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## Siegelman calls for communication system, fair education funding

By Stephanie Pendergrass  
The Chanticleer News Editor

Gov. Don Siegelman said during a visit to JSU this month that state law enforcement agencies need a new multi-million dollar communication system, and called on the state's corporations to pay more taxes to fund education.

"We have the technological capacity to create a statewide system of communication to make law enforcement safer," Siegelman told the audience at the Northeast Alabama Police Academy's graduation ceremony Nov. 14. "And we owe it to these men and women, who risk their lives, to make their job as safe as possible."

Siegelman was on campus to deliver a commencement speech for the ceremony.

The governor said that the state has the money for this project, after receiving a total of \$6 million over the past two years and with the addition of an \$8 million trust fund reserved for law enforcement.

Siegelman stressed that in many instances, officers may be unaware of what they are looking for, when it comes to searching an automobile, because of a lack of communication officers and dispatchers often face. To make the job of police officers safer and easier Siegelman said the statewide system would be beneficial to Alabama.

Dr. William Meehan, president of JSU, spoke in appreciation about the academy's graduating class. "We are proud of you," he said. "We know on a daily basis, you put your lives on the line, for the sake of all (of us)."

Siegelman, also expressed his feelings toward the class. "I want you to know how proud I am of each and every one of you," the governor said. "You are giving yourself to a worthy cause."

After the graduation, the governor spoke with the press about other issues concerning the state.

A key topic was the lack of money going towards education in Alabama. Siegelman said the cur-

rent situation schools face is unfair, and he called on corporations to pay more taxes to improve things.

"As adults we should not be telling our kids to go out and sell magazines subscriptions and candy in order to earn school supplies," said the governor. "We shouldn't be telling principals that they have to cut either teachers or bus routes. We shouldn't be telling teachers to repair old textbooks with duct tape and glue."

"We should be telling these multi-national, multi-million dollar companies, that don't pay a penny in education tax, to start helping our kids out," said Siegelman. "They use our firemen, they use our policemen, they use our roads, our bridges and our schools, and then they don't put a penny back into education. It's not fair."

The governor also stated, "We will fight for our school teachers, and fight for our children."

Siegelman also spoke about the recent closing of Vanity Fair cloth-



The Chanticleer/Stephanie Pendergrass  
Alabama Governor Don Siegelman speaks to reporters outside Leone Cole Auditorium on Nov. 14. Siegelman was on campus to attend a graduation ceremony of the Northeast Alabama Police Academy.

ing factories in Atmore, Jackson and Monroeville. He explained that "while there's nothing I can do as governor to change what Congress does, through changing our country's trade policy, there is something I can do about bringing in new jobs."

The governor said that he is

working to bring another automobile manufacturing plant to the state. Siegelman said, "What I can do as governor is bring in new jobs to replace these old ones." He explained that this could help not only those affected by Vanity Fair, but also various workers who have recently lost employment.

## Storms ravage South, Jacksonville; at least 12 dead, dozens injured

By Stephanie Pendergrass  
The Chanticleer News Editor

A series of tornadoes that swept through the South Saturday left 12 dead, dozens more injured and many without homes.

Calhoun County felt the effects of the tornadoes as sirens warning of the approaching weather sounded Saturday afternoon. The Anniston Star reported that "one tornado touched down in Alexandria, damaging several homes but causing no injuries."

Calhoun was not the only county in Alabama that faced the severe weather. According to The Birmingham News, storm damage was also seen in DeKalb, Etowah, Talladega, St. Clair, Marshall, Madison, Autauga, Morgan, Blount and Jefferson counties.

"Some of the hardest hit areas that we had were in Argo and



The Chanticleer/Callie Williams  
Saturday's storm damaged property statewide, including this mobile home near Jacksonville, which was hit by a falling tree.

Trussville," said Mike Schneiderman, of Alabama Power.

Schneiderman also told of the

number of people who lost their power on Saturday. "At the height of the storm we had about 26,000 folks without power." He then said, "They were all restored pretty much the next day."

Schneiderman explained that considering there are 1.3 million Alabama Power customers across the state, the number who actually lost

power was not that high. He said that "some of the major thunderstorms we get in the summertime can take out more people than

that."

While most of the homes that lost power have been restored, Schneiderman could not say the same for some of the businesses that were hit hard. "Some of the businesses that were severely damaged, where they were pretty much destroyed, those may still be without power," said Schneiderman. "But those businesses aren't functioning at all at this point."

The storms that occurred in Alabama were seen in several other states as well. According to the Anniston Star, Mississippi, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas, Missouri, Montana and Arkansas all felt the brunt of the bad weather last week.

In Calhoun County, Schneiderman confirmed that most of the power outages were seen in Jacksonville. "In Jacksonville we had about 4,100

customers out late Saturday afternoon. It was about 7,400 countywide."

Schneiderman explained that extra employees were brought in to work Saturday. "We have folks on duty all the time, obviously, because we have an obligation to provide service 24 hours a day," he said. "We have other folks who are sort of on back up."

The Birmingham News reported that at least four deaths had been confirmed on Monday. It was also said that the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army sent disaster assistance to some of the areas hit by tornadoes.

According to the Anniston Star, "The state remained under a tornado watch until at least 8 p.m. Saturday as reports of tornadoes came in from several west and north Alabama counties."

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## Adopt-A-Family in need this Christmas season

By Becky Sellers  
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Adopt-A-Family, which assists victims of domestic violence, is asking for volunteers to provide a happy Christmas to families in need.

According to a press release, these families are victims of domestic violence.

If you would like to volunteer please call Miki Turley at 236-7381. You can choose the size of the household you would like to adopt.

Turley commented, "This project is important for the families because it helps the families get back on their feet when they are ready to move out of the shelter."

Volunteers are also needed at the Quintard Mall Nov. 23 through

Christmas Eve to wrap presents for victims of domestic violence.

Please call Becky Abernathy at 236-7381 to volunteer.

Turley commented that the Adopt-A-Family program is a "worthwhile project because the funds go towards food, power, and transportation for victims of domestic violence."

## Outstanding alumni honored

By Heather Horn  
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

On Nov. 3, the recipients of the Alumni of the Year were announced. The awards were presented during halftime at the homecoming football game.

According to a University press release, these awards were given to W.E. "Duck" Connell, Miriam Wood Haywood, Emily P. Hawk, and Stanley B. Clemons.

Hawk, a member of Cusimono, Keener, Roberts, Kimberly and Miles law firm was named young alumna of the year.

Clemons, senior regular army military advisor to the Alabama National Guard, was named military alumnus of the year. Haywood, a retired JSU personnel director was named alumna of the year and W. E. "Duck" Connell, a retired principal

in the Calhoun County School System, was named alumnus of the year.

The Outstanding Faculty Member was given to Dr. Barry Cox of JSU's chemistry department.

Connell said he was "deeply honored and humbled" about receiving the title of alumnus of the year. Standing on the football field in front of the large crowd, Connell was overcome with emotion. He said it was hard to keep from crying because JSU has meant so much to him and has given him so many great memories.

Connell felt his caring personality helped qualify him for this award.

He also said Haywood, the alumna of the year, has been a big influence in his life. The same encouragement and enthusiasm that was shown to him throughout his life carried-over into his career.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Alpha Omicron Pi:** We hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving break last week! Good Luck to Allison Jones this weekend! We want to say Happy Birthday to Kelly Mullendore and Melody Morgan! Congratulations to Jessica Henry for being elected Rho Lambda secretary and Leslie Daniel for being elected Rho Lambda Vice-President! **Contact:** Kristi Smith, 782-6212.

**Alpha Xi Delta** would like to congratulate all of our new executive officers. We would like to thank Sigma Phi Epsilon for a great new member mixer! Have fun and be careful this holiday season. **Contact:** Ashley Toms, chatrbx686@aol.com, or 572-8844.

**Delta Zeta:** Congrats to our new sisters!! We love our littles! We had fun in Margaritaville with Delta Chi. Weekly Awards: Twisted- Ashley, Sister- Nicole, Tiny Turtle- Courtney S., Senior- Rachael. Molly you and your Mom are in our prayers. We look forward to our Family Christmas Dinner. **Contact:** Tavia McMunn, iamdaisycrazy@hotmail.com.

**JSU Habitat for Humanity** will meet Monday, Dec. 3 at 7:00 p.m. in Stone Center, Room 230. Everyone is welcome. **Contact:** Kim Weatherford, Faculty Advisor, 782-5762.

The SGA invites you to the JSU in Lights Reception, Monday, Dec. 3, 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. at the President's home. Join us for Karaoke in the Caf and the Midnight Snack, Thursday, Dec. 6, 10 p.m. - 12 a.m. Admission is 3 bucks. SGA wishes you a HO-HO-Happy day. **Contact:** Robert Hayes, 782-5495.

**Zeta Tau Alpha:** Zeta hopes everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Congrats to the Men's basketball team for their win over BSC! Congrats to Jency Sharp and Steph Janis for getting initiated into Order of Omega. Good Luck to everyone on their finals! Study! **Contact:** Steph Janis, sajanis3@aol.com.

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## CAMPUS CRIME

Oct. 4 — Michael B. Bowan, 22, of Jacksonville, received a uniform non-traffic citation and complaint from JSUPD for open container violation occurring at Madison Avenue.

Oct. 5 — Rodney Clay Thorton, 19, of Talladega, was arrested by JSUPD for DUI and possession of drug paraphernalia occurring at Mountain Street.

Oct. 5 — JSUPD reported DUI occurring at Hwy 21 and University Circle.

Oct. 6 — Christopher Alexander Copeland, 20, of Talladega, was arrested by JSUPD for DUI at Cole Drive.

Nov. 10 — Mark Beaubien Freeman, of Huntsville, received a uniform non-traffic citation and complaint from JSUPD for open container violation occurring at Spring Avenue and Mountain Street.

Information in the Campus Crime column is obtained from incident and arrest reports at the JSU Police Department in Salls Hall. These records are public documents which any individual has the right to examine under Alabama state law. If you believe this information to be in error, please call 782-5701, or contact JSUPD at 782-5050.

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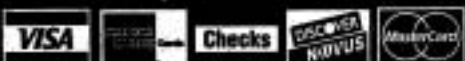
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# SGA again discussing rewrite of code of laws

By Laura King  
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

At Monday night's SGA meeting, Lisa DiMartino, senator, stated that she would be taking the Senate Code of Laws home with her over the holidays to review it for grammatical errors.

DiMartino volunteered for the job at a past senate meeting. DiMartino told the senate that when the topic is brought up after the Christmas holidays, to table it for the following week's meeting so that each senator will have a chance to read over the revisions before making a decision. DiMartino said she would be working with Andrew Williams, senator, who led the previous revision team.

Buddy Rodgers, senator, stated that the Code of Laws has already been revised once and reminded the senate that it had been thrown out. Rodgers was also a part of the team that made the first revisions and was adamant in expressing that the second revision was a waste of time.

Rodgers said that many people

were elected into senate office all semester, but, "the only monumental thing we did this semester is in the trash can."

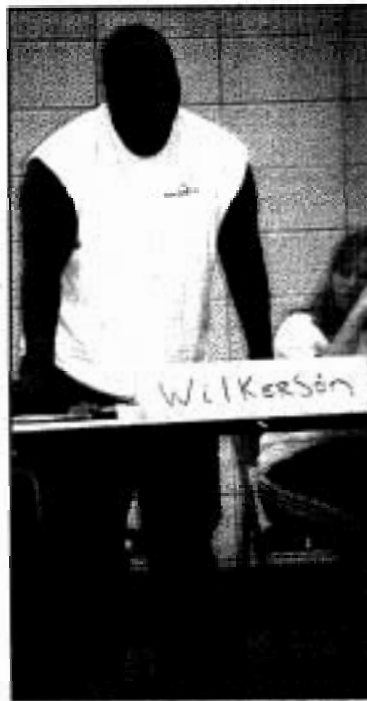
Kimber Merrill, senator, agreed that the first revision should have simply been amended to save a lot of time and effort on the senate's behalf.

Hate crimes are stirring on campus according to Herb Wilkerson, senator. In front of Crow Hall, an argument ensued between two men a few nights ago. It seemed that the argument was about one man's sexual preference. A fight broke out and a crowd gathered.

Wilkerson stated that there were no resident advisors present, nor was the hall director anywhere to be found. The group of people standing and watching did not alert any authorities.

It was stated that the only thing anyone could do about it would be to file a report to the police department.

In other business, a bill was passed to allocate \$200 to a fundraiser for Psi Chi and the psychology department. The money is for the organization to



The Chanticleer/Calle Williams SGA Senator Herb Wilkerson discusses hate crimes at Monday night's senate meeting.

receive travel grants for its professional conferences throughout the upcoming semesters.

A bill of appointment was passed as well. A majority elected Holly Pinson as a senator for the spring semester.

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## Student earns national honor

From staff reports

The United States Achievement Academy has announced that Mike. K. Kamangu of Jacksonville, has been named an All-American Collegiate Scholar.

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Kamangu, who attends Jacksonville State University,

was nominated for this national award by David Ziegler.

Kamangu will appear in the All-American Collegiate Yearbook, which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, winners of the All-American Collegiate Awards would be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of the United States Achievement Academy.

Kamangu is the son of Robert and Francoise Kamangu from Kinshasa, D.R. of Congo. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Kamangu Disaseii of D.R. of Congo and Mr. and Mrs. Tshonga of D.R. of Congo.

## SGA hopes to put on concert this spring

By Katie Harris & Stephanie Pendergrass  
The Chanticleer Staff Writer & News Editor

The SGA will be sponsoring a concert at JSU this spring. While specifics behind the concert are still being discussed, planning is going into the event.

Last year, the SGA hosted a concert and this year they're looking to do the same.

Joy Boyd, 2nd vice president of the SGA in charge of student activities, said that the "biggest concern last year or of interest for students, that I thought, was the concert. A lot of students may not come to karaoke in the caf or anything else that we do, but a concert is something that a great percentage of students are interested in and of course we want to get the group with the greatest cross appeal."

There are several bands in consideration for the concert that have been narrowed down to include: Everclear, 311, Fuel, Papa Roach, Vertical Horizon, Live, Stained, Life House, The Wallflowers, Third Eye Blind and MTV Campus Invasion.

Boyd also said that the concert would "probably (be) in March, but a lot depends on routing and whoever we decide to get and when they're going to be in our area."

Dr. William Meehan, president of the University, is in agreement with the idea of having a concert. "The

president supports the SGA and has agreed to let the SGA borrow a certain amount of money and then we'll just pay him back out of ticket sales," said Boyd.

The price of tickets is still in debate but the estimated amount as of yet is "\$10 for JSU students and \$15 for non-students," said Boyd.

Robert Hayes, director of publicity for the SGA, is already making preparations for the concert. He said he would use on-campus advertising like signs, posters and flyers.

Other sources of advertisement for the concert could include using air-time on K-98 and 92-J, or running ads in The Chanticleer and the Anniston Star. "We're going to try to do a little more community outreach this time to get a better number of people," said Hayes.

Last spring, Train appeared in concert at the University. However, a fall concert did not take place. The situation this year is very similar. "We can either have two very small concerts or one pretty good size one, so we decided to go with that (the larger one)," said Hayes.

Although the decision of what band JSU will feature is solely given to Boyd, students get a say in it. "We did a survey of the freshmen during orientation where they filled out their music types," said Hayes. "Then we did a blanket survey last year which surveyed the whole student body.

Not every student came through and filled one out, of course, but [some did]."

Hayes explained that the survey "breaks the two top preferences for music choices to rap, I believe, and alternative. I think alternative was slightly higher, and that may be what they used (to decide)."

He said another method used in choosing the type of music featured at the concert "may go on price, name and I think Joy also looks at billboard charts."

Even non-students are getting excited for the concert this spring. "Depending on what bands are playing I'd probably go," said Nick Denny, an Auburn University student.

According to Hayes, a special vote for the students to choose who will play at the University will probably not take place. He said however, "I would like to vote, I want to have a vote. I think [a vote] would be really good. That would give the students more of a voice and you might have more participation."

Hayes then said, "You can't please everybody, but if you can please a majority, or if you can let everyone know they are having a say-so in it — that's government and that's the process."

The SGA had an executive meeting yesterday to further discuss matters concerning the spring concert.

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## Turner tapped to fill vacant VPASA office

From staff reports

After looking far and wide, JSU found its newest vice president right here at home.

JSU President Dr. William Meehan, has announced that Dr. Rebecca O. Turner, has been named JSU's new vice president for academic and student affairs effective Jan. 1, 2002.

Meehan said Turner's selection culminates an exhaustive nationwide search and many months of work by members of the selection committee. Turner currently serves as JSU's associate vice president for academic and student affairs

"It is gratifying, following a nationwide search, to announce that one of our own has been selected as the top choice for the position of vice president of academic and student affairs at JSU," Meehan said.

"I am pleased that we will be drawing upon Dr. Turner's academic and administrative experience to provide leadership in this key division. Throughout her career at JSU, Dr. Turner has demonstrated outstanding leadership skills, and I appreciate her stepping forward and offering to serve."

In response to her selection, Turner said, "I look forward to the



Courtesy JSU/Steve Latham  
 Dr. Rebecca Turner, JSU's new vice president for academic and student affairs.

challenge this opportunity holds and to making some lasting, positive contributions to JSU and this community."

Turner, who has served in her present position since June 1998 and taught at JSU since Aug. 1981, fills the position vacated by Dr. W. David Watts, who is now president of the University of Texas, Permian Basin.

Turner is also professor of social work and holds a doctorate and master's degree in social work from the University of Alabama and an undergraduate degree in social work from the University of Montevallo.

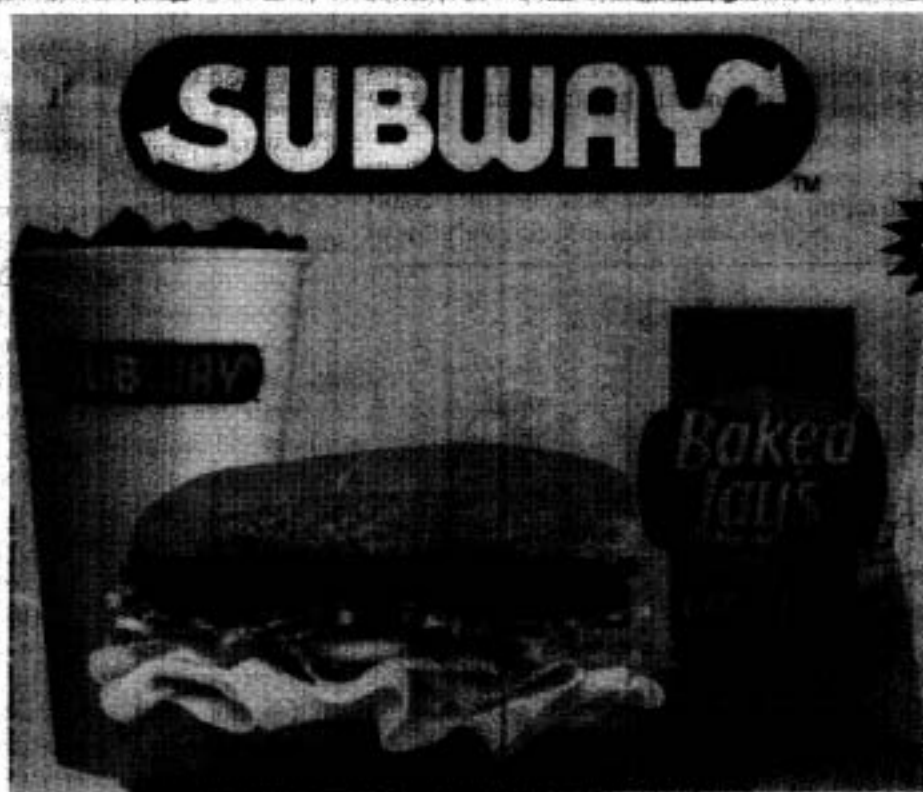
Turner is a member of

Commission on Accreditation for the Council on Social Work Education, the national accrediting body for social work education programs nationwide. She is in her second year of a three-year appointment.

Recently, Turner was named Donoho School's Outstanding Alumna for 2001. She will be recognized for this honor on Nov. 15, 2001. In April 2000, Dr. Turner was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Alabama Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers. From 1997 to 1999, she was a child welfare research fellow for the U. S. Children's Bureau and the University of California at Berkeley School of Social Welfare, where her research on therapeutic foster care gained national recognition.

Turner has taught undergraduate and graduate courses at JSU and, before joining the University, worked in the public child welfare field of social work. She co-authored Directing the Baccalaureate Social Work Education Program (2000, Eddie Bowers) with Harry Macy and Scott Wilson.

A native of Calhoun County, Dr. Turner and her family reside in Jacksonville.



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## In Our View

### The gov steps up

Don Siegelman was inaugurated governor of this state in 1999, with promises to become known as the "education governor." He won a big victory over then-Gov. Fob James, who wound up bearing the blame for the fix Alabama's schools were in at the time. We'd just dealt with a round of proration, which resulted in the state's K-12 schools and colleges and universities squabbling over what little money was available.

Sound familiar?

In the three years since that inauguration, Siegelman hasn't been able to make much progress in earning his nickname. His lottery plan went down to defeat in a statewide referendum. Thanks to Alabama's backward constitution and the souring economy, we felt the knife of proration at our throats once again. Colleges and K-12 schools were left to fight once again over what scraps of state funding were left.

Is it Siegelman's fault this time? Not necessarily. He's not responsible for the economy's ups and downs, nor for the constitution that's been dragging us down for 100 years.

Is he guilty of doing too little then? For a man who wanted to be known as the education governor, perhaps. But there's a lot of institutionalized resistance to change in Alabama, thanks to the constitution and the system it's fostered in Montgomery for so long. It's hard to say what progress Siegelman would have been able to make on any front under those conditions.

What's interesting to note, though, is that he's starting to try. And he might actually be getting somewhere.

Siegelman has been calling for the past several weeks, as he did here at JSU earlier this month, for Alabama's businesses — especially out-of-state and multi-national corporations — to pay a higher share of the tax burden that supports our schools.

In doing so, he's challenged the system of good ol' boy cronyism and back-door deals that has held sway in Alabama for so long. Companies looking to do business in Alabama have long been granted special tax breaks by Montgomery politicians and taken advantage of favorable tax-law loopholes to keep from paying the kinds of taxes they might in other states.

The governor has said that should stop. In a state where our schools are scrounging for every penny they can get, wealthy corporations shouldn't be able to take advantage of our state's resources without shouldering their share of the cost of our government and education system. He's ordered a special session of the state Legislature to consider his call to close tax loopholes and generate \$160 million in cash.

And how has the Alabama business community responded to his call?

They're working with him. Sort of.

This week the Business Associations' Tax Council, comprised of 34 business and trade organizations, made its own proposal for tax reform that it says would generate \$78 million annually. The group is critical of the governor's plan, and his office has few kind words for theirs, but maybe they'll meet somewhere in the middle.

Even the governor's proposed \$160 million wouldn't be enough to make up for the \$266 million that was cut from the state education budget in the last round of proration, but it's a start.

Let's hope the governor wins the battle on this issue, and is encouraged enough to fight for more reform in Montgomery.

With a few more victories, he just may finally earn that nickname.

## Yes Virginia, Christmas is commercialized

How many toys did you get last Christmas?

When children get together at school after the Christmas break, isn't that the first question they ask each other?

The commercialization of Christmas — you've all heard that phrase before, I'm sure. And isn't it the way things are?

Money, money, money — America!

As I sat at home and regarded the television news, I heard that the Christmas season is often the make-or-break moment for many businesses. The American economy needs families to spend a rather large roll of money — it's a necessity.

Then a money-man was on the screen saying that this season's rate of sales versus last season's is only 2.5 percent higher, which is the normal rate of yearly inflation and not good enough.

Not enough money spent = not good enough.

Because of the previous and current commercialization of

By Joshua W. Bingham  
The Chanticleer Managing Editor



Christmas,

America is now dependent upon it for companies to stay afloat and for unemployment to be down.

What is Christmas about anymore? I'll tell you what I see.

It's about hanging lights over your bushes and across your house. It's about watching the comfortable Christmas movies of the '80s and smiling. It's about waiting an hour or so in line before a retail store opens, hoping to be one of the lucky ones to grab the DVD player for \$80.

I have read stories about communities getting together to go caroling, to have big parties with neighbors and to enjoy Christmas for the fact of religion and family, with perhaps one toy per child.

Family is still a big part of Christmas now, but the brightness of it is in seeing the glow of

a child's eyes as he basks in the glory of the presents you bought him.

Perhaps the material gifts now given are replacements for gifts of friendship and self that are greatly missing from today's individualistic, rebellious personality which is encouraged.

The more gifts you buy, the more you show you care.

So I drive down the roads and look at the signs for sales. I understand the necessity of gifts within families and friends. Christmas is a time for giving, that was probably the inspiration for all this current behavior.

I was walking in London on a cold February day three years ago when a red-nosed, jolly old homeless drunk staggered over to me and asked for some money. I gave him a couple pounds and I smiled at his behavior and bright green toboggan. He thanked me by replying, "Merry Christmas!"

It wasn't Christmas, it was Valentine's Day. But it was Christmas to him because I gave.

Oh, how Christmas is so commercialized and all about selling and buying nowadays! But what our economy gets used to, our economy needs and depends on.

So for the Christmas holiday, go out and buy presents! Enjoy the monetary world we now live in — because we do.

Listen to those helpful economists and spend to show your love for your family and friends and for all the workers in the retail business.

Yet, along with the presents, make a card of your own and put some personal touches into it, in remembrance of the old times.



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## Shopping for normalcy: This holiday season, malls aren't selling what we need

By Karen Heller  
Knight Ridder Newspapers (KRT)

The mall's not exactly hopping, my husband says to the saleswoman weeks after The Fact.

They tell us to be normal, to act normal, she says quietly. But it's not normal. And it's not going to be for a long time.

And then David says, "normal" isn't going to be how we remember it.

The saleswoman nods, her every gesture as subdued as the store. My grandchildren may never know what "normal" was.

This time of year is when Americans traditionally get loopy, doing what they don't in saner moments during an extended slide that finishes in a two-week crack-up of excess. It's a necessity of sorts, getting all the stuff out of our systems, preparing for the dark winter ahead. It's an exuberant way of storing nuts.

But I don't think that's going to

happen this holiday season, not when opening greeting cards and mail-order catalogs may be hazardous to your health and, to many, travel appears as arduous as it did a century ago.

The president wants us to spend. People are not spending.

Thanks to digital photographs, at no time in history have Americans been more cognizant of the gap between their living standards and those of the country their government is bombing.

It's hard to say we need a new pair of shoes while looking at children without any.

I used to be in awe of the way the French and Italians live, their long superior meals, their preference for pleasure over industry when we confine such behavior to a few weeks of the year, requiring institutionalized holidays as an excuse. Then a few historians set me straight. They're depressed people, they pointed out. Americans might behave like that, too, if their

soil had been strafed twice in 25 years. Besides, they added, lots of Europeans don't act like that anymore. They've discovered the 10-minute lunch hour.

America was founded without fun. Pilgrims and Puritans and Quakers believed every day was devoted to God's work, every day worthy of the same celebration. The Christmas we know is a relatively recent phenomenon birthed in the 19th century, though many people were still having a miserable time. Freedom helps. Money, too. When that fails: plastic.

I'm imagining, hoping really, that charitable giving will be up this season, not only to 9-11 funds but everywhere, locally, internationally, and that will help salve our pain. Giving, after all, is a form of spending. But we may be in for some very ascetic holidays. A few people were already indulging in denial, self-righteous pride always the last sin to go. Our food co-op sells seasonal

turkey-shaped tofu, which is too weird on so many levels. Why eat food specifically designed to look like the food you chose not to eat?

But I digress. We "need" to celebrate. We need to experience joy, and not just the turkey-shaped tofu kind. We need to sing, to hike in the woods, to eat cheese, to crank up the stereo and to dance to Aretha. We need to gather together with our loved ones — that is, the people we love, as opposed to the relatives who show up at the holidays, and only the holidays (but, wonder of wonders, aren't coming this year because of concerns about travel).

We need to celebrate all that we have, including the shoes. It may not be normal, but it's a start.

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## Who is the more dangerous enemy? The terrorists or our college professors?

By Edwin A. Locke  
KRT Forum

America, it is said, is faced with a new kind of war — a type of war that we have never faced in our history — a war of terror in which the enemy is hidden and faceless. This is true — but not in the way that the media and our leaders have indicated.

Consider these facts. We have chosen to fight only one country, Afghanistan, despite the fact that many different countries, including Iran and Iraq, have supported terrorism, and Osama bin Laden, for years. We have declared that we will not deliberately hit civilian targets, thus openly inviting the Taliban to hide its soldiers and weapons in civilian locations.

We constantly apologize for civilian injuries. We drop food that undoubtedly is consumed by Taliban soldiers. We constantly reassure the Muslim world that we have no wish to harm them, even though most of these countries wish nothing more than to destroy us totally. We even ask these countries to be part of our coalition against terrorism. (Are we hoping that they will declare war on themselves?) We announce that we want the Taliban "moderates" (who presumably are slightly less bloodthirsty than the "extremists") to be part of any future Afghan government.

What kind of a war is this? Would any Western leader during World War II have dreamed of avoiding all civilian targets, dropping food to the Nazis and offering them a share in the future government of Germany?

Yes, this is a new kind of war —

not a total war, but a war combining bombs with compassion — sort of like combining imprisonment with a health spa. We are afraid to declare an actual, full-scale war, because the real hidden and faceless enemy we are confronted with is: moral self-doubt. We are afraid of hurting too many people; we are afraid of the prospect of destroying the Taliban totally. We are afraid, because we are not certain we are right.

What happened in the 60 years since World War II? Our leading citizens went to college. Before that war most leading intellectuals were Communists, but that "ideal" eventually faded, as its disastrous consequences became evident. Left-wing idealism was gradually supplanted in the last half of the past century by skepticism.

The new assault was not specifically directed against capitalism and freedom but against the foundations on which they rested: reason and moral certainty. Above all, the skeptics hated reason — reason that made possible the triumph of the Enlightenment and the West's emergence from the religiously dominated Dark Ages.

The skeptics did not seek to supplant reason with religious dogma; rather they argued that reason was "limited," that it could not really know truth. They asserted that reason had nothing to say about moral values, that moral judgments were just a reflection of the society one happens to come from and were only an expression of a subjective, personal preference.

Read the comments of the lead-

ing "post-modernist," University of Illinois professor Stanley Fish. He asserts, in reference to the World Trade Center bombing, that: "there can be no independent standard for determining which of many rival interpretations of an event is the true one." Universal absolutes, he says, are "empty rhetoric." We cannot, he says, call the terrorists, either "evil" or "irrational." We can only say, in effect: I see that you want to kill us all but, speaking from my own point of view, I would really prefer that you didn't!

Professors like Dr. Fish have infected several generations with a bacterium far more virulent than anthrax: the plague of moral relativism. According to these post-modernists, the United States, the first country founded on the principle of individual rights, the country of reason, freedom and the pursuit of happiness, is objectively no better than any primitive dictatorship; we just happen to like our system better.

Could any man or any nation fight a successful war if they accepted such a premise? In this respect the terrorists have an advantage over us. Although they are evil and irrational, they feel no doubts at all about the rightness of their cause — the cause of spreading death and destruction.

Our superior weapons will do us no good if we do not possess the moral certainty that we, as Americans, stand objectively for the good — good because we are pro-life on this earth, pro-man and pro-happiness. A hand-wringing, self-doubting super-power is no match for dedicated primitives anxious to

die for their cause.

We have an absolute right to defend ourselves using every weapon at our disposal until the enemy is totally defeated. The struggle is not between opponents who happen to have different personal preferences; the struggle is between the morality of life and the morality of death.

Our most worrisome enemy is not Osama bin Laden and his cohorts — rather, it is the corrupt little college professors who have striven relentlessly to destroy their students' confidence in their power to think and to make moral judgments. If we reject the mind-killing professors, we will have no trouble defeating the man-killing terrorists.

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## IN YOUR VIEW

"What band would you like to see in concert at JSU?"

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Chase Hollingsworth  
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# FEATURES

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## Wingin' it: Chanticleer's student panel judges J'ville chicken wings

By Danni Lusk  
The Chanticleer Features Editor

What do college students do on a Friday night when they don't feel like cooking? Eat wings.

Chicken wings are one of the most popular foods of choice in a college town like Jacksonville, so The Chanticleer decided to do a taste test to find out the local restaurant with the best wings.

Four JSU students were chosen to help pick out the best wing-of-them-all out of three of Jacksonville's best restaurants that sell wings: Struts, Jefferson's and Coop DeVille.

Each restaurant was given the freedom of providing their best flavors of wings for the students to test.

Jefferson's provided their classic hot wings. Along with the hot wings, Jefferson's chips and ranch and blue cheese dressings were tasted. "They're a little spicy," said Andrew Symonds, SGA senator, about the wings. "They're good. It's just the meat I think was a little overcooked."

Jefferson's hot wings were also found to be lacking heat. "Jefferson's hot wings aren't very hot," said President of Sigma Phi Epsilon Clint Thomas. "I mean they're real spicy, but if you eat hot wings, you won't be scared."

Up 'Til Dawn President Sherry Todd tasted Jefferson's chips and dressing. "Jefferson's chips are stale and suck and so does the ranch," she said.

Struts provided the panel with chips and dressing along with two wings of each of their best flavors: barbecue, honey mustard, sweet and sour, hot, mild and teriyaki.

Struts' chips and ranch dressing were the best, according to Todd. "Struts' chips and dress-



The Chanticleer/Danni Lusk  
Chicken wings are staple in the JSU student's diet.

ing are fresh and not stale like Jefferson's."

Despite their fresh chips and dressing, some of the students did not care for some of the more creative flavors. "My least favorite (out of all the wings) was the honey mustard," said Symonds. "It had a lot of meat on there but it's tainted with honey mustard sauce. Honey mustard is a condiment, it's not supposed to be a cooking additive."

Sweet and sour didn't seem to be a very popular choice for a wing flavor either. "Sweet and sour does not belong on a wing," said 92J Program Director Jordan Brewer. "The sweet and sour wings from Struts are little too chewy."

However, Struts' hot wings ended up tying with Jefferson's hot wings for the "Best Taste" award. "You can never go wrong with regular hot wings," said

Brewer. "I really couldn't decide (which was the best) between Struts' and Jefferson's hot wings."

"Struts' hot wings were well-saturated," said Heather Harper, SGA senator. "You didn't have to scrape for some sauce and it was a good hot flavor."

Newcomer Coop DeVille, which was just recently opened, provided the panel with six each of their honey barbecue and lemon pepper wings.

The lemon pepper wings were a good change of pace compared to the other more classic flavors of wings. "The lemon pepper kicks ass," said Symonds.

The lemon pepper wings had a

crunchy texture with a full flavor to them, according to Brewer. "Keep the lemon pepper out of the ranch," he said. "They have enough flavor on their own."

The honey barbecue wings, however, didn't go over as well. "The honey barbecue from Coop DeVille was too heavy," said Harper. "They tasted greasy."

Overall, the "Worst Taste" award was given to Struts for their honey mustard wings and Coop DeVille's honey barbecue. "Most Unique Flavor" was given to Coop DeVille's lemon pepper wings.

"Different flavors are good," said Brewer. "But you have to be careful what you put on [wings]."



The Chanticleer/Danni Lusk  
JSU student judges Heather Harper (l) and Sherry Todd sample chicken wings from Coop DeVille, Jefferson's and Struts.



The Chanticleer/Danni Lusk  
Taste testers (l-r) Jordan Brewer, Clint Thomas and Andrew Symonds judge wings.

## SODA builds bridges of communication between JSU students

By Jennifer Dickie  
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Have you ever had a class with a deaf student and needed to ask him about a missed assignment, borrow his notes, or just want to strike up a conversation without knowing how? There's often a language barrier between deaf and hearing students, but the members of the Student Organization for Deaf Awareness exist to help overcome that barrier.

Dr. Susan Easterbrooks founded SODA in 1985. The group's purpose is to provide awareness about deaf culture to the JSU community in as many ways as possible. This year's 15 members intend to improve relationships between the hearing people and the deaf, making communication more fluent and discouraging bias.

"We provide an opportunity to the deaf students: A chance to be a leader in different committees or as an officer," said SODA

President Chad Fleming. "We have three deaf officers, including myself, and two hearing officers at this time."

Dee Johnston, the lead interpreter at JSU, is also the advisor for SODA. "Anyone can join SODA - deaf or hearing. Hearing people don't even have to know sign language yet," Johnston said. "Most of the members end up being some of the deaf students here at JSU, students from the SPE 387/388 (Sign Language I and II), and some of the interpreters who work here at JSU."

According to Fleming, although SODA did not hold any fundraisers this semester, they are looking forward to some fundraisers next year to ensure the club's financial future. "We will do a special rendition of Wizard of Oz starring both deaf and hearing actors who know sign language," said Fleming. "This has not been set up for a date yet but we are working on it."

SODA is also working on a spe-

cial event called "Discover the Past" to enhance the University's understanding of the deaf community. "We plan to invite several prominent people in our organization," said Fleming, "including Mrs. Heather Whitestone-McCallum, former Miss America and Jacksonville State student. We are, as well, looking to conduct a mini-workshop on deaf culture at JSU."

These are only a few of the opportunities SODA provides for students who want to get involved with their school while teaching the community about the hearing impaired.

On Oct. 17, Jacksonville State celebrated its 115th homecoming. The students of SODA worked hard on their organization's parade float, which paid off when they won second place in the float competition. The club's theme focused on a representation of the various decades of JSU's history. Members of the organization rode along in the parade to enhance the

float's charm. Homecoming is just part of the fun students of SODA have enjoyed this year and in previous years.

Disabled Student Services, located in the Theron Montgomery Building, provides a variety of services for students with any handicap or learning disability. SODA is only one of many such organizations available on JSU's campus. Jacksonville State abides by all laws concerning students with disabilities and is happy to accommodate in any way possible, said Johnston. Organizations such as SODA are designed to further the education of college students in a diverse world.

Anyone interested in building the bridge between those of us who hear with our ears, and those of us who hear with our minds, should contact Dee Johnston at Disability Support Services, or Chad Fleming, President of JSU's SODA chapter. Students can become members of SODA by paying \$5 dues per semester.

## The Onion will bring tears to your eyes

Review by Gary Lewis  
The Chanticleer Online Editor

If you are a fan of such television shows as "The Daily Show" and "Politically Incorrect," you owe it to yourself to check out The Onion ([www.theonion.com](http://www.theonion.com)).

This Web site and weekly newspaper does not merely slaughter the sacred cows of American pop culture - it roasts them in a hot and spicy barbecue sauce that would make a Texan cringe.

With past headlines such as "Mother Teresa Sent To Hell In Wacky Afterlife Mix-Up," it should be obvious that the staff of The Onion has no qualms about offending its readers. Even events as terrible as the Sept. 11 attacks are fair game for their edgy, raw satire.

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# "Shrek" full of surprises, not necessarily for kids

Review by Abbey Herrin  
The Chanticleer Staff Writer



Ogre Shrek (played by Mike Myers) talks with Donkey (played by Eddie Murphy) in the computer-animated film, "Shrek." Courtesy Dreamworks skg/Universal

When I sat down to watch "Shrek" with my 5-year-old brother Logan, I must admit that I had some preconceived notions about the film. Ogres, princesses, animation — kid stuff, right? "Shrek" may be typecast as a children's movie; however, it contains ample amounts of tongue-in-cheek adult humor, an all-star cast and wonderful computer-generated animation that is sure to satisfy all age groups.

Here is the premise: The tiny Lord Farquod (played by John Lithgow of "Third Rock From the Sun") is on a quest to make his kingdom perfect. He rounds up all the unusual fairy tale characters such as the Three Blind Mice and Pinocchio and exiles them to a swamp that is already inhabited by Shrek, an ogre played by Mike Myers. Shrek is angered by this invasion of his privacy and embarks on a quest to Lord Farquod's kingdom to protest,

accompanied by his faithful and hilarious sidekick, Donkey, who is played by Eddie Murphy.

When Shrek and Donkey arrive at Farquod's kingdom, he agrees to give Shrek his swamp back if he and Donkey will go rescue the lovely Princess Fiona from the clutches of an evil fire-breathing dragon.

The adventures that Shrek and

Donkey have on their journey are exciting, to say the least. In an action-packed yet humorous scene, the dynamic duo manages to rescue the princess by very unorthodox means: Donkey seduces the dragon by complementing on the freshness of her breath. This results in a strange love affair; Donkey serenades the dragon with Sir-Mix-A-Lot's "Baby Got Back."

All of these bizarre quirks make for sheer entertainment. Toward the beginning of the movie, when Lord Farquod is looking for the perfect princess to wed, his magic mirror presents three women to him in a dating game scenario. Cinderella is introduced: "Her hobbies include cooking and cleaning for her two evil stepsisters."

What makes "Shrek" shine the most is the casting. Mike Myers is a perfect Shrek, speaking with the same Scottish brogue that he uses in "So I Married An Axe Murderer." Cameron Diaz is great as the voice of Princess Fiona; she is an elegant princess with some manly vulgarities. In addition to belching, she defeats Robin Hood's "Merry Men" kung-fu style in an action sequence that parallels "The Matrix." Lithgow's voice is perfect for Lord Farquod's sassy character. His height is also a source of amusement. Shrek suggests that Farquod's extremely tall palace is an effort "to compensate for other shortcomings."

The best casting call of all is Eddie Murphy as Donkey. Murphy's comedic presence is strong as usual, and his dialogue is full of sexual innuendoes. Donkey is a lover; when giving Shrek some tips on how to win over the princess, he busts into a soul-filled version of "Try a Little Tenderness." Donkey's free spirit and good humor make for the perfect counterpart to Shrek's generally somber attitude.

The movie's finale is the highlight, with the "Shrek in the Swamp Karaoke Dance Party." This features all the classic fairy tale characters doing renditions of various songs. Princess Fiona, clad in a wedding gown, does Madonna's "Like a Virgin." The Gingerbread Man croons "Do You Really Want to Hurt Me" by the Culture Club. In a strong finish, the entire cast of characters belt out the funk classic "Dance to the Music" by Sly and the Family Stone.

This is definitely not your run-of-the-mill children's movie.

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## Stereo MC's

### Deep Down and Dirty

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Review by Nick Davis  
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

It's been a really long time since these guys made any noise in the music world. Most of us kids hadn't even set foot past the double doors and into high school.

Nine years ago the Stereo MC's made good on their album "Connected," toured for a while, then disappeared. With "Deep Down and Dirty," they pick up right where they left off.

Before Fatboy Slim and Moby, Stereo MC's were the ones lighting up the dance floors in the UK and elsewhere. The proclaimed kings of British hip-hop, Nick Hallum and vocalist Rob Birch took their sweet time in making the sequel to their still successful album, and it shows ("Connected" is still played in



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sporting arenas and in some commercials).

The whole CD is cleverly crafted. They didn't stray far from the overall sound of their last record, but it still smells fresh. Sometimes you just got to stay with what works.

The Stereo MC's beats are simple yet scrumptiously stylish, and every song is very laid-back. Birch's lyrics are off the beaten path, and flow like running water. He doesn't try to make his lyrics fit into the song, and that makes for good music. It's different, and different is always very good.

They're pretty funky, and if you're a techno fan then this is right

up your alley. If you like Tricky then this is a good buy also. Even if you're not a big dub fan, maybe you should consider buying this to broaden your CD collection and impress your friends and family and anyone else worth impressing.

You can pop this sucker into your CD player and just relax, for when you get out of the car you might just walk with a new rhythm, like the words of advice from the track "The Right Effect." "Use your mind and body every time you step if you wanna cause the right effect."

Dirty yet sophisticated, tracks like "Sophisticated," "We Belong In This World Together" and "Running" show the band's ability.

Their past tours with U2 and Jane's Addiction kind of show their ability too, and the respect they get in the music world.

The Stereo MC's sound is defiant of an accurate description. They blur the lines a little, and that lets you get what you want from their music. It's no wonder they inspired a whole generation of dub and beats, and probably will inspire more.

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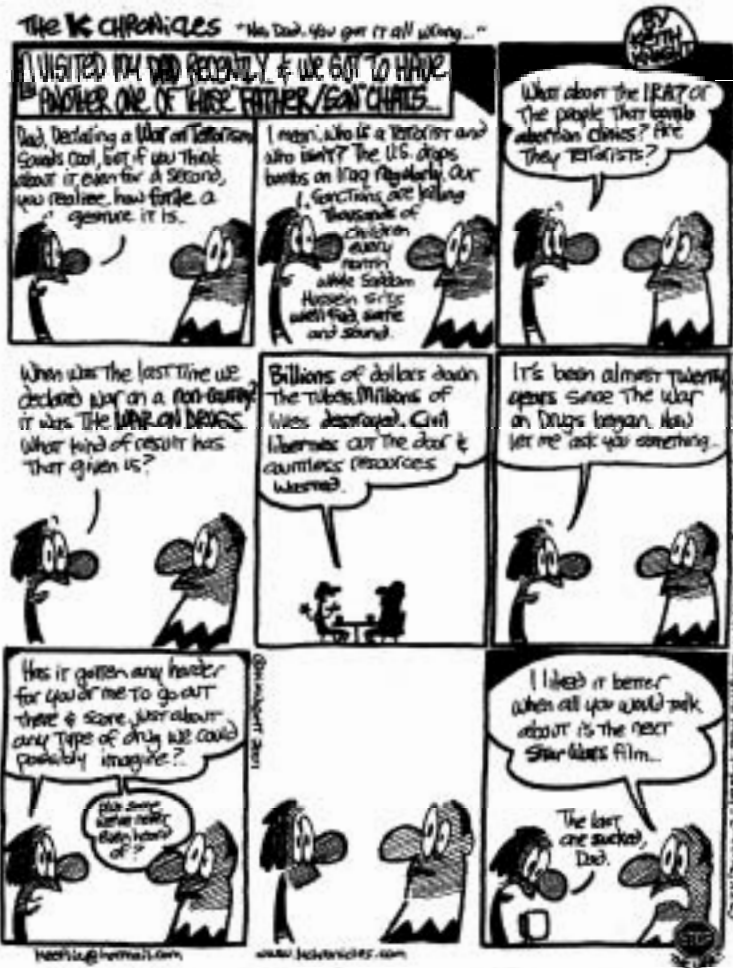
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- 1.) There are 61 towns in the United States with what word in their name?
- 2.) How many acres of trees are used to make the newsprint for the average Sunday edition of the New York Times?
- 3.) What is the official state sport of Alaska?
- 4.) How many acres are in a square mile?
- 5.) What popular Christmas song was actually written for Thanksgiving?
- 6.) For his "X-Files" audition, David Duchovny showed up in a tie decorated with what?
- 7.) What is the ratio of slot machines to inhabitants in Las Vegas?
- 8.) Which Ivy League college was the last to go coed in 1972?
- 9.) What are newcomers to Hawaii called by native Hawaiians?
- 10.) What is the only House in England the Queen may not enter?

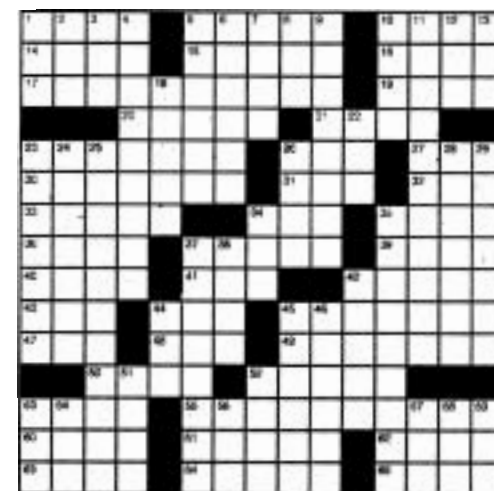
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| 6.) pink pigs | 7.) one to eight | 8.) Dartmouth   | 9.) "mathin" | 10.) the House of Commons |



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  - 5 Metric units
  - 10 Bid first
  - 14 Be silent!
  - 15 The king of France
  - 16 Russian saint
  - 17 Courthouse surrender site
  - 19 \_\_\_ suit
  - 20 Ancient letters
  - 21 Close-call comment
  - 23 Actress Brooke
  - 26 Tweedle ending?
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  - 30 Most lofty
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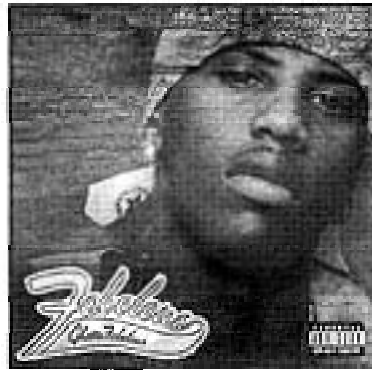
**Ghetto Fabulous**

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Review by Anthony Hill  
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

If Nas' emergence in the early 1990s led some to see him as the second coming of the intelligent, well-respected Rakim, no doubt others will see the emergence of Fabolous as the second coming of, um, Mase. Okay, maybe he's a little more skilled than Mase was, but all his mechanics scream M-A-\$-E when one studies his style.

A DJ Clue protege, Brooklyn, New York's Fabolous flows with a slight lisp with a sleepy, but effective flow. Fabolous' similarities with Mase don't end there. Despite their lazy flows, both rappers boast of their exciting encounters with beautiful women and a few other gangster ways. Sure, this ground has been covered more thoroughly than a crime scene, but it's no small wonder his



Courtesy WEA/Elektra Entertainment

claims don't have the same impact when offered by an artist who's so relaxed. It's almost like he's awakened from a "gansta-fied" dream and decided to rap about the things he recalled.

Fabulous can spit SOME serious flows though. "Ghetto Fabulous" contains a few dominant flows along with a few brilliant tracks produced by Timbaland, Rockwilder and others.

Case in point in the lead single, "Can't Deny It," in which the chorus, sung by Nate Dogg - "I can't deny it/ I'm a f---in' rider" - is lifted from the late 2Pac's "Ambitionz Az a Rider." Producer Rick Rock's forceful,

muscular sonic wallop serves as a formidable backdrop, making Fabolous sound better than he does anywhere else on the album. Another hot track on the album comes courtesy of The Neptunes on the song titled "Young'n."

The other end of the spectrum comes with "We Don't Give A," a lazy example of thugged-out and wardrobe-heavy boasting that hip-hop haters could easily cite as an example of the music's shallowness. "I'm like you, 'cept I date supermodels/ The cars that I drive, the state troopers follow."

And, "Click & Spark," hardly lives up to its lively name, thanks to Fab's dull delivery. Unfortunately, despite a couple of strong moments, much of "Ghetto Fabulous" blandly follows the trends rather than sparking any of its own, and there's nothing very fabulous about that.

Maybe his next album or DJ Clue's next soundtrack will give us a little more flame from Fabolous, because this CD didn't have a but a few sparks.

**Onion: from page 9**

The special "Attack On America" issue, with a title that can not be repeated in a family newspaper, featured the biting news story "President Urges Calm, Restraint Among Nation's Ballad Singers," in which President Bush makes a plea to artists such as Mariah Carey, Barbra Streisand and Dianne Warren not to record "mawkish, insipid all-star tribute ballads," adding that "there has already been enough suffering."

An article titled "God Angrily Clarifies 'Don't Kill' Rule" portrays a frustrated deity who says, "I figured I'd left no real room for confusion after putting it in a four-word sentence with one-syllable words, on the tablets I gave to Moses. How much more clear can I get?"

The fate of the Sept. 11 terrorists is made apparent in a report titled "Hijackers Surprised To Find Selves In Hell." An interview with alleged terrorist ringleader Mohammed Atta is interrupted, the writer reports, when "Atta's words turned to raw-throated shrieks, as a tusked, asp-tongued demon burst his eyeballs and drank the fluid that ran down his face."

In the issues since the attacks, The Onion has continued to feature such hard-hitting international stories as "Spaghetti-Os Discontinued As Franco-American Relations Break Down" and "Flood Of Cheap Afghan Heroin To Arrive Just In Time For Recession." No one is spared the wrath of their satire. From Corporate America to the know-it-all in the next cubicle, everyone is a target for parody.

If you are easily offended, you will certainly be offended by The Onion. If you are not easily offended, they'll do their best to offend you anyway, and they'll probably succeed. But despite the brutal satire and occasional high school locker room humor, the site manages to be funny without being overtly obscene. It is a showcase for intelligence and wit that rivals "The Simpsons," with a deep-rooted sense of irony that makes "South Park" pale in comparison.

Far too edgy for television, The Onion has found a perfect home on the Web. If you need a good laugh in time for finals, check it out next time you're online. You'll be glad you did.

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# SPORTS

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## Gamecocks drop five straight games to finish season 5-6

By Anthony Hill

The Chanticleer Sports Editor

The Gamecocks (5-6, 2-4 SFL) ended the season on a five-game losing streak by dropping their final two games against Troy State and McNeese State.

The Gamecocks were three bad calls, two injuries and a fumble away from beating Troy State, but the Trojans proved to be too much as they trounced JSU 21-3 on Nov. 17.

The Gamecocks lost two offensive weapons when both Ralph Jenkins and Rondy Rogers were injured early in the first half. The Gamecocks were also forced to play without the exciting punt returner Neika Willis.

JSU also had to overcome three bad calls and a fumble deep in its own territory to come away with the impossible - a win over Troy State.

Senior quarterback Brock Nutter passed for 254 yards and one touchdown, while former Auburn Tiger running back Demontray Carter scored a pair of touchdowns to muscle the Trojans past the Gamecocks.

Neither team could muster much offense in the first half. The Gamecocks finally broke through in the second quarter, using a 14-play, 74-yard drive to take a 3-0 lead. Steven Lee connected on a 25-yard field goal to lift the Gamecocks to the early lead.



The Anniston Star/Steve Gross

Senior Taylor Mitchell attempts to haul down MST fullback during last Saturday's defeat.

Troy State moved the ball well early but couldn't convert yards into points. The Trojans' first two drives into Jacksonville State territory ended in disaster. A blocked field goal by the Gamecocks ended the first threat with the Trojans at the JSU 20, while a Nutter interception ended the second threat with the ball at the JSU 2.

TSU got the ball right back after Carlow James fumbled at the JSU 22. Nutter hit Carter on a 22-yard pass to put the Trojans up 7-3 with 4:34 to go in the half.

In the second half, the Trojans

scored on a Carter 1-yard run to cap an amazing 91-yard drive to go up 14-3 with 11:41 left in the game.

Troy State then completed the scoring for the night after DeWhitt Betterson rambled 15 yards on the Trojans' next drive and Drew Boteler connected with the PAT to make the score 21-3.

JSU was led by Reggie Stancil, who finished the game with 189 passing yards and 50 yards rushing.

The Gamecocks finished the season with a game against No. 11 McNeese State (8-3, 5-1 SFL) at Paul Snow Stadium last Saturday.

"I think we couldn't stop the running game," said head coach Jack Crowe. "I think they came in with an attitude that they were going to make the game physical, which was no surprise to us. We started off just missing some tackles."

JSU was unable to stop the running of Cowboy tailback Vick King as he compiled 211 yards and two touchdowns to lead McNeese State to a 31-21 victory.

"Rain, sleet, snow, whatever, I'll run in it - it doesn't matter to me," said King. "You've got to give the line all of the credit. They gave me the holes and I ran through them."

The game consisted of a 2-hour, 1-minute rain delay, a muddy field that contributed to seven missed extra points, a first quarter dominated by the Gamecocks, second half dominated by McNeese and the added fact that it was a make-up game.

The Cowboys claimed the SFL title with the win and it was their fifth title in the last 11 years, but first since 1997.

"We overcame adversity," said McNeese State head coach Tommy Tate. "That's something these players have done all year."

The Gamecocks had a 9-0 lead until King touched the ball for the first time for the Cowboys with 11:48 in the second quarter. He ripped off runs of 19, 13, 9 and 15 to set up McNeese's first touchdown. Luke Lawton ran the ball in

from 6 yards away to make the score 9-6.

Rondy Rogers finally found something he couldn't do on the field when he attempted a pass. Roger's pass was intercepted by Keith Smith, but that was the final play before lightning forced play to be suspended.

When play resumed, the Cowboys took the lead and didn't look back. With 1:10 left in the second quarter, King scored his first touchdown on a 5-yard run to put McNeese State up 12-9. The Cowboys increased the lead to 19-9 after B.J. Sams scampered 19 yards.

JSU kept itself in the game after Rogers sprinted 32 yards for the score early in the third quarter. Lee's extra point was no good, keeping the score at 19-15. McNeese State pushed the lead back to 10 after Slade Nagle connected with Lawton to go up 25-15.

Gamecock defensive back Reggie Spencer did all he could to mount a JSU comeback after he intercepted Nagle's pass and took it 97 yards for the score. Spencer's touchdown made the score 25-21.

With 5:19 to go in the game King ended all hopes of a Gamecock comeback when he dove in the end zone from the 1-yard line to cap an 11-play, 57-yard drive.

"The big thing was that every time they (JSU) did something to stay in the game, we answered it," concluded Tate.

## Basketball team falls to Auburn, but drops Birmingham-Southern

Staff Reports

Head coach Mike LaPlante and the Gamecock basketball team are 1-1 after a loss to Auburn and a victory over Birmingham-Southern.

The Gamecocks began the season with a trip to Beard-Eaves Memorial Coliseum on Nov. 18 and fell to the Auburn Tigers (2-0) 75-53.

"This game was exactly what we expected," said LaPlante. "We made a little run there in the second half."

"We got it close, then Kyle Davis blocked Heard's lay-up. I felt like that was the turning point of the game," said LaPlante.

In the first half, Auburn jumped out to an 11-point lead, 23-12, after Marquis Daniels scored inside with 9:19 left, but Jax State cut the lead to 25-19, on a 3-pointer by Poonie Richardson. Richardson finished the game with 11 points.

The Tigers pushed the lead back to 10 points at the intermission, 34-24.

Early in the second half, Auburn held a 16 point lead, 45-29, with 17:00 left in the game, but Jax State mounted a rally to slice the lead to three points, 47-44, at the 12:49 mark.

Heard, who finished the game leading the Gamecocks with 14 points, scored nine points during the run, while Omar Barlett, Emerson "Downtown" Brown and Josh Perry each tossed in two points over the five-minute run. Barlett finished the game with 10 points.

Auburn answered the run by going on a 25-2 run to push the lead to 71-46, after Brandon Robinson scored on a dunk with 3:31 left in the game.

Daniels had 16 points and Derick Bird added 13 points to lead the Tigers in the victory.

Auburn took advantage of 23 JSU turnovers and the Tigers held the Gamecocks to just 33.8 percent shooting (22-of-65) for the game.

"Auburn had a lot of second shot opportunities and simply overwhelmed us in the paint," said LaPlante. "Hopefully, we learned a

lot from playing a good team like Auburn."

Well, the Gamecocks played as if they did indeed learn something from the loss to Auburn and used the knowledge to thrash Birmingham-Southern 63-52 last Wednesday.

The high-flying Joshua Perry scored a career-high 15 points off the bench to lead the Gamecocks to a rare win on the road.

The win marked the first road win for the Gamecocks under LaPlante and was just the 29th loss in 335 games for Birmingham-Southern at Bill Battle Coliseum.

"This was great win for our team," said LaPlante. "Our kids never gave up. We had so many guys contribute tonight."

BSC held a 20-16 lead with 5:40 left in the first half, but the Gamecocks went on a 15-3 run to the half and took a 31-23 lead at the intermission.

During that run, Richardson sparked the Gamecocks by scoring eight points. He finished the game with 11 points again.

Birmingham-Southern cut the

lead to 31-28 to open the second half, but five straight points by Heard pushed the lead back to 36-28. JSU led by its largest lead, 51-38, on a tip-in by Perry with 7:41 left in the game, but the Panthers weren't ready to quit yet.

BSC sliced the lead to 54-49 with 1:36 left on a baseline jumper by Shema Mbyirukira, but the Gamecocks hit several key free throws at the end to hold on to the victory.

"Downtown" Brown finished the game with 10 points, while former Gamecock Rashard Willie finished with 17 points for the Panthers.

The basketball team will begin A-Sun play when they travel to play in-state rival Troy State tonight. Tip-off is set for 7.



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JSU center Omar Barlett dunks over an Auburn player.

# One on one with "Thrill:" "Downtown"

By Anthony "Thrill" Hill  
The Chanticleer Sports Editor



The Chanticleer/Anthony Hill  
Sophomore guard Emerson Brown.

I met Emerson "Downtown" Brown about a year ago, but I didn't really know him until this past September. He and I had a conversation while I was covering a Jacksonville High football game for The Anniston Star. We talked about everything from basketball to community service that night. That's just what kind of person Emerson is. He's very well rounded and displays concern for a wide range of issues. He's not your average jock and definitely isn't your average basketball player. Emerson is very prepared for things he has to do. I accused him of rehearsing for "One on One" while he was in his room before hand. His answers were just too professional and he seemed so ready. The truth is - he probably didn't practice, he just got himself mentally prepared. That's the Emerson way. He's prepared and ready for anything.

**Thrill:** What's going on, Emerson?

**Emerson:** I'm maintaining, ya know?

**Thrill:** OK. Did you keep up with the football season? They simply didn't have anything going in their favor towards the end. How do you feel about the way they ended the season?

**Emerson:** I was a big time fan. They were in a little slump. I'm sure that they'll keep their heads up. It should only be a learning experience for them. They'll do a lot better next year.

**Thrill:** How do you feel about the season. You guys got an impressive win over Birmingham-Southern last week.

**Emerson:** We are ready to just surprise a lot of people. We got our heads up and ready for the season. We're just trying to get the season started with a little bit of confidence.

**Thrill:** This is an entirely different team than last season. You went from being a freshman last year to being a seasoned veteran this year. How's the transition been for you so far?

**Emerson:** Oh, the vibe is simple. The coaches make it easy for you. As long as they teach us, things will come out good.

**Thrill:** What happened to you guys at Auburn? You were

within three points and then lost by 22 points. They went on a 25-2 run at the end.

**Emerson:** We were in the game physically, but they challenged us mentally. We'll get through that though.

**Thrill:** How do you think the team will do against Troy State tonight? They beat a good Marshall team and Maine this past weekend.

**Emerson:** We will be all right as long as we stick to the game plan.

**Thrill:** What's the game plan?

**Emerson:** Take it to them. We'll do a little inside-outside. We'll just need to keep our composure down there. They're returning a lot of players from last year.

**Thrill:** You won a state championship in high school. How much of a shock was it for you to go from a champion to last in the conference?

**Emerson:** (Laughs) I hear ya. (Pause) You got to start somewhere though. You learn from losing and winning.

**Thrill:** That's right. Hey man, I thought that your nickname was "E.J." Where did "Downtown" come from?

**Emerson:** Because I'm always on my way around town.

**Thrill:** Does the name have anything to do with your game?

**Emerson:** Oh yeah. It's a compilation of my entire game. I go downtown to the hole and I may shoot from downtown from the outside. It's my game.

**Thrill:** I know that you probably like everyone on the team, but who's your favorite teammate?

**Emerson:** I would have to say "Sleepy" (Joshua Perry). I can sit down and talk with him about anything. He's a mature fellow.

**Thrill:** How good is Jay Heard? All you hear about is Jay, Jay, Jay. Is he worth the hype?

**Emerson:** Jay Heard is the truth. (Both laugh) Just wait

and see.

**Thrill:** Omar Barlett is a dominant player in the inside, but I think he's a good power forward. How well do you think he'll do at the center position?

**Emerson:** (Pause) He's going to be good. He's going to be really good. It's just going to take a little time.

**Thrill:** The women's team is balling as well. Have you gotten a chance to look at their talent? They got pretty beat up in Arizona though.

**Emerson:** They've got a lot of talent. To be a good team you've got to be able to take the wins as well as the losses. They'll get there though.

**Thrill:** What is the difference between this year's team and the one of a year ago?

**Emerson:** There's a different vibe. Everybody likes each other and we all get along good. We are all, well, friends.

**Thrill:** So the team didn't like each other last year?

**Emerson:** Yeah, we liked each other, but when you're losing, a lot of things go on. The vibe is a little different.

**Thrill:** What will happen if the team hits a brief, but unpleasant losing streak?

**Emerson:** (Both laugh) We don't look at things that way.

**Thrill:** Has your game gotten any better from a year ago? Have you changed anything with your mechanics?

**Emerson:** You know what, Thrill? I just had to slow my whole game down. I had to be real intense on the defensive end, but settle down on the

offensive end and see what the defense gives me.

**Thrill:** How do you feel about Michael Jordan returning to the game?

**Emerson:** I think that it's going to bring a lot of money to the game. A lot more people are going to watch the games. More young guys are going to learn from him.

**Thrill:** What are some of the things that you like to do when you're not on the basketball court?

**Emerson:** What are some of the things I like to do? I just sit and live a quiet life, ya know. I'm real hush, hush and mind my own business.

**Thrill:** How is your personal life? How are the ladies treating you?

**Emerson:** I'm solo and low-key. I'm looking for a woman, but probably not a girl friend. I just want a companion.

**Thrill:** So, you basically just CREEP around now?

**Emerson:** (Both laugh) No, it's not like that. (Laugh again).

**Thrill:** Who's the best player that you've ever played against?

**Emerson:** Darnell Harpling (NY Knick player). He's a beast on the court.

**Thrill:** It may be early, but how far do you envision the Gamecocks finishing this year?

**Emerson:** I envision the best. All I see is victories for us.

**Thrill:** Let's do some free association. Just tell me the first thing that comes to mind.

**Emerson:** OK.

**Thrill:** Pinky and the Brain.

**Emerson:** Taking over the world.

**Thrill:** Fried chicken.

**Emerson:** Juicy and Texas Pete hot sauce.

**Thrill:** UGK (Rap group).

**Emerson:** Nothing serious.

**Thrill:** Christine and Daryl Washington (Emerson's parents).

**Emerson:** Strong, foundation and keep it real.

**Thrill:** Poonie Richardson (Gamecock point guard).

**Emerson:** Poonie is the truth. He understands the game really good.

**Thrill:** Coach Mike LaPlante.

**Emerson:** (Long pause).

**Thrill:** You're taking too long. Tell me the truth. (Both laugh)

**Emerson:** Coach LaPlante is going to let you play your game. I see a lot of good things in the future.

**Thrill:** Who was your favorite team before you signed with JSU?

**Emerson:** I would have to say UCLA.

**Thrill:** Where would you have signed if you didn't come to JSU?

**Emerson:** I would've probably signed with North Carolina State or McNeese State. I would've gone somewhere like that.

**Thrill:** One more question. Who's the most dominant player on the team besides Jay Heard?

**Emerson:** We don't have a dominant player. As long as we play as a team we're a dominant unit.

**Thrill:** Thanks for the time "Downtown."

**Emerson:** It's all good Thrill. Stay up man.

## Gamecock punter earns national honors

By Anthony "Thrill" Hill  
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

Who said that there's no glory in being a kicker on a football team? Well, two kickers were honored this past season for the Gamecock football team.

Junior place-kicker Ashley Martin received SFL Special Teams Player-of-the-Week honors after her performance in the season-opener against Cumberland.

Last week freshmen punter Richie Rhodes was named SFL Special Teams Player-of-the-Week and the NCAA I-AA National Player-of-the-Week after his record setting performance during the Troy State game two weeks ago.

Against the Trojans, Rhodes had three punts for 50 yards, one for 54 yards and the school record

74-yard punt. He also launched two punts inside the 20-yard line.

Rhodes became the second player to earn National Player-of-the-Week honors this season after junior quarterback Reggie Stancil earned offensive honors earlier in the season.

The true freshmen from Alexander City, Ala., had five punts for a school record 55.2-yard average, snapping a 22-year school record set by Gregg Lowery in 1979. Rhodes also set a I-AA school record with a 74 yard punt, one yard shy of the school's all-time record of 75 yards, also set by Lowery, and Jason Porch in Division II.

Rhodes finished the season with three punts for 129 yards and a 43-yard average in the 31-21 loss to No.11 McNeese State last Saturday.



Courtesy Steve Latham  
Freshman punter Richie Rhodes.

# JSU women's basketball team begins 2001-02 season with a bang

## Staff Reports

The women's basketball team is 1-2 after playing South Alabama, Cal Poly and Northern Arizona last week.

The Gamecocks began the season in thrilling fashion with a 61-56 win over South Alabama last Monday.

The Gamecocks missed 12 shots from the charity stripe, but junior point guard NcKell Copeland put a stop to the cold shooting by nailing six of seven down the stretch to preserve the victory. The win was the first opener the Gamecocks have won in the last three seasons.

"That was fun for all of us, as coaches and players," said head coach Dana Austin. "Of course, we didn't do everything perfect and we have a lot to build on, but it's a good starting point. It's always a good starting point to build on a win."

JSU utilized the abilities of center Ann-Marie Healy. Healy had a strong presence on the inside for the Gamecocks all night. When South Alabama defenders keyed in on her, it allowed Copeland and others to step up and hit some big shots.

Healy led the Gamecocks with 16 points in the first half, but managed to cut the lead to three at the break 25-22. Then, Healy and Copeland stepped it up in the second half to help the Gamecocks prevail.

"I've been waiting for Ann-Marie," said Copeland. "We've been waiting for her to step up and play. She surprised me tonight."

The Gamecocks hit seven of 10 three-pointers in the second half after having made only one at the break. Healy played very well for the Gamecocks, but Copeland was simply brilliant as she controlled the tempo of the game with pinpoint passes and accurate free-throw shooting.

"NcKell did a good job of knocking those (free throws) down," said Austin. "That's what a veteran is supposed to do. I was so proud of her hitting those because they made the difference at the end."

The Gamecocks followed the victory with two straight losses at Northern Arizona Basketball Classic over the weekend.

JSU was dominated by Cal Poly, 70-46 last Saturday. The Mustangs were previously winless.

"Winning on the road is one of the toughest things to do," said Austin. "We were broken in tonight."

The Gamecocks jumped out to a 16-12 lead at the 11:21 mark of the first half after a free throw by junior Tiara Eady, but that would be the last time they would score for over five minutes. During that time JSU turned the ball over six times to help Cal Poly to an 8-0 run.

At the halftime break, the

Mustangs were leading the game 40-27.

JSU had 15 turnovers in the first half, two of which were back-to-back offensive charging calls. The Gamecocks also shot poorly from the charity line. The Gamecocks missed 10 points from the free throw line in the first half alone.

JSU had 25 turnovers for the game and only hit 40 percent of its free throws.

Junior Amanda Tyus was the lone Gamecock in double figures with 10 points. She scored all of those points in the first half. Eady had seven rebounds and Copeland finished with only two assists.

The Gamecocks then faced the host team last Sunday and fell to Northern Arizona 70-47.

Turnovers were the key again for a second night in a row. JSU had 31 on the night while NAU had only 18.

The game was close in the first half and Jax State took a 14-13 lead after Laura Baswell hit a field goal. The score went back and forth and at the half the Lumberjacks (4-0) only had a 34-28 lead.

The Gamecocks went on a scoring drought in the second half and held scoreless from the 12:03 mark to the 6:05 mark. The drought finished off JSU for the night.

"We had opportunities to win the game," said Austin. "We just didn't



The Anniston Star/Trent Penny

Sophomore guard Kelly Nye drives to the hole during the Gamecock's victory.

take advantage of them. This tournament was supposed to prepare us for conference play and it has helped.

"We faced very good post players and fast guards."

Copeland led JSU in scoring and rebounding with eight points and

seven rebounds. Baswell added six points and seven rebounds.

Amanda Tyus was named to the all-tournament team.

The Gamecocks will begin conference play when they travel to Orlando on Saturday to face Central Florida. Tip-off is set for 2 p.m.



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