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Happy Valentine's Day! • page 9

Bush orders CIA to draft plan to oust Saddam

By Warren P. Strobel & John Walcott
Knight Ridder Newspapers (KRT)

WASHINGTON - President Bush has decided to oust Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein from power and ordered the CIA, the Pentagon and other agencies to devise a combination of

military, diplomatic and covert steps to achieve that goal, senior U.S. officials said Tuesday.

No military strike is imminent, but Bush has concluded that Saddam and his nuclear, chemical and biological weapons programs are such a threat to U.S.

security that the Iraqi dictator must be removed, even if U.S. allies do not help, said the officials, who all spoke on condition of anonymity.

"This is not an argument about whether to get rid of Saddam Hussein. That debate is over. This is ... how you do it," a senior

administration official said in an interview with Knight Ridder.

The president's decision has launched the United States on a course that will have major ramifications for the U.S. military, the Middle East's future political alignment, international oil flows

and Bush's own war on terrorism. Russia and most of America's European allies have expressed alarm about the administration's escalating rhetoric on Iraq.

The course also is fraught with potential military diffi-

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SGA plans trip, rally at state capitol

By Stephanie Pendergrass
The Chanticleer News Editor

On Feb. 2, JSU, and other institutions from around the state will take part in Higher Education Day. The event will be held on the steps of Alabama's State House, in Montgomery.

The theme for this year's Higher Education Day is "Courageous Solutions: Economic Development, Tuition Fairness, Competitive Compensation," according to the Higher Education Partnership's Web site.

The site also reports that the Higher Education Day Rally will begin at 11 a.m. after a free barbecue lunch. After lunch, the Business Council of Alabama's Job Fair will be held at the Montgomery Civic Center.

Dr. Bill Meehan, JSU president, summed up the main goal of Higher Education Day. "The main goal is to publicize the importance of higher education and what it contributes to Alabama and how important it is for the future of all of our people and the importance of higher education in economic development.

"It's a day that lets the legislatures know that higher education is an important, driving force in Alabama."

Meehan said he has attended Higher Education Day every year, and this year will be no different. The president, along with members

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City opens rec center

By Kevin Simon
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Jacksonville's Parks and Recreation Department has recently made a giant leap forward with the creation of the new 40,000 square foot Jacksonville Community Center on E Street, beside Fruit of the Loom's Union Yarn Mills.

Until just five weeks ago there was no home for the Parks and Recreation Department, but PARD has now moved into the new center, which is also host to many events and the location for many community activities.

The building was first proposed 12 years ago and has always been in demand by the community. According to Bo Batey, PARD's director, the community center has three goals: to provide the youth basketball league with a permanent gymnasium, to provide for community fitness and to contain rental space for classes, seminars or meetings.

The new community center also has an outdoor pool facility to replace Jacksonville's outdated existing ones, Batey said. The

new pool is fully handicapped accessible featuring a sloped zero-depth entry point.

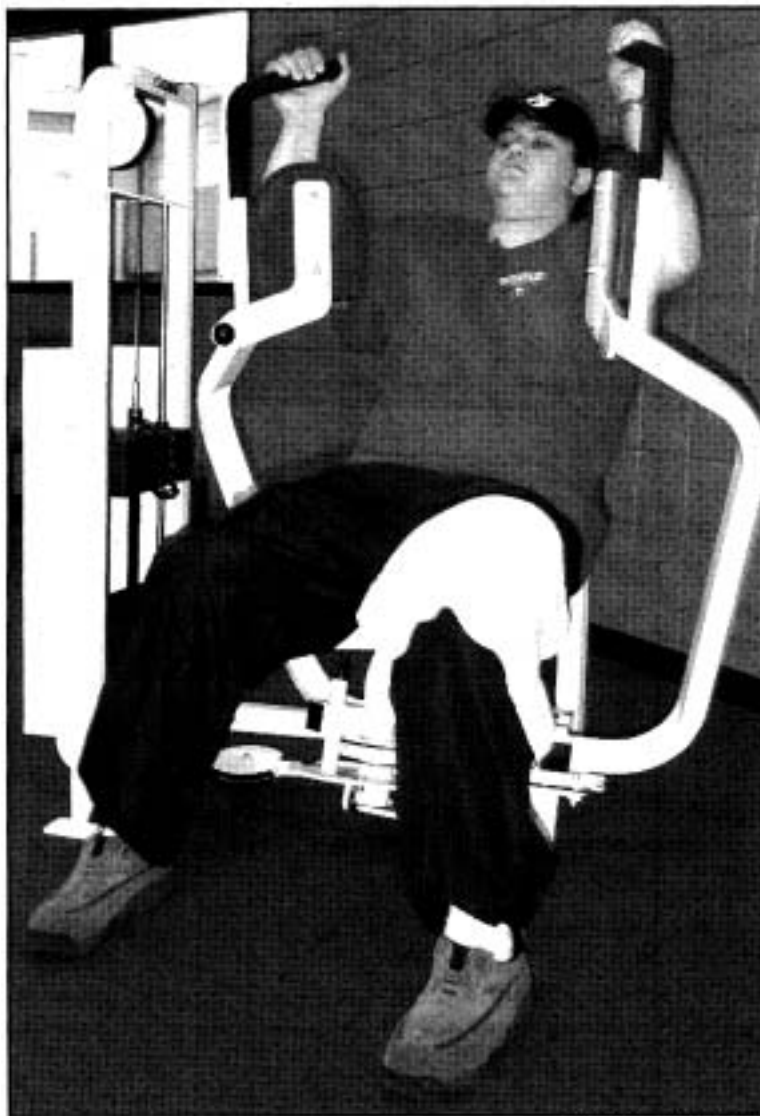
Demographics have not yet been fully gathered, but according to Batey's office, over 1,500 people have signed memberships in the past 10 days. "I am surprised but pleased that so many students have showed interest in the facility," Batey said.

Many programs at the center are targeted not only at youth activities, but also senior events. Some favorites of many of the seniors are the suspended track and the low-impact aerobic activities.

The community center also boasts rooms for rent that are capable of teleconferencing, and have built-in power point screens, Batey said. A catering kitchen is also available in some of the rental spaces. Many church functions have been scheduled, and even a beauty pageant is being scheduled. Concession stands are also available to both the gymnasium and the poolside, offering refreshments and varying foods.

One factor that is particularly important to the community center

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A JSU student works out at the new Jacksonville Community Center recently. The center opened to the public last month.

SGA senate updates constitution, takes election applications



Senator Amy Yancey discusses the issues at Monday's SGA senate meeting.

By Tomiko Goodman
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

The SGA meeting held on Monday, Feb. 11, announced new changes to the constitution for upcoming senators. New senators will have to have a 2.3 GPA starting in 2003.

Applications for SGA elections

are due by 4:30 p.m. today in the SGA office at the TMB. Robert Hayes, the SGA's director of publicity, announced that all students that want to run for a senator position should remember to turn in their application on time.

Also, April Dorsett was awarded senator of the week on Monday.

Angela Morgan, a specialist at

the Anniston Museum of Natural History, was the speaker for this week's meeting. Morgan is working on a project to help clean up communities and rid the area of trash. "Earth Day 2002: Project Calhoun County," is scheduled for April 20 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. This project is a collaborative community effort to unite many

different organizations throughout Calhoun County in a common goal.

Morgan wants teams, from the community and JSU, to help in Earth Day. Environmental experts will be assigned to each team to help direct teams for clean up.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

•**Alpha Omicron Pi:** Congrats to our new officers: President, Heather Miller; VPA, Lacey Daniel; VPE/Alum Relations, Elizabeth Davis; VPAD, Olivia Rogers; CR, Kristi Smith; Treasurer, Nikki Taylor; New Member Educator/Keeper of Ritual, Marlana Chandler; Recording Sec., Tabatha Thomas; Corresponding Sec., Samantha Morrow; Philanthropy, Jennifer Hull; PR, Leann Davis; Panhellenic, Alison Pierce. **Contact:** Kristi Smith, 782-6206.

•**Delta Zeta:** Happy Valentine's Day! We had a great time at our Delta Chi Mardi Gras Mixer! We're looking forward to our "Turtle Shells" COB and hope there's a wonderful turnout! Weekly awards: Sister, Tiah; Tiny Turtle, Taryn & Courtney; Twisted, Tavia; Support, Hailey; Alumnae, Kim Dalesandro; Baby Turtle (Legacy), Madison Dalesandro. **Contact:** Tavia McMunn, iamdaisycrazy@hotmail.com.

•During Spring Semester, the **English Competency Exam** will be given at the following times: Feb. 19, 6-7:30pm and Feb. 20, 3-4:30pm. You must register by Feb 13 in 215, Stone Center. Optional workshops for ECE will be held Feb. 11, 6-7:30pm and Feb. 12, 3-4:30, in Merrill Hall Rm. 101. **Contact:** Mrs. Sellers at 202 Stone Center, 782-5512, ssellers@jsucc.jsu.edu.

•**JSU's Little River Canyon Field School** offers the following programs: Exploring Chief Ladiga Rail-Trail, March 16; 9am-3pm, \$5/person; Frog Pond Adventure, March 16; 7pm-9pm; \$10/person; Pre-registration is required! **Contact:** Tatiana C. Tatum, 782-5697, ttatum@jsucc.jsu.edu.

•**Nurses Christian Fellowship** will hold a "Personal Items" Love Drive for the Love Center in Gadsden throughout the month of February. NCF is asking for trial-size donations of soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc. Donations should be made to the Nursing Center Lab, 2nd floor of Wallace Hall. **Contact:** Rebecca Hendrix, hendrixr@hiwaay.net.

•**Phi Eta Sigma:** Eighty-two \$1,000 awards and twenty-nine \$2,000 scholarships are available nationally to members of Phi Eta Sigma for undergraduate study. Five \$4,000 scholarships are available nationally for the first year of graduate study. JSU members of Phi Eta Sigma are invited to apply. Local deadline for applications is Feb 22. **Contact:** Mr. Kinney in Stone Center 105.

•**Phi Mu** thanks the gentlemen of Kappa Alpha Order for a terrific "Cowboys and Cuties" mixer last night. We hope everybody's semester is going well. Happy Valentines Day! Phi Mu Lady of the Week: Bob. Sunshine Award: Katy Watters. **Contact:** Brianna Bladen, 782-6145.

•**SGA:** No money? No food? No problem! Take a free ride to the State Capitol, enjoy a free lunch, and get an excused absence from class on Higher Education Day! Make some noise and make a difference! Sign up in Office 402 TMB, or call 782-5491. SGA ... Leading the Way! **Contact:** Robert Hayes, 782-5491.

•**Sigma Nu:** We had a great time in New Orleans this weekend. This week's Commander Award goes to Florjan Mujaj. Keep up the good work. **Contact:** Josh Fuller, 435-8700.

•**Sigma Tau Delta:** Dr. Brad Hawley will deliver this year's Sigma Tau Delta Faculty Scholar Lecture, "Why I'm Still Majoring in English", on Thursday, Feb. 28 at 3:30 p.m., Room 230 Stone Center. Make your plans to attend. The public is invited. **Contact:** Gloria Horton, ghorton@jsucc.jsu.edu.

•**The Student Health Center** (located between Sparkman and Mason halls) is now providing Women's Health Care. Services include exams, female problems and birth control. The physician will be available on Thurs., 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. beginning Feb. 14. **Please call** 782-5310 for an appointment.

•**Zeta Tau Alpha:** Happy Valentine's Day! Congratulations to our very own Crystal Roden and Stephanie Janis for being elected Miss Friendly and Miss Jax State (respectively). Congrats to Robert Hayes and Joe Donahue as well! Have a great week everyone, and study hard. **Contact:** Amy Yancy, 782-6192.

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The Chanticleer reserves the right to refuse publication of any submission for any reason. We also reserve the right to edit submissions for style, brevity, and clarity.

CAMPUS CRIME

•**Dec. 3** — Owen Wright Crosland, of Jacksonville, reported theft of property to JSUPD occurring at Fitzpatrick Hall.

•**Dec. 3** — Tonya Celeste Agan, of Steele, reported breaking and entering an automobile to JSUPD occurring at the TMB front parking lot.

•**Dec. 4** — Clifford Thrower, of Jacksonville, reported burglary to JSUPD occurring at the Kappa Alpha house.

•**Dec. 7** — Delight Bvunzawabaya, of Jacksonville, reported theft of property to JSUPD occurring at Crow Hall.

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.

Athletic Dept. looks for hostesses

By Stephanie Pendergrass
The Chanticleer News Editor

JSU's football coaching staff will soon hold tryouts for Gamecock Hostesses. Twenty women will be chosen to help the school in recruiting players for the football team.

The major duties of the Gamecock Hostesses are "they help us on official visit weekends, and unofficial visit weekends, entertaining our recruits, when they come on campus," said Pat McGee, JSU football coach.

The coach said the staff is looking for "a girl that wants to be more involved with the University, and athletics, but has the time and the energy to support our activities on our hostess schedule. Basically

they're going to act as a liaison for the student body to recruit players and their families."

The process of trying out for the position of Gamecock Hostess will be based on several aspects. "We're looking for talented, intelligent, enthusiastic girls that are dedicated and committed and that want to promote the football program," said McGee.

Anyone interested in trying out for Gamecock Hostess must be a sophomore or junior, between the ages of 19 and 25 and in good academic standing.

Tryouts will be held Wednesday, Feb. 20 at 4 p.m. in the Gamecock Center. For more information, contact Coach McGee at 782-5371.

Education employers to visit JSU

By Tomiko Goodman
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Career Placement Services of JSU will host the annual Education Career Fair at Stephenson Hall on Thursday, Feb. 21 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Graduating education students will get to meet recruiters from over 65 different schools systems hiring teachers for tomorrow's generation. School systems from Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, Maryland, Louisiana and other states will be present.

On Feb. 21, recruiters begin interviewing at 9:30 a.m. Career

Placement Services recommend that students dress professionally, bring resumes and arrive early to get the best interviews. Admission for students is free.

Students will be assigned numbers at registration and accordingly enter to begin scheduling interviews, according to a Career Placement Services handout.

Students that need more information about the career fair can reach Tawana Roberts at 782-8482 or e-mail her at cpsfair@jsucc.jsu.edu. Education students needing resume help should see Janet White at the Career Placement Services office in the third floor of the TMB.

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of the SGA, various faculty members and students will make the trip to Montgomery on Thursday to take part in the education rally.

"This year is going to focus on the need for constitutional reform," said Meehan. "That's been an issue that's very dear to my heart, personally, and very important to Jacksonville State University and to all of us that care about education in Alabama."

When asked what he thinks needs to be done to improve Higher Education in Alabama, Meehan re-emphasized Constitutional reform. "That's what I would like to see happen," he said.

"That would help create a new Constitution that would emphasize the importance of education, even more so than it is now, and they'll put educational funding on a solid platform, so we don't have to deal with proration anymore," said Meehan.

According to the Higher Education Partnership, "Although steps have been taken to improve the plight of our universities, higher education is still in danger of funding cuts that could force further tuition increases, lower faculty salaries and the elimination of valu-

able programs."

Dr. Steve Whitton, JSU English professor and member of the Higher Education Partnership, said, "I suppose the big thing that needs to be done, in all education in Alabama, is funding. This is one of the few states that I've ever heard of that has this thing called proration."

"It's usually about money, and things don't get better without support," said Whitton. "We all have an obligation toward education. We all need to do our equal share."

Whitton also explained why Higher Education is significant. "Primarily I think it's important to show a kind of solidarity on Higher Education Day," he said. "People always respond better when they see, rather than read, and to show a solidarity particularly with young people, with college students, down there saying 'We want your support and we need your support,' that's a very important part of Higher Education Day."

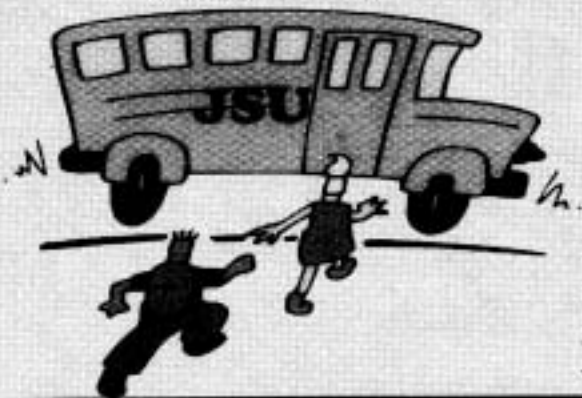
The SGA is working to get students involved in Higher Education Day. Two buses will be taken to Montgomery and anyone interested in going should contact the office of Student Activities, in Rm.402, or call 782-5491 to sign up. Loading time for the buses will be at 7 a.m. Feb. 21.

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Target Saddam: Pentagon plans call for 200,000 U.S. troops to invade (from page 1)

culties, with most experts on Iraq warning that a campaign there would not be as swift or virtually free of American casualties as Afghanistan. There, rebels of the northern alliance, backed by U.S. commandos and massive U.S. airpower, quickly overthrew the Taliban regime.

Nevertheless, one foreign leader who met Bush recently came away "with the feeling that a decision has been made to strike Iraq, and the 'how' and 'when' are still fluid," added a diplomat who asked not to be further identified.

The CIA, senior officials said, recently presented Bush with a plan to destabilize Saddam's well-entrenched regime in Baghdad. The plan proposed a massive covert action campaign, sabotage, information warfare and significantly more aggressive bombing of the "no fly" zones over northern and southern Iraq. U.S. and British forces patrol the zones to prevent Iraqi planes from bombing opposition forces.

Bush reportedly was enthusiastic, and although it could not be determined whether he gave final approval for the plan, the CIA has begun assigning officers to the task.

Bush also is dispatching Vice President Cheney next month on a tour of 11 Middle East nations, including many of Iraq's neighbors, whose leaders are leery of a U.S. attack on Baghdad.

While the mission's purpose has been portrayed publicly as sounding out Middle Eastern leaders on Iraq policy, Cheney in fact will tell them that the United States intends to get rid of Saddam and his regime, several top Bush aides said.

"He's not going to beg for support. He's going to inform them that the president's decision has been made and will be carried out, and if they want some input into how and when it's carried out, now's the time for them to speak up," one senior official said.

In the lead-up to Cheney's trip, however, a sharp debate has erupted within the administration over what

role Iraqi opposition groups should play, particularly the main group, the Iraqi National Congress.

Officials in the Near East Division of the CIA's Directorate of Operations, the clandestine service, warn that the INC, a coalition of Saddam opponents, is divided by internal feuds and almost certainly penetrated by both the Iraqi and Iranian intelligence services.

Hawks in the office of defense secretary Donald Rumsfeld are pushing for a major role for the INC. Their position was strengthened last month, when Bush called Iraq part of an "axis of evil."

These officials believe the brunt of the fighting can be borne by Iraqi opposition forces - primarily ethnic Kurds in northern Iraq and Shi'ia Muslims in the south - with assistance from U.S. airpower and CIA and special forces advisers on the ground, following the Afghanistan model.

Uniformed military officials, however, are skeptical of the opposition groups, doubtful that Saddam's mil-

itary will crumble the way the Taliban did and worried that large numbers of U.S. troops could be called on to rescue opposition forces if they get bogged down or trapped.

Bush has made no decisions on the scope or timing of a military strike on Iraq, the senior officials said.

It could take several months or more to move the necessary combat forces into position near Iraq, while the United States also pursues cells of the al-Qaida terrorist network in Yemen, the Philippines, Sudan, Somalia and elsewhere.

The officials said one plan under discussion calls for deploying a single American heavy armored division to establish a "bridgehead" in southern Iraq, while allowing Kurdish and Shiite rebels to do most of the actual fighting.

Others argue that the only way to assure Saddam's demise - and U.S. control over subsequent events - is a full U.S. invasion.

"Trying to topple Saddam with an Afghan-style campaign would be

risky and ill advised," Kenneth Pollack, a former White House and CIA expert on Iraq, wrote in the March-April edition of Foreign Affairs magazine.

An invasion of Iraq could be accomplished with 200,000 to 300,000 U.S. forces, including four to six army divisions and supporting units, 700 to 1,000 aircraft, and from one to five aircraft carrier battle groups, Pollack wrote. U.S. casualties would be greater than in Afghanistan or the 1991 Persian Gulf War, "but they are unlikely to be catastrophic," he predicted.

The Pentagon's existing contingency plans for an invasion of Iraq call for the use of 200,000 American ground troops, U.S. officials said. A decade after the Gulf War, Iraq is believed to have around 400,000 active-duty troops, one quarter of them in elite units such as the Republican Guard, and some modern weaponry.

However, the United States may not have the extensive use of bases in Saudi Arabia and elsewhere that it enjoyed during the Persian Gulf War. While many of Washington's Arab allies may go along in the end, for now they oppose "regime change" in Iraq and worry about its effect on populations already angered by 18 months of Israeli-Palestinian violence.

There are other major uncertainties about a U.S. attack on Iraq that, unlike the Gulf War, would be intended to remove its leader.

One is whether Saddam, with nothing to lose, would lash out at U.S. forces, Israel or Arab states backing the United States with Scud missiles tipped with chemical or biological weapons.

Another is the lack of U.S. intelligence assets on the ground to work with opposition forces, assess the strength of Saddam's regime and recruit defectors.

The CIA earlier this year began to reconstitute a small presence in northern Iraq, working with the INC, an official said.

However, he said, there are no CIA officers or agents in southern Iraq and the United States has provided no training or assistance to Shiite opposition groups there. "We're literally starting from scratch in the south," the official said.

Finally, an attack could endanger close U.S. allies such as Jordan, which imports all of its oil from Iraq. "Definitely, it's a nightmare scenario for us," an Arab diplomat said Tuesday.

Bush should keep the focus on fighting international terrorism, where he has broad international backing, Egyptian Ambassador Nabil Fahmy said. "If you mix two issues together, you will lose this focus," he said in an interview last week.

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is youth basketball, Batey said. The youth basketball league has been with out a permanent gymnasium for sometime. In the gym there are two side-by-side basketball courts, and adjustable nets so younger players can use the same facility. Volleyball has also been marked off in the gym and can easily be accommodated.

A state of the art fitness center is

provided by the center. In addition, 21 new pieces of aerobic and strength-training equipment have been purchased to fill the 2,000 square foot fitness area. "I like the equipment here a lot more than those on campus," said JSU student Derek Jernigan. "It's not quiet as crowded, and much nicer."

Aerobics is another program that is popular at the center. "I have

been looking for an affordable alternative to a health club and I think this may be it," local resident Charles Dyer said.

The aerobics program is one of several new programs added by PARD, including yoga and karate.

Memberships are required to use the new facility. Those interested in purchasing memberships at the center should contact PARD at 435-8115.

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JSU students were asked for some suggestions for the project.

Morgan is asking all organizations at JSU to be represented with a team at the event. Participants will be assigned to or may select an area to clean. They will then be given trash bags and assigned an environmental expert to participate with, according to the muse-

um's hand out.

Kimber Merrill announced that parking on campus was discussed with the school's board. The most promising plan discussed was to further divide parking, by categories and colors. If passed, the decision could be in effect by fall 2002.

Amy Yancy said that the committee for housing would meet to discuss plans for university housing.

Numerous bills were passed in the meeting.

Student bill 110 was passed. This bill requires the Constitution and Code Committee to supply an updated version of the SGA code of laws to all senators by the second senate meeting of the spring term.

Student bill 111 was passed. This bill was an amendment to the chapter 200.2 code of laws which states that the student executive board shall consist of the president, the first vice-president, the second vice-president, the chief justice, the controller and the director of publicity.

Student bills 113, 114, 116 and 117 were passed. Each bill changes the GPA requirements for students running for offices in the SGA, for the 2003 school year.



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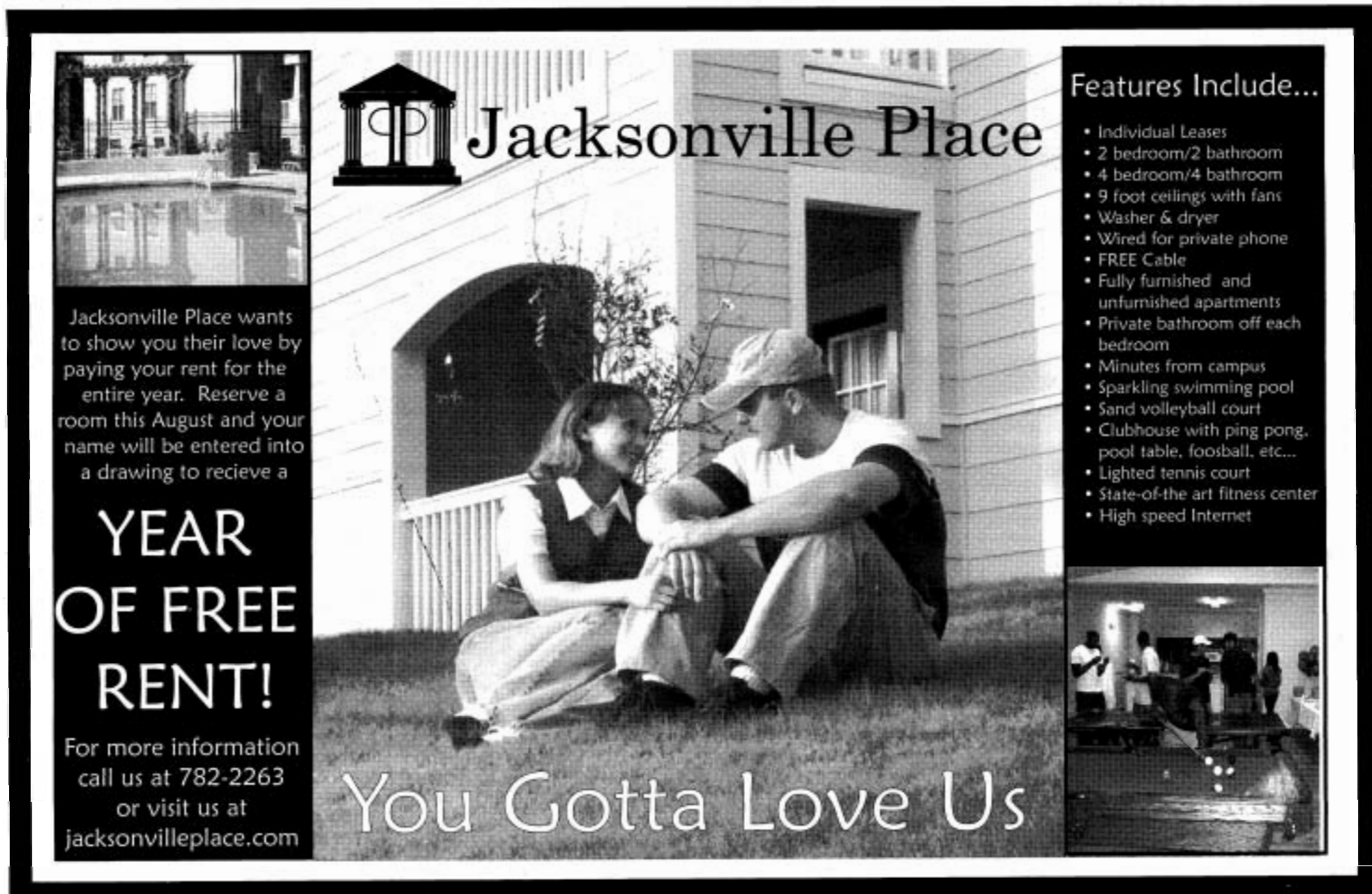
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In Our View

We can do better than this

Another SGA campaign season is upon us, and in marked contrast to last year's contest, it looks there's not going to be much competition or controversy.

Early indications suggest that there may be little in the way of student interest or involvement in this year's elections.

The deadline to file for candidacy for seats on the SGA senate and the executive committee is today. As of our press time on Tuesday night, only 13 students had applied to run for the 35 senate seats, and there was only one candidate for each of the four top executive offices.

This is, simply put, pathetic.

Why, you may ask? Why should students care about what the SGA does, and why should they care enough to run for election to the group?

Students form governments on college campuses - at least in theory - in order to govern their own affairs as a community. These groups exist because students feel it's up to them to make sure college life is as fulfilling as it can be, and to make sure students are treated fairly by universities and surrounding communities. Student governments exist to act as the voice of the student body in dealing with the school and with outside agencies.

So why aren't students at JSU interested in participating in their SGA?

That's hard to say. Perhaps there's a lack of understanding about the nature of student government, or maybe they feel the SGA does a poor job with the above responsibilities?

To be fair, the SGA is only as strong as the membership that participates, and our student government has had a hard time keeping students on the senate. For months the SGA has been trying to fill seats vacated by elected senators who lost interest or could no longer participate. If it's the SGA's track record that's turning students off, there's certainly plenty of opportunity for people with good ideas to step in and make a difference.

We mean no disrespect to the current SGA senators and officers. They've done the best they could with what they have. And they have some achievements to boast about.

The atmosphere on campus at the beginning of the fall semester was wonderful, largely because of their efforts. They led the campus' response in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks, and did so in sterling fashion. And they've made some progress in advancing student concerns over parking and traffic. We hope many of them will be back to continue their service to the student body.

With all that said however, we'd like to see some fresh faces with fresh ideas. We'd like to see people with the perseverance and personality to do great things enter the election. At the very least we'd like to see someone enter the election.

Will that someone be you? If so, you've got until 4:30 today to apply. We're looking forward to hearing what you've got to say

Send a card ... it's better than the old idea

Red love, love, love, chocolates and greeting cards fill today for the joy of couples and the cynical laughter of single men and tears of single women.

Since ancient times, February has been host to many celebrations for the beginning of spring and fertility (a.k.a. love). In ancient Rome, a fertility festival dedicated to Faunus, the Roman god of agriculture, and Roman founders Romulus and Remus made sure that no one was lonely in the love department in February, according to the History Channel's Web site.

The festival was called Lupercalia and began with Roman Luperci priests gathering at a sacred cave — where Romulus and Remus were believed to have been cared for by a she-wolf — sacrificing a dog for purification and a goat for fertility. The priests then cut the goat's hide into pieces, dipped them into the sacrificial blood and went to the streets slapping women and crop fields. The site says that the women liked to be slapped with the red hide because

By Joshua Bingham
The Chanticleer Managing Editor



it was believed to make them more fertile in the coming year.

But, according to the legend, later in the day, all the single young women would place their names in an urn. The city's bachelors would then draw names and become paired for the year with their chosen woman. Accordingly, the matches often resulted in marriage.

Though many contemporary wet-cheeked singles probably wouldn't mind for such a lottery to be in existence today, most people are too picky to accept anything too chancy and possibly ugly. Not to mention that most women wouldn't care for the goat-hide treatment.

Anyway, around 498 A.D., Pope Gelasius declared Feb. 14 St. Valentine's Day and the Roman lottery of romantic pairing was deemed un-Christian and outlawed, according to the site.

St. Valentine was a good

replacement because he became a patron saint for his actions in the area of love.

One legend, according to the site, says that Valentine was a priest during the third century in Rome who performed marriages in secret after Emperor Claudius II outlawed marriage for young men because he thought single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered his death.

One legend says that Valentine actually sent the first 'valentine,' according to the site. It's believed that while in prison, Valentine fell in love with a young woman — possibly the jailer's daughter — who visited him while incarcerated. Before he died, it's alleged that he wrote a letter to his love, signed, "From your Valentine."

By the middle of the 18th century, Valentine's Day was popularly celebrated in Great Britain in all social classes by lovers and friends exchanging small tokens of affection or handwritten notes, according to the site.

And so we are brought to current times of another moneymaking holiday stocking the shelves of our local retailers with many trinkets available to easily provide lovers with their yearly requirement.

But, why not take inspiration from St. Valentine himself and pen out a letter, or poem, or something not copyrighted, signed, "from your valentine."

If single, perhaps find others to help revive the pagan lottery traditions and start slapping that red, red goat hide.

If that's not your bag, just enjoy the love of friends and the joy of loving them with small valentines and smiles.



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Tired of being ground beneath the boots of the powerful?

"I'm sick of hearing about Enron."

If you've turned on a television set or glanced at a newspaper in the last month, there's a good chance you've uttered the above words. The media coverage focused on that story of alleged corporate scandal is enough to choke a horse. The complexity of the story can set your head spinning, because it deals with finance on a level most of us never dream of.

Along similar lines, if you haven't yet said "I'm sick of hearing about the Alabama Constitution," you probably will soon. That's no surprise, either.

The Constitution is becoming a hot-button issue for this fall's statewide political campaigns, and it's one media outlets have taken a particular interest in. It's also a highly complicated issue, dealing in one stroke with all levels of state government and its impact on the people. From taxes to schools to gambling to zoning, the debate over constitutional reform touches on it all.

While both Enron and Alabama's Constitution are complicated issues, they also share a very simple facet: the idea of the powerful taking advantage of the common man.

Enron's top executives are being accused of bilking the company's rank-and-file employees out of billions of dollars. A federal lawsuit filed by some of the employees charges that the executives sold the

By Benjamin Cunningham
The Chanticleer Editor in Chief



Enron stock

they owned and gave themselves huge bonuses, knowing the company would soon be bankrupt, rendering the stock worthless.

Meanwhile, the average employees, who held Enron stock in their 401(k) retirement plans weren't allowed to sell. They watched their hard-earned retirement funds disappear as the truth about Enron's finances became public. The powerful profited while the little man suffered.

In a similar spirit, the framers of Alabama's 1901 Constitution built in language to make sure wealthy landowners and others in society's powerful positions stayed on top, while those on the bottom fed the system with the sweat off their backs and their hard-earned tax dollars.

That system's still running more or less as designed today. While many in the state are calling for a new constitution after over 100 years of oppression, some of Alabama's rich and powerful are being dragged along kicking and screaming against reform.

This begs the question, then, of whether a new state constitution - however it might be drawn up - can really mend all our. Can a new

charter really change government so that people from every level of society are on an equal footing?

Sadly, the answer is no. While it may change some of the rules, and set out in the best spirit of fair government and equal opportunity for all, a new constitution will not address what's really behind both the Enron scandal and the generations of bad government in Alabama: base human greed and ignorance.

Greed, for money and for power, drove the framers of the 1901 Constitution to tax the people unfairly and to fund state schools inadequately, just as it drives today's politicians to seek campaign contributions and those all-important re-elections. It also may have driven Enron's top executives to do what they're accused of doing. Greed, as the saying goes, is the root of all evil.

Ignorance has allowed the powerful to achieve their greedy aims. By hiding their finances from public view, those steering Enron toward its inevitable collapse kept its everyday employees in the dark about the looming catastrophe, and now are claiming before Congress to have been ignorant of it themselves. Former Enron CEO Jeffrey Skilling told Congressional investigators last week that he didn't know anything about the off-the-books deals that brought the company down. Ignorance, as another saying goes, is bliss. Apparently it's also an alibi.

Likewise, Alabama's rich and

powerful have relied on ignorance to keep their scam running. Too many powerful companies and wealthy individuals rely on the system as it is to hold on to their wealth and power. To discourage change, they promote ignorance. A public who doesn't even know the system's broken won't vote for change to fix it.

The Alabama Christian Coalition, a powerful lobbying group, opposes a new constitution. That group's president, John Giles, often says in media interviews that he asks citizens what they don't like about the current constitution. He uses their lack of a reply to back up his argument that the state doesn't really need a new charter.

What it really shows is that the people are ignorant about the Constitution. But who could blame them? The thing's a 700 pages long. That excessive length fosters ignorance about the way state government works. Alabama's citizens would get tired of reading the current Constitution long before the second page. Just like they're tired of hearing about Enron and constitutional reform.

If an Enron executive or an Alabama politician or lobbyist could hear you say how tired you are of hearing about these issues, they'd grin ear-to-ear. The sooner you stop listening to news about them, the sooner your ignorance will play right into their rich and powerful hands.

Young people still making black history every day

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

The thing about Black History Month is that it's too short - February is the shortest month - and it's too often a simplistic display of what might be called black trivia. Who invented the traffic light? Who came up with the plan for Washington? Who came up with umpty-hundred uses for peanuts?

But the other night I saw, and, more importantly, felt a reason to celebrate. It was an occasion to remind us that it's often young people who spur us to reform. These young folks, ranging in age from the teens to the 40s - were blacks, whites, Latinos and Asians who were being honored for their activism. It was, as the Rev. James Forbes put it in his inimitable style, an affirmation "that it's the people who make the difference when they learn to walk together."

The honorees represented a continuation of the "Long Walk to

Freedom." An exhibit of that name is on display at Riverside Church, giving recognition to 16 people, black and white, whose efforts during the civil rights movement made a difference but went largely unrecognized. History student that I am, I didn't know, for instance, that Roberta Yancy, now a public relations specialist at the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, first made her mark as a high school student in Pennsylvania. She challenged the "whites only" snack bars in her hometown and was charged with disorderly conduct for doing so. After she graduated from Barnard College in 1962, she went on to a leadership role in the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee. Who knew?

And I certainly had not heard of the younger generation of men and women honored Sunday night. Folks like Rachel Lloyd, whose organization, GEMS - Girls Educational and Mentoring Services - deals with the sexual

exploitation of young women.

Gessy Nixon, who grew up in an abusive home, works through Voices of Youth to train those who manage the foster care system, providing the perspective of young people who've come through that system.

Hosea Givan is humbled by the notion his work carries on the legacy of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and others we revere in February. But he also sees his role as different from theirs: "If I can save 20 lives a year or can redirect 20 lives a year, that's a major contribution. I don't have to lead a march to make an impact."

He and the others - Isis Sapp-Grant, Jane Bai, Chhaya Chhoum, Sayu Bhojwani, Oona Chatterjee, Andrew Friedman, Jason Warwin, Susan Wilcox, Khary Lazarre-White - are there "in the biting cold and the searing heat," as Forbes put it. As their mentor, the Rev. Alfonso Wyatt, vice president of the Fund for the City of New York, made clear, they often operate not

on shoestring budgets but on "wish budgets." And they're tackling issues that many of us older folks don't spend our days dwelling on: gentrification, welfare benefits, immigration, domestic violence, sexual abuse, racism, economic inequality.

"Struggle," said Wyatt, is what people do when they "care so much for others that they are willing to inconvenience themselves."

I can't think of a better way to observe Black History Month, that time of the year when we focus on all that black folks have contributed - and still contribute - to the making of America. The struggle does continue.

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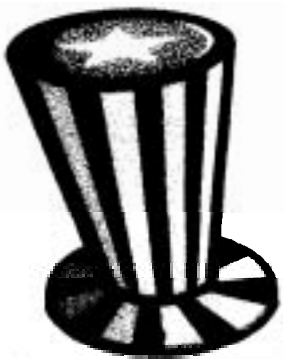
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Students up on the wall in Juried Art Show



Jason Jones' "Best In Show" oil on canvas titled "Exaggerated Ego." The Juried Art Show exhibit will be in the Hammond Hall gallery until Feb. 22.

By Lindsey Passler
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Jacksonville State University's best kept "little secret" was revealed Feb. 5 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hammond Hall Gallery, according to Jason Jones, "Best of Show" winner at the opening reception of the JSU Art Department's Student Juried Art Works Exhibition.

Jones stole the show with his "Exaggerated Ego," oil on canvas. The painting depicted an enlarged face of a smiling man. Jones, surprised by his accomplishment, commented that this was only his second entry into the annual Juried Art show.

The "little secret" described by Jones is not only the student exhibit, but in fact the Hammond Hall Gallery itself. Although the secrecy is not intentional, the patrons of the gallery tend to be art students and faculty along with their families and friends.

The Student Juried Art Show is an exhibition of artistic mastery by the students of the art department. Students may submit up to three works that were created in classes over the past year. "The show is exciting for the faculty because it

gives us a chance to view other pieces that the students have done in other classes," said an art department faculty member.

Department Head Charles Groover explained that a juried show is one in which some of the works submitted are eliminated from the show, leaving only the best displayed in the gallery. "The faculty acts as the jury and they judge the show."

Various media currently on display include paintings, drawings, two-dimensional designs, three-dimensional designs, sculptures, ceramics, photographs, graphic designs, printmaking and color theory. Awards are given in each of these mediums since they stem directly from the art classes taught in the department, according to Groover.

Awards were presented for "Best of Show," best in each medium and "Honorable Mention."

Irina Gouchtchina earned several honors for her works, including a first place triumph for her three-dimensional design "Sounds of the Soul."

Several other students also received top honors for their work

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15 V-Day ideas sure to score

By Carol Barnes
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Roses are red; Violets are blue, dinner and a movie for me and for you! Wait, hasn't this old theme been run into the ground? Looking for something a little more special this Valentine's Day? Here are some piping-hot suggestions straight from the oven of amore!

1) Pack the fried chicken, apples and potato chips and go on a picnic lunch in the shade with your sweetie between classes.

2) Make like "Lady and the Tramp" and share a plate of spaghetti together. Eating utensils are optional.

3) Learn to say, "I love you" in different languages. You can do this together at <http://www.hopelessromantic.com>. ("Akoolook" for the Eskimo, "Lu'bim ta for the Slovak, "Ndiyathanda" for the Zulu in all of us).

4) Surprise your valentine by hiding flowers, little gifts, or candy where he/she can find them throughout the day.

5) Overwhelm each other with romantic and funny e-cards through the day.

6) Write a love letter, cut it into pieces like a puzzle and give your sweetie a piece every chance you see each other during the day. Save the last piece for your romantic dinner and read the letter out loud.

7) Create a scavenger hunt at home or another special place, like the park where you had your first kiss. Leave clues to help him or her find the gifts.

8) Watch the sunrise together and then cook breakfast with the intention of eating in bed together.

9) Make a scrapbook, including ticket stubs from past dates, photos, your own handy artwork and even e-mails.

10) If you have the time and the talent, buy a blank journal and write a poem on every page. If you aren't exactly Robert Frost, then write a few sentences on what you love about your special someone.

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Protection during passion: how to avoid the things you don't want to get for Valentine's Day

By Danni Lusk and Abbey Herrin
The Chanticleer Features Editor & Staff Writer

If it's in your cards to have a baby this year, there's a good chance you'll conceive it this week.

The most births occurred on Nov. 21 in 2000, according to the Alabama Department of Health's 2000 statistics report. Backtracking nine months from Nov. 21, the conception date lies somewhere around the famed holiday of romanticism and passion, Valentine's Day.

How do you keep yourself or your partner from becoming one of the 1,228 that gets pregnant? Safe sex.

"We try to instill in students that the safest method is certainly abstinence," said Robert Mills, RN, of the University health center. "But, it's hard to

imagine that they're gonna listen to that."

Even if you don't want to practice abstinence, although it is the safest form of protection against pregnancy and STDs, there are several options available.

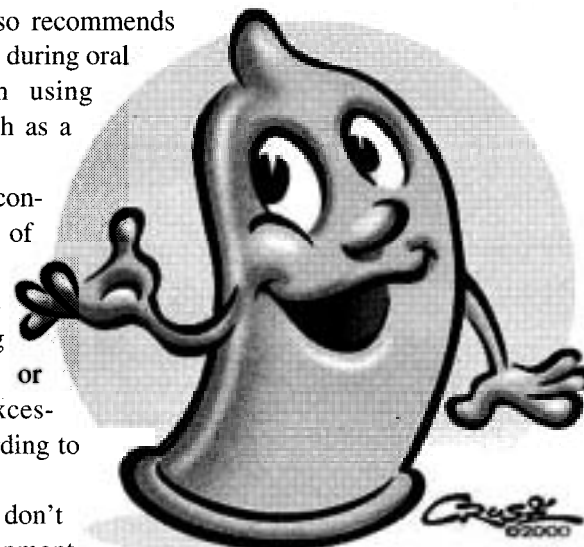
One of the cheapest and most popular forms of protection is the condom. The best condoms to use for protection are lubricated latex condoms, according to the nonprofit organization Coalition for Positive Sexuality's Web site. Lambskin condoms don't block STDs and polyurethane condoms break easily.

As far as lubrication, the CPS recommends a water-based lube such as KY Jelly or Astroglide rather than an oil-based lubricant. "Oil is good for salad and cars, not for sex."

The CPS also recommends using a condom during oral sex and when using sexual toys such as a vibrator.

Never use a condom that is out of date, has been washed in the washing machine or exposed to excessive heat, according to the CPS.

Even if you don't have the equipment for a condom, it's still not a bad idea to carry one with you. "We encourage females to keep [condoms] with them because there's nothing worse than to be out on a date and you get in that situation and your partner says, 'Well, I don't have any' and they



say, 'OK, well, it won't hurt this time' but that's when it's going to cause a problem," said Mills.

Free condoms are available at the Student Health Center. "We package them up in a little paper sack and keep them by the front

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in each of the diverse mediums. Cristina M. Almanza seized the drawing prize with her work "A Stem and a Nut."

The photography prize was awarded to Sara Cusimano Miles for "Ode to Joy." Brandon Smith captured the award for the painting category with "Liquid Stripes." Graphic design art student Lexie Yates grabbed first with "Selected Works by Kate Chopin featuring 'The Storm'."

In the two-dimensional design category, Lisa A. Parks walked away with first for "What are you Thinking?"

Buddy Rodgers achieved first in sculpture with "Experiment in Contrast." In the ceramics collection, first place was awarded to Ashley Wallace for her spectacular work titled "Nuclear Family."

Lindsey Penland generated a victory in color theory with "Shattered."

Jason Boodoian, a senior art student, snagged a first place victory with his printmaking design entitled "Twilight Adrift." Boodoian commented that he hadn't planned on entering the exhibit because he was concentrating on his Senior Exhibit project, but was convinced to enter at the last minute.

Jones and Boodoian expressed concern regarding the gallery's art shows because they feel that people don't appreciate the accomplishments and dedication of the art students and the department's faculty.

"The art department's staff is exceptional," said Boodoian. "They are even willing to come in on weekends if we need help with a project. I think it's sad that we have to give stuff (food) away to get people to come out and see us. We have a talented program."

Department Head Charles Groover said that generally 100 or more patrons visit the gallery receptions.

The art show will continue through Feb. 22 in the Hammond Hall Gallery. Hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The exhibit is open to everyone.

The department sponsors art shows every month including artist-showcase exhibits and national shows and competitions for two reasons, said Groover.

"The primary reason is for the students because it exposes [them] to artists, which they can ask questions and talk to ... about their work. The other is for the community because we have some responsibility to provide a cultural place or outlet for the community."

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door so that students can just stick their hand inside the door and get them without having to ask for them," said Mills. "Some people are kind of embarrassed about things like that."

Using condoms, however, may inhibit sex.

"I prefer the pill as a birth control method because it takes too long to reach orgasm with a condom on," said Josh Burrell, JSU senior.

Other methods for protection include female condoms, which are less effective than male condoms but a good option for those allergic to latex, according to the CPS.

Spermicides, a foam or jelly vaginal insert that kills sperm, can be used, although it is recommended that it be used along with another method of birth control.

Spermicides containing nonoxynol-9 are best because it kills HIV, according to the CPS. Side effects of using spermicide could include urinary tract infec-

tions.

Some newer methods of birth control are not recommended, according to the CPS. Methods such as I.U.D. (a small plastic object that is inserted into the

Safe Sex "Dos & Don'ts":

DO:

- Use a lubricated, latex condom
- Use water-based lubes
- Use condoms during oral sex

DON'T:

- Use lambskin or polyurethane condoms
- Use oil-based lubes
- Re-use condoms

Source: Coalition for Positive Sexuality

uterus), Norplant inserts (a five-year birth-control device usually inserted in the skin under the arm) and the Depo Provera shot, all can pose serious side effects.

Besides pregnancy, STDs are another consequence of unsafe sex.

There are three categories of STDs: parasites, which include scabies, crabs and body lice; bacteria, like chlamydia and

gonorrhea; and viruses, such as HIV, genital warts and herpes, according to Mills. Parasitic and bacterial STDs can both be treated and cured with proper medical attention. However, viral STDs can be treated by relieving the symptoms but cannot be cured.

Even though you may be embarrassed about having an STD, if left untreated it could get worse. Few cases of STDs are seen at the Student Health Center because of the embarrassment factor, said Mills.

"A lot of [students with symptoms of an STD] elect to go to the county health department, which is good; some go to their family doctor, which is good too," he said. "A lot of them just do nothing about it and I think they think it'll just go away on its own."

"It's the choices that an individual makes," Mills said. They have to understand the consequences of those choices. And being a young person, sometimes we don't think clearly."



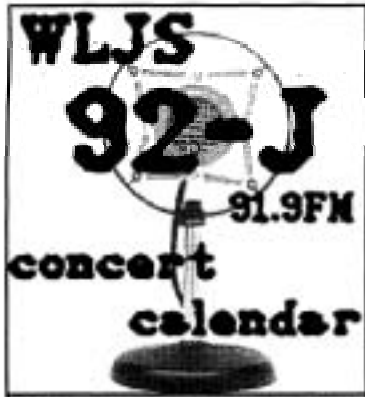
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"American Pie 2" another slice of same dish

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Review by Abbey Herrin
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

If you enjoyed "American Pie," the sequel is a good rental choice as well. "American Pie 2" is a regurgitation of its predecessor; the film serves as a second helping of the grotesque humor and insane predicaments of a group of horny young men in their sexual endeavors.

Jimbo, Stiffler and company have made it through their first year after high school and reunite for a summer back home. Desperate to get laid, the boys rent a too-good-to-be-true beach pad and spend the summer painting houses and chasing ladies.

Jimbo expects a visit from Nadia, the Czechoslovakian bombshell that he yearned for in part one. To prepare himself, Jimbo is determined to enhance his sexual game and enlists the help of Michelle, the nympho band nerd.

The movie has no real plot; rather it revolves around random vulgar episodes involving unrealistic col-

lege kids. The situations the guys encounter, especially Jimbo, are far-fetched and contrived. For example, Jimbo glues his hand to his genitals while watching an adult video and is whisked off to the emergency room via ambulance. In another incident, he ends up with a trombone lodged up his ass. Wacky, wacky.

The sequel brings back the original cast, such as teen-movie staples Chris Klein as Oz, Jason Biggs as Jimbo, Sean William Scott as Stiffler and Tara Reid as Vicky. Also, the annoying "Shermanator" returns full of witty displays of vocabulary like "sausagefest in progress." The real jewel in the movie is Eugene Levy, who plays Mr. Levanstein, Jimbo's adorable



Eugene Levy and Jason Biggs reprise their father-and-son roles in American Pie 2.

father.

"American Pie 2" is a stereotypical teen movie. The demeanor of the characters has no bearing in ordinary life, nor do the quirky occurrences throughout the movie. "It exemplifies everything that is wrong with America," said senior Ryan Sibert.

The movie definitely lacks in wit and sophistication, but dishes out an abundance of no-brainer slapstick comedy.

Include pictures for an added touch.

11) Plan a spur of the moment trip for the two of you to a place you've never been. Not only can you discover a new scene, but possibly a little bit of each other.

12) Get some construction paper and put together a little book with a page for every day you've been together. For those of you who have been together more than a year, you may want to get a few more packets of construction paper. This can hold everything! Poetry, ticket stubs, pictures — anything special to you.

13) Recreate your first date, complete with nervous fidgeting and trying to impress.

14) Break out the Pillsbury and bake cookies together and feed each other. The fun part comes when you get to the milk.

15) Make a mix tape or burn a CD of all your sweetie's favorite romantic songs and add some of yours in for good measure.

No matter what you do on Valentine's Day make sure it comes from the heart.

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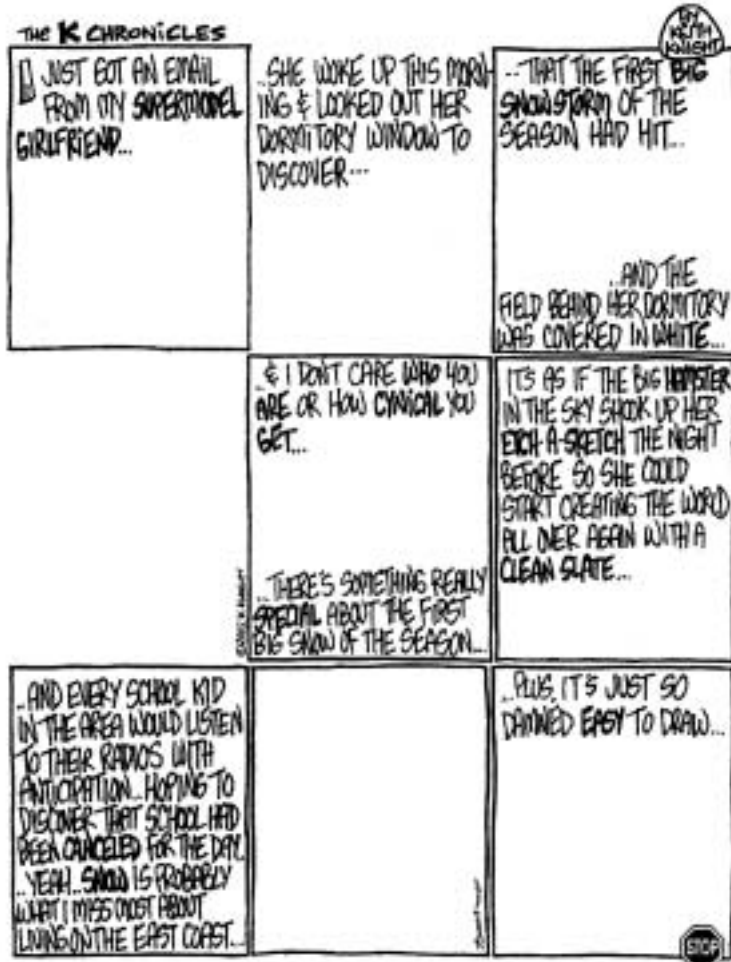
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Useless Quiz

- 1.) The first flexible, rolled film for still photographs was introduced about 4 years before the first what?
- 2.) What does the acronym "MIDI" stand for?
- 3.) What is the plain black dickey worn by some clergymen called?
- 4.) The world's largest herb is what?
- 5.) What popular U.S. TV show is titled "New York District" in France?
- 6.) Who was Fred Astaire's favorite dance partner?
- 7.) What is the point in a lunar orbit that is farthest from the moon called?
- 8.) What product was one of the most popular packaged goods bought online in 2000?
- 9.) What vegetable's name comes from the Old North French word "caboche," meaning "head?"
- 10.) What singer chose the name "John" because his birthname, J.R., was not accepted on military forms?

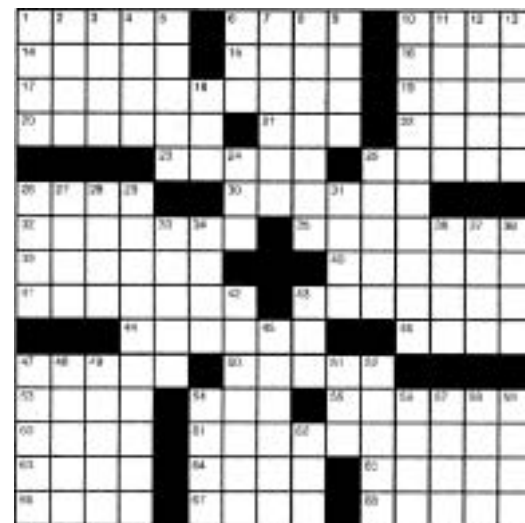
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| 1.) motion picture | 2.) Musical | 3.) Robin | 4.) The banana |
| 5.) Law and Order | 6.) Gene Kelly | 7.) Apolonia | 8.) greeting cards |
| 9.) Musical Instrument | 10.) Johnny Cash | 11.) Entertain | 12.) Musical |
| 13.) Abalone eater | 14.) Directional indicator | 15.) never get off the ground | 16.) Leave out |
| 17. Nee follower | 18. Buntline or Beatty | 19. Jeff's partner in comics | 20. Put into a cipher |
| 21. Jurisprudence | 22. Royale, MI | 23. Arlington Robinson | 24. Used to be |
| 25. Scornful look | 26. Lobster pot | 27. Rave's partner? | 28. Verdi opera |
| 29. Capitalized word | 30. Flowering shrub | 31. Tea containers | 32. Afros, beehives, etc. |
| 33. Singer Parton | 34. Nabisco treat | 35. Pirate's sword | 36. Space starter? |
| 37. Editor's command | 38. Window element | 39. Homebound | 40. Madrid money |
| 41. Big name in office supplies | 42. Italian ice cream | 43. Tack on | 44. Eschewed the big wedding |
| 45. '50s crooner | 46. Night-flying insect | 47. Hang around | 48. Sunoco rival |
| 49. Stylishly out-of-date | 49. Stylishly out-of-date | 50. Cow feature | 51. Meadow mama |
| 52. Drive off | 52. Drive off | 53. Porient | 52. Drive off |
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- ACROSS
- 1 Nutritional regimens
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 - 55 Ermine
 - 60 Dorothy's dog
 - 61 Ed McBain or Saki, e.g.
 - 63 Light beige
 - 64 Singles
 - 65 Unearthly
 - 66 Before long
 - 67 Cozy home
 - 68 Some turns



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- DOWN
- 1 Knight's lady
 - 2 Persia, today
 - 3 Viking redhead
 - 4 Commotion
 - 5 Sorenstam or Garbo, e.g.
 - 6 Storage container
 - 7 Slanted type
 - 8 Annual publication
 - 9 Large amount
 - 10 Trifling price
 - 11 Entertain
 - 12 Championship
 - 13 Abalone eater
 - 18 Buntline or Beatty
 - 24 Used to be
 - 25 Locations
 - 26 The nearer one
 - 27 Rave's partner?
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Solutions



- 45 '50s crooner
- 47 Shopping bags
- 48 Sunoco rival
- 49 Stylishly out-of-date
- 51 Meadow mama
- 52 Drive off
- 54 Shortly
- 56 Sheltered from the wind
- 57 Use the Internet
- 58 Give off
- 59 Spike and Pinky
- 62 Spring fwd. syst.

HOROSCOPES

By Lasha Seniuk
Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service
Feb. 11-17, 2002

Aries (March 21-April 20). Four weeks of business misinformation and disjointed work communications will fade over the next few days. Watch for a new wave of business ambition to soon arrive. Listen to your initial instincts. At present, colleagues will greatly respect your ability to settle long-standing disputes. After Saturday a close friend may reveal unique family information. Relocation or a job change may be key issues. Expect important decisions from friends or roommates in the coming weeks.

Taurus (April 21-May 20). Over the next few days family and romantic relationships will intensify. Watch for loved ones to create a new level of intimacy within the home or ask for increased emotional support. Three months of misplaced priorities is now ending. Show others your intentions and welcome positive growth in all key relationships. After Friday dreams, intuitions and social wisdom will be vivid. Pay close attention to fast hunches. Someone close may now need public support.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Business and romantic security is now on the rise. After Tuesday many Geminis will begin six weeks of rapid business expansion and increasing romantic intensity. Be prepared to separate a

key business project into several parts. Further development and new research methods will now bring surprising advancement. Don't hold back. Thursday through Sunday romantic passion will be rewarding. Remain open to new invitations and bold statements of affection.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Quiet celebrations and gentle emotional encounters will bring romantic improvement over the next eight days. Many Cancerians are now ending several weeks of workplace or financial stress. Spend extra time with loved ones before Friday. Long-term relationships will now offer increased intimacy and powerful moments of family sharing. After Saturday watch for a series of annoying phone calls from a nervous relative. Past social mistakes may be at issue. Stay balanced.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Workplace or financial demands will this week require a bold or expressive approach. After midweek expect recent restrictions or failed discussions with authority figures to be slowly corrected. Late Wednesday a four-week period of business ambition and financial negotiations arrives. Don't be shy. New opportunities will soon be offered. After Saturday watch for a close friend to organize a unique group event. Join in and expect tensions to fade. All will be supportive.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Romance and long-term friendship will now

enter a phase of open discussion and newfound passion. After midweek powerful physical attractions may become a prime influence in your life. Find new ways to explore sensuality and romantic commitments. Relationships will now quickly evolve based on your subtle comments, guidance and direction. After Sunday business plans or short-term financial ventures may be delayed. Be patient and watch for creative openings.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Family security and increased romantic intimacy are now an ongoing theme. Beginning Tuesday, and lasting over the next four to five weeks, expect complex family or home issues to be steadily resolved. Pace your reactions according to the time schedule of loved ones. At present, others may be highly motivated to make productive home changes and fast romantic improvements. After Saturday rest and discuss long-term dreams and plans. Loved ones will listen.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Home relations and long-term romance will now enter a period of rapid actions or serious discussions. Speak your mind freely concerning recent disappointments or setbacks. Over the next five weeks honest and sensitive confrontation will bring about positive emotional change and new growth in family security. Late Friday expect a close friend to provide unusual information about a mutual friend. Romantic trian-

gles may be a rare concern. Avoid unnecessary risk.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Intensive romantic change will now be difficult to resist. After Wednesday emotional security between lovers and conflicting business aspirations may be a central theme. Clarify long-term goals and show loved ones your dedication. All is well. Thursday through Sunday family relationships may also require clarification. Someone close will now benefit from a strong statement of loyalty. This will be a mildly draining week. Stay alert to small hints and gestures.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20). Early this week a mood of business and romantic restlessness will fade. Wait for attitudes to slowly change and expect an intensive phase of ambition or sensuality to then arrive. Over the next five weeks close relationships will be less complicated by social rules or home pressures. Set concrete goals and let others see your confidence. After Sunday your physical and social charisma will dramatically increase. Stay focused and watch for rare last-minute invitations.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19). Over the next few days an old friend or long-forgotten emotional issue between lovers may resurface. Even though feelings of nostalgia are strong right now, this is not a good time to become overly focused on the past. Say your farewells to old patterns and

move swiftly on. Loved ones now need present day dedication. Late Friday marks the beginning of five weeks of joyful romance and renewed interest in family or social celebrations. Stay open to new love.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20). Gather friends and trusted companions around this week, Pisces. Emotional strength can now be gained from sharing your ideas, plans and feelings with a receptive social group. Over the next few weeks many Pisceans will feel a powerful urge to establish a new network of friends or begin unique social activities. Unusual forms of study, educational plans or artistic pursuits will be highly appealing. Late Sunday rest and regain focus. Family memories will soon fade.

If your birthday is this week . . . over the next three months new friendships will challenge your long-standing ideas or emotional patterns. Many Aquarians will now experience a dramatic phase of social expansion. Expect previous questions of identity, social status or romantic restriction to no longer be bothersome. Powerful emotions are now at work and may soon trigger serious lifestyle changes. Pay special attention to passionate dreams and a vivid inner voice. Before mid-May loved ones may question your choices; by early June, however, all will follow your lead.

SPORTS

The Chanticleer - February 14, 2002

JSU baseball team destroys Alabama State

Staff Reports

The Jacksonville State baseball team began the 2002 season with a bang. The Gamecocks stormed past Alabama State, 10-1 last Saturday and 22-11 on Sunday.

Steve Shippey struck out five Hornets to lead Jacksonville State past Alabama State as Gamecock head coach Jim Case picked up his first-career victory.

"It's always important to get off to a good start," said Case. "We understand as a team and a coaching staff we've got 56 and they're all important. Everything we're doing right now is to get us ready so when we play Stetson we've got a great idea what we want to do."

Matt Ruckdeschel, Evan Conley, Ben Phillips and Nic Brown each finished with a pair of hits for the Gamecocks, who tallied 13 hits in the game. Tresmen Smith (0-1) got stuck with the loss for the Hornets.

"I'm really proud of the effort from our guys," said Case. "We were able to get six runs early on them and I think that allowed us to play more relaxed."

Jax State jumped on top 6-0 after sending 10 batters to the plate in the first inning.

Ruckdeschel and Tarver led off with singles and Evan Conley walked to load the bases. Ben Phillips singled through the left side to score Ruckdeschel as JSU took the early lead.

Tarver then scored on a wild pitch before Brown's single down the right field line scored Conley. Brian Haskins followed with a two-RBI single to center and Ben Padilla had a sacrifice fly to cap JSU's first inning rally.

In the third, the Gamecocks added two more runs on a two-RBI single by Ruckdeschel to center, as Jax



Sophomore catcher Scott Smith slides home during last Saturday's win against ASU.

State held on to an 8-0 lead.

Alabama State scored a run in the fifth after Lamaric Owens, who finished 2-for-3, scored on a RBI single by Bartowski Cowan.

The Hornets finished the game with six hits.

The Gamecocks added a run in the bottom of the sixth and eighth innings for the final margin.

The win snapped a 16-game losing streak, dating back to last season, for Jax State.

JSU traveled to Patterson Field in Montgomery to play Alabama State in a single-game on Sunday and smashed the Hornets, 22-11.

Conley knocked in five runs, including a 3-run home run in the fourth inning, to lead Jacksonville State past Alabama State.

Brown and Tarver also slugged home runs as the Gamecocks pounded out 13 hits for the second straight game. Heith Comer (1-0) picked up his first collegiate win, while Barry Howard (0-1) got stuck with the loss for the Hornets.

The Gamecocks jumped out to a 3-0 lead before Alabama State took a 4-3 lead after scoring four runs in the bottom of the third inning.

Jax State battled back to score five runs in the fifth inning to build an 8-4 lead. Ben Padilla knocked in two

runs before Conley slugged the first home run of his career.

Alabama State battled back to tie the score at 8-8 after scoring four runs in the bottom of the fifth inning, but the Gamecocks scored four runs in the top of the sixth to take the lead for good. Cowan and Adrian Urghart each finished with three hits for ASU.

The Hornets sliced the lead to 12-11 in the bottom of the fifth, but the Gamecocks exploded for eight runs in the seventh inning to seal the win.

JSU tacked on two more runs in the eighth inning for the final margin.

Ruckdeschel finished with a pair of hits and scored three runs, while Padilla scored four times and knocked in three runs. Brown, Conley and Bobby Crompton each finished with a pair of hits for the Gamecocks.

"As a team we're pretty confident this is a sign of things to come," said Shippey. "We feel like we can do that every time we go out there and put on some runs and take it to people."

The Gamecocks will travel to Oxford, MS to face Ole Miss tomorrow at 3 p.m.

Gamecocks continue to strive toward Atlantic Sun tournament

By Jay Pace

The Chanticleer Staff Writer

After beginning the season 3-8, the Jacksonville State basketball team is beginning to gel at just the right time. The Gamecocks tried to continue moving up the A-Sun ladder and build some momentum after playing Stetson and Jacksonville last week and Morris Brown on Monday.

The Gamecocks started the stretch with a 90-78 win over conference rival Stetson last Thursday, in front of a raucous Pete Mathews crowd.

The victory put the Gamecocks in sole possession of seventh place in the Atlantic Sun standings, and they look to have their eyes focused on a tournament berth in March. The top eight teams are allowed to participate in the tournament.

"This was a good win over a good team," said head coach Mike LaPlante. "This team continues to get better each game."

Jax State was led by sophomore guard Emerson "Downtown" Brown, who recorded his first double-double of his career with 23 points and 13 rebounds. The Gamecocks had four players score in double-figures during the victory.

Stetson gave the Gamecocks all they could handle early in the game and tied the contest at 18-18 with 11:53 left in the first half. Jax State answered the intensity and went on a 7-0 run to extend the lead to 25-18 with 10:21 left in the half.

The Gamecocks held a 43-39 lead at the half behind a 12-point first half by Barlett, who shot 100 percent from the floor in the opening half. Barlett hit 18-straight shots coming into the contest.

The Hatters went on an 11-0 run early in the second half to notch a

50-45 lead, with 15:38 remaining in the game. The Stetson lead was quickly erased when the Gamecocks began to use pressure defense and slowed the tempo of the game.

Jax State was able to hold Stetson without a point for 12 minutes and forced them into making 16-second half turnovers.

The Gamecocks went on a 20-5 run over the final nine minutes of the game and took a 71-57 lead with 4:44 left to seal the victory.

JSU outrebounded Stetson 40-27 and finished the game shooting 53.2 percent from the floor.

Barlett finished the game with 20 points and nine rebounds, while Poonie Richardson had 19 points and Scott Watson added 11 points for the Gamecocks.

Stetson was led by Ricky McConnell and Derrick DeWitt with 15 points each, while Alexis McMillan finished with 14 and Ravii Givens tossed in 12.

The Gamecocks hosted Jacksonville University last Saturday and dropped a thriller, 100-98 in triple overtime.

"That was a great college basketball game," said LaPlante. "Both teams fought to the very end and either could've come away with the win."

The Gamecocks gave the Dolphins all they could handle through two halves and three overtime periods of basketball.

Jax State took its first lead of the game when Barlett hit a jump shot with 9:45 left in the game to give the Gamecocks a 52-51 lead. Barlett finished with 17 point and nine rebounds.

Jacksonville University forward Calvin Warner hit a jumper with :55 left in the contest to give the Dolphins a 64-62 lead. The

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Jax State basketball center Omar Barlett earns A-Sun honors

Staff Reports

Jacksonville State junior forward Omar Barlett was named the Atlantic Sun men's basketball player-of-the-week by the league office on Monday.

Barlett led the Gamecocks to a pair of A-Sun wins on the week while hitting an amazing 19 straight field goals over a three-game stretch.

Barlett, a native of Miami, Fla.,

put together one of the top shooting nights in the nation in JSU's 91-71 win at Belmont as he hit 10-10 from the floor and six of seven from the line. Barlett finished with a career-high 26 points on the night.

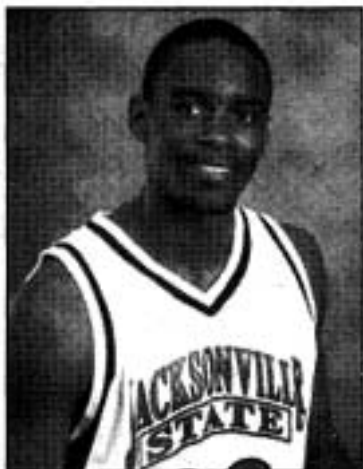
Against Stetson last Thursday night, Barlett opened with six-straight made field goals to stretch his streak to 16 straight dating back to the last three successful attempts against Campbell. Barlett finished the Stetson game with 20 points and six boards.

Barlett rounded out last week with a 17-point nine-rebound effort in a triple-overtime game as he played a career-high 46 minutes in the 100-98 loss to Jacksonville.

On the week, Barlett shot an outstanding 82.8 percent (24-29) from the field while averaging 21.0 points, 7.0 rebounds, and 1.0 steals per game as the Gamecocks posted a pair of A-Sun wins to climb into seventh place in the conference standings.

The Jacksonville State Gamecocks, predicted to finish last by the league's head coaches in the A-Sun Preseason Poll, have won seven of their last nine games to improve to 10-11 overall, and 7-9 in conference play.

The Gamecocks have four games remaining in conference play prior to the conference tournament, which will be held in Orlando, Fla., on the campus of UCF on February 28-March 2.



Courtesy of Steve Latham
Junior forward Omar Barlett.

Gamecock football team geared for future with 21 new faces

By Anthony Hill
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

This time of year is usually most football fans' second-favorite time of the year. There's bowl season and then, there's signing day.

Head football coach Jack Crowe was able to snag some of the state's top athletes and a couple of out-of-state studs to rest in the Crowe's nest for the next four years. The Gamecocks capped the school's best recruiting season since entering Division I-AA by signing 21 players last week on national signing day.

Jax State was able to sign Alabama's Class 6A Lineman-of-the-Year Jeff Allen, Florida's 2A Player-of-the-Year Craig Williams, super wideout William Cumbie and local product, former Anniston Bulldog cornerback Xaxier Brooks.

Allen chose JSU over Tennessee State and a couple of SEC schools, including Alabama and Auburn.

Willimas, a 5-11, 170-pound cornerback with 4.3 speed, chose Jax

State over Troy State and Central Florida. He said JSU offers the criminal justice curriculum he's interested in taking.

"Our signing class on paper and in our evaluations met our needs," said Crowe. "I think it is a Division I recruiting class and a majority of the guys that we recruited were recruited by Division I schools."

"The priority for us was speed players and we didn't need a lot but we needed some guys who could impact the game, in coverage or receiving and that's what Cumbie and Brooks give us along with Craig Williams," said Crowe. "These are the type of players who can give you 25-yard gains and prevent 25-yard gains that can change the momentum and give you solid gains."

The Gamecocks were able to impress more than fans last season, but also recruits that really didn't think seriously about signing with JSU before the start of the season.

"People would be around talking about Jacksonville State and they

talked bad about them," said Brooks. "When I went and saw how it really was, it really changed my mind. I wouldn't listen to what people say (now), because they don't know what they're talking about."

"Through the course of the year, it was obvious that we have improved the perception of our program as a competitive Division I football program," said Crowe. "We have some impact players in lineman like Jason Allen as an offensive lineman and Jeremy Minsey as a defensive lineman. This class also had a quarterback we have high regard for in Maurice Mullins."

Mullins, a 6-1, 195-pound quarterback from Camilia, Ga. rushed for almost 1,000 yards his senior season. He was also selected as Who's Who Among American High School Students.

"We really looked for productive people, incredible people," concluded Crowe. "And usually those people are good students."



2002 Gamecock Football Signees

Name	Pos.	Hometown/High School
Jeff Allen	OT	Birmingham, Ala./ Huffman HS
Ryan Brick	DE	Prattville, Ala./ Prattville HS
Xavier Brooks	DB	Anniston, Ala./ Anniston HS
Jason Cannon	DT	Auburn, Ala./ Auburn HS
William Cumbie	WR	Milton, Fla./ Pace HS
Cody Eiland	OG	Montgomery, Ala./ Robert E. Lee
Derek Freeman	OG	Piedmont, Ala./ Piedmont HS
Greg Green	TE	Wedowee, Ala./ Randolph County HS
A.J. Lanier	RB	Pelham, Ala./ Pelham HS
Tobias Laster	DT	Eufaula, Ala./ Eufaula HS
John May	DB	Lapine, Ala./ Highland Home HS
Demarcus Means	DT	Birmingham, Ala./ Huffman HS
Jeremy Mincey	DE	Statesboro, Ga./ Statesboro HS
Joshua Moore	OG	Leroy, Ala./Leroy HS
Maurice Mullins	QB	Camilia, Ga./Sosebee HS
Harrison Palmer	OG	Statesboro, Ga./Statesboro HS
Tony Peidra	OT	Prattville, Ala./ Prattville HS
Chase Smith	OG	Birmingham, Ala./ Shades Valley HS
Jeff Spulock	OT	Gadsden, Ala./ Gadsden HS
Craig Williams	DB	Panama City, Fla./ Arnold HS
Jeremy Wilson	DT	Tuscaloosa, Ala./ Central HS

Jax State women back in A-Sun tourney hunt

By Anthony Hill
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

It's really difficult to figure out the Jacksonville State women's basketball team. The Gamecocks may come out and play a team like Belmont hard until the end and then, play a team like Jacksonville University and not play hard until the end.

Right when you think you got them figured out, they smash Stetson by 38 points.

The Gamecocks were taken to the limit by an undermanned JU squad, but were able to gel during the final three minutes of the contest to get their fourth conference win of the season.

The Jax State women's basketball team defeated Jacksonville University 67-62 last Saturday.

Jax State outscored the Dolphins 24-6 during the final 10 minutes of the game. The Gamecocks were determined not to let a team with only six players defeat them on their home floor.

The Dolphins only brought six players, due to injuries. They

played with only five players for about eight minutes and four through the final :42 of the game.

The Gamecocks began the game hot and opened with a 19-10 lead. But, JU center and all-time leading scorer Kat Sungy got warm and scorched the Gamecocks with 16 points in the first half.

Freshmen forward Shanika Freeman came off the bench and provided a spark for JSU and narrowed the lead to 39-30 at the half.

Well, the Gamecocks must've listened to Austin because they came out fighting in the second half. Sheppard hit a 3-pointer with 6:01 to start the rally by the Gamecocks. Junior guard Nckell Copeland hit Freeman with 4:39 left in the game to tie the score at 58-58.

"I think any time you face a team that you know is going to play a zone for 40 solid minutes and you're not shooting the ball very well, this is exactly what happens," said Austin. "Belmont beats them (JU) by 22, then turns around and beats them by seven the very next time."

Freeman and sophomore guard Kelley Nye both finished the game with 10 points.

The Gamecocks tried to continue winning when they hosted Stetson on Monday.

The Gamecocks cruised past the Hatters, 101-63.

"This is the team I've been waiting to see," said Austin. "I can't say enough about the intensity of our starting five. Now we're back in the hunt for the tournament."

The Gamecocks took control of the game early and never seemed to look back.

The win was JSU's largest victory in two years. It was also the first time the team has scored a hundred points since entering Division I-A.

"I think we're finally starting to gel as a team," said Nye. "Now we're letting everyone know that we can contend."

Nye finished with a season-high 24 points and a career-high nine assists, while Freeman tied a career-high 23 points.

The Gamecocks will travel to Nashville to face Belmont today. Tip-off is set for 7:15 p.m.

Men's: from page 13

Gamecocks tied the game after Josh "Sleepy" Perry dunked over Dolphin center Ryan Lewis with :29 remaining in the game.

Regulation ended with both teams tied at 64.

The Gamecocks came back from 5 points down in the first overtime, behind the play of Perry. The high-flying sophomore finished the game with a career-high 28 points. Perry also sent the game into double overtime after hitting a jumper with 1.7 seconds remaining.

In the second overtime, the Gamecocks jumped out to an 84-80 lead with 1:44 left, but JU stormed back to take a 2-point lead with :34 left. The Gamecocks tied the game at 87 when Richardson was fouled with :02 left and hit two free throws to send the game into a third overtime.

Dolphin point guard Kevin Sheppard proved to be too much in the third overtime and led JU past the Gamecocks. Sheppard finished the game with a career-high 29 points.

Jax State suffered an emotional let down when they traveled to

Atlanta on Monday.

Morris Brown (4-21) claimed a 77-72 overtime win and handed the Gamecocks their second-straight loss.

"This loss is a tough one to swallow," said LaPlante. "We just didn't execute in the second half and overtime."

Richardson led the Gamecocks with 20 points, while Heard added 16 points and 10 rebounds.

The Gamecocks will travel to face Florida Atlantic tonight. Tip-off is set for 6.

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One on one with "Thrill:" Andrea Tomey

By Anthony "Thrill" Hill
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

There are many sides to the personality of **Andrea Tomey**. There's the sweet and innocent side that she usually displays on a daily basis and then, there's the mean, business-like bully that comes out when she steps up to the plate.

She's arguably the most intimidating player on the Jax State softball team. Andrea doesn't simply sport the game face. She's a warrior during games. She hits, catches and throws as good as any player you'll see.

Andrea had the highest batting average of any returning starter for the Gamecocks. She was also second on the team in RBIs and slugging percentage.

Andrea also loves conversation. She simply loves to talk. I must admit that I had one of the best times during our interview. Andrea was full of life and was genuinely excited about doing the interview.

She and I just sat down and had a good time. Everything went nice and smooth, just like Andrea's play — nice and smooth.

Thrill: What's going on Andrea?

Andrea: Nothing.

Thrill: What do you want to talk about?

Andrea: (Laughs.) Whatever you want to talk about.

Thrill: Someone told me about the dream you had the other night. Tell me about the dream you had before "Fan Day" last Sunday.

Andrea: I had a dream that only 10 people showed up to it so we had to keep having the same people for all of the competition, over and over again. (Both laugh.)

Thrill: Good thing that didn't happen. There was a real good turn out for Fan Day. (401 fans in attendance.)

Andrea: Yeah there were a lot of people there. I was kind of surprised. I knew that we would have a few people, because we did a camp a few weeks ago and I knew that most of the kids there were coming. But, other than that, I didn't know what the turn out would be.

Thrill: Are you excited about the start of a new season?

Andrea: Yes, I am.

Thrill: Do you think the softball team has something to prove this season? I mean, you guys won the conference title last season and were pushed back to fourth



Senior first baseman Andrea Tomey.

place in the preseason standings. Do you guys get enough respect?

Andrea: Um. I don't know if we have a lot to prove. We won the conference last year, but it was a three-way tie. I don't know. I don't think that we have to prove anything, but I feel like we're going to prove something this season.

Thrill: This is your senior season. That means that it's your final go-around. Does this season feel a little more special than past seasons?

Andrea: Yeah. Every year since my sophomore year in high school has been better than the one before it. So, I hope that will continue. This year has to be better for me, because if I were to end my career with my performance last year I wouldn't be too happy. So, this year is special to me.

Thrill: What was so bad about last season?

Andrea: My hitting. We didn't have anyone hit over 300 on the team. I just don't think that I had a good year, hitting, last year.

Thrill: Really?

Andrea: Yeah. I was not happy. **Thrill:** Coach McGinnis said that no one got to see how good of a hitter you were last season because you weren't really comfortable. Are you more comfortable this season?

Andrea: I feel comfortable so far, at practice. Just everything about me this year is smoother. I feel a lot more comfortable being here this year.

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

Andrea: We have a lot more hitters this year. Just watch us in practice. You can go from number one to number nine and everybody has power. We also click a lot better on the field. I just think that we're a better team this season.

Thrill: How confident are you that we'll win the Atlantic Sun championship?

Andrea: I'm pretty confident. I think we have a pretty good

chance at it. And, if we play like we've been practicing then we're going to get it again.

Thrill: Let's talk about something else. What do you like to do during your free time?

Andrea: Lots of stuff.

Thrill: Oh really? (Both laugh.)

Andrea: I don't know. I just like to hang out with my friends. I can't really do anything. We've got an 11:00 curfew now.

Thrill: Good. (Both laugh.) It's got to be disappointing to only play nine teams at home this year, your senior season. How disappointing is that for you?

Andrea: Well, I was really disappointed when I saw the schedule. We had a lot of away games last season. I figured we would have more home games this year, but we don't.

Thrill: What is your best Valentine's Day memory?

Andrea: (Pause.) What if I don't have a good Valentine's Day memory?

Thrill: Then tell me you don't have a good recollection of the holiday.

Andrea: I don't have a good Valentine's Day memory.

Thrill: That's sad. Why not?

Andrea: I've always been out of town on Valentine's Day. It's always softball season during that holiday. We're traveling again this year. So I'm going to be sad again.

Thrill: Whom would you consider as a dream date?

Andrea: A date with Michael Jordan.

Thrill: Do you have any funny road-trip stories from last season?

Andrea: Anything Carrie (Parker) did was funny. (Both laugh.) Carrie was very nervous last year, especially around the start of the season. I remember one time we were warming up last season before a game and she came running out of the bathroom and then fell down a hill. She fell right in front of coach McGinnis. (Both laugh.) That was really funny. She fell flat on her face too.

Thrill: Did you laugh?

Andrea: (Laughs.) Yeah, I laughed so hard.

Thrill: How hard is it for you to attend college so far away from your hometown? You're from Portland, Ore.



Courtesy Steve Latham
Carrie Parker.

Andrea: It's really hard. It's even harder this season, because I've got a little nephew back home. He was just born and I don't get to see him that often.

Thrill: Do you have a favorite television show?

Andrea: Yes. "Friends."

Thrill: "Friends." Who's your favorite character?

Andrea: Joey.

Thrill: All right. Who's your favorite teammate?

Andrea: I've got a lot of favorite teammates, but if I had to name one, it would be Carrie Parker.

Thrill: Name a sport that you enjoy watching here at JSU.

Andrea: I'm actually enjoying the men's basketball team. They've been playing really good lately. They were really fun to watch the other night. Josh Perry had a really good game last Saturday.

Thrill: Why did you choose the song titled "Back back" by Lil'O as your batting song? (Both laugh.)

Andrea: I don't know. We were just listening to it and people have got to back, back when I come up to the plate. (Laughs.) I'm just playing. I just like it.

Thrill: OK. Free Association.

Andrea: My face is getting red now.

Thrill: It's OK. Portland Trailblazers.

Andrea: Not as good as they used to be.

Thrill: Carrie Parker. (Gamecock third base)

Andrea: Funny and one of my best friends.

Thrill: Ford Ranger.

Andrea: My truck. (Both laugh.)

Thrill: Sexy.

Andrea: (Pause.)

Thrill: I knew I'd get you there. Come on now.

Andrea: (Laughs.) "Thrill." (Both laugh.)

Thrill: Gamecock softball.

Andrea: My family here.

Thrill: Coach Mark Wisener. (Assistant coach)

Andrea: Really good coach and friend.

Thrill: Meadow McWhorter. (Former Gamecock pitcher)

Andrea: Really good friend.

Thrill: One more question. Who's going to be the first-ever Atlantic Sun softball champions?

Andrea: Jacksonville State University.

Thrill: All right. Thanks for the interview, Andrea. And, good luck with the season.

Andrea: Thank you too. I'll see you around.

Softball season opens

By Lindsay Mullins
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

The JSU softball team pounded Birmingham Southern 7-1 and 11-0 in a doubleheader at University Field on Tuesday.

In game one junior pitcher Veronica Davis earned the win, allowing only two hits the entire game.

As a team, JSU went 12-for-31, including a sixth-inning home run for sophomore shortstop Rachel Countryman. Junior right-fielder Stacey Smith batted 3-for-3 and catcher Christine Hochdorfer went 2-for-2.

At the end of the first inning, the contest was tied at one. Hochdorfer recorded the RBI after she smashed a double to bring in Andrea Tomey.

After a scoreless second inning, the Gamecocks added three-straight runs after Melinda McDonald's double. Three innings later, Countryman got the crowd on its feet after she smashed a fence-clearing shot over center field.

Smith raced to home plate after Renee Hasan bunted a ball past the BSC shortstop. McDonald ran in for the score after Annie Davis cranked one down the right-field line.

Davis struck out 4-of-24 batters faced, and walked three. BSC pitcher Dawn Treadwell took the loss.

The Gamecocks continued to dominate the Panthers during the second game. It seemed like the Gamecock bats got hotter as the weather got colder.

JSU smashed its way to an 11-0 victory, behind a stellar hitting performance by the team and a no-hitter by sophomore pitcher Tera Ross.

In a game that ended at the top of the bottom of the fifth inning, the Gamecocks had 13 hits with only 23 at bats. Ross finished with eight strikeouts.

The Gamecocks had an excellent pitching night, but all eyes were on Countryman after she smashed her second home run of the night in the bottom of the second inning.

"I didn't expect to come out here and hit two home runs," said Countryman. "My confidence level went so high after I hit the first one."

The Gamecocks got their bats moving in the top of third inning while scoring seven-straight runs, which included a grand slam by freshman outfielder Breanne Oleman.

The Gamecocks will travel to South Carolina to play in a tournament tomorrow.

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JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY HOUSING RE-APPLICATION PROCESS 2002-2003

The Housing Re-Application Process will begin on Monday, February 25, 2002. During the re-application process, you will need to complete a Student Housing re-application Form. Residents who vacate their assignments for summer but will return to campus housing during the Fall 2002 Semester, will not be refunded their \$100.00 deposit -- it will carry forward to the Fall Semester. However, any administrative charges for cleaning, improper check-out, etc., will be assessed to the resident's student account. Residents who do not participate in the upcoming re-application process are not guaranteed student housing assignments for summer and/or Fall 2002 semester. **It is assumed that residents who do not participate in the re-application process are vacating their assignment and do not require campus housing and must vacate their room on April 24, 2002, by 10:00 a.m.**

The following Halls will not be available to current residents: **Fitzpatrick and Curtiss**
Fitzpatrick will become a Co-ed Freshman Hall.
Curtiss will become an academic building.

February 25 - 26 --- Squatters Days

Campus Inn, College, Crow, Daugeette, Dixon, Forney, Jax, Logan, Pannell, Patterson, Penn House, Sparkman residents who wish to return to their same room/apartment have priority and cannot be bumped from their current room/apartment assignment.

To re-apply come to the Housing office located 117 Bibb Graves between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.

February 27 - 28 --- Same Hall/Different Room

Campus Inn, College, Crow, Daugeette, Dixon, Forney, Jax, Logan, Pannell, Patterson, Penn House, Sparkman residents who wish to remain in their same residence hall but request a different room/apartment assignment.

To re-apply come to the Housing office located 117 Bibb Graves between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

March 1 -- Fitzpatrick and Curtiss Hall Displaced Residents Only

Current residents in Fitzpatrick and Curtiss Hall may sign up for assignments in Crow, Daugeette, Sparkman, Campus Inn*, College*, Jax*, Logan*, Pannell*, Patterson*, Penn House* (*If eligible)

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March 4 -- Hall to Hall Changes

All current residents who wish to reside on-campus but who are requesting an assignment in a different hall

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If you have any questions or need additional clarification, please contact your Hall Director or the Department of University Housing and Residential Life



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