Effects of terrorist attacks reach faculty, staff and students of JSU

By Stephanie Pendergrass
The Chanticleer New Editor

On Sept. 11 the security of our nation was tested and consequently altered. Great suffering took place in New York, Washington D.C. and Pennsylvania with the attacks that shocked our nation.

Thousands of miles from these locations, however, Alabama was also effected. While terrorism occurred far away from Jacksonville State, it did in fact touch the lives of many close to the University.

For several students, the terrorist attacks hit close to home, but only after some of the aftermath surfaced.

For JSU student Katie Harris, the attacks really sunk in “when my mother called crying, wanting me to come home.” Javy Pena, another JSU student said, “I realized how close it was to home when gas prices shot up and the gas stations ran out of gas.”

Dr. William Meehan, President of JSU, made an observation at a press conference the day of the attacks. The general idea of his observation seemed to be that when thousands of people are joined together in a campus community, we will have connections all over the world. Consequently, several former JSU alumni are located in the cities that were terrorized.

One of the closet connections Jacksonville State has to the disaster is Mrs. Pearl Williams and her family. Williams is the coordinator of JSU’s part-time employment and career planning office. Her son was killed in the attack on the Pentagon.

According to The Anniston Star, Army Maj. Dwayne Williams, a Jacksonville native and graduate from Jacksonville High School, had worked at the Pentagon since July.

Maj. Williams had been missing since the day of the attack and on Sunday, The Anniston Star reported that his body had been identified.

Mr. Horace Williams, Dwayne’s father was quoted in the paper as saying, “By being a military man, he knew he had to risk his life to serve his country.” Williams also commented, “We’re at peace in knowing that he’s home with the Lord.”

Other members of the staff and some students at the University had family and friends near the sites of the attacks as well. According to the JSU News Wire, Andy Hunter, a JSU police officer, had a cousin in the Pentagon. Fortunately she was able to get out of the building.

Also Dr. William D. Carr, JSU’s acting vice president of student and academic affairs, had a brother just miles away from the site where the World Trade Center used to stand. Carr learned his brother was safe when he received an e-mail from him on the night of the attacks.

Jacksonville State faculty and students, along with the nation, continue to heal from the pain and shock Sept. 11 left behind. As Dr. Meohan said in a recent statement concerning the attacks, “The goal of terrorism is to disrupt our normal lives.” It seems as though the normalcy many people had lived in their lives has changed. For the time being our nation can only learn from these attacks in hopes of preventing them in the future.
Barbour County teen charged in Troy State freshman's death

By Jill Neilin
The Tropolitan News Editor

Last Thursday a grand jury indicted Jonathan Antwan Rumph, 19, of Clayton on murder charges stemming from the death of Troy State freshman.

On Friday Rumph was released after posting $200,000 bail.

The grand jury heard evidence concerning the death investigation of Brandi Rose Hobson, who was found unconscious in her dorm room around midnight on September 3. It took about three hours for the jury to make its decision to charge Rumph with the offense of murder.

Rumph is being accused of strangling Hobson after having sex with her, Pike County District Attorney Mark Fuller told the Montgomery Advertiser.

According to Fuller, Hobson was naked when her parents found her unconscious in her Clements Hall dorm room.

“We’re waiting for the forensic tests to come back, but, from what we have learned so far, it looks like they had sexual relations prior to her death. It was pretty obvious from the start that [Rumph] was her boyfriend and had seen her earlier that day,” Fuller said.

According to Herb Reeves, assistant to the vice president of student affairs, Hobson’s parents received a phone call from Rumph’s cousin, who is thought to have called on behalf of Rumph. The cousin told the parents that Hobson had not been feeling well earlier that night and they should check on her. When they arrived, she was unconscious.

“Maybe he called because he got a conscience. I don’t know what was going through his head that night,” Reeves said.

Hobson had spent the Sunday of her death with her parents, and they last saw her when they dropped her off at her dorm room that right.

According to Chief of University Police Rod Anderson, a motive has not been established in the case and all that can be made is speculation.

“All we can do is speculate about what transpired that night,” said Anderson. “Only two people really know what happened and one of them is dead. It’s now up to the DA to try to establish a motive.”

University officials expressed interest in organizing a memorial service for Hobson, but her parents declined the offer.

“I spoke with her parents and they said that at this time they would like to just move on,” Reeves said. “They might like to organize something in the future, but right now they would rather wait.”

Rumph’s arraignment has been scheduled for Dec. 21.
Calls for closer monitoring of foreign students clash with demands for privacy

By Linda K. Wertheimer
The Dallas Morning News (KRT)

DALLAS — The terror attacks on America have increased scrutiny on more than 500,000 foreigners studying at U.S. colleges and will probably make it harder for others — particularly those from the Middle East — who hope to study here in the future, school and government officials say.

The FBI, invoking a rarely used clause in a federal privacy act, already has asked some schools to turn over information on foreign students, and a bill in Congress would make it easier for government agencies to get the files of any individual saying “We are going to the FBI or other agencies seeing students bring in $8 billion a year to American economy.

President Bush would insert specific guidelines allowing government agencies to access foreign students’ records if they suspect involvement in terrorism. Under the 1996 law, colleges and universities already are supposed to report whether visa holders are enrolled at school, as well as their countries of origin and other information. The law, intended to replace a paper tracking system with a computerized one, was enacted because an accused participant in the 1993 World Trade Center bombing was living in the United States on an expired student visa.

But the mandated monitoring system has gone through several starts and stops since 1996. In February 2000, the program was put on hold because of the $35 million cost. The system is now in place at only 21 colleges and universities.

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Some lawmakers also say they will push harder for implementation of a 1996 law that was supposed to create a national electronic monitoring system of all foreign students; the system now includes only 21 colleges and universities.

Some lawmakers say it’s important to establish better monitoring of foreign students even though they make up a small portion — an estimated 560,000 as of 1998 — of the 30 million total visa-holders in the country in any given year. At least one of the terrorists in the Sept. 11 attacks is believed to have arrived on a student visa to attend flight school.

U.S. Rep. Lamar Smith, R-Texas, said the first action ought to be to enforce laws, such as the 1996 measure, that are already in place.

“I don’t doubt now that the law will be enforced,” said Smith, past chairman of the House Subcommitteee on Immigration and Claims. “To not enforce the law now would be to jeopardize the lives of thousands of innocent people.

Detectors of the heightened measures, however, worry that increased security means eliminating foreign students’ rights.

“It is going to erode the civil liberties of students on campuses nationwide,” said Julia Beauty, president of the U.S. Students Association. “What it will lead to is increased loss of life in the history of students based on their ethnicity, particularly if they’re Asian, Middle Eastern or Arab students.”

At least 10 colleges and universities, including the University of Texas at Austin and the University of California, have reported the maltreatment of Muslim-Americans and the small exodus of Middle Eastern students from college campuses across the country. Currently, it appears that no JSU student has been withdrawn because of any harassment treatment by American students, but the hostility toward them is all too real.

Students at JSU who appear to be of Middle Eastern descent say they are being targeted by remarks such as “All Middle Easterners should go home, Muslims hate us because we’re Christians!”

One Muslim student (students names have been withheld for their protection) expressed his frustration with the above remarks by pointing out that “Religion never said kill anyone; that is the first pillar of (Islam).”

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Falk also confirmed "the accident was a two-car accident and we have located the other driver. Both drivers in this accident are deceased."

"There was alcohol involved in the accident, but I can't say that either one of the drivers was intoxicated," said Falk. According to Ms. Pope's obituary, her survivors include her parents Kay and Danny Pope, her grandparents, Vernel Russell and Helen Ledbetter, several aunts, uncles, cousins, and her fiancée, Mullinix.

The new location for Counseling and Career Services shares its offices with Disability Support Services, which provides assistance for handicapped students, and Supplemental Learning Services, which provides free tutoring to students who need help in a particular subject. The consolidation of each service into one location complements each other in helping students achieve their goals. In contrast to their original location in Bibb Graves Hall, their new home at the TMB provides students with a more comfortable atmosphere. The facility includes couches and chairs, a television, testing rooms, classrooms, conference rooms and 10 computers for student use.

Norma Penny, a secretary at Counseling and Career Services has noticed that with the new facility there have been more students. "It gets really busy around here because there are four offices located in the same area," said Penny. "Some first-time students who come in on a personal matter worry about being noticed that they are seeking counseling. But because it is so busy, people hardly notice who is coming and going. Also, we take extra measures in safeguarding students confidentiality."

Linda Shelton has been a counselor for many years at JSU, and enjoys her new office at the TMB. "I like what the University has done with Counseling and Career Services," said Shelton. "It makes things so much easier. Now, everything a student needs for academic help is in one location. It's a real time-saver."

"When I get a student and want to refer him or her to tutoring, all I have to do is walk down the hall with that student and we're there. If a student is getting tutoring and it is learned, the student has test-antity, he or she can be referred to us," said Shelton.

"We offer standardized tests like the Residual ACT Test, the Miller Analogies Test, and the College Level Examination Program. We also get people who are working on their GED. We used to have to give them longer breaks so that they could go to McDonalds to get something to eat. Now, they can go down to the food court, and get a bite to eat before returning. I am very pleased with our new location," Shelton said.

Fred Mayes, a JSU graduate who joined Counseling and Career Services three weeks ago, agreed. "I think it's a wonderful facility that JSU has set up for its students," he said.

"We have a lot to offer with regard to counseling and tutoring. I really like our new location. We are in the same building as the JSU bookstore and the post office. I enjoy working with the students here at JSU, and it is such an advantage to have Disability Support Services and Supplemental Learning Services here with us."

For more information on all that Counseling and Career Services has to offer, call 782-5475 or visit their web site at www.jsu.edu. Click on site index then click Counseling and Career Services.
Bush opting to overlook human rights abuses in building coalition

By Warren P. Strobel
Knight Ridder Newspapers (KRT)

WASHINGTON — In his search for allies in a new war on terrorism, President Bush at least for now has pushed long-standing U.S. concerns about human rights and democracy to the background.

Bush has suddenly reached out to — and in some cases is now relying on — countries and groups that Washington in the past held at arm’s length because of concern about gross human rights violations.

They include Central Asian states such as Uzbekistan that are virtual one-man dictatorships; longtime U.S. adversaries such as Iran, Syria and Sudan that are themselves on the State Department’s list of terrorist-sponsoring nations; and the armed opposition to Afghanistan’s Taliban rulers, some of whom are accused by U.S. officials of everything from kidnapping to rape, torture and political killings.

Bush administration officials acknowledge that the politics of coalition-building makes for some unseemly bedfellows. But, they say, such concerns must take a back seat to the overriding need to find those responsible for killing nearly 7,000 Americans on Sept. 11 and to prevent future terrorist attacks.

“The current situation definitely seems to bolster pragmatism,” said a White House official Tuesday, speaking on condition of anonymity.

“I don’t think it (human rights) is in any way off the radar screen,” said a senior State Department official, who likewise asked that his name not be used. But, he said, concerns over U.S. partners’ human rights records should not be a bar to bringing those responsible for the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon to justice.

Others, including human rights advocates and some members of Congress, say they worry about making the fight against terrorism the new organizing principle of U.S. foreign policy. The long-term consequences of the new alliances appear to have been given little thought in Bush’s and Secretary of State Colin Powell’s coalition-building, they say.

For a precedent, the critics say, Bush and Powell need look no farther than Afghanistan itself.

There, to fight the Soviet Union, the United States supplied arms to the same Islamic fighters who are now attacking U.S. interests worldwide.

Elsewhere around the world during the Cold War, Washington allied itself with corrupt dictators from Africa to Latin America as long as they agreed to be bulwarks against communism.

“With so much concern expressed about terrorism, when it came to building a Cold War alliance, may be different,” said Kenneth Roth, the director of New York-based Human Rights Watch, an independent organization that investigates human rights violations.

“If that is the result, the terrorists will have won a major victory.”

In a letter to Powell sent Monday, Roth and Human Rights Watch chairman Jonathan Fairman urged him not to let U.S. coalition partners use the anti-terrorism banner as an excuse to crack down on their internal opponents.

In many countries, they wrote, “there already is a sense that the United States may condone actions committed in the name of fighting terrorism that it would have condemned just a short time ago.”

Indeed, on Tuesday, Russian President Vladimir Putin won backing from Germany, a key partner, for his position that the fight against terrorism on the breakaway Islamic region of Chechnya is part of the war against terrorism. Human rights groups have long criticized Russia’s war against the Chechens.

German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder, hosting Putin, said the campaign in Chechnya deserves a “new evaluation.”

Potentially most controversial is Bush’s tentative outreach to Iran and Syria, both of whom sponsor terrorists who oppose Israel.

The White House has few illusions that either one will stop promoting terror, but hopes they will provide intelligence on the Sept. 11 attacks and tell groups they control to cease terror operations for now, according to diplomatic sources who requested anonymity.

Other members of the coalition are fighting domestic battles against Islamic separatists. These include moderate Arab states and China, where Muslim ethnic Uighur separatists in the Xinjiang region have received backing from Islamic militants in Afghanistan and elsewhere.

In Uzbekistan, President Islam Karimov runs an “authoritarian state with limited civil rights,” according to the State Department’s latest annual human rights report.

In his bid to root out the extremist Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan, Karimov has cracked down viciously on mosques not approved by his government.

Uzbekistan is fast becoming a major staging ground for potential U.S. strikes into neighboring Afghanistan.

“Getting into bed with dictators is a bad strategy, generally, unless it’s a quickie,” said Martha Brill Olcott, a Central Asia specialist at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

A crackdown in Uzbekistan could breed more Islamic extremism and even terrorism, Olcott said. “Corrupt regimes breed this kind of opposition,” she said. In their fight against terrorism, she said, it’s not clear that Bush and his aides are “choosing the correct mix between their short-term and long-term goals.”

Bush asked Congress for blanket authority to waive for up to five years sanctions that bar military assistance to countries whose human rights or weapons proliferation practices raise U.S. concerns.

Congress balked, and the White House agreed to a one-year waiver on a case-by-case basis. It will be used for Pakistan and India, State Department officials said.

Agreeing that waivers should be granted to countries on a selective basis, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said, “It depends how much they cooperate and how much they act to eradicate their own and within their own countries.”

(Knight Ridder Newspapers correspondents Michael Dorgan in Beijing and Jim Kuhnhenn in Washington contributed to this report.)

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In Our View

How to avoid traffic

Our world changed on Sept. 11, 2001. Some things have gone back to normal, yet others will remain different from now on. The nation continues to mourn the lives of those lost and to heal after the security that we all took for granted was tested. We're all waiting for a resolution. When it will come, no one really knows. But one thing is for sure: America will overcome the tragedy it has had to endure and seek the vengeance it truly deserves.

We've been called the grandkids of the “Greatest Generation.” Our grandparents courageously fought for their country in World War II and what they believed in. Many were wounded, many died, but their legacy lives on.

Then their children were tested. Some of our parents fought for what they believed in. While many were brave and helped out in Vietnam, others avoided the drafts, left the country, or protested the war. They may not have seemed as brave as their parents, but those were big shoes to fill anyway.

Now, however, it is our generation's time to shine and we have to decide what to do. Will we be the new “Greatest Generation” or will we run and hide like the terrorists who so cowardly wounded our nation?

I truly believe our generation will prove some preconceived ideas wrong. I've really been impressed by the responsibility that our generation has taken in the midst of all the confusion going on. So many people have gone to recruiters, donated their time and money, given blood and so many other countless gifts. It's amazing to see our nation coming together as well as it has with our generation at the forefront.

Our forefathers experienced no attacks of this caliber on American soil. So many catastrophes have taken place, but they just don't seem to add up to the amount of shock that Sept. 11 left us with.

Whatever the nation chooses to do will affect the future of the world. Our children will have to deal with the same enemies and the same allies. They'll learn from our mistakes, but hopefully we can be as good of role models as our grandparents.

I, along with many others, feel like this is our Pearl Harbor. But unlike the strategy the Japanese used in attacking a military base, these attacks occurred at landmarks that seemed to represent our country and were believed to be indestructible. Innocent people died at both events, but this time it seems to really hit home. Our feelings of security and being unbreakable as a nation have been tested and how we react will go down in history.

We may not be the “Greatest Generation,” but who's to say that we won't be as good? Our grandparents and forefathers have been incredible examples and have paved the way for greatness. I honestly feel that we just haven't had an opportunity to prove ourselves.

Perhaps we're lazy and irresponsible compared to those who came before us, but maybe, just maybe, one day our kids will be saying we were the greatest.
San Francisco - I've been hearing a lot of talk about "bombing Afghanistan back to the Stone Age." Ronn Owens, on KGOL Talk Radio in San Francisco, allowed that this would mean killing innocent people, people who had nothing to do with this atrocity, but "we're at war, we have to accept collateral damage. What else can we do?"

Minutes later, I heard some TV pundit discussing whether we have "the belly to do what must be done." And I thought about the issues being raised especially hard because I am from Afghanistan, and even though I've lived here for 35 years, I've never lost track of what's going on there. So I want to tell anyone who will listen how it all looks from where I'm standing.

I speak as one who hates the Taliban and Osama bin Laden. There is no doubt in my mind that these people were responsible for the atrocities in New York City in Washington, D.C. And I agree that something must be done about those monsters.

But the Taliban and bin Laden are not Afghanistan. They're not even the government of Afghanistan. The Taliban are a cult of ignorant psychotics who took over Afghanistan in 1997. Bin Laden is a political criminal with a plan. When you think of Afghanistan "we're at war, we have to accept what needs to be done," they're already suffering. Level their houses? Done. Eradicate their hospitals? Done. Destroy their infrastructure? Cut them off from medicine and health care? Too late. Someone already did all that.

New bombs would only stir the rubble of earlier bombs. Would they at least get the Taliban? Not likely.

In today's Afghanistan, only the Taliban eat, only they have the means to move around. They'd slip away and hide. Maybe the bombs would get some of those disabled orphans, they don't move too fast, they don't even have wheelchairs. But flying over Kabul and dropping bombs wouldn't really be a strike against the criminals who did this horrific thing.

Actually it would only be making common cause with the Taliban — by raping once again the people they've been raping all this time.

So what else is there? What can be done, then? Let me now speak with true fear and trembling. The only way to get bin Laden is to go in there with ground troops. When people speak of "having the belly to do what needs to be done," they're thinking in terms of having the belly to kill as many as needed.

Having the belly to overcome any moral qualms about killing innocent people.

Let's pull our heads out of the sand. What's actually on the table is Americans dying. And not just because some Americans would die fighting their way through Afghanistan to bin Laden's hideout. It's much bigger than that folks. Because to get any troops to Afghanistan, we'd have to go through Pakistan. Would they let us? Not likely. The conquest of Pakistan would have to be first. Will other Muslim nations just stand by?

You see where I'm going? We're flirting with a world war between Islam and the West. And guess what: That's bin Laden's program. That's exactly what he wants. That's why he did this. Read his speeches and statements. It's all right there. He really believes that Islam will beat the West.

It might seem ridiculous, but he figures if he can polarize the world into Islam and the West, he's got a billion soldiers. If the West wreaks a holocaust in those lands, that's a billion people with nothing left to lose, that's even better from bin Laden's view.

He's probably wrong, in the end the West would win, whatever that would mean, but the war would last for years and millions would die, not just theirs but ours. Who has the belly for that? Bin Laden does. Anyone else?

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SGA open to student participation

By Katrina Oliver Thomas
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Every JSU student is already a member of at least one organization on this campus: the Student Government Association.

All of the SGA's many committees have the common goal of improving the quality of student life, according to the JSU web page. It also states that every student becomes a member of the SGA upon payment of tuition.

The students who lead the SGA have offices on the fourth floor of the Theron Montgomery Building. Some of those students may even have classes with you.

Becoming a part of the SGA committee is as easy and simple as going to their offices. "You can speak to an executive officer or fill out an information sheet," said Robert Hayes, Director of Publicity for the SGA. He also added, "You tell us what you are interested in doing." You will then be put on the appropriate committee. You do not have to be an officer or a senator to be a part of them.

And since freshman cannot serve as senators, there is the Freshman Forum, in which they still have an active role in the SGA.

Hayes is serving his second year with the SGA and expressed

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--SGA President Miranda Killingsworth

his current goals. "One of my goals this year is to make the SGA more student friendly," he said. "It is the 'student' government." Another of Hayes' goals is to merge the student voice with the athletes. "We are supporting the Gamecocks more this year by sending members to games and participating in pep rallies," said Hayes.

SGA President Miranda Killingsworth shares the same enthusiasm as Hayes. "We always need help. You don't have to be a senator or a justice. Just come by and say, 'I want to help.'"

Senate discusses calendar, appoints justices; students want solutions on parking problems

By Benjamin Cunningham
The Chanticleer Editor in Chief

The SGA senate voted Monday night to recommend significant changes in the university's calendar for the fall semester of 2002.

Senators discussed the issue at the request of the university's calendar committee for a second time. From a list of four options, the senate voted in favor of a plan to begin fall classes three days earlier than this year, and allow for two academic preparation days, commonly called "dead days," during the week of Thanksgiving. In effect, under this plan classes would end on Nov. 22, before the Thanksgiving holiday.

Other options the senate considered Monday include leaving the schedule as-is, starting classes after Labor Day with one dead day at the end of the semester, or leaving the schedule mostly intact but creating a two- or three-day fall break in October.

The senate originally voted at its Sept. 10 meeting to support the first of two options, which would have kept the current academic calendar intact for 2002. The second option would have started classes after Labor Day and eliminated dead days.

The senate's recommendation will be considered by the calendar committee, and further presentations will be made to the University's academic council and then the executive committee. Kaitlyn Cambron, a member of the calendar committee, said at the Sept. 10 meeting, "We have a list of four options, the senate has recommended.

In other matters, the senate also voted to appoint Earnest Fletcher as Chief Justice of the SGA's Student Judiciary Council, and discussed appointment of three students to fill some of the judiciary council's eight other seats. The judiciary council is responsible for interpretation of the SGA's constitution and code of laws, and its members sit on the University's traffic appeals court.

The senate also appointed students to head some of the Student Activities Council's committees, including the Casino Night, special events and major events committee.

Parking was a hot topic during the senate's student body report. Students representing residents of Daugher Hall said that parking at that building was insufficient for residents' needs. Last week a student spoke on behalf of music department students, saying that competition for spaces was extremely high among residents of Fannell Hall. Sparkman Hall and students attending class at Mason Hall.

After much discussion both weeks, the senate agreed to let Campus Safety Committee Chairman T.J. Copeland investigate solutions. Copeland said he was scheduled to meet with University Police and campus officials this week.

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New activities are always on the open to any student who plays theory and plays alto saxophone in ensemble, in addition to leading the jazz. Strongly encourages participation for the future of the jazz ensemble, and he returned to the comforts of the School web site.

The jazz ensemble consists of two two years of “hard core jazz.”

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**The Blueprint ★★★★**

Review by Anthony Hill

The Chanticleer Sports Editor

Jay-Z’s new album, “The Blueprint” is the type of hip-hop recording that just doesn’t get made anymore. It has nothing to prove. It just smashes through the doors and plays the joint. And there’s no bigger rap artist at the moment.

It’s taken Jigga six albums (in an amazing five years) to drop this amazing CD and get cozy with his talent. Back in the day, Run-D.M.C. told us it was tricky to rock a rhyme that’s right on time. LL Cool J told us he’d crush ‘em like a jellybean. That’s right on time. LL Cool J told us he’d crush ‘em like a jellybean.

Jigga says on “The Blueprint” is the type of hip-hop record that’s supposed to be fun. Jay-Z appears with the major East Coast rappers, his girlfriend, Marion (Jennifer Connelly) and his best friend, Tyron (Marlon Wayans). The seasons mirror the rise (summer), warping (fall) and fall (winter) of their four addictions.

What makes this movie so special is its realism. Every detail of each character’s life is shown. A good example is the way the characters are described. Rather than just showing the climactic aspects of their lives, they show the nitty-gritty, some-times-ugly parts. They show her trying to fit into her favorite red dress, not from afar, but actually showing the fat of her back and the straining zipper. Or later, when she goes on a diet, they show her watching the clock and popping her diet pills; and then her mania as she can’t sit still and finally begins cleaning the house for an entire day. These types of details, which are left out of most mainstream movies, make this movie both believable and realistic.

Perhaps more powerful is the way that the director, Darren Aronofsky, uses special effects and sounds to let you in the mind of each character.

In the summer, when everything is going well for Harry, Tyrion and Marion, there is a sequence of quick takes between drug dealing, taking drugs and Marion and Harry kissing. Along with the visual sequence is a series of quick and relevant sound effects along with a hip-hop version of the requiem. You can feel the flow of everything going their way. Likewise in the winter, the requiem turns to flats and off-beats and the visual effects are edgy and even disturbing.

If you’re one of the lucky few to own a DVD player, you might want to consider renting it on the DVD format. I really enjoyed the option of seeing the movie with the director commenting about the process of making the movie (which I listened to the second time around). The director is very interesting and he adds a lot to the movie.

All the actors in this flick deserve a bronze statue for their performance. They make you believe in what is going on from start to finish. If you got any money lying around after your Red Cross donations, swing by your local rental store and pick up a copy.
By Lasha Seniuk
Knight Ridder Tribune News Service (KRT)

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**Aries** (March 21-April 20). Messages from friends may be unusually fast. Expect changing plans and last-minute cancellations. At present, friends and lovers may be mentally scattered or unsure of their priorities.

**Taurus** (April 21-May 20). New financial or business instructions may be unnerving. Watch for colleagues and key officials to be easily influenced by private information, gossip or social immuno.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 21). Business interest and career ambition will return. For the past seven months, disgruntled colleagues or work officials may have restricted your options or challenged your daily successes. Aim higher.

**Cancer** (June 22-July 22). Romantic promises may become smoother, and emotional messages or family plans may change without notice. Expect loved ones to dispute daily plans, update schedules or social obligations. Competing loyalties and past history may be ongoing themes.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22). Business routines are unpredictable. Expect authority figures, teachers or mentors to distrust new information or ask for detailed written explanations. Past projects, deadlines or legal records may be unclear.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Social or romantic demands may be unreasonable. Expect loved ones to reveal an unusual jealousy or request strong public loyalty. Business errors will be costly. False amounts or customer relations may be key issues.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Long-term romantic partners may take a more active role in your life. Loved ones may need to challenge old ideas, establish fresh emotional boundaries or reaffirm their social and romantic identity.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Delayed romantic progress or unusual social messages may be intriguing. After a long period of emotional isolation, love relations will become clear, obvious and sincere. Carefully study how the reactions of others.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Romance will enter an important phase of decision. Watch for minor home changes or conflicting obligations to create new daily priorities and strained social loyalties.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 20). Energy is low. Expect moments of tiredness and emotional strain. For some Capricorns, skin ailments or digestive irritations may also be disruptive. Get extra rest and study diet or exercise programs for improvements.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 21-Feb. 19). Gentile pressure from loved ones may reaffirm your faith in long-term romance. Expect lovers or close friends to finally address difficult emotional issues, past social history or recent disappointments.

**Pisces** (Feb. 20-March 20). Home relationships will begin a phase of understanding and social belonging. Minor tensions or emotional power struggles may have disrupted key relationships. Now, however, loved ones will welcome group events, intimacy and unusual social plans.

**If Your Birthday is This Week ...** Take extra time for rest, relaxation and thought. New romantic relationships will experience sudden ultimatums or quickly revised social agendas. Carefully decide if present lovers have your best interest in mind.

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Gamecocks beat ASU; now 3-0

By Anthony Hill

The Gamecocks (3-0-1) paid a visit to Jonesboro, Ark. to face Arkansas State on its homecoming and overcame a few bumps and bruises to come away with a 31-28 victory in front of 12,126. The last victory over a Division I-AA team came with a win over Louisiana-Lafayette on its homecoming last year.

"I'm very proud of this team," said Gamecock head coach Jack Crowe. "This bunch never quit during the game and I thought they handled the ups and downs very good at the end."

"They have been so beat up, so to go out and play that intense and physically is really a credit to the team's toughness," said Crowe.

Last Saturday's football game in Jonesboro was more than just the Gamecock's first competition this season - another back yard victory. It was a return to some familiar soil for Crowe.

The last time Crowe coached a game in Arkansas, he was the coach of the Arkansas Razorbacks and his team fell to a Division I-AA squad, the Citadel. Well, nine years later he was in a similar situation. This time, he coached a I-AA team to a victory over the I-A Arkansas State Indians.

"I reflected on the return just because people wanted to ask the question," said Crowe. "My focus was never anything other than this football team and the football game, it was no reflection on what state I was in."

The Gamecocks dominated the Indians a lot more than the final score displays. They out-gained the Indians 324-142 on the ground, 484-333 in total offense and 41-52-18:08 in time of possession.

The Indians took an early 6-0 lead after Elliot Jacobs hit Alvin Powell on a 69-yard touchdown connection. The Indians missed the point after touchdown after being penalized 15 yards for unsportsmanlike conduct.

That would be the last time the Gamecocks would trail the Indians the entire game.

The Gamecocks answered the score when they marched 80 yards on a well-executed possession. Ralph Jenkins provided the fireworks when he took a 15-yard end-and-around for the score. Steven Lee connected on the PAT to take a 7-6 lead over the Indians.

The Gamecocks increased their lead after Reggie Stancil hit Lorenzo Banks with a 22-yard touchdown pass to make the score 14-6. The touchdown capped a 77-yard, 11-play drive.

The Indians tied the game at 14 points after Indian quarterback Josh Driscoll hit Jerome Stegall on an 11-yard touchdown connection. Powell caught the 2-point conversion pass from Driscoll with 12 seconds left to go in the half.

Jax State opened the third quarter with an 11-yard touchdown run by Rondy Rogers. Lee's extra point made the score 21-14.

The Indians tied the game on their next possession when Driscoll scored on a 22-yard bootleg around left end. Andy McPherson connected on the Indian PAT.

Lee gave JSU the lead for good when he connected on a 47-yard field goal with 15:05 remaining in the ball game. The University of Tennessee transfer hit the fourth longest field goal in school history to give the Gamecocks a 24-21 lead.

The Gamecocks sealed the deal when Rogers scampered 14 yards for the score with 10:17 to go in the game.

"We did a great job," said Stancil. "Our offensive line did a great job, our running backs did a great job and whenever our receivers had a chance to catch the ball, they did."

Quarterback Reggie Stancil rushes for yards against Arkansas State in Jonesboro Ark. last Saturday. The Gamecocks had 46th yards of total offense in their 31-28 victory.

McNeese State game rescheduled; playoffs move up one week

By Anthony Hill

The Jacksonville State versus McNeese State football game has been rescheduled for Saturday, Nov. 24th. The kick-off is set for 2 p.m. at Paul Snow Stadium.

"Pat (Dye, Auburn's former football coach) had an Amen Corner where he played Florida, Georgia and Alabama at the end," said JSU head coach Jack Crowe. "I'd say that makes a comparable Amen Corner there (for the Gamecocks). It's better with you and you say 'Amen,'

The game has been rescheduled by an agreement between the two schools and the Southland Football League.

There were talks of the Gamecocks playing McNeese State on Saturday, since the football team had an open date. McNeese State would've lost a home game against West Virginia Tech earlier this year. JSU officials would've had to pay McNeese State a portion of the gate which they'd lose to move the game.

"That was probably the best scenario," said McNeese State head coach Tommy Tate last Tuesday. "Neither would lose a home game then. For a lot of reasons, it may have a bearing on who makes the playoffs."

The NCAA also announced last Wednesday night, the NCAA I-AA playoffs will be moved up a week and the championship will now be played on Dec. 21 in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Two of the five Southland teams scheduled to play games on week were canceled added contest for their open dates prior to the NCAA's announcement. Northwestern State, which had a home game versus Gardner-Webb agreed to travel to Oklahoma State for a Sept. 29 contest. Southwest Texas State will play Illinois State on the same date.

"Any member of our league would like to see anybody play everybody," said Northwestern State coach Stevie Roberts.

Two other Southland Universities, Nicholls State and Stephen F. Austin remain with 10-game schedules after having Sept. 15 games canceled. Nicholls State was scheduled to play at Arkansas State and SFA was scheduled to host Northern Iowa.

"We won't say we've compromised on our schedule but it's affected everybody's football season," said SFA head coach Mike Santiago. "We ought to do all we can to keep the conference intact."

Gamecock basketball team gears for tough schedule

By Anthony Hill

The Jacksonville State University men's basketball team has a challenging season ahead of them. They will play an expanded 20 game Atlantic Sun schedule, in addition to playing against Auburn and Alabama.

"We have a very challenging schedule ahead of us," said JSU head coach Mike LaPlante, who begins his second year as the basketball coach. "For the second year in a row our schedule will dictate us to go on the road a lot."

The Gamecock basketball team began last season by playing their first 10 of 13 games on the road. This year the team will be playing their first eight out of 10 on the road.

There's no question, with us playing eight of our first 10 games on the road, that it will prepare us for our conference schedule," said LaPlante.

The Gamecocks have improved with athleticism and team experience. JSU played more新鲜 than any team in the conference, other than Florida Atlantic, who finished last in the conference a year ago.

"Anybody can tell you that have seen us that we've improved on our athleticism," said LaPlante. "We're still young. Seven out of 11 of my players are freshmen and sophomores."

"We're also older and more mature at some key spots," said LaPlante in reference to JSU's team experience. "Just look at Jay Heard, Poony Jared and Omar Bartlett. You take our best three and another teams best three and we'll match up."

Coach LaPlante is happy with his team's talent level and experience going into the 2001-02 season. The Gamecocks seem to have plenty of players with skills. They return Emerson Brown, Joshua Perry, Chris Bruce, Scott Watson and Neale Barber, along with some very talented newcomers.

The 2001-02 season will also be the first opportunity for the fans to see Jay Heard, the transfer from Auburn of a year ago.

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From Staff Reports

The Lady Gamecocks (2-4, 1-1) did what they had to do to come away with their first Atlantic Sun Conference win of the season on the road. Making the right adjustments in the second half helped lift the soccer team past Belmont 3-2, last Tuesday night.

“We’ve improved and it is big to go on the road and win a conference game,” said head coach Lisa Howe. “We handle the pressure.”

Angela Tribble scored the first and second goals of the game, both assisted by Emily Hulburt. The second goal of the game, both assisted by Emily Hulburt. The second goal of the game, both assisted by Emily Hulburt. The second goal of the game, both assisted by Emily Hulburt.

It was the most goals any team has scored on the Lady Gamecocks since 1997 in a 10-0 loss to Georgia State.

The Lady Gamecocks were without Kristen Fleeger. Fleeger was held out of the game because of a concussion she suffered during the win over Belmont. It is unknown when she may return.

“We had a big blow to our defense without Fleeger and that is our team’s third concussion of the year so far,” said Howe.

Tribble scored in the 34th minute. She made it look easy as she sailed right through a couple of defenders, as MSU’s keeper Krystal Werges dove for the ball and missed.

After another MSU goal in the 64th minute, Martin was in the right place at the right time again. Hulburt fired a shot at the goal and the Bulldog’s Werges deflected the ball right to Martin for the goal.

But that was quickly followed by another pair of goals by MSU that sealed the game for the Bulldogs. “We are not as athletic in the back as we have been in the past,” said Howe. “We just need time and experience.”

The Lady Gamecocks played to a 2-2 tie against the University of Tennessee Chattanooga last Sunday.

Goalkeeper Adriana Finelli had eight saves for the afternoon, facing 18 UTC shots.

The soccer team will travel to Jacksonville, Fla. to face Jacksonville University today. The game is set to start at 3 p.m.

Lady Gamecocks fall in title round

From Staff Reports

For the second year in a row JSU (4-6) fell to the Georgia State Panthers (10-3) in the title match of the Wingate Invitational.

The Lady Gamecocks dropped three straight games to the Panthers last Sunday. The scores were 30-25, 30-23 and 30-23.

The Lady Gamecocks had an impressive start to the tournament. The volleyball team defeated Alabama State during the first day of play, 30-11, 30-16 and 30-17. They followed that win with a victory over Southern University, 30-19, 30-17 and 30-21.

Christina Cary led JSU with 12 kills and Theresa Lynch added 11 kills in the game against Southern University. Setter Meredith Duke had 31 assists.

“We played as a team today,” said head volleyball coach Jose Rivera. “We passed the ball much better than we did against Birmingham Southern.”

JSU lost to Birmingham Southern College last Tuesday, 3-2.

Georgia State defeated Southern University on its first game of the tournament, 30-5, 30-14 and 30-21. The Panthers followed that win with a victory over Alabama State, 30-21, 30-11 and 30-23.

The victories by both Jax State and Georgia State landed the two squads in the championship game.

Georgia State was the defending champion of the tournament and the top preseason Atlantic Sun team. The Panthers were ahead 20-9 at one point in game three, but the bright spot of the match for JSU was an 11-point comeback. JSU scored nine of those points consecutively with Duke’s consistent serving.

“We played well at times and I was glad to see the comeback in game three,” said Rivera. “We just made too many mistakes.”

Rivera was referring to the seven service errors by the Lady Gamecocks in the final game. Five of them were made in the first two games.

Anna Popenko led GSU with 15 kills and hit .571 percent. Randi Van Dam added 13 kills, as did Molly Sapp.

The Lady Gamecocks were led by Sarah Taylor, with 13 kills, hitting .476 percent. She also had six digs. Cary added 10 kills.

Georgia State’s Van Dam was named tournament most valuable player. Popenko (GSU), Taylor (JSU) and Cary (JSU) were also named to the all tournament team.

Southern University defeated Alabama State in the consolation match, 3-0.

JSU will travel to Oxford, Miss. to face the Ole Miss Rebels tomorrow. The first game is set for 7 p.m.
One on one with “Thrill”

By Anthony “Thrill” Hill
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

Rondy Rogers is quite removed from everything that we think college running backs are attached to. Stardom, fame and girls. He has those things but seems to be more interested in just about everything else. You might even mistake Rondy as a “Regular Joe” if you’ve seen him in a class or somewhere. He’s not flashy, colorful or very talkative. He’s candid, refreshing and so mature. He’s not too bad on the football field either. He’s been the Gamecocks leading rusher for the past two years and a preseason All-Conference selection. The sky is the limit for the Gamecocks and Rondy is the pilot.

Thrill: How are you, Rondy?
Rondy: I’m fine.
Thrill: How did you and most of the players on the football team take the tragic incidents of two weeks ago?
Rondy: Well, we basically tried to zone most of it out. On the field, you don’t really think about it. A lot of the players sat around and talked about it and we felt like a lot of what happened could’ve been prevented.
Thrill: Would we have been ready to play McNeese State after all that happened?
Rondy: Yeah, definitely. We had a great week of practice and I feel like we were ready for them. The coaches put us in good position to make plays.
Thrill: You guys played a great game last Saturday. Do you feel like this could be the year the Gamecocks make some noise?
Rondy: Definitely. If you compare this season to past seasons, you’ll see that we are doing better in some key areas. Offensively, we’re doing better on third down conversations.

Defensively, we’re stepping up and making some plays that we haven’t made in past years. The secondary was really good last year, but the front line are making the difference this year.

Thrill: To beat a Division 1-A team so early in the season has to be a major motivator for the team. Are guys a little more confident after the victory?
Rondy: Yeah. I think so, but at the same time, I think that we’re a little bit beat up too. We felt like Arkansas State expected us to be an easy win by them scheduling us on homecoming. It felt great to go to their house and prove them wrong. It really gave us a lot more confidence on what we’re really capable of doing.
Thrill: What is the difference between this year’s team and the one of a year ago?
Rondy: Like I said before, it has basically been improving on third down conversions and depth. We got some good freshmen that came in and stepped up right away for us, the young guys are really stepping up.
Thrill: Rondy, you are a junior now. You are on pace of having another great season. Have you been giving a little thought to the NFL lately?
Rondy: No. What’s first is first. This team comes first for me and I guess that’s something for me to think about later on down the road. Right now I’m thinking about a championship.
Thrill: How’s your little boy doing?
Rondy: He’s good. Man. He’s gettin’ worse. (Both laugh)
Thrill: How difficult is it for you to balance being a father, student and major college athlete?
Rondy: I mean, it’s really not so hard. He really has a good mother. During football season she takes care of most of the things. She really reached out to me and we were able to work something out. With my class work, I just go to class and do my work. Everything works out.
Thrill: Do you have a ritual that you go through before each game?
Rondy: No, not really. I just focus on what I need to do. I may listen to a little music or something. I basically think about my assignments.
Thrill: What type of music do you listen to before games?
Rondy: Sometimes I listen to a little ‘L-Boogie’ (Laurny Hill) I like to get some mild elevation.
Thrill: I feel ya.
Thrill: How confident are you that the team will make it to the playoffs?
Rondy: I’m very confident. I feel like we’re in a good position to win the conference. How well we do in the playoffs is according to who we play. I feel like we are destined to be in the playoffs.
Thrill: What was the craziest thing to happen to you the past few months?
Rondy: (Laughs) Let me think. Probably the other day at practice. I kept on hearing a little voice saying, “Hey daddy, come here, come here.” (Both laugh) I don’t know if anybody else heard it or not, but it kind of played with my mind a little bit. (Laugh again.) Now, that was a trip.
Thrill: What’s your favorite television show?
Rondy: Right now, football.
Thrill: What is your relationship like with Roger Bell?
Rondy: That’s my boy. Bell keeps me on my toes. If I’m having a bad day he’s always there to cheer me up. I trust Roger a lot, as well as everybody else on the team.
Thrill: What was your favorite cartoon growing up?
Rondy: Uh, the “Animaniacs.”
Thrill: What are you going to do during this open week?
Rondy: Probably going to go home and check out a few high school games. I have a cousin who plays for Stillman. They play Miles College on Saturday. I’ll probably see what they’re doing.
Thrill: What do you think about Michael Jordan returning to basketball?
Rondy: I think that it will be great. I don’t know if he’ll win. He may be great on offense, but I don’t think that he can stop Allen (Iverson)
Thrill: Let’s jump into free association. Georgia Southern.
Rondy: Great team. In a way, I hope that we can be like them.
Thrill: Jennifer Lopez.
Rondy: BOOTY. (Both laugh) I got to be honest, man.
Thrill: Corey Warren. (Gamecock linebackers)
Rondy: Great player.
Thrill: Minor High School.
Rondy: His high school.
Thrill: On their way.
Thrill: Marshall Faulk. (St. Louis Rams running back)
Rondy: One of the best running backs by far.
Thrill: Thanks for the time Rondy.
Rondy: Good luck with the rest of the season.
Rondy: Thanks man.

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From Staff Reports

Jacksonville State University’s athletic department will present Randy Haveson to the students and faculty of JSU next Tuesday. The Atlantic Sun Conference requires members to have a drug and alcohol program each year.

‘The number one need or topic of discussion was depression and grief,” said head of student athletic affairs Greg Bonds. “We felt like this might tie into that subject matter. He was also recom mended for the NCAA.”

Randy Haveson’s cocaine and alcohol addiction led him to a heart attack at the age of twenty-one, followed by expulsion from college and a serious contemplation of suicide.

That collapse into the abyss of death appears to be what it took to get him to finally seek treatment after several years of soaring highs and catastrophic lows in his personal life due to drugs and alcohol.

Haveson was a privileged child, raised in Southern California in a nice house, in a good neighborhood. Eventually his weekend drinking turned into full-blown alcoholism, and led to his spiral ing drug use. Before long, his life was out of control. He has since taken control over his life and tries to empower young adults to do the same.

Sober for 17 years, Haveson has developed numerous educational programs and seminars to try to prevent students from meeting the nightmare of drug and alcohol abuse that he suffered.

As a former student, counselor and administrator, Haveson appears to have the resources necessary to provide a hard-hitting, direct and complete program on combining the substance and self-esteem issues that lead to many problems for young adults around the globe.

“My passion is speaking and helping others overcome obstacles in their lives,” said Haveson. “I learned the hard way what not to do in college and I want to help others not fall into the same traps I fell into.”

With an undergraduate degree in Psychology and a Master’s degree in Counseling, Haveson speaks with confidence and candor about the dangers of excessive alcohol abuse from a personal and professional viewpoint.

Haveson will be on campus to speak to ALL students, faculty and staff on Oct. 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the Gamecock Center. For more information, contact Greg Bonds at 782-9700.
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