Faculty, staff get 3 percent raise

By Katie Harris
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Beginning on Oct. 1, JSU employees, excluding adjunct teachers and student workers, received a 3 percent raise in their salary, according to JSU President Dr. William Meehan. The JSU faculty is currently paid less than many faculty members at other college institutions across the country. According to Meehan, “Our faculty and staff are $1.3 million dollars below the national average for colleges and universities.”

The money for the 3 percent raise comes from two sources. “The state appropriations and tuition come together as restricted and unrestricted funds,” said Meehan. “Last year state appropriations was increased by 6 percent to allow for salary increases.”

Meehan explained that all state funding for education comes from taxes and when the economy is not at its strongest, all of the schools and universities inevitably suffer. “This year’s budget is 3 percent less than what we started with last year, so we had to make up the difference in more students (to) bring more money into the University,” said Meehan. “The 6 percent increase in tuition means there are more funds for the state appropriations because that is based on the number of credit hours JSU produces and tuition depends on the number of students the University has,” said Meehan. “Without the increase in students we would not have been able to have this raise.”

Meehan explained that tuition has increased for many reasons. He said that tuition was voted on and increased in July whereas the faculty raises weren’t voted on until October.

The president also said, “Tuition does not always increase each year. We’ve had increases lately because of probation and the budgetary considerations but we don’t always just increase it just for the teachers.”

The cost of attending JSU remains considerably lower than other four-year colleges in the state. According to a survey by the Alabama Commission on Higher Education, with enrollment at 8,448 and tuition at $2,940, JSU is less expensive than Troy State University, which has 6,490 students enrolled and tuition at $3,296. The commission also reported that the University of Alabama’s current enrollment is 19,135 with tuition at $3,292, and Auburn University’s current enrollment has reached 22,469 with tuition at $3,380.

A pay increase is of course a positive aspect in any occupation. Although she could not see raise, page 4

Police look for suspects in assault; apartment complex takes action

By Benjamin Cunningham
The Chanticleer Editor in Chief

The Jacksonville Police Department is still looking for suspects in last month’s assault and robbery of two JSU students at Jacksonville Place apartments.

The incident occurred in the early morning hours of Sept. 19 as two women, who police asked not be identified, were returning to their apartment in the complex, located on Ala. Route 204, across from the JSU campus.

According to police reports, two black males approached the women at the bottom of a flight of stairs in the complex’s 1100 building. One of the men pulled a black 9 mm pistol and demanded the women’s purses. When one of the women said she didn’t have a purse, the man beat her in the head and face with the gun, and then both men fled to another building in the complex. Police are working on leads that have developed during the last week, JPD Investigator Fred Morrow said Tuesday, but have not made any arrests and have not positively identified any suspects.

Meanwhile, the apartment complex’s owners said they’re taking steps to ensure the safety of residents. “We are concerned, and we are taking measures to alert our residents, and ask them to be cautious but still feel safe living out there,” Jessica Harrison, a spokeswoman for Place Properties, said in a telephone interview Tuesday. Atlanta-based Place Properties owns Jacksonville Place and at least 16 other apartment complexes in seven states, serving 24 college and university communities, according to the company’s Web site.

“We have two courtesy officers on site,” Harrison said. “They’re essentially like off-duty police. They monitor the premises, and they have been alerted to maybe not walk around in civilian clothes, but wear their uniforms and to have more of a presence out there just to deter anything like that.”

In addition to the on-site officers, Harrison said the local managers of the apartment complex have organized safety classes for residents, with participation by Jacksonville Police and Fire department personnel.

“It wasn’t a huge turnout,” Harrison said, “but still they had an opportunity to come out there.” She said that more classes might be offered within the next week.

Morrow asked that anyone with knowledge of the case contact JPD at 435-6448. He said those wishing to provide information anonymously should contact Calhoun County Crimestoppers at 238-1414.

The Chanticleer Rebecca Smith

Jacksonville Place was the scene of an assault and a robbery three weeks ago. Police are asking anyone with knowledge about the case to step forward.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

• Alpha Omicron Pi: The sisters of AOPi would like to wish all volleyball teams good luck this week! Also, thanks to Delta Chi for a great homecoming week! We are very excited about our sisterhood retreat this weekend ... Feelin’ Mighty Crazy! Sister of the week: Marlana Chandler, Positive Panda: Jennifer Moseley. Contact: Kristi Smith, 782-6212.

• The brothers of the Delta Chi Fraternity would like to thank AOPi for their hard work during homecoming. Also, we would like to congratulate Emily Williams on receiving Homecoming Queen. Everyone study hard. Contact: Andrew Symonds, 782-6753.

• Delta Zeta: Thanks, Pi Kappa Phi for a great week! Congrats DZ on a successful banner and float and being #1 in bowling! Thanks to our LGAAlpha’s support. Awards for the Week: Sister — Amanda Jo, Tiny Turtle — Howell and the Lou-Lou’s, Alumnae — LGA Alpha and Jamie, Support — Amy B. and Tavia. Contact: Stephanie, 435-4143.

• The members of Freshman Forum visited the Wexxex House this week to hand out “goodie bags.” We will be holding open forum on Monday, Nov. 12. We invite all freshmen to come and express their concerns and suggestions on campus issues. Contact: B.J. Baker, tackle_562001@yahoo.com.

• JAAEYC: Our next meeting will be Tuesday, Nov. 27, at 12:30 in 108 RWB. We will have a storyteller, Tony Clark, and Mrs. Taylor will be bringing some children to sing Christmas carols. Bring a finger food to share, an ornament ($5) to exchange, and your own beverage. Contact: Diane Hall, 435-3648, MSDianesWorld@cs.com.

• Peer Counselors: Peer Counselor applications are available in the Office of Student Activities, Rm. 402 TMB. To apply you must have 24 semester hours at JSU and a 2.25 GPA. All applications are due by Dec. 3. Contact: Clint Thomas, 782-5491.

• Phi Mu thanks the gentlemen of Kappa Alpha Order for an awesome homecoming! Congrats to our new Executive Board! Pres., Jenny Early; VP, Tiffany Wood; Phi Director, Brooke Bell; Membership, Amanda J.; Recording Sec, Crystal Mashburn; Corresponding Sec, Jennifer D.; Treasurer, Paige C., Social, Lauren T.; Panhellenic, Lexi. Go Gamecocks! Contact: Corrie, cori0128@aol.com, 435-8221.

• SGA: Thanks to all who DISCO-vered Homecoming 2001 last week. The SGA Blood Drive will be Thursday, Nov. 15 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the TMB. Senate meetings are Monday nights at 6. Student Activities Council meetings are Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. Get involved and make a difference! Contact: Robert Hayes, 782-5495.

• The SGA Blood Drive Committee would like to remind everyone to give blood on Thursday, Nov. 15 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The drive will be held in the auditorium of the TMB. Contact: Andrew Symonds, 782-6753.

• The Student Health Center will be administering flu vaccinations for JSU students and employees beginning Friday, Nov. 2. The cost for the vaccination is $15.00. Appointments will be scheduled for Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. and Friday mornings from 8:30 - 11:00 a.m. Please call 782-5310 for an appointment. Contact: Nancy Edge-Schmitz, 782-5310.

• Zeta Tau Alpha wants to thank Sigma Phi Epsilon for a great homecoming! Wes and Deese, you both did a wonderful job with everything! Also congrats to Alison Wright and the JSU volleyball team for their big win over Troy State last Tuesday! Good luck to the football team this weekend! Contact: Steph Jantis, sjanis3@aol.com.

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SGA grants Delta Chi $100 for house repairs

By Ben Zimmerman
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

On Nov. 5 the SGA senate unanimously approved Bill 67, which gave $100 to the Delta Chi fraternity to cover some of the damage suffered from a fire at the fraternity house this summer.

According to Andrew Symonds, a member of the fraternity and the author of Bill 67, one night last summer a fan in a fraternity member’s room fell onto some clothes and ignited a fire.

Mark Choquette, another fraternity member and SGA senator, who was staying in the house at that time, said that the five members, who were staying at the house during the summer, had all gone to bed early. Then, around 3 a.m. Choquette woke up and noticed some smoke. At first Choquette thought it was a dream, but soon he realized that, as he said, “it was all too real.”

Seeing a lot of smoke in the hallway, he opened up the front door to let it out and then went through the house waking up the other members.

Zack Kilgore, another fraternity member and SGA senator concluded that if Choquette had not noticed the smoke he and the other five members might well be dead. When everyone was out of the house they went to the Kappa Alpha house and called the Fire Department.

“The room [where the fire started] was destroyed. It was totally gutted out,” summarized Symonds. Everything in the room, including all of the occupant’s possessions, was destroyed. Much of the house that was not damaged by the fire, including plumbing and the kitchen, was damaged by the smoke and the water from the fire hoses.

Although the house’s insurance paid for much of the damage, it did not pay for it all. The rest will be paid from the fraternity’s account, which is supplemented with fund-raisers such as car washes. However, the weather has not been conducive to car washes recently, so the fraternity has had trouble making the money, according to Symonds.

The money from the SGA fund will be used to help pay for the repairs and to pay for preventative measures such as smoke detectors. In fact, Symonds said that many of the fraternity houses are not up to code, but this fire has alerted the administration of the danger and the houses are being made safer.
Secretary of state launches drive to register young voters

By Stephanie Pendergrass
The Chanticleer News Editor

In an attempt to increase voter registration in Alabama, Secretary of State Jim Bennett recently executed the Alabama New Millennium Project.

Aimed at voters between the ages of 18 and 24, the project is hoped to significantly increase the “numbers of young people who participate in the political process,” according to a University press release.

On Oct 3, Sec. Bennett, also a member JSU’s Board of Trustees, spoke at the Alabama New Millennium Project News Conference. At the event Bennett said a billboard campaign was being launched.

As part of the plan to attract younger voters, the billboard campaign will reportedly consist of over 100 billboards displayed across the state.

At the conference, Bennett said that “this new awareness effort is made possible through the donations of private industry and no state money was spent on this project.”

Bennett also said that as part of the project, he will be traveling to different colleges to help with voter registration drives and to speak in political science classes.

Alabama’s secretary of state is not alone in his attempts to raise voter registration. “All across America, secretaries of state are involved in similar activity,” said Bennett.

According to the New Millennium Project Web site, “in response to the alarmingly low levels of voter turnout, the National Association of Secretaries of State has organized a statewide campaign to help reconnect young Americans to the democratic process.”

The Web site also explained that “fewer than one in five American 18-24-year-olds chose to vote” in 1998.

The New Millennium Project’s fact sheet reported that the two main reasons why young people do not vote are due to a lack of information on the voter’s behalf, and due to the belief that one vote doesn’t actually make a difference.

The fact sheet also reported, “the single factor that most determines whether a young person will vote is whether his or her parents vote. Age and education are also factors.”

According to the University’s press release, Bennett said, “When I served as president of the National Association of Secretaries of State, the group conducted the New Millennium Study, a groundbreaking look into the voting patterns of young adults. The results of the study were not encouraging. While we do not have specific voting statistics for Alabama, it is interesting to note that less than half of [the 18-24] age group in our state is registered to vote as opposed to 71 percent of all eligible adults.”

At the conference, Bennett said “There is a shocking disconnect between young voters and the political system.” He also said the mission was “to reach out and encourage a lost generation of voters to participate in our nation’s political process, especially right here in Alabama.”

“Young people have ideas, concerns and enthusiasm that need to be heard in the political process but currently there voices are largely silent,” said Bennett. “Their participation is needed now and in the future as older voters. If you don’t develop early voting habits, it is not likely you will [vote] later in life either.”

Anyone with questions concerning the Alabama New Millennium Project should contact Sec. Bennett’s office at 334-242-7205 or online at www.nass.org.

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speak for all the teachers, Gloria Horton, president of the faculty senate, said she was not expecting the raise but gladly accepts it.

While the majority of the faculty at JSU are receiving a raise, some are not. An adjunct professor, who is on contract and consequently does not receive a raise, and who also wished to remain anonymous, said he had no hard feelings and is glad that the faculty was getting an increase in their salary.

Students also seemed supportive of the faculty raise. “I think the raise is well deserved,” said junior Juan Pena.

Meehan also believed the raise was a positive move for JSU. “If we want to continue to attract quality faculty members for our classrooms and qualified staff members for other positions on campus, we have to offer at least adequate salaries.”
Continuing Education offers new courses

By Stephanie Pendergrass
The Chanticleer News Editor

Throughout November, JSU's Continuing Education Program will be offering several new courses.

According to a University press release, the courses are listed in the "Opportunities for Life" bulletin and 16 courses are currently available to anyone interested.

According to JSU's Web site the Continuing Education Program "provides an opportunity to study a variety of subjects in a stimulating atmosphere of academic and recreational excellence." No admission to the University is required.

The courses being offered throughout the month fall into the categories of computing, leadership development, supervisory management, finance and accounting for non-financial managers, diversions and photography.

While many of the courses are only offered on one or two days during the month, some will last throughout November and part of December.

Lynne Nabors of the office of Continuing Education sees the program as a helpful aspect for JSU. "I think it's our link to the community," she said.

Nabors also explained that the people teaching the courses are not necessarily JSU faculty members. "It just kind of depends," said Nabors. "Just about everybody that we use right now is coming from off campus." Nabors used John Usry as an example. Usry is one of the teachers for the month's courses and works outside of the University, where he owns his own business. He will be coming to JSU to teach floral arranging and party and holiday decorating.

JSU's Continuing Education courses are non-credit courses in which the students do not receive a grade. Also, anyone is eligible to attend these classes. According to Nabors, "We have a lot people that'll call us and they'll say 'Well I didn't finish high school or I didn't do this or I didn't do that,' and it's OK. Anybody can take them."

Nabors said another common question concerning the program's courses is the chance of a test being involved. "A lot of people call and say 'Is there a test?' There's no test," said Nabors. "We do give them a certificate of completion for the classes that they do take from us, but that's all that they get, they don't get a grade."

JSU's Web site explains what to do once you've found a class you're interested in. "When you find a course you like, register immediately. The usual deadline is the week before the class starts. Minimum enrollment levels are established for each course and when registrations fail to achieve those levels, the course is canceled. We reserve the right to change the instructor, time, date, and room to better facilitate the program."

Nabors believed the Continuing Education courses JSU has to offer are helpful to the University. "Most people say 'Well that's a college town,'" she said. "There are a lot of students here, but as long as we offer the non-credit classes and that sort of thing, it's our link to the community, because anybody can take our classes."

For more information on the dates and locations of the courses the Continuing Education program has to offer, e-mail the Continuing Education program's office at coned@jsucc.jsu.edu.
In Our View

Safety awareness

Do you feel safe here and around the campus of JSU? Personal safety and awareness of possible threatening events are good traits to have. Though at one time, many people didn’t lock the doors to their cars wherever they went, contemporary times dictate stronger, self-protecting measures.

A little common sense can go a long way toward protecting yourself and your possessions. Women should keep a bottle of pepper spray in their purses, and everybody should be familiar with a little self-defense. Of course, it’s always best to avoid situations where troubles may arise.

One tried-and-true way to avoid sticky situations is to go places in groups, with friends. To be the lone adventurer is often exciting, but is also makes you easier target.

If you have a cell phone, put one of your speed-dial buttons on 911. If a bad moment arises, it’s much easier to stick your hand wherever your phone is and press one button.

There is also your gut. Sometimes, your gut gives you a funny feeling about a place or situation – listen to it. Even though nothing may seem to be amiss, listen to your gut.

If you are attacked, try to remember how the attacker(s) looked. The best thing that can happen after an attack is for the police to catch the perpetrator(s). Focus on facial features, clothes, height and everything possible. Of course, in dire moments, people surely focus more on escape rather than the style of the attacker(s) dress, but to remember is a good thing.

In thinking about safety, it’s also good to think of your neighbors. If you hear somebody scream for help, don’t just roll over in the bed in your apartment or walk on by JSUPD while on campus is way to help is to call the police as soon as possible.

Aside from the known “911,” the number for the JSUPD while on campus is 5050. The JSUPD also offers an escort service for anyone on campus who feels unsafe.

Kevin Young from the JSUPD said that at any hour, if anyone would like to be escorted by the police around campus, simply call.

JSU has long been known as the friendliest campus in the South, and we’re lucky to be among the safest as well. By looking out for each other and learning more about personal safety, we can all help keep it that way.

Voting: it’s all about the Benjamins

Are you angry about this semester’s rise in tuition, or about the poor preparation for college you might have received in high school? Are you upset about the shrinking budget for education in Alabama?

Chances are you have an opinion on at least one of the above issues, and on many more that are addressed or ignored by our state government in Montgomery each day. You’ve probably even expressed those opinions from time to time.

Perhaps you’ve grumbled to friends as you stood in line to pay your balance at the Bursar’s Office. Maybe you told your parents exactly what opportunities you wished you’d had in high school that your Georgia-raised JSU classmates had.

You’ve complained about those crooked old politicians in a PSC 100, into to American Government class discussion.

Chances are, though, that you’ve never expressed that opinion in the one way that has the best chance of actually making a difference. If you’re reading this you’re most likely (though not necessarily) between the ages of 18 and 25, and you’ve probably never voted.

Why not? As most candidates for statewide office will tell you in the next year or so, education is the most important issue facing Alabama. As a college student, what the people elected to those offices do about that oh-so-important issue has a more direct impact on you than it does any other voter in the state. Why then wouldn’t you be interested enough to vote?

I’ll ask you again: If what the people in Montgomery do affects what you pay to go to school, affects how much money JSU has to offer you a quality education and all the extras you want to go with it, why don’t you care enough to cast a vote to decide who those people are?

Those politicians are right about one thing. Education is probably the most important issue facing our state. Because of that, so many of the other issues you’ll hear about in the coming year will be related to it. Any kind of tax reform will have an impact on education funding for both higher education and K-12. Economic conditions in the state help determine the level of tax revenue collected, which impacts education funding too. Any attempt at reform of the state’s constitution will probably have a huge impact on how education is funded.

All of this has an impact on how much money is in your pocket. We’ve said it before in The Chanticleer’s opinion pages, and we’ll say it again and again during the coming campaign season: If you want to have a say in how much money is in your pocket in the years to come, you’re going to have to get out and vote.

Step one: Register. If you’re not already a registered voter, visit Jacksonville’s City Hall, or a municipal center in your hometown and ask for voter registration forms. (Hint: registering to vote in Jacksonville could give students a bigger say in what goes on in their temporary home).

Step two: Pay attention. If you’re going to vote, you’re going to have to know who and what you’re voting for. Visit candidates’ Web sites, and figure out where they stand on the issues that matter to you. Read newspaper stories about what the candidates are doing, and read newspaper editorials that help put those actions in perspective. You can count on finding state campaign coverage here in The Chanticleer.

Step three: Vote. When election day comes, roll on down to your polling place and cast your ballot. This is probably the easiest step in the process. Voting will take all of about 20 minutes.

If enough of us can follow these three simple steps, maybe the people in Montgomery will start making decisions that will put more money in your pocket.
At universities, the search for truth can go unhindered

As avid learners, we are continually involved in the process of testing our beliefs against the new information and new knowledge that arises from our work as scholars and researchers. This process, by its very nature, creates tension, and thereby tests again our own assumptions. For the sake of our country — a free and open country — and for the sake of universities across the nation, it is critical that we perform our role well. The pursuit of truth is essential for a peaceful, just, and prosperous future.

How, then, might we go about fulfilling our role as pursuers of truth?

First, let's acknowledge that truth is elusive and tentative. Absolutes are comforting. It is tempting, especially under stress, to believe that certain truths while ignoring any information that runs counter to them. But that way has led to countless errors in human judgment and much unhappiness. We must not forget that humankind's most egregious offenses have been committed by people who were sure they were right. History is proof.

In the inquisition to the Nazi Holocaust to the attacks of Sept. 11, we can see the destruction created by zealotry. Insofar as we know, those responsible for the campaign saw themselves as striking at the heart of America's licentiousness, greed, corruption and apostasy.

Second, we can feel free to state our personal truths. That is our right and obligation in a country and a university that fully support both: freedom of speech and academic freedom.

We can acknowledge our responsibility to respectfully hear and value the beliefs of others. That does not mean we shouldn't openly disagree. Indeed, I believe it is quite possible to oppose a set of beliefs and remain civil at the same time.

What's not appropriate is creating an atmosphere in which only certain views are respected and others are shut out of the discourse. I repeat that the role of a university in a free society is to create an environment in which all views can be freely expressed and examined.

Higher education does not have a clean track record in fulfilling its role. During the McCarthy era, too many institutions looked the other way when scholars were blacklisted and ostracized by a set of beliefs borne out of post-WWII paranoia.

That was back to the turbulence of the late 1960s and early 1970s. There were teach-ins and sit-ins and a variety of activities ostensibly to shed light on the conflicts in Vietnam. But the reality was that only certain views held sway. Those who might have supported the war were essentially silenced.

Further, as we search for truth, let's not permit blamimg of any person or group on the basis of religion or nationality or color.

There is no place for scapegoating at an institution of higher learning. A university is a place where laws and institutional policies must be upheld. It is only in the context of an orderly, respectful environment that the pursuit of truth can best proceed.

To do otherwise creates a atmosphere of chaos rather than of dialogue.

In spite of our grief, our anger, and our confusion, let's resolve to go on — not so much to put the horror of the recent past behind us as to accept that we have been changed and to refuse to be diverted from our primary purpose.

If truth is elusive, are there no guidelines that members of a university community can turn to? To me there is one. We can believe that this is a place where views are freely expressed and knowledge sought for the good of this university and for the good of a free society.

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Survey of earnings disparity between races is an exercise in futility?

By Derrick K. Baker

Ponder the question of a lifetime working on an assembly line. Did they earn less money than white men?

Even in those cases when both black and white men were college educated, well trained and toiling as bus drivers and upholsterers), the earnings gap between black and white men closed somewhat, primarily because, like the great equalizer known as professional production, which leaves less room for judgment about individuals that are based on race.

This information was revealed back in mid-August in a massive and unique study of more than 1 million workers by the American Sociological Review.

The confounding and debatable thing about such findings, however, is the fact that any number of racial, situational, geographical and historical factors will dramatically affect the explanations you get from people for such a disparity.

In one study, the race of the person asking the question, the race of the person being asked, their gender, where you ask them, when they live, and quite possibly when you ask them the reasons offered for the income disparity will be as varied, yet similar, as the people in an Army battalion.

Even among black people the explanations will vary, but still overlap.

However, expect the word and phrases “racism” and “bigotry” and “structural prejudice” and “hate” and “unfair” to creep into more than a few of the explanations black people (especially black men) will offer with great frequency, anger, insight, personal experience and disappointment.

Keep moving to another point on the racial spectrum and expect to hear such explanations from a different segment for black men’s economic plight. Be prepared to note such responses from some blacks as “they need to work harder” and “they expect things to be easy” and “jobs don’t just show up at your front door” and “if they put down the drugs and guns and stop making babies like rabbits, they could amount to something” and “they don’t understand the value of getting an education and working hard to do something for themselves.”

Ask white people why — at least and according to this study that exclusively examined black men in more than 470 occupations — why they make more money than black men and don’t be surprised to hear such responses as “heart and determinination make the man” and “you must make the best of the opportunities and options presented to you” and “they’re just not as smart as we are” and “they’d rather focus on sports and entertainment” and “it’s all about how much sacrifice you want to make to get what you want” and “they could be on equal footing if they wanted to because the playing field is level for everybody.”

The black white who comprise the Ku Klux Klan or sympathize with their “cause,” black men’s “diminished mental capacities and minimalistic tendencies to prefer the more base and hedonistic aspects of life” would probably be proffered as a legitimate rationale for the earnings disparity.

“Black men are intellectually inferior and more athletically inclined, and therefore their lower earnings and earning potential is a reality by their own admission,” Grand Imperial Wizard might say. “Don’t blame white men,” the toothless wonder with the IQ of a donut might try to explain, “blame black men!”

Can we ever certain about the real reasons black men earn less money than white men work in the same occupation? Should we care as long as black men are able to work and provide for themselves and their family? Should black men even have any ambition; should they dare to dream and harbor fantasies of personal growth and development, and the successful pursuit of the so-called American dream?

In some questions, all. Questions that not only don’t merit answering, but should never have to be asked in the first place. But then again, asking those questions should be unnecessary, and asking such a survey about earnings disparity between the races in the first place.

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“Do you feel safe around campus?”

Compiled by Callie Williams

Richard Elliot
Junior
Business Management.

“No, we need more lights and security phones.”

Brian Degueto
Freshman
Music

“Yes, any time of the day I feel I can just walk anywhere and feel safe.”

Heath Willoughby
Senior
Elementary Ed.

“Yes, I feel safe. There are some places lights need to be placed though.

Molly Soboee
Freshman
Secondary Ed.

“Yeah, it’s not as large — that’s what makes it feel safer.”
Bush pressures allies to provide concrete forms of support in war against terrorism

By Martin Merzer & Ron Hutcheson
Knight-Ridder Newspapers (KRT)

WASHINGTON — Warning that Osama bin Laden is seeking nuclear weapons, President Bush pressured allies Tuesday to provide tangible support for the war on terrorism and help the United States defend “civilization itself.”

“A coalition partner must do more than just express sympathy...” Bush said as French President Jacques Chirac stood by his side at the White House. “It is time for action.”

France is one of 11 nations that have provided or offered military support. On Tuesday, Germany agreed to mobilize 3,900 troops for what could be the first deployment of German troops outside Europe since World War II.

During a speech earlier Tuesday to an Eastern European summit in Warsaw, Bush compared bin Laden and his al-Qaida terrorist network with fascists and other totalitarian who subjugated European nations.

“For more than 50 years, the peoples of your region suffered under repressive ideologies that tried to trample human dignity,” Bush said, appearing via satellite. “Today, our freedom is once again threatened once again...”

“These terrorist groups seek to destabilize entire nations and regions. They are seeking chemical, biological and nuclear weapons. Given the means, our enemies would be a threat to every nation and, eventually, to civilization itself.”

The administration’s new, louder alarms and ratcheting up of pressure on U.S. allies came as the White House sought to reemphasize the perils of terrorism, reinforce its objectives and refocus its message during an intensive 13-day diplomatic effort.

The president met Monday with the president of Algeria and Tuesday with Chirac. He meets Wednesday with British Prime Minister Tony Blair and officials from Kuwait and Morocco. The president of Brazil and prime ministers of Ireland and India visit later this week.

On Thursday, Bush will speak to the nation from Atlanta about homeland security. This weekend, he addresses the U.N. General Assembly and then segues into a summit meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said the president’s reference to nuclear weapons was based on information gathered some time ago by the Central Intelligence Agency rather than on a newly perceived threat.

But “the president believes there are no lengths to which these people will not go if they can get their hands on any type of weapons, whether they’re biological, chemical, nuclear,” Fleischer said.

How would the U.S. respond if terrorists unleashed a nuclear or radiological attack?

Fleischer: “Suffice it to say, the president has made it clear that the United States will defend itself.”

With nuclear weapons?

“It’s the policy of the government, as you know, to not discuss the type of weaponry that would be used.”

Blair said he shares Bush’s views about the threat of weapons of mass destruction falling into terrorists’ hands.

“If they could have killed not 6,000 innocent people but 60,000 or even 600,000, they would...” the British prime minister told CNN’s Larry King in an interview taped for broadcast Tuesday night. “These people would do it again, and worse, if they could.”

The U.S.-British public relations onslaught is intended to fortify support at home and abroad for the current military offensive against terrorist bases in Afghanistan and the longer, more comprehensive campaign to come against terrorism elsewhere.

“A coalition partner must perform,” Bush said after meeting with Chirac.

“All nations, if they want to fight terror, must do something.”

The French have committed 2,000 troops, diplomatic assistance, intelligence support and humanitarian aid for Afghanistan. Other nations offering or supplying military support include the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, Spain, Italy, Turkey, New Zealand, Japan and the Netherlands.

Chirac said all U.N. members became obligated to back the coalition when the international organization approved a resolution supporting the U.S.-led war on terrorism.

“Of course, all nations and countries contribute according to their capabilities, but there is no way they can get out of this commitment,” Chirac said during the joint appearance with Bush in the White House Rose Garden.

German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder said Tuesday that 100 special forces soldiers would be included in the 3,900 troops his nation would contribute. Armored personnel carriers, transport planes and other equipment also would be made available, he said.

That pleased the administration, but Bush also served notice that he is losing patience with countries that have failed to follow through on pledges of help.

“Over time, it’s going to be important for nations to know they will be held accountable for inactivity,” he said. “You are either with us or you’re against us in the war on terrorism.”
Cheap and quick recipes give students alternatives to tuna

By Dannii Lusk and Shelley Capes
The Chanticleer Features Editor and Staff Writer

College students could very well be the consumers that keep the ramen noodle and tuna fish industries alive, but not anymore.

With just four or less ingredients per recipe, any student can make gourmet-like meals in just minutes. These recipes do not require a lot of money or a lot of skill. You’ll just need a stove, some basic cooking pots and a taste for good food.

Quick! What do you when you have a few friends coming over and they’re expecting some free food with the adult beverages? You make Bandito Buffalo Wings, of course.

Put the taco seasoning in a large, sealed plastic food storage bag and add the chicken wings. Shake the bag until all the wings are covered in the seasoning. Place the wings on a lightly greased baking pan and bake them at 375 degrees Fahrenheit for about 35 to 40 minutes, until the meat is no longer pink. Use your favorite salsa to dip the wings in.

Now, what do you cook when you have the hankering for a juicy hamburger but it’s too cold outside to grill? Cook ranch cheeseburgers!

Take one package (1 1/4 oz.) of taco seasoning, one pound of chicken wings and a jar of your favorite salsa. Put the taco seasoning in a large, sealed plastic food storage bag and add the chicken wings. Shake the bag until all the wings are covered in the seasoning. Place the wings on a lightly greased baking pan and bake them at 375 degrees Fahrenheit for about 35 to 40 minutes, until the meat is no longer pink. Use your favorite salsa to dip the wings in.

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Take one package of powdered ranch salad dressing mix, which can be found on the same aisle as the other salad dressings, and combine the dressing mix with one pound of ground beef and one cup of shredded cheddar cheese. Mix the ingredients together well and form four patties of meat. Cook thoroughly in a pan on the stove top or bake at 350°F for about 15 minutes. Serve on toasted buns with your choice of condiments.

Do you have a hot date but no money to go out to dinner? Just serve up some of Shelley’s easy-to-make Loaded Potato Soup.

Take three to four medium-sized potatoes and cut them into small cubes. Boil them in a saucepan until they are tender, drain the water out of the pan and set them aside. Mix one cup of milk and one cup of water together and bring them to a boil in another pot. Remove the milk and water mixture from the heat and add two teaspoons of flour. Slowly stir in one-and-a-half teaspoons of vanilla extract. If you would like, you may add chopped nuts also. Spread the candy into a wax-paper-lined 8x8-inch pan. Chill in the refrigerator for about two hours. Cut into squares and enjoy.

The next time you hear another student mention ramen noodles and tuna fish, just laugh and then hand them these easy four-ingredient recipes and plan a dinner date.

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For Nearby Stars

Review by Ben Zimmerman
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

If you are looking for something upbeat and cheery, your eyes are in the right place. VPN is like The Partridge Family meets The Smashing Pumpkins. For the most part, the lyrics and vocals are cheery in the '70s sense. If you can listen to that style without sticking a finger down your throat, don’t skip down to the following article just yet.

Take the song “The Flypaper” for instance. “We breathe with our hearts / against the glass / landing you a glance / we are not afraid.” This song really brings a tear to my eye. That reminds me, if you’re not a big fan of a lot of “ooh whew hoo” ballads, quit listening while you’re still ahead.

As with anything, there’s always an exception to the rule. For instance, “American Car” is a real bummer. “She’s lost her head / rolled her eyes back for dead / no sign of inspiration / in the wasteland / we’re obsolete.” It’s not the kind of song you want to hear if you’re in need of some Prozac, if you know what I mean.

As for the music itself, it’s full of wailing guitars and heavy bass. The song “Tied” is a good example of this. Some of the songs also incorporate a catchy beat. “Eraser” and “The Flood” have some of those happy-go-lucky-sounding drums.

Mind if I move over to the topic of “suggested activities to do while listening to this album?” (hopefully a lot of silent yes’s about now.) I’m going to have to go back to “American Car” for this topic because it’s one of those songs you want to listen to while driving with one hand on top of the steering wheel. Trust me on this one. It even works with both hands on the wheel.

Another thing to try is listening to the song “Emergency” a couple of minutes before you plan to go to the bathroom.

If you want a good album you can have fun with, make sure you tell Santa what a good boy/girl you were. Next tell him you want the new VPN album. Don’t forget to tell him how his beard looks especially fluffy this year. Then add one cup of milk. Presto! You have a good album to have fun with.

Bubba Sparxx

Dark Days, Bright Nights

★ ★ ★ 1/2

Review by Jordan Brewer
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

If Hank Williams Jr. and Queen Latifah had a love child, his name would be Bubba Sparxxx.

Born Warren Anderson Mathis, Bubba Sparxxx arose from the backwoods of LaGrange, Ga. and was recently picked up by one of the biggest producers in hip-hop, Timbaland. With a unique combination of deep southern drawl and street dialect, Bubba Sparxxx is one of the most unique rappers in the business. Many critics and fans compare Bubba Sparxxx to Eminem. This comparison is totally wrong. Besides both being white rappers, they don’t have much in common at all.

Bubba Sparxxx raps about the “new south” and demands respect for it and its people. He represents the backwoods of Georgia like N.W.A. did the streets of Compton.

“Ugly,” the first single from Bubba’s album, “Dark Days, Bright Nights,” has already blown up on radio and television stations across the world. It has become one of this year’s club and party anthems. Over superb beat work in the song provided by Timbaland, Bubba delivers lyrics straight from the southern soul and doesn’t fail to use the proper metaphors like a true emcee. “I didn’t choose to rhyme, rhyming chose me / So, I hit the track running... like a nosebleed.” This song is nothing shy of a club record. Bubba tells us, “Don’t worry ‘bout the law, they can’t arrest us all / I had to crank it, couldn’t have done nothin’ less for ya’ll / For get your inhibitions, I wanna see ya whylhin’ / And if Bubba dies tonight, know he was smillin’.”

Bubba erases racial barriers in his music and confronts racism in his lyrics.

The album’s title track, “Dark Days, Bright Nights” and “All The Same” both confront the issue. In “All The Same,” Bubba discusses what’s black and what’s white. But, he declares that to him, it’s “all the same.”

Timbaland has taken this young, heavy-set white boy from the country and helped him become one of the best new artists in the rap business. I recommend that you definitely give this album a try.

Whether you bump it in your broke down, college-student car or at your next party, Bubba is definitely going to show you a new side of hip-hop.

“Snatch” a look at a great movie

Review by Abbey Herrin
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

In “Snatch,” directed by none other than Madonna’s husband, Guy Ritchie, the viewer is bombarded with a twisted world of interconnected plots. The movie’s unusual style combined with solid acting and a zany storyline can certainly tantalize any audience.

The movie more closely resembles a saga rather than a simple film; Ritchie uses a fresh new style of directing to move the story along. The best adjective is perhaps “Tarentino-esque.”

In the first plot, Brad Pitt portrays Pikey, the bad-ass gypsy boy who lives in the luxury of an RV. Pikey is a bit of a Mike Tyson, much to the dismay of the mafia. In an upset over Gorgeous George, Pikey embarks on a journey of bare-knuckle boxing that includes rigging fights and the burning down of his RV as well as his mother’s home.

In another plot, a diamond heist consumes Benecio Del Toro. He plays Freddy Four Fingers, a man who has lost one of his phalanges due to a run-in with the mafia. His encounter with Boris the Bear and the theft of a major diamond highlight this plot, which interweaves with all the other plots.

Confused? Don’t feel bad, I was too. All the crazy plots, subplots, and oddly named characters are enough to rack the brain of any viewer. The second time around, however, it will all make sense.

“Snatch” is an action-packed movie that incorporates a cataclysm of images and great acting. The incredibly handsome Brad Pitt shines in his part, so does Del Toro. These two studs along with a huge cast of characters and a vast array of subplots make for hours of endless entertainment.

If you are still confused, take the advice of JSU student Garett Smith: “Just watch the damn thing.”

VPN

For Nearby Stars

Review by Ben Zimmerman
The Chanticleer Staff Writer
The state of Florida is bigger than what European country?

What was the maximum amount of times a piece of square, dry paper can be folded in half?

Which is the only 15-letter word that can be spelled without what?

Windmills turn clockwise in every country except...

Who was the first woman to vote in the United States in 1920?
The floats have been dismantled and the banners have been taken down, but what one thing was the best part of homecoming? The free stuff.

Free flicks, cotton candy, amateur singing in the cafeteria and arts-and-crafts activities were just a few highlights of some of the homecoming events.

Homecoming week kicked off with the door-decorating contest on Oct. 29. The best door award went to the Educational Resources department.

The drive-in showing on the quad of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" went well despite the poor quality of the DVD. The SGA was disappointed with the DVD they purchased and plans to contact the company they bought it from, according to SGA 2nd Vice President Joy Boyd.

The carnival atmosphere of J-Day on Thursday was well received. "It was fun and a good way for students to get out and involved in homecoming activities," said sophomore art major Stacy Gentry. "I ate two things of cotton candy ... it was free!"

As well as free cotton candy, there was a mechanical bull, a rock-climbing wall, a spin art table and a wax-hand-making booth.

At the bonfire Friday night, student organization banners were held high and University cheerleaders were held higher as the Southerners serenaded the students. Emily Williams was crowned homecoming queen. The best banner award went to Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia and the Ballerinas. Pi Kappa Phi and Delta Zeta received second place recognition and Kappa Alpha Order and Phi Mu were awarded third place.

Saturday arrived and the homecoming parade was the battlefield of floats. The floats traveled down Ala. Route 21, some rocking out to disco music with dancing couples. Zeta Tau Alpha and Sigma Phi Epsilon took home the first place title for best float, while Pi Kappa Phi and Delta Zeta came in second with Alpha Omicron Pi and Delta Chi trailing in third.

Cocky even greeted his fans with a poster attached to the back of his car that said, "If I had been in charge of the parade," said senior computer science major Matt Wiram, "there would have been fire engines."

At 4 p.m. on Saturday, the homecoming football game began. The best thing of all: it was free too, at least to the students.

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Tennessee Tech spoils Gamecocks’ Homecoming

By Anthony Hill
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

“This is what the OVC is like week in and week out,” said Tennessee Tech head coach Mike Hennenegan. “It’s competitive.”

Well, the Gamecocks got their first taste of the Ohio Valley Conference and dropped their first home game of the season with a 35-27 loss to Tennessee Tech (5-3) last Saturday.

“I think we have a mental block, and we’re just at a place where we’ve gotta get through it,” said head coach Jack Crowe. “We’re in no-man’s land.”

The Gamecocks (5-3, 2-2) were forced to play without two of their most experienced tight ends. Senior Jake Carlton and junior Derek Delmarter were declared ineligible for violating the NCAA extra benefit rule.

JSU athletic director Tom Seitz said that about a half-dozen players were affected by the incident.

“The only thing about that situation that hurt me is we’ve got guys who practiced all week and did everything everybody else has done and couldn’t play,” said quarterback Reggie Stancil.

The Gamecocks were able to compile the school’s fourth-best offensive effort since joining Division I-AA with 565 yards of total offense without the tight ends, but were unable to hold off the Golden Eagle passing attack.

“For the first time since I’ve been here we’re off schedule, taken steps backwards,” said Crowe. “I think we lost the mentality on defense it takes to make plays.”

Tennessee Tech got on the board on its first possession of the game after running back Nick Solomon scampered seven yards for the score.

The Gamecocks narrowed the Golden Eagle (5-3) lead to 7-3 with a 21-yard Steven Lee field goal in the second quarter. Eagle quarterback Grant Swallows threw his first touchdown of the game late in the second quarter. Swallows hit Craig Melton for a six-yard touchdown pass to put Tennessee Tech up 14-3 at halftime.

The Gamecocks began the second half with an electrifying 52-yard kick return from Roger Bell. Rondy Rogers took care of things on the ensuing play when he blasted down the field for a 42-yard touchdown to pull the Gamecocks to within four points at 14-10.

Rogers became the sixth player in school history to rush for over 1,000 yards in a season and the first since 1988. Rogers finished with 199 yards on 22 carries.

“It’s nice to get into the books,” said Rogers. “I’m not really thinking about it much. Right now, I’m just trying to get ready to play Sam Houston State.”

Tennessee Tech answered with an eight-play, 81-yard drive in which Swallows connected with Oscar Bonds for his second touchdown pass of the game to make the score 21-10.

The Gamecocks closed to within four points after Rogers took matters into his own hands again on the Gamecocks’ next possession. He raced 42 yards for his second touchdown of the game.

“As an offense we try to go out and score every time out, regardless of what’s going on,” said Stancil.

The Gamecocks made matters a little more interesting when Stancil hit the exciting Ralph Jenkins for a 72-yard touchdown pass late in the third quarter.

Tennessee Tech then capped a 12-play, 80-yard drive with a two-yard run to put the score 28-24.

Lee added a 30-yard field goal with 10:24 left in the contest, but that was as close as the Gamecocks would get.

Stancil was 15-of-26 for 275 for the game, while Swallows finished with a career-high and school record 412 yards passing and three touchdowns.

The Gamecocks will travel to Huntsville, Texas to face Sam Houston State on Saturday. Kickoff is set for 2 p.m. at Bowers Stadium.

“I’m not going to give up defensively,” said Crowe. “We have said that we’re putting this thing together to win a championship and you’ve got to believe the defense can stop them.”

Gamecock volleyball gets big win over TSU, but falls to Campbell

Staff Reports

The Jacksonville State University volleyball team needed to beat Troy State and Campbell to stay in the hunt for a post-season bid to the Atlantic Sun Conference tournament.

Sophomore Christina Cary recorded 15 kills to dominate the Trojans and take them down in four games (30-26, 30-12, 26-30, 30-18) last Tuesday.

The Gamecocks were on a four-game winning streak after the win, which was preceded by a 10-game losing streak earlier in the season.

Junior Sarah Taylor had 14 kills while junior Allison Wright added 11 kills and nine digs. Sophomore setter Meredith Duke had 40 assists. Sarah Tognetti and Jennifer Brenneman each had three service aces.

Erika Van Hootegem had 14 kills for Troy State (9-11, 4-5 A-Sun).

The Gamecocks then traveled to Campbell (13-7, 4-3 A-Sun) to play in a must-win game last Friday. The Gamecocks had won their last four matches against Campbell going into the contest.

In a match that seemed to find both teams struggling at times with their respective offenses, Campbell was able to hold off the Gamecocks (9-16, 3-7 A-Sun), 3-0.

“We maybe went into the match a little over-confident,” said head coach Jose Rivera.

Campbell senior Abby Jenkins and junior Kara Lewis each downed 13 kills in the Camels win. Lewis added three consecutive service aces in the third, and deciding, game. The Camels spread the offense throughout the match, with juniors Jordan Rasmussen and Crystal Brim each adding eight kills in the win. Brim also led the defense with 14 digs, while Rasmussen added a block solo and a block assist.

The Gamecocks only managed a .045 hitting percentage on the night.

“When you don’t hit the ball well, you don’t win,” concluded Rivera.

Brenneman led the Gamecocks with nine kills, while Cary led the defense with nine digs.

With the loss, JSU is mathematically out of the post-season A-Sun tournament, but it improved its record after a 3-2 win over High Point last Saturday.
Men’s basketball team wins exhibition game 74-60

From Staff Reports

Junior guard Jay Heard and the Gamecock basketball team got their first opportunity to showcase their skills last week when they hosted an exhibition game at Pete Mathews Coliseum.

Four players scored in double-figures, including 16 points from Heard and 13 from Omar Bartlett as the Gamecocks rolled to a 74-60 win over Reinhardt College last Friday.

“We’ve got some work to do,” said head coach Mike LaPlante. “It was a good opportunity to use several different combinations. We can learn a lot from tonight’s game after we break down the film and hopefully, we can improve.”

The Gamecocks finished the game shooting 53.4 percent from the field, hitting 31-of-58 for the game. The JSU defense held Reinhardt to just 42.9 percent (27-63) from the field.

The Gamecocks took a 15-9 lead after Heard hit a 3-pointer from the top of the key at the 15:10 mark of the first half, but the Eagles reeled off eight straight points to take a 17-15 lead with 10:27 left.

Bartlett scored on a 15-foot jumper with 34 seconds remaining as the Gamecocks held a 34-32 lead at the half.

JSU used a 12-4 run over a three-minute span to break open the game midway through the second half. Heard scored eight points, while Josh Perry and Emerson “Downtown” Brown each added a basket as the Gamecocks pushed the lead to 57-47 with 9:18 left.

Jax State led by as many as 20 points in the second half, 74-54, on a Marcus Brown baseline jumper with under two minutes to go in the game.

Reinhardt was led by Kenny Jemison with 13 points, while Sam Allen and Michael Carson each finished with 12 points.

The Gamecocks dominated the boards by out rebounding Reinhardt, 46-19.

Junior guard Poonie Richardson added 12 points and Brown had 11 for the Gamecocks.

The basketball team will play West Georgia in their final exhibition game of the pre-season tonight. Tip-off is set for 7 at Pete Mathews Coliseum.

Women’s golf places third

From Staff Reports

After firing a round total 320 last Monday, Jacksonville State shot a 315 in the final round last Tuesday to finish at 636 in the John Kirk/Lady Panther Invitational hosted by Georgia State University.

The Gamecocks finished nine strokes behind tournament champion Georgia State (626) and just one stroke behind second place Charleston Southern (634).

Leading the charge on the links for JSU was Angie Green, who finished second with a total score 152. Green had rounds of 78 and 74 and was just one stroke behind champion Anna Molin, who fired a 151.

Marie-Eve Dion finished fifth with a total score of 154 after firing two rounds of 77. Kathy Johnson ended play tied for 26th with a total score of 165. Colette Murray fired a total score of 167 to finish tied for 29th.

The Gamecock soccer team finished the regular season with victories over Centenary College and BSC in the Birmingham-Southern Fall Challenge last weekend.

Jacksonville State senior Mindy Jones scored her first career goal to lead the Gamecocks to a 1-0 win over Centenary College (7-5-3), last Friday in the its opening match of the tournament.

“The thing I liked about tonight was we scored early and dug in,” said head coach Lisa Howe. “We didn’t give up the lead and hung in there and played well. This was a good win.”

The Gamecocks broke a five-game losing streak and the lone goal was JSU’s first in twenty days, dating back to the October 13 loss to Florida Atlantic.

The match was close throughout the entire 90 minutes with both teams having their share of hot streaks. Then in the 50th minute, Jones took an indirect free kick from 12 yards back and scored.

Junior Angela Tribble recorded the assist.

Senior goalie Adriana Finelli added a save for the Gamecocks.

The Gamecocks then played Birmingham Southern last Saturday and received a spark from freshman Brittany Elrod to get their second-straight, 1-0 win.

Elrod’s first drive at BSC’s goal in the 88th minute bounced off Panther keeper Tally Ewing. The rebound fell right back in Elrod’s line of fire and the second blast found the net and propelled the Gamecocks past BSC.

“Our freshmen stood up and played like a mature team tonight,” said Howe. “I am very proud of our progress.”

Prior to the Elrod rebound the Panther’s goal keeper was perfect in goal. Ewing stopped six Gamecock shots, including an amazing tip of a high drive by Elrod in the 70th minute.

BSC sophomore Eyrun Oddsdottir had the Panther’s best chance to level the score in the 90th minute on a drive from 12 yards out that sailed high over the crossbar.

JSU ends its season with a 6-10-1 overall record with two consecutive wins to top off the year as Emily Huburt was named Most Valuable Player of the tournament.

Finelli finished her collegiate career with the Gamecocks with two saves in the first 30 minutes of the match, while Atchley recorded three saves in goal in the second half.
One on one with "Thrill:" Ronnie Laguerre

By Anthony "Thrill" Hill
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

Three years ago, one of my fraternity brothers told me the cross-country team was recruiting an excellent runner who really had potential. Well, he decided to come to JSU and his name is Ronnie Laguerre. They say Ronnie can run anything from the 400 to 10 kilometer race and do well. As a freshman and sophomore, Ronnie finished first for the Gamecocks in ninety-two percent of his races, including a fourth place finish at the JSU Invitational as a freshman. I used some of my quickness to catch Ronnie long enough to ask him a few questions about life at JSU, among other things.


Thrift: I hear you. What is it like to be a cross-country runner for JSU? Ronnie: It's hard, man. It takes a lot of hard work. Don't get me wrong. It's fun, but it's hard.

Thrift: Do you think that the cross-country team gets enough recognition or publicity? Ronnie: Uh, no we don't. We do what we do. We work hard and we don't ask for recognition, but it would be nice to get it.

Thrift: You have the most tenure of all the runners on the team. Do you feel like you are competing to take over the entire meet? Ronnie: Only one. We might need to skip that one.

Thrift: The men's team placed eighth out of 11 teams in the A-Sun tournament two weeks ago. You put in a pretty good performance with a time of 26:20. How do you expect to do at the NCAA South Regional on Saturday? Ronnie: I will do the best I can, but I probably won't do too well. My injury continues to bother me at the beginning of each race. The Regional is completely different because they add an extra mile. Competing against teams like Arkansas and, really, the SEC schools is difficult. Basically, two teams from the SEC will probably take over the entire meet. Only one or two runners out of our conference will make it. I could've been one of them if I hadn't injured myself. It kind of diminished my chances of making it. I could've trained hard enough, but my injury continues to hamper me.

Thrift: How do you like it here at JSU? Is it what you expected it to be? I always used to say that the school looked a whole lot better during my recruiting visit.

Ronnie: Oh yeah. Things were really nice on the recruiting visit. To be honest with you, I didn't even want to stay at first. Then I started to meet new people and do more things and things got better for me. I like it here.

Thrift: What are some of the things you like to do when you have some time to yourself? Ronnie: I just like to hang a little. I hang out with my boys and just chill.

Thrift: What do you and your boys do? Ronnie: We do a little partying here and there. We might drink a few beverages every now and then. (Both laugh) That's about it man.

Thrift: Do you play PlayStation 2 or any other video game-units? Ronnie: I'm not too big into playing games and stuff.

Thrift: What do you think about the women here at JSU? Are you getting some love? Ronnie: (Laughs) I'm gettin' some love. I'm getting little bit of it.

Thrift: What do you think about the football team? Do you think they can prevail or will they fold up? Ronnie: They should be all right. They're still tight. They should be doing better, but I think that they will represent for the rest of the season.

Thrift: Who was your hero growing up? Ronnie: My mother.

Thrift: Why? Ronnie: She has done everything for me. Without her, there's no me.

Thrift: What was your favorite sitcom when you were younger or do you still have one? I would say that Monday Night Football is my favorite.

Ronnie: (Laughs) "Martin."

Thrift: Okay. What do you see yourself doing in about 10 years? Ronnie: I see myself being something big, ya know. I'm either going to be doing my running thing or be a big business person.

Thrift: That sounds cool, man. Who is the best athlete you've seen here at JSU? Ronnie: That's tough. Do you mean in any sport?

Thrift: Yeah.

Ronnie: I might say myself, ya know what I mean. (Both laugh) I really can't single one person out. I guess that I would say Dayton Niehuss (fellow runner). He's come a long way since his freshman year. He's made big improvements.

Thrift: Let's jump into free association.

Ronnie: Aight.

Thrift: 2Pac.

Ronnie: The realest.

Thrift: Allen Iverson.

Ronnie: The answer.

Thrift: Rap music.

Ronnie: Tight.

Thrift: Stuart Scott. (ESPN anchor man)

Ronnie: He's a fool. (Both laugh)

Thrift: Aimee Dawson. (Cross-country head coach)

Ronnie: I don't know about that one.

Thrift: (Both laugh) Just tell me the first thing that comes to mind.

Ronnie: Annoying. (Both laugh)

Well, sometimes. Especially, lately. I'm probably going to get in trouble for that one.

Thrift: One more thing. What's your most memorable moment as a Gamecock?

Ronnie: That's kind of hard. I'm really not too big on things like that. Thrift: OK. Well, tell me about a road trip that you still talk about today.

Ronnie: Josh Perry (Gamecock forward) and I rolled home together earlier this year and some lady threw a water bottle at us. That was pretty crazy there.

Thrift: Really?

Ronnie: Yeah man. It was wild.

Thrift: Well, Ronnie. That's it man.

Ronnie: All right.
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