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 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 campaign-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 a convention of delegates.

New Ayers Hall taking shape

By Katie Harris
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Ayers Hall is scheduled to undergo a facelift, beginning as early as this year.

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 issue 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 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.”

American Taliban John Walker Lindh indicted on 10 counts

By Michelle Mittenstadt
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-Qaeda 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 “timetable 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-Qaeda camp, swore his allegiance to jihad and was under-See Ayers, page 5

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
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 Armstrong 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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chose to train with al-Qaeda, 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.
Siegelman: from page 1
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 us down and to hold us back, to pro-
scribe 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 con-
servative groups have opposed the
idea of constitutional reform alto-
gether, 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 ... orga-
nizations would not trust the people
of Alabama. The people of Alabama are
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 peo-
ple. "There is a serious flaw in
approaching this constitutional dis-
cussion 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 conve-
nention.
Giles said special interest groups
would likely spend millions on a
media blitz to oppose a new constit-
tution if it didn't agree with their
tastes. "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 con-
trol the mailboxes, and the tele-
phone systems... We just see it as a
danger and it's not going to be spe-
cial interest free."
Giles said the Christian Coalition
supports a rewrite of the constitu-
tion 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 presi-
dent of Alabama Citizens for
Constitutional Reform, a group
pushing its own plan for a conven-
tion 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 it is 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 limita-
tions on campaign contributions to
those running for delegate seats. It
also allows for the participation of a
"legislative council" in the conve-
nention, 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 leg-
islative council to assure that there
will be some experienced legislators
involved," Corts said. "And I
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 con-
vention."
During the interview with The
Chanticleer, Siegelman also
expressed support for the
Legislature's study of central con-
trol of the state's colleges and uni-
versities. A committee created by
the Legislature is exploring the idea
effectively as possible," Siegelman said.
"But I think it grows out of desire to
have better organization, elimina-
tion 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 sched-
uled to report its findings to the
Legislature in August.

Women: from page 1
a nurse will be able to help them.
The center offers medical ser-
ices to students for no charge,
Mills said. Fees that are acquired
by students will be billed to their
accounts, 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 accept-
based soon.

An example Mills gave of the
new program is that students
needing birth-control pills for the
first time will received 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 pre-
scription at a pharmacy, said
Mills. The program is the first at JSU
for female students. Women are
couraged 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 appoint-
ment will be at 4 p.m.
Confidentiality is provided to
all students needing medical ser-
ices. A female nurse will also be
present during the examination.
Nancy Edge-Schmitz, the direc-
tor, said the staff will help to
insure that students are comfort-
able, and wait on promptly.
The student-health center also
offers treatment of short-term ill-
ess, emergency first aid, health
consulting, 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 also have access to the
health center's Web site (www.jsu.edu/ depart/stu-
denthealth) 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 also visit the
University Police Department at
782-5050 in the evening and the
weekend for emergencies.
Students that need more infor-
mation about the women's
health-care program should call
782-5319.
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, Benton said. 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.

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.”

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—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 Patterson, 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,” said Thacker. “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.’”
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.” Then she 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.”

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.jsucc.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,” said Kenneth Hubbard of the new reserve system, McAbee however, said, “Definitely for convenience.”
Economic stimulus legislation shelved

By James Kuhnhenn
Knight Ridder Newspapers (KRT)

WASHINGTON - Legislation that would have tried to stimulate America's still-stagnant 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 Trent Lott, D-Miss., 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-stalled 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 election, 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 than 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.

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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 mismanagement of employees and shareholders."

Powers' report, released over the weekend, concluded that top Enron executives used hundreds of partnerships to conceal losses and manipulate 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 transactions 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.
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 then 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 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 lalaideoscope 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.”
By Benjamin Cunningham
The Chanticleer Editor in Chief

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 ISU 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 the last six months have changed their lives.

My good friend and former superior, 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, kept warm 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 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 nursing. They’d scheduled to leave Eglin for good to retire in January, after 20 years in the military. For Jesus, the quiet, stoic heroism had anything to do with making up his mind, but I suppose it’s possible.

On September 11, when the Air Force stepped up to the challenge of a new war, these are just a smattering of the volunteers who were ready to lend faithful support to one another.

The country needs a federal program to promote something as uniquely American as volunteering. Shoot, this nation dang near needs the military as a stepping stone to other goals.

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

Volunteers have plenty of opportunities already without Freedom Corps

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 criminal 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 have to have a public approval rating that tops 80 percent.

It was distinctively presidential for Bush to outline the realities and challenges that need national resolve, as well as the need for a new “culture of responsibility” which he called “American service.”

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 communities.

Want a short-term assignment that doesn’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. Serve 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.

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-stop 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’s 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.

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 Douglass 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

Travis Hall
Senior
Political Science

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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 anniversary program at the 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 city's 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 tour 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 civil rights battlegrounds in Birmingham, Montgomery and Selma, Ala.

“Everyone wants to march across the Edmund Pettus Bridge (in Selma), where voting-rights marches 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 Ogunnaik
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 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 Canada, examines what happens when an extreme sport turns deadly.

"I had a stunt where I had to jump a ramp and save a young lady whose flames." It's not until you ask LL Cool J to "rewind one quick 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 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.

"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 easy "getting the opportunity to do roles that are out-see LLCOOLJ, page 14

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

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 Michael 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 half of confusion” / That gives the illusion that you might be sincere / but you’re not really here / 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 your 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.”
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 Georg Kominsky through an oral history report. The two quickly become friends 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. Georg’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 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, 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 drug along his wife and two kids, and Gooding, Jr. is famous 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 psycho tic self as a backwoods 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 poke s fun at greed evident in human nature while incorporating very strange occurrences and characters.
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museum are "not one iota" about

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 con-
ducting conferences on slavery.

Another, at The Citadel, is prepar-
ing a conference on blacks in the

military.

Such conferences can have an

influence, he says. One in the

1990s, in Chicago, featured com-
plaints about museums telling the

history of the elite and ignoring

everybody else.

"Some of that discussion may have

finally filtered down to muse-

ums of the South," Mixon says.

Black officeholders also have

played a role in raising the visibility

of black history, says UNC's

Goldfield, author of "Still Fighting

the Civil War."

Just look to Birmingham, Ala.,

home of a major civil rights muse-

um, where blacks have wielded

political power for more than a

decade.

Says Goldfield: "George Orwell

said, "Those who control the pre-

sent control the past."

Though confident in his ability, Cool J says Denzel Washington

needs to 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

recognizes 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 parables (as he does

at times), Cool J states: "When you

start blaming your lack of

success on others, you are guaran-

teed your failure. Don't blame

others for your lack of success.

You have to create your life."

Guess there is room for more

than one Mr. Smith in

Hollywood.

Mixon,

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"I've never

been coming off the

bench," he says, employing a

sports metaphor, "and now I'm

ready to start."
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Funny Bone

Useless Quiz

1.) According to a recent Gallup poll, 11 percent of the U.S. population believes in...?

2.) What is the penalty for conviction of smuggling in Bangladesh?

3.) The sale of what is outlawed in Singapore?

4.) What major soda company used the name after winning a...?

5.) According to a recent Gallup poll, 11 percent of the U.S. population believes in what?

6.) When 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

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 new energy. This is a positive time to discuss concerns with a mentor or manager. After much doubt new promises and passionate 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 seeks 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 getherings.

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 or 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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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, Jacksonville State thundered to an impressive 18-0 lead. All fourteen players saw action, and ten put points on the board for the Gamecocks.

The Gamecocks continued to roll in the second half and pushed its lead to as many as 29 points. Barlet 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. Jacksonville 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 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.

Jackson 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 seventh.

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 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," said Case. "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

Jax State track and field team competes at Tennessee State

By Anthony Hill
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Jackson State finished 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 Dawsion 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 14th. 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 500-meter, Gina Davis came in third, while teammate Affrodio Ferguson finished fifth. Lachandra Bartholomew had an impressive outing. Barboloonez 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.
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 archrival 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.

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 Arthuro 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."
Where are the black coaches?
By Anthony Hill
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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.

Willingham and Michigan State's Bobby Williams.

Basketball is an intimate enterprise, with only a few personalities. Basketball is an intimate element. Just ask any of the coaches. The only big-time coaches who usually make the professional cut are Notre Dame's Tyone Poonie.

LaPlante. They don't just like him.

Junior point guard Cornelius "Poonie" Richardson.

The Chanticleer Sports Editor

One on one with "Thrill:" Tyone Poonie

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 Atlantic Sun standings. He's shorter than most basketball players, but as long as he's healthy, the tournament is well within reach.

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.

--Junior point guard

Poonie Richardson

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 to win.

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 NC-Ke Bull announced her interest in you. What's your response to 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.

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 Muskeiz. (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, 70-41. 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 13-2 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 team’s 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 Shiflett 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 Shiflett 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 Heath 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 collecting. 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 presumely assumes 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.”
after this, the corporate ladder will be a piece of [cake].

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