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Short knocks 92J off air for 36 hours

By Benjamin Cunningham The Chanticleer Editor in Chief

JSU's student-run radio station was off the air for a day and a half early this week, thanks to the failure of a 24-year-old part in the station's transmitter.

Student DJs discovered they were off the air at about 9:45 p.m. on Sunday while performing regular hourly meter readings, station manager Jordan Brewer said. The staff called station engineer Mike Hathcock, who said a tube in WLJS-FM's transmitter atop Houston Cole Library had blown, causing a chain reaction of short circuits that knocked the station off the air. Brewer said smoke from the shorts set off fire alarms in the library.

After discovering the nature of the problem, Hathcock was able to get 92J transmitting again at about 10 on Tuesday morning, although at a reduced power of about 15 watts, giving the station a coverage area with a radius of about 10 miles.

The station normally broadcasts at 3,000 watts with a 50-mile radius coverage area.

Hathcock said the parts that failed had been in operation since 92J increased its transmitting power to 3,000 watts in 1978. New parts have been ordered to replace those that failed, but were overdue for delivery Tuesday afternoon, he said. If the parts arrive in time, he hopes to have the station at full strength again by the end of the week. The total cost of repairs is expected to be about \$500.

There has been a bright side to being off the air, according to Brewer. "We've gotten lots of call from people wondering what's going on, wondering why we're off the air." Since a nearby Christian radio station's signal was audible on 92J's frequency. "A lot of people were afraid that we'd been taken off the air, or that someone had changed our format."

Brewer said the calls were "heartwarming. You kind of wonder sometimes if there's really anybody



The Chanticleer/Benjamin Cunningham WLJS-FM station manager Jordan Brewer DJs during the after-work drive Tuesday. The campus radio station is broadcasting at reduced power following a series of short-cir-

out there that listens to you and loves your station and respects you. It gives you this warm, fuzzy feeling inside that people are worried about you."

cuits in its transmitter.

JSU's student radio station, WLJS-FM 91.9, first took to the airwaves in 1975, broadcasting at a mere 10 watts before the increase to 3,000 in 1978. The station airs a mix of student-produced, modern music shows and programming provided by National Public Radio.

The FCC recently approved a

request from 92J to double its transmitting power to 6,000 watts, which would give the station an even larger coverage area. Hathcock said the increase would take place sometime within the next couple of years, after a new transmitter is built atop Chimney Peak, the large mountain east of the library. The library transmitter would then be used as a backup in case the new transmitter failed. Construction on the new transmitter could begin as early as this summer, he said.

Holocaust survivor to speak at JSU ceremony next week

By Stephanie Pendergrass The Chanticleer News Editor

JSU will hold its Annual Days of Remembrance of the Holocaust of World War II on April 11. The program will feature Holocaust survivor Max Herzel.

According to Dr. Steven

Whitton, who serves on the program's committee, "[Annual Days of Remembrance at JSU] started a little over 20 years ago as an



Herzel.

idea from the head of the Wesley Foundation. It started out, as I remember, with about 20 people there. When he left, he sort of gave it over to me and we've been able to make it grow each year."

The Days of Remembrance program will feature many events, according to Whitton. "We will have a candle lighting, there will be music by members from the music department, the winners of

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JSU, GSCC prepare to move into new Ft. McClellan property

By Stephanie Pendergrass The Chanticleer News Editor

JSU and Gadsden State Community College have recently acquired Building 3181 at Fort McClellan. Renovations are currently underway to bring the building up to standards, according to Vice President for University Academic and Business Affairs, Don Thacker.

The Anniston Star reported that "the building was the military police training

center of the former fort. Now it will be home to a consortium including JSU, Gadsden State Community College and Ayers State Technical College."

Thacker said that talks have taken place with

Ayers State and space in the building is going to be rented out to them.

According to Dr. Renee Culverhouse, president at Gadsden State, "The building's been deeded to Jacksonville State University by the Joint Powers Authority that controls all the property at Fort McClellan and JSU still owns the building. They are giving us a 99-year lease on half of the build-

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Sigma Nu, still homeless after fire, weighs options for new fraternity house

By Kevin Simon

The Chanticleer Staff Writer

The search continues for a permanent home for the Sigma Nu Fraternity. The fraternity was left homeless after a devastating fire on Dec. 7 around 2:30 a.m. The fire gutted the house on the corner of Mountain Street and Spring Avenue, but no one was injured, according to firefighters.

Police continue the investigation of the fire, which originated on the Spring Avenue end of the Fraternity house. The source of the fire was reported to be a couch. According to Jacksonville Police, the fire is an obvious case of arson. Jacksonville Police Investigators Mike Denton and Fred Morrow are leading the investigation into the arson.

According to Morrow, "Arson is a difficult thing to prove." Jacksonville Police at this point have no further leads. Both Denton and Morrow have a bleak outlook on solving the case.

Sigma Nu has not let the fire defeat them, and they are making arrangements for a new residence. Trey Parish, commander of the fraternity, said, "As of May 1 we will purchase a new house or begin the construction of one."

No concrete plans have been made concerning where the Fraternity will relocate, according to Parish. The location of the new Sigma Nu house is still a matter of contention within the fraternity, but moving on to Paul Carpenter Village is one of the options. "Most likely the frater-

nity will move to another location off campus" said Parish, "but there is still a lot of debate."

It is still unclear what will happen to the current house and property of Sigma Nu, but one idea is to rebuild on the site. According to Parish to rebuild is the most attractive option.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alpha Omicron Pi: Congrats to this week's Sister of the Week: Liz Brodowski, and this week's Positive Panda Award winner: Christa Collins. Happy Birthday to Andrea Lott. Thanks to DZ for an awesome Turtle Tug yesterday. We had a blast! Good luck to our softball team in the upcoming games. Contact: Leann Davis, leannJSU@hotmail.com.

Counseling and Career Services hosts a Domestic Violence Workshop on April 4, 3 p.m.- 4 p.m. in Room 303 TMB. Ted Copeland, Calhoun County Asst. D.A. from Anniston, along with Fred Mays, a counselor in CCS, will be presenting. Copeland will explain the legal issues related to domestic violence and answer questions. Contact: Rickey Naugher, 782-5815.

Criminal Justice Seminar series is offering the last seminar of the semester on Internet Crimes Saturday, April 6 at 8 a.m. in Brewer Hall. One hour credit CJ 488 granted. Contact: Holli Driver, 782-8131.

Join a JSU Field School fun-filled program! Canyon Hike, April 6, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., \$15/person. Pinhoti Trail Hike, April 13; 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., \$15/person. Archaeological Tour, April 13; 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., \$25/per-Pre-registration is required, so call today! Contact: Tatiana Tatum, 782-5697, ttatum@jsucc.jsu.edu.

Phi Mu welcomes everybody back from spring break! We're looking forward to "AOPi in the Sky" this afternoon. We'd also like to remind everyone of our upcoming golf tournament this Friday at Stoney Brook, shotgun start at 1 p.m. Good luck to all prospective ambassadors! Study hard and have an awesome week! Contact: Brianna Bladèn, 782-6145.

SGA invites you to Holocaust Commemoration on April 11, 7:30 p.m. in the library. SGA presents Rascal Flatts on April 12, 8 p.m. in Pete Mathews Coliseum. Tickets on sale for \$8 in the Gamecock Fieldhouse. Midnight Snack and Karaoke in the Caf is April 18, 10 p.m.-12 a.m.! Get Cocky! Contact: Robert Hayes, 782-5491.

Wesley Foundation: Salvage will have a free concert Thursday, April 11 at 8:30 p.m. Also, come help us roast Bucky, Melanie, Travis, Isaac and Turtlegirl for Senior Night, Tuesday 6:30 p.m. All at Wesley on Pelham Road. Bonus! J3 (Juice Java & Jesus) every Sunday night, 8:30 p.m. at First Methodist Church behind McDonald's. Contact: Penny Ford, 435-2208.

Zeta Tau Alpha: We hope that everyone had a wonderful and safe spring break and Easter. Congratulations to our new ballerinas Amber Reid and Liara Steward, we love you both! Good luck with studies everyone, and have a great week! Contact: Amy Yancy 782-6192.

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CAMPUS CRIME

- Mar. 21 Michael Thomas, Jr. of Jacksonville, reported burglary to JSUPD occurring at Crow Hall.
- Mar. 21 Harassing communication was reported to JSUPD occurring at the Merrill Building parking lot.
- · Mar. 23 JSUPD reported breaking and entering a motor vehicle, occurring at Crow Hall parking lot.
- Mar. 28 UPD reported burglary occurring at Penn House Apartments.
- Mar. 30 Carnisha Sherree Johnson, of Jacksonville, reported burglary to JSUPD occurring at Penn House Apartments.
- Mar. 31 Kerry Edward Gleaton, of Jacksonville, reported burglary to JSUPD occurring at Penn House Apartments.
- Apr. 1 Lasaida Aeisha Whitman, of Jacksonville, reported burglary to JSUPD occurring at Penn House Apartments.

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.



Courtes, Poul Si Jacksonville firefighters douse a blaze in the trash dumpster behind Dixon Hall on Monday evening. The fire did about \$100 worth of damage

Dumpster fire behind Dixon Hall

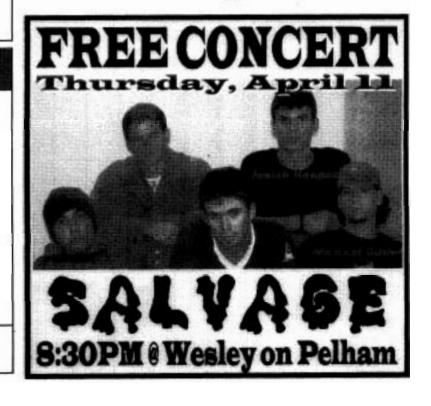
By Benjamin Cunningham The Chanticleer Editor in Chief

Firefighters extinguished a dumpster fire at Dixon Hall Monday night that police say may have been the result of a student cookout.

Jacksonville police responded to a call at 6:25 Monday evening, and put the fire out in a matter of minutes, according to Jacksonville Fire Chief Michael Daugherty. "It took every bit of six minutes to put it out from the time they got there. Let me take that back ... three minutes," he said.

Witnesses at the scene described flames rising as high as six feet from the dumpster before firefighters put the blaze out. The dumpster is located behind Dixon Hall, next to McArthur Street, about 20 feet from the dorm itself. University Police Deputy Chief Terry Schneider said the fire did about \$100 in damage.

Schneider said UPD is investigating the incident, but that they had no leads or suspects as of Tuesday. think that some students who were grilling in the area may have dumped coals in the dumpster not knowing that they were still hot and that probably caused the fire," he said.



Sigma Nu: from page 1

Thankfully, through good planning Sigma Nu was not left penniless. A sound treasury along with a housing corporation fund has left the fraternity fiscally sound. "Alumni support has been significant too" said Parish. Insurance is another matter that the fraternity has been concerned with, but according to Parish the paperwork has just been completed.

Cara Dawn Byford, faculty advisor for the Interfraternity Council, has said, "I believe the long term goal of the Sigma Nu Fraternity is to move onto Carpenter Village, and we would love to see them move over there." Byford has heard of no definite plans regarding where the fraternity will make

its home but she hopes it will be on campus.

Andrew Covington, the former commander of Sigma Nu, is optimistic that the fraternity will end up on Carpenter Village. According to Covington, "Our goal has always been to move to the village we just never had the money. Hopefully with alumni support we can move over there."

Covington, who was commander during the fire, appreciated all the support from other oncampus organizations during the crisis. Covington was quoted in January as saying, "I've received calls from-almost every sorority and almost every fraternity's president, just basically saying that they'd help any way that they could,"

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the English department's writing competition called 'Imagining the Holocaust' [will take part in the evening], and then Mr. Herzel will be the centerpiece of this. We always close with the Kaddish, which is the prayer of remembrance for those who have died," he said.

Whitton said the program is "a project of the [SGA] and has been for most of the years it's been going on. This is part of their community service."

Whitton also said that planning for the ceremony begins at the start of the school year. In the fall, the committee starts "discussing things like who we would like to have and what the format is going to be, etcetera," he said.

"The head of the committee rotates each year and this year it's Diana Cadwallader from the art department," said Whitton. Other faculty members on the committee include Teresa Suco, Linda Cain and Russel Lemmons.

Herzel, who is "very, very active on the Alabama Holocaust Commission and is active in Birmingham," according to Whitton, will speak about his life during World War II.

"Basically I will tell you a little bit about myself, the five years that we survived during World War II," Herzel said. "My message will be to respect each other, to believe in tolerance and to work toward world peace."

Herzel explained one of the messages he hopes to present at the program. "One of the messages I will tell them is currently there is a movement afoot that there [was] no Holocaust," he said. "As the Holocaust survivors are getting older and passing on, it's important that the youth of America know that it did exist, regardless of their denial and that we must be aware of it, and we must be sure it never happens again."

Herzel said Holocaust Commemoration is important to JSU. "That's where a lot of young people are and it's important that they know about the Holocaust and that they know about what has happened," he said.

According to the Anniston Star, Herzel and his family, who were from Belgium, went to France at the beginning of the war.

In an interview with The Chanticleer, Herzel said, "We became refugees and we were sent to France. We settled in France and we thought life would be normal, but unfortunately France was invaded as well."

According to the Anniston Star,

"Eventually Herzel was interned in two camps that were pipelines to the work and death camps." The newspaper also reported that Herzel's "father died in Buchenwald, and his brother escaped to joined the French underground and later the French army."

In the meantime, Herzel was placed in Jewish and later Christian orphanages.

Herzel came to the United States in December of 1948, when he was 18 years old. He currently resides in Birmingham, and served as executive assistant to the chief of staff at the Birmingham VA Medical Center.

JSU's Annual Days of Remembrance will be held at the 11th floor of the Houston Cole Library, at 7:30 p.m. and the public is invited to attend. The ceremony, according to Whitton, is "about knowledge and the hope that remembrances like this will remind us what human beings are capable of doing to each other."

Fort: from page 1

ing."

Culverhouse said this deal is "a very similar arrangement with what we already have with Jacksonville State, at Gadsden State, where there's been a new building constructed, the Joe Ford Center for Economic Development. It's been constructed on Gadsden State property and we have given Jacksonville State a 99-year lease on half the building.

"We already have cooperative arrangements with JSU and this was just a continuation of a cooperative arrangement," Culverhouse said.

Gadsden State already has plans for their half of the building. "We're going to use our operations from the elementary school where it's located now in Anniston to that facility at McClellan," Culverhouse said. "It will give us more space and better facilities for our students."

JSU on the other hand is currently unsure of what its half of the

building will contain. "Dr. Meehan is getting a group together and we're just kind of looking at what our options are right now," said Thacker. "A conversation has not been [had] on who's going to go out there."

Building 3181 is 137,000 square feet and should be finished with renovations, and open for students in fall 2004, Thacker said.

Thacker said the building will get new lighting systems, heating and air systems, ceilings and a new roof. "It needs a paint job and probably some new floor covering [as well]," he said. "It's not a real renovation, it's just bringing it back to original standards."

Thacker explained the process JSU underwent to get Building 3181. "Originally, when the fort closed, we had applied for part of a building out there. We've taught classes out there for years and we were wanting a facility out there.

"Hopefully that's going to be an industrial, economic development area and we want to be a part of

"Dr. that because education is a part of that," Thacker said. "We just felt that it was very important that there be an educational center in has Fort McClellan because the plan is that [there is going] to be a real research development type operation there and we felt like an educational facility should be there, and we wanted to be in it."

Culverhouse said the new deal with JSU and Gadsden is a good one. "It's a good deal for us because it helps our students. It gives them access to better student services and better educational facilities than they currently have in Anniston. It also gives them access to a four-year university right on the site where they're going to get courses for a two-year college."

According to Thacker, "It's in our best interest to foster and work with economic development, as well as part of our mission."

Culverhouse summed up the deal with her comment, "All of this is to help our students."

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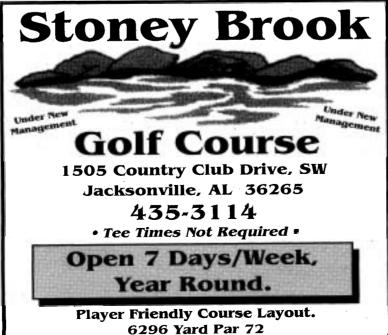
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New SGA senate meets, selects officers

By Stephanie Pendergrass

The Chanticleer News Editor

The April 1 meeting of the SGA Senate marked the organization's first meeting for the 2002-03 academic Senators were elected to committee chairs and 11 bills were

The SGA's newly elected senators attended the meeting. The 35 members, chosen by the student body to be a part of the senate, introduced themselves to one another.

Robert Hayes, SGA president, announced that Holocaust Commemoration will take place at 7:30 p.m., April 11, on the 11th floor of the Houston Cole Library. Hayes also urged students to take part in "Tell-All-Tuesday" and "Chalk it up in

the senators talking to students in their classes and spreading the word about SGA events.

It was also announced that Rascal Flatts will be in concert at JSU on April 12, at 8 p.m. at the Pete Mathews Coliseum. Tickets are currently on sale for \$8.

Stephanie Janis, 1st vice president, announced that the senate's annual retreat will be held in August. Janis also announced that all senators must be on two committees within the senate and urged the senators to sign up for the committees they wish to take part in.

In new business, student bill 1 was passed. This bill appointed Andrew Symonds as the SGA's director of publicity for the upcoming year. Student bill 2

Class." These events consist of was also passed. This bill appointed Emily Williams as senate clerk for the 2002-03 academic year.

> The senate chose to block vote student bills 3-11. All of these bills were for the 2002-03 academic year.

> Student bill 3 was a bill to appoint Amy Yancy as Stars Committee Head for the new senate. Student bill 4 appointed Elizabeth Davis as parliamentarian for the senate. Student bill 5 was a bill to appoint Zach Killgore as athletic support committee head.

> Student bill 6 appointed Kimber Merrill as campus safety committee head. Student bill 7 was a bill to appoint Miranda Bryant as elections committee

Student bill 8 appointed Rosalind Moore as a justice and student bill 9 appointed Holli Pinson as a justice. Student bill 10 appointed Deidra Walker as a justice and student bill 11 was a bill to appoint Leigha Caugthen as a justice.

Student bills 3-11 were all

In other announcements, Elizabeth Davis announced that "AOPi in the Sky" will be held April 11 and members of the sorority are selling tickets. Davis said the event will benefit arthritis research

The senate will not have a meeting next Monday, but will meet again on April 15, at 6 p.m. on the third floor of the TMB. All students are welcome to attend.

JSU fields two teams in **Model Arab** League

By Stephanie Pendergrass The Chanticleer News Editor

The JSU Political Science Model Arab League team and JSU's Model Arab League team competed in the Southeast Model Arab League Conference held in Spartanburg, S.C., March 23-24, according to University press

The political science group had 16 students representing Iraq and the Comoros Islands at the competition. JSU's Model Arab League team had five students representing Morocco.

According to Dr. Lori Owens, of the political science department, "The annual competition is sponsored by the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations, which is a non-profit organization designed to educate students about the Arab World. Participation in the Model provides students with an opportunity to learn about the various beliefs and cultures of the Arab countries. The countries represented by the JSU Political Science Department, Iraq and Comoros, demonstrate the unique differences of Arab League coun-

Owens reported that Travis Hall, a senior at JSU, won the Honorable Mention award for representing Iraq on the Arab Economic Unity Council.

Another group from the University, JSU's Model Arab League team, had five students that participated in representing Morocco. Other teams this group competed against included students from the University of Montevallo, the University of Alabama at Birmingham, Converse College, Old Dominion and Kennesaw State University.

According to Dr. Thomas Baucom, the group's advisor, "Participants from JSU were Blalock, Beverly Clarence Bocchino, Mahamed (Semo) Lahlou, Alison Prather and Miriam Shelton."

This year marked the seventh competition for this group participating in the Southeast Model Arab League Conference.

"Selection for the team is competitive and is open to any JSU student regardless of major," said "Students considering applying to law school are strongly encouraged to participate."

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There's been a groundswell of public support in the last six months for replacing that 101-year-old document, drafted by an all-white, allmale convention whose main goal was to keep blacks out of state gov-

The House did its best to keep the public from finding out what was going on. The bill was killed in an unrecorded voice vote, allowing legislators to hide how they voted. They know polls show Alabamians want a new constitution, and they didn't want their "no" votes to hurt their re-election bids.

Maybe it will hurt them anyway. It might be expecting too much to ask anyone of our generation to vote, but that's what we're asking. Register in your home district, or register here in Jacksonville. When Election Day arrives on Nov. 5, vote for any candidate for any state office who supports a new constitution, or who at least supports letting the people decide whether they want one or not.

After all, who cares if the politicians trust us to decide the issue? When was the last time you trusted a politician?

Can't we all just get along?

The end of this semester may mean the end of an era for one cam-

The housing staff of Dixon Hall, the Marching Southerners' dorm, will likely be made up this fall of students not in the band. This comes after seven years of close-knit camaraderie among the dorm's staff and residents, all part of the larger and older family that is JSU's renowned marching band.

The reason? JSU's housing office wants to implement new training for its resident assistants. The two weeks of new RA training are scheduled for the last two weeks in August. That's the same time the Southerners spend in band camp every year, learning the complex shows that have delighted audiences for nearly 50 years. The housing office has said that Southerners who don't attend the new training aren't eligible to be RAs.

Dixon residents, feeling slighted, have painted anti-housing slogans on their cars, plastered their windows with signs, and many have vowed not to live in a dorm run by non-Southerners. The housing office, meanwhile, has remained ambivalent, simply reiterating that one must attend the training to be an RA.

The band and housing offices should have reached a compromise by now, but one has yet to materialize.

If the housing office wants to improve the RA program through better training, that's to be applauded. We at The Chanticleer support that effort wholeheartedly. However, this shouldn't be done at the expense of a successful, one-of-a-kind, seven-year program that benefits the largest single student group on campus.

Administrators on both sides of the matter should be able to sit down at the same table and find a way for members of the Marching Southerners to attend both band camp and RA training. This isn't Jerusalem, after all.

On heaven and the eternal souls of moose

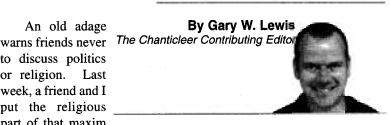
An old adage to discuss politics or religion. Last week, a friend and I put the religious part of that maxim to the test.

We had spent over an hour talking about such things as Art Garfunkel, cocktail weenies and the debate over dollarization in Argentina. Eventually, the conversation turned from such benign topics toward a discourse on the nature of Heaven.

It had started out harmlessly. She was describing a wondrous place glowing shiny and golden in the magnificence of God, and then it happened ... I chuckled.

She demanded to know what I found so amusing, her demeanor suddenly bearing an eerie resemblance to Joe Pesci in "Goodfellas." "You think I'm funny? I'm funny to you? I'm a clown to you?"

I tried to explain that the chuckle was not directed at her, but the description of "streets of gold" had reminded me of an old joke a preacher once told me. In it, a rich man dies and goes to Heaven, but is allowed to bring one item from his life on earth with him.



He brings a

cart full of gold bars, only to arrive at the Pearly Gates and have a confused St.

Peter ask why he brought pave-

My friend was not amused. She asked what I expected to see in Heaven, since I was so tickled by her description.

I began to describe deep forests, towering mountains and shimmering lakes. Then she asked why I thought Heaven would look so much like western Canada.

"Wait just one minute," I retorted. "I never said anything about Canada. It's way too cold up there. But I wouldn't mind seeing the occasional moose."

She laughed, called me a moron and informed me that there are no moose in Heaven.

This bit of news was too much for me to bear. I demanded to know why moose were denied entry into Heaven. What grievous acts had their kind committed on earth to condemn them all to Hell?

She explained that they didn't

go to Hell. They simply died, and that was the end of it.

I asked her about hedgehogs, desperate for reassurance that my recently-departed hedgie Trillian was not now trapped eternally in an otherworldly abyss. I much preferred the image of her dancing madly amid a sea of mealworms.

"Animals don't have souls," she said. "Mealworms, especially. That's just gross."

I don't know where she had come by this information, but I felt compelled to tell her that her vision of Heaven really sucks.

Apparently, insulting one's deeply held religious beliefs is even worse for a friendship than bringing up religion in the first place. I offered that maybe no single Heaven could satisfy everyone, so perhaps the afterlife would turn out to be a very personalized experience. She could have her tacky display of riches beyond belief; I could have my moose.

She was not impressed. For the next few minutes, we sat in awkward silence. Finally, she asked me why I found pearly gates and streets of gold so unappealing.

I told her that I feel earthly riches like gold, diamonds and pearls are prized by man, not by God. Why would God decorate His celestial abode with what ultimately is nothing more than rocks and hardened oyster mucus?

To me, there could be no greater expression of the majesty of God than a land unspoiled by the vanities and vulgarities of mankind. That means trees and water and -

My friend told me I was missing the point, but she agreed to disagree with me. "Pearls are pretty," she said. "I think Heaven will have lots of pearls."

I resisted the urge to ask her if that means ovsters have souls. Friendship is just too valuable.



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Facial hair is a gift to man from the gods of self-expression

A man's face is his canvas.

Look at my mug shot to the right if you would. I have a goatee, long

sideburns — chops even. Is it pretty? Well, that depends on whom you ask. Personally, my facial hair is an emblem, a hairy badge of courage, something I as a man can do.

To all the men out there, have you grown a beard before? I hope you would all answer yes. If you can't grow a beard because of a few bald spots across your canvas, I would hope you have at least grown a goatee. Why? Because you can.

Have you ever been lost in the deep thought of a perplexing fix and stroked your facial hair with your thumb and forefinger opening across your moustache then slowly

By Joshua W. Bingham
The Chanticleer Managing Editor

drawn down the hair beside your lips to join again pulling the felt below your chin? It's quite a feeling, thought provoking even.

And for the women reading, isn't it nice to run your fingers through your hair ending with a slight tug at the base of your scalp? That feeling is very similar to the effect of a beard stroke, yet not as stimulating.

Why don't more men nowadays have facial hair? Why does every man in the televised media, except for the occasional sports reporter, have no facial hair and sideburns hardly below the top of his ears?

I don't know. Maybe it's because

women don't like facial hair, and current society makes it seem dirty and the aspect of a villain.

Perhaps to further separate ourselves from hairy animals to human omniscience, the current mode dictates that all hair must be erased from the human body except atop the head.

Yes, a greater majority of women today think a beard is a gruesome and an ugly facet of forgotten days when people only bathed once a month, but why must men succumb to the ideals of women? As much as feminists would tell women to throw down the expectations and comfortable positions men would prefer them to aspire, I'm telling guys to do the same.

If you already have a girlfriend or a wife, then what's stopping you? And if you think some facial hair would interfere with any date, the beautiful thing is you can shave it off and grow it back the next day.

If you feel that facial hair is ugly

without women's degradation, I'm asking you, why? For personal growth at least, and maybe a picture, do it.

This body art is not like a tattoo, or anything as radical. It's simply growing out what God gave you.

Enjoy your canvas and explore it. From a beard, to a handlebar moustache, to a tuft of hair below the lip, to chops, and anything your artistic nature and razor allow — try it.

Just as there are many designs to be carved out of stubble, individual faces harvest unique growth patterns. Do you men know yours?

I consider my face a canvas, and I've explored many different designs across it. Some were definitely not handsome, but so what? The stress-relieving stroke of a furry chin was enough to compensate.

I'm a man and my face grows hair.

IN YOUR VIEW

"What did you do for spring break?"

--Compiled by Andrea Brown Photo Director



Ashleigh Hutchinso Sophomore English

"I went to the swamp."



Becky Harrison
Junior
Exercise Science

"I went to visit family in Texas."



Jason Lindell Junior Forensic Science

"I went turkey hunting."



Brian Seitel Sophomore Computer Science

"Watched TV."



Jeff Buckner Senior Geography

"I spent my vacation at Margaritaville."

Letters to the Editor

Parents, alumni express dismay over Dixon Hall decisions

As a former RA and and as an alumnus of Jax State I must say that the article about RA training and the Southerners is a joke right? I mean, when I was an RA they were just glad to have someone to do the job. As far as training and timetables, I do training for a living. If I dictated this schedule to people in my classes I wouldn't be as successful in my career. I schedule training around my participants' schedules if it is important. For example, I meet with supervisors that work at night...on their shift. The training is much more effective than if I meet with them as they come to work or on their off time.

I think Ms. Gandy is abusing her authority and has stepped over a most powerful line. That line is that our university always wanted to be known as the "friendliest campus in the South." Her comments weren't well thought out to be positive. I am appalled at she would even attack a group in print media. What did she gain by this?

If she has people wanting to be RAs she should find ways to make the training happen. If she has a problem with an individual she should handle that problem. If she has an ax to grind with the Marching Southerners, then she needs to get a handle on that.

As a former RA of a dorm without any air conditioning and who was a Southerner. I would like to see an apology from Ms. Gandy to the band program. Ms. Gandy, you should be in the process of building character and shaping lives while they are there.

Hank Humphrey Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. Class of 1985

Hello,

I am a 1973 graduate of JSU and the Marching Southerners. My oldest daughter lived in the Southerners Dorm (Weatherly Hall) the first two years the university set up the Southerners Dorm. I have another daughter living in Dixon Hall at the present time.

My questions are:

- If the RAs have already been though training, why do they need to go again?
- Why does the training last two weeks?
- Are other organization's members RAs?
- Are they required to miss two weeks of their organization's meetings/camps for training?
- Could a compromise be worked out?

It is not fair to ask the band members to miss two weeks of band camp. Southerners should be RAs in the Southerners' Dorm.

I know as a father with a child in the Southerners Dorm that the RAs really help the freshmen. The RAs will lend an ear or even help rearrange your room. I would hate to see the Southerners lose the comfort of their home. If my child does not feel safe or respected, why even bother being there? As a JSU parent I have heard about the other dorms, the police calls, the RAs that don't even know the names of the students on their floor. Some wouldn't give you the time of day to help their hall mates.

The Chanticleer has run the account of a number of police calls to other dorms. There have been none to Dixon Hall.

I truly believe a compromise is the best solution to the problem. This has never been an issue until now.

"The Friendliest Campus in the South" should be friendly to its best recruiting tool, "The Marching Southerners."

Sincerely, Ronnie Gaddis Director of Bands Southeast Whitfield High School

... I am appalled that the director of housing stated she couldn't worry about her decisions affecting JSU's students. Just what is she getting paid for? ...

When the Southerners express they would rather live off campus, what does she come back with? She hopes they "have more to them than that"! Than what or who might I The housing department? ask? Someone who deliberately schedules training required for RAs at the same time everyone on campus knows the Southerners hold This was obviously an underhanded way to remove Southerners from the RA positions. What childishness and pettiness! She should hope to someday possess half the professionalism and loyalty that these young people display continually in their long practice hours, renowned performances and their ongoing reputation of concern about each other, their band and their school.

It doesn't appear Ms. Humphrey or the housing office in general, has placed any concern whatsoever as to what's in the best interest of the students, at least the Southerners. Not to mention, she has completely blown off the years of experience and seniority that some of these young adults have invested in the RA program. Doesn't it make more managerial sense to keep people who are already trained and experienced? How much more training could they require after having been in the position 2-3 years?

Some of the elements in grading a manager in the government arena are:

- implements change with minimal resistance
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- implements change with a positive attitude
- keeps fully alert to the weaknesses, strengths, threats and opportunities facing the organization
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- accounts for effective and efficient use of personnel.

I'd say whoever made the recent policy changes in the housing department definitely failed all these performance goals. ...

Jennifer Koerner 256-325-1989 Parent



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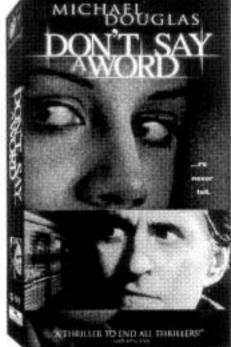






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Greek Week succeeds in charitable efforts

By Danni Lusk

The Chanticleer Features Editor

In an attempt to be "more philanthropic" this year, JSU's Greek Week encouraged Greek students to round up money for the United Way, donate blood to the American Red Cross and give clothing and food items to the Foster Family Food and Item Bank, according to Mary Beth Edwards, President of the Panhellenic Council.

Greek Week began on March 19 and continued through the 21, featuring philanthropic activities as well as competitions and games between several Greek organizations. An overall winner among the participating organizations was chosen at the end of the week based on a points system, according to Edwards. "Each event was worth different points," she said. "And even if you didn't win at an event, you still got participation points."

"The purpose of having Greek Week," said Interfraternity Council

President Stephen Holmes, "is to promote Greek unity."

The two-day blood drive brought 60 Greek students and about 100 non-Greeks to the TMB Auditorium on Tuesday and Wednesday of Greek Week to donate.

The annual Greek God and Goddess competition was also service-based this year, giving all money donated to each candidate to the United Way, according to Edwards. Each fraternity or sorority put up one person from their organization to represent them. Throughout the week, members gave donations to their chosen representative. At the end of the week, the organization that raised the most money, won the title for their representative. Stephen Brackett of Pi Kappa Phi and Jency Sharp of Zeta Tau Alpha were crowned as the Greek God and Goddess for this year. The competition raised \$400 for the United Way.

Based on Miss JSU 2002 Amber Reid's platform, an item drive for

foster children was also held for the first time during Greek Week. A "truck load" of clothing, food and household goods were collected and then donated to the Foster Family Food and Item Bank in Alexandria, Ala.

As well as service - based events, each organization participated in afternoon and evening events like ultimate frisbee, a cook-off competition, tug-o-war, bowling, swimming competi-

tions and dodgeball, according to Holmes. At the end of the week, there was a scrimmage football



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A sorority member throws a frisbee during the ultimate frisbee event during last month's Greek Week. Fraternities and sororities used the events to raise money and awareness for charities.

game and the announcement of the Greek Week winner.

Zeta Tau Alpha was awarded the Overall Greek Week Winner title.

"We wanted to make this year's Greek Week more service-based," said Edwards. "And I think we've done a good job."

Historic double victory at 2002 Oscars opens doors

By Steven Rea Knight-Ridder Newspapers

With her hands clutching her Oscar and her eyes overflowing with tears, Halle Berry dedicated her best-actress win, the first for an African-American in the academy's 73-year history, to "every nameless, faceless woman of color who now has a chance because this door tonight has been opened."

A few minutes later, that door was pried open wider for all non-white actors, not just women, when Denzel Washington took home the first best-actor Oscar of his career.

The historic double victory by African-Americans in the top acting categories was cause for jubilation among a younger generation of black performers, who celebrated not just the stars' personal triumphs, but the chance that now they, too, might someday get a shot at Hollywood's biggest prizes.

"These people are an inspiration to a bunch of other young actors coming up behind them," Reuben Cannon said, citing Washington, Berry and Will Smith, who were nominated for their roles in "Training Day," "Monster's Ball" and "Ali," respectively. Cannon, a Hollywood casting director and



Danial A, Anderson/Orange County Register Best Actor winner Denzel Washington and Best Actress winner Halle Berry pose backstage dur-

producer — and one of a small group of African-Americans working in positions of power in the film industry — sees a new wave of "young Denzels" moving to the

Although he acknowledged that black actors still face formidable obstacles beyond the normal hurdles encountered by aspiring thespians, Cannon believes things are getting better.

"I've seen the future of young black actors that will ultimately fill the shoes of Denzel, and the future is very bright," he noted.

Filmmaker Spike Lee says he was "surprised and pleased" by last week's awards. However, he sounded a note of caution, suggesting that Washington's and Berry's victories could, like Sidney Poitier's win for 1963's "Lilies of the Field," fail to affect the Hollywood status quo.

"I just hope that this last night marks a point where the performances of people of color in front or behind the camera aren't negated," Lee said. "Everybody's happy right now, but it could be like another drought for another 40 years. So we'll see what happens."

Still, Lee, who gave Berry her first film role, in 1991's "Jungle Fever," and has directed Washington three times, including his Oscar-nominated portrayal in the title role of "Malcolm X" (1992), says the importance of Oscar night was immeasurable.

"I felt great for all the winners," he said, "but I'm not going to lie, especially for Sidney and Denzel and Halle, because I know the obstacles being African-American in this industry. Especially Halle, being an African-American woman in this industry. There's stuff they have to hurdle."

Lee also spoke of the inspiration the winners provide: "To me, that's the most important factor. Who knows what young kid ... stayed up last night and said, 'You know, if Halle did it, if Denzel did it, I'm going to really work hard and dedicate my life to doing what they did.'

"It makes a difference. Because until you see somebody who looks like you doing whatever it is that you want to do, (the possibility) seems somewhat far off."

Black actors and filmmakers coming up through the ranks still face serious inequities. Yts, statistics

from the Screen Actor Guild show a 14.8 percent increase in roles for African-American actors last year over the year before. (The study showed the highest percentage of roles for African-Americans since the guild started tracking such figures in 1992.) But film historian Donald Bogle, author of "Toms, Coons, Mulattoes, Mammies, and Bucks: An Interpretive History of Blacks in American Films," believes that talents such as Phifer and Epps are being ghettoized in genre fare such as action films, hiphop movies, and features with sports themes.

"The new generation of (black) actors aren't even getting the vehicles Denzel got 20 years ago," Bogle, who is African-American, said recently.

Said casting director Cannon: "Not that there's a lack of roles in Hollywood, but there's a lack of imagination, and a lack of courage."

"If the role doesn't specify 'black' and ... there's no one in the room in a decision-making (position) — not even decision-making, there's no one in the room of color, the idea of casting the role (to an African-American) isn't even entertained," Cannon said.

Ben Stiller a model of comic talent in zany "Zoolander"

By Abbey Herrin The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Ben Stiller almost flops in the biggest way with "Zoolander," a spoof that he directed, wrote and starred in. The plot is inane, the writing horrible, but there is some redemption in the quality celebrity cameos and catchy 80s soundtrack.

When it comes to the world of modeling, Derek male Zoolander is the top dog. When he tragically loses the VH1 Fashion Award for "Male Model of the Year" to the hipped out Hansel (Owen Wilson). Zoolander is thrust into an identity crisis. After a failed attempt at a career in coal mining and the loss of his roommates in a fire, Zoolander is left desolate and alone. But lo and behold, he is offered the modeling gig of a lifetime as the spokesman for hot designer Magatu's (Will Ferrell) new line of clothing. Magatu has an ulterior motive for his choice, as he wishes to brainwash Zoolander into an assassin to do in the Prime Minister of Malaysia, who has been interfering with Magatu's clothing manufacturing.

With such an obviously lousy plot, what might "Zoolander" have to offer to a viewer? Actually, more than one may imagine. Stiller's movies never emphasize plot so much as strong comedic performances packed with hilarious details, which is exactly the case in "Zoolander." The movie pokes fun at the larger-than-life world of fashion and vanity and gets the last laugh.

The movie's success in delivery is due largely to a plethora of comedic talent that almost salvages the plot from the depths of terribleness. Stiller is very funny and commanding in the title role. He portrays the stereotypical male model persona to an exact science. His miniscule cell phone and mispronunciation of multi-syllabic words — eulogy pronounced "ewgoogly" — brings in the laughs with ease.

And then you have Will Ferrell. What can be said about him that no one already knows?



Ben Stiller stars in the movie "Zoolander," that he wrote and directed himself, as the lead character. Derek Zoolander.

The man is a barrel of laughs in any instance, and his role as Magatu is no exception. He plays the sinister fashion demagogue to a perfect "T." The story behind Magatu is a strange one; he is an ex-member of 80s band Frankie Goes Hollywood (remember "Relax"?) who achieved fashion greatness by inventing the piano-key necktie.

Wilson is outstanding as usual in his portrayal of Hansel, Zoolander's competition and later sidekick. Stiller and Wilson's on-screen comedic charisma is obvious once again, and the two are just as funny together as they were in "Meet the Parents."

Several other stars are noteworthy of a quick mention. Stiller's father Jerry appears as

Ballstein, Zoolander's streetwise agent. Seeing the father and son duo at work is a real treat and the two act well together. In addition to his father, Stiller cashes in on nepotism again to cast his wife, Christine Taylor, as Matilda, the brainy journalist who becomes Zoolander's love interest. Taylor's acting is a joke; her only claim to fame was the role of Marcia Brady in those cheesy "Brady Bunch" movies, a role she won doubtlessly due to her striking similarity to the original Marcia.

David Duchovny makes a surprise appearance as well in a very strange role. Duchovny plays JB, a kind of trashy, kind of creepy hand model. The part is great, and Duchovny capitalizes on this.

Other than the aforementioned stars, "Zoolander" is filled with countless cameos to keep a viewer on his toes.

Cuba Gooding, Jr., Fabio, Lenny Kravitz, Winona Ryder, David Bowie, Tyson Beckford, Lil' Kim and Gary Shandling pop up in the movie, to name a

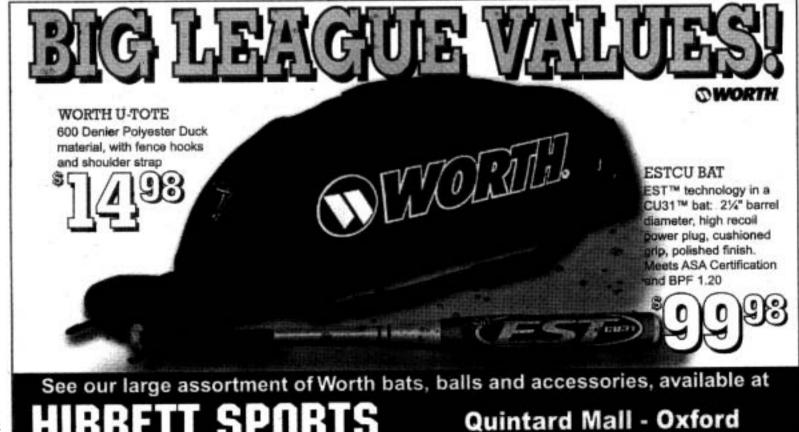
Last but not least, the "Zoolander" soundtrack is redeeming. Any terrible movie isn't quite so bad when coupled with a bombardment of 80s pop genius. Loverboy's "Working for the Weekend," Wham's "Wake Me Up Before You Go-Go" and Michael Jackson's "Beat It" help keep the movie going along and the viewers' toes tapping.

"Zoolander" is worth a gander due to strong comedy from the Stillers, Wilson and Ferrell. If you are a silly person who enjoys humor and good clean 80s pop, you will definitely enjoy this movie.

"Zoolander" will keep you laughing despite its obvious lack of substance.









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Aja Daashuur

Before the Beginning

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Review by Abbey Herrin The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Aja Daashuur's debut album, "Before the Beginning," is a show-case of the 21-year-old's talent. She wrote all the lyrics on the album and plays piano on most tracks. Daashuur combines a wistful, TRL attitude with unusual musical styling most comparable to pop queens such as Tori Amos, Jewel and Alanis Morrissette.

"Before the Beginning" lacks in diversity; most of the tracks are whiny ballads that discuss the shal-



Courtesy Extasy Records

lowness of the MTV generation or a love gone wrong. Daashuur's ability to write and play almost makes up for the unoriginal song content, but not quite. Most of the tracks are along the same parallel, ballads of teenage angst without much punch. However, the incorporation of violins, cellos and violas add a nice touch to the redundant music. Drummer Josh Freese of A Perfect Circle is featured on many of the tracks and he keeps a faithful beat throughout the melancholy tunes.

In "Shadow of Saints," Daashuur is questioning her religious faith with a voice of uncertainty. This thoughtful and poppy ballad includes a tone of despair and disbelief in piety: "Walking in the shadows of saints / Can't live up to the visions that they paint."

In "Change Me Back," Daashuur addresses one of her staple topics, the unappreciative lover. "Could it be you deceived me? / While I defended you to all who cut you in two / Oh, well if there's a hell you'll have your own cell" she cries, speaking out for betrayed teen girls everywhere.

The Tori Amos-ish song "Help Me" is a haunting plea. The song could make the happiest people want to hang themselves: "I try to come out of my shell / But there's no one there to share my private hell." The cello and violin on this track add greatly to the depressing tone as well.

"Candy Cane" is a mysterious type of song that also questions the meaninglessness of the younger generation, accompanied by heavy-hitting guitar riffs. "Carbon copy of my age / Generation X is my cage" Daashuur cries in a plea of the tortured teenage soul.

"Before the Beginning" is definitely not worth purchasing. It follows in the line of cliched female pop songs with a sobbing air of unrequited love. This genre is tired and redundant, and Daashuur really doesn't have the talent to pull it off like Tori Amos or Jewel.

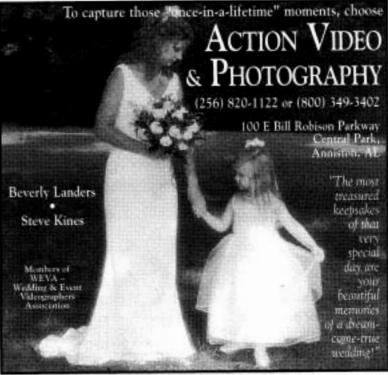
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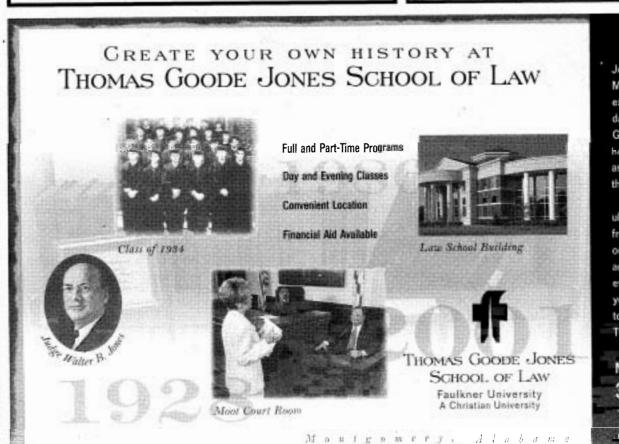
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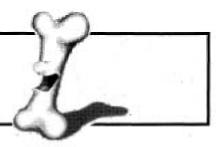
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- average American adult male brush his teeth per day?
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By Lasha Seniuk

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Aries (March 21-April 20). Before midweek officials may disagree concerning new policies or additional work projects. Expect minor tensions and ongoing power struggles. Provide detailed, accurate information. For the next four days, authority figures may unexpectedly request complex reports or completed paperwork. Later this week, a close friend may admit to a past indiscretion or broken promise. Planned social events, late cancellations and private romantic jealousies are all accented.

(April Taurus 21-May Passionate encounters are unavoidable this week. Expect subtle but compelling romantic overtures from loved ones. Some Taureans, especially those born in late April, may encounter unusual messages from past lovers or distant friends. If so, expect social triangles and yesterday's romantic promises to require delicate diplomacy over the next eight to nine days. After Thursday, enjoy quiet family moments. Close friends and relatives need your undivided attention.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Before Thursday, romantic promises are unreliable. Watch for lovers or close relatives to present conflicted ideas or opinions. Passions will be high. Expect self-doubt, reversed plans and open questioning of self-worth. Although loved ones appear unpredictable, trust your own first impressions. Deep emotional changes may be needed to ensure long-term success. Gather friends for support and react honestly to all statements and requests.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Career optimism and social energy return this week. After a brief phase of inward reflection and private planning, many Cancerians will emerge dedicated to new business or social goals. Much of this will feel highly energizing. Expect the next few days to bring forth exciting ideas and rare social introductions. Early Friday, watch also for a quick wave of romantic passion and sensuality. Loved ones and potential mates may openly via for your attention; stay balanced.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Love relationships or new social obligations will be easily challenged early this week. Before Wednesday, expect loved ones to introduce revised information or private opinions. Areas of concern may involve triangles between friends, romantic jealousy or difficult home relationships. Thoroughly discuss all needs, thoughts and observations. In the coming weeks, an honest and open disclosure of feelings will be your only route to permanent suc-

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Social politics may be difficult this week. Before Thursday, expect co-workers and close friends to deny their past ideas, input or public opinions. Subtle emotions may be involved. Don't expect a reliable or defining response. After midweek, new assignments, job titles and hiring practices may create controversy. Wait for attitudes to return to normal before pressing for answers. Later this week, rest and enjoy quiet family activities.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Early this week, colleagues or key officials may comment on your personal style, attitude or appearance. Public image and social reputation are important considerations over the next few days. Expect unusual suggestions or detailed social discussions with work mates. Past ideals, presentations or statements may be challenged. After Wednesday, romantic signals may be vague and misleading; wait for solid confirmation before taking emotional

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Friends and lovers may dramatically alter their social outlook this week. Over the next four days, watch for past promises, outgoing relationships or vesterday's group events to be openly debated. Loved ones will confidently state their motives and present expectations. React positively to new social pressures or invitations, no matter how unrealistic. Thursday through Sunday, romantic attractions will intensify. Expect vivid flirtations and seductive overtures.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Old memories and past social expectations have a powerful influence this week. Before Wednesday, watch for an introspective mood from friends, lovers or close family members. Much of this inner reflection is necessary to ensure the success of longterm relationships. Expect loved ones to privately evaluate their needs, goals and future romantic plans. Remain silent and wait for positive announcements. Key emotional decisions will soon take precedence.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20). Loved ones may express a deep need for social or romantic fulfillment. Late Tuesday, watch for friends or relatives to reveal their past disappointments and regrets. All of this is healthy and will quickly translate into positive action in the present. Expect friends and close relatives to soon participate more fully in your life. After Saturday, business records or past financial documents will require extra attention. Don't delay; a quick response is needed.

21-Feb. Aquarius (Jan. Workplace decisions and complex documents will require added attention this week. Expect a fast wave of minor details or public relations problems. Little of this can be avoided so don't anticipate a definitive breakthrough or resolution. Do, however, watch calculations carefully. For the next nine days, money facts or small changes will indicate the best route to business success. Stay focused. Career and financial rewards may be more promising than anticipated.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20). Social timing and diplomacy are important this week. Late Wednesday, watch for loved ones or close friends to introduce new romantic options or social plans. Past love affairs or private attractions may create an atmosphere of intrigue and tension. For the next five to six days watch for yesterday's emotional promises to conflict with today's romantic obligations. No long-term affects are likely, but do expect deeply felt or hidden emotions. If your birthday is this week . . .

Follow your instincts and first impressions concerning new work opportunities and fast romantic changes. In the coming seven months, a powerful wave of emotional renewal, romantic passion and career optimism is due. Expect new inspiration and vitality to soon arrive. Many Aries natives will dramatically change their social lives and romantic expectations in the coming months. Watch for outdated or unproductive relationships to steadily fade. By mid- to late-December, key business and romantic decisions will be necessary. Stay focused on longtrusted ideals and remain true to your own inner voice; all is well.

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SPORTS

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Give credit to the JSU softball team

By Anthony Hill

The Chanticleer Sports Editor



It's time to give credit where the REAL credit is due. I bet some of you are confused, aren't you?

No need to be.

I'm not talking about the football team either. Don't get me wrong. I have love for the Gamecocks on the gridiron, but the best team at JSU is the softball team. That's right. The softball team.

Just look at the winning percentage of the JSU softball team. All they did was win the conference title last season. And, the ladies look to be on their way to another successful season and possibly, another conference title. When was the last time JSU won a conference title in another sport? Let me help you out, it's been 10 years.

The Gamecocks were on an 11game winning streak until earlier this week. Hey, they're still good. They've beaten teams like South Carolina, Coastal Carolina, Georgia Southern, UAB, Army, Wisconsin-Green Bay and Birmingham Southern.

The talent level on the team is truly unbelievable. Simply look at players like Rachel Countryman, Veronica Davis, Jessica Ford, Renee Hasan, Andrea Tomey and Tera Ross. And don't forget about lil'ol Samantha Gutierrez, "Breezy" Oleman and Melinda McDonald, the freshmen.

Every moment of each softball game is full of action.

The team is where it's at, but when you talk about the softball team you've got to mention their soon-to-be legendary coach, Jana McGinnis. She has been named coach of the year once and has guided the team to three conference championships. Come on now, where's her props. I've got'cha

The Gamecocks are also in the top 10 of the NCAA Regional Softball rankings. This year was the first time the Gamecocks have ever been chosen for the poll.

So, go and check out the ladies that are putting JSU on the map. Our next home game is April 12, when they play FAU. It's guaranteed to be a thriller.

Gamecocks beat UCF, fall to Florida Atlantic

From Staff Reports

The Jax State baseball team spent spring break in Florida, but it wasn't on vacation. The Gamecocks (13-17, 1-10) beat Central Florida and dropped two games to Florida Atlantic last week.

JSU began the break with a 6-5 win over Central Florida (16-12, 5-1) at Rudy Abbott Field on March

Senior infielder Andrew Tarver slugged a two-run home run in the bottom of the seventh inning with one out to lift the Gamecocks past

The victory snapped a 21-game Atlantic Sun losing skid for the Gamecocks, while JSU ended a 17game A-Sun regular season winning streak for UCF.

Jax State held a 4-1 lead entering the top of the seventh inning, but UCF rallied to score four runs with two outs to take a 5-4 lead.

Wayne Summers reached on a fielder's choice and moved to second after David Mann beat out an infield single. Mike Myers followed with a RBI single to right field to score Summers. Clay Timpner then had a base hit through the right side to tie the game at 4-4. Rich Wallace then hit a RBI single to score Timpner and give UCF the

Nick Whidden came in to pitch the



curve ball earlier this season. Tarver hit a two-run homer to lift the Gamecocks past UCF last Saturday at Rudy Abbott Field.

final inning for UCF, but issued a walk to Heith Comer before giving up the homer to Tarver. JSU's Dana Dawley threw just five pitches in the bottom of the sixth inning, but picked up his first career win.

Evan Conley went 2-for-2 to lead JSU, while Mann and Timpner each finished with three hits apiece for the Golden Knights.

The Gamecocks then took a trip to Boca Raton, Fla. to face No. 28 Florida Atlantic last weekend.

The Owls beat JSU, 12-3, 5-4 and 8-7, to claim the series sweep over the Gamecocks.

Matt Pali went 3-for-4, including a two-run home run in the first inning, to lead Florida Atlantic to a 12-3 win in the first game last Friday.

Chris Pillsbury allowed just four hits in five innings to get the win, while JSU's C.R. Palmer suffered his first loss of the season after allowing 10 runs and giving up 11 hits in five innings of work.

The Owls jumped out to take a quick 8-0 lead after scoring three runs in the first and adding five runs in the second inning.

Pali, who was named the A-Sun

Player-of-the-week last Monday, got the Owls rolling in the first with a two-run blast to right field and Mike Cox had a RBI single. FAU then pushed five runs across in the second, highlighted by a three-run homer by Gabe Somarriba.

FAU answered by tacking on two runs in the bottom of the eighth inning to push the lead to 12-2. Derek Hutton and Bobby Spano each had a pair of hits to lead the Owls' 14-hit attack.

Clint Carroll had a RBI single in the top of the ninth inning to score JSU's Taylor Talbot for the final

In the second game, the Owls scored three in the fourth inning and two in the fifth to claim a 5-4 comefrom-behind win and Maclane pitched an inning of hitless ball to earn the win last Saturday. JSU's Steve Shippey got stuck with the loss for the Gamecocks.

JSU took a 2-0 lead into the fourth before FAU scored three times. including Bobby Spano's two-run single with two outs to give the Owls a 3-2 lead.

The Gamecocks then took a 4-3 lead after Scott Smith drove in two runs on a single, but FAU countered in the bottom of the fifth inning when Mike Valdes connected for a two-run homer to right field. Tim McNab picked up his seventh save

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Jacksonville State tennis teams split with Mercer

By Anthony Hill

The Chanticleer Sports Editor

The Jacksonville State women's tennis team (10-5) continued its dominance when it shut out Mercer University on Tuesday. Gamecock men had a difficult time with the Bears when they got swept in doubles matches, but grabbed two victories in singles.

"It was good to get the win today," said head coach Steve Bailey. "If you're not ready to play, they'll beat you. I was a little worried, because Mercer is a scary team."

No need to worry. The women were in top form against the Bears.

The day began with the women smashing their way past Mercer in doubles. Sally Pearson and Sophie De'Smet dominated Lia Fabiano and Emma Pettersson, 8-3. Vanessa Gomez and Robin Gorman smashed their way past Kim Morris

Jessica Gomez and Heather Miller finished the sweep with a victory over Chalsey Akhridge and Nicole Portefield, 8-4.

The men were unable to win a match in doubles, but Ruben Herrera and Arthuro Nieto put up a heck of a fight. Herrera and Nieto lost to Michael Witting and Nima Akhavein, 14-12.

"I thought they should've won that one," said Bailey. "I don't think it should've came to a tiebreaker when we're up 7-2. Every time we hit a good one, they came back with a better one. That was still an incredible match.'

Rafeal Rodriguez and Nick Utley lost to Richardo Echeverri and Felipe Echeverri, 8-0. Toby Bourke and Matt Davis lost to Subash Patel and Jeff Moore, 8-3.

and Beth Bolton, 8-1. The team of nate in singles matches with a 7-0 sweep over the Bears.

"We're playing well because we've got an experienced team," said Bailey.

The player to watch had to be the talented junior Sally Pearson, who is presently 14-1 on the season. Pearson beat Pettersson, 6-3, 6-3.

"Sally is probably the best player I've coached," Bailey said. "I've coached a few all-Americans and she's right there with all of them. She can hit well, she has an excellent return and she shows great form. She's simply a complete play-

Pearson wasn't the only player showcasing her skills. The entire women's squad looked excellent against Mercer.

Des'met continued to play well as she defeated Pettersson, 6-3, 6-3. The women continued to domi- Gorman looked to be in top form

after she beat Bolton, 6-2, 6-1. Vanessa Gomez smashed her way past Tracy Campbell, 6-4, 6-1. Miller beat Akhridge, 6-2, 6-1. Jessica Gomez also had a great outing when she dominated Porterfield, 6-2, 6-3.

The men were only able to grab two victories in singles competition. Nieto got a win at the number two spot, 6-4 and 7-6. Bourke also got a win at the number four spot, 2-6, 7-6 and 6-2.

The Gamecocks will host in-state rival Troy State today. The Trojans are the No. 54-ranked team in the nation. The matches are set to start at 2 p.m.

"They're scary and they're loaded. They're probably the best team in the league," Bailey said. "I'm looking forward to playing them at home. I think we can beat

Jacksonville State golf finishes fourth

Campra, Mackie and Anselmo finish strong at Chenal Trojan Cup

From Staff Reports

The Jax State golf team shot a three-round total 885 to finish in fourth place at the Chenal Trojan Cup golf tournament, hosted by the University of Arkansas-Little Rock last Tuesday

Southeastern Louisiana set a tournament record with a score of 862 to claim the title. Troy State University set the previous record

of 873 in 1995.

Southeastern Louisiana's Andy Smith shot a nine-under par 207, also a tournament record, to win individual honors. Smith shot 68 in each of his first two rounds and a 71 during the final round.

The Gamecocks fought hard to finish fourth. Jax State began the tournament in eighth place after shooting a team total of 300 over the first 18 holes last Monday.

Lamar University led in the first

round after firing a 282 total. Baylor and Southeastern trailed, but Southeastern would take the lead during the final day of competition after a record-setting performance.

The Gamecocks had three players finish in the top 10 at the tournament. Jose Campra, Steven Mackie and Matias Anselmo each shot 220 to finish in a three-way tie for ninth place. Angel Monguzzi shot a total of 229 and finished in 47th place.

Teams	Scores
Southeastern Louisiana	862
Lamar University	874
Texas-Arlington	879
Jacksonville State	885
Baylor University	894
Oral Roberts	901
Louisiana-Monroe	902
Texas-San Antonio	905
Sam Houston State	909
Abilene Christian	910
Middle Tennessee State	919
Arkansas-Little Rock	924
Stephen F. Austin	931
Louisiana Tech	938
Troy State	951
McNeese State	957

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of the season as the Owls held on for the win.

In the final game of the series, L.J. Biernbaum hit a solo home run to right field in the bottom of the ninth inning to lift Florida Atlantic to an 8-7 win over the Gamecocks.

JSU jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the top of the first inning on RBI singles by Tarver, Evan Conley and Brian Haskins, but FAU tied the score in the second inning by plating three runs.

Jax State then took a 4-3 lead after Tarver scored on a Conley sacrifice fly, but FAU answered to take its first lead in the fourth by scoring a pair of runs. The Owls pushed the lead to 7-4 in the fifth after Jeremiah Creech scored on a wild pitch and Valdes was able to score on a bunt.

The Gamecocks stormed back in the sixth inning to tie the game at 7. Tarver, Conley and Heith Comer got their bats going to help JSU get back into contention. But, FAU took the victory in the ninth after the Beirnbaum homer.

The baseball team will return to action tomorrow when they host instate rival Troy State in a three-game series at Rudy Abbott Field. Friday's single game is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. and Saturday's double-header is slated for 1 p.m.

JSU softball splits with Mercer, loses first home game this season

By Anthony Hill

The Chanticleer Sports Editor

The Jax State softball team lost its first home game of the season to Mercer 8-9 on Tuesday but won the second game of the doubleheader 2-1.

Junior pitcher Veronica Davis was slowed down by an injured shoulder and sophomore slugger Rachel Countryman missed the game after being in the hospital all day on Tuesday.

"Today started out bad," head coach Jana McGinnis said. "It was

a bad day, overall. Our pitchers are injured. Rachel Countryman is sick. Our line-up was changed and when you get to April you don't want to change. You'd like for everything to run smoothly and it didn't."

The Gamecocks started off slow and found themselves down 6-0 in the top of the third inning. Jax State stormed back in the bottom of the third inning and scored seven-straight points to take a 7-6 lead. "Our team showed a lot of guts," McGinnis said. "We came back after being down 6-0. That showed the heart this team has. I wish we

could've kept it going the rest of the game."

Well, JSU couldn't keep it going and let the Bears slip away with the win in the final inning.

Mercer added two more points after Christy Bowey slapped a tworun homerun in the top of the fourth inning. That made the score 8-7.

The Gamecocks tied the game at 8 points when Stacey Smith raced home after Renee Hasan doubled to centerfield.

The celebration was short-lived, because Mercer took the lead for good in the top of the seventh after Bowey hit her second homerun of the game to give the Bears a 9-8 victory.

Veronica Davis was stuck with the loss after pitching two innings in relief of Tera Ross.

Jax State stormed back in the second game and won in dramatic fashion in the ninth inning.

The game was tied at 1 through nine innings. Then, the Gamecocks turned up their intensity and got the win after Ashley Cling scored to lift JSU past Mercer.

The Gamecocks will travel to Buies Creek, N.C., to play conference foe Campbell on Saturday.

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One on one with "Thrill:" Scott Smith

By Anthony "Thrill" Hill The Chanticleer Sports Editor

Sophomore baseball player **Scott Smith** is in league of his own. He's the only male two-sport athlete here at JSU. He's also a legitimate college star. He looks more like a rock star than a sports star. I call him the Jason Seahorn of Jax State.

You probably would never guess that he's a Georgia boy. He dresses and looks more like a guy from California or Florida. He's as cool as the other side of the pillow though. There aren't too many athletes like Scott. There aren't too many people like Scott.

Smith and I sat down on Monday night to talk about everything from sports to gossiping girls. Scott was ready for any and every question I could think of, and that's how he plays —ready for anything.

Thrill: What's up Scott? Scott: What's happening?

Thrill: I guess my first question is what's going on with the team right now? Do you think that we are having a successful season right now? Just tell me your feelings on the way the season is going.

Scott: We really haven't been hitting the ball very well, especially



down at FAU.
We played some good baseball and we got swept. But, I think we can definitely have a good season.

Thrill: I mean we're not losing games by a lot of points or anything. We just don't seem to be able to pull out the close games yet. What needs to be done to turn this around?

Scott: (Pause.) I think that we need to get our confidence level up. If we win a couple of conference games, maybe our confidence will go up. I think that's the key. We have a pretty tough conference. If we beat Troy this weekend, I think our confidence will go up more.

Thrill: What's the team's weakness right now?

Scott: We haven't really been hitting the ball real well. We will get runners in scoring position and we haven't been getting them in like we're capable of doing. Defensively, we've been playing very well and our pitchers have been throwing pretty well. We just need to hit the ball better.

Thrill: Let me ask you this: What's the difference between last year's coaching staff and the present one?

Scott: (Pause.) That's a tough question to answer. It's totally different. There's a lot better work ethic, a lot more structured practices and a lot more expectations.

Thrill: What about the team in general? Is this a better team than last year's squad?

Scott: Yeah. We have a few new players. We have a few better hitters and outfielders. I think it's a lot better. We're a lot closer and it's a



Sophomore catcher/ fullback Scott Smith.

better team atmosphere than last year.

Thrill: Now Scott, you're also a football player. Which sport is your favorite between base-

ball and football?

Scott: (Laughs.)

I like them both the same.

Thrill: What's it

a JSU baseball and football player? You must get all

the play from the ladies?

Scott: (Laughs) Man I

Scott: (Laughs.) Man, I wish. I wish I did. It's fun, but it's pretty tough, especially keeping up with classes.

Thrill: Let's talk about your personal life a little bit.

Scott: Oh, here we go.

Thrill: (Both laugh.) What type of women do you look for?

Scott: I like petite woman. I like dark haired, dark skinned and smart woman, of course. I really like dark hair. They've got to have a good personality. I've got to have fun hanging out with them.

Thrill: Do you and some of your baseball teammates throw wild parties from time to time? I've heard the baseball players gets it up.

Scott: No more than the football team. (Both laugh.) Before I played I heard stories too about baseball players and how they were wild and all. Sometimes we get a little wild, but we're just like the football players.

Thrill: OK. Who's your favorite coach, coach Jack Crowe or



Scott: (Laughs.) Do I have to answer that?

Thrill: (Laughs.) Yeah.

Scott: I'm going to go ahead and answer this one. I haven't been around Coach Case that long and I think he's a great coach. But, I've been around Coach Crowe longer and he's been real fair to me about this baseball and football thing. As of right now, I'm going to say coach Crowe.

Thrill: Where would you have gone to school if you didn't sign with ISU?

Scott: Probably somewhere in Florida. I wanted to go somewhere in Florida, where the sun is shining all the time. I was thinking about UCF or somewhere like that.

Thrill: Do you have a favorite major league team?

Scott: I gotta go with the Braves. Me being from Atlanta, I've gotta go with the Braves.

Thrill: Everyone has things in their life that they wish could be done over. What's one thing you wish you could do over?

Scott: I wish I would've gone straight to college after high school. I wish that I didn't go to the Air Force Academy.

Thrill: All right. (Pause.) Are you superstitious?

Scott: No. It's funny, a lot of the guys on the baseball team think they have to sit in the same seat in the dugout and wear the same socks. I think that's ridiculous. I don't think it makes a difference at all.

Thrill: Scott, do you believe Coach Case can help bring JSU to the level it was once on in Division II, under Rudy Abbot?

Scott: No doubt.

Thrill: Do you have any nick-names?

Scott: (Laughs.) I don't know if I should answer that. "Smitty" is one. There's another one I don't think I should say. It sounds a little arrogant. Well, I'll tell you. It's "Scotty

Too Hotty." (Both laugh.) A lot of people on the baseball team call me that. I don't like it too much.

Thrill: It's cool. What type of things do you do during your free time?

Scott: I like to fish, golf and go to concerts. I like the normal guy stuff.

Thrill: What is the craziest thing you've done to get a girl's attention or date?

Scott: (Pause.) When I was a senior in high school me and a buddy of mine were at this line dancing place. I got a little country



side to me. We were all line dancing and these girls crowded around us. For some reason

we just took off our shirts right in the middle of the dance floor. All the girls just started cheering for us. It was crazy.

Thrill: What do you think about the women here at JSU?

Scott: They're different. It's a lot different than back home. There is a lot more gossiping. Most of the girls around here are pretty nice. There is a lot of gossip that goes on around here.

Thrill: Do you have a favorite dish you like to eat?

Scott: Hamburger Helper. I just found out about it a couple of weeks ago. I've been eating it every night. I like Tuna melts 100.

Thrill: Do you have any crazy road trip stories? (Pause.) It could be from football or baseball?

Scott: I guess the craziest thing was the incident in Florida, where we chased down that guy. I wasn't going to say that one because it's been all over the place, but that was **definitely** the craziest.

Thrill: Free Association. Gamecock football.

Scott: Why I came to school here.

Thrill: Atlanta Braves.

Scott: Going to win it this year.

Thrill: Bill Romanowski.

(Oakland Raiders linebacker)

Scott: Best linebacker in the NFL.
Thrill: Mac Smith. (Football teammate and brother)

Scott: (Laughs.) Crazy. Thrill: Stephanie

Janis. (SGA 2nd Vice President) Scott: (Long Pause.) Great girl. Cool girl. Thrill: Papaid

Thrill: Rancid. (Punk group)
Scott: Good group.

Thrill: That will do it Scott.

Thanks for the interview. Good luck against Troy State this weekend.

Scott: Thanks a lot man. We'll see you later.





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