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## SGA parking committee offer ideas for JSU's parking problem

By Tomiko Goodman  
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Parking at JSU is a concern for students. The issue has and continues to be discussed between different committees at the University, in hopes of helping the problem.

The SGA's parking committee and the faculty senate have met together to try to ease the problem and several suggestions have been put forth.

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 to 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 traffic flow on campus was to increase the breaks between classes from 15 minutes to 20 minutes. This would allow more time for stu-

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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 Marlana Chandler. 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 for next year. "I think this senate is trying to make a difference this year," he said. "Senate 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 students 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

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The Chanticleer/Nicholas Thomason  
Robert Hayes, SGA presidential candidate, delivers a speech in the TMB Auditorium Monday night.

## 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 article by article, or through a constitutional convention.

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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 disentangle, 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 property and sorting the bodies.

By Monday afternoon, Sperry said they had found 139 sets of human remains and examined 130. The investigators have identified only 27 of them conclusively, he said. As bodies are identified, they are being turned over to

funeral homes, with the written permission of their next of kin.

Sperry also said his team examined what were supposed to be 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

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Alpha Omicron Pi:** Happy Birthday to Jenn Foster and Leslie Gossett. Congrats to this weeks Sister of the Week: Leann Davis, and this weeks Positive Panda Award: Jenn Foster. Good Luck to JSU's basketball team. Thanks to Pi Kappa Phi for speaking at our meeting. **Contact:** Leann Davis, leannJSU@hotmail.com.

**Alpha Xi Delta:** Good luck softball, baseball and basketball! WHUP TROY! Thanks Pi Kappa Phi and Delta Chi for great mixers. Congratulations Jenn W. on your engagement! Sister of the week: Courtney Edmunds. **Contact:** Katie Green, 782-7535.

**JSU Ambassadors:** Applications for 2002-2003 JSU Ambassadors will be available starting Mar. 4 at the Visitor Center. **Contact:** Tracy Phillips, 782-5260.

**Baptist Campus Ministries** invites you to a concert featuring Nashville songwriter and concert artist, Kyle Matthews, on Tuesday, Feb. 26 at 8:00 p.m. The concert is free and all JSU students are invited! **Contact:** Gary Brittain, 435-7020, bcm@jsucc.jsu.edu.

**Delta Zeta:** Happy Birthday Tavia (2-24) and Natalie (2-27)! Awards of the Week: Sister: Anna, Tiny Turtle: Courtney, Twisted: Molly, Support: Hailey, Alumna: Gina Mabrey. Good Luck to everyone on MIDTERMS. We are looking forward to our "Turtle Shells" COB on the 27th! **Contact:** Tavia, DeltaZeta4U@hotmail.com.

**Criminal Justice Department:** Feb. 23, Forensic Pathology Seminar: From the Inside Out in Brewer Hall at 8 a.m. Cost - \$40 with one hour CJ488 credit granted. **Contact:** Holli Driver, 782-8131.

**History Club:** Earn some extra spring break cash, purchase a \$1 split the pot raffle ticket from any History Club member. The winner will be posted Mar. 18 on the 3rd floor of the Stone Center. **Contact:** Trey Parrish, 435-8700.

The JSU Student Model Arab League club will have an organization meeting on Thursday evening, Feb. 28 at 6 p.m. in Rm. 202 Martin Hall. Any JSU student interested in participating in this year's Model Arab League sessions in Spartanburg, SC should attend. Refreshments will be available. **Contact:** Dr. Baucom, 782-5811, tbaucom@jsucc.jsu.edu.

**Phi Mu** thanks the brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon for a great "Rock and Roll" mixer last night. We look forward to our Founder's Day celebration on Saturday. Special thanks to Crystal Mashburn and her family for hosting our chili supper last weekend. We love you! Study hard everybody and have a great week! **Contact:** Brianna Bladen, 782-6145.

**SGA Elections** will be Mar. 5 and 6 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 4th Floor TMB. Do You Feel Lucky? Casino Night 2002 will be Thursday, Mar. 7 at 7pm in Leone Cole Auditorium. Applications for SGA Director of Publicity are available in Office 402 TMB and are due by Mar. 7 at 4:30 p.m. Get cocky! **Contact:** Robert Hayes, 782-5491.

**Sigma Nu:** This weeks Commander's Award goes to Phillip Root. We had a good time in Macon last weekend. Happy birthday Trey Parrish and Chris Safi. Good luck to Trey Parrish and Dustin Griffin in the upcoming SGA elections. **Contact:** Buck Sewell, 435-3887.

**Zeta Tau Alpha:** We'd like to thank Pin Points Theater and the Gospel Choir for doing such an awesome job at the Soul Food Dinner. We all had a wonderful time! Also a huge thank you to Emily Williams and Amber Reid for planning and hosting a great sisterhood retreat last weekend. **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

**Jan. 31** — Michael David Nail, 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 Amafda 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 Markeith 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 782-5701, 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.

## Reform: from page 1

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. Fob 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 adamantly that they do not want to pay higher taxes."

According to the ACCR's Web site, Alabama'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 paramount.

For any information concerning Constitutional reform visit [www.constitutionalreform.org](http://www.constitutionalreform.org).

## Parking: from page 1

dents 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 have to park the farthest away. Sophomores would park in front of freshmen, and so forth. Graduates and seniors would be able to park closer to each building.

Kimber Merrill, 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 foot 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.

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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 Greninger, 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.

**Candidates:** from page 1

“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 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.

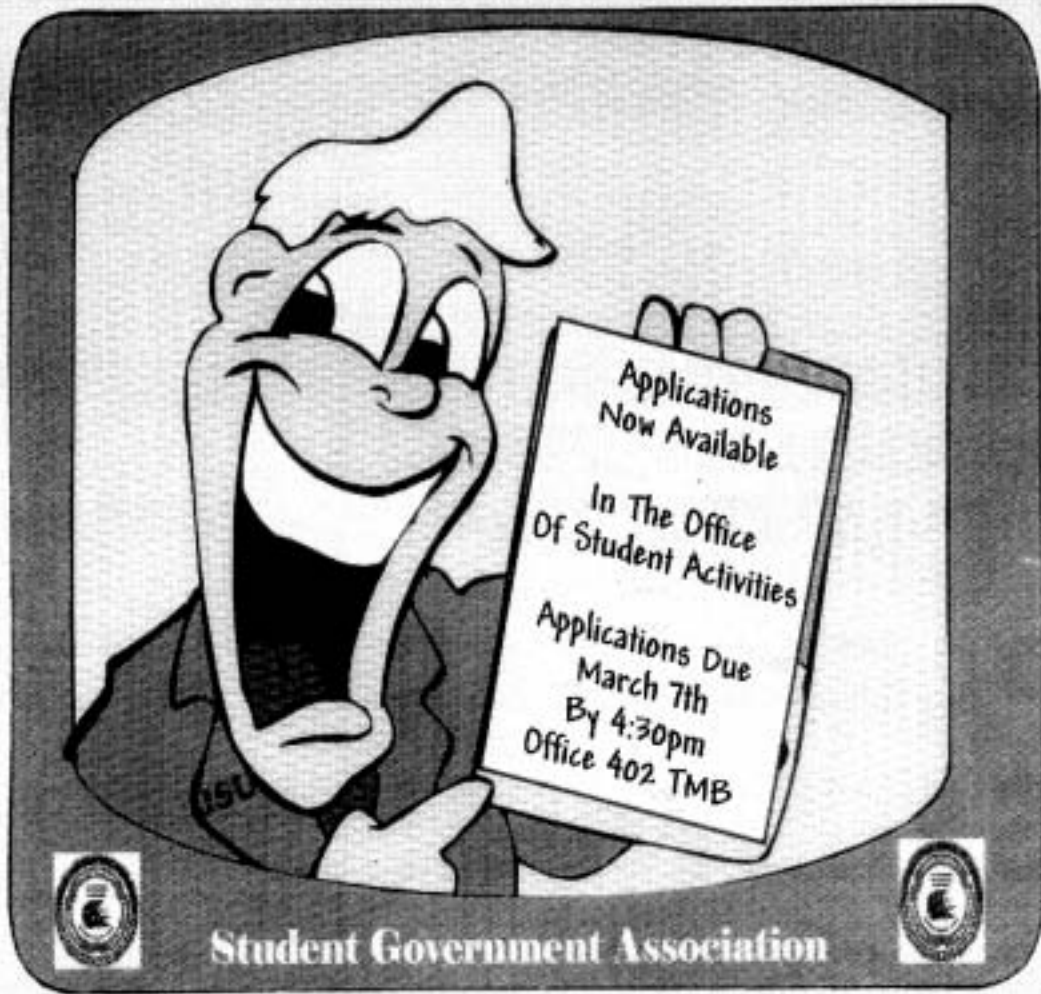
Choquette, the candidate for 2nd vice president is a member of Delta Chi, Beta Beta Beta, Omicron Delta Kappa and the Order of Omega. He has been involved with the SGA, has been a peer counselor and is head of the athletic support committee. Choquette was voted Mr. Friendly for 2001, has been involved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

Greninger, 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. Greninger 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.

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# 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.

Synette 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 learn-

ing, 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 (KRT)

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 exorcising those who are possessed by demons."

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## Crematory: Federal emergency team working to ID hundreds of corpses (from page 1)

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 Tri-State for cremation.

"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.

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 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 loose 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 that 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 deface the only synagogue in Creteil, a grim suburb just south of Paris where the city blocks are studded with cheerless, 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 to 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.

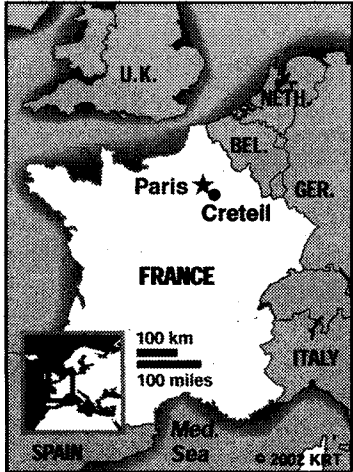
Anti-Semitic acts in France were extremely rare during the 1990s — a period of relative calm in Israel, the West Bank and Gaza — but have become commonplace as Israeli-Palestinian violence has intensified with the breakdown of the Middle East peace process, figures from the National Human Rights Commission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

Most perpetrators have escaped. The case in Creteil is unusual only because three men — an African from Mali, a French citizen of North African origin, and another Frenchman born in France — were arrested at the scene.



Jewish schools have been burned in Marseille, the synagogue in Goussainville has been firebombed, along with many others, and Jewish-owned businesses have been defaced with racist graffiti in most major French cities.

In October, arsonists burned part of a Jewish elementary school in southern France and left graffiti that read "Death to the Jews" and "Bin Laden Will Conquer," slogans often found in the West Bank and Gaza Strip but rare in France.

Even seemingly innocent events — like the screening of the Harry Potter movie for Jewish schoolchildren as part of the Hanukkah celebration — have provoked confrontations. The Paris movie theater that had planned to show the film canceled the screening after receiving threats, the manager said.

Some Jewish leaders said the atmosphere is reminiscent of the period before the outbreak of World War II, when many Frenchmen started to discriminate against Jews because of social pressures to do so.

Emmanuel Weintraub, a member of the executive board of the Representative Council of French Jewry, said the government wants the Jewish community "to be quiet" about the worsening problem. He said the judicial system is failing to take racist crimes seriously, encouraging young people to feel they can attack Jewish sites in France with impunity.

He said, for example, that the three young men convicted of attacking the synagogue in Creteil, and thought to be responsible for the arson at the school, were not required to serve time in prison because the crime was not classified as anti-Semitic. It was treated as a common street crime and the men received suspended sentences.

"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 jostled 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 tolerance and brotherhood as spelled out in the Koran.

The French president, Jacques

Chirac, said after the attacks in Creteil that "great attention" will be paid to any anti-Jewish 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

**"I couldn't believe it when I came and found the fire roaring."**

—Rahamim Oliel  
Jewish school director

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 iden-

tify with Palestinians.

"It's not the same," he said. "What we fear is that young people in the Islamic schools are learning from imams from 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-Jewish 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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## In Our View

### 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 snot 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 Americans and independence-minded Cubans.

The parallels here are hard to ignore. A terrorist attack sends the country into war, which results in a change in government for a foreign nation. Some of these similarities have been noted by scholars and journalists since Sept. 11. But they keep piling up.

After the defeat of Spanish forces in Cuba, the U.S. moved on to the Spanish colonies of Puerto Rico and the Philippine Islands.

Filipino rebels defeated the Spanish on their own, with little assistance from American forces. Meanwhile, the U.S. worked out a surrender deal with Spain which supposedly ceded the islands to the United States. The Filipinos were apparently a little miffed at not being consulted. The resulting Philippine-American war cost tens of thousands of lives on both sides and raised a heated debate among Americans on whether the war was moral.

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 U.S.'s 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

By Joshua Bingham  
The Chanticleer Managing Editor



Humans are fallible creatures. The steps we trip over and the pretzels we choke on ground us away from the egotistical philosophies

only humans can grasp and remind us 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 with a help-line number 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 "best place for men to meet men," according to a Reuters article.

The Halifax said it had accidentally misprinted one number in the letter, which resulted in customers phoning a gay chat line. Britain's top mortgage lender has since written customers to apologize and give them the correct number.

I'm sure little old Miss Manners got quite a jolt, resulting in the need for an extra shot of sherry and a great story for her tea-partying friends.

Because

Edgar Deno in Belgium was receiving snide remarks from other churchgoers at St. Pitskerk 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 playoff game, 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 what the shows asked him but how he explained that the faint-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, 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 sorrow 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.



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# Running liquor ads during the Olympics isn't off-sides

By The Chicago Tribune  
Knight Ridder Newspapers (KRT)

The following editorial appeared in the Chicago Tribune on Tuesday, Feb 12:

If you tune in to the winter games, you may see a new Olympic sport: skeleton, in which an intrepid soul on a small sled slides head first down a frozen chute at speeds up to 85 mph. In between novel athletic events, you may see something else you haven't seen before: commercials for hard liquor.

NBC, which is broadcasting the Salt Lake City Games, is the first of the major networks to lift the long-standing ban on advertising for spirits. Anheuser-Busch plans lots of pitches for its Bacardi Silver, and Seagram's will be flogging Captain Morgan rum.

But some people think running commercials for liquor is about as sensible as doing a skeleton race without a helmet. Assorted groups,

from the American Academy of Pediatrics to the Consumer Federation of America, have objected to such appeals. The Center for Science in the Public Interest complains, "The Olympics are a youth-oriented 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 rum.

Actually, it's the same stuff, with the same effects. So it's hard to justify 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."

The point of Anheuser-Busch's clever Super Bowl ads was not to turn teetotalers into drinkers, but to turn Miller Genuine Draft drinkers into Budweiser customers. The point of spirits ads is to get some drinkers to switch from beer to mixed drinks.

Distillers think the reason liquor sales have dropped even faster than beer consumption is that they've been blocked from running TV ads, and they're probably right. There is no reason to think society would suffer if some Americans altered their drinking preferences from soft liquor to hard.

So people watching the Olympics should take the same view of liquor advertising that they do of skeleton: It may not be their taste, but that's no reason to ban it.

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## 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 tinniest way, with so much flag-waving? You'd really 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 uncomfortable - 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, well, 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 tussle over the display of the tattered 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 banner as a symbol 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 flag into the stadium during what turned out to be a moving ceremony that was, in the end, bigger than America. After all, the world was wounded Sept. 11. Indeed, other parts of the world were probably saying to themselves that day that the United States was entering the horrid 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 finish 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," alluding 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 underway, with students protesting the war effort in Afghanistan and the possible abuse of the rights of Taliban and Al Qaeda soldiers taken into custody by the U.S. Some superpatriots criticize their dissent as dishonorable.

But again, as Mailer told The Guardian: "My feeling is that you're patriotic about America if you're obsessed 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!

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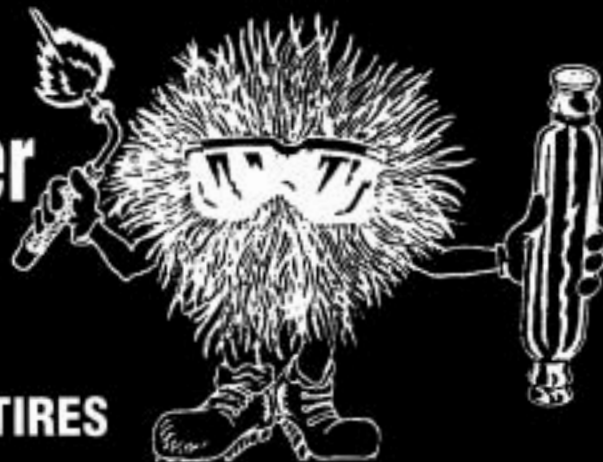
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## JSU Drama's "Cabaret" brings audiences to their knees

Review by Danni Lusk  
The Chanticleer Features Editor

Slowly creeping along its dirty belly, the shroud of the Nazis not only invaded Germany in the 1930s, but also the stage of JSU's Stone Center this past weekend in the production of "Cabaret."

Sometimes referred to as "that-play-with-the-dancers-dressed-in-lingerie," "Cabaret" has a much deeper plot than meets the eye. Beginning in 1929, just before the start of the Third Reich, Cliff Bradshaw, an American novelist, travels to Berlin in search of something inspiring to write about. Little does he know, soon he'll be wrapped up in a passionate whirlwind of emotions, torn between a rotten society and a girl, Sally Bowles.

How the story unfolds is the interesting part. One of the main characters, the Master of Ceremonies (Emcee) serves as a glue between parts of the story and at

the same time, reveals the way the Third Reich is quickly spreading through Germany.

Emcee draws people into the red glow of The Kit Kat Club with his scantily clad dancers, bursting with sex, and tells them that they have no troubles when they are in the cabaret. He makes light-hearted jokes and dances in sequined vests with his face painted a pale white and his facial features exaggerated with makeup. When introducing the featured dancer, English woman Sally Bowles, he says, "Just yesterday I said to her, 'I want you for my wife.' And she said, 'What would your wife want with me?'"

Where there is a protagonist (Cliff Bradshaw), there is an antagonist. Ernst Ludwig is a Nazi that transports money from Paris to Berlin to help the "cause" of the political party. By preying on innocent English travelers, like Cliff, he slips his money-filled briefcases past the inspectors on the train. Soon after becoming Cliff's "friend," Ernst begins learning English. Having great trouble with language, he spits, "Do you know what is the problem with English? It's not German."

The story continues to unfold, changing the Emcee's warm smile to a menacing grin and transforming the dancers' attire from brightly-colored lingerie to muted-colored and corpse-like rags. The Nazis' shroud of darkness sweeps through society and the Emcee and his dancers serve

as a symbol of that darkness.

The small musical performances between the more serious parts of the play not only serve as comic relief, but also reveal how the Nazis are progressing through society. In one of the first segments the Emcee and two of his dancers sing about having more than one roommate in the song "Two Ladies." He and the two ladies are living happily ever after, sharing the Emcee's love between the two of them.

In one of the last segments, Emcee presents his date, a gorilla woman, to the audience and croons about how she looks so beautiful in his eyes despite what everyone else thinks. He says about his dream girl, "She wouldn't look Jewish." This statement brings down the hammer, bringing the audience to an abrupt halt and forcing them to realize what is happening: the Nazis are taking over.

"Cabaret" continues through this weekend, with shows on Thursday through Saturday nights and a matinee on Sunday. Call 782-5648 for ticket information and show times.

The acting is superb and the characters have depth to them. The costumes, choreography, stage and music make this play perhaps the best production seen on the Stone Center stage all year.

Not to mention there is a little bit of educational value to it. Oh yeah, and in the first musical number, you can see the panties of the dancers in the front.



Sally Bowles (l), played by Becky Johnson, is the featured dancer of the Kit Kat Club, with whom Cliff Bradshaw finds himself in love. Kit Kat dancers (r) perform risqué dances throughout the show with the host, the Master of Ceremonies.

## 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 thanks to the mass media. But what about our great leaders of the past? Before we ever heard the name Monica Lewinsky and before George W. snorted his first line, there were presidents just as interesting.

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

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 swims 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 from 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 psy-

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 Sitt  
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-



The Seattle Times/Greg Gilbert

From left, Elaine Henricksen, Jennifer Clarke, Kevin Cummins and Alex Thayer take part in speed dating in Seattle, Washington.

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.

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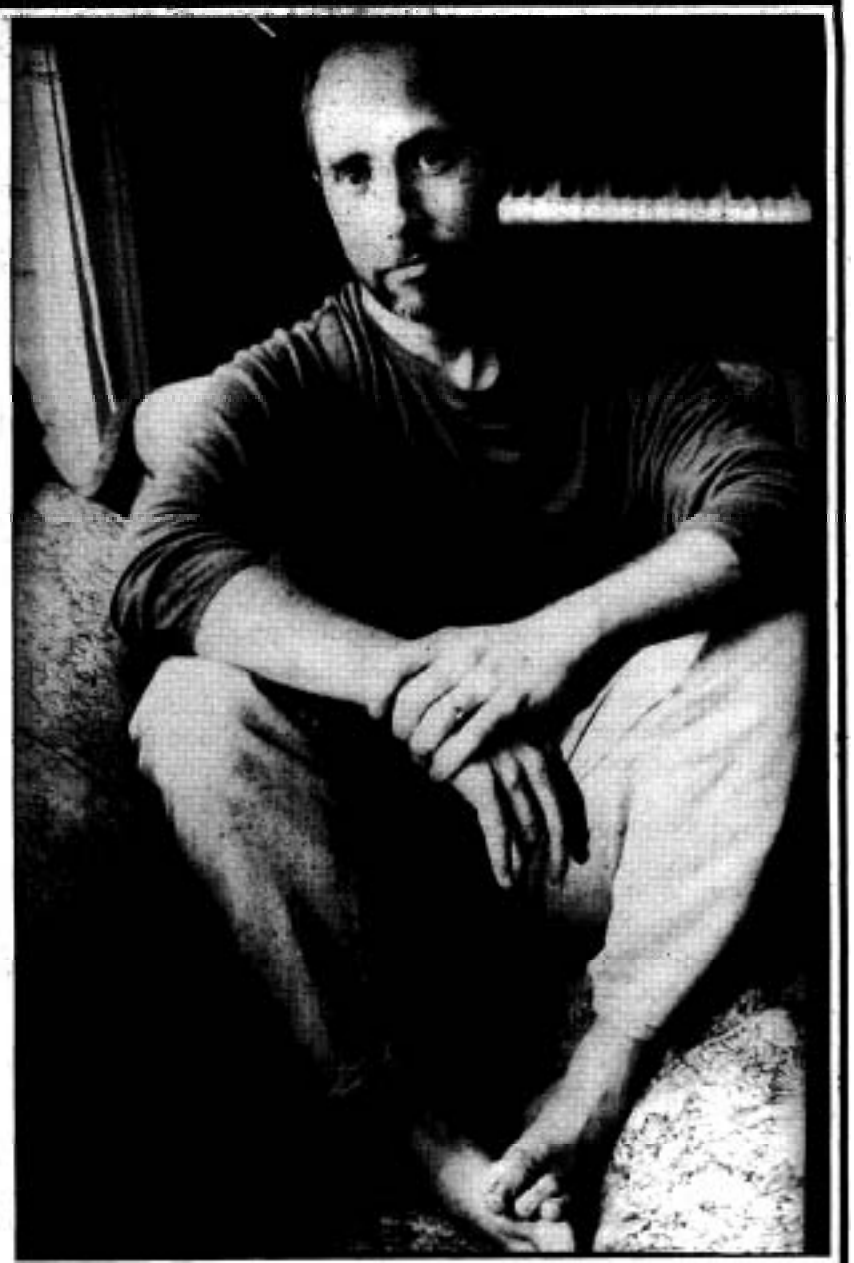
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## “Wedding Planner:” love for girls, J-Lo for guys

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 sappiness 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 out on a date and Mary is completely smitten with Dr. Steve. The plot thickens: Mary meets the groom of her biggest client Fran (Bridgette Wilson-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 a n d 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,” say-

ing 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 clenching her Heineken 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



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

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 zest 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.

Dating: from page 12

(“This one time, at band camp ... “Just kidding.) I let him do most of the talking.

The next day, my voice was hoarse. Speed dating is harder than you might think. Sure, talking to someone for seven minutes is easy. But seven minutes nine times in a row takes a lot out of you. And this is coming from someone who could talk to a brick wall for seven minutes.

When it was over, we handed in our scorecards. Thompson promised to e-mail each of us with names and phone numbers of our matches the next day.

I didn’t want to wait that long to get the 411, so I sat down with a couple of girls who turned out to be roommates. (They’d left the house earlier calling out to their male roommate, “We’re off to see our soulmates now!”) We ordered mussels and dished about the guys. They had each marked one date in the “yes” column, fortunately, not the same one.

Kendra Pershall, 28 had heard about Northwest Date Night on the radio and roped in friend Monica Sagisi. (She’ll do any-

thing at least once.)

“It’s so hard to meet people,” said Sagisi, 24. “You get stuck in a rut where you can’t meet anybody new.”

Even girlfriends are hard to come by sometimes. The three of us bonded so much over boy talk that we exchanged numbers at the end of the night. So OK, I didn’t get a guy’s digits. (That’s not how it works, anyway.) I didn’t even mark anyone as a “yes” on my card. Still, I did meet someone, two someones who might become good partners in crime the next time I’m on the prowl. (And for the record: Seven of my nine dates said “yes” to me. Shoulda, woulda, coulda.)

As for the roommates looking for soulmates?

“I did find my mind wandering a couple of times,” Pershall said.

Same for Sagisi: “Sometimes seven minutes is not enough, and sometimes seven minutes is too long.”

But both said they had fun. Would they do it again? Sure.

Would I? Obviously.

### Chris Isaak

#### Always Got Tonight

★★★ 1/2

Review by Benjamin Cunningham  
The Chanticleer Editor in Chief



Courtesy Reprise Records

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-Orbison-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 Orbison lilt, 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

where Isaak’s at his best

Tracks like “Let Me Down Easy,” “Worked it Out Wrong” and “Life Will Go On” are Isaak at his rock-a-billy best, with just the right dose of soulful pining. Solid pop sensibilities are there, too, with tasty little hooks and easy-goes-it guitar from Isaak and his backing band, Silvertone.

He does try to mix it up just a bit, though, with the up-tempo, funk-influenced title track and “Notice The Ring.” “American Boy,” may be a crass commercial attempt at playing off the nation’s current appetite for anything slightly patriotic, but it’s good, country-fried fun. In it, Isaak declares he’s “the original American boy,” and “10 times better than those movie stars, because what you see is what you are.”

In short, those who already like Isaak will doubtless like his new album. And if you’re into well-played, well-sung, sad-but-hopeful music that can’t decide whether it’s country or rock, you’ll like it too.

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**Pat Metheny**  
**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 making "ambient and distraction-free" translate 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



Courtesy ECM Records

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 lineup.

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 compliment 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 metrical 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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## Useless Quiz

- 1.) A law in Clarendon, Texas, states a lawyer must accept what goods for payment of services?
- 2.) What was country singer Garth Brooks' birth name?
- 3.) What was Elvis Costello's job before he became famous?
- 4.) What does wiggling one's nose mean in Puerto Rico?
- 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.

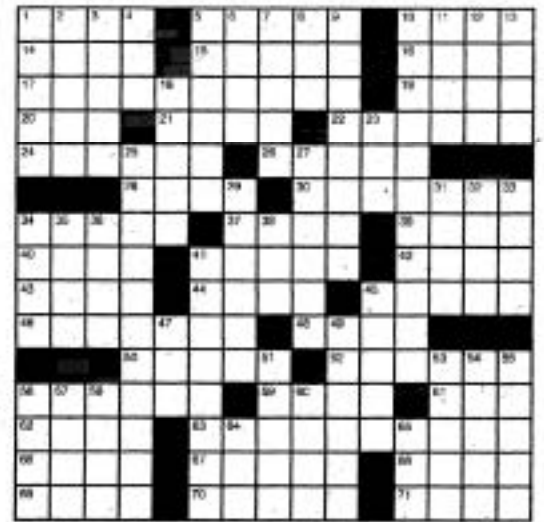
### Useless Answers

- 1.) eggs and chicken
- 2.) Troyal Garth
- 3.) A computer
- 4.) "What's going on?"
- 5.) anyone older
- 6.) King of Hearts
- 7.) "chads"
- 8.) solids and liq-uid
- 9.) "keeper"
- 10.) True



## Crossword

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# HOROSCOPES

By Lasha Seniuk

Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service (KRT) Feb. 18-24, 2002

**Aries** (March 21-April 20). Work officials may soon ask for detailed records. Watch for recent disputes or team indecision to create a need for accurate paperwork, completed duties or proof of ownership. Don't hesitate to refer to old rules or official contracts.

**Taurus** (April 21-May 20). An unusual business request may captivate attention. Shared duties, public relations, news gathering or media events may all be a concern. Authority figures will leave key elements vague; don't expect detailed or obvious instructions.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 21). Old promises, past employment aspirations or ongoing family discussions may be annoying. Even though career options are strong, loved ones may still not understand your motives or goals.

**Cancer** (June 22-July 22). Concentration and daily performance will be greatly affected by social events. Private discussions with colleagues or close friends may create an atmosphere of mistrust. Take extra time for reflection and inward thought.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22). Although career prospects and new educational projects are promising, avoid unclear documents or poorly

defined contracts. Authority figures will react poorly to unfinished paperwork, delayed decisions or unusually creative input.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Close friends and relatives may be unexpectedly emotional. Watch for past family commitments or outdated romantic promises to captivate the attention of loved ones. Little of this will manifest as a serious or long-lasting concern, so don't worry.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Financial promises and new workplace instructions are accented. Watch for outdated procedures to create controversy. The past may be challenged. Pay close attention to minor political delays or unusual requests from managers.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Marital relations and long-term romantic expectations will clarify. Expect loved ones to request solid promises or shared home responsibilities. Some Scorpios, especially those born in early November, may also welcome several new friendships into their private lives.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Work attitudes and daily duties may dramatically change. Watch for previously silent work mates to publicly challenge the ideas of authority figures. Much of this may lead to fast action or temporary team assignments.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 20).

Gentle romantic overtures will be delightfully seductive. Rare flirtations and genuine statements of affection may all be captivating. However, new relationships will not be easily established; wait for romantic tensions to build before taking risks.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 21-Feb. 19). Pay close attention to the requests or observations of older friends and relatives. Someone close may offer valuable advice concerning family dynamics, home schedules or the private emotions of a loved one. Provide sensitive thoughts and new ideas; your efforts will soon create successful combinations.

**Pisces** (Feb. 20-March 20). Social messages will be emotionally productive. Expect previously shy or silent friends to propose unique group events, travel adventures or creative activities. Join in and enjoy the moment.

**If your birthday is this week . . .** Romance will greatly intensify. Watch for potential love affairs to soon create controversial choices. Some Pisceans will begin an important four-year cycle of social independence and new sensuality. Old memories or outdated relationships need to fade. Don't be drawn back into the comforts of the past.

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## DITHERED TWITS by Stan Waling



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# SPORTS

The Chanticleer - February 21, 2002

## 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 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 continues to lead the Gamecocks with home-runs. After knocking two homeruns 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 Tera 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 tallied the other RBI. Countryman went 1-for-2.

Countryman lead JSU in the UAB win going 3-for-3 including that homerun and she collected three RBIs. Sophomore infielder Renee Hasan went 2-for-3 and sophomore Jessica Ford was 1-for-3 with a RBI.

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, Jax State 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, by 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 Poonie 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 turn-around 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 to on track when they traveled to Orlando last Saturday.

Central Florida's center Paul Reed



Courtesy The Anniston Star/J.C. Lexow  
Junior guard Cornelius "Poonie" Richardson drives the ball against Morris Brown's Wolverines Monday night at Pete Mathews Coliseum.

did everything within his ability to keep JSU from leaving Florida with a win. Reed finished with 18 points to lead UCF to a 68-50 win over the Gamecocks.

"I felt like we were mentally drained," said LaPlante. "The guys were trying. It's like trying to get the car to start and it won't turnover. 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 4-of-23 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 get no 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

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## 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.



Courtesy Louisville Univ.  
Rick Nold.

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 pro-

gram."

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 Louisville, Ky., native, Nold has also been a dominant figure at the Kentucky Indiana Volleyball Academy. He has served as the head coach of the 16-and-under and 18-

and-under teams that won the 1996, 1997, 1998 and 1999 AAU National Championships. His teams also earned Top 5 finishes in 1997, 1998, 2000 and 2001 at the USA Volleyball National Championship.

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

Jax State had revenge on their minds when the Wolverines came running into "The Pete." The Gamecocks still remembered the five-point loss they suffered a week ago to the struggling Atlanta-based team.

"This is the second time that a team from Atlanta thought they were just going to come in here and run over us," said Barlett. "We had to prove a point. This is our home court and you're not going to come in here and take advantage of us. I think that our point got across."

The Gamecocks dominated the entire game. Barlett led JSU with 16 points and eight rebounds. Richardson chipped in with 14 points and Scott Watson finished with 13 points.

Jax State jumped on Morris Brown early with a 9-0 lead, and stretched it to as much as 36 points in the second half.

Jax State shot an amazing 54.2 percent throughout the game. They shot 58 percent over the final 20

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.

"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. Jax State hosts Mercer tonight at 7:30 and Troy State on Saturday night. Tip-off is set for 8:30.

**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."

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



The Anniston Star/Steve Gross  
Freshman point guard Heather Shepard goes for basketball in Feb. 11 game.

continues 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 Freddricka 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  
Men's Basketball Standings**

Team	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Georgia State	13	6	.684	17	9	.654
Troy State	12	6	.667	16	9	.640
Jacksonville	11	7	.611	17	10	.630
UCF	11	7	.611	15	10	.600
Florida Atlantic	11	7	.611	14	11	.583
Samford	11	7	.611	14	12	.538
<b>Jacksonville State</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>.412</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>.458</b>
Stetson	7	11	.412	10	14	.417
Belmont	7	11	.412	10	15	.400
Campbell	6	13	.316	8	18	.308
Mercer	4	14	.222	6	21	.222

**Recent results:**

Feb. 18  
Jacksonville State 90, Morris Brown 59

Feb. 16  
Mercer 88, Campbell 85  
Samford 68, FAU 50  
Belmont 91, Jacksonville 68  
Georgia State 102, Troy State 69  
UCF 68, Jacksonville State 50

Feb. 14  
FAU 78, Jacksonville State 68  
Troy State 81, Campbell 71  
UCF 72, Samford 56

Feb. 11  
Mercer 72, Troy State 71  
Morris Brown 77, Jacksonville State 72

**Upcoming games:**

Feb. 21  
Mercer at Jacksonville State (7:30 CST)  
UCF at Stetson  
FAU at Jacksonville  
Troy State at Samford  
Belmont at Georgia State

Feb. 23  
Troy State at Jacksonville State (8:30 CST)  
FAU at Stetson  
Belmont at Campbell  
Mercer at Samford  
UCF at Jacksonville

Feb. 28-Mar. 2  
Atlantic Sun Tournament in Orlando, Florida

**Atlantic Sun Conference  
Women's Basketball Standings**

Team	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Belmont	12	4	.750	18	5	.783
Florida Atlantic	11	5	.688	13	11	.542
Georgia State	10	6	.625	14	9	.608
UCF	10	6	.625	14	11	.560
Stetson	10	6	.625	11	12	.478
Mercer	10	7	.623	13	10	.600
Campbell	9	8	.529	11	13	.458
Troy State	7	10	.400	8	16	.340
<b>Jacksonville State</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>.375</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>.304</b>
Samford	2	13	.133	3	19	.136
Jacksonville	2	14	.125	3	20	.130

**Recent results:**

Feb. 18  
Mercer 59, Troy State 56

Feb. 16  
Stetson 66, Campbell 53  
Georgia State 67, Jacksonville 50  
UCF 73, Mercer 56  
Belmont 77, Samford 70  
FAU 71, Troy State 62

Feb. 14  
Jacksonville State 73, Belmont 71  
FAU 90, Mercer 84  
Jacksonville 72, Campbell 71  
Stetson 75, Georgia State 70  
Troy State 63, UCF 60

**Upcoming games:**

Feb. 21  
Jacksonville State at Georgia State (5:00 CST)  
Samford at Campbell  
Stetson at Florida Atlantic  
Jacksonville at UCF  
Belmont at Troy State

Feb. 23  
Jacksonville State at Campbell (11 a.m. CST)  
Jacksonville at Florida Atlantic  
Belmont at Mercer  
Stetson at UCF  
Samford at Georgia State

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# One on one with "Thrill:" Marlon Gurley

By Anthony "Thrill" Hill  
The Chanticleer Sports Editor



The Chanticleer/Anthony Hill  
Intramural champion captain Marlon Gurley.

No, former Jax State guard **Marlon Gurley** 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 column, it's Marlon. He just screams "One on One" to me. Well, Marlon sounds like he screams everything 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.

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 3-pointers attempted, so you know he's not afraid to fire it up. He's not afraid to say anything either.

**Thrill:** What's up Marly-Marl?

**Marlon:** Chillin' man. What's going on with you?

**Thrill:** I'm just tryin' to hold it down. Congratulations on such a clutch performance in the Intramural Championship game last week. You hit about four 3-pointers from the timeline. What were you thinking about, shooting the ball from that far?

**Marlon:** Man, when I got the ball I saw I was open. I just shot it. We were behind and they (Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity) were letting me shoot it.

**Thrill:** My next question for you is, why haven't you taken your game to the next level? Is that still a thought in your mind?

**Marlon:** Yeah. I'm going to try out again in July. I plan on getting my teacher's certification this

summer and try to take advantage of a couple of opportunities. It's really hard for me to get into the league because of my height. I'm going to give it one more shot.

**Thrill:** Do you miss lighting up the scoreboard at Pete Mathews Coliseum?

**Marlon:** I miss it a lot. One thing I don't miss is practice. (Both laugh.) The games are exciting, like the triple-overtime game against Jacksonville. Those are the types of games I like to be in. I just don't like to practice.

**Thrill:** What do you miss the most about not playing anymore?

**Marlon:** The team. I miss being around all the players and being in the basketball atmosphere. I guess that's why I hang out at the gym and stay cool with the basketball team.

**Thrill:** So which is better? Being a baller or a regular student?

**Marlon:** Man, I think being a baller. I enjoyed the life of being a basketball player. I miss it.

**Thrill:** Let's talk a little Gamecock sports for a moment. Do you think the men will make some noise once tournament time rolls around?

**Marlon:** I think so. They lost two big conference games over the weekend and I think they're tied for seventh. If they can finish the season good they should be able to secure that eighth spot. I think they can make some noise in the tournament if they stick together.

**Thrill:** I agree. Who's the best

player on the men's team?

**Marlon:** The best overall player?

**Thrill:** Yeah.

**Marlon:** Right now, a player who performs night-in and night-out, I would have to say Poonie. Omar can play too and so can Jay Heard, but Poonie gets the job done every game.

**Thrill:** Do you think the Gamecocks are missing an element?

**Marlon:** I think they need a big presence on the court. You know Omar is out of position. He has no choice. If they had a true center it would take some of the pressure off Omar and he wouldn't have to score and guard the other teams' big man. They just need a big man.

**Thrill:** What about the women's squad? They're playing good basketball right now.

**Marlon:** I watch all of their games too. They've looked really good the last couple of games. If they can also get that eighth spot they'll make some noise too. They've got a lot of young players who are talented athletes.

**Thrill:** Jax State athletics look to be on the rise. Do you think the Gamecocks will ever be able to compete with the bigger schools in the more popular sports?

**Marlon:** We're going to have to recruit better. We get good recruits now, but as far as getting every area of recruiting, it's hard for us. We're a small school. Hopefully we will be able to get some big time recruits in the future.

**Thrill:** How can JSU attract players to come here and not a bigger school?

**Marlon:** If you want a one on one relationship with your teachers this is the place to come. Schools like Duke, North Carolina and Miami have more than 100 students in each class. What I don't understand is why we're not able to recruit from as many states. It seems like the recruiting is already in set areas.

**Thrill:** Would you have liked the opportunity to play for Coach

on basketball. As the years went by my arm was getting worse and worse when I played baseball. At my high school it wasn't a lot of people there. I pitched a lot and I played center field. My arm just wore down on me and I decided not to play. I wish I had went on and played now.

**Thrill:** You probably get into a lot of players' heads when you talk trash on the court. How mad have you ever gotten a player?

**Marlon:** (Laughs.) My senior season here, me and Tim Lindsey-Smith (Former JSU guard) were just playing around at practice during the off-season and he literally wanted to fight me. (Both laugh.) He really wanted to beat me up.

**Thrill:** (Laughs.) What did you do to make him want to fight you?

**Marlon:** Man, we were just talking noise on the court. I told him that it really wasn't that deep. I told him, "Man, you're my teammate and I'm not going to fight you over a basketball game." That's the absolute maddest I've made anyone.

**Thrill:** (Laughs.) Man, it sounds like it. Let's talk about something else. What's on your mind?

**Marlon:** Basketball is always on my mind. I just want to see the basketball team get over this hump and make it to the tournament. I want to see Jax State in the NCAA tournament. We have the team to do it. Like I said, we need a big man, but I think they're good enough to make it now.

**Thrill:** You think so?

**Marlon:** Yeah. If we can just make it to the tournament we'll do some things.

**Thrill:** Is this team better than the one you played on in 2000?

**Marlon:** Man, that's tough. We had Rashard and they've got Poonie. I played the two-guard and they've got Jay. The only thing that may have put us over is the fact we had a 6'10 post player that was tough. It would've been a great match. I'd like to play that game one day. (Both laugh.)

**Thrill:** What do you do to keep yourself busy nowadays?

**Marlon:** I'm just concentrating on getting my teaching certification and I also work at the Boy's and Girl's Club in Jacksonville. I occasionally play basketball and I workout two days a week. I basically just hang out with the basketball players most of the time.

**Thrill:** What was the last CD you bought?

**Marlon:** Busta Rhymes. It was pretty tight. Most CD's have about five or six good tracks, unless it's Jay-Z. You can ride-out with his CD.

**Thrill:** So, the Jay-Z disc is better

than Nas?

**Marlon:** You know what? I'll listen to T.I. before I'll listen to either one of them.

**Thrill:** Whoa! That's saying a lot. Now give me an early prediction on the NCAA tournament.

**Marlon:** Duke's gonna win it all. They've got the number one point guard in the nation. (Jason Williams) No, they've got the number one player in the nation in my opinion. He can do it all. He reminds me of Poonie and Rashard Willie. (BSC guard) I would've made a living off Poonie.

**Thrill:** Man, you sound like a BIG Poonie fan. If Foot Locker sold his jersey you would probably buy it, wouldn't you?

**Marlon:** Man, no sir. (Both laugh.) I am not wearing Poonies jersey. I'm going to give him his props, but I am not wearing his jersey number around.

**Thrill:** How good are some of the players who play at Stephenson Gym?

**Marlon:** Stephenson ball is a lot different from college basketball. It's more of a one on one game in there. There are some students that can play on the Jax State squad though. Travis can play for the team. Turk (Cory Walker) and D-Mac could probably play for the team. Turk backed Poonie up in junior college.

**Thrill:** Who are some of the players you watched while growing up?

**Marlon:** I was an Isiah Thomas fan. 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:** Great 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:** Poonie Richardson.

**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 your future endeavors.

**Marlon:** You too. Take it easy Thrill.



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Coach LaPlante. Coach Turgeon.

LaPlante?

**Marlon:** Yeah. He reminds me of Coach Turgeon (Former JSU coach).

**Thrill:** A lot of people don't know this about you, but you were a really good baseball player at Madison County High School. Why didn't you venture the diamond after your hoops eligibility was over?

**Marlon:** Man, I had my heart set

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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 the game with a 4-2 lead. Sophomore Adam Yates worked the final three innings, retiring nine of the 10 hitters he faced to earn the save.

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.

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

Sterben 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.

The two teams concluded their three-game series last Sunday.

Sterbens hit a two-run double in the seventh inning to break a 4-4 tie and freshman right-hander Josh Grant pitched a scoreless ninth to lift Ole Miss to a 6-5 win and complete a three-game sweep of Jacksonville State.

Two Gamecock errors set up Sterbens' tie-breaking hit. Christian reached base on an error by short-

stop Andrew Tarver to start the inning.

Seth Smith followed with a single to right and a fielding error by left-fielder Matt Ruckdeschel on the play put runners on second and third.

Sterbens then laced Joey Shiflett'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.

Shiflett (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 Heath Comer.

The Rebels out-hit the Gamecocks 14-12.

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

## Jax State tennis teams fall to nationally ranked teams

By Anthony Hill

The Chanticleer Sports Editor

After beginning the season very strong, both the men and women's tennis teams ran into some tough competition over the weekend.

Both squads began the weekend with matches against Spring Hill College last Friday.

The women smashed their way past Spring Hill with a shutout, 7-0.

"They came out playing well, but we finished good and took the win in this one," said head coach Steve Bailey.

Junior Sally Pearson led the Gamecocks with a 6-0, 6-0 victory in the number one spot and helped Jax State maintain undefeated.

The men's tennis team loss to Spring Hill, 4-3. The men looked as if they were a little tired from their shutout victory at Alabama State earlier last week.

"We played well but we just came up short," said Bailey.

Both teams followed its' matches with Spring Hill with games against nationally ranked tennis teams last Saturday.

The men traveled to Mobile to

face a very good South Alabama squad and the women tried to entertain West Florida and stay unbeaten.

The men's team couldn't hold off the power of South Alabama and dropped its second-straight match, 7-0.

The Gamecocks were able to make some type of history when Ruben Herrera and Ortero Nieto won at the number one spot in doubles competition, 8-6. That was the first time JSU has beaten any South Alabama player.

While the men were entertaining South Alabama, the women also had their hands full with nationally ranked West Florida. West Florida is ranked No. 3 in Division II.

The Jax State women lost 7-2, but were able to grab a couple of wins at the number one spot in singles play. Pearson continued to play well and stay undefeated at the number one spot this year, as she won 7-6 and 6-2.

Senior Sophie De Smet also had a good outing and won at the number two spot 6-2 and 6-4.

The women's team fell to 4-1 and the men dropped to 2-3 on the year.

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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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