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Gov. Don Siegelman talks to citizens after a town hall meeting in Centre, Monday.

Gov. Siegelman promotes constitutional convention

By Benjamin Cunningham
The Chanticleer Editor in Chief

Alabama's governor thinks the people of the state are smart enough to write a new state constitution, and he's going town-to-town to tell them so.

Gov. Don Siegelman kicked off his 11-town "Listening Post" tour in Centre on Monday night, pitching his plan for a new state constitution and saying it was the best way to stop special interests who he says

aren't contributing enough to the state in taxes.

"You know you're paying your fair share," the governor told the crowd of about 350 people in the middle school gymnasium in the Cherokee County town of 3,500. "And I'll bet you that almost everybody here somewhere down deep inside feels like there's some folks who aren't paying their fair share, who've carved out special tax breaks, special loopholes, over the years that are getting away without

paying their fair share."

Siegelman urged the crowd to support his plan for a constitutional convention, detailed in handouts distributed to the audience. The plan calls for a convention of 210 delegates to meet for 120 days to draft a new charter for the state government. An election would be held to select the delegates; current and former legislators and lobbyists would be barred from seeking election to a delegate seat.

The plan also outlines strict cam-

paign-finance requirements for the election of delegates, which the governor said are designed to keep special-interest dollars from influencing delegates.

Siegelman is calling for resolutions from the state Legislature for a public referendum on whether to hold such a convention. If approved by voters, the convention would draft a new constitution, which would have to be ratified by

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New Ayers Hall taking shape

By Katie Harris
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

After much discussion among a selected committee, the renovation of Ayers Hall will begin soon.

The Ayers Hall Planning Committee is made up of chairmen from each of the departments interested in residing in Ayers Hall. There is a chairman from the mathematics, computing and information sciences, technology and engineering, and psychology departments.

According to Don Thacker, vice president of business affairs, "normally when we do a major building, we appoint a committee of those who are going to be using the building to help us design it. Because who knows best what is needed in a math and technology building other than those who are going to be in it?"

Dr. Earl Wade, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, agrees. "This is to put together units that have a certain synergy with computers and math," he said. "It's a nice interfacing to go with the programs that are intended to go into the building."

According to Dr. William Meehan, president of JSU, there have been plans to renovate Ayers Hall for a number of years. "What was going to be there was not decided until this past fall semester," he said.

The renovation, according to Meehan, will cost approximately \$8.5 million. He also said that the money will be acquired from a bond issue.

"We usually don't spend this much money for buildings on this campus; so it's nice," said Martha McCormick, MCIS department head.

Wade said, "the bond issued will have to be repaid in 20 or 30 years. It's not coming from the state, but I wish it would."

Thacker said, "right now the only way the University has to fund college projects is internally." The committee is also trying to find grant money for the renovations, he said.

"Right now it looks like we're going to have to go up on tuition," Thacker said. "It will be a jump about like the last one or less."

The renovation is going to take a long



The Chanticleer/Andrea Brown
Ayers Hall is scheduled to undergo a facelift, beginning as early as May 1 of this year.

time. "It will take at least two full years," said Meehan. "It'll hopefully be open by fall 2004." Wade said, "It's a working schedule. It's not absolutely fixed yet."

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Student-health center offers care for women

By Tomiko Goodman
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Starting Feb. 14, JSU will offer a women's health-care program at the Williams Student Health Center, directed by newly contracted Dr. Edward Reed.

The student health center is located between Sparkman and Mason Halls. The center's new program gives low to moderate-risk obstetrics, basic infertility evaluation, pap smears and other services for female students at JSU, said Robert Mills, a staff nurse.

Reed, the new physician, is a board-certified obstetrician/gynecologist. He attended medical school at the University of South Alabama College of Medicine. He completed his residency at the University of South Alabama Hospital for Women and Children, according to a brochure from the student-health center.

Reed also practices at Jacksonville Women's Care located in the Mediplex East next to Jacksonville Hospital. He is available in the health center on Thursdays from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Students are encouraged to make an appointment for exams and services needed, said Mills. Students that have an emergency may go the center and

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American Taliban John Walker Lindh indicted on 10 counts

By Michelle Mittelstadt
The Dallas Morning News (KRT)

WASHINGTON - A federal grand jury returned a 10-count indictment Tuesday against American Taliban John Walker Lindh, adding an array of new charges to those specified last month by federal

prosecutors.

Lindh was already accused of conspiring to kill fellow Americans in Afghanistan, providing support to two terrorist organizations and engaging in prohibited transactions with the Taliban. Now, the 20-year-old also faces charges of using and

carrying firearms and destructive devices during crimes of violence, conspiracy to contribute services to al-Qaida and the Taliban, and supplying services to the Taliban. If convicted, he could face multiple life sentences.

Appearing before reporters to announce the

indictment, Attorney General John Ashcroft described the document as a "timeline of terror."

The indictment, based in part on interviews with Lindh after he was captured with Taliban fighters in Afghanistan, alleges he trained in an al-Qaida camp, swore his allegiance

to jihad and was undeterred by word that Osama bin Laden had dispatched 50 operatives to conduct suicide operations against U.S. and Israeli targets, and by news of the Sept. 11 attacks.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

•**Alpha Omicron Pi:** Good luck to the AOPi basketball team tonight and to all the nominees for Mr. & Ms. Friendly and Mr. & Ms. Jax State! We are looking forward to our founder's day celebration this weekend! Also, Happy 21st Birthday Liz Brodowski! **Contact:** Kristi Smith, 782-6206.

•**Alpha Xi Delta:** Great Job ladies on the college bowl! We are so happy our favorite ELC is back! We love you Mel! Thanks Kappa Sig for a great mixer! We're looking forward to our mixer with Pi Kappa Phi on the 13th! Sister of the week: Jenn Mence. **Contact:** Katie Green, 782-7535.

•Feb. 9, at 8 a.m. **Criminal Justice Seminar Series** hosts Islamic Religion: From Before Muhammad to Modern Times at Brewer Hall. One hour CJ 488 Credit granted, cost \$40. **Contact:** Holli Driver, 782-8131.

•**Delta Zeta:** Good Luck to the Fraternities During Spring Recruitment! Happy Birthday to Carol (9th) and Jenn J (11th). Awards of the Week: Sister- Jenifer T., Tiny Turtle- Courtney, Twisted- Jenn J and Tiah, Support- Molly and Amy B. Have a Wonderful Week Everyone!! For more info. **Contact:** Tavia McMunn, iamdaisycrazy@hotmail.com.

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

•**JSU's Little River Canyon Field School** offers the following programs: Winter Canyon Hike, Feb. 9, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., \$15/person; Archaeology Tour, Mar. 9, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., \$15/person; Exploring Chief Ladiga Rail-Trail, Mar. 16 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., \$5/person; Frog Pond Adventure, March 16, 7 p.m. -9 p.m., \$10/person. Pre-registration is required! **Contact:** Tatiana C. Tatum, 782-5697, ttatum@jsucc.jsu.edu.

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

•**Phi Mu** congratulates Sherry Todd for doing an excellent job with Up 'Til Dawn. Don't forget to vote Thursday for Mr/Miss Friendly and Mr/Miss Jax State, Good Luck Tonya and Sherry! Congratulations Jenny Earley for making Peer Counselor, we love you! Sunshine Award: Christal; Phi Mu Lady of the Week: Sherry. **Contact:** Brianna Bladen, 782-6145.

•**SGA:** Vote today for Mr. & Miss Jax State and Mr. & Miss Friendly on the fourth floor of the TMB. Karaoke in the Caf and Talent Contest will be Feb. 12th from 5pm-7pm. Sign up in 402 TMB for the talent competition. SGA applications due by 4:30pm, Feb. 14th. Cocks! **Contact:** Robert Hayes, 782-5491.

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

•**Mardi Gras Party!** Tuesday, Feb. 12, 10:45 p.m. to Midnight. Live jazz, cajun food, beads, moonpies and more. It's all free to JSU students! At midnight there will be an ecumenical Ash Wednesday Service by all the campus ministries. Sponsored by the **Wesley Foundation Campus Ministry** on Pelham Road. **Contact:** Penny Ford, 435-2208, 435-7219, penny@uronramp.net.

•**Zeta Tau Alpha:** Thanks to KA and BeBay's for a great social on Wednesday night! Also a special note of appreciation to Reagan Smith for all the planning she does every week. Congratulations to EC member of the week, scholastic chair Stephanie Deese you're an awesome officer! **Contact:** Amy Yancy, 782-6192.

The Chanticleer Announcements Policy: Any JSU student organization or University office may submit items for the Announcements column. Submissions **must** be typed, and must be limited to 50 words. Submissions **must** include a name and telephone number or e-mail address to contact for further information, but this information does not count toward the 50-word total. Submissions **must** arrive at The Chanticleer offices in Room 180, Self Hall by 5 p.m. on the Monday prior to the desired publication date.

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

CAMPUS CRIME

•**Dec. 5** - Kellen Renaldo Saxton, 18, of Birmingham, was arrested and charged with third degree assault by JSUPD occurring at JSUPD.

•**Jan. 2** - Annie Mcinnis Wells, of Dothan, reported harassing communication to JSUPD occurring at Daugette Hall.

•**Jan. 8** - Jeffery Craig Chandler, of Florence, reported burglary to JSUPD occurring at Pannell Hall.

•**Jan. 17** - Mark A. Thomas, of Jacksonville, reported third degree assault and menacing to JSUPD occurring at Sigma Phi Epsilon House.

•**Jan. 19** - Julie Anne Dentici, of Irondale, reported harassment to JSUPD.

•**Jan. 19** - Julie Anne Dentici, of Irondale, reported public lewdness to JSUPD, occurring at Round House.

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.

SGA plans Karaoke in the Caf, Higher Ed Day

Five new senators to fill empty seats; \$100 to go to Karaoke contest winner

By Tomiko Goodman
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

At the SGA **Senate** meeting held Monday, Feb. 4, it was announced that "Karaoke in the Caf" will be held Feb. 12. A \$100 book scholarship will be given away to the act that wins the contest.

Five new senators were sworn into office.

In this week's announcements, Robert Hayes, the SGA's director of publicity announced that the "Up 'Til Dawn" fundraiser was a success. Hayes also announced that the Mr. & Mrs. Jax State and Friendly elections will be held on Feb. 7 in the TMB, 4th floor lobby.

"Tell all Tuesday" has started which allows senators to tell their classmates about the events that are being sponsored by the SGA and how to get involved.

It was announced on Monday night that Higher Ed Day will be held on Feb. 21, in Montgomery. All students are encouraged to go. Free food will be served.

Buddy Rodgers announced

that a "Gallery Works" exhibit will be held in Hammond Hall. Art works from JSU students will be shown in the gallery. The event will take place Feb. 5-22.

Student bill 104 was passed. This bill allows students that were elected senators, but can't attend senate meetings, to be elected to the Justice committee.

The SGA passed student bill 105. This bill was to appoint RJ Armstead as a new senator for the spring semester. Student bill 106, appointed Lynnette Pope also as a new senator for this semester.

Student bill 107 passed and appointed Bree Davis as a new senator. Student bill 108 was passed as well, and appointed Shannon Stephens as a new senator.

In the discussion part of the meeting, Joy Boyd, the 2nd vice-president, asked the senators to consider a bill to help pay professors for working with independent-study students.

Applications for new senators are available at the SGA office. The election will be held on Feb. 14 in the TMB.

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Walker: from page 1

chose to train with al-Qaida, chose to fight with the Taliban, chose to be led by Osama bin Laden," Ashcroft said. "The reasons for his choices may never be fully known to us, but the fact of these choices is clear. Americans who love their country do not dedicate themselves to killing Americans."

Lindh's lawyers painted a far different picture, saying their client never attempted to engage in combat with U.S. forces or harm civilians. "There are no allegations and no evidence that he ever so much as fired a shot" or even fought against the northern alliance forces that ousted the ruling Taliban, the attorneys said in a legal filing Tuesday.

The lawyers asked that their client be released pending trial, contending that there is no evidence of criminal wrongdoing or that he poses a flight risk. They said he would be willing to wear an electronic monitoring device to track his movements.

"Mr. Lindh has no criminal record of any kind and absolutely no history of violent or dangerous conduct," they wrote.

The attorneys renewed their claim that Lindh was improperly denied access to legal counsel and that when he asked an FBI interrogator in the early days of his detention in Afghanistan for an attorney, "the agent told him there were no lawyers there."

Previewing a new line of attack, the Lindh legal team accused the government of initially denying the wounded detainee appropriate medical treatment and food, holding him in abusive, sleep-deprived conditions and threatening him with death and torture.

The "highly coercive conditions" render "highly unreliable" any statements he made to the FBI, the lawyers wrote. Those statements, which formed the foundation of the government's Jan. 15 criminal complaint against Lindh, ultimately will be inadmissible in court, they contended.

In the two or three days before he was interrogated by the FBI in early December, Lindh "had been kept in a metal shipping container, blindfolded and immobilized by hand and foot shackles and duct tape that bound his naked body to a stretcher," the filing says. "Despite the severe cold of

December in Afghanistan, the metal container had no heat source, lighting or insulation, and Lindh was covered by only a single blanket."

U.S. Attorney Paul McNulty declined to address the defense's claims about mistreatment and lack of access to a lawyer, saying those charges would be answered in court.

Ashcroft, however, defended the government's conduct and said Lindh's rights "have been carefully, scrupulously honored."

"He has, by his own statements, been treated well and received adequate food and medical treatment while in the custody of U.S. officials," the attorney general said.

Asked if prosecutors considered asking the grand jury to charge Lindh with treason, McNulty said: "As far as other charges, we have the opportunity or right to have a superseding indictment if the evidence justifies that."

Lindh, who first appeared in court Jan. 23, will be back Wednesday to face arraignment. During that hearing, a federal magistrate will consider the request for pre-trial release.

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another vote of the people.

A new constitution would replace the current document, which was written in 1901. Siegelman told The Chanticleer in an interview after the meeting that it was "designed to hold Alabama hostage, to hold us down and to hold us back, to provide special tax breaks for big industries and big landowners, and was written to centralize power."

There has been opposition to the governor's plan. While some conservative groups have opposed the idea of constitutional reform altogether, representatives of the Christian Coalition, a conservative lobbying group, have advocated an article-by-article rewrite by the Legislature.

Siegelman said in the interview that he prefers a convention. "Frankly I'm surprised that ... organizations would not trust the people of Alabama. The people of Alabama are not going to do anything too crazy or too wild. The people of Alabama can be trusted to write their own constitution."

Others aren't so sure of the wis-

dom of trusting a rewrite to the people. "There is a serious flaw ... in approaching this constitutional discussion with a convention," said John Giles, president of the Alabama Christian Coalition in a telephone interview Tuesday. "And that is the First Amendment of the United States Constitution." The Christian Coalition is one of the leading groups opposing a convention.

Giles said special interest groups would likely spend millions on a media blitz to oppose a new constitution if it didn't agree with their aims. "The biggest problem you're going to have is ... you're not going to be able to control the airwaves, you're not going to be able to control the mailboxes, and the telephone systems. ... We just see it as a danger and it's not going to be special interest free."

Giles said the Christian Coalition supports a rewrite of the constitution by the Legislature, basing their work on the existing document, to be ratified by the people.

Dr. Thomas Corts, president of Samford University and also president of Alabama Citizens for

Constitutional Reform, a group pushing its own plan for a convention also said he had doubts about the ability of the governor's plan to keep special interests out of the process.

"We don't know how practical that is under the Constitution. Under the U.S. Constitution, I mean," said Corts. "You can limit it, but to just single out certain groups and say 'you can't contribute,' we're not sure that's possible, but it might be."

The plan Corts' group is proposing for a convention has fewer limitations on campaign contributions to those running for delegate seats. It also allows for the participation of a "legislative council" in the convention, made up of representatives from the state legislature. The governor's plan prohibits current or former office holders from election to the convention.

"We obviously try to use the legislative council to assure that there will be some experienced legislators involved," Corts said. "And remember this has to have the approval of the legislature, and we thought this was a good way to get the legislature represented without

necessarily overwhelming the convention."

During the interview with The Chanticleer, Siegelman also expressed support for the Legislature's study of central control of the state's colleges and universities. A committee created by the Legislature is exploring the idea of creating a board of regents to govern those schools.

"What I have observed is that there is a — I think — a growing understanding (in the Legislature) that with limited resources we have to make sure that we're spending all of our administrative costs as efficiently as possible," Siegelman said. "But I think it grows out of desire to have better organization, elimination of perhaps some programs, maybe targeting expenditures more wisely."

The Joint Interim Legislative Committee on Higher Education Governance is meeting weekly on Wednesdays to study central control of higher education, and is scheduled to report its findings to the Legislature in August.

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a nurse will be able to help them.

The center offers medical services to students for no charge, Mills said. Fees that are acquired by students will be billed to their account, and can be paid by the end of the semester. Students that have insurance may use their plans for services rendered. Most insurance plans are accepted by the center. Students may need to ask if the insurance plan they hold can be used for services. Tricare insurance will be accepted soon for care.

An example Mills gave of the new program is that students needing birth-control pills for the first time will receive samples to make sure they're able to take the type prescribed for them; other students that are currently taking pills will have to pay for the prescription at a pharmacy, said Mills.

The program is the first at JSU to be offered especially for female students. Women are encouraged to have an exam annually to help prevent medical conditions and to maintain a healthy lifestyle. Students that have not had an exam need to make an appointment, said Mills. Exams will be scheduled every 30 minutes and the last appointment will be taken at 4 p.m.

Confidentiality is provided to all students needing medical services. A female nurse will also be present during the examination. Nancy Edge-Schmitz, the director, and the staff will help to insure that students are comfortable, and waited on promptly.


The student-health center also offers treatment of short-term illness, emergency first aid, health counseling, free condoms, free literature and other services. Dr. James Yates, Dr. Russell Ingram and Dr. Randall DeArment are currently seeing students at the health center on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

Students can also visit the health center's Web site (www.jsu.edu/depart/studenthealth) and find agencies that provide answers for medical questions.

The health center is open Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Students can contact the University Police Department at 782-5050 in the evening and the weekend for emergencies.

Students that need more information about the women's health-care program should call 782-5310.

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Ayers (from page 1): Proposal would add new east wing to building, house four departments

Thacker said, "We will not be doing any construction other than moving furniture in and out until after the spring semester." According to Wade, the actual work will start as early as May 1.

"We'll be in immediately for removing asbestos from pipes and linings that have been there for a long time," said Meehan. "That will occur this summer when we evacuate the psychology department."

Classes may even be held before the renovation is complete. "There might possibly be some classes held at the psychology end after the asbestos is removed," said Meehan.

Even if classes are back in Ayers, the teachers' offices may not be. "Our offices will probably still be in Luttrell since that part of the building will still be in the process of renovating," said Dr. Donald Patterson, professor of psychology.

Dr. Cole Benton, professor of biology and entomology, taught in Ayers Hall for many years before moving into the new McGee building.

"We, the biology department, have vacated our part of the building which is the part that will be renovated for math and science use," Benton said. "It's going to take a long time because it's a major renovation. The whole building is going to look different."

According to Benton "there was an old part and new part" of Ayers Hall. The new part, the west wing that the psychology department inhabits, was probably built in the 1970s, said Benton. The majority of renovation is going to occur in the old part, the east wing toward the President's house, he said.

"A final drawing has not been made," said Wade. "This is going to be a huge building when it's over. It's close to 95,000 square feet."

Patterson said that there will be a "new wing added to the east side of the building," and it will "probably be a three story wing."

From the proposed picture of the finished Ayers Hall, this new addition is on the east wing, where the greenhouse is, toward Hwy 204. "The first strip of parking will go out regardless, because of construction," said Wade.

The area behind Patterson Hall is expected to be used for Ayers parking since it is a short walking distance, Wade said. However, more parking may become available in the future if Luttrell Hall is

torn down.

According to Wade, the newly renovated Ayers Hall will include "new windows, heating and air conditioning." A "new animal facility" will be built as well, said

Thacker is wireless communications. "Is wireless computer communication going to be the thing in five or 10 years?" he asked. "If so, then we need to design the building accordingly."

"Right now it looks like we're going to have to go up on tuition. It will be a jump about like the last one or less."

—Don Thacker
Vice President for Business Affairs

Patterson.

Although the building plans are still in the proposal stages, "it's been looking a lot more like the other buildings on campus, like Bibb Graves, a kind of gothic style," said Patterson.

One real concern right now for

Thacker said, "it may be inconvenient for a year or two, but when we finish it will be a state-of-the-art math, computer science, and technology building that is as good as any in the country."

Terry Marbut, head of the technology and engineering department,

said, "We are looking at a good deal of work from the departments standpoint in making sure as we make this trip we utilize the resources that are available, as effectively as we can, to be able to get the most bang for the buck."

All of the departments involved with the renovation seem enthusiastic. "I think they are pleased," said Meehan.

"We are excited," said Marbut. "That would be expected any time the university is looking at committing resources to a state-of-the-art facility that we are selected to be a part of."

The psychology department is also excited, Patterson said. "Of course it's a major inconvenience to move out of the building, but we're really looking forward to the upgrade. We're kind of anxious to get some of the areas reworked and get them, kind of, more tailored to our needs."

The MCIS department currently has classes in Martin, Curtis, Merrill, and Bibb Graves halls. "We have lived scattered all over campus so long and never lived together," said McCormick. "We're looking forward to it."

Thacker believes that math and computer science is the basis of all higher education now. "Without a knowledge of computer operations, when students become my age, it's going to be like not knowing how to talk on the telephone," said Thacker.

"Technology has taken off and we have to invest in that," Thacker said. "Every student will benefit." Benton agreed, "Computer science is best if it's leading edge."


Marbut said, "We think it's going to be a wonderful opportunity for JSU to continue to put the best foot forward and as Dr. Meehan says, 'take the veil off the best thing in northeast Alabama.'"

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Library reserves enter the digital age

By **Stephanie Pendergrass**
The Chanticleer News Editor

JSU's Houston Cole Library has recently installed a new system to make reserved course material available to students over the Internet.

The Docutek Electronic Reserve System started at the University on Jan. 2 of this year and according to Dr. Bill Hubbard, University librarian, "Basically we have loaded all the reserve readings, the journal articles and individual faculty members' writings and syllabi and that sort of thing ... in the server. We scanned in these articles and writings and made them available online through the library Web site."

Sonja McAbee, head of library services, worked with implementing the new reserve system, which she said cost about \$10,000 to execute. This price includes the server, scanner, software and setup. The system will also cost \$1,500 a year.

According to McAbee, the new reserve system has "been something that we have been talking about for a couple of years and other institutions have been doing it." She then said, "We first talked about it when the University put student records on an image server."

McAbee also explained the technical aspects of the new system. "The library has purchased a separate server for images [and] most of the documents are being saved in PDF Acrobat form.

"Most documents are processed using a software product called Docutek ERES," said McAbee. "We have integrated files into our

voyager catalogue system so [all that] students really [have to] know is how to get to their course reserve on the catalogue page."

McAbee went on to say that the system has copyright restrictions and only enrolled students can access ERES. This is done to keep unauthorized users out of the reserved material.

Hubbard explained that the new system seems to be more convenient for students. "It's improved the convenience of it, especially for our off-campus students," he said. "We have a lot of students who are taking courses in different areas of the state, mostly in northeastern Alabama, but also people who work all day and have to get assignments and don't want to come into the library. They might have to drive 40 to 50 miles to get a reserved reading, so [now] they can just dial in through the computer."

Hubbard mentioned the convenience factor for on-campus students as well. He said that with the new system, students can look up reserved articles "from their dorm or from their apartment, from their own computer or from the computer lab. Now they can access [information] without coming into the library."

While students may access the new reserve system from anywhere, the library's terminals are also available for opening the site and retrieving class information. More workstations are going to be added to the library to open up more areas for student use.

According to Hubbard, the reserve desk has moved from the second

floor of Houston Cole to the library's lobby. The reserve section is now located next to the circulation desk.

When asked why JSU implemented the new reserve system, McAbee said, "Definitely for convenience." She then said however, "It's not saving us any work. It's a lot of work, but more and more of our students are not coming to campus to do their learning; they're doing it via distance ed."

According to McAbee, reserved books work differently than the rest of the reserved material. "We still have traditional reserves for books, but we do not have traditional reserves for articles," she said. "We're trying to discourage having two systems going. We made the decision to just have one way of doing things, so accessing it through the Web page, if it's not a book, is pretty much the way we're going to go."

A recent library press release said, "ERES materials can be accessed and printed from the Library Catalog at <http://library.jsu.edu/> by clicking on the Course Reserve link." Questions about the new system can be directed to the Circulation/Reserve staff at 782-5758 or reserves@jsucc.jsu.edu.

"It's taken some getting used to for the students, but it costs the same to print as it did to photocopy, and more people can have access to that one article at one time," said McAbee. "I think all in all, it's going to be appreciated in the long run."

Enron board member says Lay knew about everything

By **Chris Mondics & Dave Montgomery**
Knight Ridder Newspapers (KRT)

WASHINGTON - Kenneth Lay, Enron Corp.'s former chief executive officer, had detailed knowledge of deals that presented a misleading picture of the company's finances to the public, the chief author of a scathing internal report told Congress on Tuesday.

"It was clear to us that he knew," said Williams Powers Jr., an Enron board member and head of a special committee that investigated several transactions that led to the company's collapse. "I can tell you what his story was - that he didn't believe there was anything wrong with it, that the accountants had signed off on it."

Powers' testimony before the House of Representatives Energy and Commerce Committee's investigative subcommittee, one of at least 10 panels delving into Enron's fall, challenged Lay's self-portrait of an innocent chief executive isolated from the dealing of subordinates who have drawn much of the blame for the collapse.

Pressure on Lay intensified Tuesday when two congressional committees ordered subpoenas compelling his appearance next week. The 59-year-old former executive abruptly canceled a scheduled appearance Monday before the Senate Commerce Committee, enraging lawmakers and further inflaming the anti-Enron mood on Capitol Hill.

The House Financial Services Committee ordered Lay to appear Feb. 14. The Senate Commerce Committee had not decided on a date. Several lawmakers speculated that Lay would choose not to testify and proclaim Fifth

Amendment protection against self-incrimination.

Kelly Kimberly, a Lay spokeswoman in Houston, said Lay expected a subpoena and that his attorney was working with lawmakers to arrange details.

Congress can compel witnesses to testify by offering immunity from prosecution, but Rep. Michael Oxley, R-Ohio, chairman of the House Financial Services Committee, said it would be "irresponsible" to make such a deal with Lay. The Justice Department is investigating whether criminal activity was involved in Enron's collapse.

Lawmakers of both parties are eager to confront Lay with stories of ordinary citizens who held pensions heavily based on Enron stock only to see their retirement accounts evaporate. Meanwhile, Lay and other top executives made millions of dollars by selling their stock before the company collapsed.

"We have discovered a disturbing pattern of activity that directly contributed to the demise of this company; a web of apparent misrepresentations, half-truths, deceit and self-dealing, in which a significant number of company leaders became entangled," said Rep. James Greenwood, R-Pa., chairman of the House investigative subcommittee.

Partisan friction also intensified, as Sen. Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee, repeated his assertions that Enron showered politicians with donations and wielded substantial influence over the Bush administration. Sen. Kay Bailey

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Hutchison, R-Texas, a committee member, said such rhetoric is out of place.

"I hope we will use this committee to gather information and not to ventilate about political issues that have no place here," she said.

Hutchison received more than \$100,000 in Enron contributions over a 10-year period. Since the company collapsed, she has returned the money to a Houston foundation that was set up to assist unemployed Enron workers.

During a trip to Pittsburgh on Tuesday, President Bush shrugged off Hollings' call for a special prosecutor and expressed confidence that the Justice Department can carry out an objective investigation.

"Listen, this is a business problem, and my Justice Department is going to investigate," Bush said. "And if there's wrongdoing, we'll hold them accountable for mistreatment of employees and shareholders."

Powers' report, released over the weekend, concluded that top Enron executives used hundreds of partnerships to conceal losses and overstate profits, enabling the company to show a robust stock performance.

On Tuesday, House investigators said they had learned that former executives Michael J. Kopper and Ben Glisan tried to get a subordinate fired when he protested that one of the partnerships was not in the company's interest.

When those threats failed, former Chief Financial Officer Andrew S. Fastow, architect of many of the transactions under investigation, left a profanity-laden message on the employee's voice mail, investigators said.

Several lawmakers said they found it hard to believe that Lay would be unaware of bogus trans-

actions during his stewardship of the company.

Powers, who also testified Monday, told the House panel that Lay was well aware of several so-called "hedge" transactions, in which the company created an appearance that an independent third party was obligated to cover its losses in the stock market. But, in reality, Enron had a substantial economic stake in the third-party entity, meaning any losses would actually affect Enron's bottom line.

When the losses came, Enron was forced to restate its earnings, and the resulting loss of investor confidence sent its stock plunging. The company declared bankruptcy Dec. 2.

In other House testimony Tuesday, Andersen chief executive Joseph Berardino cast auditors as helpless victims of what he called a "bad system" of financial reporting.

Berardino tried to cast doubt on the credibility of Powers' report, which faulted the Chicago firm, in part, for Enron's collapse. Berardino said the committee didn't interview Andersen, which signed off on Enron's questionable deals.

"We begged them to talk to us," he said.

Berardino sparred with several lawmakers over the extent of Andersen's involvement with Enron's most controversial partnerships and accounting transactions. He said the firm was "aware" of them, but disputed claims that Andersen set them up. Andersen received nearly \$6 million in consulting fees for work on those cases.

About two hours into the session, Rep. Gary Ackerman, D-N.Y., said, "We've gotten nothing," as Berardino often answered questions

Economic stimulus legislation shelved

By James Kuhnhehn
Knight Ridder Newspapers (KRT)

WASHINGTON - Legislation that would have tried to stimulate America's still-sluggish economy with new aid to jobless workers and tax breaks for business was given up for dead Tuesday, the victim of partisan gridlock.

Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., said that he would probably set the stimulus legislation aside for good Wednesday because neither party can muster the 60 votes necessary under Senate rules to push their version to victory.

"With great regret, I will pull the bill tomorrow," Daschle said of the stimulus measure he has been backing. His version included only items that both parties supported, including an extension of unemployment insurance for laid-off workers, tax breaks for business and tax rebates for low-income workers.

The pending death of the long-fought stimulus bill prompted a new round of partisan recriminations as Democrats and Republicans skirmished over President Bush's new budget, each with eyes fixed on November's congressional elections, when partisan control of the House and Senate hangs in the balance.

Daschle accused Republicans of trying to "score political points" by insisting on bigger tax cuts like those in the stimulus measure approved last year by the GOP-led House of Representatives. President Bush favors that approach.

Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., accused "Daschle Democrats" of firing "a direct shot into a limping economy by killing

the economic stimulus package."

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan testified two weeks ago that the economy was recovering and that he was uncertain about the need for a stimulus bill. But White House Budget Director Mitchell Daniels told senators Tuesday that while there are encouraging signs, Bush did not believe "we should rest on our laurels or trust our luck."

Failure to pass any legislation to stimulate the economy could alter the emerging congressional debate about Bush's federal budget. Bush's \$77 billion stimulus package of tax cuts and help for the unemployed equals practically the entire \$80 billion deficit in his 2003 budget. Without the stimulus, his budget would essentially be in balance.

Democrats, struggling to find a line of attack against Bush's war budget, escalated their complaint that the return to fiscal deficits will undermine Social Security just as the baby boom generation enters retirement.

Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill and Daniels got an earful from Democrats, who are honing a two-pronged campaign strategy for this congressional election year, targeting budget deficits and the Enron fiasco to fan the American public's fear of pension insecurity.

Sen. Kent Conrad of North Dakota, the Democratic chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, tried to merge the two issues Tuesday by suggesting that if Daniels had written a similar budget for a U.S. corporation, he'd be bound for "a federal correctional facility."

"It's a violation of federal law for a corporate entity to take the retire-

ment and health care funds of employees and use them for another purpose," Conrad said, a reference to Bush's budget borrowing from Social Security surpluses to pay for other programs.

But Democrats too have approved such deficit spending in the past, Daniels observed, adding jauntily: "You'd end up as my cell mate."

Meanwhile, Democrats flummoxed by Bush's war-time popularity groped for a way to challenge his budget without appearing unpatriotic.

"I don't have much disagreement on the budget for this year," Conrad said at one point. "My concern is over the long term."

Bush's budget projects deficits totaling \$106 billion this year, \$80 billion in 2003 and \$13.7 billion in 2004 before surpluses return.

Under his budget, all surplus revenues would come from Social Security taxes, which will far exceed the cost of annual Social Security benefits for another decade.

For the past several years, surplus Social Security revenues have been spent on paying down federal debt. Now, because of the economic downturn and Bush's tax cut most surplus Social Security revenues must go to cover costs of general government. Bush's budget would tap surplus Social Security revenues for nearly \$1.5 trillion over the next 10 years to pay for such programs.

Social Security is the government's single biggest expense. As the baby boom generation slides into retirement age, Social Security will begin to pay out more in benefits than it takes in from payroll taxes.

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In Our View

Gov. to feds: "Pony up"

You'll hear different folks debate different sides of the issue of chemical-weapons incineration at the Anniston Army Depot.

On one side are those who say the very presence of these weapons in our backyard is a threat and that they should be destroyed immediately, and they're absolutely right. Leaking canisters of chemical weapons are reported with seeming regularity in local media.

On another side are those who say incineration of the chemical weapons stockpile is too much of a risk to the local population to do it without providing the best possible protection in case of an accident. They have a strong argument, as well.

Count Alabama Gov. Don Siegelman on both of those sides. But also count him on the side that says if we're going to incinerate, the federal government should live up to its promises.

Last Friday Siegelman vowed to block incineration at the depot, scheduled to begin this summer, until the Federal Emergency Management Administration coughs up \$40.5 million promised by the Pentagon for local emergency preparations.

FEMA had initially refused to provide the money to Calhoun County emergency response authorities, but within hours of the governor's statement Friday, the feds announced they would release \$25 million to local agencies.

On Tuesday The Anniston Star reported that members of Alabama's Congressional delegation would meet with representatives of FEMA and the Department of Defense to discuss the matter, and hopefully get the other \$15.5 million.

Our elected leaders deserve credit for making this stand, and for not letting the maze of federal agencies and red tape keep the government from honoring its promises.

The people in this area who see incineration as a dangerous option have fought too long and hard for public awareness and government accountability to let \$40.5 million go up in bureaucratic smoke.

We do need to rid ourselves of these dangerous weapons, but if we're going to incinerate them we need to make sure every possible step is taken to ensure the safety of our communities in the event of an accident.

We need to make sure that the police officers, firefighters and EMTs charged with protecting those communities are themselves adequately protected against exposure to chemical weapons.

And most of all, we need to make sure our government is doing what it promised us it would.

Don't use JSU to become a Richard Cory

What are you going to college for?

I'm going to college to become the dream that smacked me in the face while performing otherwise boring endeavors of "work."

What are you going to college for?

I hope all of you are going to college to fulfill a dream.

To do what one wants in life and to gather joy from doing so is a beautiful thing worth more than money. Of course, the joy of money is a beautiful reward in today's semantic definition of truth, but that's what college is for, no? To pick a subject one loves and get paid well for performing.

I'm graduating in April, and I'm happy. Though my major was undecided for two years while I pondered many majors and took classes in anthropology, geography, art, education and literature, I was happy I took my time and became aware of so many things. I felt that I didn't want to rush any certain major and get stuck in a field where I wouldn't truly be happy. I find nothing wrong for any person in college to taste-test different studies before deciding

By Joshua Bingham
 The Chanticleer Managing Editor



which one to forever follow.

The only slight problem of taking so many different classes is the time it has taken me to finish college, but is that really a problem? I think college is an abundant wealth of knowledge available to students wishing to learn. How often would there be so many experts in so many fields at one location other than at a university? Life is long. It's good to be aware of many facets involved.

After traveling overseas to learn of different cultures and immense histories, I returned to JSU to obtain a degree. JSU is affordable and I didn't have to worry if credits would transfer by finishing here.

From my kaleidoscope of studies, I was closest to obtaining an English major, so decided to fly that way. I like reading; I like writing. So, an English major, with the option of teaching, seemed like a great thing.

Then, I took a creative writing class and met an old friend who was the editor in chief for the

Chanticleer. He also likes writing, and we enjoyed each other's stories. Adam Smith then asked me if I wanted to write an article for the Chanticleer, of the features sort. I agreed, became enthralled and decided to pick up a communication minor.

And this is where I finally came to rest on a decision of what I want to do for a living.

How do you know when you have found the right topic to major in and a following job that will keep you happy and enthralled throughout life? When it doesn't bore you.

I offered this idea to a friend and he could find no fault in the theory that if you do something and time flies by so much that you wish there was more, you're not bored with your work, and that's a good thing.

This anomaly happens when I write and college helped me find that out. So, I pursued this field, so much that I am now the Managing Editor of the Chanticleer and have already worked a month-long stint for a bigger newspaper.

I hope all JSU students' college careers will help them the same.

If you like something, get a major in it, for then two birds will be killed with one stone. You'll get to do what you dreamed of, and get paid well for it, well, hopefully. But don't get stuck too quickly on a route of study that won't make you happy. My semantics tell me happiness does not only involve how much money you have.

Remember the poem, "Richard Cory," written by Edwin Arlington Robinson? It tells of Cory, who was rich, well respected and envied by many who wished to be in his place.

But, the poem ends, "So on we worked, and waited for the light, And went without the meat, and cursed the bread; And Richard Cory, one calm summer night, Went home and put a bullet through his head."



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Global events have great impact on the lives of some

The events of Sept. 11 and the ensuing war on terrorism have affected us all. But they've affected some a lot more than others.

For four years, until this May, I was a member of the U.S. Air Force. Many times since Sept. 11 and especially since Oct. 7 when our war in Afghanistan began, I've heard from friends and family — and said myself — how lucky I am to have left the service to return to JSU when I did.

Most people in the military, it's always seemed to me, have a plan for their life. For some this means a life-long career in the armed forces, looking toward a retirement and pension. For others, such as myself, the military was just a short-term stepping stone to other goals. Regardless of the service's role in their life's plan, most serve with honor, and are glad to heed their country's call when it comes.

I spent this past weekend near Eglin Air Force Base, at Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., where I was stationed most of my four years. I got the chance to visit some friends who are still in the service, and to see how

By Benjamin Cunningham
The Chanticleer Editor in Chief



the last six months have changed their lives.

My good friend and former supervisor, Mike Flannery, was looking good. He'd lost about 30 pounds since I'd last seen him. No, he didn't follow Jared to Subway. He dropped the weight on a steady diet of military rations during his two-month deployment to an undisclosed location somewhere in central Asia. It seems the Thanksgiving dinner he had there was a little less fattening than the traditional fried turkey his wife Alita, also an Air Force member, served up while he was gone.

The good news is Mike made it home just two days before Christmas, and was able to be around for his daughter Mychaela's second birthday. Alita told me he'd had a little difficulty adjusting to how much their little girl had grown

in just two months, and Apparently Mychaela still doesn't like to be separated from her dad. With any luck, she won't have to deal with that for more than a day at a time in the near future.

The occasion for my visit was to attend the wedding of two good friends, Jesus and Marcie Ortega. Both are Air Force members, and had dated for a year or so before Jesus popped the question two months ago. Marcie had nearly served out her enlistment, and was scheduled to leave Eglin for good early this year to pursue a medical career. Jesus was going to get out in June and move back west to study engineering. That all changed after Sept. 11 when the Air Force instituted what it calls a "stop-loss." That means no one gets out of the service — whether they're already scheduled to get out or not.

Apparently that gave Jesus just the amount of time he needed to think things through. He proposed in November, and they were married Saturday in a beautiful ceremony in front of lots of friends and family. What's going to come in the first few months of their marriage, however, is anybody's guess.

Not all the news is good. My good

buddy Mike "Rob" Roberts was set to retire in January, after 20 years in the Air Force. He had a good job lined up in Atlanta, and was hoping to buy a house. He'd been looking forward to his retirement date for years and everyone knew it. Unfortunately the stop-loss hit him, too. There's no telling when he'll get out, and the new job he was looking forward to has since dried up.

And then there's my good friend and old roommate Todd Harris. Todd's enlistment was due to be up in May, and he'd never been sure exactly what he was going to do. He'd entertained the idea of becoming an EMT, police officer, or a firefighter.

Two months ago Todd extended his enlistment to retrain as a firefighter for the Air Force. I don't know if the television images of New York City firefighters and their quiet, stoic heroism had anything to do with making up his mind, but I suppose it's possible.

So, I guess I could count myself lucky to be out of the military while so many of my friends are still in. But I also count myself very well defended.

Volunteers have plenty of opportunities already without Freedom Corps

By J.R. Labbe
Knight Ridder Newspapers (KRT)

The country needs a federal program to promote something as uniquely American as volunteering?

Shoot, this nation dang near invented the idea of service to others. Long before French aristocrat Alexis de Tocqueville moseyed across the parts of the country that could be navigated or traversed back in 1831 to see what a great republic looked like, Americans exhibited a cultural fondness for bonding together in voluntary groups to work on mutual problems.

It was, after all, a volunteer army that kicked the behinds of the redcoats to win the country's independence from Britain.

Tocqueville observed an unprecedented number of people getting together for common purposes — without coercion, without government interference. The 26-year-old author remarked in perhaps the best book ever written about democracy, "Democracy in America", that such alliances not only fostered self-reliance but also strengthened the skills of association that a vital citizenry requires.

Fast-forward to 2002, and we find a small-government president calling for the expansion of the bureaucracy to do something that Americans have done for generations as "habits of the hearts," as Tocqueville called volunteerism.

President Bush introduced Congress and the nation to his patriotically named USA Freedom Corps concept during his first State of the Union speech Tuesday.

Details followed the next day, when Bush began a modern-day version of an old-fashioned barnstorming tour to promote the initiative.

An eight-person White House office will oversee the national service and volunteer effort. Price: \$560 million.

The Citizen Corps — an effort to teach folks how to spot suspicious or threatening activities, work with local police departments and volunteer for neighborhood watches — carries a price tag of \$230 million. Expanding AmeriCorps and the Senior Corps would cost \$280 million next year. Doubling the number of Peace Corps volunteers would cost \$200 million over five years.

Hold the phone. Bush pushing the Peace Corps? AmeriCorps? My friends, alternate universes have collided. A Republican president co-opts and expands social service programs that started with Democratic presidents — John F. Kennedy's Peace Corps and Bill Clinton's AmeriCorps — all to rousing applause from both sides of the aisle?

Isn't it amazing what the party faithful will back when you slap a flag-waving name on something? Of course, it doesn't hurt to have a public approval rating that tops 80 percent.

It was distinctively presidential for Bush to outline the realities and the needs of a nation at war. To call for a new "culture of responsibility" was noble and, frankly, past due.

But does America need more departments, White House offices and federal oversight? Bush could have made an equally strong statement about doing something to help

somebody else by directing Americans to seek out volunteer opportunities that already exist in their own communities.

Want a short-term assignment that won't require a long-term time commitment? Then help set up, assist with a silent auction and clean up after a ball dedicated to raising money for a local lung association.

Enjoy working with youngsters? Spend two hours a week working with and mentoring seventh-, eighth- and ninth-graders.

Have a background in budgeting? Assist individuals who have difficulty handling household finances by serving as a money management bill-payer.

Want to help pass on that truly American spirit of volunteerism to some of the nation's newest residents? Sign up to teach English as a second language to refugees from Baltic nations.

These are just a smattering of the opportunities available, right now, through numerous volunteer centers.

Nationwide, schools, hospitals, libraries, police departments, food pantries, homeless shelters, non-profit agencies, arts and cultural groups — the list goes on — can all use extra sets of hands.

Tocqueville said: "I have seen Americans make great and real sacrifices to the public welfare; and I have noticed a hundred instances in which they hardly ever failed to lend faithful support to one another."

The great and real sacrifice needed today is one that every American can make: donating some time to help out others.

That's more American than any federal program — even one named USA Freedom.

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Letters to the Editor

Paper should have checked name

I would like to take this opportunity to commend you for the sentiments you expressed in your editorial "In Our View: A Time to Celebrate Our Past."

It is unfortunate, however, that you did not take the time to check the spelling of the name of one of the greatest African-American leaders in American history.

The former Frederick Augustus Washington Bailey took the name Frederick Douglass at the suggestion of a friend. The name is taken from the wrongfully exiled Lord James of Douglas, a Scottish chieftain revered for his bravery and virtue in Sir Walter Scott's poem "Lady of the Lake."

Sincerely,
Tamara D. Blackwell
Senior

IN YOUR VIEW

"Who is the most influential African-American in history?"

--Compiled by
Andrea Brown



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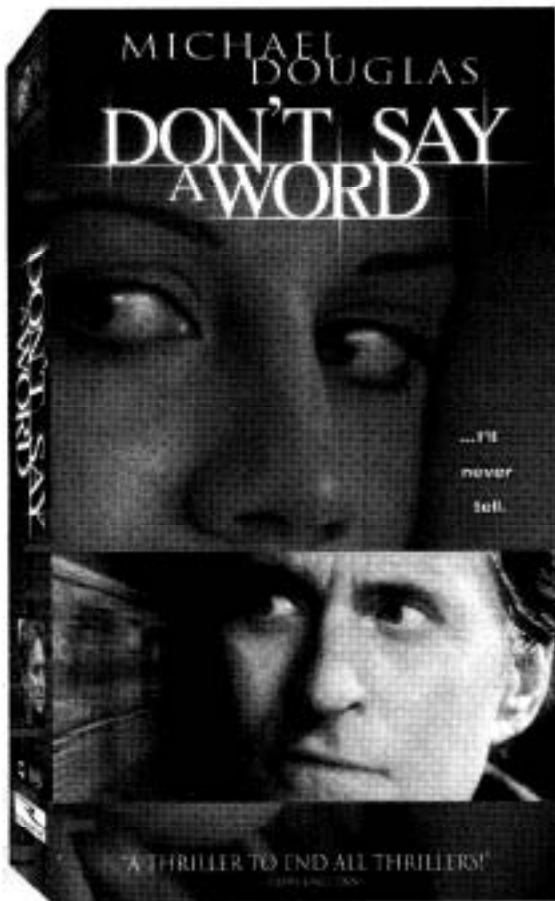
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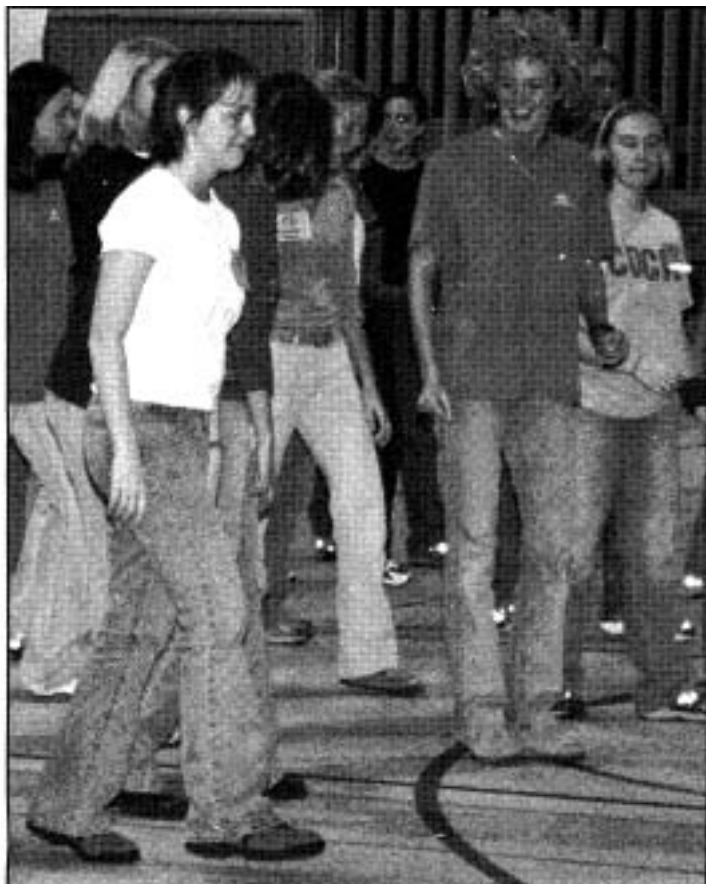
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Dancing 'til the dawn



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JSU students dance at Up 'Til Dawn, a charity event sponsored by JSU's Up 'Til Dawn Committee last Friday night and Saturday morning in Stephenson Hall.

Southern cities encouraging Black history studies

By Tim Funk
Knight Ridder Newspapers (KRT)

CHARLOTTE, N.C.-As the country kicks off another Black History Month, Southern cities that once downplayed or even ignored the slavery and civil rights struggles in their past are starting to shine a spotlight on the lives and achievements of generations of African Americans.

Charleston, S.C., the main port of entry for African slaves into British North America, is planning an ambitious slavery museum. Fredericksburg, Va., is already building one. It beat out Richmond - one-time capital of the Confederacy - for a national museum that's long been a project of former Virginia Gov. Doug Wilder, the only African American ever elected governor of a state.

"This is overdue," says Charleston Mayor Joe Riley. "So often we as a society come to the same conclusion together."

The history of the civil rights movement is also getting a higher profile.

Last October, the reopening of the Levine Museum of the New South brought something new to Charlotte - a detailed exhibit on civil rights struggles in the Carolinas, complete with artifacts, photographs, videos

and truth-telling text.

"Museums are the keepers of a community's story," says staff historian Tom Hanchett. "And they're the places where that story is passed on."

But why now?

Interviews with scholars, politicians, curators and tourist guides turned up three big reasons:

-A rise in black political power and black scholarship.

-The lure of the tourist dollar.

-And a desire, by blacks and whites who grew up in the '60s and '70s, to tell a more complete and honest story about America and the South.

"We are the first post-civil rights generation," says David Goldfield, a professor of history at UNC Charlotte. "Because we're more removed from the angst and bitterness of that time, we have a better perspective."

As a teen-ager in Virginia, Bill Beck - now the 48-year-old mayor of Fredericksburg - worked as a tour guide at the Mary Washington House, the home of George's mother. He remembers taking tourists all through the house, telling them about her tea set and the Chippendale mirror hanging on her wall.

"But we'd never tell them about the six slaves she owned at the

time," Beck says. "Slavery needs to be raised. It's part of the story."

The African American story, from slavery onward, is an increasingly popular one with tourists, black and white.

"Heritage Tourism," which includes visiting historical sites and exploring family roots, is the fastest growing part of the leisure market, says Angela DaSilva, who founded the St. Louis-based National Black Tourism Network in 1996.

Black tourists spend about \$60 billion on travel each year. And many of them would rather re-live history than park themselves on a beach.

Her most popular bus tours: the "Underground Railroad," which traces the path of runaway slaves from Maysville, Ky., to Canada, and "Civil Rights Triangle," which visits its civil rights battlegrounds in Birmingham, Montgomery and Selma, Ala.

"Everyone wants to march across the Edmund Pettus Bridge (in Selma, where voting-rights marchers were beaten by Alabama troopers in 1965)," says DaSilva. "And everyone wants to do it singing 'We Shall Overcome' at the top of their lungs."

Charleston, the Ellis Island for see **History**, page 14

With his new film, rapper-actor's ready for action, and other roles

By Lola Ogunnaike
New York Daily News (KRT)

NEW YORK - He glosses over the story at first - leaving out the parts about the sprained ankle and raging flames.

It's not until you ask LL Cool J to rewind one quick sec that he delves into how hairy things really got on the set of "Rollerball."

"I had a stunt where I had to jump a ramp and save a young lady whose motorcycle was on fire," says Cool J. "I pulled her off her bike, but when she let go, the handlebars hooked onto the spur of my boot. So here I am riding with a burning motorcycle hanging off my leg."

"It was crazy."

After narrowly escaping serious injury, the rapper-turned-actor (born James Todd Smith in St. Albans, Queens, in 1968) quickly dropped his plan to be another Jackie Chan - and encouraged his stunt doubles to get a little dirtier.

"I have other things to talk about," he says. "I don't need to tell the world that I do all my stunts."

Still, he performed some of the tricky motorcycle maneuvers and flashy rollerblading in the pyrotechnically loaded remake of "Rollerball." The

update is slightly different from the 1975 sci-fi film that starred James Caan. The original pitted an American athlete (Caan) in violent tournaments around the world. This one is set in very relevant, present-day Kazakhstan - a Central Asian country that borders Afghanistan.

"Rollerball," which was actually shot in Canada, examines what happens when an extreme sport turns deadly.

Cool J, who shares screen time with Chris Klein ("American Pie") and Rebecca Romijn-Stamos, says that playing athlete Marcus Ridley was his most physically demanding role to date.

In addition to having to learn how to ride a motorcycle - "it took me about three months" - the star had to bulk up, putting on close to 40 pounds.

"I was lifting heavily and frequently," he says.

He has since dropped most of that weight. But Cool J - who for this chat sported a fitted red sweater, black slacks and one of his 2,000 hats - is no pint-size performer.

When it is suggested that his winning smile and strapping build make him a prime candidate for action hero (after all, Schwarzenegger and Stallone are getting older), the actor chuckles.

"That'd be cool," he says, "but I'd

like to do a lot of different types of films. I just don't want to limit myself to that."

A willingness to play against type may serve Cool J well.

While he has appeared in more than 20 films (including "In Too Deep," "Deep Blue Sea" and "Any Given Sunday" - all released in 1999) and starred in his own sitcom, "In the House" (1995-99 on NBC and later UPN), he has yet to turn in a breakthrough performance.

"I don't think he's done anything that's convinced me that he's as good as, say, Ice Cube," says Owen Gleiberman, a film critic for Entertainment Weekly.

Gleiberman, who also cites Will Smith and the late Tupac Shakur as rappers who cultivated acting careers, says that being a rapper can help and hurt in Hollywood.

"The whole posturing and attitude (rappers) bring to the screen is both their calling card and their trap," he says, "because they aren't allowed to go beyond that. And they themselves may not want to go beyond that because it may mean sacrificing their macho images."

Cool J concedes it's not easy "getting the opportunity to do roles that are out-

see **LLCoolJ**, page 14



New York Daily News/Andrew Savulich

Rapper and actor LL Cool J appears in the remake of the movie "Rollerball."

Lindsay Pagano

Love + Faith + Inspiration

★★★★

Review by Carol Barnes
The Chanticleer Staff Writer



Courtesy WEA/Warner Bros.

Have you seen that AOL commercial with "Everything 4 U" playing in the background? No? Me neither, but the song is pretty good without the sales pitch for 1,000 free hours. The CD is "Love+Faith+Inspiration," and the artist is Lindsey Pagano.

Pagano's voice is scratched and young. Do you remember when Micheal Jackson was still black? This sounds something like that, but it's hard to tell who hits higher notes.

The CD is what a dance club might play when they want to give their patrons cavities. Still, it's a pretty good bite of ear candy for lovers and hopeless romantics.

The songs have easy beats and are good to listen to on a bad day and better on a good day. They express some of the feelings that

women have at some point in their lives, from puppy love to anger to empowerment. OK, most of the songs are about young love, but not all of them!

Aside from "Romeo," every song is a I'm-so-glad-you-came-into-my-life tune.

"Romeo" is more of a woman-empowering song, confronting liars and promise-breakers whose words "sputter out in a ball of confusion / That gives the illusion that you might be sincere / but you're not really here / 'Cause your mind's in the gutter and I'm not that stupid." Skip to this one when you hit the angry point in the breakup stage, trust me on this. Especially listen to this line, "Romeo, lay down your ego / 'Cause deep inside is a

color you can't hide / Who you are is the way you speak of others / No, I'm not your lover / I'm just a girl you lied to for the last time."

"Love+Faith+Inspiration" is a feel-good song, chanting "sing a song of meditation / if you're feeling desperation / There's just one medication / Love, faith, inspiration." That's for after the angry chocolate stage of a breakup, when you're ready to move on and live, using "your heart for navigation."

"Cryin' Shame" is a soft melody about the games guys and gals play, telling the guys "And if you're waiting for me to make a move / I hope you've got a better plan / because when it comes to boys playin' it cool / this city girl is old school." It's centered around high school but even college students can relate to "sittin' on a throne won't make you king / Starin' at the phone won't make it ring / Tryin' not to lose won't win no game / Wastin' love's just a cryin' shame."

"So bad" is a sweet, soft lullaby duet; a "sway-song" for the guy after who comes after

Romeo. And, oh good night! The duet is with one Mr. Paul McCartney! He echoes Pagano's words, "well it feels so good / Sometimes it feels so bad / This is worse than anything I've ever had / I love you, yes I love you so bad." Anybody else suddenly want to push REPEAT just for the ex-Beatle's sake? Or wonder about those May to December relationships? Don't you think he still looks good for a guy who's practically 64? Ha!

With the feel of an old love song, "Amazing High" drifts and sways with Pagano's sweet and gentle flow of words "'Cause love's not too blind to see." Ah, can you feel the cavities form while visions of Prince Charming dance through your mind?

"Love+Faith+Inspiration" is good for the ladies on lonely nights or for men who would you like to seem sensitive and get some make-out time? Put this CD in and select "Amazing High" or "So Bad" to slow dance into her heart and whatever else she'll allow. But don't go "Romeo" on her.

Just a suggestion.

AHF speaker to visit JSU Feb.21

By Abbey Herrin
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

A discussion focused on Anne George, an Alabama author of the mystery genre, featuring guest speaker Pam Kingsbury will be Feb. 21 at 2 p.m. in the Houston Cole Library.

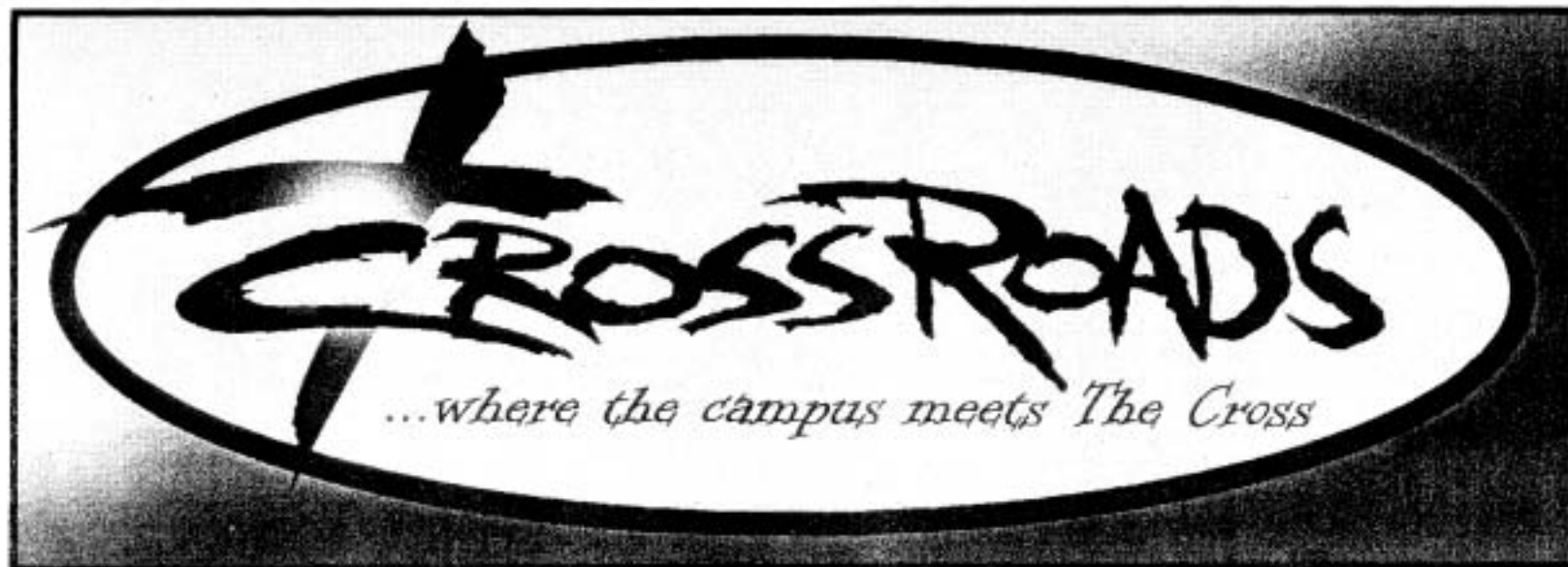
As part of Kaleidoscope, JSU's annual festival of the arts, the Alabama Humanities Foundation Speaker in the House program, along with JSU, is hosting the event.

The lecture is funded by the Alabama Humanities Foundation, according to Hubbard. The program is intended to familiarize people throughout Alabama with the humanities, according to the JSU Newswire.

Kingsbury is an independent scholar and an Alabama native, giving her a "quasi-connection to the subject matter," said Hubbard. Kingsbury spoke at JSU four years ago.

The discussion will be held on the 11th floor of the library. Refreshments will be served and there will be no admission fee, according to Hubbard.

"I think it'll be a good program."



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Friendship is found in strange places in McGhee's "Shadow Baby"

By Jessica Huey
Special to The Chanticleer

The main theme of Alison McGhee's "Shadow Baby" is that you never know where you may meet someone who will become a huge part of your life and how people you meet will affect your life forever.

Friendship comes in strange places, especially when you do not expect it. Also, an imagination is a good thing to have, but do not go overboard and forget what is fantasy and reality.

"Shadow Baby" is McGhee's second novel. Her first, "Rainlight," was very difficult for her to publish. She said it was very hard getting into the book industry because finding an agent was extremely difficult.

Alison finally had to resort to selling the publishing rights herself. The production of "Shadow Baby" was much easier though.

Right now, Alison is busy on her newest book called "Was it Beautiful?" and a children's book titled "Velcro Girl."

Clara winter, the main character of "Shadow Baby," is based directly on McGhee herself in what she called an "unconscious leap into [her] head."

There are many things in the book that make this quite obvious; for example, McGhee grew up where the story takes place. She also used some of her own experiences to get the writing of the book started.

Clara, an 11-year-old with a wild imagination, befriends an elderly man named

Clara winter, the main character of "Shadow Baby," is based directly on McGhee herself in what she called an "unconscious leap into [her] head."

Georg Kominsky through an oral history report. The two quickly become friends sharing secrets from the past. Clara makes up such vivid stories about her past that she forgets they are fantasy; she believes she is a pioneer.

Clara longs for her twin sister who died at birth in a blizzard and Georg lost his brother in a blizzard on his trip to America. Clara spells her last name with a lowercase w because she hates winter.

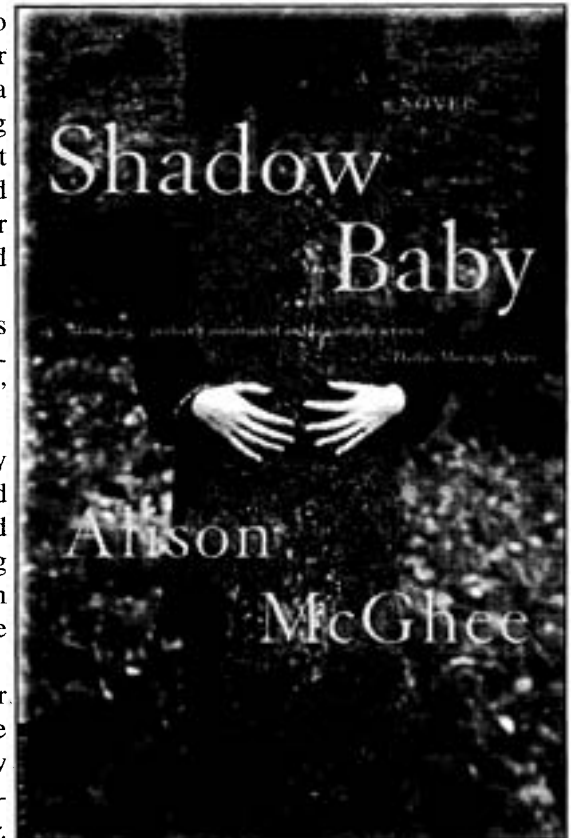
Clara's mother, Tamara, refuses to talk to her about her father or her grandfather, which drives Clara crazy. Through an accident, Georg gives Clara the strength to confront her mother about her father and grandfather, which leads to her finally meeting her grandfather and learning the truth about her past.

Also, Clara realizes that Georg has taught her to see the "art of possibility and the possibility of beauty" in many things.

The tone of the story is full of dry humor, friendship, happiness and even in the end, sorrow. It's all tied together extremely well. The setting is based in a present-day town in upstate New York near the Adirondack Mountains.

McGhee is a very creative writer whose writing style is very simple and enjoyable to read. In "Shadow Baby," she chooses her words wisely and the end result is spectacular. She grabs your attention at the very beginning of the book and keeps it until the very last word.

She makes her characters very realistic and the way she uses Clara's imagination



Courtesy Harmony Books

reminds you of some young person you know who loves to dream they are someone else.

I personally enjoyed the book and would recommend it to everyone.

"Race" to rent this flick

By Abbey Herrin
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

In "Rat Race," a diverse ensemble cast and some very unusual situations combine to make amusement for all ages.

It's the ultimate gamble: six people win keys to a locker in Silver City, N.M., with \$2 million inside it. Whoever gets there from Las Vegas first wins the cash. The contestants are all being monitored by a group of high rollers who have placed gigantic bets on who the victor will be.

Sound like reality television? Maybe so, but the phenomenal group of actors assembled give this film the perfect touch. Jon Lovitz, Cuba Gooding, Jr., Whoopi Goldberg, Rowan Atkinson (aka Mr. Bean), Seth Green and Breckin Meyer play six money-hungry competitors. These six get into some crazy antics in their scramble to get rich.

Each contestant has a story: Atkinson is narcoleptic, Lovitz must drag along his wife and two kids, and Gooding, Jr. is infamous for being "the referee who made the worst call ever." All the little side plots greatly add to the humor of the

movie. For example, Lovitz and family stumble into a skinhead-run Nazi museum and end up stealing Adolf Hitler's Mercedes-Benz.

Some other cameo appearances are also exceptional. Kathy Bates is her usual psychotic self as a back-



Cuba Gooding Jr. as Owen Templeton, stranded with Lucille Ball impersonators in "Rat Race."

woods squirrel saleslady, and Wayne Knight appears as an organ-delivery boy.

All the preposterous occurrences prove some valid points: the lengths that people will go to for money and the power of the urge to gamble.

So check out "Rat Race." The actors each have a strong comedic presence, especially the hilarious Lovitz. The movie pokes fun at greed evident in human nature while incorporating very strange occurrences and characters.



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African-Americans, would be a natural addition to black tourists' itinerary. Especially, DaSilva says, if they can visit a first-class slavery museum that acknowledged the city's role in the slave trade and the horror of bondage.

"South Carolina took a major hit with that Confederate flag thing," she says. "They're going to need a slave museum to get back in people's good graces."

But Riley says the city's motives behind its planned \$30 million museum are "not one iota" about luring tourists.

"We feel a responsibility to do it," he says. "This is where it should be. This is where Africans came into North America."

Charleston is awash in history, Riley says, and the city has been diligent about presenting its role in the American Revolution and the Civil War.

"Where the slaves came from and what happened to them is also part of our history," he says. "And part of the nation's history."

But a big part of the credit for getting that history into museums and

onto monuments has to go to black scholars and black politicians.

Greg Mixon, who teaches African American history at UNC Charlotte, says four major black scholars are in Charleston now conducting conferences on slavery. Another, at The Citadel, is preparing a conference on blacks in the military.

Such conferences can have an influence, he says. One in the 1990s, in Chicago, featured complaints about museums telling the history of the elite and ignoring everybody else.

"Some of that discussion may have finally filtered down to museums of the South," Mixon says.

Black officeholders also have played a role in raising the visibility of black history, says UNCC's Goldfield, author of "Still Fighting the Civil War."

Just look to Birmingham, Ala., home of a major civil rights museum, where blacks have wielded political power for more than a decade.

Says Goldfield: "George Orwell said, 'Those who control the present control the past.'"

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side of a street persona."

But quite unlike many of his musical colleagues who have made the error of coasting on natural talent, he says he recognizes he needs "a little help."

He has been taking acting lessons for five years, he says.

"I think it's disrespectful to think that you can (act) without training," he says.

Cool J's commitment appears to be paying off. He recently completed "Deliver Us From Eva," a romantic comedy in which he stars opposite Gabrielle Union ("Bring It On"). It's his first lead role.

He'll be in front of the cameras again in "Mindhunters," a thriller starring Val Kilmer and Christian Slater that's set to begin shooting soon.

"Rollerball," he says, showed him that he was ready for top billing.

"I've been coming off the bench," he says, employing a sports metaphor, "and now I'm ready to start."

Though confident in his ability, Cool J says Denzel Washington needn't worry - just yet.

"That would be like comparing someone with one (music) single to LL Cool J," says the rapper, whose musical resume includes nine albums - his 10th is due in the spring - and three Grammys. "It's flattering to me and really unfair to him."

Asked if he and his musically inclined brethren were taking jobs away from young thespians versed in the methods of Stanislavski and Strasberg, Cool J gives a bit defensive.

"How many rap records did Vin Diesel make? How many records did Samuel L. Jackson make? Larenz Tate? Morris Chestnut?"

Slipping into Tony Robbins-like motivational parlance (as he does at times), Cool J states: "When you start blaming your lack of success on others, you are guaranteeing your failure. Don't blame others for your lack of success. You have to create your life."

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- 7.) In dentistry, what is a tooth with more than the usual four cusps?
- 8.) What major soda company used a comic in 1938 to advertise?
- 9.) What well-known beer got its name after winning a blue ribbon at the Chicago Fair in 1893?
- 10.) What was the first self-rising flour for pancakes and the first ready-mix food ever to be introduced commercially?

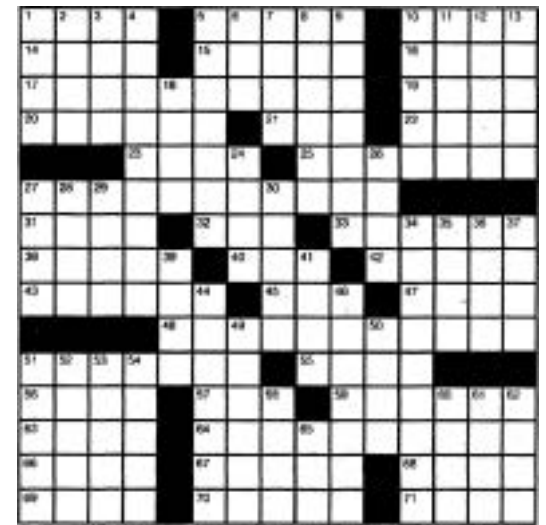
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HOROSCOPES

By Lasha Seniuk
Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service
Feb. 4-10

Aries (March 21-April 20). Early this week long-term romantic plans are highlighted. Expect loved ones to openly express their needs, social aspirations and goals. Respond with warmth and honest enthusiasm. This is not a good time to withhold important emotions. After Thursday new financial information may arrive. Watch permissions, contracts or legal paperwork for valuable clues. Accurate numbers and calculations will now insure success. Stay focused on fast changes and small errors.

Taurus (April 21-May 20). Work agreements or team projects will now bring quick results. Late Tuesday watch for a colleague or key official to propose a fresh approach to recent setbacks. For many Taureans this will initiate two weeks of rapid expansion and fast decisions. Expect new contracts or job openings to be complicated and demanding. After Wednesday a close friend or relative will be moody or doubtful of their abilities. Offer encouragement. Loved ones are now vulnerable to self-criticism.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Romantic or family discussions are accented early this week. Watch for loved ones to actively participate in romantic decisions, daily planning or family changes. Many Geminis will now begin a key

phase of emotional increase in the home. Expect long-term relationships to soon deepen or require reliable plans and promises. Before next week powerful dreams and vivid intuitions will be difficult to avoid. Your social awareness, insight and family judgment are accurate.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Important relationships will now expand. Before midweek expect loved ones to be temporarily moody. For many Cancerians this brief phase of mild irritation will be quickly followed by an increase in passion, romantic attraction or long-term love commitments. Some Cancerians may also experience unusual proposals from lovers or spouses. New travel plans or emotional needs may be a strong influence. A compelling week, expect loved ones to reveal complex emotions.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Social communications are now on the rise. Before Thursday watch for a close friend or relative to introduce unique activities or friendships. Many Leos will now expand their social circle, daily commitments or romantic activities. Welcome all new energy. This is a positive time for growth and social increase. After Saturday work information, business requests or financial statements will be misleading. Pace yourself for bothersome delays. Facts and figures may be unreliable.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A previously distant friendship may now offer

rare moments of romantic seduction. After Tuesday watch for friends and lovers to change their outlook or social opinions. Some Virgos will now successfully re-establish a recently stalled or postponed relationship. If so, expect others to provide the initial communications: social optimism and confidence are now on the rise. By early next week loved ones will be honest and openly needy. Expect rapid progress and fast decisions.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). A recently neglected business project will now become active. Over the next few days expect officials or close colleagues to re-introduce outdated business ideas or long-term work strategies. Watch financial negotiations carefully. Before early March small debts, calculations or hidden clauses may be draining. After Wednesday a powerful wave of confidence and social optimism returns. Ask loved ones to explain their inner needs and past reactions. All is well.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Old relationships or social patterns may now reoccur. Before midweek emotional wisdom and life lessons can be easily learned by making contact with past friends or lovers. Pay close attention to progress made or decisions avoided. At present, others may reveal valuable information or detailed examples of recent events. Later this week vivid dreams and insights are accented. Creative ideas, new declarations of love or delightful

romantic suggestions also will soon arrive.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Hidden information or past social truths may be revealed over the next eight days: watch for long-term relationships to now provide a new or different understanding. Social triangles, old fears or past disagreements may be more complex than imagined. Offer added support. After mid-week work relations will be mildly strained. Avoid asking for extra assistance or special permissions from authority figures. A challenging week, remain dedicated to short-term business gains.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20). Over the next few days unique business methods or controversial social ideas will be proven accurate. Early Tuesday watch for a difficult relationship to enter a quick stage of discussion or, in some cases, open laughter. Emotions are high this week but extremely helpful. Expect important progress between co-workers and subtle social negotiations. After Friday romantic tensions may also increase. Loved ones will openly vie for your attention and loyalty. Stay alert.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19). Late Tuesday a close friend or family member may ask for delicate advice. Key areas involve parent/child relations, business partnerships or long-term financial promises. Offer wisdom but avoid active involvement. Although emotionally needy, loved ones now need to define their own terms with

older relatives and key officials. After Saturday family promises or group events will be temporarily delayed. Wait for final information before planning complex social gatherings.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20). Before Wednesday a close friend may be moody, introspective or overly focused on recent workplace criticism. Maintain a safe distance. At present, many Pisces may be easily drawn into the emotional turmoil of loved ones. Romantic or social dramas will be annoying and unproductive this week. Find more creative outlets for your energy. After Thursday home relations are affirming and cozy. Extra time spent with family or long-term friends will bring confidence.

If your birthday is this week ... avoid financial risk or fast business decisions before March 22, if at all possible. Over the next few weeks misinformation from authority figures or rare disagreements may prove costly. Expect colleagues and officials to be moody and unresponsive. Shortly after April 4, however, all rapidly progresses forward. Watch for a unique team assignment or communications project to arrive without warning. Social and family relations may also be affected. After much doubt or social delay loved ones will now push for new promises and passionate dedication.

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SPORTS

The Chanticleer - February 7, 2002

Gamecocks jump into seventh position in A-Sun standings

By Lindsay Mullins
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

The Jacksonville State basketball team looks geared for the final stretch of the season. The Gamecocks tried to move up the A-Sun standings and build some confidence after they played Savannah State and Belmont earlier this week.

The Gamecocks emerged from the locker room at "The Pete" ready to dominate last Saturday, and dominate they did.

Jacksonville State hosted a struggling Savannah State (2-19) in a contest that ended as the Gamecocks' largest win of the season thus far.

"This was a total team effort," said Jacksonville State head coach Mike LaPlante. "We got off to a quick start and it was good to get some young guys some playing time."

In just the first three minutes of the game, Jax State thundered to an impressive 18-0 lead. All fourteen players saw action, and ten put points on the board for the Gamecocks.

Four players finished in double-figures to lead the Gamecocks to their 83-63 victory.

Sophomore Scott Watson led with a season-high 14 points. Juniors Omar Barlett and Jay Heard each contributed 14 points apiece and Poonie Richardson added 13.

"Lately, I've been shooting a lot more of the same shots every time," said Watson. "And with Poonie and Jay getting easier shots, it makes it a lot easier to hit them."

"None of them (games) are ever easy," LaPlante said, "but I thought we came out with a great amount of intensity and set the tone in the first five minutes."

The Gamecocks sank a season-high eight 3-pointers in the first 20 minutes, a total of 11 by the end of the game. Watson hit a 3-pointer from the left side to establish a 18-0 lead. That was JSU's largest lead of the season.

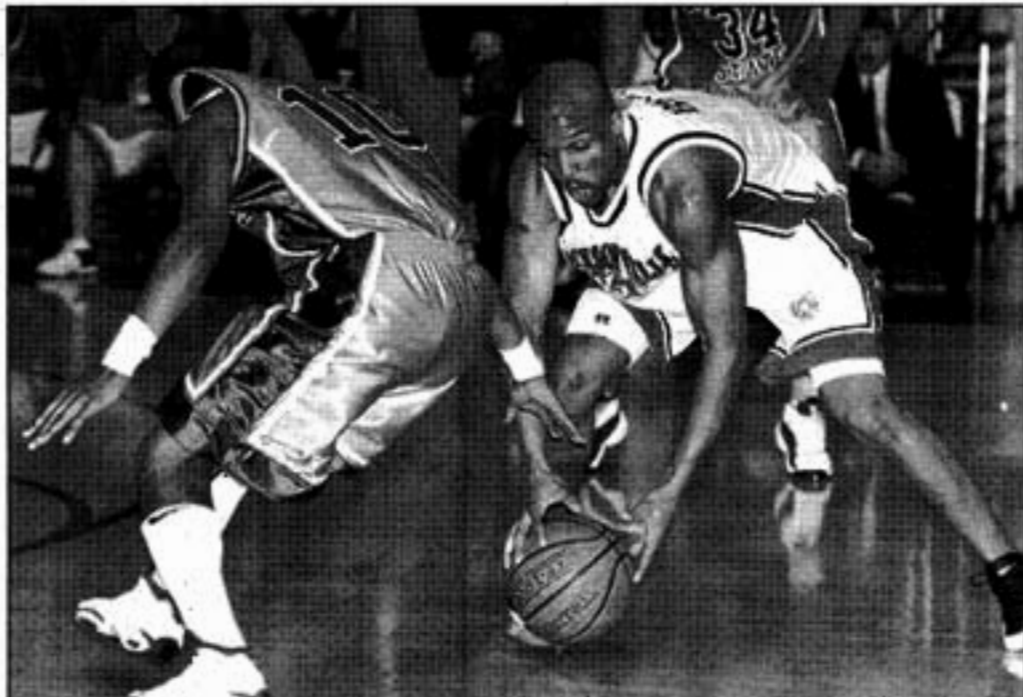
The Gamecocks led 51-30 at the end of the first half.

Jax State continued to roll in the second half and pushed its lead to

as many as 29 points. Barlett got the crowd on its feet after he slammed home his 12th dunk of the season to give JSU a 76-49 lead with 6:13 left in the game.

The Gamecock big men also out-rebounded Savannah State 37-34 and finished the game shooting 28-of-58 from the floor. Jax State also finished the game with 11 3-pointers.

"It was real good to have an easy one," said Richardson. "We needed a win like that. Almost every game we played this year has been



Courtesy The Anniston Star/Steve Gross
Sophomore guard Emerson "Downtown" Brown steals the ball from Savannah State guard Carols Smalls. The Gamecocks beat Savannah State 83-63 at Pete Mathews Coliseum last Saturday.

a 1 or 2 or 3-point game; it always comes down to the end. Tonight, we came out and said, 'We're going to play hard'."

The Gamecocks tried to continue winning and playing well when they traveled to Nashville to play

Belmont on Monday.

Jax State knew a win over Belmont would be big for the team. The Gamecocks were ninth in the A-Sun standings, while Belmont held down the seven see **Men**, page 19

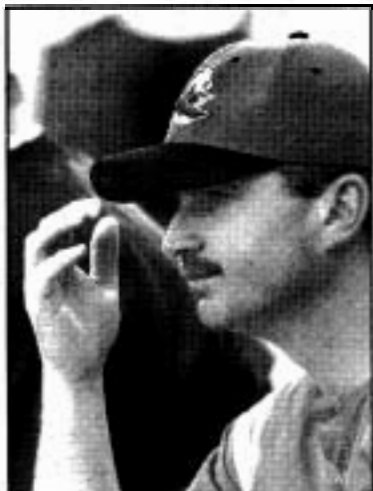
Jax State baseball begins 2002 season Saturday, team geared to begin new era under coach Case

From Staff Reports

At some point in time, change is inevitable in a program. Now that legendary head coach Rudy Abbott has retired, new head coach Jim Case steps up to the plate to lead the Jacksonville State Gamecocks into the new century.

Case was hired on April 17 as the sixth head coach in the school's history. He isn't a stranger to replacing a legendary coach. He had the daunting task of following someone else's footsteps as an assistant coach at Mississippi State. Now he has a similar situation in following Abbott's success, only this time as head coach.

"I kind of felt like that's what we did when I was at Mississippi State," said Case. "When Ron Polk retired, we took over and that was certainly difficult. Ron took Mississippi State to a new



Courtesy The Anniston Star/Steve Gross
Jax State Baseball head coach Jim Case.

level and Rudy took Jacksonville State to a very high level."

And with following up such legends, fans continue to have high expectations when it comes to maintaining the foundations already established.

"To follow them up, I think the expectations have to be very high because you're replacing some-

one who did so much for their university and for their baseball program. I have nothing but the greatest respect for Rudy and what he's accomplished. Winning 1000 games, there's not many people that have done that."

Helping Case to achieve that goal will be assistants Steve Gillispie and Matt Ishee. Both have worked with Case in the past and will do the same as the Gamecocks try to return to prominence. Case worked with Gillispie for two years at UAB and with Ishee for four seasons at Mississippi State.

"I feel fortunate to have them here at Jacksonville State," said Case. "Coach Gillispie is a great teacher and a great communicator. He has connections, which is important in recruiting. He has a great feel for this area because he scouted for the Phillies the last four years which meant he was

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Jax State track and field team competes at Tennessee State

By Anthony Hill
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

Jax State finished up its first track and field season with a lot of confidence after a series of good performances this season.

The track and field team competed in its final indoor track meet of the season at Tennessee State last Sunday.

Head coach Aimee Dawson said she was very happy with the performance of her athletes this season, especially last weekend.

"We've been progressing quite well throughout the season," said Dawson. "It was a low-key meet in terms of where we've competed the last several weeks, but overall I'm very happy."

The talented freshman sprinter Eboni Matthews put on another great performance last weekend, according to Dawson.

"Eboni Matthews broke a school record in the 400-meter," said Dawson. "She ran a great race and I can't wait to see what she does in

outdoor competition."

Matthews also took home a 16th place finish in the 200-meter race.

The 200-meter race actually belonged to freshman long jumper Anna Armstrong as she ran her way to a first place finish while fellow freshman Princess Thomas came in 13th. Armstrong also jumped 5.31 meters in the women's long jump event in her category (Flight 3).

In the 800-meter run, Frances Archuleta led three Gamecocks with a third place finish. Rachel Doak came in sixth and Traci Reid finished in 13th place.

In the 300-meter, Gina Davis came in third, while teammate Addie Ferguson finished fifth.

Lachandra Bartholomew had an impressive outing. Bartholomew came in first in the women's shotput with a throw of seven feet.

The Gamecocks will now prepare for the outdoor season, which begins in March.

"Everyone's a bit banged up or has been sick, but now we'll have the next four to five weeks to recuperate," concluded Dawson.

Gamecock women drop two-straight

Staff Reports

Jacksonville State's Dana Austin and the women's basketball team still can't seem to find what it takes to win two games in a row. Mercer took advantage of the weakness and defeated the Gamecocks 86-78 last Saturday.

"We fix one thing and then something else happens," said Austin. "Today we couldn't stop them (Mercer) on defense."

JSU couldn't make stops on the last nine Mercer possessions of the game.

The team's intensity level seems to be a characteristic she has been pleading her team to acquire.

Mercer took the lead for good at the 3:31 mark of the first half after Jwanda Roberson hit a jump shot. JSU came to within three points of the Bears' lead after sophomore guard Kelly Nye hit a 3-pointer with 2:21 left in the game.

Mercer turned up its intensity level and stopped the Gamecocks from getting any closer.

Nye led JSU with 23 points and three steals.

The Gamecocks tried to get back on track when they traveled to Troy last Monday.

Jax State fought hard, but was unable to beat Troy State. The Gamecocks lost a close one to arch rival Troy State, in one of their last efforts to make it to the Atlantic Sun tournament. The Lady Trojans beat the Gamecocks in overtime, 70-67.

"Turnovers killed us in the end," said Austin. "We just couldn't handle the pressure of such a close game at the end."

Shanika Freeman finished the game with 16 points.

The Gamecocks will host Jacksonville University on Saturday. Tip-off is set for 4:30 p.m., followed by the men at 7.

JSU tennis teams smash UAH, 7-0

Staff Reports

The Jacksonville State tennis team began the 2002 season with a bang. The men's and women's tennis teams hosted the University of Alabama at Huntsville last Saturday.

Both Gamecock tennis teams won their first matches of the season over UAH.

The women won 7-0, only allowing the women of UAH to score six points total in singles action. Robin Gorman, Vanessa Gomez and Jessica Gomez all recorded shutouts.

The men also dominated UAH by a score of 7-0. The duo of Ruben Herrera and Arturo Nieto, along with Toby Bourke and Raphael Rodriguez led the Gamecocks in doubles action.

"It is always good to get a win the first match of the year," said head coach Steve Bailey. "But we are going to need to improve before we face Samford."

U of A at Huntsville tennis match results

Women's Doubles

Vanessa Gomez/Sophie De'Smet def. Carey Gracey/Jill Camacho, 8-4

Robin Gorman/Heather Miller def. Mary Beth Key/Katherine Stickney, 8-3

Jessica Gomez/Leslie Gordon def. Monica Morris/Brooke Merchant, 8-5

Women's Singles

Sophie De'Smet def. Carey Gracey, 6-0, 6-1

Robin Gorman def. Mary Beth Key, 6-0, 6-0

Vanessa Gomez def. Jill Camacho, 6-0, 6-0

Heather Miller def. Brooke Merchant, 6-3, 6-1

Jessica Gomez def. Katherine Stickney, 6-0, 6-0

Leslie Gordon def. Monica Morris, 6-0, 6-1

Men's Doubles

Ruben Herrera/Arturo Nieto def. Alvaro Rios/Nathan Smith, 8-5

Toby Bourke/Raphael Rodriguez def. Sam Siras/Josh Campbell, 8-0

Nick Utley/Matt Davis def. Jason Hendrix/Jonathan Parker, 8-0

Men's Singles

Raphael Rodriguez def. Alvaro Rios, 6-0, 6-2

Ruben Herrera def. Nathan Smith, 6-3, 6-2

Arturo Nieto def. Josh Campbell, 6-3, 6-0

Toby Bourke def. Sam Siras, 6-4, 6-2

Nick Utley def. Andy Roswall, 6-1, 6-2

Matt Davis def. Jason Hendrix, 6-2, 6-2

Atlantic Sun Conference Men's Basketball Standings

Team	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Troy State	10	4	.714	14	7	.667
Florida Atlantic	10	4	.714	13	8	.619
Jacksonville	10	5	.667	16	8	.667
Georgia State	8	6	.667	14	8	.636
UCF	8	6	.571	12	9	.571
Samford	8	6	.571	11	11	.500
Jacksonville State	6	8	.429	9	10	.474
Belmont	6	8	.429	9	12	.429
Stetson	6	9	.400	9	12	.429
Campbell	4	11	.267	6	16	.273
Mercer	1	13	.071	3	20	.130

Recent results:

Feb. 4

Jacksonville State 91, Belmont 71

Florida Atlantic 72, Mercer 71

Troy State 64, Central Florida 58

Jacksonville 85, Campbell 57

Georgia State 94, Stetson 79

Feb. 2

Georgia State 81, Jacksonville 75

Belmont 64, Samford 62

Florida Atlantic 67, Troy State 66

Stetson 72, Campbell 69

Central Florida 86, Mercer 53

Jacksonville State 83, Savannah State 63

Upcoming games:

Feb. 7

Stetson at Jacksonville State (7:00 CST)

Florida Atlantic at Campbell

Belmont at Mercer

Jacksonville at Samford

Feb. 9

Jacksonville at Jacksonville State (7:00 CST)

Central Florida at Campbell

Stetson at Samford

Florida Atlantic at Georgia State

Belmont at Troy State

Atlantic Sun Conference Women's Basketball Standings

Team	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Belmont	10	2	.833	16	3	.842
Florida Atlantic	9	4	.692	11	10	.524
Georgia State	8	4	.667	12	7	.632
Mercer	8	4	.667	11	8	.579
Stetson	8	4	.667	9	10	.474
UCF	8	5	.615	12	10	.545
Campbell	7	6	.538	9	11	.450
Troy State	6	6	.500	7	12	.360
Jacksonville State	3	10	.237	4	16	.200
Jacksonville	1	11	.100	2	17	.105
Samford	0	12	.000	1	18	.053

Recent results:

Feb. 4

Florida Atlantic 70, Campbell 66

UCF 54, Georgia State 50

Mercer 73, Samford 63

Troy State 70, Jacksonville State 67

Feb. 2

Belmont 76, Belmont 48

Mercer 86, Jacksonville State 78

UCF 58, Campbell 51

Georgia State 79, Florida Atlantic 75

Troy State 62, Samford 57

Jan. 31

Belmont 64, Jacksonville 57

Upcoming games:

Feb. 9

Mercer at Campbell

Troy State at Georgia State

UCF at Belmont

Stetson at Samford

Jacksonville at Jacksonville State (4:30 CST)

Feb. 11

Stetson at Jacksonville State (7:00 CST)

Mercer at Georgia State

Troy State at Mercer

Florida Atlantic at Belmont

Jacksonville at Samford

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Where are the black coaches?

By Anthony Hill

The Chanticleer
Sports Editor



It's February and that means it's Black History Month. So, I decided to write about an issue in sports that I wanted to see resolved.

The issue is having more black football coaches.

The season is over and this is usually a hectic time in the pros. Most teams are rushing to fire coaches and hire new ones before the last one has cleaned out his desk.

Of course, every time a NFL or college football team hires a new coach these days, the race of the man is called to the attention. Why is that? That doesn't really occur in basketball.

Isn't that funny the two sports that black athletes dominate post records that are so different in the coaching ranks.

In basketball, almost half of the pro coaches are black, and so are almost a quarter of Division I college coaches. African-Americans are hired and fired in basketball now without so much as a note made of race. But, I think only three NFL teams had black head coaches this past season - and that's down to two now. It's even worse among college coaches. The only big-time African-American head coaches are Notre Dame's Tyrone Willingham and Michigan State's Bobby Williams.

I believe there are a number of reasons to account for this, beginning with the root difference between the games themselves. Basketball is an intimate enterprise, with only a handful of players on a team. Even the substitutes can emerge as personalities - and remember, it's the benchwarmers in ALL sports who usually make the best coaches. The coaches, owners, athletic directors and general managers get to know their basketball players well. Most football players are simply guys with helmets to most people involved in a system.

Besides, coaching basketball depends so much on the personal element. Just ask any of the Gamecock basketball players. They really love Coach LaPlante. They don't just like him.

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One on one with "Thrill:" Poonie

By Anthony "Thrill" Hill
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

Poonie Richardson and I sat in the Gamecocks' locker room right before practice last Sunday and simply shot the breeze. Poonie is the type of athlete who's easy to interview. You kind of gravitate to him because he's so fun to be around. There's always something you want to ask him. We were almost oblivious to what we were supposed to be doing. Gamecock center Omar Barlett even slipped in a laugh during our interview.

Poonie is very skilled with the pill (ball) too. It's been a long time since I've seen a Gamecock point guard handle the basketball and offense like Poonie does. He's got a nice jump shot as well.

He and the Gamecocks are ready to make a run at the eighth spot in the Atlantic Sun standings. He's shorter than most basketball players, but as long as he's healthy, the tournament is well within REACH.

Thrill: What's going on Poonie?

Poonie: I'm chillin'.

Thrill: I guess that I'll begin by asking how you got the name Poonie?

Poonie: My Grandma.

Thrill: Oh really?

Poonie: Yeah, she nicknamed me that when I was real young and it just stuck with me through high school.

Thrill: Let's talk a little basketball for a moment. It looks like the team found its rhythm at the right time. Do you feel like the team is geared for the final stretch of the season?

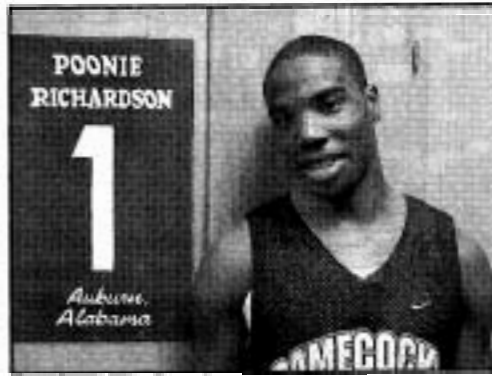
Poonie: Yeah man. But, we're just going to take it one game at a time though. I feel like we're definitely going to make that tournament. We just have to continue to play hard and keep playing good defense.

Thrill: How did you feel at the beginning of the season? You guys played a lot of tough teams and lost some close games. What was your mindset at that time?

Poonie: It was real tough. Then, coach came to practice one day and told us that he found the solution.

Thrill: Really? What was that?

Poonie: He said that we weren't playing any DEFENSE. (Both laugh.) As soon as we started playing some defense, we started



The Chanticleer/Anthony Hill
Junior point guard Cornelius "Poonie" Richardson.

to win.

Thrill: Have you enjoyed being here at JSU?

Poonie: Yeah. In the beginning it was hard for me to adjust. You know it's hard when you come from JUCO level. I adjusted and I like it here.

Thrill: If you could change anything about this campus, what would it be?

Poonie: I guess I would keep students here on the weekends.

Thrill: What's your most memorable moment in sports?

Poonie: My high school state championship in 1997.

Thrill: Oh yeah?

Poonie: Yeah.

Thrill: You went to high school with Gamecock defensive back Neika Willis. What was he like back in high school?

Poonie: Oh that's my boy there. He's cool. You know, he played on the basketball team too? He's got a ring too. He was pretty good at basketball. But, he loves that football though.

Thrill: Have you ever cried after a game?

Poonie: Yes. I cried my senior year after we lost in the first round at the regional tournament. I cried like a little baby.

Thrill: What type of things do you do when you're not playing basketball?

Poonie: (Omar Barlett laughs in the background.) You know, I just kick it with my boys. We get with Jay Heard and get on that XBox. We play Madden 2002 and that new game, Max Pain. Oh yeah, we get on that NBA Live 2002

sometimes.

Thrill: If you didn't sign with JSU where would you have probably signed?

Poonie: I was probably going to go to school somewhere in Texas.

Thrill: How are the ladies treating you around campus, Poonie? How's your personal life?

Poonie: Oh, it's been good. It's been real good. (Both laugh.)

Thrill: What does Poonie look for in a lady?

Poonie: (Laughs.) You know she's got to be cute and have a nice, little shape on her. She's got to have a good head on her shoulders.

Thrill: A couple of weeks ago NcKell announced her interest in you. What's your response to

"I cried my senior year after we lost in the first round at the regional tournament. I cried like a little baby."

--Junior point guard
Poonie Richardson

that?

Poonie: Man, we're cool, but it's not on that level. (Both laugh.) We're just cool. She's a cool girl.

Thrill: Who would you rate as the sexiest person in sports?

Poonie: Anna Kournikova. (Tennis player)

Thrill: How's your relationship with coach LaPlante?

Poonie: It's real good. He's one of the coolest coaches I've ever played for.

Thrill: Who's the funniest guy on the team?

Poonie: Kelley Hall. (Laughs.) Me and Kelley Hall.

Thrill: Is he your favorite teammate?

Poonie: We're all boys, but I

guess I kick it with him more than the rest.

Thrill: Do you have a favorite food?

Poonie: Chicken.

Thrill: Tell me the last book or story you read.

Poonie: (Pause.) The last thing I read was One on One with "Thrill" last week.

Thrill: That's what I like to hear. Let's do some free association. Loachapoka High School. (Poonie's high school)

Poonie: Best high school in the state of Alabama.

Thrill: Martin Lawrence.

Poonie: Funny.

Thrill: Kelley Hall. (Gamecocks junior guard)

Poonie: Funny like Martin.

Thrill: Ashley Martin.

Poonie: Great person.

Thrill: Al Muskewitz. (Anniston Star sports writer)

Poonie: (Both laugh) Al's a cool guy.

Thrill: Duke Blue Devils.

Poonie: Favorite team after Jacksonville State.

Thrill: "Free," the host of the show 106 & Park.

Poonie: Fine.

Thrill: Coach Jeff Maher. (Assistant coach)

Poonie: Cool. He's funny too.

Thrill: Who would you compare your style of play with? Is there someone you model your game after?

Poonie: Everybody wants to be Michael Jordan when they're growing up, but everybody can't be Michael. My favorite point guard in the league is Jason Kidd.

Thrill: One more question. How well do you envision the Gamecocks finishing the season?

Poonie: I think we'll finish up real strong. Plus, we've got to finish up strong if we want to make it to the tournament. We're just going to take it one game at a time and see how things go.

Thrill: That's it man. Good luck with the rest of the season.

Poonie: 'Preciate it Thrill. We'll holla at you later.

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spot.
 "That's what we want," said Watson before the game. "We want it in our own hands because we know we have the confidence to win the rest of the games we need to get in the tournament."

Well, Watson must've knew what he was talking about, because the Gamecocks did look like a team with confidence when they slammed Belmont, 91-71 at Municipal Auditorium.

"We've told our guys they're basically swing games," said LaPlante, "where you can end up changing places with the teams that you're playing. If we win the games, it doesn't mean that we're in and if we lose them it doesn't mean that we're out, but obviously winning gives us a much better position."

The Gamecocks began the game hot and jumped on Belmont to take an early 18-8 lead in the first six minutes of the game. Belmont fought back to take 28-27 lead after Nick Otis hit a 3-pointer with 8:21 left in the first half. The two teams continued to battle hard throughout the first half.

Jax State held a 43-42 lead at

the half, but opened the second half with a 24-6 run to take control of the game.

Emerson "Downtown" Brown started the run after he hit a 3-pointer from the top of the key at the 18:49 mark. Six different players scored when the Gamecocks took their biggest lead of the game, 70-48.

Belmont tried to mount a comeback after Adam Sonn hit two free throws with 5:33 left, cutting the lead to 12 points at 72-60. The Bruins came back from 14 points to beat the Gamecocks earlier this season.

But, the Gamecocks turned up their intensity level and finished the game hitting a season-high 70.4 percent over the final 20 minutes from the floor. Jax State finished the game shooting 65.5 percent.

The JSU basketball team is now tied for seventh in the conference with Belmont.

Barlett finished with a career-high 26 points. Richardson added 18 points, while Josh "Sleepy" Perry finished with 12 points.

The Gamecocks will try to continue winning when they host Stetson tonight. Tip-off is set for 7.

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going to ball games every day. He knows a lot of kids in this area.

"I worked with Matt at Mississippi State for four years. He worked as a volunteer and ran the camps there. He did a good job with that and he's a young guy with some enthusiasm. Both of them did a great job in the recruiting process."

The Gamecocks return a core group of seniors, whom Case said would be an important factor in the teams' success. The strength of the team, as in past seasons; is pitching. JSU returns five guys from last season, all of which saw significant playing time. Four of them are seniors.

Steve Shippey compiled a 4-8 record last year with a 3.29 ERA, the lowest on the team. He also led the Gamecocks with 83 strikeouts in 90 innings. Joey Shiftlett went 2-6 last season in 73 innings pitched and was second on the team in strikeouts with 53. Both pitchers, along with Lucas McCollum and Josh Nix, have caught the eyes of the new coaching staff.

"I would say Steve Shippey and

Lucas McCollum have been outstanding for us on the mound," said Case. "They've been good leaders with the pitching staff. Joey Shiftlett is a tough guy with a lot of guts and we project Josh Nix to close for us."

Jeremy Hudson, a 6-7 right hand pitcher, will add to the pitching staff. Hudson transferred from UAB, where he compiled a 2-1 record and 4.20 ERA.

Offensively, the Gamecocks return several starters from last year, including shortstop Andrew Tarver and outfielder Heith Comer. Tarver led the Gamecocks in doubles, triples and homers last season. In a limited role, Comer batted .224 with two homers and 10 RBI. Both players had impressive fall camps and Case expects them to be leaders this season.

The JSU baseball team will host Alabama State to open the 2002 season on Saturday. The game is set to start at 1 p.m.

"I'm excited and very nervous," said Case. "My wife said it's like standing in line for a roller coaster. You're really excited about it but you're not sure what it's going to bring. That's how I feel."

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A football coach can be a distant workaholic, organizing and organizing. A basketball coach can't last unless his players certify him as a human being. Basketball is very tribal. Football is more structured.


Football coaches are like executives. They have vice presidents - offensive and defensive coordinators - and middle management departments who are in charge of the players' positions.


So, not only do the people who hire football coaches probably fail at getting to know young black coaching candidates, there is also almost surely some kind of submerged racism, which presumes that, sure, a black man can handle a basketball club, but not a heavy-duty football program.

Things are definitely changing in sports and more and more black men are getting opportunities to show what they can do with a team. Change is simply taking a long time.

I always refer to a famous quote by Alfred Tennyson when I think about the African-Americans coaching in the NFL. "Tis better to have loved and lost. Than never to have loved at all."

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