SGA parking committee offer ideas for JSU’s parking problem

By Tomiko Goodman
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According to an SGA handout, some of the ideas include building new spaces, changing the present parking regulations, and even changing the amount of time between classes.

In one suggestion, JSU could create new parking spaces on campus by removing old buildings that are not currently being used.

Another suggestion includes creating new color codes for student parking on campus to help with the problem.

The parking committee suggested colors for each zone. White zones would be for disabled students, yellow zones for commuting freshmen, green zones for residents that live on campus, red zones for other commuters, blue would remain for faculty/staff and orange zones for visitors.

The white color zones would remain as they are in each section located on campus. Green zones would be placed near and behind dormitories to help serve residents that live in Sparkman, Logan, Patterson, Fitzpatrick and other residence halls. The blue parking area behind Ayers Hall would be designated red except for a number of green spaces reserved for students living in Logan Hall, according the handout.

Furthermore, the spaces that currently surround Trustee Circle would be made into blue spaces for faculty and staff, according to the SGA’s handout.

Another suggestion to decrease the unopposed parking problem is to try to ease the problem and draw the traffic flow on campus was to increase the breaks between classes from 15 minutes to 20 minutes. This would allow more time for students to

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SGA exec candidates to run mostly unopposed

By Stephanie Pendergrass
The Chanticleer News Editor

JSU’s SGA elections for the 2002-03 academic year will be taking place March 5 and 6 in the fourth floor of the TMB. The elections will be for four executive positions and 35 senate seats.

According to the SGA office, six students are currently seeking executive positions in the SGA. Robert Hayes is running for president, Stephanie Janis for 1st vice president, Mark Choquette for 2nd vice president, and Mariana Chaudler, Sean Greninger and Crystal Roden are running for the position of controller.

The SGA also reported that there are 60 students running for SGA senate positions. The student body will choose 35 of these students.

According to Terry Casey, the SGA’s director of student activities, “I was very surprised to have [60] people running for senator.”

Casey gave a few reasons why students may be showing interest in becoming senators next year. “I think this senator is trying to make a difference this year,” he said. “Senators and SGA officers are trying to make a difference and they’re really publicizing and getting student input on what the students want changed.

“When you see that the students who are leading the student government are trying to make an effort and trying to get things changed, I think you see an increase in students wanting to be involved.”

Casey gave another reason why more people may be showing interest in the senate. “On the other hand, there could be students who are running who think that what the current senators are doing is not productive and they want to get in there to make a change.”

Last year a large number of students ran for executive office positions, but Casey said that usually every other year a decrease in candidates occurs.

He explained that one reason the number of executive candidates was low was due to the lack of students who were eligible to run for these offices. “I think there were only nine or 10 people left that were eligible to run for office, so to be able to get six that are running out of that, I think that’s a good number,” Casey said.

Casey said another reason why more people didn’t run for the higher offices could be seen in Candidates, page 3

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 Bodies, charges, anger mount at Georgia crematory site

By Don Schanche Jr.
Knight Ridder Newspapers (KRT)

NOBLE, Ga. — Monday brought more bodies, more criminal charges, more local anger and more complexity to the investigation of discarded human remains at Tri-State Crematory.

“It’s like taking 100 jigsaw puzzles, pouring them out on the floor and putting them together upside down,” said Kris Sperry, chief medical examiner for the state of Georgia. Sperry said the bizarre case is incomprehensible, unlike anything he has seen before.

A federal disaster mortuary team arrived late Monday to help disinter, retrieve and identify what ultimately could be more than 200 bodies on the 16-acre site in rural Walker County, near the Tennessee state line.

The forensic pathologists and anthropologists will join scores of local and state emergency response officials in combing the ashes of 51 people who were to have been cremated at Tri-State.

The ashes were brought to investigators by family members, who had received them from funeral homes. While most were indeed funeral homes, with the written permission of their next of kin.

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JSU to host high school forum on const. reform

By Stephanie Pendergrass
The Chanticleer News Editor

Constitutional reform continues to be an issue in the state of Alabama. As JSU welcomes Calhoun County high school students to a reform seminar on Feb. 28, the need of informing citizens persists.

Former Alabama Gov. Albert Brewer will be the keynote speaker at JSU’s seminar, “Constitutional Reform: What’s In It For Me?” Alabama’s secretary of state, Jim Bennett, will also speak at the seminar.

The issue to be discussed at the event is Alabama’s “Horse and Buggy” Constitution, according to a University press release. Alabama’s Constitution dates back to 1901 and many see it as behind the times.

Four sessions will take place with students at the seminar. These will be to discuss education and Constitutional reform and economic development and Constitutional reform.

In recent news dealing with reform, The Birmingham News reported that “a plan to let voters decide whether a convention of elected delegates should rewrite the state constitution is gaining support in the state Senate.”

According to Alabama Citizens for Constitutional Reform, the constitution could be rewritten or a constitutional convention.

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The Montgomery Advertiser reported in January that a group who was opposed to the rewriting of the state's constitution, article by article, planned on filing a lawsuit that would stop the reform. The Advertiser said that Siegelman wants to have the constitution rewritten at a convention, however, and not the aforementioned way.

The Anniston Star reported last week that Siegelman would consider holding another special session if lawmakers fail to pass measures this session allowing the people to hold a constitutional convention.

At the same time, Tim James, son of former Gov. Bob James, and Republican gubernatorial candidate continued with his state tour opposing a constitutional convention, according to the Mobile Register.

The paper also said “polls have shown a majority of Alabamians favor a new constitution, though the majority of voters respond adamant-ly that they do not want to pay higher taxes.”

According to the ACCR, the state’s current constitution protects special interests. Consequently, “public schools and other service suffer from inadequate tax dollars.”

The 1901 Constitution also “prevents local governments from addressing local issues,” according to the ACCR.

“The 1901 Alabama Constitution concentrated power in the Legislature. It did not provide the right of home rule to [Alabama’s] counties.”

Another problem with the constitution is that it supports a failed tax structure, according to the site. Alabama earmarks nearly 90 percent of its revenues. This “provides the governor and the Legislature with little flexibility—a problem that becomes intense when revenues fall below expectations.”

The ACCR gives its results of Constitutional reform on its site, as well. These include: tax fairness, economic growth, vital city and county governments, education excellence and public interest para-mount.

For any information concerning Constitutional reform visit www.constitutionalreform.org.

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Students are working to leave parking areas and find parking spaces. Another idea would be for students to park by the classification that the students are in. For example, freshmen would park in front of freshmen, and so forth. Graduates and seniors would be able to park closer to each building.

Kimber Merril, a member of the parking committee is working to compromise with the faculty on the issue.

The parking committee is not only working to find a solution to the parking situation, they are also working to improve safety on campus. The committee is working on the lighting across campus at night by adding lights in various sections to improve safety.

A petition for the state to add a traffic light that coordinates with the light at Route 204 to speed up the flow of traffic across state Route 21, across from Brewer Hall, was suggested in the handout.

The SGA also suggested that students who fail to purchase a parking decal should have their classes dropped for the semester.

While a resolution has not gone into effect, parking at JSU remains a topic of discussion.

**CAMAUS CRIME**

Jan. 31 — Michael David Nall, 24, of Hoover, was arrested by JSUPD for DUI occurring at Campus Inn Apartments.
Jan. 31 — Jeremy Chase Pannell, 19, of Jacksonville, was arrested by JSUPD for DUI occurring at Forney Avenue.
Feb. 1 — Kelli Amadha Green, 19, of Gadsden, was arrested by JSUPD for DUI occurring at Nesbit Street.
Feb. 2 — William Blake Stancil, 19, of Jacksonville, was arrested by JSUPD for DUI occurring at Nesbit Lake Road.
Feb. 2 — Tyrus Markenth Bowen, 21, of Anniston was arrested by JSUPD for DUI occurring at Jamestown Apartments.
Feb. 8 — Oscar Goode Jarvis, 22, of Anniston, was arrested by JSUPD for resisting arrest and disorderly conduct occurring at parking lot of maintenance.

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 782-5071, or contact JSUPD at 782-5050.

**Correction**

The Chanticleer misprinted some information about Career Placement Service in last week’s article about the Education Career Fair. The Career Placement Service is not located in the TMB. It is located in Bibb Graves Hall, Rm. 105. For more information, call Career Placement Service at 782-5482.

We apologize for any inconvenience or confusion this error may have caused.
Five of the six 2002-03 SGA executive board candidates.

L-R top: Robert Hayes, running for SGA president; Stephanie Janis, running for 1st vice president; Mark Choquette, running for 2nd vice president.

L-R bottom: Sean Greninge, running for controller; Marlana Chandler, running for controller; a photo of Crystal Roden, also running for controller, was unavailable.

Elections for executive officers and SGA senators will be in the fourth floor of the TMB on March 5 and 6.

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“because all six of the candidates running for the major offices are very, very strong candidates. They’re students who have been involved in the SGA all year, from the beginning, and who have committed to the SGA from the very beginning.”

This year’s SGA executive office candidates:

Hayes, the candidate for president, has served as SGA director of publicity for the 2001-02 academic year. He is a member of Phi Lambda Theta, Phi Theta Kappa and Omicron Delta Kappa. Hayes is a 2002 peer counselor, a Collegiate Legislature Representative for JSU, a member of the history club and served as a senator for 2000-01. His other campus involvement includes serving on the Up ‘Til Dawn catering/corporate marketing committee, and the University printing and publishing committee. Hayes has been chosen for the National Dean’s List and Who’s Who Among American Universities.

Janis is seeking re-election as the SGA’s 1st vice president. She has served on the freshman forum, as a senator and has been blood drive chairman. Janis is vice president of Zeta Tau Alpha, a member of the Order of Omega, Rho Lambda and a Gamecock Hostess. She has served as intramural chair, has been a peer counselor, worked with Up ‘Til Dawn and has served as a Collegiate Legislature Representative for JSU.

Choquette, the candidate for 2nd vice president is a member of Delta Chi, Beta Beta Beta, Omicron Delta Kappa and the Order of Omega. He has been involved with the SGA, has been a peer counselor and is head of the athletic support committee. Choquette was voted Mr. Friendly for 2001, has been involved with football, and has served as the IFC’s director of publicity.

Greninge, running for the controller position, is a member of Beta Gamma Sigma and Omicron Delta Kappa. He is president of the JSU Rugby Club, has served as treasurer for the club, and has played rugby since 1999. Greninge has served as a senator since 2001.

Chandler, also a candidate for controller, is a member of Alpha Omicron Pi, and is Greek Week Chairman. She has served JSU as a senator since 2001.

Roden, also running for controller, is a member of Zeta Tau Alpha. She has been active in SGA, in both the freshman forum and as a senator. Roden is apart of the Student Activities Committee and was on the patient relations committee for Up ‘Til Dawn.
JSU may change duties of apartment managers

By Katie Harris
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

The duties of student managers of university-owned apartments may be changing this fall, according to University officials.

According to Dr. Alice Cusimano, JSU’s associate vice president for student affairs, “The job description for apartment managers will be different because there will be changes in the maintenance and repair crews.” Cusimano’s office oversees the University housing department. Marie Humphrey, director of University Housing, declined to be interviewed.

Symone Gandy, assistant director of University housing, said, “We want people that are used to doing electricity and plumbing to go ahead and take care of those problems in the apartments.” She then said, “We want experts to do the job.”

Some apartment managers are not happy with the proposed changes. One manager, who did not wish to be identified said, “We were told that managers are not certified to do electrical work or plumbing work. Therefore, we are not covered under insurance by the University and the liability is too great.”

The apartment manager explained, “The decision was made to take those responsibilities away and a significant portion of our compensation would be taken away also — in the form of tuition.”

Cusimano said, “If we have been asked to revise a job description to a point, then [we] would also be looking at compensation and possibly making adjustments to that.”

Apartment managers’ duties currently include: electrical and mechanical problems, check-in and check-out procedures, maintaining order across the complex, as well as making a study and living environment that is conducive to learning, according to an apartment manager.

For those duties, apartment managers currently earn free room and board, a monthly salary of $350 and paid tuition, said another apartment manager, who also did not wish to be identified.

Gandy said apartment managers’ duties this fall will include: “programming to help people meet each other, check in and check out, disciplinary projects, reports of what has been going on, neighbor conflicts, as well as resolution and mediation.”

Gandy said, “We’re trying to turn them into resident assistants so they can deal with community development and behavior in those areas.”

RAs however, will not be receiving a cut from their normal compensation, which includes paid tuition, said Gandy.

The first apartment manager said, “I can see where the University is justified in cutting our tuition since our duties are limited now, but at the same time it places a great restriction on the managers since we can’t go out and compensate [lost] tuition with a job.”

According to Gandy, University housing has a policy that apartment managers and RAs are not allowed to have outside jobs. Although the apartment managers will have fewer and different responsibilities, the second manager disagreed. “I personally feel that it’s the same amount of work we’re going to be putting into it.”

The second manager spoke on behalf of all the student apartment managers. “We all feel the same — that our tuition is being taken away.”

Cusimano does not know if all of the details have been finalized. “Contracts have not been assigned or approved so they may be worrying about something that is just a possibility and not a reality.”

Pope John Paul has performed three exorcisms, priest says

By Corky Siemaszko
New York Daily News (NYT)

NEW YORK — Pope John Paul has performed three exorcisms, the ancient rite of casting out demons from the souls of the possessed, during his 23 years in the Vatican, according to one of the Catholic Church’s top exorcists. He performed the last one in September.

In that battle, the pope sprinkled holy water and commanded the devil to leave the body of a possessed 20-year-old woman, the Rev. Gabriele Amorth said.

But the devil still lingers within the woman, who hails from Milan, Italy, and has undergone several more exorcisms since the pope tried to banish her demon.

“It’s a very serious case,” Amorth told La Stampa, a well-respected Italian newspaper. “A series of curses.”

The Vatican had no immediate response to Amorth’s reported claims Monday, which came a day after the pope warned that the devil was leading Catholics into temptation.

“The devil, the ‘prince of this world,’ even today continues his insidious actions,” the pontiff said in his Sunday sermon. “Each and every man ... is tempted by the devil when he least expects it.”

Amorth said the pope performed his first exorcism in 1982 when he drove a demon from a woman who began thrashing on the ground during a Vatican audience.

“This girl was rolling around on the ground,” Amorth said. “People in the Vatican had never seen anything like it. For us exorcists, it is run of the mill.”

The pontiff prayed over the girl until she calmed down.

“He carried out these exorcisms because he wanted to give a powerful example,” Amorth said. “He wanted to give the message that we must once again start exercising those who are possessed by demons.”
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human remains, Sperry said nine consisted of nothing but powdered cement.

T. Ray Brent Marsh, the man whom authorities hold responsible for the phony ashes and the bizarre backyard body collection, was back in jail Monday after being charged with 11 more counts of theft by deception. Marsh had been jailed Saturday on five counts, then released Sunday on bond.

He was scheduled for another bond hearing Monday, but it was canceled because he did not have a lawyer.

“That bond hearing has now been delayed indefinitely,” said Lookout Mountain District Attorney Herbert E. “Buzz” Franklin Jr.

Authorities filed the 11 additional charges Sunday night after 11 more bodies were positively identified as having been sent to the crematory.

The younger Marsh, who turned himself in to be re-arrested Sunday night, has said only that the crematory was broken.

Wilson said having Marsh in jail could help further the investigation - and it could also help ensure Marsh’s safety. Hundreds of hurt, angry relatives have converged on Walker County, demanding answers about their loved ones.

“We do expect as further remains are identified, there will be further warrants taken,” Franklin said. Theft by deception, a felony, carries a potential prison term of one to 15 years on each count.

Marsh took over operation of the family-run crematory in 1996 after his father became too enfeebled by age to run it. While only the son has been charged so far, Walker County Sheriff Steve Wilson said the father will be investigated, as well. Authorities say the mishandling of bodies apparently dates back at least 10 or even 20 years. Authorities say they are mystified as to why the bodies were discarded instead of cremated.

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Hundreds of hurt, angry relatives have converged on Walker County, demanding answers about their loved ones who were supposed to be cremated at Marsh’s establishment.

Some have suggested that the penalties under the law are too mild compared to the crime. Even some community members who don’t have a personal stake have said the same thing.

At Susie’s Sunset Cafe, a downtown lunchtime gathering place, resident Tommy Rogers Sr. said that Marsh “should be turned lose on the people of the community, and let them settle it.”

Those kinds of suggestions brought a sharp response from Wilson.

“We owe it to him to keep him safe,” he said. “We serve all the people of this county. I would discourage anyone who had any feelings of violence against this man. That is not the way to handle the situation.”

The tensions highlight a sensitive aspect of Walker County’s demographic makeup. The county of 61,053 is more than 95 percent white and only 3.8 percent black, according to the 2000 U.S. Census.

Marsh and his family are part of the black minority. Some members of the black community say they are worried that anger against Marsh and his family could spill over to other black residents.

“We don’t know if it will filter over to other people,” said one retired woman, who asked not to be identified.

By all accounts, the Marshes have been well-respected, well-liked members of the Walker County business and civic leadership for years.

Randall Walker, vice president of the Bank of LaFayette, said he has worked with Marsh’s mother on many civic projects, and his father is “well accepted in our community as a reputable citizen.”

“As far as I know, they’ve been a fine family in our community over a number of years,” he said. “It’s beyond comprehension how it could happen.”

The problems at the crematory came to light late last week after an anonymous tipster called the federal Environmental Protection Agency offices in Atlanta. At first, officials found bones and bodies strewn about. On Sunday, they found a burial vault stuffed with an estimated 20 human bodies. On Monday they opened four more vaults. Each one was packed with more bodies. They have not yet been removed.

Sperry said investigators also found pits on the property where bodies apparently were thrown at random. Sperry said bodies and skeletons are massed together and intermingled, making identification and recovery difficult.

“This has slowed us down, because of the technical nature of this,” he said. The federal forensic team has experience in dealing with complex cases. The members have worked at the World Trade Center site, and were on hand in 1994 after flooding on the Flint River disinterred numerous bodies from graveyards in Albany, Ga.

But Sperry said the complexity of this grisly case is overwhelming.

“It’s not like a plane crash where there’s 253 people on board and we know the name of every single one of them,” he said. “We do not know and may never find out the names of many of these people, only because families may never come forward. They may have died, moved on, who knows what. We have to have somebody to compare with in order to make identification.

“It’s not only a probability, it’s going to happen when this is finally over and done with there will be a number who will never be identified.”
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Tensions in Mideast hurting French Jews; Jewish school burned

By Gregory Katz
The Dallas Morning News (KRT)

CRETEIL, France — The call came in the middle of the night. When Rahamim Oliel picked up the phone, he learned that the Ozar Hatorah school he directed - the Jewish place of learning he had cherished for 28 years - had been set ablaze.

That same night, vandals tried to desecrate the only synagogue in Creteil, a grim suburb just south of Paris where the city blocks are studded with cheerful, socialist-style apartment complexes.

Despondent, Oliel, a small man who wears the black hat and long beard associated with conservative Jews, said he realized then that a climate of open anti-Semitism had returned to France some six decades after the Nazi horror.

"I couldn't believe it when I came and found the fire roaring," he said, surveying severe damage to several classrooms at one of the school's two buildings. "I saw this school grow from 14 students when I came in 1973 to more than 1,100 students. So you can imagine what it did to me to see it on fire. I can't even begin to tell you how I feel."

The incidents in Creteil on the last day of 2001 were not isolated events. The vicious conflict between the Israelis and Palestinians in the Middle East has apparently had a startling spillover effect in France, where officials report a sharp rise in the number of attacks on Jewish schools, synagogues and rabbis.

The Jewish community has been shaken by its core by the violence, which Jewish leaders blame on France's burgeoning population of Arab immigrants from North Africa who are angry about Israel's harsh treatment of Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Anti-Semitic acts in France were extremely rare during the 1990s - a period of relative calm in Israel, the West Bank and Gaza - but have become commonplace as Israeli-Palestinian violence has intensified with the breakdown of the Middle East peace process, figures from the National Human Rights Commission show.

In 1998, one serious anti-Semitic attack was reported in France; in 1999, there were nine such attacks. But in 2000, the commission reported; there were 116 serious acts of violence against Jewish institutions, almost all of them taking place after the Palestinian uprising began in October of that year.

This ripple effect can be felt in dozens of towns and cities where Jewish facilities have been hit by Molotov cocktails in the middle of the night.

"That means they got off completely," he said.

"The violence has had a chilling effect on French Jews who are now reluctant to walk to their synagogues because they are often jeered at or insulted," Weintraub said.

"So far, thank God, there have been no fatalities, but if there is one, all hell will break loose," he said. "We have angry young men as well, and they will want revenge, and it will be an explosive situation."

"The Jewish community is also upset by what is perceived as the French government's tolerance of anti-Semitism, as reflected by comments made in late December by France's ambassador to Great Britain, Daniel Bernard. He used a vulgar term to describe Israel and blamed Israelis for bringing the world close to a third world war."

The senior diplomat was not reprimanded or removed by the French government after the comments were published.

The Israeli government has announced plans to increase financial assistance to French Jews who want to move to Israel, and Jewish community leaders report a jump in the number of people considering emigration. Israeli officials say France has become the most anti-Semitic country in western Europe.

National leaders of the growing Muslim community, upset about the attacks, have advised the imams at hundreds of mosques throughout France to preach a message of toler- ance and brotherhood as spelled out in the Koran.

"The Jewish president, Jacques Chirac, said after the attacks in Creteil that 'great attention' will be paid to any anti-Semitic crimes and that those responsible will be 'punished as necessary.'"

French officials have been trying to downplay the violence, suggesting that it is not anti-Semitic in nature but is part of a larger societal drift afflicting much of France, particularly the crowded, working-class suburbs where jobs and educational opportunities are scarce. But this position is rejected by Jews who say that when Jewish children are attacked on a school bus it is an anti-Semitic act, said Serge Klarsfeld, France's foremost Nazi hunter.

"The Jewish community is extremely worried," he said. "It is a shame that these anti-Jewish actions are coming back and the political world prefers to close its eyes."

Nonetheless, he said the situation is not comparable to the circumstances of the Nazi era because the new anti-Semitism is not coming from the extreme right wing of the French political spectrum but primarily from young Arabs who identify with Palestinians.

"It's not the same," he said. "What we fear is that young people in the Islamic schools are learning from imams in the Arabic countries who propagate the hatred of Jews. It can be very seductive for them to fight against Jews."

Jewish community organizers say they feel betrayed by political leaders who seem to have weighed the electoral clout of France's 600,000 Jews against the potential power of roughly 6 million immigrants from North Africa and concluded that it is not necessary to win support among Jewish voters.

"People feel abandoned," said Andre Benayoun, a lawyer who is president of the Jewish Community in Creteil and neighboring cities. "The politicians from both the right and the left don't react to repeated attacks. It could be because Arabs are more numerous than Jews and we are in an election period now. But we don't understand how politicians can sacrifice our long-term integration and loyalty for purely electoral reasons."

Despite his revulsion at the attacks in Creteil, and what he believes is an overly tolerant response from the government, Benayoun said he does not believe France has become an anti-Semitic country.

He said the anti-Semitic sentiments are confined to a relatively small group, a view buttressed by the large public rallies in support of French Jews that have been held after several prominent attacks.

"The great majority of French society condemns this," he said.

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Remember the Pentagon?

History is apparently forever destined to repeat itself.

Last week President George W. Bush ordered the CIA and the Pentagon to develop plans to remove Iraqi strongman Saddam Hussein from power. He’s apparently the next target in the U.S.’s ongoing war against terrorism, launched in earnest after the attacks on New York and Washington.

Our first target was Afghanistan’s Taliban rulers and their Al-Qaeda guests, prime suspects in the attacks. American forces bombed the shit out of the country, paving the way for indigenous anti-Taliban forces to seize control. In effect, the United States changed the government of a foreign land, as part of a larger war, in response to an attack on Americans.

To students of American history, this should all sound eerily familiar.

In February 1898 the American battleship USS Maine, harbored in Havana, Cuba, exploded, killing 266 U.S. sailors. A naval court of inquiry held that a mine caused the explosion. Many at the time theorized that it was set by Spanish colonists in Cuba who opposed American support for Cuban independence. No one ever claimed responsibility.

The attack enraged Americans and launched the country into the Spanish-American War. Spanish forces in Cuba were routed by the U.S., which resulted in American independence-minded Cubans.

The parallels here are hard to ignore. A terrorist attack sends the country into war, which results in a fundamental change in government of a foreign land, as part of a larger war, in response to an attack on Americans.

Now, President Bush is urging the country into what may become a long and difficult war in Iraq. Moral questions have risen about whether it’s right to target the head of foreign state for assassination.

The law of unintended consequences has fewer real-life manifestations than the Spanish-American War. The war started the United States on its rise as a world power, and the allegations of American imperialism that persist to this day have their origins in the Philippines at the turn of the 19th century. Our ongoing conflict with Cuba has its roots in that war, as well.

Unintended consequences are also the inevitable result of the current war on terrorism. As the Bush administration leads us toward a deeper war, it would be wise keep history in mind in order to avoid repeating the mistakes of the past.

Silliness is a trait to cherish in humanity

Humans are fallible creatures. The steps we trip over and the pretzels we choke on are made up of the more likeable traits all people have - mistakes.

I laugh at myself, I laugh at you and I laugh when I hear my neighbor laugh. People are silly.

The Halifax, a London bank, sent out 15,000 letters to members of its share-dealing service to call for inquiries. When people dialed the number, they were greeted by disco music and a voice telling them that they had found Britain’s “most hilarious line for men to meet men,” according to a Reuters article.

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Edgar Deno in Belgium was receiving side remarks from other churchgoers at St. Peterskerk Church in Leuven for bringing his Dutch poodle named Motril to mass, the priests gave Motril a special permit to prove he’s welcome, according to the Het Nieuwsblad newspaper.

“That is why I asked the priest for an official pass,” said Deno. “And if people say something (about it), I just answer the dog is Catholic and the priest approved.”

“I’ve asked the priest to baptize the dog, but he refused, saying that I could come to ask him to marry Motril within a few years as well.”

As they say, sometimes truth is better than fiction. I would add funnier.

Last month, while watching a Miami Dolphins and Baltimore Ravens college bowl, President George W. Bush had trouble swallowing a pretzel and fainted. He reportedly fell off his couch, hit the floor and received a bruise on his left cheek and lip.

The whole world chuckled.

I heard an Italian correspondent on National Public Radio tell of the many TV shows he was asked to appear on and speak of Bush’s snack encounter. What interested me though, was not why the shows asked him but how he explained that the fake-inducing pretzel was one of the greatest things that could’ve happened.

The correspondent said that for the Italians to hear of the most powerful man in the world choking on a snack while watching sports on TV, they like they do, a needed sigh and chuckle was released.

The terrorist attacks, related deaths and repercussions made the whole world focus on less desirable human traits.

I agree with the Italian speaking media man. To think of Bush, with his monumental responsibilities, as a Joe watching the game with a bowl of pretzels near his hand, some anxiety was released.

There is never a time to forget the terrorists’ atrocities; but to remember a laughable side of human nature and not focus so much on despair is healthy and wise.

Times are stressful, times are hard, life is not all peaches and roses, as we have all had to grasp with more-so lately. But, people are silly. We all have a smile hidden deep within us and the more seldom one knows, the more special laughter is.

Some of my best memories are of being with friends and basking in the small moment when we all brayed to the point of tears. In fact, I could say that love grew between us more because we saw each other in our idiocy and loved it. I’m sure everyone has memories such as that, which they should remember more often.
American patriotism at Olympics over the top
Nation overcome with sickening display over insensitive, self-aggrandizing ego

I fully understand Norman Mailer's pique, with his fellow Americans - especially since the Winter Olympics opened in Salt Lake City.

Mailer, in a series of interviews that ran in British newspapers earlier this month, expressed his exasperation with what's passing for patriotism in post-Sept. 11 America. "America has an almost obscene infatuation with itself," he told The Daily Telegraph. "Has there ever been a big, powerful country that is as patriotic as America? And patriotic in the truest way, with so much flag-waving? You'd think we were some poor little republic and that if one person lost his religion for one hour, the whole thing would crumble. America is the real religion in this country."

We do appear to be going overboard. I do believe that some people in places like Long Island are trying to outdo their neighbors for dramatic displays of the flag. And others, especially immigrants from those parts of the world forever etched in our psyches as bastions of terrorism, are feeling not-so-subtle pressure to demonstrate their allegiance to the United States by mounting flags, too.

During the opening ceremony of the Winter Olympics, it really struck me that the "U.S.A.! U.S.A.!" rah-rahing had hit a new - and unacceptable - level. After Police Officer Daniel Rodriguez’s now-familiar - and almost de rigueur - rendition of "God Bless America," pop singer R. Kelly sang about Americans being "the greatest." That was very, very, impolite to the athletes, fans and dignitaries from around the world - not to mention the billions watching on television across the globe - kind of like inviting guests over for dinner and spending the entire time bragging about yourself.

The parade over the display of the latter flag from Ground Zero bordered on tastelessness, too. For a while, it was touch and go, with a sizable contingent of superpatriots demanding that the American athletes march in with the wounded in a gesture of American defiance and resilience.

Fortunately, the matter was resolved when the International Olympic Committee permitted an honor guard of police, firefighters and U.S. Olympians to solemnly carry the Olympic flame that turned out to be a moving ceremony that was, in the end, bigger than America. After all, the world was wound Sept. 11. Indeed, other parts of the world were probably saying to themselves that day that the United States was entering the horror world of war and terrorism that they’d long been a part of.

Television coverage of the Olympics seems to focus more on American athletes - whether they finnished in the running or not - than it does on winning athletes from other countries. Part of this is because, as Kelly Clark, the first American gold medalist in these games, said after her winning snowboard ride, "We’ve had a tough few months here, leading up to Sept. 11 and its aftermath. ‘It’s great to give people something to cheer about.’"

One of her teammates was even more specific: "I’m stoked for the U.S.A.,” Shannon Dunn said.

Fundamentally, however, this is American boosterism in overdrive. I’m less interested in tallies that emphasize which nation is ahead in the medals count. I’m much more interested in individual accomplishment - nationality be damned!

On some college campuses, there is a kind of counterpatriotism here, with students protesting the war effort in Afghanistan and the possible abuse of the rights of Talibans and Al Qaeda soldiers taken into custody by the U.S. Some superpatriots criticize their dissent as dishonorable.

As Mailer told The Guardian: "My feeling is that you’re patriotic with America because it’s a democracy and its obligation is to improve all the time, not to stop and take bows and smell its armpits and say, ‘Ambrosia!’"

Good on you, Norm!

Have an opinion about something?

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The Chanticleer welcomes your letters, and we’d love to print them. As long as it’s not libelous, defamatory or just plain pointless, we’ll print it. Our letters policy, which you’ll find in the Center for Science in the Public Interest complains, “The Olympics are a youth-orientated event. For the Olympic committee to make the connection between drinking and sports is irresponsible.”

But anyone who watched the Super Bowl knows that the connection between drinking and sports is not exactly unprecedented. Beer companies are among the chief sponsors of the most popular sports on the air, from the NFL to golf. The only difference is that the beverage commonly advertised in those venues is beer. The traditional network policy pretended that the alcohol in beer and wine is different from the alcohol in vodka and wine.

Actually, it’s the same stuff, with the same effects. So it’s hard to justifiably allowing ads for some alcoholic beverages and not others. CSPI warns that liquor ads “for the first time will reach mass audiences, including millions of impressionable children and teenagers” and says these commercials “will only exacerbate the current annual toll of alcohol use in this country.” But the proliferation of beer ads has coincided with a steady and substantial decline in beer consumption by teenagers as well as adults.

Contrary to myth, alcohol commercials don’t stimulate more drinking in any age group. Studies here and abroad, looking at both youngsters and their elders, have repeatedly failed to find a connection between the volume of advertising and the amount of drinking.

So why do producers spend so much money to reach TV audiences? American Enterprise Institute scholar John Calfee explains: “Advertising in a mature market - such as that for alcoholic beverages - does little or nothing to increase total demand. Rather, advertising serves to develop and maintain brand loyalty.”

Letters to the Editor

What should be the SGA’s number one priority?

--Compiled by Andrea Brown

Michelle Welch 
Freshman Communication

“... the entire student body, not just special groups.”

Melanie Welch
Freshman Communication

“More activities that involve everyone.”

Tymane Phillips
Freshman Business

“Keeping the students informed on services available to help them with school.”

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Not all presidents are created equal; some are good

By Abbey Herrin  
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Presidents’ Day, celebrated on Feb. 18, is a day for acknowledging the great statesmen of America who have toiled in the White House, leading our nation through times of both crisis and prosperity.

Sure, we know plenty about the presidents of modern times. Before his presidential bid, George W. snorted his belief. John Tyler was so broke running over an elderly lady with $1.25 until he sold his corn crop. Oddly enough, Pierce offered tryouts after college for the University of Michigan and was Ronald Reagan offered tryouts after college for both the Green Bay Packers and the Detroit Lions.

To prove this point, here are some facts from the Internet Public Library’s President of the United States website.

George Washington, father of our country, was obviously too busy fighting the British to concern himself with dental hygiene; he had one tooth at the time of his inauguration. Washington wore dentures made of human, cow or hippopotamus teeth instead.

Which president most favored an Oompa-Loompa? At 5 feet 4 inches and less than 100 pounds, James Madison was the wee-littlest man to ever grace the Oval Office.

John Quincy Adams enjoyed swimming nude every morning in the Potomac River. Anne Royall, a journalist who sought an interview with Adams, learned of his habits and used it to her advantage; she gathered his clothes from the riverbank one morning and refused to return them until he conceded to give her an interview, making her the first woman to interview a president.

Not all presidents are made of money, contrary to popular belief. John Tyler was so broke by five years after leaving office that he could not pay a bill for $1.25 until he sold his corn crop.

Franklin Pierce was arrested for running over an elderly lady with his horse. Luckily, the case was finally dropped due to lack of evidence. Oddly enough, Pierce died of cirrhosis of the liver due to excessive drinking. Horsing under the influence? Maybe so.

Break out the crystal ball. Abraham Lincoln and his wife were known to have séances in the White House. Apparently the couple was fascinated with a chic phenomenon.

NRA look out! Grover Cleveland had a fond pet name for his favorite rifle: Death and Destruction.

A crazy man in the White House? Warren G. Harding suffered from a series of nervous breakdowns in his early 20s and spent some time in a sanitarium. On a side note, he wore a size 14 shoe.

Gerald Ford was quite the athlete. He played football for the University of Michigan and was offered tryouts after college for both the Green Bay Packers and the Detroit Lions.

Calvin Coolidge, who replaced Harding after his death, was woken up, sworn into office, and then went straight back to bed.

Before his presidential bid, Nixon ran for vice-president. Four days prior to the election, he was spotted gambling in Havana, Cuba, using money from his political “fund.”

FDR had a 20-year relationship with his “personal secretary” who accompanied him on exotic cruises. Apparently, Eleanor approved of this behavior, while Roosevelt’s mother did not.

So, just because there was no CNN in the past doesn’t mean that the presidents led boring lives, free of scandal. A look back on some of these presidents shows an interesting side to these men as well. They were human and made human mistakes.

So, let’s remember the good, the bad and the ugly that has helped shape our nation into what it is today.
Time’s up, Romeo: An intrepid reporter tries speed dating

By Pam Silt
The Seattle Times (KRT)

SEATTLE: How long can seven minutes feel?
- Depends on who's sitting across the table. That's what I learned after nine dates in 63 minutes; yep, that's why they call it "speed dating."

At the end of the night, I had one phone number. But let's start at the beginning.

The phenomenon of match-making-in-minutes was created in 1998 by a New York rabbi as a way to promote marriage within the Jewish faith. Since then, speed dating has spread across the country and across all denominations. It's so hip, even the ladies of "Sex and the City" are doing it.

Enter local single gal Julie Thompson, a 33-year-old armed with more guts than your average Bridget Jones. She brought speed-dating-for-everyone, calling it Northwest Date Night, to town last month.

That's where I come in. After a story about Northwest Date Night ran in The Seattle Times, hundreds of Seattle singles came running. I wanted to see what all the fuss was about. So I said: Sign me up.

Before I went, I consulted a Magic 8 Ball: Will I meet the man of my dreams? The reply: Obviously. Well, bring him on.

I arrived at Fado Irish Pub in Pioneer Square shortly before 7 p.m. on a Tuesday. I was wearing a dress. The other girls weren't. One girl confided she was so nervous, she sat in her car talking on the phone for 10 minutes trying to decide whether to come in.

Fado's not a bad place for a first date (or nine). There's a fireplace. Candles. Anyone can look good in this light.

There were 11 men and 11 women (my age group was 21 to 30) and just as many tables for two. We would each have nine dates. After an icebreaker game of Bingo, which actually seemed to loosen everyone up, we were ready to go. The girls sat. The boys rotated. At the end of seven minutes, we would each mark "yes" or "no" to the date on a blue scorecard.

Thompson went over the rules: No identifying details about where you live or what you do for a living. No asking, "Are you going to mark me down as a 'yes'?

Ding! The bell rang, and we were off.

Date No. 1 made a beeline for the cheat sheet, a list of Northwest Date Night-approved questions. What is your greatest fear? His: losing a family member. As he shared that his father died last summer, I thought, Whoa, this is kind of heavy for a first date.

Fourteen minutes later, I was on a roll. Date No. 3 flew by, we spent the whole time talking about movies. It turned out we both loved the French film "Amelie" and the blockbuster "Ocean's Eleven." He was telling me about walking into the wrong theater halfway through "The Royal Tenenbaums" when the bell rang. Au revoir.

After Date No. 4 came a wel-come five-minute break. Talking for 28 minutes straight makes you thirsty. I made my way to the bar, ordered pineapple juice with cherries and flirted with the bartender (why not?). Later, I realized I was still wearing my name tag. Oops.

Date No. 6 told me he cycles 60 to 80 miles a day. Just when I thought we had nothing in common, I learned we were both repressed as children: My parents were strict about TV, and now I'm a cable junkie. His parents wouldn't let him eat Doritos. Now he can eat an entire bag in one sitting (nacho cheese.) I guess it's a good thing he can cycle it off.

Date No. 9, I was tired. I never thought this would happen to me, but I actually ran out of words. Luckily for me, Date No. 9 had plenty of stories about his days in the University of Washington marching band.

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“Wedding Planner:” love for girls, J-Lo for guys

Review by Abbey Herrin
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Chick flick alert!
If you love love, then “The Wedding Planner” is probably right up your alley. The movie has an element that guys are sure to appreciate as well: J. Lo and her booty. So, ample amounts of sapiness combined with J Lo make “The Wedding Planner” a hit for both females and males alike.

Here’s the story: Mary the wedding planner (played by Jennifer Lopez) is rescued from a dumpster by the heroic and handsome Dr. Steve Edison (Matthew McConaughey) and instant attraction arises. They go on a date and Mary is completely smitten with Dr. Steve. The plot thickens: Mary meets the groom of her biggest client Fran (Bridgette Wren-Sampras) and she’s horrified to discover that it’s none other than Dr. Steve himself. He dismisses his feelings towards Mary as pre-wedding jitters and the two spend the next few weeks trying to keep their hands off of one another. The two are finally faced with a decision between their long-time loves and their newly discovered passion for one another.

The movie is very predictable but with an air of charm. Lopez and McConaughey shine through the plasticity of the plot. McConaughey still has that element of cool in his persona that made him famous in “Dazed and Confused,” his trading his trademark line. “Alright, alright, alright.” He makes uncanny comments throughout the movie, such as his logic behind eating only the brown M&Ms: “I figure they’ve got less artificial coloring in them since chocolate’s already brown.” J-Lo surprises me in this movie: she is actually funny. Her character is the girl that you can’t help but like. After seeing her ex with another girl, Mary gets drunk and staggers down the street clutching her Heiniken for dear life. Not only does she have good taste in beer but in men as well, and the chemistry between her and McConaughey is undeniable.

The supporting cast is mostly unmemorable. Alex Rocco, who plays Mary’s father, and Justin Chambers, who plays Mary’s other love interest, both lack pizzazz and could’ve been cast better. Wilson-Sampras doesn’t do much for the movie either. However, Fran’s parents, played by Joanna Gleason and Charles Kimbrough, add a definite twist to the movie. The rich couple love to consume alcoholic beverages and sing songs, and these parts of the movie are comical.

“The Wedding Planner” is remarkably similar to any other film in its genre, but perhaps with a twist. I would definitely say that it is cooler than most romantic comedies, due mostly to McConaughey and Lopez, who make it semi-enjoyable.

Chris Isaak
Always Got Tonight

Review by Benjamin Cunningham
The Chanticleer Editor In Chief

Rock-a-billy pop balladeer Chris Isaak is back with “Always Got Tonight,” his first new album in four years.

Since the release of 1998’s “Speak of the Devil,” Isaak’s been busy with ShowTime’s “The Chris Isaak Show,” which is now entering its second season. So you’ll forgive him if he doesn’t break much new ground on “Always Got Tonight.”

To be fair, breaking new ground has never been Isaak’s game. His Roy-Oribson-esque crooning has been something of a throwback in modern pop music since he first made an impact on the charts with the single “Wicked Game” from his third album, “Heart Shaped World.”

That country-ish lament for love-gone-wrong and other tunes, like “somebody’s Crying” from 1995’s “Forever Blue,” set the mold for Isaak. “Always Got Tonight” follows firmly in that mold.

That’s not to say it’s bad. Isaak’s voice is buttery-smooth with that Oribson lift, and fits the mood for his subject matter perfectly. That subject matter is for the most part, love lost, and it’s in these ballads

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Speaking of Now

Review by Gary Lewis
The Chanticleer Online Editor

Over the past 20 years, the Pat Metheny Group has become synonymous with a smooth, ambient style of jazz. Such ambient music is perfect for studying, sleeping and any other activity where distractions are unwanted. The problem is, many artists have trouble translating into something other than "boring and unchallenging."

Not so Pat Metheny, especially on his band's latest release, "Speaking of Now." This is the PMG's best effort since its 1989 masterpiece, "Letter from Home," and as with that album, the credit does not rest solely on Metheny's shoulders. In addition to longtime collaborators Lyle Mays (piano and keyboards) and Steve Rodby (acoustic bass), the PMG has added three new faces to its line-up.

Richard Bona lends his voice to the chorused "ooohs" and "ahhhs" that have been a trademark of the PMG since Pedro Aznar and the "First Circle" album. In addition, Bona brings his own style to the band's sound, heavily influenced by the music of his native Cameroon.

Brooklyn-based Cuong Vu also joins the band, becoming the PMG's first-ever trumpet player. His warm tone and inventive improvisations so perfectly complement the PMG sound, it makes me wonder why Metheny didn't add a horn player sooner. Vu is a vocalist as well, harmonizing with Bona on the CD's third track, "Another Life," and trading vocal improvisations with Bona on the seventh track, "A Place in the World."

The real star of the new PMG lineup, though, is drummer Antonio Sanchez, of Mexico City. Sanchez manages the impossible on this CD, displaying unbelievable virtuosity in his playing while somehow remaining in the background. The drums never overwhelm the rest of the band, no matter how many notes Sanchez chooses to squeeze into each measure.

Sanchez also displays a knack for navigating the complex minefields Metheny sends his way. More importantly, he knows when to say when. On the CD's eighth track, "Afternoon," Sanchez leaves his busy style behind, instead choosing to lay down a simple backbeat that highlights the chart's lazy, pop-oriented groove.

On the album's fourth track, "The Gathering Sky," Sanchez proves himself a masterful soloist as well, forging his way through a 90-second solo that never seems stale or contrived. Not to be outdone, Mays and Metheny also contribute masterful solos to this chart, which is the best track on a very strong album.

At over 71 minutes of playing time, "Speaking of Now" is an excellent choice for anyone looking for a musical backdrop for those late-night cramming sessions.

But every now and then, allow yourself to be distracted by the ambience. Believe me, you won't be disappointed.

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5) In Sweden, it isn't polite to toast whom until after they toast you?
6) What king is the only one without a moustache on a standard playing card?
7) What's the name for the little bits of paper left over when holes are punched into data cards?
8) Sound waves move even faster through what substances?
9) What is the loop on a belt that holds the loose end called?
10) True or False: The islands of Bermuda have no rivers or lakes, forcing inhabitants to use rain for water.

Useless Answers

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SPORTS

Softball team defeats No. 24 USC for tourney title

From Staff Reports

The Jax State softball team (5-1) continues to play very good softball. The Gamecocks won the South Carolina Softball Invitational last Sunday, but it wasn’t the South Carolina Gamecocks. It was the Jacksonville State University Gamecocks.

The Gamecocks began the tournament with a 4-1 win over UAB after shutting out East Tennessee State, 2-0 last Saturday.

Sophomore second baseman Rachel Countryman continued to lead the Gamecocks with home runs. After knocking two home runs in the season-opener last Tuesday, Countryman slapped another one out against the Blazers in Jax State’s second game of the South Carolina tournament.

Sophomore pitcher Tara Ross got the ETSU win, striking out five and allowing only four hits. Junior Stacey Smith went 2-for-3 with a run batted in, while senior Andrea Tomey talled the other RBI. Countryman went 1-for-2.

Countryman lead JSU in the UAB win going 3-for-5 including that home run.

Junior Veronica Davis recorded her second win of the year, with eight strikeouts.

We were tested today,” said head coach Jana McGinnis. “Different players stepped up all day, unlike last year when we had to rely on just one or two hitters. But Rachel Countryman is definitely on fire right now.”

The Gamecocks concluded the tournament with games against Tennessee Tech and the host team South Carolina on Sunday.

After a disappointing 5-4 loss to Tennessee Tech on an error in the last inning, JSU took the tournament trophy away from the No. 24 team in the nation, with a 2-0 shutout.

“This is one of our programs biggest wins ever,” said McGinnis. “This team (South Carolina) was the Southeastern Conference champions in 2000 and was in the championship game last year. And to top it off we beat their ace pitcher.”

USC pitcher Megan Mathews is considered to be one of the top pitchers in the SEC.

After the loss to Tennessee Tech, JSU knew that if it could beat South Carolina (6-2) the tournament champion would be determined by head to head competition and the margin of victory, which gave the Gamecocks an advantage.

The scoring that determined the champion happened in the sixth inning after Smith hit an infield single to lead off. Melinda McDonald moved Smith to second and then Hasan came through with a double to score Smith.

With the score 1-0, Allie Simons hit another double for the Gamecocks to advance Hasan home. That was all Jax State needed to come away with the win.

Davis (3-0) shutdown the USC offense to conserve the win.

“We cannot say enough about this team,” said McGinnis. “We lost the first game of the day and had the bases loaded twice. We stranded a total of 13 runners in that loss. It was very discouraging to the team, but they wanted to win so badly that they just bounced back and learned from the loss.”

JSU pitcher Ross (2-1) recorded the loss to Tech.

The Gamecock softball team will return to action on Sunday as it hosts Centenary at University Field.

Gamecocks regain confidence

By Anthony Hill

The Chanticleer Sports Editor

After hitting a couple of potholes last week, The JSU basketball team is back on the road to the Atlantic Sun tournament.

Jax State lost its final two road games of the season to Florida Atlantic and Central Florida. But they got their stride back at home when they pounded Morris Brown on Monday.

FAU defeated the Gamecocks 78-68 in Boca Raton last Thursday, putting the pressure on early.

“I thought the start of the game was really what dictated the tempo of the game,” said head coach Mike LaPlante. “They got out to a 21-11 lead and then we started to play after we spotted them 10 points.”

Jax State opened the second half hot and cut the lead to 38-37 after junior guard Poochie Richardson hit a 3-pointer from the top of the key with 17:48 to go in the game.

The Owls then went on an 11-2 run to push the lead to 49-39 with 13:39 left.

The Gamecocks battled back to cut the lead to two points after Barlett scored on a turnaround jump shot to make the score 57-55 with under eight minutes remaining in the game.

FAU pushed the lead back to double-figures after Crumbley sank a pair of free throws at the 1:31 mark.

“We cut the lead to three points with about five minutes left in the game,” said LaPlante. “But, then we didn’t score until less than two minutes to play. FAU continued to score and they made some foul shots down the stretch to hold on for the win.”

Richardson led the Gamecocks with 18 points. Jay Heard added 13 points, while freshman Marcus Brown came off the bench to finish with 10 points.

The Gamecocks tried to get back on track when they traveled to Orlando last Saturday.

Central Florida’s center Paul Reid did everything within his ability to keep JSU from leaving Florida with a win. Reid finished with 18 points to lead UCF to a 68-50 win over the Gamecocks.

“I felt like we were mentally drained,” said LaPlante. “They guys were trying. It’s like trying to get the car to start and it won’t turn over. They were just tired.”

Jax State shot a season-low 27 percent from the field for the game.

“We really dug ourselves into a hole early,” said LaPlante. “When you play on the road, there’s not a lot of margin for error and we just didn’t shoot the ball very well.”

The Gamecocks hit just 15-of-55 shots from the field and were 2-of-21 from behind the arc. They shot just 42-of-53 from the field in the first half.

UCF built a 44-25 lead in the first four minutes of the second half, but JSU made a 13-2 run to cut the lead to 46-38 after Richardson hit a free throw at the 10:36 mark.

But the Gamecocks could not get closer as UCF pushed the lead back to 18 points to seal the win over the next four minutes.

JSU was led by Richardson with 21 points, including 12-of-16 from the free throw line, as JSU dropped its fourth-straight game.

The Gamecocks got some needed rest over the weekend.

Louisville assistant Rick Nold becomes JSU’s new head volleyball coach

By Lindsay Mullins

The Chanticleer Staff Writer

It’s official. Jacksonville State’s search for a new volleyball coach has finally ended.

JSU Director of Athletics Tom Seitz announced last Wednesday that Rick Nold would be taking the reigns of the volleyball program.

This comes after the November resignation of Jose Rivera, who after five seasons compiled a losing record of 76-85. Last season, the Gamecocks finished 11-17.

Nold will be coming to Jax State from the University of Louisville, having spent the past six years with their volleyball program. Nold has been UL’s top assistant since 1999.

While he was there, Louisville earned the Conference USA Championship title and advanced to the NCAA Tournament five times. In 1996 and 1998, the Cardinals were contenders in the NCAA Sweet 16.

“Rick comes from one of the top volleyball programs in the country and also has extensive experience at the club level,” said Seitz. “His recruiting ability and work ethic will be a great asset to the JSU program.”

Before he began his tenure with Louisville in 1996, Nold had a successful career as an assistant at Assumption High School in Louisville. Under his assistance, the team held three state titles and an impressive 137-9 record.

A 1998 graduate of UL, Nold was hired as an intern with the USA Volleyball team. During his internship he helped the women’s USA National team prepare for the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta.

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minutes of the game.
The Gamecocks were excited to get the victory, but their minds were on the final two games of the season, against Mercer and Troy State.

“We were looking ahead to the final two conference games,” said Richardson. “But, we knew we had to still come out here and play tonight. This was a good win.”
The Gamecocks are presently in a three-way tie for the seventh spot in the A-Sun standings with Stetson and Belmont. If they win out the next two games, they’re in the tournament.

“Tonight, we played as if we were playing Thursday (tonight) so we would know how the intensity level was going to be on Thursday and Saturday,” said Barlett.

“T. tonight,” I think we built some momentum with this game,” concluded LaPlante. “This is the time of year that you want to be playing well.”

Emotions and intensity should be very high when Gamecocks conclude the regular season against Mercer and Troy State. JSU hosts Mercer tonight at 7:30 and Troy State on Saturday night. Tip-off is set for 8:30.

Atlantic Sun Conference Men's Basketball Standings

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Feb. 11 Mercer 72, Troy State 71
Feb. 8 Mercer Brown 90, Mercer 59

The Gamecocks led 37-33 at the half after recovering from a 16-5 deficit in the opening minutes of the game. Sophomore guard Kelly Nye continued to play well and recorded 11-straight points for the Gamecocks and helped regain the lead over the Bruins. The talented freshman Shanika Freeman had nine points and “Fred” Embry added eight points at the end of the first half.

The top-seeded Bruins bounced back in the second half and went on a 10-2 run to tie the game at 62 with 8:15 left to play. Belmont tied the game once more at the 5:04 mark, but that would be last time. The Gamecocks increased their intensity down the final stretch of the game to get the win.

“We went with Fredericka and Shanika on the floor together tonight,” said Austin. “I think Belmont had a hard time guarding both of them at the same time.”

Freeman ended the night with a double-double with a career-high 25 points and 14 rebounds. Nye ended the game with 14 points and Embry contributed with 12 points.

Shepard had 10 points and six assists.

Belmont was led by Candice Mitchell with 14 points and 12 rebounds. Natalie Brown added 17 points and Erika Davenport added 13 points.

The Gamecocks, who are still trying to fight their way into the Atlantic Sun Tournament will travel to Atlanta to face Georgia State tonight. Tip-off is set for 5.

Atlantic Sun Conference Women's Basketball Standings

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Feb. 16 Stetson 66, Campbell 53
Feb. 14 Jacksonville State 73, Belmont 71
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Feb. 8 Mercer Brown 77, Jacksonville State 72

Gamecock women's basketball wins three straight
Staff Reports

The women’s basketball team looks as if they’re making a strong run at the Atlantic Sun tournament. The Gamecocks won their third game in a row in Nashville against the top team in the Atlantic Sun last Thursday, 73-71.

Freshman point guard Heather Shepard hit two clutch free throws with six seconds to go in the game to secure the victory.

“The players are saying that the team chemistry is better,” said head coach Dana Austin. “We didn’t shoot as well tonight as we did the other night in the Stetson win, but I think the team is playing together better, instead of trying to play as individuals. We played well tonight.”

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Men from page 16
confidence when they pounded a struggling (4-23) Morris Brown squad 90-59 on Monday.

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Feb. 21 Mercer at Jacksonville State (7:30 CST) UCF at Stetson
Feb. 23 Troy State at Jacksonville State (8:30 CST) FAU at Stetson

The Gamecocks were excited to get the victory, but their minds were on the final two games of the season, against Mercer and Troy State.

“We were looking ahead to the final two conference games,” said Richardson. “But, we knew we had to still come out here and play tonight. This was a good win.”

The Gamecocks are presently in a three-way tie for the seventh spot in the A-Sun standings with Stetson and Belmont. If they win out the next two games, they’re in the tournament.

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One on one with “Thrill:” Marlon Guryl

By Anthony Hill

No, former Jax State guard Marlon Guryl hasn’t been granted another year of eligibility. But he does still play basketball. He spear-headed an 11-point comeback and led his team to a 47-44 victory over Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity in the Intramural championship game last Thursday.

If there is anybody made for this conversation, it’s Marlon. He just screams “One on One” to me. Marlon loves how he screams everythng that comes out of his mouth with his high volume voice.

He’s definitely one of a kind. There aren’t too many people who can do the things that Marlon once did on the court. And he led the Jax State basketball team in scoring during the 1998-99 season and holds the single-game record for most 3-pointers made, seven. He also holds the record for most points in a season at 999. That’s why I hang out at the gym. I’m just concentrating with him in JUCO too. If he does what he can do, he’ll be fine.

Thrill: Who are some of the players you’ve played against over the years?
Marlon: I was an Isaiah Thomas here. I didn’t see Michael Jordan play until I was about 10 years old. Thrill: Let’s jump into free association.

Marlon: All right.
Thrill: Al Pacino.
Marlon: Good actor.
Thrill: Jax State basketball.
Marlon: They’re on a come-up.
Thrill: Kobe Bryant.
Marlon: Good player if he’d be himself.
Thrill: Your intramural teammate “Hoop Dreams” (JSU ROTC cadet Greg Jarrett)
Marlon: (Laughs.) I played ball with him in JUCO too. If he does what he can do, he’ll be fine.
Thrill: Travis Stephenson.
Marlon: Great all-around basketball player.
Thrill: Women.
Marlon: Trouble.
Thrill: Greatest Jax State guard.
Marlon: (Pause.) Melvin Allen. (Hall of Fame JSU guard)
Thrill: What do you see yourself doing 10 years from now?
Marlon: Coaching and teaching.
Thrill: Thanks for the interview Marlon. Good luck with you future endeavors.
Marlon: You too. Take it easy Thrill.

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No. 12 Ole Miss sweeps Gamecocks

Staff Reports

The JSU baseball team started the 2002 season very strong, but it ran into some tough competition in Mississippi and dropped three-straight games to the Rebels of Ole Miss last weekend.

Senior right-hander Pete Montrenes struck out eight over six innings and No. 12 Ole Miss scored six runs in the eighth inning for a 10-2 season-opening win over Jacksonville State in front of 2,371, the largest crowd ever to see a home opener at Oxford-University Stadium/Swayze Field last Friday.

The victory marked Ole Miss’ 21st straight victory to open a season. Montrenes (1-0) allowed two runs on five hits and two walks to leave Jacksonville State in front of 2,637, the largest crowd ever to see a home opener at Oxford-University Stadium/Swayze Field last Friday.

The two teams played game two of the series last Saturday.

Sterbens then laced Joey Shiflet’s 3-1 pitch into left center for a two-run double.

The Gamecocks got a run in the eighth inning on Nic Brown’s sac fly to cut the Ole Miss lead to 6-5. The Gamecocks had the tying run on second in the ninth as Ruckdeschel reached on a one-out error and then stole second. However, Grant struck out Conley to end the game and earn his first collegiate save.

Junior right-hander T.J. Beam (1-0) earned the win in his first career appearance at Ole Miss. Shiflet (0-1) was charged with the loss, allowing two runs, one earned, on six hits in 2 1/3 innings of relief.

The Gamecocks had five players that recorded two hits each, including Brown, Ruckdeschel, Ben Phillips, Scott Smith and Heith Comer.

The Rebels out-hit the Gamecocks 11-9. The two teams concluded their season-opening series with Ole Miss taking the rubber game, 10-3.

The two teams played game three of the series last Sunday.

Junior third baseman Jonathan Swearingen went 4-for-5 with three RBIs to pace Ole Miss as the Rebels out-hit the Gamecocks 13-6. Junior shortstop Chad Sterbens was 2-for-3 with two RBIs.

Ole Miss iced the game in the eighth when the Rebels sent 10 batters to the plate. Swearingen’s two-run single highlighted the inning and gave Ole Miss a 9-2 lead.

Gamecock starter Steve Shippey (1-1) was charged with the loss, allowing four runs on eight hits and two walks. He also struck out two.

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Sterbens rocked an RBI single to score Matt Tolbert and broke a 3-3 tie that sparked a four-run sixth inning as Ole Miss defeated Jax State 8-4 in front of 2,637.

The Gamecocks took advantage of two Rebel errors in the second inning to push across two runs and take a 2-1 lead.

Ole Miss reclaimed the lead with two runs in third. Evan Conley delivered Jax State’s first hit of the night with a one-out single in the sixth inning. It was the first of three-straight Gamecock hits as Conley scored on Bobby Crompton’s single to tie the game at 3-3.

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The Gamecocks will begin conference play tomorrow when they travel to play Stetson. Game time is set for 6 p.m.
Live On! Live On! Live On! Live On! Live On!

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, Daugette, 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, Daugette, 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.

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March 1 -- Fitzpatrick and Curtiss Hall Displaced Residents Only
Current residents in Fitzpatrick and Curtiss Hall may sign up for assignments in Crow, Daugette, 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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