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Dr. Kingsley Harbor.

JSU hires new communication department head

By Misti Hayes
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

JSU's communication department has found new leadership and prospects for its future with the arrival of Dr. Kingsley Harbor.

Harbor, originally from Nigeria, has had many years of experience, in the communication field, including his most recent accomplishment as the head of the mass communication department at Mississippi Valley State University.

Hired in 1993 by MVSU to create a broadcasting program for the English and speech communication department, Harbor successfully designed a program that gave birth to a new mass communication department at the university. After creating the new department, Harbor worked to have it accredited.

Upon leaving the college to come to JSU, the enrollment had more than doubled and the department has been accepted for accreditation in 2003-04. Harbor said the accreditation

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Committee postpones decision JSU president, trustees oppose move toward central control

By Benjamin Cunningham
The Chanticleer Editor in Chief

The committee created to study central control of Alabama's colleges and universities will be taking a little longer than originally planned to make its recommendations to the Legislature.

After a public hearing last week on Jan. 16, the Joint Interim Legislative Committee on Higher Education Governance voted to extend its deadline for reporting to state leaders until late August. The committee was created by a resolution of the state Senate during last year's regular session to study greater central authority for higher education. It was originally supposed to report and disband late next month.

After a full day of presentations from trustees of the state's four-year colleges, it seemed the only consensus on the committee was that more time and input were needed. The Anniston Star reported last Thursday that the committee's reason for extending the deadline was to allow

input from the state's two-year community colleges and technical schools.

JSU President Dr. William Meehan said Tuesday in an interview with The Chanticleer that those institutions need to be part of the debate. "They need to be included. They're part of higher education. It's not just the four-year schools."

Meehan and JSU's Board of Trustees have voiced opposition to the idea of centralized control. The board voted at its Jan. 14 meeting to send member Jim Bennett — who is also secretary of state and is running for election as lieutenant governor — as its representative to appear before the committee.

"We are not convinced this is a problem that needs solving," Bennett told the committee, according to The Anniston Star.

JSU's Trustees and Meehan are concerned putting JSU in an agency with jurisdiction over all the state's colleges could put the University at a political disadvantage. "My experience ... in boards of

regents, is that institutions the size of Jacksonville State get buried in a continuum of priorities for the major land-grant schools and the major flagship universities which are at one end of the spectrum, and all the attention that the local institutions give to the community colleges," Meehan said Tuesday. "So regional institutions sometimes get lost in between that."

Bennett told The Chanticleer after the Jan. 14 JSU trustees' meeting that he thinks the state's larger schools would get more attention under central control. "I think if you're all lumped in the same pot, obviously there are certain political and numerical considerations that would work to Jacksonville State's disadvantage," he said. "Who would get the attention? Alabama and Auburn."

Meehan said he thinks the driving purpose behind the push for central control actually originates with those two schools. "With all the atten-

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U.S. Senator Shelby addresses incinerator issues

By Stephanie Pendergrass
The Chanticleer News Editor

On Jan. 16, U.S. Sen. Richard Shelby was the speaker for a town hall meeting held at The Classic on Noble restaurant in Anniston. While the senator took questions from the public, the main topic of concern was the incinerator located at the Anniston Army Depot.

The Senator said that Calhoun County is in a great place for development, due to its geography. He went on to explain that there are however, impediments in the way, but that the county would overcome them. He said one of those impediments was, "We've got to safely dispose of the chemical stock here in Anniston. We have to do it in a safe way, because there's a lot at risk."

"I've been in the forefront to try to help you do that in a safe way," the Senator said. He explained that he had requested and pushed for hearings in the Senate regarding the incinerator.

When a Jacksonville resident expressed her concerns about the incinerator, Shelby said, "I'm doing everything I can. I can't do everything, but I can do a heck of a lot, and I have."

He continued by saying, "You've never had anybody in the U.S. Senate, from this state, that has walked the plank for Anniston on the clean up, like I have, and like I will."

Many people at the meeting questioned the Senator on the recent

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Student leaders discuss JSU parking at mid-year workshop

By Stephanie Pendergrass
The Chanticleer News Editor

On Jan. 18, the SGA Senate and the Student Activities Council held a mid-year workshop at the TMB. At the meeting, the proposed goals of the organization were reviewed and current topics, such as the parking situation, were discussed.

Stephanie Janis, 1st vice

president of the SGA, said, "I think it went very well and I think it got the senators motivated."

Miranda Killingsworth, SGA president, agreed that the workshop was successful and helped the senators "get back into the groove of things."

Janis went on to say, "I think there were about 10 people there that are going to be new senators." This will be helpful for the SGA, because they had some open seats in the senate.

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At the workshop, the current parking situation was talked about with different suggestions made by the senators.

According to an SGA Parking Committee report from Jan. 10, several suggestions have been made to ease the parking problem at the University. These suggestions include creating a few premium parking spots, having color coded parking zones, parking by class, and even creating "a division of parking and safety under the auspices of the Police Department but with separate functions to handle all aspects concerning parking on campus."

According to Janis, parking by class was one

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of the main suggestions at the workshop.

"I personally think everybody needs to park somewhere and walk all day," said Janis. "And especially the people that live on campus, in dorms. They need to walk to class, because you save time walking to class, and you get exercise too."

At least one of the SGA's plans has gone into effect, in an attempt to help campus parking. According to the Parking Committee's report "Walk to Class Wednesdays" is "an

attempt to encourage more walking and less driving on campus." One suggestion to reinforce this plan includes faculty-offered incentives to students who choose to walk to class.

Janis said that the ideas discussed at the workshop were just temporary suggestions made by the senate. "We meet with the parking committee, me, Miranda and Robert (Hayes), once a month and we're going to turn into them what the senate said."

Janis said that once a suggestion is finalized between the faculty and students, it will be

passed on to University President Dr. Bill Meehan and he will decide what to do with it.

According to Killingsworth, another suggestion made at the meeting was to raise the cost of parking decals. With this suggestion, not buying a decal could lead to a student's classes possibly being dropped.

Killingsworth reiterated, "These are just suggestions we're taking to the president." She said, "We want him to know that we care that there's no parking and we want something done about it. These are our suggestions to try to help the situation."

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is "an honor," and he is proud of the standards the university obtained to be one of the best in its field.

Harbor said he became interested in JSU after reading about it in the Chronicle of Higher Education. His intrigue of JSU came from the university's slogan, "The Friendliest Campus in the South." Harbor said he was eager to see if a college could live up to such a bold slogan. With a smile, Harbor commented that his "impression was reinforced" by the warm welcome he has continued to receive since applying for head of the communication department.

As the new head of the department, Harbor hopes to integrate many changes and give JSU's communication department national recognition. His intent, he said, is to "make many contributions,"

including accreditation. Harbor met with the faculty for the first time last week to discuss future plans for the department.

One of the issues Harbor is concerned with is student involvement. He strongly believes that students should "apply themselves to their studies." He also advised students to participate with student organizations and attend professional meetings. "Experience," he said, is "how you get the good jobs."

Harbor wants all students to utilize opportunities on campus to further their careers. He believes that the "movers and shakers in the field" are those who work the hardest at applying themselves. As he noted of his own success, academics mixed with organizational involvement create a winning combination that "pays handsomely."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

•**Alpha Omicron Pi:** We want to remind everyone we'll be having our Spaghetti Supper again on Monday, Jan. 28. You can pick up your meal "drive-through" style from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the BCM. Tickets are \$3.00 and can be purchased from any AOPi. Come join us for a wonderful meal! **Contact:** Kristi Smith, 782-6212.

•**Delta Zeta:** We hope everyone's semester has gotten off to a great start! Happy Birthday to Kimber on Jan. 8, and to Stephanie on Jan. 30. We love you both! Awards of the week: Sister: Kimber, Tiny Turtle: Taryn, Twisted: Molly, Support: Natalie, Alumnae: Gina Mabrey, and Drama Queen: Jenn Jones. **Contact:** Tavia McMunn, lamdaisycrazy@hotmail.com.

•**Department of Criminal Justice & Lambda Alpha Epsilon** announce the first seminar of Spring 2002 on Jan. 26 at 8 a.m., Crime Prevention through Community Programming. We will have representatives from Americorps, 2nd Chance and CHINS juvenile programs and others. Please come and learn about your state and local programs. One hour CJ 488 credit available. **Contact:** Hollie Driver, 782-8131 or 782-5516, holidriver@yahoo.com.

•**Phi Mu** would like to welcome everyone back from the extended weekend. We are excited about our "disco" mixer tonight with Kappa Sigma! We would also like to wish the best of luck to the basketball teams. **Contact:** Brianna Bladen, 782-6145.

•**SGA** presents Hypnotist Dr. Gary Laundre on Thursday, Jan. 24 at 7 p.m. in Leone Cole Auditorium. Admission is free. WALK TO CLASS on Wednesdays! Join us for Higher Education Day on Thursday, Feb. 21 in Montgomery. Get COCKY and get involved! **Contact:** Robert Hayes, 782-5491.

•**Sigma Nu:** We'd like to congratulate our newest initiated brothers. We all had a great time at our initiation party at Bebay's. We'd like to thank our Mu Beta chapter for inviting us to their 10th anniversary formal in Huntsville. Commander's award for the week goes to Chris Betzler. **Contact:** Trey Parrish, 435-8700.

•**Student Health Center:** The physician will not be in the clinic on Monday, Jan. 28. He will return on Tuesday, Jan. 29 between 1:30 and 5:30 p.m. The physician will be in the clinic on Thursday, Feb. 7 from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. He will not be available on Friday, Feb. 8. **Contact:** Student Health Center, 782-5310.

•**Zeta Tau Alpha:** Best of luck to our prospective Peer Counselors this week, you are all wonderfully deserving! ZTA would also like to wish good luck to the basketball team this week. Congratulations to Dana Engel for being EC member of the week, thanks for all your hard work! **Contact:** Amy Yancy, 782-6192.

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

CAMPUS CRIME

Jan. 18 — Matthew Lee Ebert, 21, of Foley, received a uniform non-traffic citation and complaint from JSUPD for open container violation occurring on Madison Street.

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.

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Federal Emergency Management Agency situation.

Last week, The Anniston Star reported that FEMA refused to pay for protective gas masks for those living closest to the incinerator. They also retracted the agreement to pay for protective suits for emergency responders and other various items. These would be used in case of a chemical leak at the depot.

FEMA had already agreed to pay for the items.

According to The Anniston Star, "FEMA recommended that the money slated to be spent on the protective hoods — more than \$5 million — instead be used for recirculation air filters and shelter-in-place kits that contain duct tape and plastic."

At the meeting, Shelby said if FEMA wasn't going to do what they said, the incinerator should be stopped, until FEMA does what they agreed in dealing with the incinerator safety precautions. "I pledge to you, I'll work with you on that," said Shelby.

According to The Decatur Daily's Web site, the Pentagon approved a \$42 million plan for incinerator safety precautions for Calhoun County residents. The amount requested for safety precautions was \$45 million.

It was reported that several items were approved for safety purposes.

These included more emergency sirens, tone alert radios, upgraded software and 24-hour staffing at emergency offices. The number and make of the protective hoods to be supplied to residents was left unresolved, at the time the article was written, last year.

The Web site also said, "The \$1 billion incinerator is scheduled to burn 2,254 tons of chemical agents and munitions stored at the depot."

One area resident said that the gas masks were not the answer anyway and it was a blessing that FEMA had backed out of the agreement. He urged for safer ways to get rid of the chemicals at the depot.

The man saw the fact that FEMA wasn't going to give residents gas masks was a good move, because now "people are going to keep pushing for a safer way to get rid of these chemicals and not just say, 'Oh, I have a mask, now I'm safe.'"

Shelby spoke about the recent anthrax scare in Washington and the problems the incinerator could have. "The anthrax scare's nothing compared to what could happen with a big mishap here in Anniston, Alabama."

As the meeting was closing, Shelby said, "I've learned a lot, you make me aware even more when I hear various people speak on this issue."

The Senator then said, "Something has to be done [and] I'll do everything I can."

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tion that Auburn has gotten with their board of trustees, and all the attention that Alabama got with its flak of changing presidents and choosing a chancellor ... I think this is an approach to try to solve the problems that those two boards of trustees have had," he said. "And I don't think it's fair to try to take 15 other universities and try to force them into a pattern because two have been a problem."

The committee's chairman, George Landegger, is pushing hard for central control, and has dismissed input from the state's university trustees. "The issue is they are not looking at this from above, they are looking at it from below," he said in last week's hearing, according to The Anniston Star. "What we heard today was like hearing from division plant managers on how a corporation should be run."

Landegger is CEO and

owner of New York-based Parsons & Whittemore, Inc., one of the world's largest producers of market pulp, the raw material used in papermaking, according to Hoover's Online, a financial reference Web site (<http://www.hoovers.com>). The company operates the Alabama River Pulp Company, a pulp and paper-making complex in Purdue Hill, near Monroeville in south Alabama's Monroe County.

Meehan said Landegger is pushing hard for the idea of central control. "I know that Mr. Landegger already has his mind made up that he wants to see a board of regents." Meehan said a better idea might be to give more power to an existing agency. "We have an existing Commission on Higher Education that could be strengthened, and I wouldn't have any problem doing that."

While he opposes the idea of central control for higher education, Meehan said some other topics the committee and

another similar group are studying are worth looking into, especially funding for education. "That's one thing that they can look at, because right now we've got a crazy fight," he said. "Every year we go down to Montgomery and kindergarten through 12th-grade public schools fight higher education for a paucity of funds, and that's crazy. Education ought to be seamless from kindergarten all the way through graduate school. And we ought to stop that fighting, find ways to work together in funding issues."

Meehan also said that there are other issues affecting education that deserve attention in the Legislature. "We've got to find ways to work together and solve these problems. Constitutional reform is something else that we need, too. Tax reform—a fair tax system in this state is what we need, a good, solid way to fund education now, and in the future. That's what's important."



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SGA hopeful "Walk to Class Wednesdays" will help with traffic

By Katie Harris
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

"Walk to class Wednesdays" is the most recent method of decreasing the traffic congestion before and between classes.

Robert Hayes, director of student publicity, was involved in getting this project underway. "We are encouraging students to walk to class on Wednesdays throughout the spring semester in an effort to improve traffic on campus," he said.

According to Hayes, this past December, Dr. William Meehan, president of JSU, had

a reception in his home for the presidents of all campus organizations to discuss concerns and take suggestions. "Not all (presidents) were in attendance, but all were invited and many were there," Hayes said.

"Parking was the major concern for everyone," said Hayes. He believes that the problem originated with an increase of students with no change in the amount of parking. The idea of walking to class originated between the presidents, he said. "The SGA was challenged with this traffic problem, and we took the ball and ran with it."

After the idea was conceived, the SGA had to have it approved by higher campus officials. "We presented the idea to the faculty and the Faculty Senate as well as the parking committee," said Hayes. "The idea was accepted warmly by President Meehan. He believes it to be a wonderful idea." The idea didn't have to go through the same chain of command as other proposed ideas because it doesn't require funding, he said.

According to Hayes, the SGA chose Wednesdays because they are in the middle of the week. "If you ask someone to walk on a Monday, it's early in the week, and people are in a hurry on Friday to go home," he explained.

The idea leans more toward walking between classes, Hayes said. "I drive to my first class and then walk to the rest." Although it isn't convenient there is "available parking at the TMB, Stephenson and the

coliseum." Hayes said he saves an average of 10 minutes each day he walks to class instead of driving.

Hayes also believes that the idea of walking to class will grow with publicity. "We did see a lot of people walking last week and the only way it will work is with student participation," he said.

The SGA is taking their time advertising though. "We are going a little bit at a time and hope as it picks up it will create a snowball effect for walking all week," Hayes said. "Hopefully people will see that they can save time by walking and walk all week."

Walk to class Wednesdays are not just for students. Many faculty members are participating as well. Linda Love, secretary to the president, stated, "It's a chance to meet people and get exercise. I think it's great."

According to Hayes, the SGA is "practicing what they preach." The executive board,

SGA officers, and senators are walking all week to be an example, he said.

"People are going to notice more people walking and that traffic is relieved because people are walking and that will encourage (drivers) to put on their tennis shoes," Hayes said. "I think people will pick up walking to class and it will become habit."

Hayes said he believes that the overall response has been very positive from the students as well as the faculty because "it is a more permanent solution to traffic congestion and overall stress."

According to Audrey Pendergrass, a junior at JSU, "If you walk to class you end up getting more exercise and you won't waste any of your gas".

Walking to class is more than just an idea to the SGA. According to Hayes, "It's an idea we tried to make a reality through student participation."

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Israeli forces storm West Bank Palestinian city of Tulkarem

By Tim Johnson
Knight Rider Newspapers

JERUSALEM — Israeli troops backed by scores of tanks on Monday mounted the broadest incursion into a West Bank city in 16 months, sweeping into Tulkarem and searching house-to-house for presumed terrorists, even hoisting Israeli flags on rooftops in a slap at Palestinian aspirations for statehood.

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat said Israel "crossed all red lines" with the incursion. His aides debated whether to seek an urgent U.N. Security Council meeting.

Tanks rumbled into Tulkarem, a city adjacent to Israel, at about 3 a.m., drawing heavy gunfire. A 19-year-old Palestinian man died in the gun battles and 15 people were wounded, state television said. It added that soldiers also killed a Palestinian policeman in Ramallah.

"The city of Tulkarem is a hotbed of terrorist activity, and serves as an infrastructure and home to many terrorists," an Israeli Defense Forces statement said. Troops will remain "for a

limited period of time," it added.

The Israeli army said the occupation was in response to a bloody attack by a Palestinian gunman last week on a banquet hall in Hadera, where a 12-year-old Russian immigrant was celebrating her coming-of-age with friends and relatives.

"The terrorist responsible for Thursday's terrorist attack in Hadera, in which six Israelis were killed and 31 wounded, came from the city of Tulkarem," the army said in a statement.

The military takeover of a West Bank city sparked debate within Sharon's government.

Since a Palestinian uprising began in September 2000, Israeli soldiers have entered the West Bank and Gaza Strip repeatedly, but never to occupy an entire city.

The incursion was another sign that the government of Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon feels it has a tacit green light from Washington - which remains focused on other parts of the globe - to flex its muscle to control Palestinian areas and fight terrorism.

"The United States basically accepts Israel's position but doesn't want Israel to go too far," said Barry Rubin, director of the Global Research in International Affairs Center in Herzilya, north of Tel Aviv. American officials "would like to keep things as quiet as possible."

Rubin said Washington does not want the Sharon government to destroy the Palestinian Authority, harm Arafat or reoccupy all of the Palestinian territories.

Arafat remains confined to his compound in Ramallah by Israeli tanks, wounding his prestige and political standing, if not his physical well-being.

"He's restricted to his quarters. He's got to stay there," said Raanan Gissin, a spokesman for Sharon. But "we're not going to hurt him."

Arafat denounced the Israeli military sweep into Tulkarem - even as he referred to his own mortality.

"Our people will never keep silent about all of these Israeli attacks," the 72-year-old leader said at his headquarters. Later, he

told a group of intellectuals that he might not be around long enough to see Palestinian independence.

"The Palestinian state will be established with al Quds al Sharif (East Jerusalem) as its capital. By God, I see it coming, martyred or alive."

As dusk fell, 50 to 70 Palestinian militants toting M-16 automatic rifles patrolled the crowded Tulkarem and Nur Shams refugee camps, which Israeli soldiers had surrounded. The militants said they were preparing to repel an impending attack.

Israeli soldiers operated out of the Khudhuri Technology College in southern Tulkarem, which they turned into a military outpost, removing a Palestinian flag from its rooftop and replacing it with an Israeli flag. They occupied the home of Mayor Muhammed Jalad, where they also flew the Israeli flag.

"Witnesses also said that Israeli soldiers opened indiscriminate machine-gun fire toward homes," said a statement by the Palestinian Information Ministry.

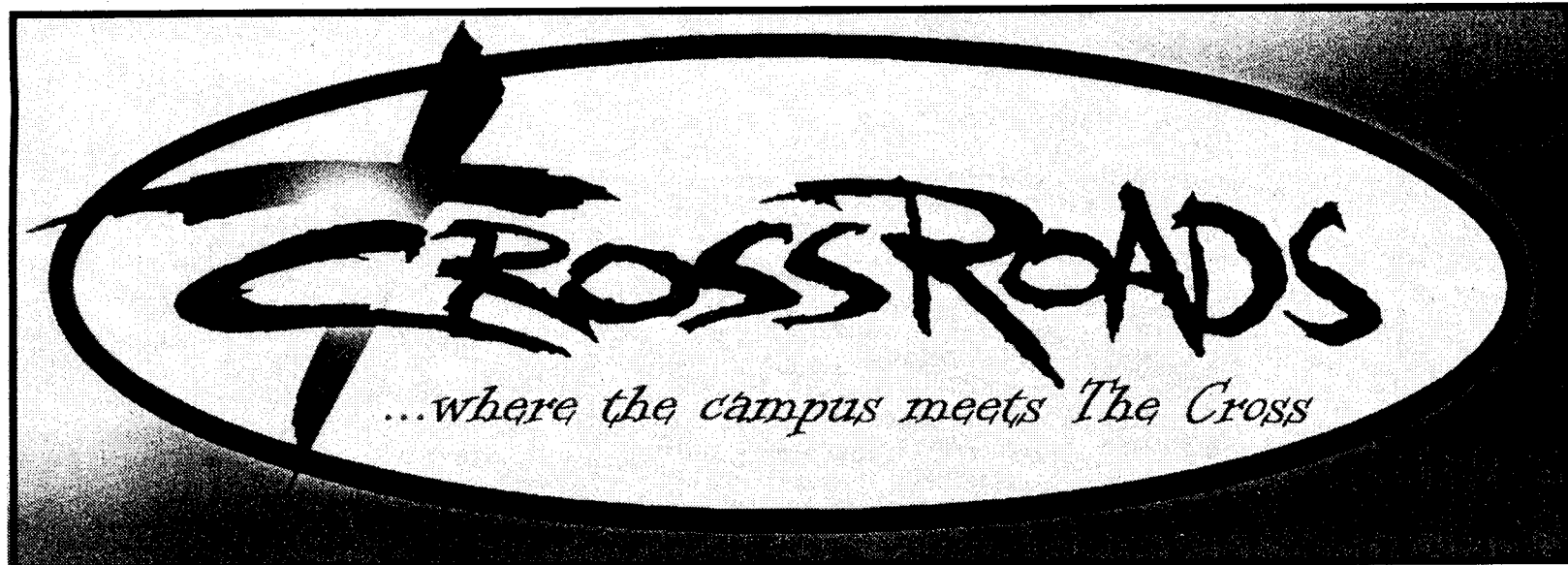
State-run Israel Radio noted that

the army is not unified over what to do. It quoted one unnamed senior army commander as saying: "The defense establishment has no strategy. It has no goal. They are not thinking ahead."

"Strategy should be set by the government, and not by the army," said Dalia Rabin Pelessof, the deputy defense minister and daughter of slain former Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. "We keep saying, 'We need a discussion about strategy. We need a discussion about strategy,' and up until now we haven't had a discussion about strategy."

Former President Bill Clinton, on a two-day visit to Israel, suggested that Palestinians must work harder to end attacks against Israelis in order to revive stalled talks on eventual Palestinian statehood.

"The most important thing is that we have to end the violence, end the suicide bombings, end the terror," Clinton said. "Justice and opportunity for the Palestinian people can only come in the context of a commitment and security for Israel."



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Military begins process of transporting American Taliban back to U.S.

By Tom Infield
Knight Rider Newspapers

WASHINGTON - Concerned that terrorists might try to silence him, the military Tuesday tried to conceal the movements of John Walker Lindh as it flew the suspected al-Qaida fighter home to face charges that he conspired to kill other Americans.

Lindh, a 20-year-old from a middle-class family in upscale Marin County, Calif., left the Navy assault ship USS Bataan in the Arabian Sea sometime Monday for the same Kandahar airport from which other al-Qaida and Taliban prisoners have been flown to Cuba. Walker was expected to arrive Wednesday in suburban Washington, where the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Virginia is located.

Defense Secretary Donald

Rumsfeld confirmed Tuesday that Lindh, an American citizen, had been turned over to Justice Department officials, and he forcefully defended the treatment of 158 other Afghan war prisoners being held by the United States at the American military base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Marine Lt. Col. Dave Lapan, a spokesman for the U.S. Central Command, said the military was reluctant to give out information on Lindh's return to the United States for security reasons.

"There are people who don't want him to arrive in the States because of the information he may have," Lapan said.

Lindh is the only American among the hundreds of people the United States has taken into custody in Afghanistan. He was captured in November after northern alliance troops overwhelmed Taliban defenders in Kunduz,

Afghanistan.

If he is convicted on the conspiracy charge, Lindh could face life in prison.

Rumsfeld said Monday that he wanted to stamp out a blaze of worldwide press reports that he said characterized U.S. forces as mistreating the Guantanamo Bay prisoners.

"If someone looked down from Mars for the last three days," he said, "they would conclude that America is what's wrong with the world."

In Los Angeles on Tuesday, a federal judge questioned whether he has jurisdiction to hear a petition from a group of California clergymen, civil rights lawyers and professors who are demanding that the U.S. government bring the Guantanamo prisoners before a court and list the charges against them.

In its petition, the group claims

the 158 prisoners at Guantanamo were shipped there "against their will and in violation of the United States Constitution and the Geneva Convention," which governs the treatment of prisoners of war. U.S. District Judge Howard Mattes gave the petitioners until Feb. 7 to answer Assistant U.S. Attorney Douglas Axel's request that the petition be thrown out because none of the prisoners is a California resident.

The German government Tuesday issued a statement criticizing the prisoners' treatment. In the British parliament on Monday, one member charged that the United States was not treating the other prisoners the same way it was treating Lindh. The speaker said, that an American citizen would not be subjected to the Guantanamo conditions, which include eight-foot, open-air cells with only roofs.

"It's amazing the insight that parliamentarians can gain from 5,000 miles away ... Rumsfeld responded Tuesday. "I just can't imagine why anyone would suggest that he's been treated any differently from anyone else."

The difference between Lindh and the others, he said, is that Lindh is to be tried in a U.S. federal court. The status of the others — whether they will be released, tried by civilian courts or sent before military tribunals — has yet to be decided.

"Let there be no doubt, the treatment of the detainees in Guantanamo Bay is proper," Rumsfeld said. "It's humane, it's appropriate, and it is fully consistent with international conventions. No detainee has been harmed, no detainee has been mistreated in any way."

Staffer says UM Career Center was 'Porno U'

By Karla Schuster
South Florida Sun-Sentinel

MIAMI — For the second time in two months, the University of Miami is facing charges it mishandled sexual harassment complaints from female employees.

Mariselly Chiroides, a recruiter at UM's Toppel Career Center, says for two years, the school ignored complaints that director Michael Gage spent his workdays surfing Internet porn sites on office computers and often touched employees inappropriately, according to a lawsuit filed last week in Miami-Dade Circuit Court.

The university only launched an investigation, Chiroides says, after she filed a complaint with the U.S. Equal Employment and Opportunity Commission last July.

University officials would not comment on the allegations or the lawsuit, except to say that Gage, director of the career center, was fired late last year.

"The person in question (Gage) is no longer with the university," said UM spokeswoman Margot Winick. "He was terminated last year."

But Chiroides contends UM should have acted sooner, noting that she and two other center employees filed internal grievances about Gage long before they lodged complaints with the EEOC, according to the suit.

"It was like working at Porno U," Chiroides said in a prepared statement faxed by her attorney, Spencer Eig of Miami. "I was traumatized by the Internet and real-life pornography that sur-

rounded me working at UM."

Once, sometime in 2000, according to the suit, UM suspended Gage after he was found naked in his office but eventually allowed him to return to his supervisory post at the career center.

"She filed grievances, and the university didn't act," Eig said.

Chiroides has been working at the career center, which helps students and alumni polish their job-hunting skills, since August 1999, including a five-month maternity leave.

The two other employees who filed internal grievances about Gage — and also lodged complaints with the EEOC — are filing a lawsuit against the university, according to their attorney, Jack Hickey of Miami.

The two other women quit the center because of the conditions there, Hickey said.

"They made complaints, and the university did not pursue any effective investigation," Hickey said.

Chiroides' lawsuit is the second time in recent months the school has been accused of ignoring allegations of sexual harassment by university employees.

In December, a former assistant football equipment manager, 19-year-old Nicole Pytel of Weston, sued UM for sexual harassment and discrimination, saying the school fired her less than an hour after she filed a complaint with the federal EEOC charging that the male equipment managers sexually harassed her.

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Human cloning gains attention on 29th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade

By Alan Bjerga
Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON - The loudest cheers for President Bush at an anti-abortion rally Tuesday came when he stated his opposition to all human cloning, signaling the issue's rapid emergence as a top priority for abortion opponents this election campaign.

"I urge the United States Senate to support a comprehensive and effective ban on human cloning," the president said via telephone to wild applause at the annual March for Life rally against abortion, which ended at the Washington Monument.

"You're working and marching on behalf of a noble cause," Bush said.

The March for Life rally marked the anniversary of the

U.S. Supreme Court's Roe vs. Wade decision legalizing abortion in 1973. The cloning debate is much newer, beginning in earnest only after Dolly the sheep was cloned in 1996.

The only known effort so far to clone a human being produced only a few cells that survived only six days. Since a Massachusetts company disclosed that research result last November, abortion opponents have warned of the imminent cloning of living humans. Many activists against abortion see cloning as a moral issue that needs immediate attention and as a political opportunity to weaken abortion laws.

"Along with many of the pro-life battles we will face in Congress this year, I am particularly hopeful that this year we will pass a permanent ban on all

forms of human cloning in the United States," Sen. Sam Brownback, R-Kan., said at the rally. "We should not create life just to destroy it."

The process of cloning produces a genetically identical duplicate of an organism without sperm from a male. The nucleus of an unfertilized female cell is removed and replaced with the nucleus of a body cell from the organism.

Many scientists believe cloned human embryos could provide a stock of stem cells, which are embryonic cells that can develop into any type of cell in the body. The scientists believe that stem cells someday will be used to replace or repair cells or tissues damaged or destroyed by disease or disability. This use of cloning is called therapeutic. Reproductive cloning, which scientists almost universally oppose, would produce an entire human.

Brownback, a vocal abortion opponent, is sponsoring a bill to ban all human cloning. The bill, to be introduced during the congressional session that begins Wednesday, is similar to one sponsored by Rep. Dave Weldon, R-Fla., that passed the House of Representatives with presidential support last July.

Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., promises floor debate on cloning in February or March. Some Senators favor a less stringent ban that would outlaw cloned fetuses but allow limited cloning for medical research.



Anti-abortion protesters march in front of the Supreme Court Tuesday, January 22, 2002, the anniversary of the court's Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion.

Brownback, who is working with anti-abortion groups on nationwide campaigns to stop human cloning, cites opinion polls showing overwhelming public opposition to it as reason to support a total ban. But abortion-rights supporters and some medical ethicists reply that abortion opponents are blurring the distinction between "reproductive" and "therapeutic" cloning for their own political gain.

Brownback and other supporters of a total ban are moving cloning into the "cuckoo world of abortion politics," said Dr. Arthur Caplan, director of the Center for Bioethics at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. Caplan said voters respond to the "ick" factor of reproducing people, without understanding the value that cloned embryonic cells provide.

Caplan said the ability to successfully clone a fully developed human being is probably years away. The urgency that

Brownback and others place on a cloning ban makes good abortion politics, Caplan said, but stifles constructive debate on what cloning should and shouldn't be used for.

"Their discussions of embryos are another take on the old debate on when life begins," Caplan said. "If you stop all cloning because it's destroying human life, you're talking about the embryo's status as a human. It's all a cover for undermining abortion."

Bush, who opposes abortion, created a panel in August to advise him on the scientific and medical aspects of human cloning. Its 18 members are led by Dr. Leon Kass, a conservative ethicist who is on leave from the University of Chicago.

"You can help be the conscience of the country," the president said to committee members at the time, according to a White House transcript.

Cloning seems certain to gain more political attention in the fall elections. Brownback and anti-abortion groups are launching grass-roots campaigns favoring a comprehensive cloning ban in states including South Dakota, Missouri and Louisiana - all states in which Democratic senators face tough re-election fights.

March for Life organizers estimated that about 50,000 people attended this year's rally. That wasn't as many as last year, they said, but it is a strong base from which to make cloning a prominent issue nationwide.

"Act. Get out and talk," Brownback said, "particularly to ban human cloning. And pray."

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In Our View

Taking a stand on incineration

For more than three decades, residents of Calhoun County have lived in the shadow of a time bomb. Over 2,250 tons of deadly mustard gas, VX nerve gas, and GB nerve gas are currently stored at the Anniston Army Depot.

The good news is, under the terms of the Chemical Weapons Convention, the Army must destroy all chemical weapons in its stockpile by 2007.

Unfortunately, that's where the good news ends.

For years, area citizens have been caught in the middle of a debate about the merits of nerve gas incineration. The Army insists incineration is safe, despite a May 2000 accident at the Tooele Chemical Agent Disposal Facility in Utah, in which between 18 to 36 milligrams of GB agent (also known as sarin gas) escaped up the main smokestack.

Others, such as JSU English professor Rufus Kinney, point out that - even in normal operations - area residents will be at risk from constant low level emissions of poisons such as PCBs, dioxins and arsenic from the incinerator.

Still, everyone agrees that something must be done. Many of the weapons at the Anniston Army Depot have already begun to leak trace amounts of their deadly cargo. The longer they remain there, the greater the risk of more leaks, or worse. An explosion of even one of these weapons would have devastating effects on the surrounding population.

More than 250,000 people live within 30 miles of the depot, and a Civil Defense report estimated that nearly one-third of the population could not be evacuated in time. This has led the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to advocate a "shelter-in-place" plan to protect residents.

Or, as Kinney said in a statement to the U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee, "After spending \$120 million of taxpayer money in Alabama on this program, here is your protection: duct tape and plastic."

To their credit, our elected officials have been outspoken in their criticism of FEMA's inadequate emergency response plan.

A chemical emergency would require a swift, sure response from area first responders, but Calhoun County Commissioner James Eli Henderson questions who would be able to respond. As he recently stated in a letter to The Anniston Star, "none of the various fire departments, police departments or the sheriff's department in Calhoun County have protective equipment with which to respond to any chemical event."

In October, the Pentagon committed \$40.5 million to a preparedness program for Calhoun County. Included in this amount was \$7 million to pay for protective hoods for first responders and residents living closest to the incinerator.

But last week, FEMA inexplicably nixed funding for the hoods. Gov. Siegelman, U.S. Sen. Richard Shelby, and U.S. Congressman Bob Riley immediately criticized the decision. Siegelman and Shelby both suggested preventing the startup of the incinerator unless the funding remains intact.

We applaud their willingness to take a stand for the citizens of Calhoun County. But the nerve gas isn't going away. Each passing day takes us closer to unspeakable disaster.

The clock is ticking.

Coming of age comes with painful lessons

When I was little, I wanted to believe in everything. The Tooth-Fairy? Yeah she was real. Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny? No doubt, they had to be real. If some old man and a giant rodent wanted to come into my house and leave me gifts and candy ... go for it!

That's one of the problems I see with growing up. When the time comes that you realize that you can't be so trusting, it's a sad one. It's so easy to want something or someone to believe in. But knowing the right things to believe in is the difficult part.

In my 20 years of living, I've learned to not be surprised by people, for they never stop changing. Some of the people I thought would never let me down, have. Consequently, some of the people who I never thought would meet my expectations, entirely exceeded them.

On my way to this discovery, life has taught me that many people put themselves first. A lot of people tend to care less when a situation has little effect on them.

When and where you start growing up depends on a lot of things. The events that take place during your teen years can shape how you develop into an adult.

Three things basically made me

By Stephanie Pendergrass
The Chanticleer News Editor



grow up or added to the experience. In random order, these include: the high school experience, joining the workforce and dealing with death.

1. For me, the greatest thing that college made me realize is that it absolutely makes no difference who you were in high school. All bets are off once you reach college. Nobody really cares what you did between ninth and twelfth grade. You have to completely start all over. Making new friends and getting comfortable in your new surroundings makes you grow up.

2. Joining the workforce certainly made me grow up. I work in retail, at a sporting goods store on the weekends. And I wholeheartedly believe everyone should have to work in retail, fast food, or in a grocery store, sometime during life. It'll make you a better person. As I give my fake smile and apology, when someone complains about my store's prices, I realize that I don't want to be like them — rude. Ninety percent of the people I deal with are nice and wonderful, but that other 10 percent, they make you

cynical.

3. Dealing with death has been another factor in my transformation into adulthood. When you realize that you don't have to be old to die, that's when you start growing up. Coping with the loss of friends or loved ones is difficult, but something that must be dealt with, and can only make you stronger.

And through it all I've seen greed, selfishness and apathy from people who I never would have expected it from.

I know it must sound like I'm incredibly pessimistic, but rest easy, I'm just a realist. And as the song by Don Henley says, "This is the end, this is the end of the innocence."

That's what I think of when I think of growing up.

Remember when you were little and the only thing you had to worry about was what game to play or what cartoon to watch? I do. I miss that.

I miss playing kick ball and riding bikes with my friends. I miss watching the Smurfs and playing freeze tag in my front yard.

Most of all, I miss being able to trust everyone and everything that was presented to me. In a slow transformation, I've become skeptical and cynical of the things around me. It's harder for me to know what and who to believe in, and I'm scared of being let down.

When I do come across the things I feel I can believe in, I hold them dear to me. It's hard for me to just leave them behind.

Life has taught me another thing: ignorance really is bliss. To be oblivious to what is going on around you ... it must be nice.

I think the main thing to remember as you grow up, is to find out what you believe in, and hold strong to those convictions. You don't have to be swayed by popular opinion. You just have to know what you stand for.

What's the quote "If you don't stand for something, you'll fall for anything"? Yeah, I think that's it.



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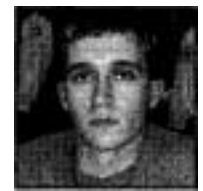
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Where the heck are we going to park 10,000 cars?

By Benjamin Cunningham
The Chanticleer Editor in Chief



I've been in and around Jacksonville a little longer than the average student has. I've seen things come and go, but there are some things about JSU that seem to be eternal.

For example, there's the mass exodus from town on Friday that nothing seems capable of changing. Thursday is and seems to have always been party night. Gamecock athletic teams are expected to win championships; when they don't we're discouraged. We'll always hate with a reckless passion anything that slithers out of Troy. The Marching Southerners have by all accounts been amazing since they first stepped on the field nearly 50 years ago.

And of course, at the beginning of every semester, students and faculty alike will curse campus parking and traffic. “It's never been this bad before,” they'll say year after year.

For the first time in my experience, however, it looks like change may not be a far-off, impossible idea. Maybe it's because the campus and community are changing.

We're growing. There are more students at JSU than there have ever been before—presumably driving and parking more cars than have ever been here before. With the administration's goal of growing to

10,000 students, things will change even more in the near future.

Every semester seems to bring more construction and renovation projects. They're changing the layout and look of the campus.

The city, too, has seen a host of new businesses, housing developments and other changes in the past couple of years. From new high school to apartment complexes to the new recreation center, the face of Jacksonville is changing.

Perhaps it's this atmosphere of change, then, that's got the Faculty Senate and SGA talking about parking with ideas for the future in mind.

Whatever the reason, they're talking, and that's good. The problem is, there's a lot to talk about.

This is a complex issue. The very nature of the parking and traffic problem changes depending on whom you ask. And of course everyone has his own idea on how to solve the problem.

Some students will tell you the University needs to create more parking for students. Some faculty will tell you just the opposite, that there aren't enough blue slots.

Many will say that freshmen should only be allowed to park in residential or commuter lots. Some will say that's grossly unfair, that forcing freshman to walk to class is cruel and unusual punishment.

My opinion? A graduated system of parking privileges, becoming less restrictive as students earn more hours. The goal would be to erase the perceived parking problem by eliminating the need for parking.

Freshmen would park only in designated residential or commuter lots, and would thus be made to walk between most of their classes. Once people are used to walking in their first year, maybe they'll make a habit of it. An extra five minutes or so between classes would make the walk a little easier, too.

Whatever changes might be made, it's clear that they'd have a definite and lasting impact on the campus environment.

As JSU history professor Dr. Hardy Jackson pointed out in an Anniston Star column earlier this week, automobiles and the accommodations we make for them have shaped the faces of American communities for half a century. They've changed our lives. Any changes made now to JSU's parking and traffic policies will define the experiences of those who study, work and live here for years to come.

It's the complexity and impact of these forces that demand a close,

careful look before any changes are made. So who should do the looking? The Faculty Senate and the SGA, working more or less independently to figure out what's best for the groups they represent? University Police, with an eye toward safety and enforceability? For all of these groups the answer is yes ... and no.

For an undertaking of this magnitude, a special group needs to be created to study the issues and possible solutions. Any group with a stake in the changes needs to have a say in the matter. A JSU commission on parking should be comprised of students, faculty, non-teaching staff and University Police. Giving them a little help from professional city planners and traffic engineers wouldn't hurt either.

The group should take its time, spending at least an entire semester studying the status quo, perceived problems and possible solutions. They could then provide one to three sets of recommendations to JSU President Dr. Bill Meehan, for his review, and hopefully for enactment of a fair, sensible and forward-looking plan to enhance the JSU community.

After all, with an enrollment of around 8,000 and another 2,000 supposedly on the way some day to reach the goal of 10,000, finding a place to park your car is only going to get tougher.

Walker not innocent, deserves death penalty for turning his back

By Myriam Marquez
Orlando Sentinel (KRT)

America's biggest traitor in our war against terrorism should die.

God help me. I'm not a death-penalty nut, but there are crimes so vile, so horrendous that they deserve society's wrath, a final solution: Serial killers, terrorists and adults who intentionally kill children fit the bill. They deserve death.

John Walker was no innocent. If Walker said all the things that the government accuses him of boasting about during questioning, then the 20-year-old Californian was a traitor. He knowingly backed the killing of Americans and, in fact, admitted publicly he began training in Osama bin Laden's terrorist camps for that purpose last May. Pure and simple.

Walker may not have piloted a plane into the World Trade Center or the Pentagon — he may not have shot one American soldier or CIA operative in Afghanistan — but he made a choice nonetheless to support those who would destroy his own country. And he took up arms against us.

For me, that's worse than anything

a foreigner would want to do to us. Walker turned his back on his people, and he trained in camps for two terrorist organizations, no less — bin Laden's al-Qaeda network and the Harkat ul-Mujahedeen.

Walker wasn't in the dark about those two terrorist groups' intentions. The government's conspiracy case against him, which allows a life sentence, makes that clear. According to the FBI's affidavit, Walker told investigators that as early as June of last year, he knew that there were al-Qaeda plots to kill Americans en masse in this country. He didn't cut and run then.

Oh, no. He trained some more in explosives and firearms at a terrorist camp. And, investigators say, he told them he learned of the Sept. 11 attacks either that very same day or the next while listening to the radio. Did he cut and run then?

No, he decided to take up arms and fight alongside the murderous Taliban regime in Afghanistan, which was aiding and abetting bin Laden and his terrorist cells.

Even after his capture, in interviews with reporters, Walker was unapologetic about his admiration for bin Laden. Walker says bin Laden thanked him personally on

one occasion for his commitment to participate in jihad, or a holy war, against the United States.

Why cut this guy any break?

We have young men in this country who have been sentenced to death for driving a getaway car in a planned stick-up that resulted in a dead store owner. Sentenced to die even when they didn't pull the trigger. So why should Walker be given a pass?

Because he was young and foolish and grew up in a lousy home? Because he might be mentally unstable? Well, let his defense attorneys argue those points. Not the government.

Attorney General John Ashcroft pointed out the obvious in Walker's case: “Youth is not absolution for treachery, and personal self-discovery is not an excuse to take up arms against your country.”

I thought I would never say this, but this is one time when Ashcroft went soft even as he talked tough. I've taken issue with Ashcroft's penchant for secret military tribunals and his call for the interrogation of thousands of Arab men in this country without any reason to suspect they are terrorists. What's more treasonous than joining camps

run by terrorist groups bent on America's destruction, for heaven's sake? How will it look to the Arab people in the Middle East? America, which is supposed to stand for justice for all, seeks only a life sentence for one of its own in a civilian court but is prepared to try foreigners in secret tribunals. And most likely seek their death.

Forget for a moment that meeting the legal standard for treason might be difficult in this case. The government could make that charge nonetheless, to use as a bargaining chip to get a life sentence at the very least. Instead, it offers life in prison as its harshest punishment for an American who ate, slept and chanted with the devil incarnate.

We're hung up on a legal burden of proof when we should be focusing on our moral obligation to the thousands of innocents who died on 9-11.

They deserve justice.

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FBI takes over Enron's headquarters after allegations of shredding

By Greg Fields and Stella Hopkins
Knight Ridder Newspapers

HOUSTON — Federal authorities appeared to take control of Enron's headquarters here Tuesday in response to mounting accusations that vital documents were being shredded by the bankrupt energy empire's employees.

Enron's reflective glass skyscraper at 1400 Smith St. in downtown Houston was ringed by security guards as FBI agents worked in the floors above to secure the site of the alleged shredding.

No visitors were allowed in the building, and employees were sometimes seen carting out items.

Enron said the FBI's arrival was not a raid. Rather, it said, the company had requested the investigation after renewed allegations this week that its employees were shredding documents.

"We can confirm the Department of Justice and FBI personnel are on site conducting an investigation of the allegation raised," said a company spokesman.

Meanwhile, in Washington, congressional investigators said they would subpoena top executives at Andersen, Enron's former auditors, forcing them to appear at hearings set for Thursday.

Rep. Billy Tauzin, R-La., the

chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, was to sign four subpoenas Tuesday night, said committee spokesman Ken Johnson. The subpoenas are for Andersen CEO Joseph Berardino, attorney Nancy Temple, senior executive Michael Odom and David Duncan, the lead auditor on Enron who was fired last week for directing the destruction of documents.

"Mr. Berardino found the time to make his case last weekend on 'Meet The Press,'" Johnson said. "We believe it's important for him to make the same case before Congress as well."

Duncan's attorney, Robert Giuffra, had asked to delay his client's testimony. He said Tuesday evening that he had received no subpoena. Andersen also said that no subpoenas had been received as of that time.

"We have directly told the committee that we are willing to testify," said Andersen spokesman Patrick Dorton. "It's only a question of when."

Tauzin's committee is one of at least 10 congressional inquiries into the nation's largest bankruptcy. Thursday's hearing is to focus on Andersen's destruction of Enron documents.

On Wednesday, the Senate Finance Committee, which oversees tax law, intends to send a letter to

Enron, asking for public release of the company's tax returns and other tax information. On Friday, the committee plans a meeting with the Internal Revenue Service to discuss Enron's use of tax shelters.

Back at Enron headquarters in Houston, FBI agents were dispatched to secure the building even as a hearing proceeded elsewhere in the city before U.S. District Judge Melinda Harmon.

That hearing was over a lawsuit by Enron investors and originally was about document shredding not by the company but by Andersen.

On Tuesday, the attorney representing investors, William Lerach, brought a box of shredded paper to the federal courthouse, saying that was the evidence Enron had provided to him.

Adding substance to his allegation, this week a former Enron manager, Maureen Castaneda, said the company was shredding documents as recently as last week. She made the disclosure in an interview with ABC News.

Castaneda was an Enron official in charge of assessing risks in international business, such as foreign exchange fluctuations and unstable governments.

The allegations, if true, would clash with Enron's previous claims that it ordered employees to preserve all documents last October,

when it learned that the Securities and Exchange Commission was investigating the company's accounting practices.

Andersen acknowledged last week that its employees shredded thousands of documents as an investigation by the SEC kicked into high gear. Andersen, which earned \$52 million a year in fees from Enron, was fired by the company last week

amid widespread criticism that it turned a blind eye toward shady practices in an effort to protect a big account. The accounting firm has denied it did anything improper, saying Enron's problems are the result of a failed business model.

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Eight writers "on the brink" of success visit JSU

By Danni Lusk

The Chanticleer Features Editor

Even though it might be a cold, blustery day outside, a conference of emerging Southern writers will bring "house parties, family reunions and dinner on the ground" (this year's theme) to life for JSU on Feb. 9.

The English department's eighth annual "On the Brink" conference will bring eight "emerging" writers to the Houston Cole Library for a casual meet-and-greet, according to "On the Brink" committee chairman Dr. Steven Whitton. "What we try to do is rather than make this a formal kind of conference that everybody's been to before, we keep it very casual," he said. "We take the writers in first and say, 'choose a table' and then we're opening the doors. So participants have the chance to have lunch, literally, at the same table with one of the authors."

The idea for "On the Brink" began about nine years ago when Earl Wade, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, approached Whitton with a suggestion of hosting a conference featuring Southern writers. "Most of the conferences that we were aware of featured very prominent authors and we decided that what we needed to do was to feature what we're calling emerging Southern writers," said Whitton. "People whose careers are on the brink of success."

Nine years after the initial idea, "On the Brink" has made many claims to fame for some past authors who have visited the conference. "A couple of our writers have been chosen for Oprah's (Winfrey) book club," said Whitton.

Melinda Haynes, author of "Mother of Pearl," was the first "On the Brink" author to have been chosen by the popular book club last year, according to Whitton. Gwyn Hyman Rubio followed soon after with her book "Icy Sparks."

Every year, a committee of five faculty members and one member of the community choose Southern writers whose works they enjoyed. "We have a committee of people ... (that) read voraciously and if we find an author that we like, we set the book aside, then get together at the beginning of the school year and each bring in proposals," said Whitton.

This year's committee includes Gena Christopher and Judith McKibbin from the English department, Linda Cain from the Houston Cole Library, Hardy Jackson of the history department and Mrs. Opal Lovett, the "member-at-large," according to Whitton.

Choosing authors to attend the conference has become a much easier task over the years, according to Whitton. "What's turned out is that after eight years, people are hearing about us and we are getting requests



Eight emerging Southern writers will visit JSU for the eighth annual "On the Brink" conference.

L-R top: Howard Bahr, author of "The Year of Jubilo;" Marlin Burton, author of "The Dry Well" (photo by Rus Baxley); Anthony Grooms, author of "Trouble No More" (photo by J.D. Scott); Julia Oliver, author of "Music of Falling Water."

L-R bottom: Carroll Dale Short, author of "The Shining Path;" Jeanie Thompson, author of "White For Harvest: Old and New Poems;" Ellen Edwards Kennedy, author "Irregardless of Murder".

from authors and their agents and their publishers to send somebody," he said.

The writers chosen for this year range from short story authors to novelists, according to Whitton. The writers are asked to read a selection from their latest work and then a question-and-answer session is opened so that participants may ask the writers about their backgrounds, interests and other sub-

jects.

Attendance at "On the Brink" averages around 175 people each year. The conference prides itself in its small size because participants have the chance to mingle with the authors freely, according to Whitton. "We think of ourselves as a small conference and we like it that way because then people get to meet people and talk to people and talk to writers."

Pre-registration for the event is due by Feb. 1. Prices are \$40 for regular tickets and \$15 for full-time JSU students. Contact Gena Christopher at 782-5856 for more information.

"We just want to keep it kind of not-going-each-minute," said Whitton. "We want relaxation time, time for people to talk and time for people to feel comfortable around the writers."

From city streets to sandy beaches: you'll never be late for class

By Amber Reid

The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Imagine a few weeks on a island or a weekend in New York City — sound like fun vacations? Think again, because they are more than that.

Various University departments, including biology, art and English, offer travel-for-credit courses during the May and summer semesters.

The biology department offers a few travel-for-credit courses which correlate with the Dauphin Island Sea Lab. For several years, the Marine Environmental Sciences Consortium has allowed students to take specialty courses dealing with marine biology,

according to the Dauphin Island Sea Lab brochure.

The DISL was formed by the Alabama Legislature in 1971, and now includes 22 colleges and universities. "There is a representative from each school that sits on a committee that helps guide summer programming," said biology department professor Dr. Frank Romano.

This well-known marine sciences institution is a 36-acre campus on the east end of Dauphin Island, 35 miles south of Mobile, Ala.

Students have the opportunity to "get hands-on experience at a first-class teaching research facility" as well as "contacts with graduate program professors from all over the United

States," said Romano. Among these graduate professors is University of Massachusetts Amherst professor Dr. W. E. Bemis, according to Romano. "He is within the top few ichthyologists, or evolutionary fish guys, in the world."

The DISL offers two and four-hour courses during three separate sessions allowing students to earn up to 12 hours for the summer. "There are one-week, two-week, three-week, four-week and five-week courses ... so there are all different combinations," said Romano.

And the DISL is not just for biology majors. Any student pursuing a degree within the sciences can go, although the courses do have prerequisites.

Students interested in the DISL should contact Dr. Romano at 782-5038 by Feb. 1 for priority registration. The DISL brochure is available for other important information in the biology department.

This year, the English and art departments are teaming up to offer a travel-for-credit course to New York City. The highlight of the Current New York Theatre/New York Art Museums course is a four-day trip to the Big Apple which includes seats to four Broadway shows and visits to several art museums and galleries.

The first weeks of the course take place on the JSU campus and orient the students about places to visit in New York

City. It provides the students with a background study to enhance art, drama exhibits and performances to be viewed while in New York City.

The course allows students to form an opinion of plays such as "Oklahoma," "The Lion King" and "The Crucible" by studying the play itself and source material according to JSU English professor Dr. Steve Whitton. "I have always thought when we are teaching plays that what we ought to do is not read them, but go see them," said Whitton. Students often meet to discuss how they feel after seeing the plays, he said. "And that kind of immediate feedback (is something)

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you don't really have in the classroom a lot."

Whitton also said the course gives students the chance to receive contacts and to experience a different culture. His advice to students considering the trip is "if this is going to be the only trip you are going to make for a while ... do what you can to take what you can spare."

The course is open to any student who has successfully completed English 101 and 102. In addition to receiving three hours English elective credits for either graduate or undergraduate programs, students can receive three hours undergraduate art credit. The course can also count as a general elective credit, or it can be audited by those wishing to just travel with the group.

Itineraries are available in the English and art departments and deadline is Feb. 15, 2002. You may not be interested in these travel-for-credit courses, but check with your department to see what other opportunities lie ahead.

Recent movies target Ivy League elitism

By Lance Gould
New York Daily News (KRT)

Traditionally, the way to get into an Ivy League school was to study hard, perform exceedingly well on standardized tests, earn excellent grades and participate in extracurricular activities.

Today, if a spate of recent films is any indication, the easiest way to get into one of the country's finest colleges is to fire up your bong.

In "How High," a comedy starring rappers Method Man and Redman, smoking some magic ganja before taking the SATs pays off for Silas and Jamal with the unexpected result of perfect scores. The ensuing recruiting frenzy lands them at Harvard.

In "Orange County," a reformed stoner named Shaun (Colin Hanks) is inspired to turn his life around and give up his wild ways to study at Stanford. But when his guidance counselor sends in the wrong SAT

scores, Shaun is rejected. (The class stoner, whose scores have been switched with Shaun's, does get into Princeton.) In fact, only with the help of his drug-addled brother (Jack Black) does Shaun stand a chance of getting into Stanford.

In the upcoming "Storytelling," the always stoned Scooby (Mark Webber) doesn't want to go to college, or even sit for the SATs. When his parents insist he take the test, he fills in the answers so that they read as an obscenity, which remarkably gets him into Princeton.

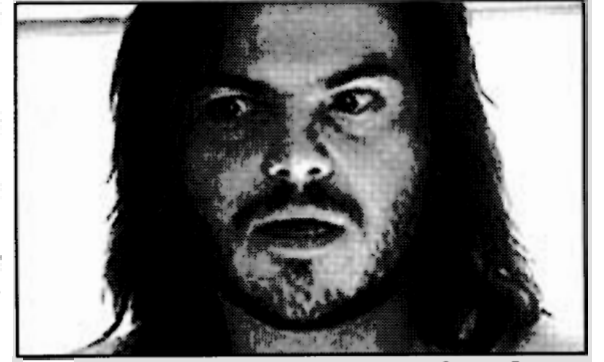
Alas, poor Kaplan: Why does it seem that so many filmmakers are collectively misreading "higher education"?

"American movies, like American culture in general, represent an effort to demolish snobbishness, whether it be social snobbery, whether it be intellectual snobbery," says Stephen Whitfield, professor of American Studies

at Brandeis University. "It's virtually unimaginable, therefore, that an American movie would make a case for intellectual or academic elitism."

Case in point: "Legally Blonde." Reese Witherspoon plays a woman named after a fashion magazine (Elle). She's not stupid, but gets into Harvard Law School thanks to the video she encloses in her application. (She's wearing a bikini and the video is directed by a Coppola.)

Diplomas from these exclusive institutions are known for opening doors, which makes them resented by the general public. Richard Nixon was known to rail against the schools. Their very exclusivity also makes for amusing if somewhat obvious fish-out-of-water



Courtesy Paramount
Jack Black plays the drug-addled brother in "Orange County."

stories. Hence the number of unlikely students in the guise of stoners, surfers and gangsta rappers.

"Elite colleges (are now) emphasizing diversity in admissions," quips Ben Dougan, president of the Harvard Lampoon. "For example, one of my freshman roommates was vice president of his high-school debate team, while my other roommate was secretary/treasurer of his high-school debate team. Obviously, tolerance for other cultures has become imperative."

February 6th 2002

JUDGE MATHIS



Judge Mathis, who dropped out of school, was in and out of jail, yet overcame these adversities to become the youngest judge in Michigan history. As a teenager growing up in the housing projects of Detroit, Mathis was well on his way to a life of crime.

But, as a promise to his dying mother, Mathis vowed to change his ways. At age 18, he turned his life around - earning his GED (high school equivalency), continuing on to college and earning a Juris Doctorate degree. Despite insurmountable obstacles and odds, Mathis was elected a Superior Court Judge for Michigan's 36th District.

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Greenwald's anti-establishment "Steal This Movie" worth the risk

By Abbey Herrin
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

If mailing joints to strangers sounds like a good idea, "Steal This Movie" is a must-see.

The film tells the story of 1960s political radical Abbie Hoffman (the coolest man ever), played by Vincent D'Onofrio, and his struggles against the evils of repressive government, capitalism and racism.

Hoffman begins protesting for racial equality in the 1950s, and eventually rises as a spokesman for the 1960s counterculture. His antics of protest include burning money on Wall Street and surrounding the Pentagon. Along with other activists such as Bobby Seale, Hoffman organizes a disruption of the 1968 Democratic Convention, for which he is arrested and put on trial.

Throughout his activism, Hoffman is constantly scruti-



Courtesy Lions Gate Films
Vincent D'Onofrio and Janeane Garofalo star in the counterculture film "Steal This Movie."

nized by "the man," suffering police brutality and numerous arrests. Because of his involvement in the political Left, Hoffman is spied on by the FBI's Cointelpro, a special program targeting radicals. After several attempts to frame Hoffman, the government finally gets him in a cocaine bust.

Rather than submit to the tyranny of the American justice system, Hoffman elects to vanish from the country, abandoning his wife Anita, played by Janeane Garofalo, and their infant son, who is aptly named America. Hoffman assumes the clever alias "Barry Freed" and lives a life underground for

seven years before finally getting the proof he needs to expose the FBI's plot against him.

Meanwhile, Anita is forced to raise America alone and on welfare. She still remains loyal to Abbie and his causes, and refuses to cooperate with the FBI's search for him.

The story of Abbie Hoffman is an inspirational one; his manner of rebellion and questioning of authority is admirable. Hoffman's ideology is the embodiment of everything the 60s stood for, and he strives for the ideal society, free of corruption and filled with personal liberty. Hoffman is a hero for the counterculture era, and much could still be learned from his story today.

Director Robert Greenwald does an excellent job with the story and the way it is seen in a series of flashbacks mainly told by his wife Anita. The real-life

footage of the protest at the Pentagon is included. Much of the other footage in the flashbacks looks like home movies, giving the events a bigger sense of reality as well as an air of nostalgia.

The acting is commendable as well. You can't go wrong with Garofalo; she is witty, earthy and strong. D'Onofrio is absolutely awesome as Abbie. He really makes the audience like Abbie, sympathize with his situation and believe in his causes and convictions. Kevin Pollack also gives a strong performance as Gerry Lefcourt, Abbie's attorney.

Watching "Steal This Movie" is a great idea. It gives a fascinating portrayal of a real-life hero and his struggles to buck the system. The movie shows the power of activism at its best and the positive effects of the 1960s counterculture on society.

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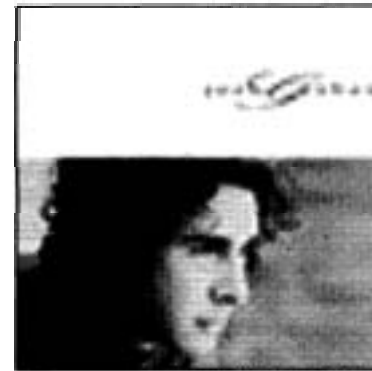
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Review by Peter Bradberry
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Josh Groban is a 20-year-old opera and pop singer.

He has had opportunities already to perform on the 2001 season finale and one episode this year of *Ally McBeal*. He was asked to step in for Andrea Bocelli during rehearsals for the 1999 Grammy's. The duet with Celine Dion allowed him to meet Rosie O'Donnell and he has since appeared several times on her talk show.

His self-titled debut CD is a mix of about one-half foreign language songs and one-half English. This



Courtesy WEA/Warner Bros.

disc is lovely from beginning to end. It is more classical than anything else. Strings flow and horns lull the listener in to the disc and the listener falls deeper into the sweeps and swells of the music.

"Canto Alla Vita," a track featuring The Corrs has a slight electronic feel mostly in the back beat and the occasional electronic piano run. The track "Let Me Fall" from *Cirque Du Soleil* is for the most part Josh and a classical guitar. As the song builds a string

section swells and falls behind him.

My favorite song on the disc is "Alejate," which I believe translates in to "You Move Away." It is one of the few Spanish language tracks on the CD, and I wish I knew what all the song was saying. It's quite lovely.

My personal favorites on this disc are the foreign language pieces. Not really because of the lyrics, but because the way his voice and the music perfectly complement each other.

Sometimes the most beautiful music is the type of music in which you can't focus on the lyrics or the instruments separately. It's the music that portrays emotion as a whole piece through out the entire CD.

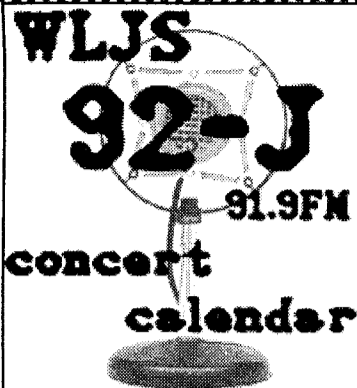
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An interview with Miss JSU Amber Reid

By Danni Lusk
The Chanticleer Features Editor

Borrowing a seemingly popular idea from Chanticleer Sports Editor Anthony "Thrill" Hill, I decided to do a sort of "One-On-One" with Miss JSU 2002, Amber Reid. She is a senior majoring in communication with a minor in music who hails from Weaver. Amber is a wonderful speaker, backing up everything she says, which she says comes from her years of being in pageants. She may seem a little long-winded, but she knows what she's talking about.



The Chanticleer/Rebecca Sproles
Miss JSU 2002 Amber Reid

Danni: So Amber, how are you doing?

Amber: Fine, how are you?

Danni: I'm well, thanks. How does it feel to be Miss JSU?

Amber: It feels wonderful. It is something I've worked toward for the past four years. It's great knowing I've finally accomplished one of my long-term goals.

Danni: What are some of your responsibilities as Miss JSU?

Amber: I have to go, first and foremost, represent the school at the Miss Alabama pageant in June. Second of all, I think I serve as an ambassador for JSU. If they need anyone to go and represent JSU, I'm always there for them. I'm already getting a lot of calls to go and emcee local high school pageants, stuff like that. Also, I expect to make a lot of appearances about my platform.

Danni: What is your platform?

Amber: My platform is P.A.L.S. It stands for Positive Advisement Leads to Success. It deals primarily with foster care, but also deals with being a mentor to other children. I'm just really interested in recruiting foster parents and helping reduce the number of children in foster care. Calhoun County has the

largest number of children in foster care than any other county in the state. Presently, there are 252 children in foster care and 53 homes for them, and there are only 2 shelters in our area. It's a big need in our community and I hope to make a difference.

Danni: What have you done so far to promote your platform?

Amber: I've just recently gotten involved with it. I've only been working with it for six weeks. I had been working with cerebral palsy, and then I visited a local church in Jacksonville and I heard a lady speak on foster care. I had lived my whole life here and I had never heard anything about it. So, I thought that was something I wanted to immediately get involved with. In the past six weeks, I have been meeting with the workers at DHR (Department of Human Resources) in Anniston and I've only had one speaking engagement, where I spoke at the Piedmont Lions Club. I think that was pretty successful because some of them mentioned that they were interested in becoming a foster parent.

I thought about having a couple of

fundraisers such as a clothing drive. I wanted to have a clothing drive on campus. Any clothes, any shoes, anything they could bring to the campus drive to go towards foster care. A lot of times when a couple gets a foster child, the child will first come from their biological parents and their situation a lot of times is really bad. Ninety percent of children come into foster care from abuse or neglect; those are the two main reasons. So a lot of times, especially in the case of neglect, the children sometimes don't even have a pair of shoes on their feet. I thought that would be a really good way to start maybe a care packet, so when someone gets a foster child, we can give them at least a set of clothes and a pair of shoes.

Danni: What do you say to people who call you a "beauty" queen?

Amber: A lot of times I've gotten that. I was known as the "pageant girl" growing up; I was known as the "pageant kid." And I was always quick to say, "Well, I'm not just a pageant kid. I do this, I do that, I get involved in the community." One pageant, in particular, I was involved with was the Cinderella pageant. They called it the "Cinderella Scholarship Program." On the application, you didn't find the word "pageant," they called it a "youth development program." The term "pageant" seems to keep giving people a negative outlook on them, I think they could maybe just start calling themselves a "youth development program." I've always just had to stick up for myself and tell them it's not just a beauty contest.

Danni: Now for a little bit about

you as a person: What would you be doing on a Saturday afternoon at 12:00?

Amber: Usually I have something to do for an organization that I'm a part of and if I'm not doing that, if I actually just have free time, probably shopping.

Danni: What about on a Thursday night?

Amber: On a Thursday night, my friends and I usually go out. If I don't have any tests and I've practiced my piano for the next week, we'll go out.

Danni: What is your favorite artist or band?

Amber: My favorite artist is definitely Martina McBride. She is a wonderful artist and a great role model. As far as groups, I really like groups like Lifehouse and Dave Matthews (Band).

Danni: Who would you consider to be your mentor?

Amber: My mentor ... (pauses) I have to think about that one for a second. Someone that I've always really looked up to in college is Amanda Laughlin (Miss JSU 1999). When I first got here, I became a member of Zeta (Tau Alpha) and she was a Zeta, and I was a Ballerina and she had been a Ballerina. We were also both communication majors. She's always given me good advice and I've always considered her one of my role models. We've always been really good friends, I feel comfortable calling her anytime and asking her for advice on anything, not just pageant stuff.

Danni: Well, thanks for your time.

Amber: Anytime.

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- 5.) In Los Angeles, what are discarded garments being recycled into?
- 6.) What type of wood are the seats at Fenway Park in Boston made of?
- 7.) The Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History houses the world's largest collection of what, which includes some 15 million specimens?
- 8.) What actor was \$35,000 in debt and living on macaroni and cheese when he auditioned for his first big break?
- 9.) How much does Judge Judy Sheindlin's petite size 2, silk robe cost?
- 10.) What is a mangonel?

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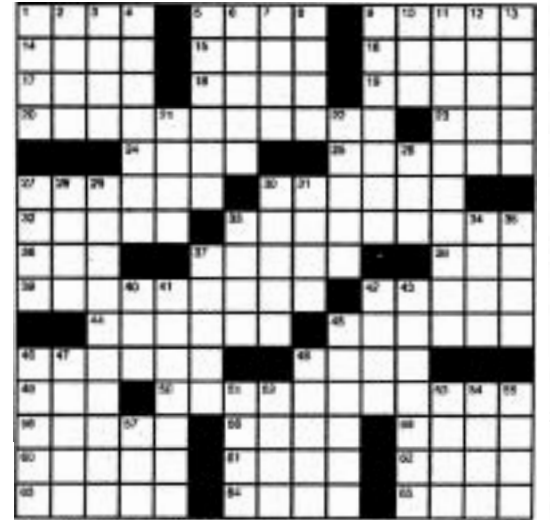
- 1.) Amphibians
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- 3.) \$400
- 4.) It has never rained
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- 10.) A piece of military equipment used to launch stones

DITHERED TWITS by Stan Waling



Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Con game
 - 5 Wife of Zeus
 - 9 Basmati and brown
 - 14 Cock-and-bull story
 - 15 Unwrap
 - 16 Conspicuous success
 - 17 Composer Stravinsky
 - 18 Delicate color
 - 19 Crownlet
 - 20 Ex post facto
 - 23 MC minus VL
 - 24 Nile wader
 - 25 Pass
 - 27 Fine speaker
 - 30 Training routines
 - 32 Way to go
 - 33 Cromwell's nickname
 - 36 Cul-de-__
 - 37 Prepares copy
 - 38 Klondike find
 - 39 Advancing
 - 42 Namely
 - 44 Put into effect
 - 45 Hip
 - 46 Skool!
 - 48 Bombard
 - 49 Charleson of "Chariots of Fire"
 - 50 Card order?
 - 56 Sharply defined
 - 58 Boss
 - 59 Monty Python's Eric
 - 60 "Aida" or "Thais"
 - 61 Sunoco rival
 - 62 Blockhead
 - 63 Drum with fingers
 - 64 New driver, usually
 - 65 Times of note



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- 2 Avant-garde composer
- 3 Plenty
- 4 James ___ lves
- 5 Boastful talk
- 6 De Mille flicks
- 7 Jonathan Larsen play
- 8 Freeze front?
- 9 Passes gossip
- 10 Here, in Paris
- 11 Gets tough
- 12 Holliman and Scruggs
- 13 Barrel sial
- 21 Charming instrument
- 22 Arteries' counterparts
- 26 MacGraw of "Love Story"
- 27 Approximately
- 28 Colorful horse
- 29 Sotheby's employee
- 30 Tee shot
- 31 Memorizing process
- 33 Wedding vows
- 34 Redheaded Viking
- 35 Adam's youngest
- 37 Ham it up
- 40 "___ Pinalone"
- 41 Quip
- 42 Statuesque

- 43 Where it's cold, baby
- 45 Didn't let go
- 46 Embroidered edging
- 47 Kiner or Nader
- 48 Hippie salutation
- 51 Be ___ as it may...
- 52 If ___ you,...
- 53 Stench
- 54 Texas crock
- 55 Trawlers' needs
- 57 Indonesian island group

HOROSCOPES

By Lasha Seniuk
Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service (KRT)
Jan. 28-Feb. 3

Aries (March 21-April 20). Sibling relations and family discussions may require extra attention. Remain sensitive to the career plans of others. Loved ones may feel vulnerable concerning recent business accomplishments, power struggles with managers or future goals.

Taurus (April 21-May 20). Listen to a friend or lover's social and workplace observations. Subtle information concerning the hidden plans of an acquaintance or colleague may be revealed. No serious overtones can be expected here, but do stay alert to rare business conflicts and new employment competitions.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Private family tasks and financial management will have a strong appeal. Pay special attention to budget changes, home decisions or long-term payment schedules. Many Geminis are entering an intense phase of financial growth and business change.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Family communications and intimate discussions with friends may reveal unusual information. Watch carefully for signs of withheld business or financial facts. Some Cancerians may also discover that a lover or marital partner needs to take extra schooling, make travel plans or enter into delicate business negotiations with authority figures.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Find a quiet way to express love, affection and respect. Loved ones will need gentle reassurance or a subtle proof of loyalty. A recent increase in business disruptions or career decisions may have caused others to feel isolated or misunderstood.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Friends and lovers are open to your suggestions, comments or detailed explanations of recent events. New acceptance is a subtle indication that relationships will move in a positive direction. Expect a powerful wave of increased honesty and intimacy.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Yesterday's financial records and bank information are highlighted. Expect money facts, figures and statements proving past actions to be the focus of discussion in both working and family relationships.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22). Social or family discussions will be complicated by misinformation. React honestly to minor confrontations and passionate ideas from loved ones. No long-term or serious effects can be expected here, so not to worry. Do, however, pay close attention to unreliable business or legal information.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 20). Renewed ambition and the resolution of recent disputes are accented. A brief period of complex duties and sluggish career progress will soon end. Expect an office rival or moody partner to

relinquish control of a major project. Be thorough and diligent.

Capricorn (Dec. 21-Jan. 20). Enjoy quiet surroundings, gentle discussions and the company of trusted friends. Inner renewal and regained social awareness are strong themes. Loved ones will accept long-disputed ideas or unique family proposals.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19). Fast money discussions and passionate romantic moments will be unavoidable. Use this time to establish a common sense of direction with loved ones and bring forth fresh ideas for financial or lifestyle changes.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20). Allow strong sentiments to subside. A recent wave of deep emotions or intense romantic questioning needs to fade. Let regrets and doubts pass naturally; this is not the right time to relive yesterday's events or ask for further clarification from loved ones.

If your birthday is this week ... Loved ones may seem distant or emotionally withdrawn. At present, sluggish responses from friends or vague statements from lovers is actually a sign that key relationships are preparing for rapid progress. Throughout much of March and April, expect newly revealed passions, fast attractions and a new appreciation of sensuality.

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Gamecocks top Georgia State, Samford with strong defense

By Anthony Hill
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

Head coach Mike LaPlante and the Gamecocks are doing all they can to hold down the eighth spot in the Atlantic Sun standings.

The Gamecocks were able to defeat the defending champions Georgia State and swept Samford for the first time in nearly 40 years, but they were not able to beat Campbell.

Jax State came from as many as 18 points down to upset Georgia State last Thursday, 81-75.

"We kept the faith, we kept working," said sophomore guard Emerson "Downtown" Brown. "We've got to keep doing our thing."

Junior center Omar Barlett tied his career-high with 22 points, while Poonie Richardson finished with 20 points to lead the Gamecocks to the victory.

Georgia State jumped on the Gamecocks early and took an 11-6 lead during the first four minutes of the game. The Panthers then used a 22-8 run over the next 10 minutes to build their largest lead of the game.

Lamont McIntosh made matters worse after he hit a 3-pointer with 6:14 left in the first half to give the Panthers a 32-14 lead.

"We knew the first 10 minutes they were going to try to throw us the knockout punch and they did," said LaPlante.

The Gamecock bench came up big during the final three minutes of the first half. They were able to go on a 9-2 run to end the half at 41-31.

The Gamecocks began the second half-sluggish, but were able to get into a rhythm and outscore the Panthers 17-4 over a four-minute stretch and take their first lead of the game.

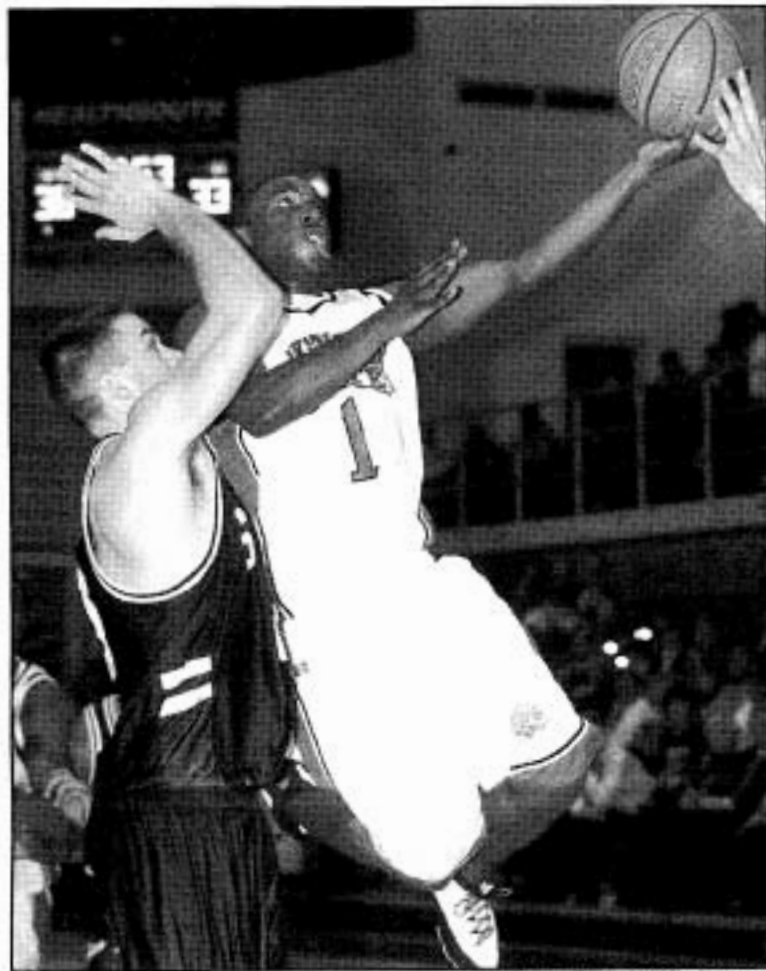
Richardson led the charge with nine points during the run and he hit two free throws with 11:21 in the game to give JSU a 56-55 lead. The Panthers would never regain the lead.

Jay Heard got the crowd on their feet after he hit a 3-pointer with 1:26 left in the game to put the JSU up for good.

"Usually we play 30 minutes of basketball," said Heard. "In this game we played only 30 minutes, but lucky for us it was the last 30 minutes because the first 10 minutes we were just out of sync."

The basketball team followed the emotional victory with a disappointing loss to Campbell at Pete Mathews Coliseum last Saturday.

Campbell shot an amazing 75 percent from the field in the second



Junior guard Poonie Richardson lays it up against Campbell last Tuesday.

half, while Jax State hit just 14-of-38 (36.8 percent) over the final 20 minutes and only 36.2 percent for the game.

The Camels held a 60-62 lead with 7:51 left and then used a 12-5 run to push the lead to 71-62 after Edwards hit a free throw with 4:03 left.

The Gamecocks cut the lead to 78-74 after Richardson converted a four-point play with :40 left, but the Gamecocks would get no closer. Richardson finished with a career-high 26 points and eight rebounds.

"It all starts with defense," said Richardson. "We scored enough points to win the game, but the defensive end is what hurt us. We got too relaxed from Thursday's game. We started taking Campbell as a light team. They just came out and wanted it more than we did."

The Gamecocks returned to their winning ways and swept Samford in the process when they hosted the Bulldogs last Tuesday.

Brown scored a season-high 15 points to lead Jacksonville State (5-9, 4-7 A-Sun) to an impressive 59-56 win over top-ranked Samford University (11-8, 8-3) to give the Gamecocks their first series win over the Bulldogs since the 1968 season.

Brown was one of three

Gamecocks who scored in double-figures. Richardson had 13 points and Barlett finished with 10.

"I can't say enough about the way these guys played tonight," said LaPlante. "They played hard the entire game and never gave up."

The Gamecocks held Samford to its lowest first half point total all season as JSU held a 24-13 advantage at the break.

However, in the first few minutes of the second half, the Bulldogs went on an 11-5 run to pull within five points at the 16:22 mark off a lay-up by Chris Weaver.

Weaver led all scorers with 22 points.

Samford tied the score at 33-33 when Jon Mills hit a jumper in the paint at the 11:23 mark, but the Gamecocks scored the next 10 straight points to push the lead to 43-33 with 8:14 left.

Jax State led by as many as 12 points, 51-39, after Jay Heard sank a 15-foot jumper with 2:05 remaining. Jacksonville State sank 6-of-8 from the free throw line over the final :30 to seal the win.

The Gamecocks begin a six-day road trip as they travel to face Savannah State in a non-league game tonight, then face Georgia State on Saturday and Campbell University on Monday.

Matthews makes history on track

Staff Reports

Eboni Matthews made school history when she became the first Gamecock to ever win a track and field event when JSU competed at the Cincinnati Open Track and Field Meet last Saturday.

Matthews won the 400-meter race with a time of 58.20 seconds. Teammate Johnnet Roby finished fifth in the competition with a time of 1:03.40.

"Eboni continues to do really, really well," said JSU head coach Aimee Dawson. "I'm really impressed with her."

In the 55-meter hurdles, Anna Armstrong had a time of 9:29 to finish in seventh place. Also taking part in the competition for the Gamecocks was Roby, who finished ninth with a time of 9:56.

Frances Archuleta ran 5:56.39 in the mile run, good enough for a ninth place finish. Archuleta also ran strong in the 800-meter as she placed 10th with a time of 2:35.

"Frances ran a great double

today," said Dawson. "She ran a great mile and just a phenomenal 800 meter, which is a new school record. I'm so happy for her."

In the 3000-meter, Addie Ferguson placed 11th following a time of 12:14.18 and in the 5000-meter, Gina Davis came in fifth with a time of 23:36.46.

Dawson was pleased that "Gina and Addie both ran aggressive races."

Other categories the Gamecocks competed in were the long jump and shot-put events. Anna Armstrong placed second in the long jump with a leap of 17-feet, 4-and-a-half inches. Lachandra Bartholomew finished 13th in the shot-put with a throw of 30 feet, 8-and-a-half inches.

"Today was a day where we could see what we could do and I'm very pleased with what we accomplished. If we stay positive, then good things will happen," concluded Dawson.

The Gamecocks will return to the tracks on Saturday when they travel to compete at a meet at LSU.

2002 football schedule released; Gamecocks to play five at home

Staff Reports

Five home dates and non-conference games with Mississippi State, **Alabama A&M**, Samford and **Georgia Southern** highlight Jax State's 11-game 2002 football schedule, released by the University last Saturday.

"I think we have put together a very attractive schedule for our last year in the Southland Football League," said JSU Athletic Director Tom Seitz. "Having both Alabama A&M and Samford at home and Mississippi State and Georgia Southern on the road are very attractive."

The Gamecocks open the 2002 campaign on Aug.31 by hosting in-state rival Alabama A&M. One week later the Gamecocks will travel to face the schools first-ever Southeastern Conference opponent, Mississippi State, on Sept.7.

JSU will open Southland

Football
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action at
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State on

Sept.14, before an open date and a road trip to Tennessee Tech on Sept.28.

The Gamecocks will return home for a pair of games against Samford on Oct.5 and Sam Houston State on Oct.12, which will be Family and Preview Day on the JSU campus.

After a road game at McNeese State on Oct.19, the Gamecocks return home to face Stephen F. Austin for Homecoming on Oct.26. Jax State will open November with a Southland Football League game at Southwest Texas State on Nov.2, before returning for the Gamecocks' final home game on Nov.9 vs. Northwestern State.

The Gamecocks will conclude the regular season at Georgia Southern on Nov.16.



Gamecock women drown JU's Dolphins 74-59, but get topped by Hatters

From Staff Reports

Head coach Dana Austin knew that her Gamecocks needed to leave the state of Florida with at least one win to raise the confidence level of her players.

The Gamecocks have been struggling with turnovers and gaining continuity on the court. JSU took a trip to Florida to play Stetson and Jacksonville University last weekend with hopes of improving in both areas.

Although Jax State turned the ball over 10 times in the first 20 minutes of the game, the miscues weren't the sole culprit in the 68-60 loss to Stetson last Saturday.

The Hatters out-rebounded the Gamecocks 23-13 and pulled away with a 17-point lead at the half. That, along with no leadership on the floor in the first half, was too much for the visitors of Jax State.

Freshman Shanika Freeman came in off of the bench at the 15:43 mark and was the only Gamecock to score a field goal until freshman Heather Shepard nailed a 3-pointer at the 10:49 mark. Prior to that, a pair of Kelly Nye free throws were Jax State's only points.

By that time the Hatters had a 23-14 lead, but that wasn't enough for them. Freeman got her second foul in six minutes, left the game and from that point on Jax State only scored nine additional points in the first half.

Several Gamecocks saw playing time in the first half, including some that haven't been playing as much as of late.

Amanda Tyus posted six minutes, not scoring any points but playing good defense causing two turnovers and blocking a shot. Laniece Thomas had an assist and a rebound, while fellow freshman Ann-Marie Healy

grabbed a rebound, a point, a block, an assist and a steal in eight minutes of play.

Stetson came out in the second half just like it left off, building a 19-point lead two times before JSU finally woke up and started to play basketball.

"We played a good 10 or 11 minutes," said Austin. "But that was it. You have to play a full game to win on the road in our conference. You can't do it like we came out today. We didn't show up."

The Gamecocks would cut the Stetson lead to as little as six points with 3:45 left in the game, but it was a classic case of too little too late.

Freeman had her fifth double-double on the year with 18 points and 11 rebounds. Freshman "Fred" Embry added 12 points.

On the Hatters' side, Amy White had a career-high 25 points and 17 rebounds on the

day. Senior Eboni Long added ten.

Jax State completed the four-day road trip at Jacksonville University last Monday.

The Gamecocks won their third game of the year, second in the Atlantic Sun Conference, 74-59.

JSU led the entire game and took it to the Dolphins of Jacksonville University.

"I have said all year that we are so much better than our record indicates," said Austin. "We finally went in and executed a game plan for 40 minutes. Every person contributed something tonight."

Every person on the Gamecock roster got in the game. It was a record setting game for the Gamecocks. Jax State recorded 12 3-pointers on the night which ties a school record for baskets behind the arc on 31 tries that sets a JSU record for attempts in a single game.

Senior Laura Baswell had four of those, leading JSU with 12 points. Tyus hit three 3-pointers and ended the night with 11 points, five rebounds and two blocks.

Jacksonville State led by 12 at the half, 44-32, and was led by Freeman who scored eight points and grabbed six rebounds in only six minutes of play. Nye tied her career steals in the first half with four and ended the game with eight. She also had five points.

"Our veterans closed it out for us," said Austin. "Laura, Tiara (Eady), Amanda and Kelly finished the game for us."

JU's Yolisha Jackson led the Dolphins with 14 points. Kat Sungy and Aisha Stewart both added 11 points each.

The Gamecocks (3-12, 2-6) play host to Mercer tonight. Tip-off is set for 7 at "The Pete."

Atlantic Sun Conference Men's Basketball Standings

Team	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Jacksonville	8	3	.727	14	6	.700
Samford	8	3	.727	11	8	.579
Troy State	6	3	.667	10	6	.625
Florida Atlantic	7	4	.636	10	8	.556
UCF	6	5	.545	10	7	.588
Georgia State	5	5	.500	9	8	.529
Belmont	5	5	.500	8	9	.471
Stetson	4	7	.364	7	10	.412
Jacksonville State	4	7	.364	5	9	.357
Campbell	3	7	.300	5	12	.294
Mercer	1	8	.111	3	15	.167

Recent results:

Jan. 22
Jacksonville State 59, Samford 56

Stetson 68, Jacksonville 58
 UCF 62, Florida Atlantic 56

Jan. 19

Troy State 71, Jacksonville 74
 Georgia State 59, Samford 63
 Belmont 66, Florida Atlantic 69

Campbell 84, Jacksonville State 79

Mercer 71, Stetson 76

Upcoming games:

Jan. 24
Jacksonville State at Savannah State (6:30)

Jan. 26
 Samford at Campbell
Jacksonville State at Georgia State (5:00)
 Jacksonville at Mercer
 Stetson at Troy State

Atlantic Sun Conference Women's Basketball Standings

Team	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Belmont	7	1	.875	13	2	.867
UCF	6	2	.750	10	7	.588
Campbell	6	2	.750	8	7	.533
Georgia State	5	2	.714	9	5	.643
Stetson	6	3	.667	7	9	.438
Florida Atlantic	5	3	.625	7	9	.438
Mercer	3	4	.429	6	8	.429
Troy State	2	5	.286	3	11	.214
Jacksonville State	2	6	.250	3	12	.200
Jacksonville	1	8	.111	2	14	.125
Samford	0	7	.000	1	13	.071

Recent results:

Jan. 21
 Stetson 61, Samford 48
 Belmont 76, UCF 61
 Campbell 69, Mercer 58
 Jacksonville State 74, Jacksonville 59
 Georgia State 72, Troy State 59

Jan. 19

Stetson 68, Jacksonville State 60
 Florida Atlantic 72, Belmont 70
 Jacksonville 91, Samford 65
 Mercer 77, Georgia State 73
 Campbell 68, Troy State 59

Upcoming games:

Jan. 24
 Florida Atlantic at Georgia State
 UCF at Campbell
 Stetson at Belmont
 Troy State at Samford
Mercer at Jacksonville State (7:00)
 Jan. 26
Jacksonville State at Stetson (1:00)
 Florida Atlantic at Campbell
 UCF at Georgia State
 Jacksonville at Belmont
 Mercer at Samford
Troy State at Jacksonville State (2:00)

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Ali still the man... even now

By Anthony Hill

The Chanticleer Sports Editor



I went to the movies to see "Ali" a few nights ago.

You know?

The movie where Will Smith plays the role of the "greatest boxer of all-time, Muhammad Ali."

I told myself that I was going to simply wait until "Ali" was released on DVD, but I continued to hear really good things about it. And, most of the reviews I had read on it were very favorable. So, I gave it a shot.

I must admit that it was a good movie. It was a very good movie. No, I'm not here to write a review on the film or anything. I simply wanted to reflect on the thought that rushed through my mind after I viewed it.

I came to the conclusion that Muhammad Ali is still the man, even today. Most athletes reach the peak of their popularity during the glory of their playing days. Some become famous for the wrong reasons after their days of play have ended. Ali's popularity reached maximum capacities when he fought over 30 years ago and increased even more years later.

I don't think that there's been an athlete who's seen his or her image grow and embellish so in retirement as Ali. And he doesn't do anything, except be Muhammad Ali and receive awards for being himself.

The new movie of his life brings a first in sports. This may be the first time that people have a more general interest in a retired athlete than in anyone actually competing in his or her sport. Sure, we still like Mike Tyson. But, only when he's biting or beating up someone. We couldn't care less what he does outside of the ring if it were ordinary news.

Yes, boxing retains a hard-core audience, but essentially,

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One on one with Gamecock fan #1

By Anthony "Thrill" Hill
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

I thought that this would be a good time to change the pace of "One on One." I know most of you are used to meeting some of Jax State's athletes, coaches and other sports personalities, but I figured now would be a good time to interview the University's biggest FAN. Yep, that's right. This is an interview with Jax State's No. 1 Gamecock fan, Dr. Bill Meehan. I wasn't sure whether or not he would do this interview after such short notice. After all, I did just walk up to him right before last Tuesday night's basketball game and asked him to do it.

That's what type of person President Meehan is. He doesn't just give speeches and say what everyone wants to hear. He's a man of his word and if he can help a student, faculty or friends in need, he probably will.

Since "One on One" is meant to be a look at the subject in a casual, relaxed light, I didn't want to refer to the president as "Dr. Meehan" through the whole thing. But since he is the president, I decided at least to retain his title.

Dr. Bill and I sat down in MY office after Tuesday night's game and simply talked about stuff that you might've wanted to know.

Thrill: How are you today, Mr. Meehan?

Dr. Bill: I'm doing fine Anthony. Thank you.

Thrill: What did you think about the basketball game against Samford? (Last Tuesday night.)

Dr. Bill: It was absolutely wonderful. I knew it was going to be a tough game, defensively. The first half was very competitive.

Thrill: You're a big time fan, aren't you?

Dr. Bill: Oh yeah, I love it. To be honest with you, I don't know much about basketball. I just love to see a good game.

Thrill: I'm really enjoying basketball season, but I really can't wait to see the baseball and softball teams.



JSU President Dr. Bill Meehan and "Thrill."

Dr. Bill: I'm looking forward to that too. We don't have long, do we? I think the first game is February 9. The baseball team was sitting behind us tonight.

Thrill: Yeah, they sure were. They were selling caps too.

Dr. Bill: Yeah, they were making a profit. I'm really excited about Jim Case too.

Thrill: Yeah. They should do all right. Do you watch other schools play from time to time? I know that you received a degree from the University of Alabama.

Dr. Bill: I occasionally watch another school from time to time. Gamecocks take up most of my time. I enjoy Gamecock athletics.

Thrill: What do you think about the athletics here at Jax State? Do you feel like we are going to be able to compete with the bigger schools in the more popular sports?

Dr. Bill: I think we will in time. You're talking about a Division I-A program that doesn't have 10 years under our belts yet. We'll get there.

Thrill: Do you have a favorite sport or team here at Jax State? (Both laugh.)

Dr. Bill: See now you're trapping me. All 16 sports are my favorite.

Thrill: We used to have a gymnastic squad here?

Dr. Bill: Oh yeah. I used to love to watch them.

Thrill: Do you have a favorite athlete. It could be someone who played in past years.

Dr. Bill: When I was a kid it was Bart Starr. I met him once and shook his hand and Anthony, I don't

think I washed my hands for a week. I was just a kid and I had a TV interview with him.

Thrill: Do you play any sports, like golf or a little basketball from time to time?

Dr. Bill: If you could see me play golf you wouldn't ask me that. I literally brought Randy Owens to his knees.

Thrill: He was laughing at you?

Dr. Bill: Absolutely laughing. I forgot which hole we were playing, but I gave it the best shot I could. Anthony, the tee must've gone a good 25, 30 yards straight up in the air and right back down. (Both laugh.) I've never seen him laugh at me so hard. Now, he's a good golfer.

Thrill: Is he?

Dr. Bill: Oh yeah. He's very competitive too.

Thrill: Did you see the grade point averages of the student-athletes last semester? Those averages were amazing, weren't they?

Dr. Bill: They've done well.

Thrill: They were amazing.

Dr. Bill: I am very proud of them. The general athlete here has a higher GPA than the average student. The graduation rate is higher too. Our goal is to win on the field and in the classroom.

Thrill: Let me ask you this. Do you know the situation with some of the players on the men's golf team? Most of them are from Argentina and their money is worth almost 60 percent less than it did before the Christmas break. Do you know anything about their situation?

Dr. Bill: I don't know about them in particular, but I know that we've had the same situation with some of our South American students a couple years ago. That has happened.

Thrill: One young man from Albania lost his entire family earlier this year.

Thrill: You're a graduate of JSU, aren't you?

Dr. Bill: I am. I have two degrees.

Thrill: Tell me how much the University has changed in the past 10 years?

Dr. Bill: The size of the campus is one thing. We're really growing. Our goal is to get the enrollment to 10,000 students. The basic things haven't changed.

Thrill: What are some of your hobbies?

Dr. Bill: Well, right now my hobby is hanging with my family. That's why I try to drag them to every game and every match. The boys love to go to the rifle matches.

Thrill: Really?

Dr. Bill: You don't usually think of rifle as spectator sport, but they enjoy it. Of course, they're 7-year-olds and anyone with a gun fascinates them. (Both laugh.)

Thrill: What type of things do you feel like the University could use? Or you could tell me about some of the plans you have for JSU in the future.

Dr. Bill: Sure, more money. (Both laugh.) That's what we need, Anthony. We've got some problems. We know that we're going to need growth in the future to give us a stable income in the future. Our

faculty salaries are below the regional average. We cannot continue to keep or attract good professors if our salaries aren't competitive with other universities. We need to pay our people what they deserve.

Thrill: Do you have any nicknames?

Dr. Bill: Yeah. Bill. "Wild Bill."

Thrill: (Laughs) Where did "Wild Bill" come from?

Dr. Bill: Well, my fraternity days and a few other places. (Both laugh again)

Thrill: Do you think that the "parking situation" or problem will ever be solved here at JSU?

Dr. Bill: If you're looking for a parking place and can't find one than it's a problem. I don't think that it's more than any other university though. I have a parking place in front of Bibb Graves and sometimes my spot gets taken.

Thrill: You're not a guy unless you watch SportsCenter on ESPN every morning?

Dr. Bill: I do occasionally. I don't do on a regular basis.

Thrill: Come on now, you've got to put that in your schedule. What was the last movie you saw?

Dr. Bill: Monsters Incorporated. I really liked it. I haven't seen a PG movie in a long time.

Thrill: What is your most memorable moment here at JSU?

Dr. Bill: That has to be the Inauguration.

Thrill: Give me the best vacation spot you've visited in the last five years.

Dr. Bill: I like the mountains. So, I would say the Appalachian Mountains. My wife is a beach person. So, that's where we go on vacations. We usually meet my wife's family down at Gulf Shores. There's an indoor swimming pool, it wasn't crowded and the weather was good. You could walk on the beach.

Thrill: I'm going with you next year.

Dr. Bill: Come on, it's nice.

Thrill: Name one person who you admire.

Dr. Bill: Albert Einstein, because he was able to think beyond the sphere of this world and the scientific community. He also thought socially. He was the one that wrote Franklin Roosevelt and told him about the bomb the Nazis were building and how it would change the world.

Thrill: Let's do some free association. Tom Seitz. (Athletic director)

Dr. Bill: Good organizer.

Thrill: Jack Crowe.

Dr. Bill: Intense.

Thrill: Mike LaPlante.

Dr. Bill: Passionate.

Thrill: Will and Drew Meehan. (Bill's two sons)

Dr. Bill: Trouble.

Thrill: Dana Austin.

Dr. Bill: Good planner.

Thrill: Mike Parris.

Dr. Bill: "The Voice."

Thrill: That will do it Mr. President. I appreciate this.

Dr. Bill: No problem Anthony. You didn't ask me anything about you.

Thrill: People just want to know about you, not me. (Both laugh.)

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JSU athletes doing well in the classroom

By Anthony Hill
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

Who says athletes aren't smart?

Well, the gladiators representing Jacksonville State University are definitely handling their business in the classroom, according to statistics released by the athletic department last week.

"The continued academic success of our student-athletes is one of the most important components of our program," said JSU Athletic director Tom Seitz. "We will continue to emphasize and support academic achievement."

Over 50 percent of JSU student-athletes posted a 3.0 grade point average or higher last semester. Over 120 student-athletes finished the semester with a 3.0 GPA or higher, while 53 finished with a 3.5

GPA or better and 12 student-athletes finished the semester with an amazing 4.0 GPA.

Five of the University's teams finished last semester with a grade point average of 3.0 or higher. The Gamecock volleyball team led the charge with a 3.42 GPA. The soccer team kicked in at second (3.29), followed by the women's tennis team (3.26), women's cross country (3.10), the women's basketball team (3.07) and the softball team (2.92).

The men were led by the golf and track; and field team (both 2.97). The two were followed by the men's tennis team (2.96), cross country (2.95), baseball (2.78) and basketball team (2.70).

The University also announced that 13 of JSU's 15 sports finished with a 2.70 team GPA or higher.

Gamecock Athletic Team	
Grade Point Averages	
Team	Overall GPA
Volleyball	3.42
Soccer	3.29
Tennis (Women)	3.26
Cross Country (Women)	3.10
Basketball (Women)	3.07
Golf (Men)	2.97
Track and Field	2.97
Tennis (Men)	2.96
Cross Country (Men)	2.95
Softball	2.92
Baseball	2.78
Rifle	2.76
Basketball (Men)	2.70
Football	2.37
Golf (Women)	2.26

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far more people know and care about Ali than all of the boxers who are still incidentally boxing. In most of our general consciousness, Ali is still accepted as the heavyweight champion instead of ... what's his name? Oh yeah, Lennox Lewis.

Well, maybe this is step up for the sad sport. For a time, a couple of decades ago, there was more interest in a fictional fighter, Rocky Balboa, than in the real sport. At least Ali really did exist in the ring.

One could even argue that Ali hurts the sport. Images of Ali make current boxers in the heavy weight division seem so terribly dull and commonplace.

We often glorify the past, but never before have we had a situation where the past intrudes so much that it competes with the present.

Where will boxing be years from now? Who cares?

The only thing that's certain is that we'll still be thinking about Ali as long as boxing exists and after it dies out.

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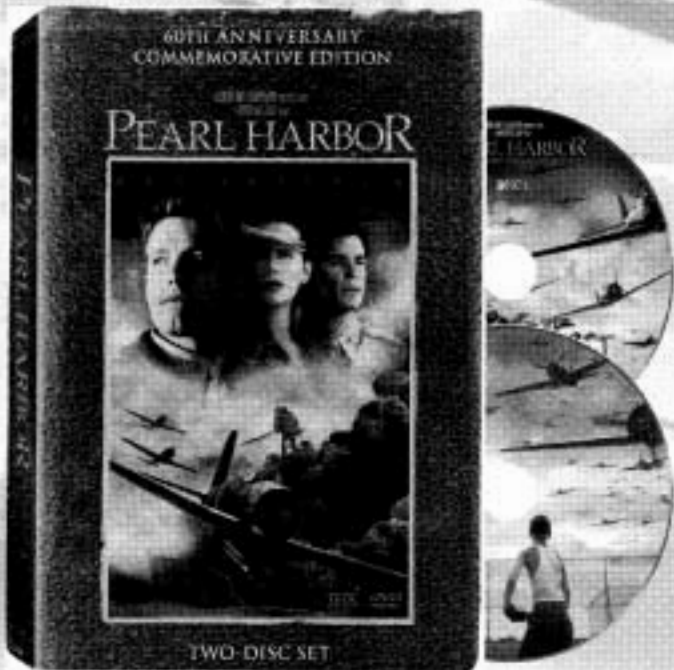
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