Sara Gerdard, Michelle McDevitt, Bonnie Borden, and Katie Green! We are proud of you-keep up the great work! Congratulations to Whitmarsh-sister of the week, Katie Green and Sara Gerdard-new members of the week, Sara Gerdard-stud-try and bear, April Whitmarsh-beary best bear award! You ladies did a great job! The support award goes to LeAna Morrow! We hope everyone has a great week and GO GREEK with ALPHA XI!!

- **Delta Zeta**
  The sisters and new members of Delta Zeta would like to congratulate everyone who received awards at the Greek Awards Banquet! We would like to wish AOII good luck tonight on their Mr. University Pageant. Thank you to the SGA for the up coming Casino night. It is always a blast!! Awards for the week are: sister of the week - Leslie Godfrey, tiny turtle of the week - Stephanie Byrd, sisterhood - Becky Stone, scholarship turtle- Charlie Michel, twisted sister- Amanda Miller, turf out of her shell - Jessica Johnson, Alumna of the week - Kim Dalesandro, senior of the week - Michelle Zopfi, faculty of the week - Jennifer Perrell, support - Allison Garmon, chairmen of the week - Leslie Godfrey, and exec of the week - Stephanie Shirley.

- **Zeta Tau Alpha**
  Zeta Tau Alpha wants to wish everyone running in the SGA elections good luck next week!! Don't forget to vote Tuesday and Wednesday in the TMB! Zeta is looking forward to AOII 's Mr. University tonight! Thanks to all the guys participating in it! All the members of Zeta want to thank Stacy Cross for doing an awesome job for this semester! You are the best! Everyone have a great rest of the week!

- **Phi Mu**
  Phi Mu would like to announce that this week is our Big Appreciation Week, so Littles, don't forget your bigs! The week will wrap up with a sisterhood retreat on Saturday and Sunday. Phi Mu would also like to thank Mr. Eric McCulloch, Coordinator of Orientation and Advisement, for speaking to us at our last meeting. The awards this week are: Ashley Gwinn, Phi Mu Lady of the Week; Heather Harper, Sunshine Award. Have a wonderful week and Go Gamecocks!

- **Sigma Alpha Iota**
  Sigma Alpha Iota, Professional Fraternity for Women in Music, is holding our first campus-wide "Wanna Be A Diva?" Pageant to benefit SAI Philanthropies. Guys, this is your chance to show us how good you look in a dress! You will be judged on your appearance, a brief interview, and the talent of your choice for a cash prize. The "Wanna Be A Diva?" Pageant will be held on March 15th, at 7:00 PM, in the TMB Auditorium. If you would like to participate, or would like to sponsor someone, you may pick up an application at the Band Office, 304 Mason Hall, or in the Student Activities Office. All applications must be received by March 3rd. If you have any questions, contact Kim Hays at 782-6497.

- **Alpha Omicron Pi**
  The sisters and new members of Alpha Omicron Pi would like to invite everyone out to Mr. Universe-ity on Thursday, March 1st at 8:00 in the TMB! Admission is $2.00. Thanks to Rebekah Adams for letting us have Sisterhood at your house, it went great! Thanks to Sigma Phi Epsilon the mixer last week was great! Delta Chi we can't wait to have our mixer with you this week! Good luck to all the SGA candidates in the up and coming elections. Awards of the week: Positive Panda- Amanda Blalock, Thoughtful Sister- Meredith Baker, Officers of the week- Kristi Smith and Thereasa Baird, Sister of the Week- Lori Guffey.

**Announcements**

- **The African American Association** is having a meeting today at 4pm in the Multicultural Services Office on the 4th floor of the TMB. If you are interested in getting a t-shirt please bring $5.00 for the deposit. Hope to see you there!!!

- **Students interested in registering for EH 484 Current New York Theatre must register and pay a deposit on or before March 15, 2001.** The dates for this year’s trips are tentatively scheduled for May 22-26, 2001 and the cost of the trip is $1390. Students may receive three hours credit, but JSU tuition must also be paid for course credit. For further information, contact Ms. Steven Whitson at 782-5414 or Mr. Carter Osterbind at 782-5661.

- **The International Student Organization** will be sponsoring a soccer tournament on Sunday, March 4 at the Old Jacksonville High School field. Teams must pay a participation fee of $30 or $5 per person. The tournament will start at 10 a.m. For more information contact Mike at 782-7235.
an SGA senator and head of the Residence Life and Facilities Committee. He is Residence Hall Olympics director, residence life and facilities web master and the founder of the Residence Hall Association. Wiram is a member of the Computer Science Club and served as YMCA Collegiate Legislature Committee Head. Along with various other campus organizations and committees, he served on the JSU Accreditation’s Committee and has received numer- ous awards in these areas.

“As president I plan to fight stu- dents by making everything more exciting,” Wiram said. “First I will work towards making executive offices a more comfortable place by thus making them easier to work with. Then I will keep the SGA sen- ate motivated by working with the first vice president to keep them feeling welcome and useful. Currently it is a mass of wasted energy.”

Miranda Alisha Killingsworth of Alexander City, is a junior majoring in ele- mentary education. Killingsworth currently serves as SGA controller and is a member of the 2001 orientation team. She is Panhellenic president and an Alpha Xi Delta sorority sister. “I would like to be SGA president because I think I am very unbiased and willing. ” Killingsworth said. “If elected I would listen to the students’ views and try to accomplish the goals that they want accomplished. I will try my hardest to see that JSU will remain a friendly cam- pus because without us the University wouldn’t be here.”

Cicely Miyessa Hayes of Attalla, is a senior majoring in political science. Hayes currently serves as president of the African American Association and in an SGA senator. “I am seeking the position of pres- ident to empower the students of Jacksonville State University through promotion of political activity,” Hayes said. “In addition, the Student Government Association as a governing body of the University will be required due to our strong inter- personal skills that cross racial boundaries, gender boundaries and com- petence boundaries.”

First Vice President:

Sherry Lynn Todd is a senior from Lincoln, majoring in security administration. Todd currently serves as first vice president of judi- cial in the Panhellenic Council and is active in Phi Mu sorority. She is an executive member of the Up ’Til Dawn event and is an SGA senator as well as allocations chairman. She is also the chairman for Casino Night.

“I am seeking the office of first vice because I feel that there are some changes that students want to make at JSU, and I am the leader that can get those ideas into action,” Todd said. “I have many people skills that I feel would be beneficial to the SGA along with a diversity of friends that would provide several outlets from which I could gain input on students’ view of JSU.”

Stephanie Ann Janis is a sopho- more from Huntsville, Ala., major- ing in criminal justice. Janis cur- rently serves as an SGA senator and is a team captain for Up ’Til Dawn. She was also blood drive chair, served on the homecoming commit- tee and was a JSU collegiate legisla- ture representative. She is histor- ian for Zeta Tau Alpha sorority and is a Gamecock Hostess.

“In my two years here on campus I have been involved in many differ- ent organizations at JSU, and of all of them, SGA is the one I’ve enjoyed the most,” Janis said. “I’d really like to make a difference in the SGA and being first vice I could do that.”

Brad Medaris is a junior from Pelham, majoring in political science. Medaris currently serves on the student judiciary council and the SGA executive board. He is a member of Phi Eta Sigma and Omicron Delta Kappa.

“I am interested in watching the SGA fail to meet expectations year after year,” Medaris said. “The senate would have been better run by a shaved gorilla this year, and I cannot sit idly by and risk this happening again. The senate should be the true representation of the students in the SGA and should act as such. I want to see the senators work for the students that elected them, not for their own resumes. I want to see if I can, somehow, make students a bit more proud to be Gamecocks.”

Second Vice President:

Leigha Marie Cauthen is a sopho- more from Montgomery, majoring in political science. Cauthen cur- rently serves as an SGA senator and is a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority. She is a Panhellenic dele- gate, Gamecock Hostess and base- ball hostess. She serves on the Up ’Til Dawn Mental Health Committee.

“As a 2000-2001 senator, I’ve learned the importance and honor it is to represent the JSU student body. With the position of second vice president I will have a greater opportunity to work with JSU stu- dents and serve them to the best of my abilities.”

Daniel Scott Dewberry is a senior from Jacksonville, majoring in finance and e-commerce. Dewberry currently serves as treasurer of the Financial Management Association and SGA Major Events Committee Chair.

“I feel that I could work together with the entire student body to bring events to our campus which every- one would approve of,” Dewberry said. “I believe that I am qualified for the position of second vice presi- dent because I have worked under Donnell Humes and have learned many of the necessary skills that it takes to be second vice president. I have also maintained the position of major events committee head which has also shown me first hand what the job takes.”

Joy Anne Boyd is a junior from Lawrenceville, Ga., majoring in his- tory. Boyd currently serves as an SGA senator and is a member of the Student Activities Council, Parliamentary Affairs committee and is entertainment chairperson of Up ’Til Dawn event. She is also chapter relations chair of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority and is a member of the history club.

“As a student of JSU, I have attended nearly every type of student activity offered,” Boyd said. “I have seen what attracts students and what does not hold their interest. My primary goal, if elected second vice president, would be to bring a large-scale concert to JSU with crossover appeal. Not only do I feel that a concert of this nature would benefit the students of JSU, young and old, but I feel that it could be an incentive in recruiting students to our school as well.”

Controller:

Emily Dawn Doty is a junior from Springville, majoring in secondary education. Doty currently serves as an SGA senator and is an Up ’Til Dawn Mental Health Committee member.

“I feel that I am the most qualified because I have a strong background in math and objective unbiased rea- soning skills in addition to good communication skills,” Doty said. “Since I have been at JSU I have been actively involved in numerous activities and organizations and feel that I have a strong perception of JSU student attitudes, interests and desires.”

Madalyn Beth Edwards is a junior from Summerville, Ga., majoring in communications. Edwards currently serves as an SGA senator and JSU Ambassador. She is a member of Delta Zeta sorority and JSU Panhellenic public relations.

“I feel that the SGA needs strong leadership, and from the positions that I have held on campus I have developed people skills to help me get the job done.”

The elections are scheduled for March 6 and 7. For more information on the elections or the candidates, contact the Student Activities Office at 782-5490.

SGA elections: up close and personal with the candidates

State proration causing shortage of JSUPD personnel

By Stephanie Pondegra
Assistant News Editor

Higher Education Day is coming up soon. The event, designed to safeguard higher education in the state of Alabama, will take place in March 6.

Higher Education Day is spon- sored by the Higher Education Sponsorship of Alabama and it will feature a rally that will begin at 11 a.m. The event will also include two state legislators, two featured speakers, two student speakers and two bands from universities in Alabama.

Following the rally, lunch will be served and a job fair will take place. The job fair will feature 80 of the top businesses in Alabama and will give students an opportu- nity to interact with professionals working in their desired field of study.

“Higher Education Day is a day for all of the public universities in the state to get together and show the state legislators that we care and we want them to have our input before they make decisions on our budget,” said Elizabeth Webb, president of the Student Government Association.

According to its website, the Higher Education Partnership’s goals are to “identify, recruit, orga- nize and unite advocates of higher education.” Also to “advocate the needs and effectively communicate the importance of higher education to the people of Alabama and its leaders” and finally to “promote new education partnerships to improve the quality of life for citi- zens of Alabama.”

According to Webb, as of right now, grades K-12 receive 68 per- cent of the general funds for edu- cation. Higher education, on the other hand, receives less than 30 percent and “we want it more equal. We want a one-third, two-thirds split which would give [col- leges] 33 percent and [K-12] 66 percent.”

Jacksonville State University plans on taking two buses to Montgomery for the rally and job fair. Higher Education Day is a special event for the future educa- tion of students. The importance of it is, students have to be seen down there. When state legislators look out their windows and see stu- dents, they know [students] care. I think it’s our responsibility to get the word out so the students here know they do have a voice. If I need to be that voice, I will be,” said Webb.

JSU sponsors road trip to Montgomery in the name of Higher Education

If an officer resigns,” Coleman said, “there’s no way to replace that officer. If we lose more people or have to cut people, we would have to start cutting services.

“If everybody else is like we, we’ve already given up all the money we can with the first hit.”

According to Coleman, JSUPD cannot make it to the end of the year on their remaining funds. There is less gas money than would normally be available at this time, and the aging patrol cars are getting harder to maintain. If another hit from proration strikes, Coleman said there would be no alternative but to lay off personnel.

“I don’t know any other way to operate without adequate funds,” Coleman said. “Proration is very devast- ating. Of all the years we’ve had proration, we’ve never caught up from those years, so our budget is way below what it should be.”

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Q: How Can You Help Save a Child’s Life

A: Stay “Up ‘Til Dawn”

The Up ‘Til Dawn organization is sponsoring a 24-hour event to celebrate the lives of children who fight cancer at St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Here’s how you can become a part of this momentous occasion:

1. Create a Team of 7 friends and work together to raise a minimum of $750. That’s approximately $107 per person. Or if you can not create a team please Participate as an Individual and raise a minimum of $150.

2. Attend the Up ‘Til Dawn Event Your team or individual contribution gets your team members into the event.

3. How we will help you: The Up ‘Til Dawn executive board will provide your team with fundraising information, ideas, and opportunities to raise your money.

Additional applications are available in the Office of Student Activities, TMB 4th floor. If you have any questions, or would like an Up ‘Til Dawn member to speak to your organization, please call 782-8054.
Behind the bars 2: half a nut and a barn give the kids more options

By Joshua W. Bingham
Features Editor

The Sports Nut is alive and kicking and the Barnyard Bar and Grill is the newest competition in town. As two bars offering different settings for stories of night life around Jacksonville, they encourage Jacksonville State University students to visit.

A fire recently burned part of the Sports Nut, Owner Mike Williams said “we’re taking one day at a time.” And as the sign outside reads: “half a nut is better than no nut at all.”

A wall has been built inside the bar, blocking the burnt section off, and the Sports Nut is still open to the public. When the gas line is back on — Williams said it will be soon — the kitchen will reopen and “hot wings will be flying, just like they always have.” Admission is for people 21 and up because liquor is served.

The rubble has been removed and new construction is going to start soon. “It’s a fresh start if you look at it,” Williams said. “We’re going to seize the opportunity ... the (new construction) plan is a great one.” The Sports Nut is going to “assume the print shop place,” move the dance floor to the middle, put the pool tables at the far side and have 12 draft lines from a new walk-in cooler.

“With twelve draft lines, options are almost unlimited,” Williams said. With the draft lines, Sports Nut will have Killian’s, Foster’s and many other beers on constant tap.

The buffalo head, Purvis, survived the fire and Williams said that there is going to be an inset in the wall behind the bar specifically for Purvis.

Construction is expected to be finished in June or July of this year and Williams is “open to any new fresh ideas” he could improve with.

Williams estimated the Sports Nut clientele to be 50 percent students and “students are welcome. We’re in transition between now and the time we’ll reopen,” Williams said. “Come down and support us - it’s a great conversation pub.”

The Sports Nut is open Sundays, requiring only a $3 membership fee to get in.

With other area bars, Williams feels “no competition - feel fine.”

JSU alumnum Mike Willis said there is “good people in the Sports Nut. It’s a family atmosphere. Once you get in here and know people, these people are like your brothers and sisters.”

Willis has been a patron of the Sports Nut for seven years and his favorite memory was of “Banana Republic playing and things just getting totally packed. So packed - one line of traffic to the bathroom and one line out.”

“There needs to be more student involvement in this bar,” Willis said. “This is a happy place - used to be wall to wall students. It needs to be again because it will be the biggest bar in Jacksonville.”

JSU graduate student Sue Freeze likes “the people and the price of drinks” at the Sports Nut. She also likes the interaction between the patrons and...
An outsider's look at the SGA and elections

By Adam Smith
Editor

This week's editorial has caused me great distress in regard to how to write it. I had several different directions in which to pursue. I had come up with a verse from a Cracker song to start my original editorial. Somewhere along the way I kept splitting directions of paths. Finally, I decided to turn off the office stereos and impose at least a 30-minute moratorium on music (much to my managing editor's chagrin) until I figured out just what I was going to do.

Why all the distress, you ask? It's been a distressing month. Twice again, February has never been too inappropriately kind to me. This week, has been equally unkind. The cause of part of my distress has been the upcoming SGA elections. I've yet to say anything in print about my views on the upcoming push for democracy at JSU, partly because I felt like Christopher Lauer was pretty much saying it all.

I knew I had to say something this week though. It's reached a fevered pitch so they say. "Let the mud-slinging begin" should have been the call by SGA a few weeks ago. The information I know about the candidates themselves, the way our current SGA runs the show, as well as the information concerning the way the candidates are treating each other is unfathomable. It can't possibly be expressed in one simple editorial.

So, I present "Adam's grand plan for successful SGA elections." First and foremost, I'd love to see a clean campaign. No rabbit punches, no low blows and no demeaning of other candidates with brunt force. In a perfect world, there would be no tearing down of fliers and campaign posters and there would be no backstabbing. There would be no empty, false promises and there would be at least three polling stations run by people independent of the SGA and the campaign. If you give people a chance to cheat, chances are they probably will.

Secondly, I'd love to see the right people get the job. Who are the right people? That's up for the student body to decide. I'm myself leaning toward several candidates, one of which is endorsed in Mr. Lauer's column. But, more importantly, I would love to see four or five people in the SGA office who can work together successfully. And while Donny Osmond shrieked that "one bad apple don't spoil the whole bunch, girl," I strongly disagree. We've seen a couple of times here at The Chanticleer this year, and friendships have been lost over stupid personal gain or attention. People, you're part of a "team," you don't have the luxury to be a star player. I think the next SGA's success will be measured and determined by how well they can work together as a team.

Last but not least, I would like to see people in the SGA who can produce on the sometimes empty promises they're currently pandering to anyone with ears. If you like what you hear, fine. Voting for the best looking girl or guy who has the flashiest car and best clothes may work for some people. However, get to know the candidates a little before making your decision. If you have the presence of mind to want to be enlightened, read Gracie Catchings' fine article on page one. You can find out important information about the candidates who are running for positions.

To end my ramblings, I'd like to remind the student body that our student government is an important part of your college career, whether you think so or not. They are pivotal in determining how much better or worse your life will be on and off campus. If you live on campus, you certainly can't afford to not be involved. If you attend SGA-sponsored events, and you're glad or sad at the job they do, then you can't afford to not be a part of this either.

With that in mind, don't be a slacker. Get out of bed on Tuesday, March 6 or Wednesday, March 7. As soon as you take your headache powder of choice, drink your morning cup of brea/coffee and wipe the hangover from your eyes, go to your nearest polling station (provided they have the good sense to open more than one) and VOTE! Flax your fluffy, Democratic muscle and be a part of something greater than your own piddly life.
So Brandon Lewis sinks to my level. Actually, below my level by making accusations followed by absolutely nothing. How pitiful, Mr. Lewis, if you change Greyhound to British Airways, I’m gone.

But he does bring up a good point when he says, “It has been quite a pleasure to hear you belittle and curse the student body, labeling them as second rate in everything from their religious views to their athletic accomplishments.”

Brandon, I called you and the leaders of the current SGA second rate for failing to bring a fall concert, when you had an entertainment budget of approximately $37,000. I called the students second rate for allowing people like you to hold office. I will continue to call the student body apathetic and second rate if they do not get out and vote, and by failing to do so, allow the SGA to be run, once again, by incompetents, self-serving candidates such as yourself. I have strongly disagreed, but I have never called anyone’s religious views second rate.”

Brandon, people like you have destroyed the morale on this campus by segregating us by affiliations with certain organizations. No one should vote for you. Just look at your track record. You have done nothing. You have been 1st vice president of the current SGA that has done nothing. You were the one who called anyone’s religious views second rate, not for the blacks, or the whites. Not for the men, or the women. Cicely Hayes is for the students of Jacksonville State University. Cicely Hayes is for each and every one of us, together.

During one of our first meetings, Cicely was telling me about talking to blind students about their concerns. We have a large population of blind and deaf students on this campus and no candidate has even mentioned them. What improvements need to occur on this campus? Cicely wants to know.

Cicely Hayes is demanding, of your time, your intellect, your morality, and your individualism. After several meetings with Cicely over the course of these elections, I have realized how concerned, misunderstood, and humble she truly is. I have labeled her with my favorite word: magnanimity—loftiness of spirit enabling one to bear trouble calmly, disdain meanness and revenge, and make sacrifices for worthy ends. She would deny this, but she truly is magnanimous.

And when Mr. Lewis wrote the following on his website, “Honesty, vision, and competency are attributes that must be inherent in a SGA president.” I was surely talking about Cicely Hayes.

If you read my column, then you know what I’ve expected, and what I expect from the SGA. Cicely Hayes is the person for the job. Brad Medaris is the person for the job of 1st vice. And I don’t know the rest of the candidates well enough to endorse them, or discredit them, unless I’ve discredited them in the past.

I will try to support whoever wins, and hopefully the new president will usher in a new era. A vote for me is a vote for change.” - Cicely Hayes.

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I don’t want to wait

For fate

Chance

Or divine inspiration.

I want to move

Now!

I want to grow

Now!

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**CONVERSATION WITH CHRISTOPHER LAUER**

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**Dear Editor,**

As always, when Mr. Lauer embarks upon one of his escapades in journalism the very last thing on his mind is the actuality of events. In order to follow the rules you must first take five minutes out of your day and read them. As a candidate you owe it to the individuals you represent to be prepared and well educated, not rely on mere hearsay. You must be ready to run your campaign, acting as a statesman, not like paparazzi.

First, I would like to congratulate Mr. Lauer on being a seer of seers. To constantly and consistently pass judgment on individuals you do not know is quite a feat. You must have a direct link to some divine being. I was brought up to think it inappropriate to judge others, especially if you take no action of your own accord.

Secondly, It has been quite a pleasure to hear you belittle and curse the student body, labeling them as second rate in everything from their religious views to their athletic accomplishments. Climbing to the top of your Ivory Tower every morning must take a lot of dedication and I commend you. Perhaps you should think about being a professional role model for children. If inaction can be considered an action, however, your days would probably be to busy for this.

Thirdly, your commitment to literary excellence is outstanding. On a personal note, I would like you to know that I have placed all of your enlightening editorials in a vacuum sealed container, which I purchased for a large sum. In the hopes that should the earth be destroyed, those that remained would be able to start anew, referring to these tomes of optimism and action as gold dust to create a Utopia where everyone sat around and complained until what they wanted simply materialized in front of them.

Lastly, I will not turn this into a campaign speech, my platform can be found on-line at www.lewisforpresident.com. I would, however, like to make you an offer Mr. Lauer. I would like to personally provide you, out of my own finances no less, a Greyhound bus ticket (one way of course) to West Virginia, acting as a statesman, not like paparazzi.

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**Bill Homuth**

Freshman

“No, because I don’t know anybody I’ve seen running.”

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**Rocky Tejada**

Freshman

“Yes, because I’m part of the school. I have to contribute.”

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**Tabitha Carlson**

Junior

“Yes, because I’m good friends with one of the candidates.”

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**Randal Chatman**

Sophomore

“Yes, because I want to help take part in the changes.”

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**Brandon Riggins**

Sophomore

“Yes, so we can make a change on the campus, activities and stuff.”

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**Thank You,**

Brandon Lewis

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Jennifer Lopez

In pop music, there are singers and then there are performers. Annie Lennox is a singer. Madonna is a performer. Whitney Houston, singer; Janet Jackson, performer. There are exceptions, of course. Even though Christina Aguilera is fully loaded with all the appropriate moves and accessories, she could just sing. On the other hand, Britney unplugged would kill us all.

Make no mistake, Jennifer Lopez is a performer, not a singer. Take what a team of artists can produce when free from commercial interference.

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“Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon” is a stunning example of what a team of artists can produce when free from commercial interests. The director, Ang Lee, skillfully balances a collection of strikingly balletic action scenes with an exploration of impressively developed characters.

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The film is a superb accomplishment in other respects as well. The musical score was composed by Yo Yo Ma, and it is both exotic and beautiful. “Crouching Tiger” received ten academy award nominations; because of this, it has slowly crept from Asia to Alabama — the reward was worth the wait.

Grade: A+

By Anthony Hill

Jennifer away from the mix machine and chances are she wouldn’t sound so good. While adequate, her voice has no particular tone to distinguish it from any other entertainer out there. She is musical, and knows how to make the best out of what she has. She is one of the better non-singing singers around.

She’s best when she’s moving though. The single, “Love Don’t Cost A Thing,” has a jagged, bass-heavy percussive production by Ric Wake. He has worked with Jay-Z and 98 Degrees. With a hip-shaking, electro-tinged attack, “Play” is a funky tribute to the wheels of steel, as Lopez declares, “I could wait all night and day. To go to a party. Sit down and wait. Give my request to the DJ.”

Things really start to get good on the album on the song titled “Come Over.” She sings lyrics such as, “I’ll do very erotic things! I wanna make love, babe, very slowly.” She also has a tight Spanish cut on this album called “Carino.” This CD is decent. I can’t even make it sound like a great one, because it’s not. This CD is for the people that want to dance to about two or three of her cuts, not for the salsa singing.

Then again, anyone coming to a Jennifer Lopez album for some earthy salsa singing is crazy. This album is about gloss and floss and sex and looking at the pictures in the CD cover.

By Anthony Hill

What’s your sign?

By Linda C. Black

Tribune Media Services

Today’s Birthday (March 1). Want a better job? Plenty of money? All this, and more, is possible. Start in March by studying. The money comes in April. If a change in attitude is required, make it. Use your experience in May to overcome confusion. In June, fix up your home with stuff you’ve been saving. To get the advantage, check the day’s rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 5- Your financial situation could improve. It’s not because you’re working overtime; more likely, it’s because you’ll find something valuable hidden in your closets. Ought to keep you busy tonight.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 7- Reason won’t be enough to change your mind today, and with good reason. You’re better off going with your gut feeling on a decision that has to be made, especially if your money’s involved.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 6- An older person is trying to tell you something, and you ought to listen. Trouble is, it’s body language that’s being used, not words. It could have to do with an assignment you should have turned in by now. Just do it.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7- A friend is having a tough time, but this is good for you. Learn from another’s mistake. For example, if the friend decides to tell off the boss, watch to see what happens instead of doing the same thing.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 6- Your forward progress might seem blocked, but that’s not really the case. A good partner can help you get through. Don’t try to do it all by yourself - you’d just be bash ing your head against the wall.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 7- Reaching out to touch someone might be more difficult than you thought. The problem is an overload - either congestion on the highway or too many users on the Internet. Be patient. It will eventually clear up.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 6- You’d like to live in the lap of luxury, and it might be possible, but there is a little work involved. The more work you do, the more money you’ll have to spend.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is an 8- Your psychic powers should be working very well. This is good, because you don’t have time for a conversation that’s going nowhere. Instead, cast a spell to get your way.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 5- You should be using brains instead of brawn to get the job done. That’s what you’re telling yourself, too. But how? It’s a sure bet that you’ll eventually think of something after being stuck in the muck for a while.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is an 8- True love awaits if you can just make time for it. You need to run errands, but don’t spend all day on them. You deserve to have a little fun just like everyone else. But in your case, you sometimes have to fight for it.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 5- You may have dreams about the good you’d like to do for society, but today your own private spaces need attention. The sanctum sanctorum right around you needs repair. If you have money to donate to anything, spend it on that.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 7- You may have a hunch that your skills need updating, and you’re correct. Ask an expert for advice, and you’ll become better at what you’re doing. Don’t despair. This is just another of those tricky learning experiences.
Dear Editorial Staff:

I am writing to you as a concerned student. I have been active in the SGA for three years and I have seen a decline in the quality of the leadership as of late. I accept some responsibility for this as I am currently a part of the Executive Board. As the Chief Justice, I am required to attend the meetings and I have a vote on the Board. I have done what I thought was right. I have argued for what I believe in and I have done all that has been asked of me. I have volunteered to help on numerous projects. I have been willing to do most anything asked of me.

However, in my current position, I have little power to change things. The Judicial branch of the SGA is designed to have little power and in my opinion is a branch of wasted potential. I represent a truly great council of justices. The vast majority are justices because they believe with all their heart in JSU, the SGA and themselves. They want to make the SGA a better place for all students. Sadly, we have little chance to make things better.

This is why I am running for First Vice-President. I can no longer sit idly by and watch things get worse and worse. I am tired of watching elected officials further their own agenda while letting the SGA fall apart. I sat and watched the SGA ignore The Chanticleer all year long. I have seen elected officials lie to students for no reason. I have heard more talk and seen less action. To be frank, I have become frustrated with how many in the SGA operate and wish to try to change things.

Should the students demand a real change and elect me, here are five things I pledge to work on as First Vice-President: 1) Encourage minority involvement (90 percent of the senate is white) 2) Encourage more organizations to become involved in the SGA 3) Work with the student media and speak with the student media at least twice a month 4) Make a copy of JSU’s budget easily available to the student body so they can see how tuition is being spent 5) Require the administration to give the students a written plan on how they will improve the parking situation.

I expect the student media and the student body to check on me to make sure I am making progress on my five goals.

In closing, I want to stress the importance of this election. There are candidates running for all offices that have the ability to make a difference. There are also many who are running who will change nothing. I beg you all to carefully consider your vote. Please do not vote for someone because they’re your roommate’s buddy or because they have the prettiest signs. Vote for someone who you know wants to better JSU. Vote for the candidate that has the best REALISTIC ideas. Most importantly, vote. Nothing will change if you do not exercise your right to vote. The election will be March 6th and 7th from 9am to 4pm in the TMB and, hopefully, other designated locations across campus.

I hope to see everyone at the polls, voting for change.

Brad Medaris

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Screaming answers after wildly raising their hands like a crowd of rowdy students, six English professors took part in the Faculty Scholars Bowl sponsored by Sigma Tau Delta.

Dr. Whitton, Dr. Hugg and Mr. Myer were the Jets. Dr. Reed, Dr. Horton and Dr. DiBianco were the Sharks. Mrs. Christopher read questions from the “Who Wants To Be A Millionaire” board game. The toss-up questions were worth 10 points and 20 for the bonus. The bonus questions were all literary in nature and written by Dr. Hawley and Mrs. Christopher.

After whispers, nods, raised eyebrows and sarcastically delayed answers, the score for round one was: Jets — 300, Sharks — 270.

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By Mike Pingree
TMS Campus

• A LITTLE SNOW WON’T STOP ME: Undeterred by a major snowstorm that hit Nebraska, a man in dire need of a drink stole a snowplow from a storage facility in Hastings and drove it 20 miles to a liquor store where he bought a case of beer. The clerk called the cops because the guy appeared to be intoxicated. Police had no trouble catching the thief, because he paid for the brewskis with a personal check before abandoning the plow at an elementary school near his home.

• UH, HI OFFICER, I WAS JUST LEAV ...: Police said a man robbed a dry cleaners’ shop in Vandalia, Ohio, and was walking out with the loot just as a police lieutenant walked in to pick up his laundry. The shop is right next door to the police station. The man was arrested.

• YOU AGAIN?: Harald Hauso, a soft-hearted fisherman, has made head-lines in his native Norway because he took pity on a blind codfish that keeps swimming into his nets. Hauso’s hooked nets in a Norwegian fjord attract tiny crabs and starfish, and the cod apparently knows he can get an easy meal there. He also must know that he won’t be eaten himself, because Hauso has released him 35 times in the past year.

• A LOT OF WORK FOR NOTHING: A pretty strong thief stormed into the All-Wash Laundromat in Toledo, Ohio, forced the attendant into the bathroom, then — in a feat of Herculean might — bear-hugged a floor-model Automatic Teller Machine, picked it up and walked out with it. The attendant would have told him, had he asked, that the ATM was out of order and contained no cash.

Chock full of
Real News

By Joshua W. Bingham
Features Editor

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“Working on getting more college students with beer specials,” Latimer said.

Latimer feels some competition with other area bars. “It’s their business we’re trying to get — trying to show we have some things they don’t necessarily have. We have around 25 video games, 12 pool tables and two dart boards.” There is also a 60 inch TV to watch “football games or whatever” on, Latimer said.

The Barnyard Bar and Grill is closed on Mondays. Tuesday and Wednesday nights, pitchers of Natural Light are $1 from 5 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays, domestic beers are $1.75 and premium beers are $1.25 until 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday nights, there are no specials except for the week-long special of Natural Light pitchers for $3.50. They close at 12 a.m. every night, “but some nights earlier if it’s slow,” Latimer said.

JSU student Tony Kicher, who has been going to the Barnyard Bar and Grill for about two months, said, “It’s out of the way, kind of peaceful out here. They serve great food upstairs. I like the different stages (floors). You can go upstairs and come down here — ya know, have a good time.” There is a “very fancy, nice bar on the second story,” Kicher said. “You can take a date up there and have a couple drinks with your friends down here. It’s three places in one.”

JSU student April Schrimsher loves “playing pool” at the Barnyard Bar and Grill “and the chocolate milkshakes are awesome.” Schrimsher’s favorite memory is of “the night the Troy (football) game. It was so cold. We came here and the game was on the TV.”

As two places offering environments for late-night fun, the Sports Nut and the Barnyard Bar and Grill would like to encourage JSU students to visit them.
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I am writing in reference to Anthony Hill’s article titled “College Athletes are Taking a Stand” (2-15-01). Now that we know the athletic department was nearly $5 million in the hole last year I would like to know exactly how Mr. Hill can justify the following statement: “Football and basketball players know they foot the bill for the whole athletic department, and that a small fraction of the money they generate is returned to them in the form of scholarships.” It seems to me that if they were “footing the bill” our AD wouldn’t be $5 million in the red. The truth is that at JSU (and the majority of other colleges and universities nationwide) the STUDENTS foot the bill. According to statistics from Gender Equity Reports for the 95-96 school year, the average athletic department lost $866,476. Of the 282 D-I schools, total revenues of $1.8 billion were exceeded by expenditures of approximately $2 billion dollars (total losses were $245 million dollars). Only the largest athletic departments make money (the most profitable football program was U. Washington @ $20,322,687, and the most profitable basketball program was U. Louisville @ $6,892,016). If college athletes are to be paid, who is going to determine how much and to whom this money would go? Obviously, ALL athletes are going to have to be paid the same amount. All programs on the same D-I level are going to have to pay an equal amount, because doing otherwise would give certain programs an unfair advantage in recruiting. And exactly where is all this extra money going to come from? Since it’s obvious that most athletic departments aren’t exactly swimming in money the added expense would be passed on to the rest of us (the student body). Tuition is likely to skyrocket soon due to proration, I’d rather not be funding an underachieving football program to boot. I’ve grown weary of seeing a scholarship passed off as meaningless. Players receive an opportunity to get a college education, and if they’re lucky a shot at playing pro ball. If athletes truly feel they are being taken advantage of, they don’t have to sign the scholarship papers.

Christian L. Miller
Abbott gets win number 999

By Matthew Martin
Staff Writer

You can’t get any closer than this. With the 4-3 win last Saturday over Saint College, head coach Rudy Abbott is just one win shy of 1,000 for his career.

The Gamecocks got the win in the eighth inning on a Heith Comer game-winning run last Saturday. Jax State had chances to take the lead earlier in the game, but failed to capitalize, setting the stage for the late inning rally.

“We have not hit the ball real well, but our guys never gave up,” said Abbott. “We never got frustrated, and that is why we won the game in the end.”

The Gamecocks split the weekend series of four games. Siena won the second game last Friday, 1-0. They also won game one last Saturday, 3-0.

The first game of the series last Friday, Steve Shippey (2-1) picked up the win after going the distance for the Gamecocks. The right-hander allowed three hits, while striking out nine Saint batters as the Gamecocks took the 3-2 victory.

The second game on Friday turned into a pitching duel between Brent Wengert of Siena and Joey Shiflett. Siena scored the games’ only run in the first inning. Blake Hanan scored on an error after reaching base with a double.

The loss marked the first 1-0 defeat since 1982, when the Gamecocks dropped a game against Troy State, 1-0.

Shiflett (1-1) tossed five innings and didn’t allow an earned run in the second game, but got the loss. Wengert (1-0) recorded five strikeouts and allowed just three hits to get his first win of the season. Count finished with a pair of hits for the Gamecocks, which finished with only five hits.

“We have to play smarter,” said Abbott. “We had some chances to win, but we made mistakes.”

In the first game of the doubleheader last Saturday was dominated early by Siena. They scored all three runs of the game in the first inning.

JSU loaded the bases with a single out in the seventh, before Mark Smith closed the door by striking out three Gamecock batters in the inning to earn the save for Siena.

Joe Hannah (1-1) got the loss for the Gamecocks. Hannah pitched a complete game, allowing just one earned run while scattering eight. He also struck out seven Saint batters.

In the final game of the series, Siena jumped out to 1-0 lead in the first inning. The Saints picked up another run off Lucas McCollum.

The Gamecocks picked up a run in the second to make it 2-1. Ben Phillips led off the inning with a double and later scored on Nick Brown’s fielders choice.

The Gamecocks tied the game at two in the third inning when Brian Shupe singled in Carlos Delgado. The score would remain a tie until the fifth inning, when the Saints scored to take the 3-2 lead.

Comer would score the game winner after Andrew Tarver was walked and Rhett McCreight was hit by a pitch in extra innings.

JSU’s Josh Nix tossed four innings and recorded five strikeouts to run his record to 2-2. Phillips finished 2-for-4 and Justin Knoft tossed five innings during the Saints win.

Tennis team grabs another win

By Staff Reports

The JSU tennis team continues to roll, especially the women’s team as they swept West Georgia last Wednesday.

Both the men’s and women’s tennis team won their matches. The women’s team (5-1) blanked West Georgia, 7-0 without senior Manda Martin. Martin was burned from last Saturday’s win over Tennessee-Chattanooga.

Gabriela Baca filled in for her at the fifth position and came away with the match win over UWG’s Sami Vora, 6-1, 6-0.

The men’s team (4-1) enjoyed its first win of the 2001 campaign as they beat Jefferson State. JSU originally was scheduled to play West Georgia, but UWG’s men tennis program was canceled at the beginning of the year and head coach Steve Bailey thought the men needed a game. It also couldn’t hurt to have a win to boost its confidence, even though the match won’t count in the NCAA rankings.

“Today was a big win for the men,” said Bailey. “Rian Greaves showed good composure today, down 5-2 in third set and came back to win in the tie breaker.”

The tennis team will play their next home match against Radford on March 12. The match is scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m.

Another basketball player calls it quits

By Staff Reports

Head basketball coach Mike LaPlante announced Monday that Josh Bryant has decided to leave the Jacksonville State University basketball team.

“Josh came in and announced his desire to leave the team,” LaPlante said from his office Monday evening. “I wish him the best in his future endeavors.” Bryant, a 6-foot-6 sophomore from Hatton, was averaging 5.0 points and 2.9 rebounds for the Gamecocks. He played in 25 games and averaged 15.6 minutes per contest.

Bryant became the second player to leave the team this season. Johnny Kilpatrick also left the team about two weeks ago.

Softball team wins the Reebok Invitational Title

By Staff Reports

The Lady Gamecock softball team brought home the Reebok Invitational trophy from Georgia Southern last Sunday. The Lady Gamecocks fought, scratched, and held on to win the tournament.

The title didn’t come easy for the Lady Gamecocks. They couldn’t get any offense going in the first game of the invitational during the last Friday.

In the first game, Middle Tennessee shutout the Gamecocks 2-0. Jill Wilcoxson recorded the loss.

JSU made up for the loss in the nightcap as it beat Samford 1-0. Allie Simons led Jax State with two hits and Meadow McWhorter recorded the win after pitching a shutout.

In the championship game, senior Meghan Maskel recorded the winning RBI to score the go-ahead run. The Lady Gamecocks defeated the host team, Georgia Southern, 3-2 in 13 innings.

Senior Jill Wilcoxson pitched 10 innings of that game, giving up no hits and no runs, when freshmen Tera Ross finished the job and got the win for the JSU.

The Lady Gamecocks won the tournament title after defeating Coastal Carolina, 2-1.

“The wins were good for us,” said head coach Jana McGinnis. “We have been struggling with our offense and we got it going when it counted today.”

Senior Meadow McWhorter, who recorded the win against Coastal Carolina, headed the All-tournament team, along with Ross, Wilcoxson and sophomore Allie Simons.

THE WEEK IN SPORTS
Lady Gamecocks grab two straight victories at home

By Jon Pace
Staff Writer

"The Lady Gamecocks have won two straight games in thrilling fashion at Pete Mathews Coliseum. They held on to take a 58-67 victory over arch-rival Troy State last Thursday night.

Amada Tyus was dynamic as she hit five three-point baskets and ended the night with 18 points.

JSU came out of the blocks, firing on all cylinders in the first half as they jumped on the Trojans early in the first half. “We were playing our game in the first part of the game and then the half was over Troy started playing its game,” said head coach Dana Austin. “They played a game of transitions and our turnovers really hurt us.”

The Trojans began to methodically chip away at the Gamecocks lead. Troy State’s Charquita Alexander led the charge with nine points in the last five minutes of the first half. Alexander ended the night with 11 points. The Trojans tied the game for the first time at the 3:15 mark and would do so another three times.

The two teams would trade the lead several times until Donylle Blackshear hit a free throw to take a 66-65 lead with less than a minute remaining in the contest. Trojan guard Jennifer McGinnis drew a foul with 30 seconds remaining. After the missed free throw, Nicole Copeland and Jennifer McGinnis made two free throws to take a 68-65 lead. The Lady Gamecocks continued to give fans thrills during the game over the weekend against Mercer (50, 2-21 TAAC).

Tyus hit a 3-pointer with just seven seconds left on the clock to put the Lady Gamecocks up 65-60 victory at Pete Mathews Coliseum last Saturday night.

The Trans America Athletic Conference win, improves JSU to 6-10 in the league and 9-16 overall.

Tyus struggled with her 3-point shooting for most of the night, only hitting two from behind the arc before the game-winner. “I guess that makes up for all of the missed shots,” said Tyus. “I’d rather make that one than all of the rest.”

The Lady Gamecocks overcame Mercer looks as great as 16 points during the first half.

The story of the game has got to be the rebounding of Ethisha Aubler and the play making of Nicole Aubler. Aubler finished the night with six points and seven rebounds, while Copeland added nine points and nine assists, which tied her career high.

Tyus ended the evening with 17 points, while junior Laura Baswell added 15. The Lady Gamecocks will travel to Baco...
I have a bleak knowledge of the racing industry. The two NASCAR names that almost anyone who has even a passing knowledge of sports are familiar with are Richard Petty and Dale Earnhardt. If Petty was Michael Jordan, then Earnhardt was Magic Johnson or Larry Bird. If Petty was Gretzky, then Earnhardt was Mario Lemieux.

Pick your sport, then pick the greatest couple of names in that sport. Then try to imagine one of those people suddenly dying while millions watched. Try to imagine John Elway dying in the final seconds of a Super Bowl or Derek Jeter dying during Game 7 of a World Series.

Awful as it may be to conjure up such images, that is similar to what happened with Earnhardt. I have observed many people and their reactions to all of the news coverage this tragedy is getting. Everyone seems to be touched by the loss of Earnhardt. I have friends and associates who don’t have the slightest interest in NASCAR racing, but are touched by the tragic loss. This is indeed a loss that will be discussed for years to come.

This proves that even the greatest of heroes have those moments when they can no longer control their fate. At those moments, all they and everyone else can do, is pray the terror passes and is replaced by relief. This time the terror never passed. There was no relief, only tears.

As often happens in the aftermath of a genuine tragedy, Earnhardt’s death will focus extra attention on NASCAR. I am even paying more attention. Certainly this column wouldn’t have been written if Dale Jr. wouldn’t have crashed into the wall over the weekend in seemingly the same way his father did nearly two weeks ago.

The only difference was that Dale Jr. was going about fifteen miles per hour less than his father was and limped away from his crashed car.

More often than not, the sports world brings the nation together. Whether it’s to celebrate a championship or mourn a loss, the sports world is a real life soap opera that all of us keep up with or notice. Sure, the athletes make a lot of money, but what would we do without them?

We would mourn their loss and wish they were here.

By Staff Reports

JSU senior point guard Tim Lindsey-Smith said that the team needed to go into the TAAC tournament on a good note.

“Well, that will not happen, as the team dropped the final two games of the season to the TAAC opponents,” Lindsey-Smith said.

Rodney Kirtz scored 23 points to lead Mercer (12-14, 9-8 TAAC) to a 70-60 win over the Gamecocks last Thursday at Porter Gym.

The two teams battled back and forth over the first 15 minutes of the half and the game was tied at 21-21 with 6:32 left, but Mercer went on a 12-2 run over the final six minutes of the half to build a 33-23 lead into the intermission.

“When you score just 23 points in a half, I don’t care who you are playing, it’s going to be a tough night,” said head coach Mike LaPlante. “You just can’t get down like that on the road.”

Mercer led by as many as 16 points in the second half, 49-33, after Josh Sagenter scored on a lay-up with 13:02 left, but the Gamecocks made a late run.

Emerson Brown’s 3-pointer from the top of the key with 7:18 left sliced the lead to 54-48, but the Gamecocks couldn’t get any closer.

Merce sank six free throws over the final minute to seal the win. Korey McCray finished with 12 points and Scott Emerson tossed in 11 for the Bears.

Mike McDaniel led the Gamecocks with 23 points, while Brant Hartmann finished with 11 points and nine rebounds.

The basketball team finished the regular season just like the football team, losing to Troy State.

All five Troy State starters scored in double figures, led by 16 apiece from Lemayn, Wilson and Jacova Jenkins. The Trojans pulled away from the Gamecocks (9-18, 6-12 TAAC) in the second half to earn a 77-63 victory last Saturday night.

The loss marks the 12th straight road loss for the basketball team this season.

The Gamecocks finished the regular season as the number seven seed in this week’s TAAC tournament. The Gamecocks tried to rally from a 37-29 halftime deficit. They sliced the Trojan lead to only two points twice but could never get any closer. An 11-3 run by the Trojans late helped seal the win for the Troy State.

“We made a run in the second half,” said LaPlante. “We just couldn’t get over the hump and take the lead.”

Earl Bullock led the Gamecocks with 18 points, while Mike McDaniel added 16 points and 10 rebounds. The Gamecocks shot just 36 percent from the field and only 29 percent from 3-point range.

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Pet Name: Little Bit - 20601118
Breed: Domestic Long Hair, Color: White/Grey
Declawed: No Sex: Female (Spayed)
Age: Young Adult Adult Size: Small

Information: I am very loving, I have a bobbled tail which makes me unique. I love other kitty cats, I don’t care to much for dogs though.

Medical Info: FIV/Feleocat Tested, FVRCP (Feline Distemper), Rabies, Strongid-T (Deworming). Also on Flea Preventive. Treating for Earmites.

When you adopt a pet you help an animal facility or Humane Society fulfill its mission of saving homeless, unwanted pets. Some of these pets originally belonged to people who weren’t ready for the responsibility of pet ownership. Other adoptable pets arrive at a shelter because their owners couldn’t keep them any longer. Still others are strays that wandered away from an often-neglectful home. All of them need owners with big hearts and the right attitudes.

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