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WORLD NEWS

- Macedonian troops are preparing for what the government calls a "final operation" against ethnic Albanian paramilitaries in the hills along its border with Kosovo.
- Britain is to deploy troops to help to clear the backlog of thousands of dead animals culled in the battle against foot-and-mouth disease.
- Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, under pressure from U.S. officials to ease restrictions on Palestinians, meets U.S. President George W. Bush today. The White House meeting comes one day after Sharon accused the Palestinian Authority of "deepening its involvement in incitement, violence and terror."
- Federal officials grounded 65 commercial airplanes after their operators failed to meet Monday's deadline to install fire detection and suppression systems.
- The commander of the USS Greeneville will not be granted testimonial immunity in the investigation of the fatal collision of the nuclear submarine and a Japanese fishing vessel, CNN has learned.
- Speaking just hours after California began rolling blackouts, President Bush said Monday there are "no short-term fixes" to the nation's energy woes, but his administration is dedicated to finding a long-term solution.
- The Russian embassy's press attache Vladimir Frolov was a handler for accused spy and FBI agent Robert Hanssen, an intelligence source told CNN on Monday.

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Spring Break fever hits JSU

By Stephanie Pendergrass
News Editor

Spring Break is about to hit Jacksonville State University. Many students are counting down the days to the annual week out of school and the common thought around campus seems to be "I just need a break."

This year's spring break will take place from March 26-30. Spring Break is a time for rest and relaxation after a sometimes stressful semester and students, along with faculty, have exciting plans for the week.

Many students plan on returning to their respective hometowns. A week of sleeping late, watching television, catching up with old friends, or doing absolutely nothing are some of the scheduled events for the students returning home.

Some students will remain at JSU for the week. Janet Ray, a freshman at JSU, plans on remaining in Jacksonville and entertaining a friend for the duration of Spring Break. Ray summed up the best aspect of Spring Break as "just having time to relax and clear my mind of all the work for a week."

Other students plan on making money during the week off from school. Working longer hours and more days at their jobs, these students are hoping to earn some extra cash for future trips or expenses.

While many will return home or work, a large number of students are preparing exciting vacations to ease

their troubled semesters of college. A local travel agency reported an increase in trips to the Bahamas, Cancun, the West Caribbean and other exotic locations.

As always, the hot spot for spring break is Florida. Students are flocking to locations such as Panama City Beach and Daytona for a week of fun in the sun and constant parties.

Jacksonville State is offering words of wisdom to those attending Panama City for spring break. The JSU Newswire lists some helpful advice given from a resort at the popular beach:

- Police: Try NOT to get their attention. However, if you must come in contact with them, treat them gently and they will do the same for you. After all, over a half million people are pouring into the area and adding a lot of pressure to them.
- Remember your ID. Of course, without it, you won't be admitted to some businesses. Whining won't help.
- DON'T try a fake ID. The LEAST that will happen: It will be confiscated. WORST: They'll call the cops.
- Check out the rules of the hotel you're staying in. Most require a security deposit, but you can find out how to get it back at check-in.
- Also pay attention to hotel personnel. Lodging managers, such as security guards, can evict you in a heartbeat. In this instance, they keep your money and you have to spend the rest of Spring Break in your car.
- Bring a jacket and a couple of



Nothing screams Spring Break more than mobs of drunken college students, bikini-clad females lounging by a pool and people in Sumo Wrestling outfits. Photo courtesy of www.springbreak.com

sweatshirts. At night in Florida, breezes blow in off the gulf and it can get kind of chilly.

- Be wary of street sales scams. A favorite of last year was tickets to a non-existent "party cruise." The cruise was legitimate, but tickets sold on the street weren't.
- There are many freebies and discount tickets available to local attractions.
- DO NOT drink and drive. Get a

designated driver, or grab a taxi. (You WILL get busted for this one. To avoid it, you can rent a limo anywhere on the beach for up to six people, \$10 flat rate.)

Along with this helpful advice, students are reminded to turn off or unplug electrical appliances. They are also advised to lock all doors and windows, close blinds and of course, have a fun and safe Spring Break.

Grant enables JSU to acquire electron microscope

By Jamie M. Eubanks
JSU News Bureau

Thanks to a National Science Foundation grant, Jacksonville State University's newly completed, state-of-the-art McGee Science Center will soon house a highly-prized piece of equipment — an electron microscope.

Dr. Benjamin "Benjie" Blair, assistant professor of biology at JSU, and his colleagues designed the new biology labs in McGee Center to best fit the needs of each lab. They also had a special place designed for a scanning electron microscope. However, the university didn't have a way to buy one — until now.

"We hoped to get the grant, and we prepared the lab as if we had already received it," said Blair. "If we hadn't

gotten the grant, we would have kept on trying."

Blair received a letter from the National Science Foundation on Feb. 26. The amount of the grant, including matching funds, is \$182,299. And this is even sweeter for Blair, because the news came on the same day his first daughter was born.

The microscope will be custom-made when the order is placed, according to department chairman Dr. Bill Bowen. It should arrive sometime in early summer.

"We're excited about how the microscope will be used," says Blair. "It will cross departmental lines."

Not only biology students and faculty will use the microscope, but chemistry, computer science, geolo-

gy and forensics will also have access. Professors in these areas also had a part in the grant writing process: Dr. Blair; Dr. Jan Gryko, assistant professor of chemistry; Dr. Kelly Gregg, associate professor of geography; Dr. Frank Romano, professor of biology; and Dr. William Bowen, professor of biology.

"The grant writing process is a very long, drawn out process," says Blair. "The idea for this electron microscope has existed for over three years."

And it couldn't have come at a worst time. Most grants require matching funds from the university that receives them. With the onslaught of proration, Blair was worried that the university wouldn't be able to match the grant.

Bowen said matching funds are

available.

"The administration has been very supportive," said Blair. "Our President, Dr. Bill Meehan, wrote a tremendous letter of support to the Science Foundation for our grant."

In the world of grants, administrative support is a key factor. It was actually one of the main aspects the Science Foundation was looking for in JSU.

The total cost of the microscope is less than \$182,299.00, but what is not used for the purchase will be used for maintenance and upkeep of the machine.

"Now JSU's students will have a leg-up with hands-on training provided by our electron microscope," says Blair. "This is a tremendous milestone for Jacksonville State University."

Campus Crime

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

3-15-01: Joshua W. Moody, 22, of Birmingham, Ala., was arrested by JSUPD on charges of DUI at Park Ave.

3-15-01: Ray Barry Gaddy, 49, of Calhoun County was arrested by JSUPD on charges DUI and open container violations occurring behind Park Place II apartments.

3-15-01: Robert Edward Swain, 34, of Talledega, Ala., was arrested by JSUPD on charges of third degree domestic violence at Pannell apartments.

3-15-01: Patti Jane Lecroy, of Jacksonville, Ala., reported theft of property to JSUPD occurring behind Ayers Hall.

3-16-01: Jason Poe, of Mobile Ala., reported theft of property to JSUPD occurring at the JSU Field House.

3-16-01: Curt G. Lanham, of Jacksonville, Ala., reported harassment to JSUPD occurring at the Kappa Sigma house.

3-17-01: Gipon Ferdinand, of Jacksonville, Ala., reported criminal mischief to JSUPD occurring at Rowan Hall

3-18-01: Ronnie D. Laguerre, of Del Ray Beach, FL., reported criminal mischief to JSUPD occurring in the parking lot between Dixon and Crow Halls.

3-18-01: Ahmad Rashad Caldwell, 23, of Carrolton, Ga., was arrested by JSUPD on charges of DUI on Pelham Road.

• Clubs and Organizations •

• Alpha Tau Omega

Last weekend Alpha Tau Omega hosted a fishing tournament at Big Oak Boys Ranch, for abused and neglected children. ATO is also planning a Blood drive, to be held at the ATO house, following spring break. We are looking forward to a fun spring break and Viking the week after spring break. Thanks, to Alpha Xi Delta for an awesome time at our paint mixer, Thursday night.

• Alpha Omicron Pi

The sisters and new members would like to CONGRATULATE the new officers!!! LC: President- Joy Boyd VPA/Alum- Heather Miller VPE/KOR- Sara Thompson VPAD-Amber Mange Chapter Relations- Lacey Daniel Recording Secretary- Thereasa Baird Corresponding Secretary- Cami Baugh New Member Educator- Ashley Bernard Philanthropy/PR- Ashley Rhodamer Treasurer- Allison Jones Panhellenic/ Activities- Elizabeth Davis Risk Management- Marlana Chandler Social- Kristi Smith CR Committee: Krystle Ponder, Liz Brodowski, Kelly Mullendore, Carrie Thompson Chaplain- Leslie Daniel, Environmental- Christa Collins, Historian- Jennifer Foster, To Dagma Reporter- Kerry Hudson, Hall Chair- Marlana Chandler, T-shirt Chair- Kristi Smith, Alternate Panhellenic Delegate- Erin Woodruff

• Zeta Tau Alpha

Zeta Tau Alpha wants to congratulate all the new SGA Senators and SGA Officers. Thanks to Missy for putting on an awesome parent's day this weekend. Also thanks to Jennifer Cumby and Jill Henderson for a wonderful formal, everyone had a great time! Zeta hopes all the Greeks had fun during Greek week. We also want to say thanks to KA for the mixer this week we had a great time! Our EC member of the week goes to the beautiful Jency Sharp!! Zeta wishes everyone a safe and fun Spring Break!

• Phi Mu

Phi Mu would like to thank the gentlemen of the Kappa Alpha Order for hosting a mixer Monday night in honor of the week's Old South activities. We had a great time! We would also like to congratulate the winners of the Greek Week events, and thank all of those who worked hard this week to make it a success. The awards this week are as follows: Phi Mu Lady of the Week, Karen Maxwell; Dandy Lion Award, Misty Haynes; Sunshine Award, Samantha Dawkins. We hope everyone has a wonderful week and a safe Spring Break!

• Alpha Xi Delta

Alpha Xi Delta would like to congratulate Miranda Killingsworth on winning the SGA presidential election. Miranda, we love and support you 100%. Congratulations to Sara Gerrard, Katie Green, Addie Ferguson, Trina Kulakowski, April Morton, and Frances Archuleta on their initiation into our sisterhood. Good luck to all GREEK WEEK participants. Our awards for the week are: Ann Casey and Mary Wissinger-sisters of the week, April Morton-new member of the week, Ann Marie Renyolds-support award, and Tiffany Burnham-beary best bear. The following people made A's this week: Heather Stedham, Nina Rester, Mary Wissinger, Jessica Hess, Meghan Baxter, April Morton, Ann Casey, Tiffany Burnham, Autumn Neighbors, and Bonnie Borden. We are proud of you keep up the great job!! We hope everyone has a safe and fun spring break.

• Delta Zeta

Delta Zeta hope's everyone participating in Greek Week had a great time. Congratulations to our newest sisters, Nicole Pitman and Stephanie Bryd. We are so proud of you. Congratulations to Phi Mu and their Little Miss JSU Pageant, we enjoyed it. Congratulations to Jennifer Jones on making Gamecock Hostess, we are proud of you. We hope everyone has a safe and awesome spring break. Thanks to Pi Kappa Phi for their Risk Management Seminar. We hope Mary Beth and Jennifer have a great time at SEPC next week. Sister of the Week - Jennifer Jones, Support - Katie Wesley, New Member of the Week - Amanda Johnson, Alumnae of the Week - Rhonda Cash.

• A n n o u n c e m e n t s •

• The Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society's annual Faculty Scholar Lecture will be held in Room 230 Stone Center, Tuesday, April 3, 2001, at 3:00 p.m. This year's lecturer is Dr. William Hug, who will address the topic, " Jacob Riis and Ethnic Rhetoric." All university students and the general public are invited to attend. Sigma Tau Delta members should certainly plan to be there.

Second N.J. student dies during Spring Break

By Matthew McGuire
TMS Campus

A New Jersey college student drowned during his spring break after jumping off a pier in South Carolina, police said.

The body of Jeffrey S. Rothman, 20, from William Paterson University, was found in the surf about 4:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 14, hours after he had separated from four friends he had traveled with to Myrtle Beach. Police believe Rothman climbed a fence to get to a closed pier, where authorities later found his clothes.

Police have not ruled whether alcohol played a role in Rothman's death, though his underage friends ran into problems with the law around 8 p.m. the night before on an unrelated alcohol incident. Rothman's friends were arrested on misdemeanor alcohol- and drug-related charges at their hotel, police said.

Rothman had apparently left the room in order to get something to eat, his friends told police. The pier is about four blocks from the hotel room.

Rothman's death is the second spring break fatality of a student from a New Jersey school this week. Michael Santiago, a 19-year-old Rutgers student, slipped from his third-floor hotel balcony while attempting to jump into the pool below early Sunday, March 11. His parents gave doctors their consent to take their son off life support Tuesday, which had kept him alive since the incident.

JSU Area Events Calendar: March 22 - 29

Thurs 22	Fri23	Sat 24	Sun 25
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Greek week • Alabama Artists Invitational at Hammond Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.--free admission. • Men's and Women's tennis vs. UA-Huntsville @ 1:30 p.m. • The Chanticleer publishes its annual April's Fools edition.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alabama Artists Invitational at Hammond Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.--free admission. • Gamecock Baseball at Troy State @ 6 p.m. • JSU Softball vs. Florida Atlantic Univ. @ 3 p.m. & University of FL. @ 5 p.m. at Boca Raton, FL.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gamecock Baseball at Troy State (2) @ 1 p.m. • JSU Softball vs. Michigan State @ 10 a.m. & Florida International @ 4 p.m. at Boca Raton, FL.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Men's Tennis vs. Stetson in DeLand, FL. @ 3 p.m. • Women's Tennis vs. Stetson in DeLand, FL. @ 1 p.m.
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Mon 26	Tues 27	Wed 28	Thurs 29
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SPRING BREAK BEGINS! • Men's Tennis vs. Jacksonville University in Jacksonville, FL. • Women's Tennis vs. Jacksonville University in Jacksonville, FL. @ 1 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SPRING BREAK CONT. • Gamecock Baseball at UAB @ 7 p.m. • JSU Softball vs. Florida Atlantic Univ. (2) in Boca Raton, FL. @ 5 p.m. • Men's Tennis vs. Rollins in Winter Park, FL. @ 2:30 p.m. • Women's Tennis vs. Rollins in Winter Park, FL. @ 3 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• IT'S STILL SPRING BREAK! HULLABALOO RESPONSIBLY.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SPRING BREAK IS STILL GOING ON. IF YOU SHOW UP FOR CLASS YOU ARE A MORON!

Chaucer didn't know what he was getting himself into!



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straight out of the dark ages

Annual career fair in Brewer Hall

By Information Services

On Wednesday, April 4, the Department of Sociology and Social Work, the Department of Criminal Justice, and the Department of Psychology will sponsor their annual Career Fair. Any students from these departments, plus any other interested parties, are invited to participate. Everybody is welcome.

Many potential employers will be at the tables in the lobby and halls of Brewer Hall. Students may circulate freely and talk to any and all of the potential employers. Students may also obtain literature from whichever potential employers they wish. Those students about to graduate should dress appropriately and bring resumes.

Students not immediately seeking a job can obtain information. This will be the easiest way a student can obtain information about a great number of potential employers.

In addition to representing their own agencies/companies, these people are knowledgeable about their fields of employment. They have broader knowledge than their own particular agency/company.

Students may start circulating among the potential employers at 1:30. The event should end about 4:00.

On Thursday, April 5, the Georgia


Merit System (the civil service system for Georgia) will give some of their civil service tests on campus. This agency will have been present the day before at the Career Fair in Brewer Hall.

Tests will be given for:

- Probation Officer I/II
- Parole Officer
- Juvenile Probation/Parole Specialist II
- Child Support Enforcement Agent
- Assistant Financial Examiner (Must have at least one course in Accounting and a total of three courses in
- Accounting and/or Finance)
- Environmental Health Specialist I (Must have at least 30 semester hours in laboratory sciences)

To be eligible to take one of these tests you must either already have the appropriate bachelor's degree or be graduating either in April or August. Also you must pre-register at the Career Placement Services Office (room 105 Bibb Graves).

You may obtain further information about the jobs and/or tests from the Career Placement Services Office (room 105 Bibb Graves). You must pre-register there prior to April 4. There is a procedure that will take some time; it would be wise to pre-register well before April 4.



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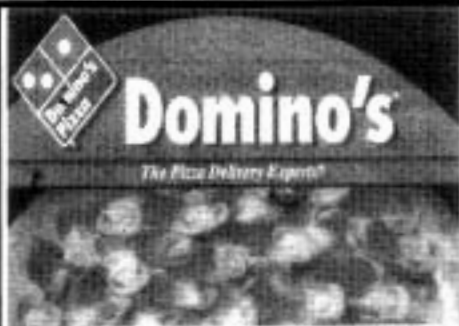


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Train came, they conquered, they made tracks

By Joshua W. Bingham
Features Editor

Jacksonville State University's long concert drought finally came to an end Friday night when Train played Pete Mathews Coliseum. With an estimated 2,500 people in attendance, the concert also featured the opening act of Will Hoge.

The show started at 8 p.m. and people stood shoulder to shoulder in a mob that spanned the width of the stage. Many people also sat in the bleachers above and around the floor.

The stage was as wide as the basketball court in the coliseum and was well lit with rows of colored lights, which hung off frames above backstage and front. "I think the set-up's real good. It's actually bigger than I expected it to be; it's real nice," JSU student Craig Norton said.

"It's not any different than a large concert anywhere else," JSU student Dean Hedden said.

Will Hoge went on stage and Hoge, the vocalist, opened up with some friendly chatter, after which the whole band followed with "One Fine Day." Will Hoge performed with true rock & roll style and got the crowd to start bobbing their heads and shoulders in rhythm.

Hoge talked often between songs, telling stories of friends and inspirations. "We're trying to win a place in your musical hearts," Hoge said before one song.

A bra was thrown up on the stage and Hoge picked it up, examined it with a smile while the crowd laughed, and wore it during the next song.

The four-member Will Hoge band had attention-grabbing stage presence and used it well. Toward the end of their set, the lead singer got full audience participation by talking about love and then asking everybody to scream out L - O - V - E.

"It's our first time here," Will Hoge drummer Kirk Yoquelet said about what he thought of Jacksonville. "We got here late 'cause our van broke down ... had a blast with the crowd. They were great." Yoquelet was sure that people in Jacksonville hadn't heard Will Hoge before and he "felt really positive" about the concert.



Just a few nights from the Train concert at JSC last Friday night, Monahan (center) for Monahan gets into the spirit as he sings. Rob Roden looks on. Top right: Monahan gets up close and personal with the fans. Right: Will Hoge, Train's opener, asks JSU students to scream out L-O-V-E. Photos by Carrie Williams.

During the intermission between bands, Student Government Association President Elizabeth Webb got up on stage and thanked everybody for coming. Steve Stevens and Chris Wright from radio station K-98 also said their thanks and introduced Train.

With sticks of incense lit around the drum set and plumes of artificial smoke floating up from backstage, the house lights were dimmed. As more people joined the standing crowd before the stage and started yelling and whistling, Train walked on.

After the band members got situated with their instruments and began, lead singer Pat Monahan played to the crowd closest to the stage by pointing to different women, smiling and giving looks. The arms of the women, young and old, flew up and shook while they screamed for Monahan's attention.

Train played the radio-popular song "Meet Virginia," and the crowd sang along in a loud chorus. Monahan heard, stopped singing, and the whole band followed suit, except for the high-hat cymbals keeping rhythm. Guitarist Jimmy Stafford smiled in enjoyment and Monahan got the band playing again with an a cappella intro.

The set went on for a little over an hour while Train performed with true talent and self-confidence. Train's main performance ended with Scott Underwood first playing a drum solo, followed by Monahan going

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JSU student
Crystal Roden

back on stage to accompany on a djembe drum for a percussion duet.

As an encore, Train played their cover of Led Zeppelin's "Ramble On." The encore lasted for 20 minutes and then sweat-drenched Train walked off the stage for a final time to a thunderous round of applause.

It was close to a three-hour show and people had a good time. "I really enjoyed it," JSU student Holly Pinson said. "I thought it was a very good show."

"It rocked!" JSU student Crystal Roden said of the concert. When asked why, Roden said, "He (Monahan) was awesome 'cause he's really fine and everybody seemed to enjoy it a whole lot."

Monahan liked the Jacksonville audience saying they were "great. We don't have our next record out yet and it's nice to know that people either go to Napster, or you know, at

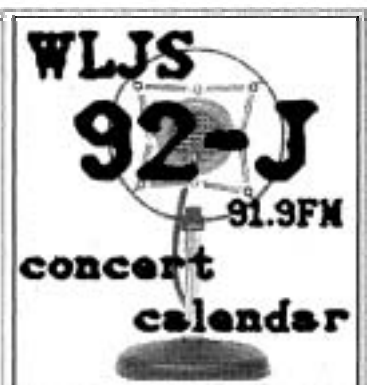


least "Drops of Jupiter" is on the radio. People are already singing along; it's a good sign - good start."

Train guitarist Jimmy Stafford said that it was Train's first time in Jacksonville and they didn't have time to look around town, but they "love Alabama."

Friday's concert was the first of Train's tour after recording "Drops of Jupiter" and Stafford said, "you never know what to expect on the first night of a tour, so it's kind of scary, kind of like, you know, 'I hope you can remember us and I hope you come out.' There was a really nice crowd."

Train's new album, "Drops of Jupiter," will be hitting the record stores on March 27. For those who enjoyed the Will Hoge band, they will be performing at Brothers on April 11.



Local Scene

3/22/01 Read My Lips--Brothers
4/2/01 Pool Tournament and Open Mic Night--Brothers
4/3/01 "Dead Night"--Brothers
4/4/01 Ladies Night Featuring DJ Mac--Brothers
4/5/01 Members Only (Farewell Show)--Brothers
4/6/01 Drivin' 'N' Cryin'--Brothers

Birmingham

3/22/01 Mike Plume Band--B&A Warehouse
3/22/01 The Statler Brothers--Civic Center
3/24/01 Tender Idols--The Nick
3/30/01 Big Dumb Face--Five Points Music Hall
4/3/01 Chuck Leavell & Gov't Mule--Five Points Music Hall

Atlanta

3/23/01 Papa Roach--Tabernacle
3/23/01 Sepultura--The Masquerade
3/24/01 Pat McGee Band & Vertical Horizon--Tabernacle
3/26/01 Stephen Malkmus--Echo Lounge
3/27/01 Erykah Badu--Fox Theatre
3/29/01 Amy Ray--Echo Lounge
3/30/01 P.J. Harvey & U2--Phillips Arena



CD Releases

Lionel Richie-Renaissance
Killing Heidi-Reflector
Old 97's-Satellite Rides
112-Part III
The Cranberries-Bury the Hatchet: The Complete Sessions
Me First and the Gimme Gimmes-Blow in the Wind
Jon B-Pleasures U Like
March 27
Buckcherry-Time Bomb
Shawn Colvin-Whole New You
Tupac Shakur-Until the End of Time
Pearl Jam-Domestic Bootlegs (Second Leg)
Ben Harper-Live From Mars
Train-Drops of Jupiter



Last week, I tackled an issue that most people wouldn't even attempt to discuss. I handled it with tact and received positive feedback. Positive? Yes, positive.

This week, I got nothin' but a wicked bout with the flu. I've blown all my witticisms out my nose and discarded them in a newly slimed tissue. I've got nothin' people. I am now taking requests.

You can quit reading. There is no earth-shattering

subject matter this week. This week's paper is nothing but a waste of trees and we know it. We have suffered our third resignation of the year. Three students have stepped up to do the job, and then stepped down. The job is tough. The job's even tougher for those of us who've had to watch people come and go. We've had to grow accustom to their rules, realize what we can and can't say around them, change our behavior and vocabulary for them and then change back when they leave.

They should've been the ones to change. They should've grown accustom to us-the surviving, original members-Adam Smith, Anthony Hill and myself.

Adam Smith is sick as well this week. His lymphnode is so swollen that he looks like a frickin' hamster with a mouth fulla sunflower seeds. But he still has to go to work, and he still has to put a paper together. Regardless of the outcome, regardless of how this year's *Chanticleer* is judged when it's all said and done, he has tried, and I believe he has tried hard to accommodate and cater to his employees-harder than any boss I've ever had.

And I'm just saying that because he's my friend. I am fortunate enough to know my boss. I am fortunate enough to have his trust and I have been able to listen to his concerns on numerous nights. He has tried and tried and been tried and been tried.

Anthony Hill is the most stable spoke in the

wheel. Week in and week out, Anthony has his !*\$# together. His sports section looks better and is more entertaining than any *Chanticleer* sports section since I've been a student at JSU. Anthony loves his props. He deserves his props. Don't we all.

And that's one thing that we haven't had enough of this year. We haven't had a 'kudos' from a communications teacher all year. We've heard rumors of compliments. We even had compliments from previous *Chanticleer* editors, including the one who is now seen as a god by many communications teachers. That's right com teachers, the legend himself wrote in and complimented us.

Last year was a good year for the paper, but this year our readership increased; our ad rates increased; our effectiveness increased. And Adam Smith has been responsible.

You can place blame on people, but you also have to give credit where credit is due. We've fought through paycheck @\$*ups. We've fought through our new advisor's freshman mistakes. We've fought through a virtually compliment-free year.

I didn't want to get out of bed today. I didn't want to write a column this week. But I have reached a point, as have Mr. Smith and Mr. Hill, where I feel as though I owe you, the students of JSU, something. It might not always be great, but we try.

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F o r u m

First of all, I would like to commend Mr. Lauer on his excessive amount of balls. I am a feminist. A feminist is not a male-bashing, protesting, Tori Amos listening pain in the ass. It is a woman who just wants the equal respect that we give men. (I commend Mr. Lauer, too, on his respect for women. And i know there are a lot of guys out there like you but they are not who we're mad at) But the other day I was reminded why I am a feminist. A young man, whose name I don't even know, told me that "Men dominate this world and always will and that is the way women want it. And women aren't doing anything about it." He went on to comment on every woman that came on the TV, stating whether they were worthy to have him make love (for lack of a better term) to them or not. It is guys like him that we are fighting against. We are fighting against the guy who said to me one day last semester "Come here shorty," and when I didn't come, "Hey baby, you scared of me?" That is what we're fighting against. We're fighting to change the minds of the men out there who think a woman's worth is the sum of their body parts. That is what a true feminist fights for.

Sincerely,
Ketti Bates. woman

Dear Editor,

I have to give credit where credit is due: to Mr. Lauer, on last week's Y-knot. Today's society is being held responsible for our country's past. I don't feel that children or grandchildren of former slaves should be compensated for past mistakes. If you personally haven't been wronged, then you deserve nothing. And if you personally haven't done anything wrong, then you owe nothing. I couldn't agree more on what you said about stupid people and their lack of deserving respect. Common sense is missing in this country more than you know. For example, the women who decide to go to a frat party, drink 12 margaritas and a few shots, and then wake up with someone they've never seen before and call it "rape." Cry me a river. Take some responsibility- you **CHOSE** to drink, you know your risks. If you have no responsibility, then neither does the drunk driver. You both drank and put yourselves in bad situations. Think I'm being harsh? Then I suggest you read Annette Baier. As for women and stupidity- I think we can get away with it more than men because we can pull it off in a "cute" way. Whereas a stupid man just looks, well, stupid. There are some women who are to blame for our exploitation. But only those women who *degrade themselves*, if you want to put it that way, should be held accountable. Men have the right to look at magazines such as Playboy, just as I have my right to subscribe to Playgirl. What could be more equal than that? If you think I'm helping to degrade men, then so be it. What can I say? Nothing makes me happier than seeing a good looking, naked man.

Francesca Rao



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Cocky named "Goofiest NCAA Mascot of the Year" at recent convention. page 13



WORLD NEWS

• **BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)** — In an appeal for the sexes to "walk a night in one another's shoes," off-beat Bogota Mayor Antanas Mockus has cooked up "Night Without Men" — a voluntary curfew this Friday encouraging women to party and men to stay home with the kids and dirty dishes.

• **SYDNEY, Australia (Reuters)** — An Australian adventurer plans to attempt a world record parachute jump from the edge of space, about 40,000 meters (130,000 feet) above the Earth's surface.

• **SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA (AP)** — A year after the ill-fated marriage of TV bride Darva Conger, her 3-carat diamond wedding ring was sold for \$20,000 at a charity auction.

• **SAN FRANCISCO, California (AP)** — An artist can continue using Barbie dolls in his photographic renderings, some of which depict dolls posed in sexual positions, a federal appeals court ruled February 22.

• **LONDON (AP)** — In this nation of inveterate bettors, the wagering world is getting creative — or maybe a little desperate — as a severe outbreak of the livestock ailment has quieted the action at the gambling parlors that dot the streets of most major British cities.

• One Internet betting site is offering hamster races to keep bettors happy until the schedule of more well-established sports returns to normal.

• **CAIRO, Egypt (AP)** — Shepherd Mokhtar Adam Fadl was sleeping soundly beside his flock when he was shot dead. Hours later police found the killer. It was one of his sheep, police officers said Thursday.

• **SAN FRANCISCO, California (Reuters)** — A new study by Stanford University researchers indicates that elephants use foot-stomping and vocal rumblings as part of an elaborate system of seismic communication, sending vibrations through the ground to other elephants far beyond the reach of audible sound.

Jacksonville under attack from strange creatures

Strange reports of heffalumps, woozles and pink elephants becoming more common



If you look closely, it becomes evident that Brothers has been taken over by creatures similar to this, called a heffalump. There have also been sightings of woozles and pink elephants as well. Photo by Kevin Cole/Adam Smith

By Joshua W. Bingham
Features Editor

Heffalumps, woozles and pink elephants have been seen playing at Brothers in Jacksonville.

There is never a set date for when they will play, but on some eerie, sporadic nights of collegian enjoyment at Brothers, all have been seen.

"It was as if the wool had been lifted from my eyes, and the little pink elephants were always there - I had just never looked, nor shot pool good enough, nor listened to them. . .," Jacksonville State University junior Coyote Kerouac said with a certain foggiess in his eyes.

Pink elephants are the nicest of the three groups that play unexpectedly on off nights at Brothers, as some

JSU students have testified.

"They kind of remind me of a certain flying elephant, but a gray one," JSU freshman Cindy Pendergrass said. "They're really interesting though, and they even let me get up and play music with them sometimes."

When the heffalumps and woozles play, there is a little more mischievous mood to things. "I swear man, they will like, come up behind you and make noises and stuff, just trying to, you know, scare ya and stuff," JSU sophomore Nick Williams said. "Well, what I do, is start throwing beer bottles at them and then I usually fall down." Brothers bar doesn't like it when patrons throw bottles and people may be asked to leave if they do so.

What is especially interesting about these groups is that often times they will interact with the crowd. "One time, two pink elephants, two heffalumps and one woozle went out on the porch with me and started, like, reciting off some crazy poetry," JSU sophomore Bubba Lauer said, "but the poetry was in harmony. Well, I kind of

freaked and I ran, but they were already there before I was, man." Lauer thought it was a very unique experience and was hopeful for others to have the same.

The heffalumps, pink elephants and woozles never show up in a vehicle, eyewitnesses said, and these groups of performers can sometimes be seen running through the square in Jacksonville and lurking in the shadows. "Well, I was riding in my friend's car one night and I know that I saw some little pink elephants performing on that little stage on the square. Then, next to Brothers, off in the shadows, I know some woozles were looking at me," JSU freshman Katie Lusk said. Lusk also commented that the driver of the car did not see the pink elephants nor the woozles, but she "saw them, I know I did - so have other people."

"The music they play is really tight," JSU senior Ray Smith said. "And when all three groups of them get up to play - well people just have'ta dance. It's kind of a psychedelic-funk-techno, deep throaty jazz sound with lots of bongos - even their heads sound like bongos. When they groove, I just sit back and smile in rhythm."

The music style of the pink elephants, woozles and heffalumps is very diverse, but many students remembered the repetition of the word "they're" in some songs.

"They're far, they're near, they're gone," something, something, "they're quick and slick and insincere," JSU senior Theodore Hill said in recalling what he heard. "But man, you should'a seen 'em. They were changing colors, making faces and it almost seemed like they were changing sizes."

The heffalumps, woozles and pink elephants could not be reached for an interview, so the dates they will be reappearing at Brother's are unknown. There are also rumors that this unpredictable group of visitors has been to other bars in the area.

"Well, you never know when they're going to show up," JSU junior Jody Webb said. "I feel that I am one of the few privileged ones who have seen them perform. You know, it happens when it happens, so good luck."

Christopher Lauer critical after attack



"Incompetence does not make you a bad person," muttered Christopher Lauer in reference to those who attacked him as paramedics worked to save his life early Wednesday morning.

By Aron Taylor Webb
Staff Writer

JPD found Christopher Lauer hanging from a tree in the JSU quad area around 3 a.m. Wednesday after

receiving an anonymous phone call. "He was tarred, feathered and barely alive," said Sgt. Harry Ashe.

Adam Smith, editor of The Chanticleer, and the infamous Lauer were working late Tuesday night to meet their deadline for Thursday's publication when they were attacked by a mob dressed in 18th century costumes. "They looked like colonial diplomats with masks and white wigs," said Smith.

Smith told police that there were 5 culprits - 2 females standing guard and 3 males. "The short guy seemed to be the ringleader. He was doing all the talking, while his two twin towers were roughing Chris up," said Smith. "I would of helped but I was scared they'd hurt me, too."

Smith told police that the two larger males tied Lauer's hands and feet together and dragged him out of the building - hitting and kicking him all the way. "Let's see if your

precious First Amendment will protect you now," bellowed the ringleader as they threw Lauer in back of a black Explorer and drove off.

"I'm not surprised this happened, he's always pissing people off and always getting threats. Actually, it's kind of ironic that one of his predictions actually came true," said Smith.

There are currently no suspects in custody, but police say that this will be heavily investigated. "It was probably just meant to be a drunken prank that went too far," said UPD's Sgt. Jack Knopf. Police say this crime may be linked to last week's hijacking of a Tyson truck loaded with chickens.

Rushed to Jacksonville Hospital, Lauer was unavailable for comment. "Mr. Lauer is in critical condition, but we are doing the best we can to get him stabilized," said hospital spokesperson Eileen Dover.



Noteworthy Not Worthy

Because our opinion matters





Kenny Rogers

The Gambler



To most people, the words “ground-breaking” or “artistic mastery” don’t come to mind when they think of Kenny Rogers. However, his 1978 landmark effort, “The Gambler” definitely puts Rogers in the “misunderstood genius” category.

When given a second, fourth or twentieth listen, “The Gambler” conveys a sense of warmth and realism that seems to be lacking from many of today’s albums. Rogers, though not a writer of his own songs, puts his heart and soul into every performance.

Opening up with the now-classic title track, Rogers sings the story of a traveling gambler who gives some wise advice to a stranger on a train just before cashing in his chips for the final time.

The gambler’s advice, “you gotta know when to hold ‘em / you gotta know when to fold ‘em / know when to walk away / know when to run,” is sacred musical advice to be taken to heart no matter what the scenario may be. Rogers sings the part with conviction, and at times sounds like a spiritual mystic, or shaman.

The disc gets better and better with every cut. The bittersweet “I Wish I Could Hurt That Way Again” is a painful ballad in which Rogers soulfully declares, “in between the sorrow / I wish there was tomorrow / but as long as there’s tomorrow / there’s no end.” Brilliant words indeed, Mr. Rogers.

Rogers cuts loose from the Nashville sound on occasion and gets funky with “The Hoodoo” of Miss Fanny Dewberry,” a Billy Joe White tune. The wah-wah guitars and Latin percussion are the perfect backdrop for Rogers’ smooth and soulful tone. Ditto for “Making Music for Money” which features excellently rockin’ piano and some searing guitar solos. Yes, even Kenny Rogers can rock commendably.

Just when you thought the first half of the disc can’t get any better, the second half just screams “masterpiece.”

Starting off with the monster hit “She Believes in Me,” Rogers pours

his heart into the haunting ballad of a man’s confession of his woman’s love. Climaxing at just the right moment with the fullness of masterfully played violins, Rogers delivers perhaps the performance of his lifetime.

And the great songs just keep on coming on the second half. “Tennessee Bottle” depicts the inner thoughts and paranoid pathos of an outlaw. Rogers sings the chilling tale and has the listener truly believing with lines like “I fought the law and I used a gun / I broke 10 commandments one by one / I always wished I had a son / just to teach him not to.” Scary indeed.

The album closes with a trio of fantastic songs, carefully crafted by Rogers and his band of crack Nashville session men. “The King of Oak Street” is a heartbreaking tale of a man who cheats on his wife, and is ultimately forgiven. “Sleep Tight Goodnight Man” is soothing to the soul and pleasing to the ear. “Morgana Jones,” a tale of a prostitute pumps up the funk quotient and features excellent George Benson-esque guitar.

Know matter what your tastes are, “The Gambler” is sure to please everyone with an ear for great, groundbreaking music. So, if you’re lucky enough to find it in a flea market or in a used record store, by all means pick up this great recording from an always-great artist.

By Rufus Manley



Frankie Yankovic

Greatest Hits



Traipsing across a circle of emotions, Frankie Yankovic and band delivers a performance of unique song and rhythm that wouldn’t make sense in any other musical style than polka.

“Hoop-dee-doo / (clap, clap, clap) / I hear polka and my troubles are through / ... / Hoop-dee-dooing it tonight / ... / so sweet that I could die / ... / when I’m dancing, give me room,” from the appropriately titled song “Hoop-Dee-Doo,” tells the theme of this album best.

The upbeat polka rhythm soars through many of the songs, such as “Tic-Toc Polka,” which makes you want to grab the edge of your frilly dress and hold it up while the legs kick away and a “hey” escapes the mouth. There are also slower polkas without any words such as “Helena-Polka” which gives one time to stop

dancing, eat some sauerkraut and sausage and wash it all down with a big mouth full of lager.

The listener is reminded of an important fact from the song “In Heaven There is no Beer.” The truth of mortality perhaps: “in heaven, there is no beer / that’s why we drink it here.” There are talented fingers dancing over the keys of the piano accordion as scales and chord changes fly by in pure tradition. A harmony of men and women singing “la, la-la-la, la-la, la” seems to bring warm feelings and nostalgic memories of good friends and family.

Yankovic sings touching polkas about love and the thrill received when “she tells me of her love” in “Emilia-Polka.” Yankovic sings of an old girlfriend in “Julida-Polka” who only loved him when he had money. The songs are more moving

because surely everyone knows people and has memories like those Yankovic sings about.


“Just because you think you think you’re pretty / ... / Just because you think you got something that nobody else has got / ... / I’m telling you that I’m through with you just because / Just because.” - “Just Because” Yankovic sings and plays polkas which ask questions such as, “who stole the kishka,” filled with screams of laughter and voices in harmony singing “he just wants his sausage back.” There’s also the “Strip-Polka” which sings “take it off, take it off / ... / Someday you’ll get married, but for now / ... / It’s strip polka time!”

A hilarious song, bringing thoughts of men sitting drunk in their pub and singing, is the “Too Fat Polka.”

“I don’t want her, you can have her, she’s too fat for me / too too fat for me / too too fat for me / I don’t want her, you can have her, she’s too fat for me / too too fat / Rose too fat / too too fat for me / Hey! / ... / She’s a twosome / She’s a foursome / If she’d lose some / I would like her more some.”


Frankie Yankovic is a true king of polka.

By Joshua W. Bingham



the PULSE


What's your favorite profanity and why?



**** ** ****, because it's the best thing to say when people **** me off.


Michael Harper
Sophomore

**** eating rat *****, because being a ***** isn't enough.




Clarence Blalock
Sophomore

*** of a *****, because it just rolls right off your tongue




Stephanie Bohl
Junior

*****, because it's the first thing that comes out.

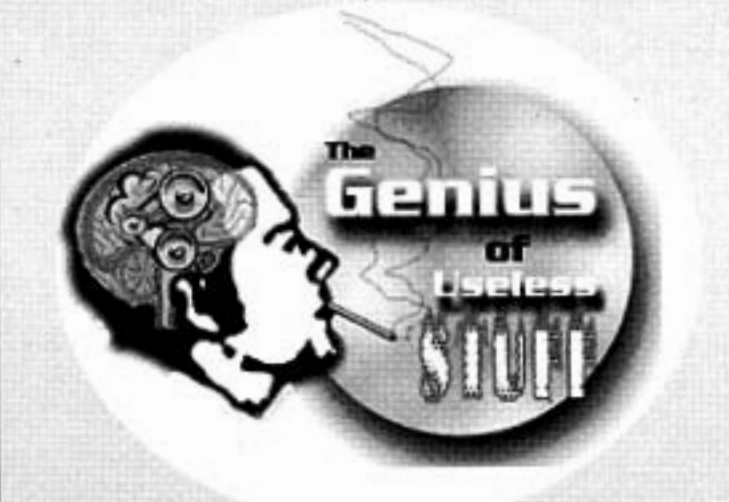


Elena Prucha
Freshman

**** ** *****, because of the example set by the media.



J-dub Pulitzer
Senior



The Genius of Useless Stuff

Useless Quiz

1. What do you get when you cross an elephant with a rhino?	brunette passenger?
2. How many blondes does it take to make a chocolate chip cookie?	5. What's the capitol of Kentucky? Louisville or Lexington?
3. Why was the redhead so pleased to complete a jigsaw puzzle in 18 months?	6. What do men have in common with parking spots?
4. Why is it good to have a	7. What is the mating call of a Troy State University student?

1. Elfrimo
2. Five. One to stir the mixture and four to peel the M&M's
3. Because the box said "from 2 to 5"
4. You can park in the handicapped years"
5. Neither, Frankfurt
6. The good ones are taken and the ones that are left are handicapped
7. Gosh, I'm so drunk!

THE WEEK IN SPORTS



JSU Athletic Director Tom Seitz shoots straight from the hip in this week's "One on One"

Stetson sweeps the baseball team

By Matthew Martin
Staff Writer

A moral victory is a common cliché used in sports, but it couldn't have been any truer than it was during last weekend's matchup between the Gamecocks (8-14, 0-3 TAAC) and Stetson. Stetson was ranked 16th by Collegiate Baseball going into last weekend's clash with the Gamecocks.

Stetson overpowered the Gamecocks 15-4 in the first game last Friday. The Gamecocks battled hard, but were swept in both games last Saturday, 9-2 and 12-7.

"We just lost three games, which is really disappointing," said head coach Rudy Abbott. "But we beat them six out of seven innings in the first game, and the game was tied going into the seventh inning of the second game."

Stetson sent Lenny Dinardo to the mound to battle JSU's Joey Shiftlett. Dinardo, who was selected as preseason Player of the Year in the TAAC and first team All-America, came into the game with a 28-8 career record.

The Hatters jumped out on top in the first inning by scoring three runs. Jeff Christy, last years TAAC

tournament MVP, led the game off with a solo shot. Josh Laws followed with a double, and later scored on Frank Corr's two run home run, to make the score 3-0.

Stetson added four more runs in the third. Laws led off with a single and later scored on a fielder's choice by Andy Wilson. The Hatters would score three more runs before the Gamecocks could answer.

The Gamecocks fought back in the bottom of the third inning. Chris Magouryrk started the rally with a single and was followed by another single by Rhett McCreight. Carlos Delgado singled to score Magouryrk and Ralph Couret had an RBI single, scoring McCreight.

Stetson blasted another home run off the bat of Christy in the fourth inning to make the score 8-2.

Following two more runs in the fifth by Stetson, the Gamecocks struck again in the sixth inning. Andrew Tarver walked and advanced to second. He scored on a Heith Comer double to make the score 10-3. The Gamecocks could only muster one more run in the game as they lost by a score of 15-4.

In game two the Gamecocks got



JSU Gamecock first baseman Nick Brown takes a pick-off throw during last Saturday's game against Stetson.

an early lead and scored first. Michael Helms scored on a Tarver double to make the score 1-0.

Gamecock pitcher Steve Shippey held the Hatters scoreless until the fourth inning, when Vinnie Rinaldi hit a solo home run to tie the game. The Gamecocks held a 2-1 lead until the sixth inning when the Hatters simply erupted and finished the game off with a 9-2 victory.

Shippey pitched five innings, allowing ten hits and only three runs, while striking out five.

Stetson scored eight runs over the final two innings to rally for a 12-7 win over the Gamecocks in the final game of the series.

"If our guys do not get discouraged, we will figure out ways to win," said Abbott. "I'm not discouraged at all, it takes little steps to learn how to win, and we will learn how to win those games."

The baseball team will travel to Troy to play in a conference showdown with Troy State tomorrow. The first pitch will be thrown at 6 p.m.

Tennis team continues to roll

By Staff Reports

Jacksonville State's head tennis coach Steve Bailey is only four wins away from 500 career victories after last Thursday's sweep of Alabama State University.

The men's tennis team, which improved to 2-7, swept the doubles point from an 8-2 win in the number one spot by Rian Greaves and Stuart Marcus and Will Wright and Matt Wilson won the number two spot 8-3. Ruben Herrera and Nick Utley won at the number three by default.

JSU clinched the 6-1 win after singles victories from the first four places: Greaves (6-0, 6-3), Wright (6-3, 7-6), Herrera (6-1, 6-1) and senior Larry Lombardo (6-1, 6-0). Utley won the number six spot by default and Wilson retired from the number five match after experiencing back spasms. He was leading 3-2 at the time.

"It is good to get a win for the guys," said Bailey. "They have been playing good and deserve it."

The women's team continued to impress with a shutout of the Hornets, 7-0 in its third straight win and improved to 8-2 on the season.

Sally Pearson defeated Velma Rawlins, Sophie DeSmet defeated Nicole Syms, Robin Gorman defeated Jennifer Scott, Manda Martin defeated Crystal Napier, Vanessa Gomez defeated Adreinnie Edmond and Jessica Gomez finished the sweep with a 6-2, 6-0 win over Shelia English.

The men's team battled hard to clinch the first point, but was unable to defeat Radford as they fell 4-3 last Friday.

JSU's Will Wright and Larry Lombardo won the number two doubles 8-6, while Ruben Herrera and Jason Romine won 8-4 at the number three spot.

Rian Greaves grabbed the only other earned point of the match in the number three singles 1-6, 7-6, 7-5. Lombardo won by default at the number five spot.

Southern Miss blanks the softball team



Gamecock softball infielder Renee Hasan plants and prepares to fire during last Wednesday's game against Georgia State.

By Staff Reports

The Lady Gamecock softball team rolled through the competition early in the Winthrop Invitational Tournament over the weekend but were eliminated by the Southern Mississippi Golden Eagles and a stellar performance by their pitching staff.

Senior Jill Wilcoxson threw a two hitter for the Lady Gamecocks to seal a 1-0 opening round victory over Mercer last Friday.

Senior Lauren Buck and freshman Jessica Ford went two-for-three in the game, while freshman Renee Hasan recorded the game-winning RBI.

After a rain delay, the Lady Gamecocks continued play last Saturday with a win over South Carolina State, 6-1.

Senior Tanya Carter led the Lady Gamecocks with a single, triple and two runs batted in, while sophomore Allie Simons had

a single, double and two RBI's of her own. Lady Gamecock pitcher Tera Ross recorded the win for JSU.

After a 5-0 over Radford late Saturday night, the Lady Gamecocks had to wake up early Sunday morning to face Southern Mississippi.

The Eagles Felicia Gonzales pitched a no-hitter to secure a 1-0 shutout over JSU and send the Lady Gamecocks home in the single elimination tournament at Winthrop.

It was a defensive battle all of the way with Jax State's Jill Wilcoxson allowing only three hits of her own and the lone run of the game.

"We just didn't hit," said head coach Jana McGinnis. "Our next tournament is not going to be any easier. We've got to keep our bats going."

The softball team will be traveling to Boca Raton tomorrow to play in the Florida Atlantic Tourney.

One on One with "Thrill"



"As bad as promotion is, we are fortunate right now."

By **Anthony Hill**
Sports Editor

Tom **Seitz** is that **cool, slick** looking guy that you may run into **during** an athletic event here at JSU. No, **not** me. He's the one with power, money and an **expertise** in fundraising and strategic planning. I'm just "Thrill." Tom has been the Athletic Director for almost a year now and he's already come up numerous ideas and plans to improve the athletic program. He is also very well spoken. *Anniston Star* sports writer Al Muskewitz told that if I ever needed a quote to go to him. I haven't needed him for a quote yet, but after sitting with Mr. Seitz, I could easily see what Al was talking about. The sports program seems to be in good hands as long as he's got a hold of it.

Thrill: How's everything going, Tom?

Tom: **Doing** good. It's hard to believe that we're winding down a year here. So far, so good.

Thrill: Why did you choose to leave Jacksonville University to become the Athletic Director here?

Tom: Well, a couple of reasons. The administration at the time wasn't the way I wanted it to be as far as athletics were concerned. Coming here was an opportunity to come to a larger school and a larger football program.

Thrill: I can't help but to believe that you just like the challenges. At Jacksonville University, the Dolphins

went from 14 sports and 200 players to 20 sports with nearly 400 participants. What's your motivation?

Tom: It seems like I'm starting to get marked for places that are an opportunity and a challenge. I looked at this situation as an opportunity. I'm glad to be somewhere that I can help build, opposed to taking over one that is already a part of the elite.

Thrill: At Jacksonville University you were able to purchase stands from Pro Player Stadium in Miami to help build one of the nicest baseball facilities in Florida and a soccer stadium. Do you have any plans for expansion here at JSU?

Tom: Well, it's all about being in the right place at the right time. I guess at the time I just happened to know that there would be stands and concrete available from the Marlins expansion of Pro Player Stadium. We were in the process of trying to build our baseball stadium and the two just happen to go together at the right time. We definitely want to take opportunities that are available to us. We are definitely going to do some upgrading of some of our facilities.

Thrill: Yeah, there are a few people in the Sports Information offices that would appreciate an upgrade.

Tom: Yeah, I'm sure. (Both laugh.)

Thrill: You formed the JU Athletic Foundation, which increased charitable donations and community awareness of the entire athletic program. Are you going to come up with a similar program for JSU?

Tom: It's comparable to the Gamecock Club. We are trying to reorganize and redirect its focus so that it will become a more significant organization than it has been in the past. We want to start having fundraisers on more of an annual basis.

Thrill: What's your take on the athletic program in general? Do you see it on the rise or does it need a great deal of improvements?

Tom: When the transition was made to move from Division II to Division I, it doesn't seem like there was a solid plan to make this program successful. I'm sure that some things

were done, but I never saw a written plan. What we're trying to do as soon as possible is make some of the changes that we feel are necessary to win at this level. JSU has a great history at the Division II level. We want to have a plan in place to be successful on the Division I level. There are things that are in place, but there are certain areas that we want to elevate more in.

Thrill: You attended Oglethorpe University, which is located in Georgia. How did you become a member of the Athletic Hall of Fame there?

Tom: I played basketball there. What helped me out was the fact that I went back there and coached a while before I got into administration. Having been there as a player and a coach probably helped me out.

Thrill: Now you just coach little league sports, right?

Tom: (Both laugh.) Yeah, that's right. I'm sticking with the youth.

Thrill: What's the biggest difference between your former job at JU and being here at Jax State?

Tom: JU was a smaller, private school in a metropolitan area. This school is a larger school in a much smaller area. A lot of responsibilities are the same, but it's in a totally different setting.

Thrill: What's your favorite sport to watch?

Tom: I like them all. My wife would tell...I'm a sports nut. I watch everything on TV and in person. That is one of the wonderful things about this job is that your not concentrating on

one sport or one segment of sports. You are looking at the entire athletic program to encompass all of the sports.

Thrill: Who are you picking to win it all in the NCAA tournament?

Tom: Gotta go with Duke.

Thrill: So you picking the Dukies?

Tom: Yep. Because they are playing so well and they have experience in the tournament and Coach Kryzewski seems to be able to get it down in crunch time.

Thrill: What do you do on your time off? Do you have any hobbies?

Tom: A lot of my off time is spent with my kids. I have an eight year-old and an eleven year-old. They play sports and I'm either watching or coaching them.

Thrill: What does being the Athletic Director consist of? How difficult is your job?

Tom: I heard someone say that they thought being the Athletic Director was one of the hardest jobs they had ever had. I think the reason he said that was there are so many different areas of responsibility. There are so many different areas that fall under the watch of the director. It's difficult, but at the same time, it's interesting.

Thrill: Has your first year been as challenging as you thought it would be?

Tom: I think that it's been challenging. I'm not satisfied where we are as far as a competitive standpoint, but I think that we are headed in the right direction. I'm a pretty impatient person. I don't like to wait a long time for improvement.

Thrill: Do you feel like we are in good shape at the Division I-AA level in football?

Tom: I don't think that there's a reason we shouldn't be competitive with anyone else within our division in football. As far as other sports here, we are not going to be able to compete with the SEC schools year in and year out, but we will do well.

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

Tom: (Laughs.) You're going to laugh at me. When I was younger, it was Earth Wind and Fire. Now that I've gotten older my musical taste has change considerably.

Thrill: Oh yeah? What was the last CD you bought?

Tom: NSYNC

Thrill: Yeah, it has changed. (Both laugh.)

Tom: It was for my daughter

Thrill: Okay, just wanted to make sure. (Both laugh again.)

Thrill: Free Association. Hugh Durham. (JU basketball coach.)

Tom: Competitor.

Thrill: Daytona Beach

Tom: Beach.

Thrill: Bradley Seitz. (Tom's son.)

Tom: (Laugh.) Love.

Thrill: Championship.

Tom: NCAA.

Thrill: Winners.

Tom: Team

Thrill: One more question. How long do you see yourself here at JSU?

Tom: As long as it takes to help build a program to a level that we can all be proud of

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A Sports Editorial
By Anthony "Thrill" Hill

Who seeds the tournament teams?

This will definitely be a tournament to remember. Everything from the run of Hampton and Georgia State, to the fall of the Tarheels and the Gators make this tournament one that will not be soon forgotten.

It's not a new argument, but it has never rung more true. It is time to redesign the influential Ratings Percentage Index or RPI.

The first round of the NCAA Tournament has proven that mid-major programs are more than capable of playing with the major conferences. Victories by Gonzaga over Virginia, Indiana State over Oklahoma, Kent State over Indiana and Arizona's close win over Butler has the committee shaking their heads in shock and wonder. Wonder of how these mid-major teams are finding ways to play with and in some cases beat the "big dawgs."

The "no-name" teams just proved to be better in most of the games in the first round. Games such as Hampton's win over Iowa State and Butler's manhandling of Wake Forest in the opening half, 43-10 proved that there are talented players at more schools than the colleges that are on the highlight reels every morning. Mike McDaniel could play with any of the hoopers that are making noise in the tourney.

The problem begins and ends with the flawed and unfair RPI, the statistical formula that the Selection Committee uses to chose and seed teams. An unbiased statistical formula is needed to help the committee, but the RPI computes results that are misleading.

The RPI is formulated by weighing a team's record 25 percent, the team's opponent's record 50 percent and the opponent's opponent's record 25 percent. That means 75 percent of the formula is not based on wins and losses, just who a team played. It does not factor in margin of victory or defeat, or whether the

game was played at home or away or on a neutral court. That is obviously how the Georgia Bulldogs got in the tournament over Alabama.

Consider this scenario: An ACC team like Florida State could get beat by 50 points at home by North Carolina could improve its RPI. But if the Gamecocks could defeat Georgia State on the road by 50 our RPI rating would drop, because both teams are in the lower profile TAAC conference.

There has been quite a movement by some coaches to add a round and expand the tournament to 128 teams, which would eliminate the arguments. I think that would bore a lot of fans though. It's hard enough to sit through the 65 team tournament.

"It adds a lot of interest," Duke head coach Mike Krzyzewski said during an interview on ESPN. "The regular season is important, all the discussion about who's in and how many teams are in adds a lot of drama to college basketball. It also adds a lot of interest in the mid-and low-major tournaments. Before we

go changing things, we should be concerned that we are losing that."

Coach "K" is right. The problem isn't more teams, it's getting the right teams in the tourney and then create proper matchups.

The RPI is not the lone committee to select and seed teams, but it has wide-ranging influence. Records against the top 150 teams are also used. But the RPI is what determines which top 150 teams are averaged in. So the records are basically useless.

The embarrassing first round defeat by Butler over the ACC powerhouse Wake Forest makes you wonder, "How good was Detroit?" They were the Midwestern Collegiate Conference second-place team, a 20-game winner in its own right.

In college football there is the BCS. In college basketball there is the RPI. Both are formulas that do the best they can to destroy and complicate college sports as we know it. Just let the teams play and the fans and experts decide what teams make it and what seed they should enter the tourney in.

It would be better than the present selection formulas.

Jose Campra leads JSU to title

By Staff Reports

The Golf team is playing at a high level early in the 2001 season and continued excellence by winning the Bob Brown/SportsCare Classic last Tuesday.

Sophomore Jose Campra fired a first round 74 and a second round 68 to win medalist honors and lead the Gamecocks to the championship.

Campra earned the top spot in a playoff against University of New Orleans' Casey Crain, who finished second. It was Campra's first medalist honor this season.

Campra's performance on the links helped propel Jacksonville State to first place in the 17 field tournament. The Gamecocks shot a two-round total of 582, 15 strokes ahead of second place Jackson state.

Two other Gamecocks finished in the Top 10. Sophomore Angel Monguzzi finished tied for third after shooting rounds of 73 and 70. Junior Steven Mackie finished tied for sixth after firing rounds of 74 and 71.

The Gamecock golf team will return to action next Monday and Tuesday when they travel to Little Rock, Ark., to play in the UALR Intercollegiate.

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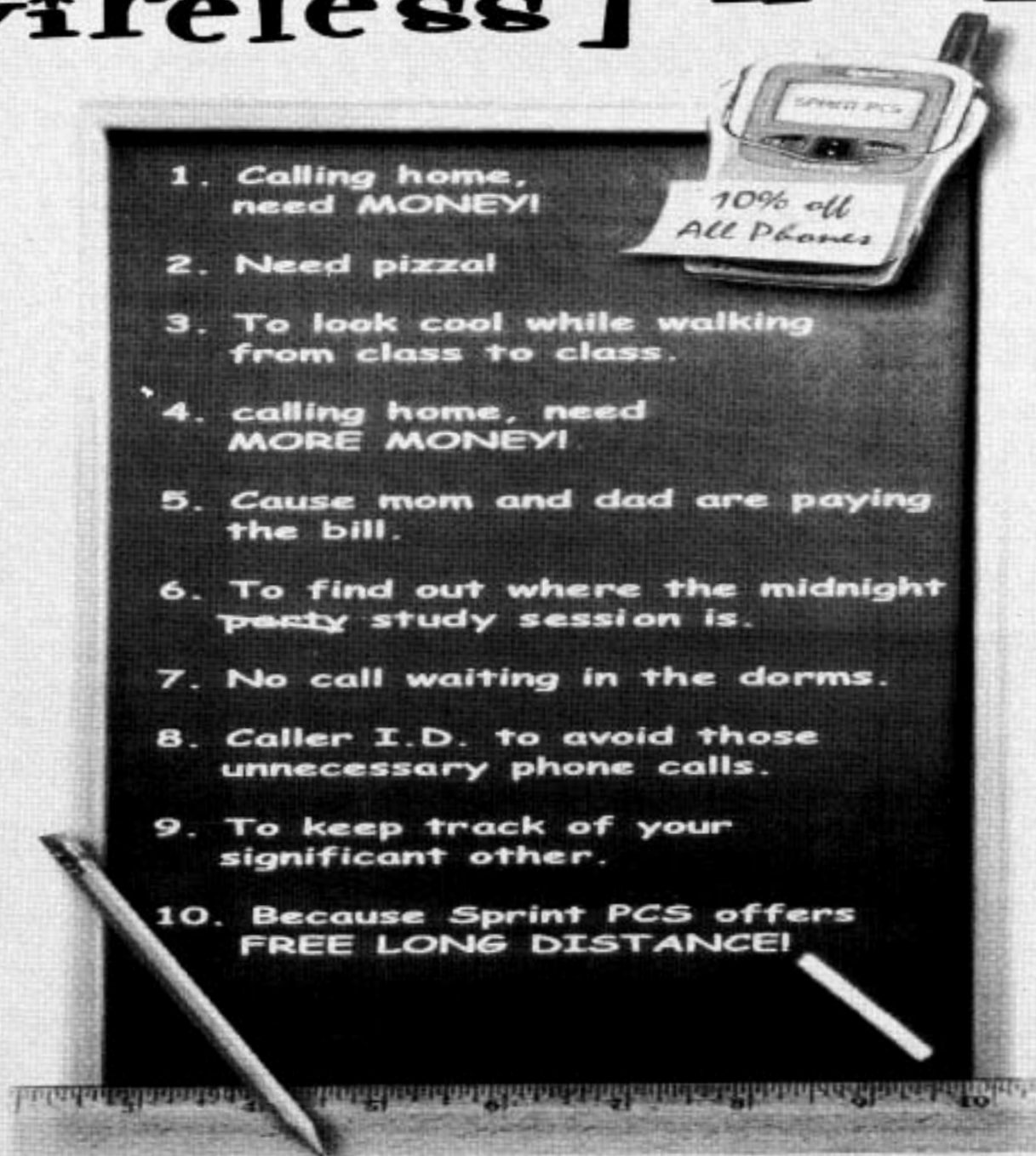
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