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Construction spruces up campus

By Joshua W. Bingham
The Chanticleer Managing Editor

After a summer of construction, the Jack Hopper Dining Hall has been made over and the McGee Science Center is up and running.

In Jack Hopper, the 20-year-old equipment was renovated, a walk-in freezer was put in and the serving line was torn out, replaced now by a counter system, according to Donald Thacker, Vice President for University Academic and Business Affairs.

"It's wonderful," said Head Chef of Jack Hopper Paul Fourroux. "We have eliminated virtually all the bottlenecks where, you know, people just can't get through. Now they have a nice choice, a pleasant atmosphere, they don't feel like they're rushed and I think they like the fact that my people are doing sizzling salads, where they can actually watch them make it."

A wall was also put up in the dining hall, allowing a room for organizations to reserve for luncheons. "We had a need," said Thacker. "We would have requests that a group would go to the cafeteria and they would need to meet, and that's kind of a meeting room." The room will normally be open for all to sit in, said Thacker, "but if you have a group, it's a way for you to meet without

feeling like you're in the middle of a stadium."

Any groups who wish to reserve the room should contact JSU President Meehan's secretary at 782-8619. New additions also include a computer lab and a recreation room with a pool table and a foosball table. The rooms are available for dining hall patrons only.

At the beginning of this semester, professors were able to move into the McGee Science Center. Except for a few "punch-list" items such as blackboards needing to be installed, said Thacker, construction is finished.

"We're still a little shell shocked, moving all of our offices and laboratories and everything over here right at the beginning of class," said Assistant Professor of Biology Benji Blair. "We're still a little confused as far as which room numbers are what, but everybody's excited about working together, setting up our new offices and getting involved."

This is the first time since the 1960s that all the sciences have been in the same building on campus, said Thacker, and he's excited. "You put them back together and I think you get a lot of synergy between the districts."

The McGee Science Center consists of Martin and McGee halls connected by a catwalk. In the



The Chanticleer/Callie Williams

Newly constructed McGee Hall houses JSU's science laboratories as part of as part of McGee Science Center

newly built McGee Hall, the first floor houses the biology labs and upstairs are the chemistry labs.

Because there are environmental standards for labs, they were all put in one building to minimize cost, explained Thacker. "And then, basically, the offices and the classrooms, and where there's not a requirement that you have to have ventilation, is over in Martin."

The two halls are separated by a bridge-way because it's more secure,

in case of a fire and other environmental conditions, said Thacker.

Of the improvements in the laboratories now on campus, Blair said, "safety is the main thing. We have laboratories that now have fume hoods, we have acid cabinets and we have student research areas that are just incredible."

There are also new pieces of equipment such as the PCR Systems, which amplify DNA by about one million fold so it can be sent-off to

be sequenced.

As Blair pointed out with a smile, "We have equipment now that we can do big science with. The facilities are great. You won't find a school of this size with any better facilities anywhere."

"Big science" is going on in McGee right now. Blair told of the importance of the student research going on and of his own work with anaerobic bacteria, trying to find see Campus construction, page 2



The Chanticleer/Benjamin Cunningham

Vandals struck Mason Hall in mid-August, leaving this graffiti.

Vandals strike music department, uniforms missing

By Stephanie Pendergrass
The Chanticleer News Editor

Summer can be a time of relaxation, but also mischief. At Jacksonville State University, it seems as though rebelliousness hit in the final weeks of summer vacation.

On Aug. 15th, Mason Hall was vandalized. The person or persons involved spray painted two areas of the walls on the second floor. One spot was on a bulletin board, and the other was down the hallway on the opposite wall.

While a police report has been filed, no answers have actually come about.

On the exact same night, the scaffolding belonging to the Marching Southerners was taken down by unknown persons. Located in the Coliseum parking lot, the band used

the scaffolding during practices.

While these instances may just be pranks, a more serious act occurred later in the same week. Dr. Legare McIntosh, head of the department of music, explained the situation. "The band office had all the uniforms together, to be sent to the cleaners. When the dry cleaners came by to pick them up the next morning, three drum major uniforms were missing."

McIntosh also commented, "We don't really have any clues, because we didn't really discover (the uniforms were missing) until the cleaners returned the (rest of the) uniforms." The uniforms are valued at approximately \$600 each, and are still missing.

The acts which took place could be seen as violations under JSU's University Policies. The Code of Conduct says the following about destruction or attempted destruction

of property:

1. No student shall intentionally or negligently damage, attempt to damage, or participate in the damage of property belonging to or in the care of the University, a member of the University community, or a campus visitor.

2. Damage which is caused accidentally should be promptly reported to a residence hall staff member or an appropriate University official. Failure to report accidental damage will be considered a violation of this regulation.

McIntosh does not believe campus security should change. "I think we have to depend on the campus as a community (to) help us look after things and we have to be more vigilant ourselves. Campus security does a good job; as a community, we just have to probably work together a little bit better."

CAMPUS CRIME

- 30 August — Timothy Levann Hall, of Childersburg, AL, was cited with violating the automobile stereo noise ordinance at Carolina and Forney Avenue.
- 30 August — Robert Brandon Lewis, of Jacksonville, received a uniform non-traffic citation and complaint for violation of open container law at Paul Snow Stadium.
- 31 August — Jennifer Lynn Kennedy, of DeArmanville, AL received a uniform non-traffic citation and complaint for violation of open container law occurring at Park Avenue.
- 31 August — Jason Lanier Ford, of Jacksonville, was cited with violating the automobile stereo noise ordinance at Mountain Street.
- 1 September — Darius Maurice Stubbs, of Anniston, was cited with violating the automobile stereo noise ordinance at Pelham and Mountain Street.

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

Weatherly and Rowan Halls closed, scheduled for future demolition

By Stephanie Pendergrass
The Chanticleer News Editor

A residence hall is a student's home away from home. So when you're hall is being evacuated, what do you do? Find a new home.

Many students at Jacksonville State University have been put in the position of finding a new place to live after the closing of Weatherly and Rowan Halls.

In May of 2001, Associate Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs Dr. Alice Cusimano gave an update at a meeting of the Academic Council that "Weatherly and Rowan will not be used anymore." It was also said that "Curtiss will not be available for housing as anticipated in fall 2001."

Weatherly served as a co-ed residence hall for the Marching Southerners, and Rowan was a male-residence hall offering private rooms. Now, however, the Southerners have moved into Dixon Hall, a former male residence hall.

With the Southerners moving into Dixon, the former occupants of that hall are "living all over campus," accord-

ing to Housing Director Marie Humphrey. Many have moved to other residence halls, while some have chosen to live in apartment complexes around the campus.

Humphrey sees the closing of Weatherly and Rowan as a move into the future. "(It's) a

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--Dr Alice Cusimano
Associate VP for Academic and Student Affairs

new era for (JSU's) master plan," said Humphrey. That plan includes removing Weatherly and Rowan Halls, and replacing them in the future with more parking spaces for attendees of events at Leone Cole Auditorium and Paul Snow Stadium.

Another reason why the removal of Weatherly and Rowan will benefit the University is the threats the halls pose. Both have asbestos

in the ceilings, which is a health hazard.

According to the National Cancer Institute, "Asbestos fiber masses tend to break easily into a dust composed of tiny particles that can float in the air and stick to clothes. The fibers may be easily inhaled or swallowed and can cause serious health problems."

While asbestos is used as a fireproofing and insulating material, it is also a cause for different kinds of cancer, many of which effect the lungs. Not everyone is at risk of health problems from asbestos, yet a threat is still present.

The National Cancer Institute reports, "Asbestos that is bonded into finished products such as walls, tiles, and pipes poses no risk to health as long as it is not damaged or disturbed in such a way as to release fibers into the air." However, "When asbestos particles are set free and inhaled, exposed individuals are at risk of developing an asbestos-related disease."

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alternative energy. He also told of Dr. LaJoyce Debro's research, which involves working with bacteria that produces a toxin that kills mosquitoes.

When asked if work on any of the experiments could lead to a worldwide type of break, Blair responded, "Yes, definitely."

Blair also pointed out the stress that the biology department puts on student research

The biology department also really stresses student research, comment-

ed Blair. "And I believe that it's getting students into programs all over the country."

Blair told of one pleased student, Chris Gravett. "He came back to thank me today for helping him and I didn't do anything. He did it. He got accepted into a private medical school for a physician's assistant program." What Gravett did was student research, and the new McGee Science Center has many opportunities for it, said Blair.



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Today's dorms: Modular or lofty?

By Marianne George
Knight Ridder Newspapers (KRT)

ANN ARBOR — The whine of cordless drills and the smell of freshly cut lumber pervaded the small sixth-floor room at Mary Markley Hall last week as the crew of the Ace Deuce Loft Co. built two single-bed lofts.

Down the hall, Rachel Porter of Beverly Hills and Mary Beth Harris of Bloomfield Hills, Mich., waited anxiously with their parents for the crew to finish. Their lofts were two of hundreds constructed last week at the University of Michigan and of thousands built every year in college dorms across the country.

Constructed mostly by students, the lofts have become a fixture of modern college life as computer-age students try to maximize space in small dormitory rooms built during an era when most students came to school with a coffee pot and a few suitcases.

But some Michigan colleges are trying to nudge students away from the tradition by equipping dorms with modular furniture.

Lofts, usually about six feet high, allow students a kind of two-story room, with beds on the top level and room for desks, couches and stereos on the ground floor.

Greg Light, one of the four-man

crew from Ace Deuce, said he and three other U-M sophomores formed the company last spring, drawing on experience building their own lofts as freshmen.

The lofts are made of two-by-fours and two-by-sixes with particle board to hold the mattresses. A single loft costs about \$200, a double is \$400. Ace Deuce will build about 50 lofts in two weeks, he said.

"They're not hard to do," said Light, of Shelby Township, Mich., during a construction break. "We can build them in about a half an hour and there is about two hours of prep time to cut the lumber off site.

"People do weird things on lofts, but they are sturdy. We used to have a nightly chin-up contest."

Lofts came under heavy scrutiny at U-M in 1998 after freshman Courtney Cantor, 18, of West Bloomfield Township, Mich., died falling from her loft and out her window at Markley. She had been drinking at a fraternity party earlier that night.

Her father, George Cantor, a Detroit News columnist, sued U-M and the man who constructed the loft, accusing both of negligence.

The suit was settled in January for \$100,000 and the man who constructed the loft was released from liability. At the time, Cantor said he hoped U-M would do away with lofts.

Dolores Harris and Pam Porter were painfully aware of Cantor's death when they scrutinized the information supplied by loft vendors for their daughters' lofts.

"I asked about wood, sturdiness, weight, load, assembly and safety features," said Harris, of Bloomfield Hills. "The Cantor situation was on my mind."

Light said Ace Deuce was also aware of Cantor's death when the company created its design. They added a window safety rail to prevent similar accidents. However, Ace Deuce guarantees its lofts for only two weeks from the date of construction, and states in its warranty that it won't be responsible for any injury, damage or death as a result of the use of the loft.

Alan Levy, U-M director of housing public affairs, said U-M has avoided dictating construction standards for lofts because it doesn't want to be held liable for the design, but it does issue guidelines to students. U-M does not inspect lofts after construction.

In Michigan, housing officials at Michigan State, Central Michigan and Ferris State universities also allow students to construct lofts, but, unlike U-M, they dictate strict construction guidelines and inspect the lofts afterward.

Joan Schmidt, president of the Association of College and University Housing Officers International, a professional organi-

zation based in Columbus, Ohio, said lofts are popular in dorms that were built shortly after World War II.

"Scrutiny of lofts varies by university," said Schmidt, who is also the associate director of residence life at Central Michigan. "I would be very nervous if I did not have someone on staff take a look at the loft."

Schmidt said nationally, colleges are moving to modular furniture that can be configured to replace old furniture and do away with lofts as they renovate residence halls. The modular furniture gives officials control over design and quality and the standard design allows easy movement between halls.

Abigail Forbes, assistant director of housing at Grand Valley State University near Grand Rapids, Mich., said officials there outlawed lofts eight years ago because of concerns about quality and safety.

At the time of Cantor's death, U-M had replaced furniture in about one-third of its 15 residence halls with modular oak furniture built by Brill Manufacturing Co. in Ludington, Mich.

The modular furniture allows students to create lofts and other furniture configurations without using bolts and screws. The furniture, known as Building Block furniture, is put together with long steel pins.

By this fall U-M had replaced old furniture in about half its halls with the Brill furniture and hopes to com-

plete the program within the next five years, Levy said.

The Brill furniture is also in use at MSU, Central, Ferris and Grand Valley.

The Brill furniture costs about \$1,200 per ensemble and is seen as a way to respond to students' need for space and improve quality, Levy said.

The modular furniture got high marks from Rock and Debi Haas of White Lake Township, Mich., who last week helped their daughter Michelle Lewin set up her new Brill furniture on the second floor of Markley.

The trio worked quickly, deciding where to place bunks, dressers and bookcases, and trying the furniture in several configurations.

Rock Haas carted a load of tools to help assemble the furniture but was surprised they weren't required.

"This appears to be very durable," he said. "The stuff is well thought-out."

Ralph Brillhart, president of Brill Manufacturing Co., said the furniture was developed in conjunction with university officials and represents about 75 percent of the company's sales.

"It's double-doweled and screwed and built to last 20 to 25 years," he said.

But, he added: "It depends on how rough the kids are."

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North Carolina beaches open after man dies in shark attack

By Agnes Blum and Paul South
The Virginian-Pilot (KRT)

NORFOLK, Va. - A brutal encounter with a shark killed the man she loved, took her left foot and tore a massive gash along her side, but surgeons said Tuesday that Natalia Slobodskaya is doing remarkably well.

Flown by helicopter to Sentara Norfolk General Hospital, Slobodskaya, 23, remained in critical but stable condition Tuesday, facing months of recovery from wounds her trauma surgeon called "devastating."

Her boyfriend, Sergei Zaloukaev, 28, bled to death on the beach after a shark severed his leg below the knee during the brief and violent encounter in the waters off Avon on Monday.

The vacationing Oakton couple were in the Outer Banks surf at about 6 p.m. when the shark bit a chunk 12 inches in diameter from her left buttock and upper thigh. The wound was bone-deep. The shark also bit off a portion of her left middle finger.

Trauma surgeon Dr. Jeffrey L. Riblet said he was surprised Slobodskaya survived.

"She's young, and young people are strong," Riblet said.

Slobodskaya, who faces threats of infection and months of painful recovery, will likely need skin grafts, plastic surgery and extensive physical therapy, physicians said.

About 90 minutes passed between the time Slobodskaya was attacked and when she was admitted to the hospital. She lost about 1 { liters of blood, said Dr. Jon Mason, an emergency physician.

Her sciatic nerve, which helps control muscle movement in the leg and foot, may have been permanently injured when her foot

was bitten off, surgeons said. The question of whether she will use a prosthetic foot is a long way off, they said.

"Her leg must get strong enough to support her weight first," Riblet said. "It's going to be a long road for her."

Slobodskaya is heavily sedated, Riblet said.

A graduate student at George Washington University in Washington, D.C., Slobodskaya is reportedly working on a doctorate in human sciences. She received her undergraduate degree in May 2000 from the Elliott School of International Affairs at the same university, a university official said.

Neighbors of the Russian couple said Slobodskaya loved to practice rhythmic gymnastics, a popular sport in Russia, on her backyard deck. They described Zaloukaev, who once studied chemistry at George Mason University, as a handsome man who waved to neighbors.

The couple lived with a cat in a brick town house on Paddock Wood Court, neighbor Kim Evan said.

"They were friendly people," she said. "Very outgoing. They've been here since last spring."

Slobodskaya is on a ventilator and cannot speak, but she has been seen mouthing words and making eye contact with her mother, doctors said.

Fortunately, she did not suffer damage to her arteries, surgeons said, which almost surely would have meant death.

In Virginia Beach, Va., on Saturday, David Peltier, 10, of Richmond, Va., died after a shark tore a 17-inch gash in his left leg, severing a main artery.

The two fatal shark attacks are the first in the United States this

year and came within two days and about 100 miles apart.

"It certainly is surprising," said Maylon White, head curator of the Virginia Marine Science Museum. "It may be a case of two coincidental attacks. It's very unlikely that it's the same shark."

Zaloukaev's death was North Carolina's first fatal shark attack since 1957, said David Griffin, director of the North Carolina Aquarium on Roanoke Island. There were five shark attacks last year in the state, none fatal.

Many types of sharks are common off the North Carolina coast, including bull sharks, tiger sharks, sand tiger sharks, blacktip sharks and scalloped hammerhead sharks.

Meanwhile, beaches in North Carolina remained open Tuesday under the watchful eye of the U.S. Coast Guard and National Park Service officials, who flew over the coastal waters searching for unusual shark activity.

Back at the Virginia Beach

Oceanfront on Tuesday, lifeguards, under a heightened sense of urgency, scoured the calm water for dorsal fins and ordered people to stay off sandbars. The city's police helicopter added another set of eyes from above. The lifeguard presence in Sandbridge also was extended; guards are patrolling in all-terrain vehicles.

Lifeguard service at the Oceanfront concludes at the end of September, but guards in Sandbridge normally stop working after Labor Day.

"We're just on the lookout all the time, scanning the water constantly," said Keith Lowe, 20, a lifeguard stationed near 16th Street. He said he had not seen any sharks all summer. "They're not that visible. They hardly ever surface."

Just north and south of the Virginia Beach Fishing Pier, the newly widened beach held a smattering of vacationers, but only a few brave souls ventured

into the ocean.

One was Brian Wall, visiting from Ireland and heartened by the sight of police boats and hovering helicopters.

"I'm not really afraid, I suppose," the 24-year-old said as he emerged from the surf. "Maybe I should be. I wouldn't chance swimming at night."

Both attacks occurred around 6 p.m., which is when lifeguards go off duty and sharks are known to feed.

Stan Cichowski of Salem wasn't taking any chances with his friend's children. A few yards from the shoreline, he created a small wading pool for Savannah Ringstaff, 4, to splash in.

"It's a shark-proof pool," he said.

Savannah ran into the surf up to her tiny knees and scurried back. She had heard about the sharks.

"A shark is a really big thing that has sharp teeth," she said, turning to the ocean. "It lives under the sea."



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International parents and alumni become new target of fund raising

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

DALLAS -- A German count, a Chilean golf-resort owner and a Guatemalan bank president recently joined Southern Methodist University president Gerald Turner for lunch.

After dessert, Dr. Turner asked them and his other international guests to donate money for a future building.

It was a new experience for the diners, and for SMU.

The college has historically

focused its fund raising on U.S. students and alumni. That focus is shifting overseas as a reflection of the changing makeup of SMU's student body.

SMU and other universities around the country are just beginning to reach out to international alumni and parents. International student enrollment is rising, which gives colleges a bigger group to woo, and the Internet has made it easier to keep in touch, college officials said.

SMU had 589 international

students at the end of the spring semester, nearly 7 percent of its graduate and undergraduate enrollment. The number continues to grow, particularly among undergraduates. In Texas, there were nearly 36,000 foreign college students last year, almost a 10 percent increase from the previous year.

This month, SMU expects to enroll 85 freshmen from abroad, compared with 23 four years ago.

"We want their families to be involved," said Robert Bucker,

director of SMU's capital campaign. "Yes, international parents are stepping forward. Yes, they are generous. They want to be a part of things, but they want to be a part of the whole student experience. It's not exclusively fund raising or donating, but that's a part of it."

Since 1997, about 200 international donors have given \$2.9 million of the \$485 million raised in SMU's capital campaign, Bucker said. The fund-raising effort ends in May 2002.

Last week, at the SMU luncheon, Turner told parents that the university needed their help with a new International Center, which will be open in two years in a new student services center.

"We hope a number of you will want to get involved with that," he said.

Some of Turner's guests said colleges in their countries typically do not ask for financial help.

"The concept of donations is practically not known in Germany. Because in Germany, the colleges are free," said Count Anton von Faber-Castell, president of Faber-Castell, a pencil and pen manufacturer.

At each seat, parents found a brochure with donation options. Donations of \$25,000 to \$1 million could result in a room or even an international center being named after them.

Count Faber-Castell, whose son is a sophomore in SMU's business school, said the university's request is justified, though unusual for international parents. Germany just began discussing the idea of using donations to support its museums, he

said.

"They're learning from what you do in the United States," Count Faber-Castell said. "You can get your name on a brass plate."

Munkhtsetseg Munkhuu, the mother of an SMU junior, said donating to universities is not popular in Mongolia, where she lives.

"Too many families need financial support," Munkhuu said.

Guatemalans too are dealing with many needs in their country, said Maria and Mike Aguirre. One of their sons has graduated from SMU, and another is a sophomore. The couple said they contribute to a university in Guatemala.

"It's hard. People who help in Guatemala, they help for everything," Mrs. Aguirre said.

Whether parents donate or not, SMU will benefit from stronger connections with international parents, university officials and parents said.

"We set out deliberately to accelerate this particular movement on campus," Turner said. "We need a good representation of the world here."

Count Faber-Castell said he has offered to help the college connect to other business people in Germany. Many Germans are not familiar with SMU, though they know of other U.S. colleges such as Harvard University, he said. SMU has been attentive to his son and to parents, he said.

"SMU can become an interesting alternative," he said. "They really take care of your kids."

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In Our View

JSU shines in the spotlight

Frequent visitors to Paul Snow Stadium saw something last Thursday night that they don't often see: lots of other visitors.

While she was certainly a big draw, and is by all rights the number one sports story in Alabama this week, Ashley Martin may not be solely responsible for the reported crowd of 11,341 that witnessed the Gamecocks' 72-10 drubbing of the Cumberland Bulldogs.

True, the novelty of seeing the first woman to kick extra points for an NCAA football team probably had a lot to do with the higher-than-average attendance figure. One just doesn't get the opportunity to see sports history in the making in Jacksonville, Ala., every day.

Martin deserves all the credit she gets for kicking her way into the record books, and for representing us in stellar fashion to the national news media. Gamecock head football coach Jack Crowe deserves credit for filling a hole in his roster with a driven, talented athlete who honestly just happened to get cameras and microphones from across the nation pointed our way. The Gamecock football team as a whole deserves credit for taking the whole affair in a stride and also for stepping up and pounding their opponents, breaking several records in the process. Also deserving of kudos are the Lady Gamecock soccer team and coach Lisa Howe for being flexible and understanding enough for all of this to happen.

But the crowd on hand to witness this event might have been a little bit smaller were it not for the efforts of few other groups on campus.

The Athletic Department and Sports Information Office recognized the significance of this game and made sure that media outlets across the country were aware of it and had access to campus officials and athletes. Thanks to these offices Martin and Jacksonville State appeared on the cover of newspapers across the country and have been featured on numerous national television productions. Also key was the decision to play the game on Thursday night, the first day of classes. But there's more on that below.

The SGA and Student Activities office were also aware of the significance of the game and Martin's appearance in it. These groups picked up the ball and ran with it, making sure that students knew exactly what was going on, and adding to the good-time atmosphere with the SGA-sponsored pre-game tailgate party. As a result of their activities and publicity, a large part of the crowd at the game appeared to be students, who have traditionally been somewhat apathetic when it comes to University athletics.

And last but not least in this list is the crowd itself. Those of you who showed up at the game last week were part of something special, not just because you witnessed sports history, but you came together as a campus and community and supported something positive. As a result, JSU feels alive in a way it hasn't felt for years. It feels like a place for winners.

Media in self-induced frenzy over Condit, Levy

What's the scenario that the media is going to jump all over because of its previous viewer and reader attraction? A

politician has an affair with an intern, and it becomes quite public because the politician supposedly lied about it (to Levy's sister), yet the FBI (and public) thinks that he admitted to it (or in Condit's case, didn't tell the FBI about until the third interview, as can be ascertained perhaps from D.C. Executive Assistant Police Chief Terrance Gainer when he said, "we didn't have a full accounting from the congressman until the third interview")?

Gary Condit and Chandra Levy, oh the media frenzy (as Condit's son re-coined on Larry King Live)!

And if the uses of parentheses seem a bit confusing, and a bit too much, so I find this media frenzy.

How many tabloid-like rumors were spread? Chandra told her aunt that Condit had talked with her about a 5-year plan of divorcing his wife and starting a family with Chandra. Condit told Chandra to leave her identification at home when going to his apartment. Condit used to tell women

By Joshua W. Bingham
The Chanticleer Managing Editor



that his wife was sick so that they would go to bed with him, etc., etc., blah, blah, blah.

Why do I know all of these rumors? Because I pay attention to the media, and they made me know.

How many of the four news channels that I can think of spent hours and hours upon this theme? My goodness.

I'm not going to go into all of the different rumors and "news" about Gary Condit and Chandra Levy, because I'm sure all of you have heard enough of it. I have. Although, with as many round-the-clock news channels, newspapers, magazines and radio shows that are out there, always needing an infatuation, they surely haven't.

It is sad that Chandra is missing, but what about the other thousands of people that go missing every year? I agree with the compassionate point that the more constant attention that is give to Chandra's disappearance might lead to a quicker discovery, but, come on!

There was a point that Chad Condit made on "Larry King Live" that I thought was brilliant. When questioned about the police leak, that Condit didn't fully come forward with until the third interview, Chad Condit said that perhaps the police did it to get the media off of their backs for finding no answers about Levy's disappearance. And as Condit's son pointed out, the media did get off the law enforcement's back and turned their guns toward Condit. What a gambit that is run, no?

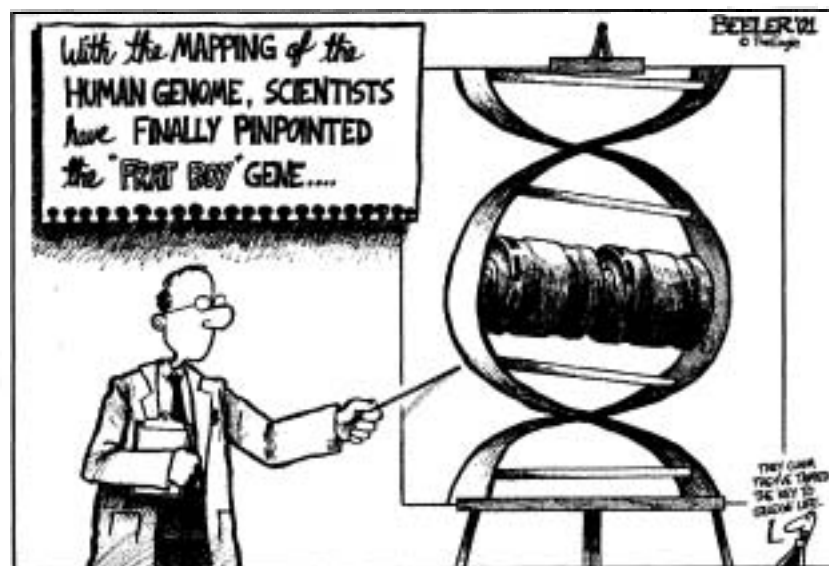
This topic madness, to me, is a sad recurring game. Similar media rapture happened with the Menendez brothers' trial, the Long Island Lolita, the O.J. Simpson trial, Lewinski and Clinton — I could go on.

I didn't like it then, I don't now. This feels so similar to the madness of the paparazzi. I saw in London, and what did that lead to? Princess Diana's death?

I suppose the romance of this media-frenzy game though, is that Chandra is still missing and Condit has not resigned; though his children have from California Gov. Davis' cabinet.

But, dare I say, "whoa media, frenzy off some!"

But, then again, aren't I just the hypocrite.



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Race matters: Appeals judges were wrong to drop it as factor in university admissions

By E.R. Shipp
New York Daily News (KRT)

I was born colored. You can see it on my birth certificate. I was born in the Negro -- or Nigra -- wing of the hospital in Conyers, Ga. Ask my mama. From the beginning, race has been a factor in my life.

It was a factor when I helped integrate Rockdale High School. It was a factor when I helped maintain the integration of the University of Georgia.

But three federal judges said the other day that race cannot be a determining factor in decisions about who else will attend that university.

At Rockdale High, blacks weren't permitted into the college prep classes. I broke through that barrier. At the University of Georgia, I broke down another barrier when I became freshman of the year and was later tapped to join an honor society.

I was acutely aware that race was a factor, just as it had been a decade earlier when Charlayne Hunter and Hamilton Holmes risked their lives when they enrolled at that theretofore all-white campus in 1961.

But now, supposedly, we've progressed to the point that considering race is forbidden -- even if the goal is to diversify a campus where less than

6 percent of the student body is black.

"Racial diversity alone is not necessarily the hallmark of a diverse student body, and race is not necessarily the

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--E.R. Shipp
New York Daily News Columnist

only, or best, criterion for determining the contribution that an applicant might make to the broad mix of experiences and perspective," a three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit ruled.

I agree that a person is more than the color of his or her skin. But one's racial background often determines one's access to educational resources, from birth on. Adding points to a nonwhite student's application is no more onerous than adding points because one is the offspring of an alumnus or one is a talented athlete or musician.

Granted, a privileged black student from a wealthy background should be no more entitled to a place in the

classroom than a poor white student.

But methinks the judges are naive and have spent too much time in their ivory towers when they take the univer-

sity to task for its affirmative efforts to bring nonwhite students to a campus that excluded them for more than 150 years. The judges don't give the university enough credit for struggling to address the failures of the past when race was clearly a factor in excluding nonwhites.

Ideally, the university should have great leeway in defining diversity for its entering classes. This is Georgia's publicly supported flagship campus, so the goal should be, first and foremost, a student body that reflects the state itself. That includes such factors as gender, family income, geographic distribution, individual talent, the likelihood of success, both

academically and professionally, and the likelihood the student will pay the state back through some form of public service later in life.

Surely race belongs on this list. Surely it is as legitimate a consideration as any of the other factors. Surely it defies logic and common sense for the judges to say that because race shouldn't be the only consideration, it shouldn't be a consideration at all.

The victors in the case were three white women who were denied admission in 1999 and sued on the theory of reverse discrimination.

The losers may be all those talented nonwhite students for whom race has been a factor in their life opportunities -- but cannot be a factor in deciding whether to admit them to the university.

This is tricky business, for sure. I don't favor quotas, and I have often chided people for assuming that racial or ethnic difference is the same as diversity. Several years ago at a joint convention of minority journalists, I decided to organize a diverse table at lunch. I grabbed nine people and invited them to join me. When we introduced ourselves to each other, it turned out that, yes, I had blacks and Latinos and Asians at my table. But we had all attended Ivy League schools, and we all had ties to New York City. Some diversity!

Given the range of factors that determine whether one is admitted -- including grades, test scores, community service and connections to the university family -- race as one of those factors does not strike me as sinister.

The judges left open the possibility that race could be considered but warned the university that if it "wants to ensure diversity through its admissions decisions, and wants race to be part of that calculus, then it must be prepared to shoulder the burden of fully and fairly analyzing applicants as individuals and not merely as members of groups when deciding their likely contribution to student body diversity."

The task will be more difficult if this ruling stands, but if university officials are as committed to diversity as they have said, they will devise a system that is fair to all applicants -- but doesn't ignore history. Like it or not, race is a factor in American life.

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Not enough money going to the rightplaces

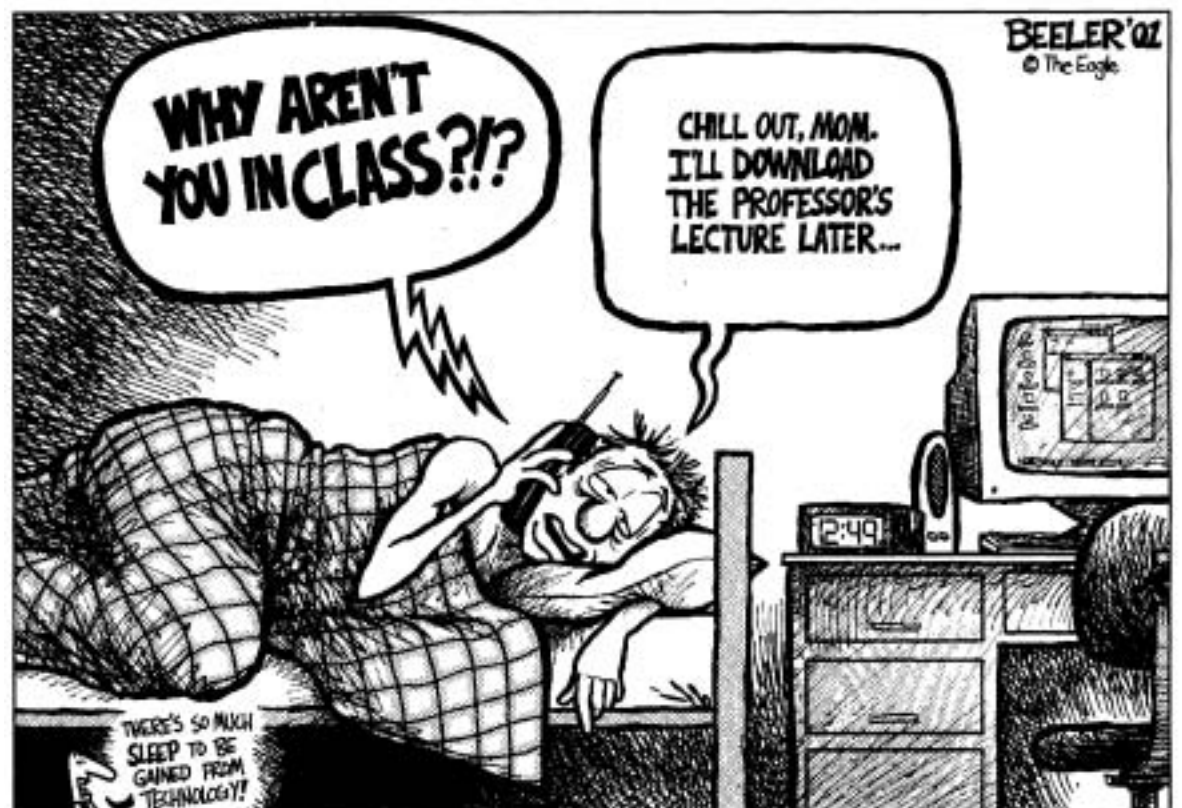
Proration hits again. Proration is at three percent above the hit from last years. I was really perturbed last year when the cuts were made. This year I am pissed. It has come to my attention that the faculty and staff of this university will receive a three-percent cost of living raise this year. It should be noted that this is a raise that is usually given across the board to all state employees.

The Board of Trustees has raised tuition every year since I started school here. While I don't mind paying a little more for my education, I do resent the fact that funding for equipment and school facilities has been reduced while the faculty and staff will be enjoying fatter paychecks. As a Communication major this is extremely frustrating

because the department is understaffed and badly in need of new video and audio equipment as well as new computers for the lab.

And another thing: is it really necessary to add cosmetic decorations to the top floor of the library? I concede the fact that the marble will fall off of the building. However, I think it is a waste of money to replace it with granite slabs that will eventually do the same thing. If the Board of Trustees and the president of this university were smart they would not be wasting money on renovations that are not needed or creating another potential disaster with the granite. Hell, I say we have some vinyl siding installed and save a few million.

--Pam Hill



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New game consoles on horizon

Nintendo, Microsoft go head-to-head during holiday season

By Danni Lusk

The Chanticleer Features Editor

A new duel of toys for the Christmas season is beginning a little early this year.

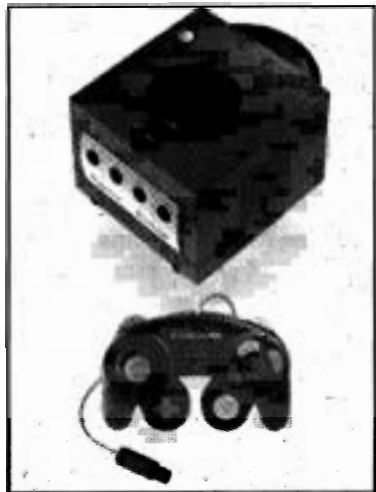
The fight begins on Nov. 8 with the release of Microsoft's computer-like game console, Xbox. The console boasts a 733 MHz Pentium II processor with a separate graphics processor, according to the Microsoft web site. "With its breakthrough technology and incredible graphics capabilities," said Microsoft Corporation Chairman and Chief Software Architect Bill Gates, "it enables game designers to create a whole new world of game-playing experiences that will captivate the imagination and competitive spirit of gamers like no other console."

The graphics processor is a 233 MHz custom-designed chip and 3D graphics card, developed by Microsoft. Current chips have only five percent of the power the card will generate, according to Microsoft.

Since the Xbox has a 10 gigabyte hard drive, loading times for games will be cut down tremendously and "speed up the overall performance" by placing cache data on the hard drive upon first play of the game, said Microsoft. Since the average game takes about 500 megabytes, a player will be able to have 15 or 20 games installed at one time.

Many of the games designed for Xbox will only appear on that console, unlike in past years where one game was made for several different consoles. Games such as Oddworld: Munch's Oddysee, NFL Fever 2000, Tony Hawk's Pro Skater 2x and NASCAR Heat will be on shelves the day of Xbox's release. Games retail at \$49.99. Microsoft plans on releasing 30 or more games by the end of 2001.

Microsoft set the retail price



Courtesy Nintendo

for the console and one game controller at \$299. The console will be sold in an "Xtreme Xbox Bundle" including the console, one accessory and three games for \$499.95 at Electronics Boutique in Oxford, according to manager Lee Estes.

Accessories for Xbox include the game controller, a DVD remote and a memory card. With the DVD remote, the console is upgraded to not just a game console but a DVD player with High Definition Television (HDTV) support.

Nintendo's newest family addition, Gamecube, hits stores on Nov. 18, only two weeks after the release of Xbox.

Since 1985, when Nintendo released their first video game system, they have sold more than 1.4 billion video game systems worldwide, according to Nintendo's web site.

Gamecube is stocked with digital AV output to support HDTV, four game controller ports and space for two memory cards. Its simple design is no taller than a Game Boy system and will be available in Indigo and Jet Black, according to the Nintendo web site.

Small, eight centimeter CDs will be used for the games instead of the familiar 12 centimeter disc. The smaller size will "reduce piracy by preventing gamers from making copies of the games," said Matt Vickers



Courtesy Microsoft

Nintendo's Gamecube, at left, debuts on November 18. Microsoft's Xbox, above, comes out November 8th.

ConsoleDomain.com.

Games for Gamecube will retail at \$49.95, but a price for the console has not yet been set, according to Nintendo. Some games to hit shelves will be AllStar Baseball, Madden NFL 2002 and NFL Blitz.

A DVD player with Gamecube hardware will be released sometime after the system's release, said Vickers.

Although Nintendo is being "tight-lipped" about the new system, more information will be given on it about two weeks before its release, according to Estes.

Nintendo plans to release about 700,000 consoles on Nov. 18 and continue the flow until 1.1 million have been released by Dec. 31, according to Nintendo. "Our industry has learned the dangers of arriving at a launch party without enough gifts," said Peter Main, executive vice president, sales and marketing, Nintendo of America Incorporated. "By increasing our day one shipments to almost three-quarters of a million, we not only should come close to meeting total demand at launch, but also assure a virtually uninterrupted restocking through the holiday season."

Despite Xbox and Gamecube's great gaming capabilities, the real decision over who will win the holiday season sales battle is in the consumers' hands.

MUSIC CALENDAR

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Local Scene

9/6/01 Sky Dog Gypsies—Brother's
9/6/01 Elvis Willis Band—Fuller's
9/7/01 Country Thunder—Brother's
9/7/01 Highly Kind—Fuller's
9/8/01 Possum—Brother's
9/8/01 D.J. K—Fuller's
9/10/01 Kurt and Tedder—Fuller's
9/12/01 Ira Towns—Fuller's
9/12/01 D.J. Mac—Brother's

Birmingham

9/8/01 Dexter Freebish—Five Points Music Hall
9/9/01 2 Live Crew—Café Firenze
9/12/01 Crystal Method—Sloss Furnace

Atlanta

9/6/01 Kevin Kinney—Smith's Olde Bar
9/7/01 Etta James—Earthlink Live (Center Stage)
9/7/01 Soul Hat—Smith's Olde bar

CD RELEASES

(Week of 9/4/01)

System of a Down—Toxicity

Welcome Week 2001 wraps up

By Danni Lusk

The Chanticleer Features Editor

"Welcome Week 2001" continues today with more activities for students to enjoy.

The SGA is hosting an open house from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. in the office of student activities located on the third floor of the TMB for students to "see the inside lives and positions of the officers of the student government," according to SGA Director of Publicity Robert Hayes. Cookies and punch will be served.

The day's festivities continue with the pep rally at 8:30 p.m. in Paul Snow Stadium for the Sept. 8 football game against Nicholls State.

Friday is the first "JSU Wear Red Day." Students are encouraged to show their Gamecock spirit by wearing red. "We just want to invite everyone to support JSU Fridays

and wear red for the ball games," said SGA Controller Mary Beth Edwards.

"Welcome Week 2001" began August 29 with "Get on Board Day" featuring a cookout on the quad. Students were able to meet and mingle with some of the faculty of JSU while eating free food provided by the Marriot Dining Services. "We had a huge turnout for the cookout on the quad," said Edwards.

An SGA sponsored Tailgate Party was the next day at Paul Snow Stadium. JSU student Kenny Edwards provided the music while Papa John's supplied the free pizza.

"Welcome Week 2001" continued with sorority recruitment over the three-day weekend. Rush grew to 108 students by the end of the weekend, according to Edwards. "Everyone had a great time and the chapters received a lot of great new girls."

"3,000 Miles" at least worth the \$3.50 rental

the Funny Bone

Useless Quiz

- How much does the skeleton of an average 160 pound body weigh?
- Out of Emily Dickinson's more than 900 poems, how many were published during her lifetime?
- How many spots were painted on the dogs in the original 101 Dalmatians?
- How many grooves are on the edge of a quarter?
- What name was originally given to Margaret Mitchell's Gone With the Wind lead character Scarlett O'Hara?
- Which king in a deck of cards is the only one without a moustache?
- Are there any clocks in Las Vegas gambling casinos?
- What fiery ingredient is used in some makeup and tooth paste products?
- What is the most difficult national anthem on Earth to sing?
- What state nickname came from a generic Southern word meaning "bumpkin"?

Review by Jeremy Guthrie
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Are you guys looking for an action film? Something with a little bit of a plot twist? Here is the movie for you.

Kurt Russell, Kevin Costner and Courteney Cox star in the smashum' up thriller 3000 Miles to Graceland.

The story starts off with two animated scorpions dueling it out with each other. A little strange if you ask me, but hey it's not my movie. Russell then whirls in, driving a nice red Caddie. He stops in at a diner/hotel and "has a cup of coffee" with Cox.

He then meets up with Costner and his macabre little gang to include Cox's real-life mate David Arquette and Christian Slater. Have I mentioned that Costner looks like 70s Elvis and Russell bears a striking resemblance to 50s Elvis?

The gang are now all looking like Elvis, literally, and are armed to the teeth, thanks to a small meeting with Howie Long. Carrying guitar cases filled with enough guns to fuel a small war, the five waltz into a large casino in Las Vegas and steal millions. The ensuing blood bath is great and is the first action (except the coffee) we see in the movie, and it is just a small taste.

The story takes turns and twists, with Russell meeting up with Cox after the heist and a cross-country chase with Costner ensues.

The action in this movie is great. The gun fights, explosions and just good **old bloody** mayhem **should** be enough for anyone that loves a good action film.



Courtesy Warner Brothers Studios

David Arquette, Kurt Russell, Kevin Costner, Christian Slater and Kevin Pollak (l-r), do the King thing in "3,000 Miles to Graceland," now available at rental stores.

The acting is another story.

Costner plays someone with deep emotional scars, but is just too melodramatic and Cox really should stick to "Friends."

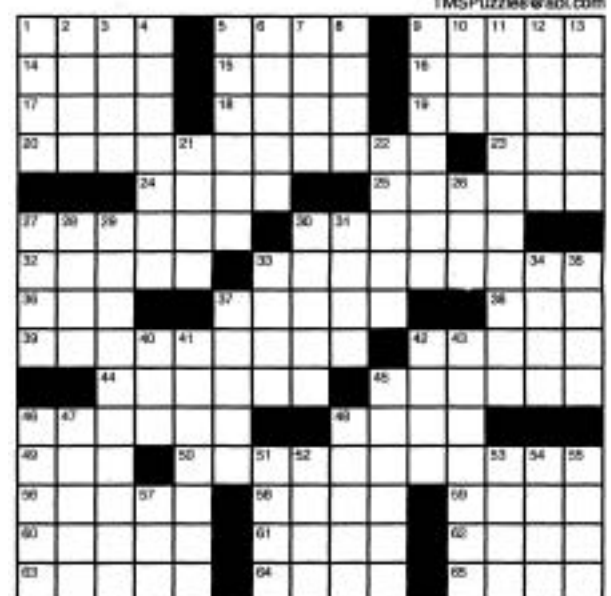
All in all though, action movies have never really been known for their Oscar-winning performances and the acting wasn't so bad that it drew attention away from the story. It was well worth my \$3.50 to rent.

Useless Answers

- Volcanic Stone
- Francis Scott Key's "The Star-Spangled Banner"
- 6,449,952
- 119
- Pansy
- King of Hearts
- No.

THE Daily Commuter Puzzle Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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- At all times
- Military mess
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- Happy faces?
- Lima location
- Hanging bed
- Ship on the moon
- Sleuth Nero
- Filaments
- Al Capp's Lena
- Scorch
- Numbers game
- Melancholy
- Yeats' country
- Dice toss
- Peggy or Spike

Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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THE CHRONICLES
BY KEITH KNIGHT

PANEL 1: MUST GIVE MAJOR PROPS TO MY GOOD FRIENDS MIMI & MIMI, WHO PUT ME UP & PUT UP WITH ME FOR A WHOLE WEEK DURING MY TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS.

PANEL 2: Here's an extra set of keys. Let us know if you need anything!! Thanks!! ESPECIALLY CONSIDERING THAT THEY JUST MOVED THERE FROM THE BAY AREA 2 DAYS BEFORE I SHOWED UP!!

PANEL 3: THEIR FURNITURE HADN'T ARRIVED YET SO THERE WAS PLENTY OF FLOOR SPACE FOR ME TO CRASH ON....

PANEL 4: THE KEY TO CRASHING IN SOMEBODY'S PLACE IS PLAIN & SIMPLE: PUT THE TOILET SEAT BACK DOWN & WASH YER DISHES...

PANEL 5: DAY 1: ASK A LOT OF QUESTIONS TO FIND OUT WHAT YOUR BOUNDARIES ARE... Is it kosher to make a few phone calls? Is it cool to use the toaster oven? Is it okay to wipe my bum with your facecloth? JUST JOKING!!

PANEL 6: DAY 3: BY NOW YOU SHOULD BE STARTING TO FEEL A BIT MORE COMFORTABLE AROUND THE HOUSE... Has anyone seen my gold band?

PANEL 7: DAY 5: AT THIS POINT, THE REAL YOU SHOULD BE REVEALED... You're makin' Keith. Mimi's mom. Love's shade. Have a good day at work. Have a good sleep in bed. Home! Thanks Mimi!

PANEL 8: DAY 7: ON THE LAST DAY, DON'T JEOPARDIZE THE CHANCE OF A RETURN INVITE BY SAYING SOMETHING STUPID... Why should I be the one who has to leave? You two have only been here a couple of days longer than I have!



Bjork

Vespertine

★★★★★

Lyrics that would die swift deaths on the lips of a less skilled performer - lyrics containing words like "morse coding" — burst forth from Bjork's imagination like...fiery Iceland gods! Or trolls! Or big white birds!

How is it that she routinely commits feats of emotional and artistic trapezery that most artists would never consider? Well, in part it's because as surreal as Bjork may be, her songs are quite compelling because she communicates intense feelings in idiosyncratic ways: musically, vocally and lyrically.

Vespertine, her fourth solo album, doesn't merely vibrate with felling; it convulses. Bjork seems so comfortable with her twitchy taste that she makes it somewhat difficult for listeners to understand her. On the harp-driven "Pagan Poetry," the singer chants, "I love him- I love him." Her voice sounds so raw, pure and real that it's almost embarrassing. You feel like you have just walked in on some heart broken young lady in a lobby of Self Hall. Well, you know what I mean. Her voice sounds the way love feels: Tentative, sure, secret, and serious. Then she simply rips the punch line: "I love him..But this time I'm going to keep it to myself." Not really a punch line; just an honest confession.

As on Bjork's previous albums, the music on Vespertine features its share of computer-generated beats and sounds, courtesy of longtime collaborators like Valgeir Sigurdsson and Marius de Vries, and new contributors Matmos and Thomas Knak. 1997's "Homogenic," also a mixture of heavy beats and strings, was not as varied or complete as this CD.

"Hidden Place," the first single, features strings and the voices of a choir soaring over heavy beats as Bjork contemplates calling a lover and suggesting that they "go to that hidden place." Her voice, like that of all great seducers, makes your mind sharply listen to whatever she's singing and willingly obey. Yeah, I know it's crazy, but oh so true.

Her method of sharing her music is just so surreal and different that all music lovers can see the true art of her sound and music.

Bjork doesn't have to choose between the realms of mystery and the ordinary, because she's comfortable occupying both.

"I have a recurrent dream," sings Bjork on "Heirloom." "Every time I lose my voice, I swallow little glowing lights my mother and son baked for me during the night." Another singer may just go to Winn Dixie and get some tea and lemon juice. Bjork drinks "little glowing lights." Of course.

-- Review by Anthony Hill



Maxwell

NOW

★★★★★

Maxwell is the "prince" of the neo-soul movement, and not just because his falsetto voice resembles Prince's. Maxwell takes listeners on a trip through the world of a man that has been hurt, loved and hated.

He eschews an overtly thematic design to focus on individual tunes, and as a result, he achieves his romantic ends with significantly less pretense.

Maxwell the composer is sometimes guilty of mistaking a groove for a song, a fault that also afflicts his neo-soul contemporary D'Angelo. Maxwell seems to get into his own little world and forget

that he's supposed to be singing. Vocal chops and tasty instrumental slides are no substitute for a pleasing melody.

"For Lovers Only" is a plush, slow-dance seduction accented by falsetto harmonies and of all things, a plucked banjo. "This is for the lovers only," sings Maxwell, "who are lost and lonely." The mood of "For Lovers Only" lingers, but not the melody. Melody is displayed beautifully in "My Lifetime." That is definitely the album's standout ballad. "I can let my life pass me by," sings Maxwell, with his voice sculpting a memorable, sweet hook. "Or I can get down and try/ Work it all out

this lifetime/ Work it on out this time."

Maxwell seasons his love-man meditations with some choice up tempo material. "Get to know Ya" is the collection's snappiest groove, with liquid guitar lines, a bumpy bass, and Memphis-style horns. The song is a mixture of the sounds of Al Green and Prince. "Temporary Nite" lights a fire by placing a constantly popping bass line amidst a unique mixture of funk and hard-rock guitars, while "Now/At the Party" sounds like a Marvin Gaye-style dance groove written after hearing Kool & the Gang's "Ladies Night."

Speaking of women, "NOW" includes a beautiful version of Kate Bush's "This Woman's Work," which Maxwell effectively argues that true romance requires the efforts of both partners. Maxwell's "NOW" makes listeners realize the soul can be suggested by a good groove. But, soul is really displayed through the lyrics of a song.

-- Review by Anthony Hill

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Gamecock football rolls past the Bulldogs

By Anthony Hill
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

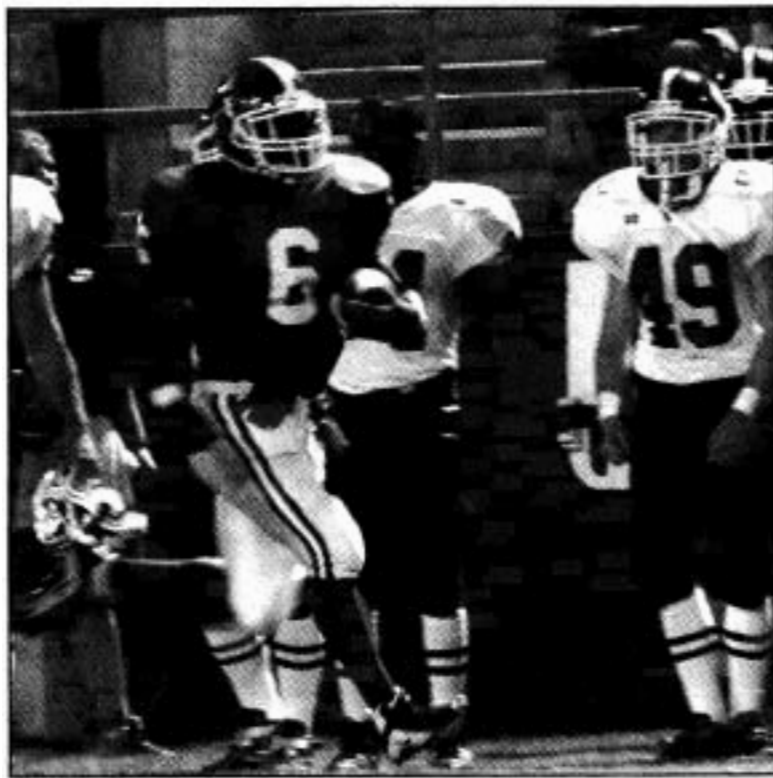
What a night it was in Jacksonville last Thursday night. Ashley Martin made history and literally brought the entire nation to Jacksonville as the football team destroyed the Cumberland Bulldogs in their season-opener by a score of 72-10 at Paul Snow Stadium.

The Gamecock offense tied or set 11 Division I-AA school records in the process of racking up 456 total yards. Eight different players found their way to pay dirt for the Gamecock offense during the demolishing of the Bulldogs.

"The most exciting thing for me is to see the faces of the young players with dreams of doing things in the game and finally getting a chance to do them," said Gamecock head coach Jack Crowe.

"This was the best experience of my life," said Martin after the game. "Not just because I made that kick. It's because I was a part of something tonight that was very special - I was a part of this football team and those guys are very special to me."

The game marked the first time a female had scored in an NCAA football game. Martin and the Gamecocks weren't just satisfied with simply one extra point. Martin connected on three attempts to



Courtesy Lyle Bernard

Senior running back Roger Bell rushes for yards during last Thursday night's game against Cumberland

make her the all-time leading female scorer in college football history. The contest also marked the most points ever scored by a JSU football team. The former mark came during the 1999 season with a 68-13 thrashing of Union College.

The Gamecock offense got the fireworks started when quarterback Reggie Stancil hit receiver Lorenzo Banks with a 33-yard touchdown pass to take an early 6-0 lead. Kicker Steven Lee then hit the PAT to make the score 7-0 in the first quarter. The Gamecock offense

added to the total later in the quarter with huge runs by big Carlow James and Roger Bell to take a 13-3 lead.

Immediately following the second Gamecock touchdown a huge roar came from the crowd of 11,312 as Martin trotted onto the field to attempt the PAT. An offside penalty made her first attempt easier, but it was still good and counted the same.

"I told Ashley to remember that it was just a game," said Stancil in reference to Martin's first attempt at history. "I saw that she was nervous during warm-ups and I just told her to relax."

"I tried not to think about all of the history being made or anything really," said Martin about her first extra point attempt. "Of course, I had butterflies and my knees were knocking, but other than that, I just wanted to keep my cleats on."

The Gamecock offense continued to dominate throughout the first half. Their first four plays from scrimmage went for 23, 26, 33 and 19 yards. Stancil hit receiver Ralph Jenkins with a 27-yard touchdown pass late in the second quarter to give the Gamecocks a 31-3 lead.

The JSU offense picked up where they had left off in the second half as Rondy Rogers displayed why he is a preseason all-conference running back with a 47-yard touch-

down dash to make the score 38-3. Cumberland showed a minor sign of a fight when Bulldog running back Alex Morales scored on a 10-yard run with 2:31 left in the third quarter.

"We came out and executed like we had been all summer," said Rogers. "It was expected of us to come out and do well."

The Gamecocks scored 34 points in the fourth quarter. Gamecock freshman running back Chris Kirk, whose brother plays for the Aggies, got things going with 33 yards and a touchdown on the night. Freshman fullback Marcus Mitchell made a heck of a debut with 103 yards on only seven carries. Mitchell also had three touchdowns in the fourth quarter alone.

Defensively, Spencer "Big Spence" Gordon led the charge with four tackles, two sacks and a blocked punt.

"This year we're taking a different approach." "We're trying to do everything right no matter who we're playing," said Stancil.

The Gamecocks will host Southland rival Nicholls State on Saturday. The Colonels lost their season-opener last week to Louisiana-Lafayette, 20-0. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. at Paul Snow Stadium.

Gamecock Cross Country looks forward to season

By Staff Reports

The Jacksonville State University cross country team is ready to get the 2001 campaign started. The team hopes that hard work and a new sense togetherness will lead to some wins on the track this season.

The cross country team warmed up for the season-opener last Saturday with their annual Red and White track meet. The exhibition race was held at the Jacksonville High School baseball and softball complex.

Head coach Aimee Dawson, now in her second season with the program, said that she was pleased with the overall performances of her athletes. Although it wasn't an actual race, Dawson said that she was encouraged by the results and is excited to get the season started.

"Overall, I'm pleased. Everyone is been doing well in practice. Although we don't have a lot of depth, I think we'll see a lot of improvement from last year. We

work together as a group and have fun," said Dawson.

Both Dawson and first-year assistant Erik Lipham stressed the importance of running the course and not the times in the exhibition. According to Dawson, the course was a little difficult for both sides to run due to the humidity.

For the women, Frances Archuleta topped the list with a time of 17:49. Kaci Kerr finished second with a time of 18:13. Gina Davis came in with a time of 19:20, followed by Aimee Pitzo's time of 19:50. Addie Ferguson (20:15) and Rachel Doak (21:51) rounded out the women's team.

"All of the women are making good progress," said Lipham. "I'm really excited about their intensity and how they approach every day."

On the men's team, junior Ronnie Laguerre clocked in with a time of 20:29. Dayton Niehuss and John Weston followed Laguerre's lead with times of 22:05 and 22:50 respectively. Sam

Cordts rounded out the squad with a time of 26:19.

"All of our guys are running hard," said Lipham. "Ronnie is just in phenomenal shape and has the ability to do something special this year. Dayton is also in great shape and has great tenacity. John Weston is just coming back from walking pneumonia after running for about a week. I'm impressed with their intensity and enthusiasm."

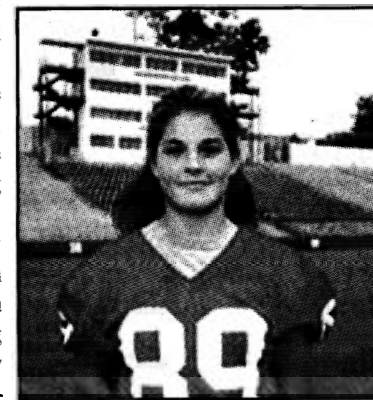
The cross country team will travel to Chattanooga tomorrow to race in their season-opener on the campus of University of Tennessee-Chattanooga. Teams competing against the Gamecocks include Samford, Troy State, Auburn, and the host, UTC. The women will run in the two-mile race, while the men will run in the 5,000 meter.

Martin earns SFL honors

By Anthony Hill
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

The Southland Football League named Gamecock place-kicker Ashley Martin the Special Teams Player-of-the-Week last Sunday.

Martin, a native of Sharpsburg, Ga, became the leading scoring female in college history by connecting on three extra points during last Thursday night's demolishing of the Cumberland Bulldogs, 72-10. Martin became the first female in NCAA Division I football history to score a point as she kicked her first extra point with 3:13 remaining in the first quarter. Martin has been getting the attention of the entire nation



Courtesy JSU Athletics/Steve Latham

Junior place-kicker Ashley Martin

since she was named as Gamecock place-kicker.

"Ashley is just a part of this team as any guy on this team and that is how she is treated," said Gamecock head football coach Jack Crowe.

Martin became the fifth Gamecock in two years to be named as SFL Player-of-the-Week. Martin became the first female to receive player-of-the-week honors.

Martin will only be available for four more football games: Sept. 15 against McNeese State; Oct. 6 at Samford; Nov. 10 at Sam Houston State; and the season finale at Troy State.

Martin appeared on "Live on Regis and Kelly" in New York on Tuesday.

One on One with "Thrill"

By Anthony "Thrill" Hill
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

Ashley Martin has literally brought the entire nation to Jacksonville. On the soccer field, Ashley seems a little flamboyant. She's all about taking some shots. On the football field, she seems shy and just happy to be there. She's very appreciative of the opportunity that Coach Crowe has given her.

I spoke to her by phone, while she was preparing for her appearance on the Regis and Kelly Show in New York. I was apprehensive about interviewing her. I knew that she would be a great interview after all of the attention she's gotten lately. You can only get better at interviews by being interviewed. Conventional wisdom tells me that if I interview a female first, she must be well known. Well, Ashley is known all over the nation. So, score one for conventional wisdom.

After chatting with Ashley, I found out that she was as charming as she seemed on all of the talk shows. She's really well grounded and very much able to deal with the attention of being in the public eye.

Thrill: How are you, Ashley?

Ashley: I'm doing fine.

Thrill: How has the past few months been for you?

Ashley: They've been awesome. Really awesome. It's just been so exciting.

Thrill: Did you realize that this would turn out to be so big to so many people?

Ashley: No, I had no idea this would get so big. Even after I made the kick, I didn't realize that everything would turn out like this.

Thrill: How did you initially react when you were offered a shot at making the football team?

Ashley: I was so excited. I was sort of apprehensive because of soccer schedule conflicts though. I just wanted to make sure that this would be okay with coach Howe and the rest of the team.

Thrill: How different is your life now that you are fairly famous?

Ashley: Well, I'm not really famous. (Both laugh.) A lot is different though. A lot more people are interested in my life now. This is just so amazing that I'm all the way here in New York talking about football and meeting Regis.

Thrill: Is there an increase of guys trying to become your significant other? I could see some big, husky guy telling you, "Hey babe, I like a woman that can play



Courtesy JSU Athletics/Steve Latham
Junior place-kicker and midfielder Ashley Martin

some football." Have you not noticed anything like that?

Ashley: (Both laugh.) No, not yet. I really haven't been around for anyone to come up to me. You just never know. (Both laugh.)

Thrill: What has been the most rewarding thing that has come from you making the extra points.

Ashley: Getting an opportunity to come to New York and meet all of the people that I've met. Meeting and hanging out with the football players has been very fun as well.

Thrill: Do you feel like more females will try to make the football team at their respective schools now that you've proven that it could be done?

Ashley: I really don't know, Anthony. I'm not a banner waver for women's rights or anything. I just feel that if a person wants something bad and they work really hard — the sky is the limit. It doesn't matter whether you're a girl or a guy.

Thrill: How did you ever begin playing football in the first place? How did you end up on your high school team?

Ashley: It's really funny, because it happen the exact same way it did this time. The football coach just heard that I could kick and asked me to come out.

Thrill: How does coach Howe (soccer coach) really feel about you playing football?

Ashley: She's really supportive. She just wants what's best for the team. She's been very supportive of everything that has happened.

Thrill: Did you initially feel like you were just a publicity stunt?

Ashley: No. I was never in it for the publicity and I didn't really think about it like that. I just knew that I loved sports and I wanted to play football again.

Thrill: The life of a student-athlete is naturally challenging. How

much harder has your life been since you started playing football?

Ashley: It was really difficult during preseason. I was having to prepare for two different sports and some of those days I had to practice for both of them on the same day. It's really hard to balance the two sports with classes. Balancing the two sports and classes are not really physically tiring, just mentally.

Thrill: What's the difference between playing in a soccer game and a football game?

Ashley: There are many differences. There are differences with the scheduling and preparations for both sports. Soccer takes a lot of preparations, but football takes so much more. There's different types of preparation for football. There's special teams, offense, defense....It just takes so much, ya know.

Thrill: What about the difference in teammates?

Ashley: Well, there are differences and similarities. I have a huge amount of respect for both sports and the players. I see my teammates as my family. The

football team are my brothers and the soccer team are my sisters.

Thrill: Oh, I see.

Ashley: Yeah, it's pretty cool.

Thrill: What do you like to do when there isn't a camera or a reporter down your throat?

Ashley: I like to do different things. I'm just like everybody else, I guess. I like hanging with my friends and teammates. I like to do yard work and go running. Um, I also like to walk my dog.

Thrill: With you being on the soccer team, did you feel a little bitter toward the football team until this year. I spoke with Emily Hulbert (soccer player) last year and she expressed how she felt the football team received much more funding than the other sports, especially women's athletics. Where do you stand with that issue?

Ashley: Well, I can see where she was coming from, because I have seen both sides of the spectrum. But, I can also see why the football team may get more than some other sports. The football program makes so much money for the university. You also have to realize that we are in the south and football is the thing here. But, there's so much about football that the general public does-

n't know about. All people see is touchdowns and tackles — they don't see the political side of it. I don't even know all there's to know about it.

Thrill: Me neither, Ashley.

Thrill: Let's jump into free association. That is where I say a word or phrase and you tell me the first thing that comes to mind.

Ashley: Okay, I got ya.

Thrill: Coach Lisa Howe. (soccer coach.)

Ashley: So many words come to mind when I think about her. She's a dedicated teacher. I've learned so much from her.

Thrill: August 30, 2001.

Ashley: Excitement.

Thrill: Favorite food.

Ashley: Fruit. I love fruit.

Thrill: McNeese State. (Ashley's next available football game.)

Ashley: Preparation.

Thrill: Jeremy Sullivan. (Gamecock offensive lineman.)

Ashley: Respect.

Thrill: Wayne Martin. (Ashley's father.)

Ashley: Hero.

Thrill: Ashley, thanks for your time and congratulations on all of your success.

Ashley: Thank you, Thrill. See ya later.

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Martin-mania good thing for JSU community

The football team looked like they could be the team and the medium this school needed to rally around last week. Sure, we only beat an NAIA school, which is equivalent to a 6A school playing against a 2A school in Alabama high school competition. But, we beat Cumberland really bad, 72-10.

When was the last time over 11,000 people packed out Paul Snow? Well, it was probably during past graduation ceremonies. I could honestly say that it wasn't for a football game here at Jax State.

Finally, people are excited about the football team and the season. Before, it seemed as if fans or supporters only came around during the Troy State game. Not too many people were concerned with the football team, unless there was something bad printed about them. Now, thanks to Ashley Martin and a winning attitude, people care about sports again around here. I wonder if things were kind of like after the school won the football and baseball national championships in '92. Well, maybe this

isn't that big, but it's definitely good for the university and the students attending

Jax State now. The name Jacksonville State University and Ashley Martin are traveling a lot quicker than the news of a national title would. I think that I was in junior high school in 1992 and I didn't know the Gamecocks had won a national championship until I got here. Besides, who cares about a national championship besides the fans of that particular school? Everyone is reading, listening and watching everything that is broadcasts about Ashley Martin.

I can remember not even mentioning what school I went to when people asked. I can also recall a time when people would look down on someone for attending Jax State. The school that was once known as the number one partying school in the nation and nicknamed "Just show up" is now

By Anthony Hill
The Chanticleer Sports Editor



known as the school in which Ashley Martin attends. I have no problem with that. If my school is known as the first university in college football history to have a female score three points during a game, I will be proud of that simple fact alone.

It should give every student and supporter of this university a good feeling to know that people are now interested in the school that we pay tuition for. My friend and favorite photographer, Lyle Bernard called this a "Feel Good Time" here at JSU.

The only thing I can compare the school's recent increase in attention to are schools that have Heisman Trophy candidates. Think about it. Jax State has one athlete that is making national headlines and it's bringing attention to lil'o Jax State.

Among those in attendance of

last Thursday night's game from the national media were Good Morning America, ABC News, CNN, The Washington Post and the Atlanta-Journal Constitution.

When was the last time you heard anything about the Gamecock football team in the Washington Post? Let me help you out — it was last Friday. Martin was on the front page of many papers last Friday as she became the first female to score a point in NCAA history and later became the all-time leading female scorer in college history after she connected on her third attempt.

"It doesn't matter whether or not you are a girl or a guy," said Martin. "If you put your mind to anything — the sky is the limit."

Who knows how big this thing will get? Elementary school teachers might start teaching their students about the first woman to score a point in NCAA history. Ashley has already been a guest on a variety of nationally broadcasts talk shows. She's been on Good Morning America, Regis and Kelly, The Today Show and there are talks of her being a guest on a

show on the Oprah channel.

I was on my way out of my apartment on Friday night to go and cover a high school football game for The Anniston Star, when I got a call from my mother. The first thing that came out of her mouth was, "Hey sweetie, did you know that girl who kicked the ball last night?" Now, let me remind you that my mother doesn't usually get excited about things that other people do too often. But, she was all about Martin's accomplishment. She thought that was one of the most exciting things to happen in a while. I couldn't help but to say, "Yes mom, I do know her and I knew who she was before she made the kick."

I said that I knew her before her accomplishment, but did I really know her? I really only knew her as a pretty good soccer player from Ga. Now, I see her as Ashley, the sweet and charming girl who plays football for the Gamecocks.

Martin is good for soccer, college football, Jacksonville State University and good for America. She displays courage, heart, appreciation and passion for sports.

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Lady Gamecock soccer team shut out at tournament

From Staff Reports

The Lady Gamecock soccer team (0-2) couldn't muster a single point during last weekend's tournament play at Cape Girardeau, Missouri. They were shut out by scores of 1-0 and 4-0.

The Lady Gamecocks began their 2001 season with a loss to Ball State in the Southeast Missouri State Labor Day Tournament last Friday, 1-0.

Despite junior Ashley Martin's efforts with two shots on goal, the Lady Gamecocks couldn't get their offense going until the second half. Martin became the first female to play and score in a Division I football game last Thursday night and led JSU's soccer team in shots against Ball State. But that wasn't enough for the JSU soccer team to come away with the victory.

"We came out flat in the first half," said JSU head coach Lisa Howe. "We played a lot better in the second and we had a step in the right direction. We just need to learn to play the entire 90 minutes."

Ball State's Eileen Weingartner scored the only goal of the match in the 27th minute of play. Ball State outshot Jax State 9-4, while Lady Gamecock keeper Adriana Finelli tallied six saves on the night.

"We just need to get a better start," said Howe.

The Lady Gamecocks suffered their second straight shut out of the season with a 4-0 loss to Southeast Missouri State.

"We had to use some of our depth today," said Howe. "The good thing is the reserves got some valuable experience, but the bad side is our depth isn't good enough yet."

The Lady Gamecocks took

the field without two of their star players from last season. Finelli, a 2000 Atlantic Sun All Conference pick, was injured during the loss to Ball State. Emily Hulburt, one of the Lady Gamecocks' top scorers from last season has yet to play this year because of a preseason injury.

Southeast Missouri State scored three of its four goals in the first half against Jax State reserve keeper Jennifer Atchley. The last goal of the afternoon came with five minutes to play in the match.

Atchley finished the game with two saves, while Courtney Goldenberg recorded seven for the Lady Gamecocks.

The Lady Gamecocks could only muster three shots on the day. Breanne Milne, Chris Simpson and Martin led the soccer team with shots. Southeast Missouri State had 16 shots.

The Lady Gamecock soccer team will try to get back on track and return to their winning ways as they travel to Tennessee to play against Middle Tennessee State on Saturday. The match is slated to begin at 3 p.m.

Lady Gamecock volleyball team drops season-opener

From Staff Reports

Coach Jose Rivera knew that things wouldn't be easy for the volleyball team during the early portion of the season. He probably expected to come home with at least one victory during last weekend's tournament last weekend.

The Lady Gamecock volleyball team had a rough start to a season with three early losses in the Indiana University-Purdue University Invitational. The JSU volleyball team fell to North Carolina State, Eastern Michigan, and the host team IUPUI during the tournament in Indiana.

The Lady Gamecocks found the going tough very early on in last weekend's tournament. The first loss of the tournament was handed to the Lady Gamecocks by North Carolina State, 3-1. The scores were 30-22, 30-27, 25-30 and 30-17.

"We made too many mistakes serving," said Lady Gamecock volleyball head coach Jose Rivera. "And we gave up 28 points on hitting errors."

For the Lady Gamecocks, sophomore Jennifer Brenneman carried the volleyball team during the match against North Carolina State.

Brenneman had 14 kills, hitting .394 and defensively had 13 digs.

Brenneman did have a little help by fellow sophomore Meredith Duke and junior Sarah Taylor. Duke had 46 assists, while junior Taylor finished the tournament with 11 kills and sophomore Christina Cary added ten kills.

The Lady Gamecock volleyball team saw a few more growing pains during the next two matches. IUPUI pounded the JSU volleyball team with a slew of kills and digs. JSU lost to IUPUI, 4-1 in the second day of the Labor Day tournament hosted by the Jags. The JSU volleyball team were shut out during the final game of the tournament by Eastern Michigan, 3-0.

"We played our hearts out and that is all I can ask," said Rivera of the Lady Gamecocks performance.

The Lady Gamecock volleyball team couldn't put in a complete team effort during the entire weekend. For a second day in a row, sophomore Jennifer Brenneman led Jax State.

"Brenneman is hitting very well for us right now and is playing great defense. Theresa (Lynch) also stepped up and played well tonight," said Rivera.

Despite three losses in the tournament, Brenneman was selected to the all tournament team.

Rivera was disappointed that the JSU volleyball team didn't come away with a victory during the tournament, but he seemed pleased to simply get the season started and play against some other opponents besides each other.

"It was interesting to play somebody besides ourselves. We are young and made some immature mistakes, but we will be all right."

The Lady Gamecock volleyball team will try to get back on track as they host the Gamecock Classic Invitational this weekend at Pete Mathews Coliseum. Play begins tomorrow at 10 a.m. Mercer, Tennessee State University and Morris Brown are three of the schools that are expected to compete in this weekend's tournament.

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