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Abbott seeks election to county office

By Stephanie Pendergrass
The Chanticleer News Editor

JSU's former head baseball coach, Rudy Abbott, who retired after last season, is running for county commissioner. Abbott, who also served as sports information director at the University, said, "I feel an obligation to do something to give back to the community."



Rudy Abbott.

According to Abbott, he will be running for the Democratic ticket. He seeks place 5, in the northern district of Calhoun County.

While he doesn't know whom he'll be running against just yet, Abbott said someone else will probably run for the same position. "At this point no one in the Democratic Party or the Republican Party has announced, but I'm sure I will have an opponent."

Abbott explained his desire in running for county commissioner. "What happens when you work at a school and you're a coach and work in public relations and work with kids and parents and whatever, for a long period of time, which I did for 37 years at JSU, you have so many people who are nice to you and try to help you in your career," he said. "This is a good way for me to pay (back) those debts and kindnesses and to do something for our end of the county."

Abbott said a major issue facing the county is "finding enough money to take care of the road projects and infrastructures in our district." He explained that consequently, "county commissioners do not have the power to pass taxes and they do not have the

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WJXS' new owners bring back local news

Students may help produce local TV newscasts

By Kevin Simon
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Local news is coming back to Calhoun County, and JSU students may get the chance to help make it happen.

The Anniston area, which has long been without in-depth local news coverage, will receive additional airtime with the purchase of WJXS TV-24 by Heritage Communications LLC, a group of local media professionals.

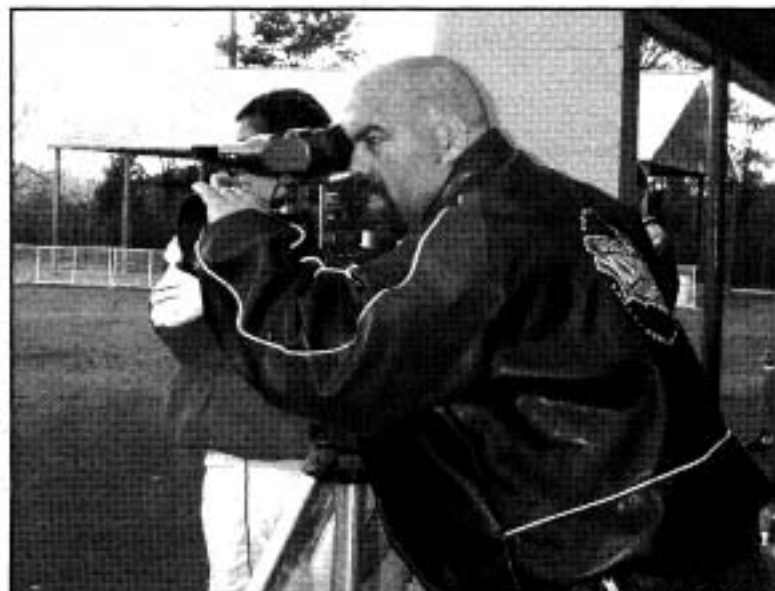
The television station operates out of studios on the first floor of JSU's Self Hall, also home to

the University's communication department.

Plans for the communication department to work in concert with Heritage are still on the drawing board, but a student-run news broadcast is being considered in the distant future, according to Eric Freeman, TV-24's head production manager.

Not only has Heritage expressed interest in hiring students on staff, but "many students have approached me interested in working for TV-24" said Mike Stedham, the commu-

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WJXS TV-24 camera operator Tony Castaneda covers a Gamecock softball game Tuesday. Students may get more opportunities from the station's new owners.

SGA signs country act Rascal Flatts for April concert

By Katie Harris
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

The SGA has signed country recording artists Rascal Flatts for a concert at JSU next month.

According to Robert Hayes, SGA director of publicity, "Rascal Flatts will be coming to Jacksonville University on April 12, 2002." He explained that this concert is "a different approach."

The SGA had to debate if a concert was even feasible this year. "It's been really difficult to get a confirmation (from a



Courtesy Rascal Flatts
Country recording artists Rascal Flatts will perform at JSU April 12.

band) since so many groups we were looking at, that were in our price range, like Lifehouse, are recording," said Joy Boyd,

SGA 2nd vice president, who heads the student activities committee. "There just weren't a lot of availabilities in the spring.

"Honestly, you know, when I ran last year I wanted to have a concert," said Boyd. "Not having a concert was never an issue with me but it has really come down to the wire."

The SGA recently found out that their one plan had fallen through. Boyd said, "We learned that MTV Campus Invasion wasn't going to happen about two weeks ago, so we called our agent and asked

her what was available. We focused on Rascal Flatts because we could take them.

"MTV Campus Invasions was what we were shooting for and they're actually not even coming to the South because Nickelback decided they wanted to cut the tour in half and return home to Canada for their Juno Awards," Boyd said. "We had to basically explore every single option. Luckily, Rascal Flatts came through for us."

According to Boyd, Rascal Flatts was not even in consid-

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Nine American soldiers killed in battle with al-Qaida, Taliban

By Jonathan S. Landay
Knight Ridder Newspapers (KRT)

WASHINGTON — In the bloodiest day so far for Americans fighting in Afghanistan, up to nine U.S. soldiers died and at least 10 others were injured Monday on the fourth day of a major

offensive against al-Qaida and Taliban fighters holed up in snow-bound mountains of eastern Afghanistan.

It was the largest one-day combat casualty toll for U.S. forces in the five-month war on terrorism, and they came in the biggest U.S.-led ground

operation of the war. Pentagon officials said it was unclear initially if U.S. fatalities totaled eight or nine.

Anti-Taliban Afghan forces specifically trained by the U.S. military for the assault also suffered casualties, but the numbers were not disclosed.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said that enemy fighters had suffered "much larger numbers of killed and wounded, and there will be many more."

Army Gen. Tommy Franks, chief of U.S. Central Command, said preliminary estimates put

the number of al-Qaida and Taliban dead at between 100 and 200, and described the offensive as "making good progress."

Defense officials said that some of the al-Qaida and Taliban fighters had their families with them.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

•**Alpha Omicron Pi:** Congrats to this week's Sister of the Week- Amber Bullard, and this week's Positive Panda Award- Kaila Towns. We had a great sisterhood retreat this weekend! Congrats to everyone on elections! Good luck to the softball team in the upcoming games! **Contact:** Leann Davis, leannJSU@hotmail.com.

•**Alpha Xi Delta:** A big thank you to everyone who came out and supported Bachelor Beauties! A special thank you to all the great men who participated! You guys were great! Good luck in intramural softball ladies! Thanks Courtney and Celinda for a great Secret Set-Up! Sister of the Week: Courtney Edmunds. **Contact:** Katie Green, 782-7535.

•**JSU Ambassadors:** Would you like to help assist in recruiting new students to JSU? Become a JSU Ambassador! Applications are available Mar. 4-18 at the Visitor Center. **Contact:** Tracy Phillips, 782-5260.

•**Delta Zeta:** We had an awesome time at Regions weekend, we are proud of our awards! Congratulations on our Greek Awards- Presidents Silver Cup and Involvement Award! Congrats to new sisters and New Members. Awards of the Week: Sister- Molly, Tiny Turtle-Allison D., Twisted- E-Board, Support- Jenn, Alumnea- Kim, Baby Turtle- Madison. **Contact:** Tavia McMunn, DeltaZeta4u@hotmail.com.

•**Department of Criminal Justice-Saturday Seminars Series- Collection & Preservation of Evidence.** March 9 at 8 a.m. in Brewer Hall. CJ488 Credit Hour Granted. Hands-on seminar. **Contact:** Holli Driver at 782-8131.

•**The Second Annual "Hoops for Habitat"** students vs. faculty basketball game will be Mar. 12, 7 p.m. at Pete Mathews Coliseum. There will be drawings for door prizes at halftime. Tickets are \$3 in advance and \$5 at the door. Proceeds go to the JSU Campus Chapter of Habitat for Humanity for a Jacksonville Habitat house. **Contact:** Kim Weatherford, 782-5762 for tickets or more information.

•**The JSU Chamber Winds** will be performing a free band concert this weekend, Mar. 9. The concert will begin at 7 p.m. and will be held at the Ernest Stone Center for the Performing Arts. **Contact:** JSU Band Office, 782-5562.

•**Join a JSU Field School** fun-filled program! Archaeology Tour, Mar. 9; 9 a.m.-3 p.m., \$25 Stars of Little River Canyon, Mar. 9; 7 p.m.-9 p.m., \$15 Exploring Chief Ladiga Rail-Trail, Mar. 16; 9 a.m.-3 p.m., \$5 Frog Pond Adventure, Mar. 16; 7 p.m.-9 p.m., \$10. Pre-registration required — call today! **Contact:** Tatiana C. Tatum, 782-5697, ttatum@jsucc.jsu.edu.

•**Phi Mu** thanks the brothers of Delta Chi for a fun Wrestling Mixer on Monday night! Good luck to all the candidates for SGA and Senate! This week's birthday girls are Katy and Christal, we love you! Phi Mu lady of the week: Lauren Thrower. **Contact:** Brianna Bladen, 782-6145.

•**SGA** welcomes our new Executive Officers and Senators to the flock! Director of Publicity Applications are due today to Office 402 TMB. Casino Night is tonight from 7 p.m.-10 p.m. in Leone Cole Auditorium, \$5 admission. It's great to be a Gamecock Leader! **Contact:** Robert Hayes, 782-5491.

•**Sigma Tau Delta's** annual writing contest will be held in March. Any students enrolled at JSU are eligible to apply. The categories are 1.) short story, 2.) poetry, and 3.) personal essay. Deadline for submission is Mar. 19 at 2 p.m., to Mrs. Gloria Horton, 214 Stone Center (782,5409). **Contact:** Michael Poole at 782-2394.

•**Zeta Tau Alpha:** Congratulations to Alpha Xi for a wonderful pageant last week. Congratulations as well to the new SGA officers. Our chapter had a wonderful time at Zeta Day this weekend where Stephanie Janis won the Alabama/Mississippi Zeta Lady Award! Congrats to the winners at the Greek Awards Banquet as well! **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

•**Feb. 26** — Robert Mills, of Jacksonville, reported theft of service to JSUPD occurring at JSU Infirmary.

•**Feb. 27** — Twinca Na-Sha Bowen, of Anniston, reported 3rd degree domestic violence and giving false name to law enforcement to JSUPD occurring at Campus Inn Apartments.

•**Mar. 3** — Kelly Roberts, of Jacksonville, reported theft of property to JSUPD occurring at Merrill Hall.

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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eration before MTV Campus Invasion fell through. "We were going to go with a rock group but there really weren't any availabilities in terms of rock groups."

According to Boyd, the concert budget is around \$30,000 and the band is charging \$15,000 to play at JSU.

Hayes said that the band's price does not include lights, sound, stage, labor and catering. Hayes said that you can double the band's price on paper to get the actual cost.

"This year, I can safely say that all of our activities were free and that just, kind of, took out of our concert budget," Hayes said.

The SGA has plans for the profits of the concert. "Well, if we do get a concert profit, the exec. board has talked about doing something in the form of a gift to the school on behalf of the SGA, after we consult (with) the new senate of course," Boyd said.

The SGA is optimistic about the concert. "We haven't had a country act in a while and I think the people are ready for it," said Boyd. "Rascal Flatts is a country band and we have a lot of people in this area that enjoy country music."

The SGA is still debating ticket prices. "Right now we're thinking \$5 for students and \$10 for non-students," said Boyd. "We're going to shoot for March 16" to start selling tickets to students.

The SGA has been using Jill Wheeler, of Clear Channel Entertainment, since October to help get a band for the spring concert. According to Boyd, the agent gets a 10 percent commission of the price of the band.

There is a lot of support for this concert. Jordan Brewer, program director of the campus radio station said, "92-J will support the SGA by doing whatever it takes to help

them."

Jenn Jones, a 92-J DJ, said, "I know that since they're a country band a lot of people won't come out and see them. I'm going to see them (though), because I like country music and have even burned a couple of their songs to a CD," she said.

"I'm very excited about it," said Boyd. "I hope JSU will

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—Joy Boyd
SGA 2nd vice president

come out and support us."

Boyd said she understands that country music does not appeal to everyone. "I really don't honestly think that a universal group exists," she said. "We did try to get a group with crossover appeal but it just came down to Rascal Flatts. Basically, that was our option and we decided to go with it."

According to Hayes, there is a big demand for country music at JSU based on the questionnaire freshmen took during orientation.

"I'm basically just so relieved that finally it is finalized because we have gone through a lot of drama, with set backs, trying to get a concert this year," said Hayes.

According to Hayes, students should be able to see flyers advertising the concert around campus in the next few weeks.

"I just hope the students will give it a chance," said Hayes.

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nication department's manager of student media.

Stedham said "The future relationship between TV-24 and the communication department should be tight because two of the owners are communication graduates from JSU."

Since the departure of TV-40 and radio station Alabama 100, local news coverage has dwindled. The current WJXS programming consists mostly of local sports and infomercials.

Heritage will have daily news broadcasts, and a two-hour morning show hosted by Troi Hayes and Connie Edge, director of Alumni Affairs for JSU. The daily news broadcasts will run live at 5 and re-air at 6 and 10 p.m. According to Hayes, the goal of the new TV-24 is to "bring back local television to a hometown that has been doing without." Hayes has considerable experience in television and has hosted his own Racing program on WJXS.

The newly organized Heritage Communications' owners are

primarily local residents. The group formed in response to the desire of previous owner, Vincent Early, to sell the television station.

Hayes, Tom Williams and Mickey Shadrix lead Heritage Communications, all former

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—Eric Freeman
WJXS production manager

employees of Alabama 100. Williams is the CEO of Heritage.

Early has been willing to sell the station for sometime now, and first offered it to the

University. JSU originally expressed interest but later declined. Early, who had a contract with the University, operates the station out of Self Hall on the JSU campus.

There is considerable experience in the new leadership of Heritage. Williams, the head of the operation, has managed several radio stations and a television station in the past year in Lake Charles, La.

Freeman worked with TV-24 a year and half ago, and enjoys the new positive environment at Heritage. "The really unique thing about the new management is the positive attitude that they have towards the production of local programming," said Freeman.

Jacksonville is not the sole beneficiary of a local news carrier, but the whole region will gain by this acquisition. "We hope to eventually cover eight or nine counties with our broadcasts," said Freeman.

Heritage took control of the station on March 4 and will begin news broadcasts by March 11, Freeman said.

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ability to zone property."

Home rule in Alabama causes the county to have little control over county business. Abbott sees the biggest debate being over home rule.

The Association of County Commissioners of Alabama explains the importance of the commissioners on its Web site. "Each year the Association works with leaders of the executive branch as well as the 140 members of the Legislature to promote the interest of county government. Using the Association's written Legislative Program as a guide, the ACCA works to help insure law is written in a way that is the most favorable to counties."

The site also reports, "The Association of County Commissions of Alabama has worked to promote quality county government and improved services to Alabama's residents for more [than] seventy years."

Abbott explained what he'd be most concerned with, if elected to the county commission. "The things that I'll be concerned with are schools, roads, (and) keeping the barn open in Piedmont."

He then explained why keeping

the barn open in Piedmont is important for the county. "If you're a school kid or you work in Jacksonville or Anniston and you have a big snow, well nobody can go to work or go to college, because there's no equipment to clear the roads in Piedmont on this end of the county. All the equipment is on the other end of the county."

"Right now the county barn is open in Piedmont and I'm going to fight to keep it open," Abbott said.

Another issue Abbott is concerned with is the completion of the four lanes to Piedmont. He explained that while the power to do that lies within the federal government and the Legislature, "I'll do everything I can to encourage the completion."

His major area of concern is education within the county. "I'm going to deal with a lot of issues affecting the schools — the high schools, the elementary schools, in our area and anything that affects JSU."

Abbott also said he was in favor of anything that would be good for the University. "We'll be supportive of any ongoing projects they have," he said. "Anything good for JSU is good for the county."

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Anniston chemical weapons incinerator to begin trial burns this month

By Stephanie Pendergrass
The Chanticleer News Editor

Surrogate trial burns will begin taking place at the Anniston Army Depot's chemical weapons incinerator this month.

The incinerator recently reached national news when it was featured on ABC's World News Tonight broadcast. According to ABCNews.com, "There's the risk of accidents or spills between the depot and the incinerator. And there's the fear of the unknown. Residents worry the incinerator will blow toxins into (the) air, even though the Army says otherwise."

Rufus Kinney, who represents the group Families Concerned about Nerve Gas Incineration and is also an English professor at JSU, said, "Everybody is in agreement, there's even an international agreement that we want to get rid of them as soon as we can safely do so. There's no argument about that," Kinney said. "The argument

is the method by which to get rid of them."

Kinney is opposed to the burning of chemical weapons in Anniston and sees negative sides to the incinerator.

Kinney reported that there are currently eight stockpile sites in the United States, four east of the Mississippi and four west of it. Only two of these, however, are operating. These are located in Utah and the Pacific island region and they are located in "very remote locations, without a lot of people nearby," he said.

Last month The Anniston Star reported that the "the nation's chemical weapons stockpile received a failing grade in President Bush's budget plan."

According to The Anniston Star, "The 2003 budget ... called the chemical demilitarization program 'ineffective' because of a 60 percent cost increase estimate and delays stemming from 'unrealistic schedules, site safety and environ-

mental concerns, and poor planning."

According to Kinney, "The army chose to incinerate these weapons in the early 1980s, 20 years ago, when hazardous waste incineration was considered a safe way to destroy hazardous waste."

Kinney went on to explain that "It is no longer considered safe and it's an industry that's dying. Better ways are coming into use to destroy hazardous waste, because the experiences that incineration-host communities have (had have) always been negative."

Some of the problems destroying hazardous waste can cause, according to Kinney, are health complications, such as respiratory and public health problems and even cancer.

According to a handout about the incinerator, emissions such as arsenic, boron, copper, lead and mercury would be among the emissions released from the incinerator.

A press release from the Chemical

Weapons Working Group reported that "Incinerator-produced chemicals like dioxins build up in the food chain."

Another negative side to incineration-host communities is, "They lose economically, because people move away, and people lose jobs, and you lose businesses, and if you can't sell your house, you lose on your house in property value," said Kinney.

He mentioned another problem incineration could cause and how that could affect Anniston. "It's a public relations nightmare," Kinney said. "You can't sell your community. Anniston is in the midst of that right now; Anniston is losing big already."

According to ABCNews.com, "Maximum protection is a buzzword in this town. Residents say the federal government promised them 'maximum protection' years ago, but has never delivered. Officials want millions of dollars in federal aid for health studies, a gas

mask for every citizen and protective gear for every firefighter."

Mike Abrams, spokesman for the incinerator, sees maximum protection differently. In an interview with The Chanticleer, Abrams said, "To me, maximum protection is safely destroying the weapons so that we don't have to worry about them anymore; not just offering some sort of protection from them but to actually destroy them."

According to Abrams, surrogate trial burns will take place around the middle of this month. This will be done "with the surrogate material, which is not chemical weapons, but it's material that's harder to destroy than the actual chemical weapons themselves. We want to prove that the work force and the facility are ready to safely destroy weapons in a session without having actual chemical weapons," he said.

"We will prove through those surrogate trial burns that we can in fact operate our facility within the limits of the permit that the state issued in 1997," said Abrams. "As far as actually destroying chemical weapons, we would expect that to begin in the September time frame."

The Chemical Weapons Working Group has a three-step solution to chemical warfare agent risks. According to another press release, these solutions include: "disassembly of the chemical munitions, neutralization of all nerve and mustard agents, and re-storage or treatment of the neutralized materials."


"In terms of our facility, the risk of something going wrong that would impact students on [JSU's] campus, my family who lives in Jacksonville, or anyone who lives closer to the depot is extremely, extremely remote. It's virtually nil," Abrams said. "We have a greater risk to this community with the weapons sitting in storage."

Abrams said if incineration starts in September, "We would anticipate that we will be done with our stockpile by the year 2009."

According to Abrams, the first two campaigns will be to destroy rockets at the incinerator. "We expect those two campaigns to be completed in about two years," he said. "When we complete those two campaigns, the risk to our community that something could go wrong will decrease by almost 97 percent. We won't completely eliminate the risk, but we will eliminate the greatest majority of the risk, just by getting rid of those two types of weapons."

Kinney isn't convinced. He said that he and his family would possibly leave the area when incineration begins. "Incineration is not the way to go."

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The latest U.S. casualties occurred within hours of each other in attacks on two U.S. MH-47 Chinook helicopters that were positioning troops in the rugged combat zone south of the town of Gardez, Franks told a news conference in Tampa, Fla.

President Bush, speaking to reporters during a visit to Minneapolis, said he mourned the American losses, but would not be deterred from pursuing those responsible for the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on Washington and New York.

"We send our prayers and tears to those whose families have lost life," Bush said during a speech at a Minneapolis high school. Later, answering reporters' questions, the president added: "I think that any time somebody loses their life, the American people will mourn, and are sad. And I feel that way too. On the other hand, I am just as determined now as I was a week ago or three months ago to fulfill this mission, and that is to make sure our country is safe from further attack."

The first U.S. casualty came when a Chinook helicopter carrying a U.S. special forces reconnaissance team was hit by a rocket-propelled grenade as it made a hard landing under enemy fire on a mountainside in the combat zone, dubbed "Objective Remington."

The grenade bounced off the twin-rotor transport helicopter without exploding, but as the aircraft lifted from the ground, one of the soldiers aboard apparently fell out a door to his death, U.S. defense officials said.

"As the pilot lifted the helicopter off, I believe one crew member may have fallen from the helicopter," Franks said. "I do not believe that was immediately recognized. The helicopter repositioned under its own power and (those aboard) immediately recognized that one of the crew members had been left behind."

Some time later, a second Chinook carrying U.S. troops landed in the same area, coming under withering small arms and machine gun fire. It may have crash-landed after being hit, Franks said.

He said that either seven or

eight U.S. soldiers died in the subsequent firefight, but that the exact number would not be known "until we are able to have discussions with people involved in the fight." All U.S. soldiers, living or dead, were extracted, he said.

The first U.S. death of the operation occurred on Saturday. The Pentagon on Monday identified the soldier as Army Chief Warrant Officer Stanley L. Harriman, 34, of Wade, N.C. He was assigned to the 3rd Special Forces Group at Ft. Bragg, N.C.

The casualties underscored the persisting danger posed to U.S.-led efforts to bring stability to Afghanistan from hard-core remnants of Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida terrorist network and the Taliban, the puritanical Islamic militia driven from power in December.

While U.S. officials say that fugitive al-Qaida members and their former Afghan allies are scattered and not able to take and hold ground, they warn that the diehards can launch costly guerrilla attacks that could undermine the interim government in Kabul and tie down the U.S.-led mili-

tary coalition.

"Substantial pockets of resistance remain. They're determined. They are dangerous. They will not give up without a fight," Rumsfeld said at a Pentagon news conference.

He said the United States intends "to continue the operations until those al-Qaida and Taliban who remain either surrender or are killed. The choice is theirs."

The U.S.-led force comprises about 2,000 troops, slightly less than half of them Afghans, he said. The rest are U.S. soldiers and elite units from six countries, including Germany, Australia, Canada and Denmark.

French aircraft have joined U.S. planes in providing close air support to the ground troops, Franks said.

Hundreds of al-Qaida and Taliban fighters are hunkered down "in the crags, the nooks and the crannies of the high ground, and our forces are right in there, mixing it up with them," Franks said. He said even more enemy troops could be holed up in the region surrounding the combat zone.

Myers said that since the operation began, U.S. aircraft have dropped more than 350 bombs on enemy positions.

In addition to wielding large quantities of small arms, mortars and rocket-propelled grenades, the al-Qaida and Taliban fighters may have shoulder-fired anti-aircraft missiles that they have not yet used, Franks said.

Combat is taking place at altitudes between 8,000 and 12,000 feet above sea level, where the thin air makes it difficult for helicopters to lift their full operational loads.

They have to reduce their weight, either by cutting down on fuel or the numbers of troops they carry or both.

Myers described the region as "the Rocky Mountains in the middle of winter. It's cold, ice and snow."

Objective Remington measures 60-70 square miles and is bounded by two mountain ridges, Franks said.

(Knight Ridder correspondents Jim Ragsdale and Rachel E. Stassen-Berger contributed to this report.)

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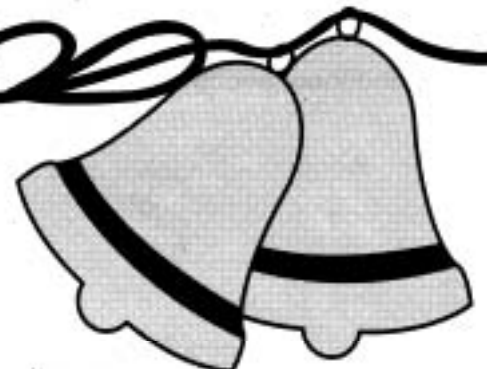
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MTV's "Road Rules" show detours past Jacksonville

By Tomiko Goodman
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

MTV's Road Rules has canceled its trip to JSU. The SGA had reported earlier in the year that the show would visit the University to record an episode.

Road Rules is one of MTV's top-rated reality shows, in which cast members travel to predetermined locations in a Winnebago. Cast members perform missions to advance to the next step, continuing their journey and winning cash prizes.

According to Joy Boyd, 2nd vice president of the SGA, an example of a Road Rules mission could be asking the cast to

eat bugs to win money and to win larger prizes. At the end of a round, if a certain percentage of the mission is achieved cast members receive a load of cash.

MTV's Road Rules was originally going to travel to college campuses throughout the southeast, but the producer changed the routing schedule for the tour.

After the change, JSU was not included in the schedule.

Boyd said the SGA is disappointed that Road Rules will not be visiting JSU. The committee has asked MTV to reconsider the school for any programs or events that will be held in the future.

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SGA hosts Casino Night, Freshman Forum sponsoring canned food drive

By Tomiko Goodman
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

The SGA senate announced at its March 4 meeting it will host Casino Night tonight in the Leone Cole Auditorium. Admission for the event will be \$5.

A DVD, TV, and other prizes will be given to the people who win the most money. T-shirts will be sold for \$7.

It was announced at the meeting that Tim King is the senator of the month.

Robert Hayes, the director of publicity, announced a canned-food drive sponsored by the Freshman Forum is under way. The forum is working with the Salvation Army to collect canned-food items.

Containers have been placed in several buildings on campus for students to donate items. Organizations and students are asked to donate up to 10 cans to support this event.

The fundraiser will end on Mar. 21.

Hayes also announced that director of publicity applications are due today by 4:30 p.m. in the student activities office, located in the TMB.

Jordan Brewer announced the spring 92-J benefit 2002 will be at Brother's Bar in Jacksonville this weekend. The entertainment for Friday will include: Young Geezers, Adelaida, Ingram Hill, Leader Dog and 4th Stone.

DJ Hooker, Hooch, Ladder 6, Something 5 and Snap 9A will

perform on Saturday. Preview shows will be aired each night on 92-J as well.

Free prizes, T-shirts and CDs will be given away at the benefit.

Lexi Skelley announced that Phi Mu will sponsor a Miss Little JSU pageant on March 16. Students interested in participating in the pageant should contact a member of Phi Mu.

Marlana Chandler announced "AOPi in the Sky," a fundraiser for the members of the organization. Students will have an opportunity to throw pies for a dollar in the face of a member of AOPi. AOPi will announce the date of this event.

Hayes announced that the spring 2002 concert is in progress featuring the country band Rascal Flatts.

Habitat for humanity is sponsoring the annual "Hoop for Habitat" fundraiser on March 12 at the Pete Mathews Coliseum. The game will feature students and faculty at JSU. Tickets will be on sale Mar. 7-11 in the TMB.

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In Our View

Are you in or are you out?

Believe it or not, Alabama's Legislature is seriously considering a bill that might be good for higher education, and good for your wallet, too.

Sen. Gerald Dial, D-Lineville, introduced a bill in January that would allow Alabama's colleges and universities to set their own levels for out-of-state tuition. A 40-year-old state law currently requires them to charge students from other states at least twice as much as in-state students. If you're a student from outside Alabama, this is probably not a surprise to you.

The law does provide an exemption for students from out-of-state counties within 50 miles of each school's campus. This has allowed students from nearby places in Georgia like Cedartown and Carrollton to attend JSU at the same price as Alabamians. And so for years there's been a strong number of students from western Georgia on our campus. They've always brought their checkbooks with them, too. Despite the fact that their parents aren't Alabama taxpayers, the University and the area benefit from the money they spend on tuition, housing, food, etc.

Dial's bill is an attempt to allow schools to attract more of these students and their dollars, boosting revenue gained from tuition.

A lot of state lawmakers, though, are strongly opposed to the bill. They think (and that is think, mind you) that out-of-state students are a drain on the budgets of our colleges and universities since their families don't pay the Alabama state taxes that supposedly support those institutions. They fear that these schools will come to the Legislature begging for more money to support these students.

If our schools got a more significant portion of their funds from the state, this might be true. As it stands, though, just about 34 percent of JSU's annual budget comes from state appropriations. The majority of funds come from federal grants and - surprise - tuition.

If more out-of-state students paying less than twice the in-state tuition were going to be a burden on college budgets, then those colleges certainly wouldn't be asking for the power to charge them less money.

On top of that, our colleges and universities are already begging the Legislature for more money. Higher education has never been funded adequately by the state, and it's that fact that's driving these schools to look for more revenue in the first place.

You'd think more legislators would jump at the chance to add a little extra money to college budgets without having to get it from the state. But apparently these legislators would rather see the state's institutions of higher learning continue to struggle with shrinking budgets. Or maybe they just don't like people who aren't from Alabama.

Either way, passage of this bill means more money for JSU, and its defeat means we'll keep on with things just as they've always been ... less and less every year. Whether you're an Alabama student who wants more money for higher education, or an out-of-state student who wants a lower bill from the bursar's office next semester, contact a local legislator and tell him you want this bill to pass.

Alabama's not-so-glorious tradition

Who says colleges and universities in Alabama have funding problems?

As long as you're the University of Alabama, and you're looking for cash for your athletic facilities, coming up with \$100 million is apparently no problem.

UA athletics director Mal Moore announced a huge improvement package for Crimson Tide athletic facilities on Monday, with the dizzying price tag of \$100 million. That bill will be split between private contributors and a bond issue, each picking up \$50 million. The bond issue will reportedly be paid back through ticket sales for new seats at the Bryant-Denny football stadium.

That's the good news. The even better news for the Tide is that they've already got \$30 million of the private donations in hand, leaving them with just \$20 million to raise. I must admit, the thought of Alabamians freely donating \$30 million to what they deem a good cause is a heartwarming notion.

However, my heart turns cold when I remember the \$160 million the state Legislature struggled to come up with in December's special session to avoid a second-



By Benjamin Cunningham
The Chanticleer Editor in Chief

straight year of proration for education in Alabama.

Gov. Don Siegelman suggested the Legislature close tax loopholes for big business to come up with the cash. Business leaders balked, and pressured legislators into killing the governor's proposal. Apparently, those business leaders weren't feeling quite as generous as the members of the Crimson Tradition Fund, the 28-member group which put up the \$30 million already pledged for UA's capital improvements.

The Legislature did find a way to come up with a lot of the \$160 million, eventually. Instead of closing tax loopholes, they decided to increase taxes paid by people who use telephones. In other words, they taxed you and me instead of lobbyist-backed big businesses. Hey, why not? I'm feeling generous. How about you?

That, in case you couldn't tell, was sarcasm.

So, what's wrong with this picture? Education needs \$160 mil-

lion just to keep out of proration, and a knock-down, drag-out political fight ensues over who's going to pick up the tab. The Crimson Tide needs \$100 million for new and improved athletic facilities and people fall all over themselves to donate.

Does it appear that there might be a priority or two out of place?

Don't get me wrong. I'm not trying to diminish the cultural importance of college sports in Alabama. I'm a strong advocate of athletics in an academic environment, just as I am of music, theatre, etc. There's as much to be learned about human nature in sports as there is in the arts.

But providing tens of millions of dollars for athletic facility improvements when the state's colleges and universities - as well as elementary, middle and high schools - are scrounging for cash to keep academic running shows exactly where the priorities of Alabama's people lie.

It's not athletics generally that are the priority either, it's specifically UA athletics, and Auburn athletics. The athletic committee of JSU's board of trustees recently recommended a bond issue of \$3 million to fund the beginnings of our own athletic facility improvements. There was no announcement of matching donations of \$3 million to go with that bond issue. And JSU's bonds will likely be repaid by increases in tuition, just as will the bonds issued to renovate the TMB, Houston Cole Library and Ayers Hall.

Until Alabama as a society recognizes the importance of funding education, you'll continue to see announcements about the millions spent on the Tide and Tigers, while at the same time reading the news about funding crises for education.

It is, after all, an Alabama tradition.



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In new Louima verdict there are no winners

By E.R. Shipp
New York Daily News (KRT)

"Chuck, we won, Chuck! You're coming home, pal," the lawyer told Charles Schwarz.

"We won!" the lawyer's assistant screamed into the phone to Schwarz's wife when his conviction and those of two other former cops were overturned Thursday.

"Congratulations!" a WNBC-TV anchor said to Schwarz's wife, Andra, and lawyer, Ronald Fischetti, in an interview Friday morning.

"We lost" is what so many people — especially black people and, among blacks, especially Haitians — are feeling since that decree from the 2nd U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals was announced in a case that will live in infamy.

It was triggered, of course, by what the court described as "the brutal assault on Abner Louima in the early hours of Aug. 9, 1997, while he was in custody at the 70th Police Precinct in Brooklyn, New York."

The critical words of the three-judge panel were these: "(W)e hold that Schwarz's convictions for the civil rights violations must be vacated and remanded for a new trial because his attorney's

unwaivable conflict of interest denied him effective assistance of counsel, and because the jury was improperly exposed to prejudicial extrinsic information during jury deliberations. We also hold that all three appellants' convictions at the second trial for conspiracy to obstruct justice must be reversed for insufficient evidence."

All that gobbledegook means is this: Schwarz, though he agreed to be represented by a lawyer whose firm represented one of his co-defendants, as well as the police officers' union, did not have the right to give up his right to have an impartial attorney.

Moreover, the jury learned from outside sources that even though one cop pleaded guilty and his lawyer was insisting that only he was involved in the assault, another cop was involved in the sexual assault of Louima in a bathroom at the 70th Precinct stationhouse.

So Schwarz, who has been in a federal prison for nearly three years, now gets a new trial. And two other cops are allowed to walk because they were charged with something that the prosecutors didn't prove.

To that, Al Sharpton, one of Louima's most public champions,

said, in so many words: Hogwash! It was "probably the most astounding reversal that any of us have seen in our lifetime."

That's an arguable point, but for now, let Sharpton have his hyperbole. Louima said it more simply: "I am very unhappy."

Winning and losing is not so easy to discern in what has been described rightly as one of the worst instances of police brutality in the nation's history. No one disputes that Justin Volpe rammed the broken broomstick up Louima's rectum while worked up about the abuse he'd taken on the street outside Club Rendez-Vous. Volpe admitted as much, in pleading guilty May 25, 1999.

The question has always been: Who was the officer who assisted Volpe in assaulting Louima?

According to the appellate court, Schwarz's lawyer, Stephen Worth, had dual loyalties — to Schwarz and to the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, which had retained him.

Schwarz could have benefited from a defense focusing on someone else as the officer who assisted Volpe in assaulting Louima. But the union, against which Louima brought a civil suit, would benefit from the jury

believing that Volpe was a nut who acted alone. Who wants a lawyer with divided loyalties?

The bottom line is that these guys — Schwarz, Thomas Wiese and Thomas Bruder — are no longer cops, and that's a good thing. They violated their oaths and, as the appellate court said, they "agreed generally to impede investigators by putting forth and corroborating a false version of what occurred."

But rather than being charged with something akin to saving their own hides, they were charged with what amounted to trying to keep the grand jury from doing its job. So let the other guys off if the prosecutors screwed up and give Schwarz his new trial. Whether he's convicted or not the next time, he has paid and will continue to pay.

He and his pals know what they did.

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Clear your closet — and your conscience — for Afghan children

By Heather Moore
For the KRT Forum

Not an animal rights activist, but still feel funny about wearing fur? Then please take those fur coats out of storage and donate them to People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals. PETA won't spray paint them for anti-fur protests as we've done to tens of thousands donated furs over the years. Instead, we'll see that they get to Afghan children without coats to keep them warm during the bitter cold winter months.

It's too late for the animals that suffered and died at the hands of the fur industry. We can't give them their coats and lives back. But we can do something to help children who cannot afford or don't have access to the many humane alternatives to fur.

With the help of the Philadelphia-based American Friends Services Committee (AFSC) the coats are being shipped to Afghanistan and distributed to children and their families.

After you've cleared your closets of furs, please vow never to buy another.

Modern technology has done nothing to end the suffering of animals killed for fur. Millions of foxes, beavers, bobcats, chinchillas, otters, coyotes, black bears, rabbits, raccoons, and other animals, are caught in steel-jaw leg-hold traps. The European Union Council reports

that 7,559,303 animals are trapped worldwide every year, 2,500,000 of them in the U.S. Leg-hold traps are so hideously cruel they have been banned in 69 countries — but not here. Not yet.

Animals on fur farms suffer an equally horrid fate. More than 27, 500,000 animals worldwide — primarily minks and foxes — are crammed into tiny wire mesh cages.

Scott Beckstead, a Waldport, Ore. attorney, and president of the Central Coast Humane Society, recently wrote of "pelting season" on his grandfather's mink farm, for Oregonian readers. Beckstead vividly recalled how the other minks reacted to the cries of their dying mates: "By the hundreds they bobbed and paced frantically inside their tiny pens. One mink, a beautiful smoky gray female, died as she was pulled from her pen ... I always believed she knew what was happening around her and what was about to happen to her. I believe she died from sheer terror."

You'll be in good company after you donate those skins. Despite the usual spate of furs on runways during Fashion Week each year, the fur industry is dying. Last month, the New York Times reported: "As of last year, the city had only 81 fur companies employing 450 workers, according to the State Department of Labor, down from about 450 companies and 2,254 workers in 1987."

Even the fur industry trade journal The Trapper & Predator Caller recently admitted that the fur industry is in a downward spiral. "Decades-old fur industry directories reveal that in 1972, there were 797 established fur garment makers in the United States, most located in New York. Twenty years later, in 1992, the number dwindled to only 211. Today, numbers of garment makers are rapidly decreasing as older skilled craftsmen retire. Few young people are interested in devoting the years of apprenticeship necessary to master a craft with an obviously diminishing consumer base."

So dump your furs where they'll do some good, and dress with fashion and compassion in mind.

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IN YOUR VIEW

"Are you going to vote in the SGA elections this week?"

--Compiled by
Andrea Brown



Kelly Nye
Sophomore
Exercise Science

"No, because I don't have a clue who is running."



Axel Borrero
Freshman
Secondary Ed.

"Yes, I plan on voting for the people who gave me candy because I don't know anyone else who is running."



Amy Hulsey
Freshman
Music

"I probably will because the people I will vote for are trustworthy."



Roxanne Boressette
Freshman
Exercise Science

"Yes, so my opinion will be heard."



Wes Rodick
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Burly beauty takes the crown



Sam Cordts, also known as Menaz A. Twa, takes the crown at Alpha Xi Delta's "Miss Bachelor Beauty" pageant this past Thursday night at the Leone Cole Auditorium.

Two-day concert to benefit 92-J

By Abbey Herrin
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Call the folks and tell them you won't be seeing them this weekend because the 92-J Benefit is going on at Brother's Bar.

The concept of the 92-J Benefit was first developed last fall by Something 5, a band very familiar to the Jacksonville music circuit, according to Jordan Brewer, program director at the station. The band wanted to give something back for all the exposure 92-J has given to local music.

Dan Nolen, owner of Brother's, and Beau Nolen, manager of Brother's, took matters into their own hands and decided to make the next benefit a weekend event featuring several bands. Last semester seven bands played and the turnout was so impressive that the Nolens decided to do it every semester, said Brewer.

The fall benefit raised over \$700 to go toward promotional items for the station and an additional \$150 for the American Red Cross,

Brewer said, in honor of Sept. 11.

This semester's benefit will feature 10 bands.

On Friday night, the Young

Adelayda, a band out of Birmingham, will be playing. Adelayda has been getting some serious attention as of late and their album has been played on 107.7 "The X," Brewer said.

Also playing that night is Leader Dog, a band who has never played at Brother's, and Ingram Hill, whose new album was partially produced by the lead singer of Tonic, said Brewer.

Brother's regulars 4th Stone will be performing as well with a mix of innovative originals and catchy covers such as The Who's "Baba O' Reilly."

Saturday night, the partiers will get warmed up courtesy of DJ Hooker, who will be spinning mad beats for the crowd. Ladder 6 and Hooch will also perform Saturday night.

The final bands will be two who have graced the stage of Brother's numerous times, Snap 9A and

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92-J Benefit Lineup

Friday
Young Geezers
Adelayda
Ingram Hill
Leader Dog
4th Stone

Saturday
DJ Hooker
Hooch
Ladder 6
Something 5
Snap 9A

Geezers will open. The Young Geezers recently filled up an Anniston bar, The Peerless Saloon, like a tight sardine can.

First cloned house pet ushers in a new world

By Stephen Lynch
The Orange County Register

It was the "meow" that shook the world. CC, the first cloned house pet, was unveiled three weeks ago by Texas A&M University researchers. The product of the genetic material from one adult cat, little "CopyCat" has stirred hope among some pet lovers and repulsion among others.

Commercial pet cloning still has a long way to go. The process that created CC took months and many failed attempts. And dogs, which are able to reproduce only twice a year, will be more difficult, says Richard Denniston, co-founder of Lazon BioTechnologies, a private company that hopes to clone domestic animals.

But with pet cloning seemingly a matter of when and not if, clones will no longer be cloistered on farms or laboratories — they will be in our living rooms.

Does that make man's best

friend eternal, or is curiosity dangerous to the cat, and us? It's a hazy line. Even those who shudder at the prospect of human cloning pause when it comes to Fluffy. And the benefits of animal cloning, both for disease research and training, may outweigh reluctance.

Here's what some researchers and pet owners had to say: Lazon has collected hundreds of skin biopsies from pets, which they have frozen and stored for a day when they can be cloned. Denniston's spiel to clients has changed only slightly since CC's birth.

"I used to say we don't know if a pet will be cloned," he said. "But I still say there's a lot of work left to be done."

It took dozens of embryos to create CC, and cloning needs a higher success rate to be viable, Denniston said. But the benefits could be worth it, for companionship and study. The researchers at A&M first tried to clone the cat in hopes of

studying feline AIDS, for instance.

For pets, though, Denniston is cautious about the chances of teaching new dogs old tricks.

"We have five genetically identical cloned goats," he said. "The first one got a lot of attention, but by the time the last one was born, two months later, they were old news."

Now, when a human enters a pasture, "the first goat runs up to any person. The fifth one just eats."

The lesson is that genetics, while critical, aren't everything. By appearance, the pet will look exactly the same (except in the case of calico cats, which, through a genetic anomaly, can have different coloring when cloned). But when it comes to personality, people shouldn't expect to get their old companion back, Denniston says, only an approximation.

Every year, 8 to 12 million

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SGA rolls the dice on 9th annual Casino Night

By Danni Lusk
The Chanticleer Features Editor

"Do you feel lucky?" If so, get your poker face ready for the one-armed bandits at this year's SGA Casino Night tonight.

For \$5, students will receive a souvenir cup filled with gambling chips to play the number of games at Casino Night, according to SGA Director of Publicity Robert Hayes. Some JSU faculty and staff members will be dealers and hosts of the games which include blackjack, craps, roulette and the money wheel. The ever-popular slot machines will also be there. Students may purchase more chips in addition to the souvenir cup of chips they receive when they pay admission.

Faculty and staff members Dr. Teresa Reed from the English department, David Ziegler of multicultural services, Connie Edge of the Alumni House, Dr. Steven Whitton from the English depart-

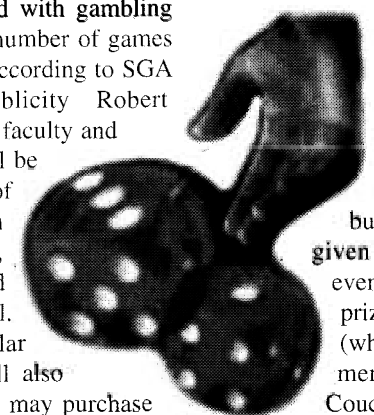
ment and Mike LaPlante, JSU's mens' basketball coach will be among the games' hosts.

Casino night is the biggest fundraiser of the year for the SGA, according to SGA 2nd Vice President Joy Boyd. The event usually draws around 200 people, she said. "They come and go, but we usually have around 200 all together."

Door prizes donated by local businesses will be given throughout the evening. "The biggest prize that we have is a (white gold) engagement ring from Couch's Jewelers," said Boyd. Other prizes are Chick-fil-A coupons and free movie rentals.

Refreshment will also be served and T-shirts will be sold for \$7.

So if "you feel lucky," join the other gamblers on Mar. 7 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Leone Cole Auditorium.



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Something 5, Brewer said.

In addition, 92-J will broadcast interviews with the bands prior to each night's performances. The bands playing the benefit will be put into rotation on 92-J for the next few months as well because "it's not just to promote the radio station, but to open eyes to local music," Brewer said.

Brother's will provide the bands with gas money and free "adult beverages" to compensate for their services. "Everybody is a winner at the 92-J Benefit," Brewer said.

92-J will have a table set up on both nights to give away such coveted merchandise as T-shirts, stickers and CDs to those who come out and support the cause, said Brewer.

Cover will be \$4.92 for those who are 21 and up and \$6.92 for 18 and up each night.

Brewer encouraged everyone to come out to Brother's Bar and support the local talent and their local radio station this weekend. "92-J and Brother's together makes a hell of a party," he said.

"Pearl Harbor" bombs out on the big screen with mushy love scenes

Review by Abbey Herrin
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Ben Affleck, Alec Baldwin, a \$145 million budget and lots of explosives: "Pearl Harbor" has the word blockbuster written all over it from the get-go.

Directed by Michael Bay, who also did "Armageddon" and "Bad Boys," it is a given that the movie will be action-packed just by watching previews. However, the movie tries to cram in way too many plots, subplots and storylines into this three-hour epic. The result is an entirely too long mish-mash of real and fictional events.

"Pearl Harbor" allegedly depicts the "date that will live in infamy" when the United States base in Hawaii was attacked by the Japanese, subsequently influencing America to enter World War II. However, the movie lacks historical accuracy in its attempt to entertain and please the masses.

The whole beginning of the movie focuses on building a strong friendship between Rafe McCawley (Ben Affleck) and Danny Walker, played by Josh Hartnett. The boys bond on the farm as kids and grow up to be

great patriots. Rafe signs up for the British Air Force and takes off, leaving Danny behind along with Evelyn (Kate Beckinsale), the love of Rafe's life. When Rafe comes up missing, Danny and Evelyn turn to each other for comfort and hook up within a very short time period. Rafe returns and damn it, his girlfriend is boinking his best pal.

As interesting a scenario as this may seem, it has nothing to do with the events that actually led up to the attack on Pearl Harbor. The characters are fictitious, and the love story is unfitting and unnecessary.

Other characters' stories are featured as well, some that were actually real people. Cuba Gooding, Jr. plays Dorie Miller, a sailor who was very heroic during the attack. Alec Baldwin plays Col. Jimmy Doolittle, another war hero. The parts that include these characters



Courtesy Touchstone
Ben Affleck and Kate Beckinsale heat up the screen in the not-so-historically-correct "Pearl Harbor."

are realistic and actually based on events pertinent to the attack.

The movie dishes up plenty of wide-scale explosion scenes, sure to please any "Die Hard" fan. However, some of the events that take place during this extremely long movie seem very contrived and are not even based on real historical fact. For example, in an attempt to convince his Cabinet, President Franklin Roosevelt (Jon Voight) rises to his feet exclaiming, "Don't tell me it can't be done!" Although this stirring scene may heighten one's sense of national pride, it never actually happened.

The casting for "Pearl Harbor" is very impressive; however, there are

simply way too many stars and too much going on in each character's life to really focus on what the movie is supposed to focus on — the attack at Pearl Harbor.

Just the same, Gooding, Jr. is awesome in this film, so is Baldwin. Hartnett should not have been cast in his role; he still belongs in the teen-movie genre. Affleck is usually great in movies but the love-story plot that he is absorbed in is so lame that one cannot help but be disgusted; the writers are to blame for that. Dan Akroyd is great as well in his role as Captain Thurman.

Even though "Pearl Harbor" is a high-budget blockbuster full of stars and bombs, it still fails to convey the real sentiment behind the tragedy. Rather, it focuses on the namby-pamby love story of people who did not even exist and puts the real characters on the backburner.

For those seeking entertainment that happen to have three hours to spare, "Pearl Harbor" may be the way to go. For those seeking some historical accuracy, watch The Learning Channel or go to the library, because you won't find it in this movie.

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Pet cloning: from page 11

dogs and cats are, relinquished to shelters. Of that, 2 to 3 million dogs and 3 to 4 million cats are euthanized. The argument of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals — and many shelters — is one of numbers. Why clone a pet when so many others are available?

"We've got enough here," said Helen Sanders, a volunteer at the Seal Beach Animal Care Center in Southern California. "For someone who was thinking of cloning, I'd say, 'Go rescue an animal.'"

Kay Morefield, another volunteer, said forming new relationships can be as rewarding as trying to re-create an old one. "I have five dogs, and I wouldn't clone them," she said. "I'd rather start over."

As for the arguments of nature vs. nurture, Morefield believed that "85 percent of dogs can be trained" and that genetics don't play as important a role.

Training means a lot for a dog destined to sniff out bombs or drugs. But it isn't everything. In

fact, it isn't even most of it, said Caroline Haldeman, training director for the Orange County (Calif.) Working Dog Association. "Eighty percent is genetics; the rest is proper training," she said. "You can train a dog whose genetics aren't so good, but it's much harder."

It is with this in mind that Haldeman, somewhat reluctantly, is a proponent of animal cloning. A good healthy dog is just too hard to find — too often, trainers find out too late that a dog has a physical problem. With genetic assurances, dogs can be trained from an earlier age, with better results, Haldeman said.

"You never know in breeding what you're going to get," she said. "It's a pretty touchy subject, but this would be such a benefit that I don't think it's a big deal."

Since Sept. 11, "We can't even keep up" with the demand for police dogs, Haldeman added. "There are so few perfect dogs out there. When you find a dog that has it all, you just want to hold on to him."

Alanis Morissette**Under Rug Swept**

★★★ 1/2

Review by Eric Johnson
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

In today's teen-pop, TRL-dominated world of music, it's very rare that an artist actually writes and produces an entire album, but for Alanis Morissette, it seemed like the only natural way for her to evolve as an artist.

Collaborating with producer Glen Ballard on her previous studio albums, Morissette sold more than 16 million records and won seven Grammy Awards. Cutting those ties and venturing out on her own would otherwise be a risky move, but she has pulled it off nicely in her follow-up to her 1999 "MTV Unplugged" album.

Most of the songs on "Under Rug Swept" were written on guitar, which is very evident on many of the album's tracks. The



Courtesy Maverick

most notable is the first song on the album, "21 Things I Want In A Lover," where Alanis lays out a laundry list of qualities she prefers, but not necessarily needs, in a lover. Dean DeLeo of Stone Temple Pilots guests as lead guitarist on the song, which helps to add more of a rock edge to the song.

Bassist Flea from the Red Hot Chili Peppers also guests on the album, as does Meshell Ndegeocello on the track "So Unsexy," which explains Morissette's own self-affirmation in a relationship.

"Under Rug Swept" does have its softer moments, though, with the acoustic ballad "Flinch," which tells the story of how hard

it's been to get over a past boyfriend, even though it's been more than 10 years. The deeply personal lyrics make it something that anyone can relate to when she sings, "How long can a girl be tortured by you?"

Morissette showcases more of her talents on "That Particular Time." She plays piano over a muffled drum loop, which adds the perfect tone to showcase her voice's range.

The album, which begins on a high note, ends on a subtle and beautiful one with "Utopia." It was originally released on her Web site as a tribute of sorts to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. In it she explains her idea of how we could achieve a perfect world if we actually wanted it. She sings, "The is my ideal / my end in sight / My nirvana / my ultimate."

This album should not be compared to Morissette's previous efforts, because it more than sets itself apart from them, and completely shows how she's grown since "Jagged Little Pill" and "Supposed Former Infatuation Junkie."

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Sub.bionic

You I Lov///

★★★ 1/2

Review by Judah Baker
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

"Another glass of rhythm to warm it up" reverberates off lullaby-like guitar riffs in Sub.bionic's "Hush." It's one of the many hypnotizing and entrancing tracks from Jimmy Tuckett and Jimmy Paxson's new album, "You I Lov///." Sub.bionic by definition is below or under superhuman; however, this duo is anything but average.

If you find yourself questioning the legitimacy of some of the Billboard Chart toppers then this CD should be a welcomed addition to your musical library. While pre-fabricated heavy metal and bubble-gum pop seem to be the latest trend, Sub.bionic has gone against the grain and developed an album that will keep the wheels of wonderment turning.

In their music you hear the "good time vibe" that Robert Smith and The Cure provide, and you get the feeling they have admired Thom Yorke of Radiohead from afar for quite some time. Jimmy Tuckett's voice entices memories of Jeff Buckley, Tori Amos, and yes, Joni Mitchell. The melodic guitars and abstract accompaniments provide just enough diversity to will your curiosity towards the next track.

In "Plum," there is a driving acoustic guitar riff and natural harmonies that are reminiscent of the fab four and would get the most stoic toe tapping. This promising track carries with it a poetic verse that repeats "hope is not erased. ..." It voices the feelings we as humans have all shared in: The quest for a golden mean. Musical tracers and ambient rhythms send emotions whirling through other lullabies such as "Hush" and "Heart Attack." Through the use of diminished and minor chords the sounds emitted from the speakers carry a David Byrne or Trent Reznor-like haunting.

I found myself floored by two tracks in particular though. "God in Neutral" and "Nuclear Bomb Parade" sold me on this album faster than Robert Johnson ran to meet the devil at the crossroads.

"God in Neutral" demonstrates the impeccable vocal control of Jimmy Tuckett. His range pings from one end of the spectrum to the other, never slowing or showing weakness as he tiptoes into his falsetto range. As the song goes on, this soothing voice shows the talent and heart that feeds Tuckett's solo-sounding duet. Joni Mitchell and Tori Amos come to mind as he confidently wails in



Courtesy Warner Brothers

an almost soprano voice then drops back down to answer with a supple baritone.

"Nuclear Bomb Parade," the final album track, provides an exit that puts the perfect finishing touches on the Sub.bionic experience. Full of surprise, it begins with a Jon Bonham like drumbeat that is followed by a guitar lick strong enough to straighten any mother's aqua-net curls. Echoes of Trent Reznor's Nine Inch Nails leap from note to note as the song compels you to turn it up and step on the gas.

There is no doubt in my mind that Jimmy Paxson and Jimmy Tuckett's lovechild, Sub.bionic, will make its way into the mass public's ears in no time.

With this album, Sub.bionic has staked its claim and is pressing forward in full stride. The talents held by this duo shall soon reward them well.

Don't let quality music like this get thrown to the wayside. Take the time to listen to Sub.bionic's "You I Love" and leave the bubble gum to the children.

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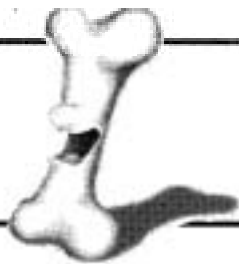
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- 2.) How much does the average adult eyeball weigh?
- 3.) What color is an airplane's black box?
- 4.) What were thermometers filled with before mercury?
- 5.) Which fingernail grows the slowest?
- 6.) What famous king's wife had six fingers and three breasts?
- 7.) How many seats are on a standard 747 Jumbo Jet?
- 8.) What is the strongest muscle in the body?
- 9.) What famous military conqueror suffered from a fear of cats?
- 10.) What candy is made by boiling together brown sugar, butter and vinegar?

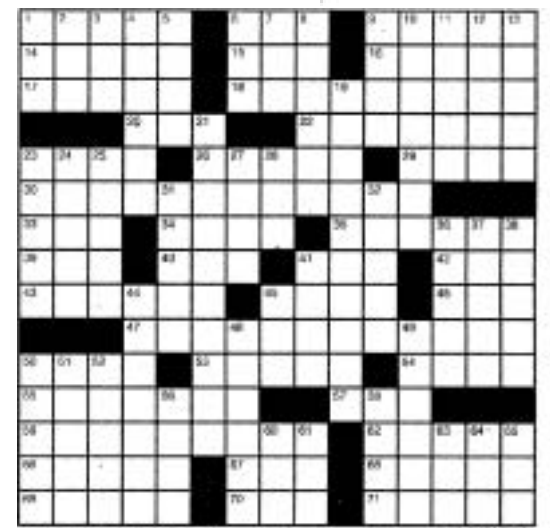
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- 2.) one ounce
- 3.) orange
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- 5.) thumbnail
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- 7.) 420
- 8.) tongue
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 - 23 Little snakes
 - 26 Rescuer
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 - 33 Chasing game
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 - 71 Medicate
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HOROSCOPES

By Lasha Seniuk
Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service
March 4-10, 2002

Aries (March 21-April 20). Recent flirtations become serious. Many Aries natives will experience an intensive phase of passion and renewed sensuality. Solid commitments will be a continuing theme. Use this time to resolve vague promises or romantic mistrust. After Friday, new proposals and invitations are also accented. Watch for potential lovers to be openly affectionate and strongly motivated. Emotions are high; watch for fast progress in all key relationships.

Taurus (April 21-May 20). Written agreements and short-term contracts will work strongly in your favor. Before midweek, expect partners or work officials to present new proposals or shared group activities. Workplace advances, newly learned skills and rare permissions are accented. Respond quickly to all new assignments. After Friday, watch also for a close friend or lover to establish new emotional rules or limits. Daily routines and social triangles may be key issues.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Long-term relationships will develop a sensual and socially demanding quality. Over the next few days, watch for a steady increase in romantic overtures and emotional

ultimatums. All looks positive, so not to worry. Do, however, expect loved ones to expect your loyalty and undivided attention. Later this week, the business news is good; financial agreements or work contracts may soon require active negotiations. Stay alert. Small details will prove vital in the coming weeks.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Home or family relations will be the source of much strength. Before Friday, expect loved ones to propose new daily routines and shared duties. Someone close may help resolve recent triangles or strained relations. Emotional balance, family schedules or ongoing stress may be key issues. After Friday, watch also for new travel plans or fast social invitations. Loved ones will offer solid promises and a fresh attitude. Remain open to rare compliments.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Business messages will increase. After a long phase of mistakes or vague information, expect colleagues to publicly clarify their positions and intentions. Many Leos will start new assignments or enter into brief financial negotiations. After Tuesday, watch also for loved ones to demand added attention. Open discussions, social acceptance and public displays of affection may all be accented.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Recent

disagreements may strain a key relationship. Monday through Thursday, watch for quickly revised home routines or subtle power struggles between friends and lovers. Clarity, renewed confidence and a fear of abandonment may be strong concerns. Loved ones may need extra time to adjust to recent changes. Encourage others to openly explore their feelings. After Thursday, avoid excess spending; short-term limits may be necessary.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Revised agreements are rewarding. Over the next nine days, expect officials to offer a unique approach to outdated methods. Daily routines will soon require improvement. Watch for educational funding and newly developed skills to be strong influences. Late Friday, rare romantic overtures may be unnerving. Someone close may wish to explore a new level of commitment. Go slow. Deep passions and previously hidden sentiments are involved.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Yesterday's wisdom will provide renewed self-esteem. Many Scorpios may realize that their past judgment was accurate, insightful and timely. Over the next few days, expect rare power struggles between friends. Public displays of loyalty or newly revealed social triangles may cause deep concerns. Remain philosophical, however. By early next week, loved ones will

reclaim their balance.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Social demands are high. Before Friday, expect long-term friends or lovers to express a need for affection, shared ideas or group involvement. Over the next few days, many Sagittarians will experience vital changes in their social and romantic lives. Watch for loved ones to express anger, isolation or mistrust. Strong emotions are necessary to ensure genuine intimacy and long-term security. Find useful ways to challenge unproductive habits or patterns.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20). Verbal agreements may require special attention. Remain alert to rare power struggles or unusually optimistic promises. For colleagues and work partners, job title may be more important than previously expected. Watch for bothersome social disputes and minor jealousies. After Tuesday, a close friend or relative may express a powerful need for social change. Loved ones may be restless; travel plans, hobbies and new forms of entertainment are highlighted.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19). Close friendships and long-term love affairs may experience intense negotiations. All is well but do expect loved ones to clearly state their lifestyle goals and social expectations. After Thursday, a financial or business proposal may

arrive. Corporate funding, loans and revised partnerships are accented. Time allotments may, however, be misleading. Remain flexible.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20). New social connections, increased sensuality and unique travel plans may be on the agenda. For many Pisceans, a draining period of inner contemplation or emotional reflection will fade. Expect loved ones to restate their desires, attractions or loyalties. After Thursday, minor business contracts may provide vague promises or overly optimistic rewards. Watch for more detailed and accurate information.

If your birthday is this week . . Physical energy, health and vitality will greatly increase over the next five to six months. Areas strongly affected may be liver, kidneys, blood ailments or glandular disorders. Watch for a rare wave of social appreciation and sensuality to soon end an almost two-year period of listlessness, body strain and emotional withdrawal. New relationships will likely bring a powerful understanding of passion, life purpose and romantic fulfillment this year. Expect social mistrust and compelling memories to fade.

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SPORTS

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JSU beats Troy State, falls to FAU in tourney

By Anthony Hill

The Chanticleer Sports Editor

Well, the Gamecocks didn't win the conference tournament, but they caused a shake-up in the seedings when they beat the second seeded team, Troy State 69-62 in the opening round.

After all, Jax State was projected to finish last in the preseason conference poll. The Gamecocks were waxed by the Trojans in the other two meetings this season. So, the



The Anniston Star/Trent Penny
Head basketball coach Mike LaPlante during a game earlier this season.

seven-point victory gave them some much-needed confidence.

The win was also the Gamecocks' first-ever postseason victory since moving up to Division I. Jax State also ended a three-game losing streak to the Trojans and improved its record to 4-1 against Troy State in the postseason.

"We didn't change our game plan on how we wanted to play them, in fact, we had a couple of things in our bag of tricks that we never had to use," head coach Mike LaPlante said. "I thought we played with a lot of energy. We came right out of the gate as the more aggressive team."

The Gamecocks jumped out to a 7-0 lead over the first three minutes of the game after Omar Barlett got hot from the field. Barlett was troubled with early fouls, so he had limited playing time in the opening half. He finished the half with 11 points and finished the game with 19.

The Trojans mounted a comeback and took their first lead after Robert Rushing hit a jumper with 11:44 remaining in the opening half. Troy State held a 13-12 lead until the Gamecocks went on a 10-2 run over the final five minutes to take a 30-29 lead at halftime.

"We came in at halftime ahead by one," LaPlante said. "I said, 'The first 20 minutes are gone. You've got 20 minutes left in your season. Decide how you want it to end. If you don't want in to end today, do something to not let it end.'"

The Gamecocks did just that.

In the final half of play, JSU had its best shooting half of the season, hitting 68.8 percent from the floor.

Jax State was shooting very well, but the Trojans still managed to tie the game at 38 three minutes into the final half of the game. But, the Gamecocks wouldn't let TSU get the lead.

Poonie Richardson and Jay Heard hit back-to-back 3-pointers, followed by a free throw by Barlett increased the Gamecock lead to 45-38 at the 14:34 mark. TSU narrowed the lead to three points with only 2:24 left in the game, but JSU sealed the deal from the free-throw line. The Gamecocks went 10-for-12 from the charity strike over the final :56 of the game.

Barlett and Heard led the Gamecocks with 19 points each. Richardson finished with 16 points, while Josh "Sleepy" Perry contributed with 13.

Lamayn Wilson led Troy State with 20 points, followed by Donnie Pemberton's 14 and Rushing added 11 points.

"Now, I guess there's a sense of urgency," said Heard. "It's do or die. You lose, you go home."

Well, the Gamecocks played hard, but they once again let Earnest Crumbley come off the bench to beat them. The Owls claimed a 55-47 victory over JSU in the second round of the tournament last Friday.

"This was just a hard fought game," LaPlante said. "You have to give credit to Florida Atlantic. They came away with the win tonight."

JSU shot a dismal 32.7 percent from the floor and committed 21 turnovers. FAU didn't shoot much better though. The Owls shot 33 percent for the game and 22 percent in the second half.

"You could equate it to a baseball game where two pitchers are going at each other, throwing a one-hitter and a no-hitter," LaPlante said. "If that's ugly baseball, then that's what the game is. It was a beautiful game by both teams defensively, if you want to look at it in that way."

In the first half, Jax State scored a season-low 18 points and committed 14 turnovers as FAU built a 27-18 lead at halftime. The Gamecocks only hit eight shots in the first half.

The Gamecocks didn't seem to ever take control in the opening half. They trailed by 10 points in the second half.

But, Richardson gave the Gamecocks their first lead after he connected on a four-point play with 11:08 to play. Crumbley got the lead back for FAU after he hit six-straight points to put the Owls ahead 38-34.

Heard hit a 3-pointer with 6:56 left in the game to put JSU ahead 40-38. The game continued to go back and forth for the next three minutes. Emerson "Downtown" Brown tied the game at 44 after he hit 3-pointer with 3:36 remaining.

Florida Atlantic took the lead for good after Andre Garner scored on a tip-in with 3:14 left in the contest. FAU went 6-for-7 from the free throw line in the final minutes to seal the win.

The Gamecocks were led by Heard's 11 points and nine rebounds. Barlett finished with nine points and 11 rebounds, while Richardson and Brown contributed with only eight points

Gamecocks open outdoor track and field season in Jacksonville

From Staff Reports

The Jax State track and field squad got an opportunity to strut its stuff last weekend when it competed in its first outdoor meet of the year. The Gamecocks competed in a variety of events in both men and women's categories.

In the women's 200-meter dash, Johnnet Roby finished 14th out of 31 runners with a time of 26.33 seconds. Teammates Princess Thomas, Anna Armstrong and Eysha Ambler were also in the event. Thomas had a time of 27.30, ranking 24th overall. Armstrong came in 26th with a time of 27.71 seconds. Ambler finished 29th with a time of 27.95.

The lone Gamecock in the women's 400-meter dash Eboni Matthews finished 10th out of 28 runners with a time of 58.10 seconds.

In the women's 800-meter run, Aimee Pizzo finished 26th out of 38 runners with a time of 2:35.86. Rachel Doak came in 32nd with a time of 2:48.38 and Traci Reid finished with a time of 2:54.14 in 35th.

Two Gamecocks competed in the women's 5000-meter run. Addie Ferguson finished 17th with a time of 21:41.25. Regina Davis finished 19th with a time of 24:56.97.

In the high jump category, Ambler finished in a tie for 13th position with a jump of 1.47 meters. Pizzo finished tied for 17th with a jump of 1.42 meters.

Armstrong also competed in the long jump category and came in 10th out of 24 jumpers. She recorded a jump of 5.10 meters.

In the shot put, LaChandra Bartholomew recorded a throw of 9.36 meters, good enough for a 15th place finish out of 27 athletes competing. She also competed in the discus throw, recording a throw of 25.52 meters and a 19th place finish out of 25 athletes.

The men competed in two categories, the 1500-meter run and the 5000-meter run. In the 1500-meter, Sam Cordts finished with a time of 5:40.37 in 19th place and Ronnie Laguerre finished 11th out of 22 runners in the 5000-meter with a time of 17:02.

The Gamecocks next outdoor meet is on Saturday at Samford University.

Gamecock softball sweeps UAB in double-header

By Anthony Hill

The Chanticleer Sports Editor

After winning the Georgia Southern Tournament last weekend, the Gamecocks (11-3) entertained the home crowd with a sweep over the University of Alabama-Birmingham Blazers (11-7).

Jax State beat UAB, 3-1 and 7-3 in a double-header at University Field on Tuesday evening.

Junior pitcher Veronica Davis put on a show, while recording wins in both games. Davis pitched a combined total of nine innings and recorded 17 strikeouts to lead the Gamecocks past UAB.

To begin the game Jax State struck

first in the second inning when Allie Simons laced a double between two Blazer outfielders to score Andrea Tomey and Jessica Ford.

Jax State added to its lead when Renee Hasan slapped a double to center field to bring home "Breezy" Oleman in the bottom of the fourth to make the score 3-0.

The Blazers didn't take a loss without a fight. Cliffanie Engram recorded an RBI when she knocked a double into center to bring home Candice Hithe in the sixth inning. The score made it 3-1.

That's as close as Davis and the Gamecocks allowed UAB to get. She struck out the next four batters

to seal the win for JSU

As the second game approached, so did the cold Jacksonville breeze. The Gamecocks beat the Blazers 7-3, but not without a mid-game scare.

UAB scored three-unanswered points in the third inning to come to within two points of the Gamecocks, 5-3. The Blazers began the comeback with a home-run by Engram at the top of the inning to make it 4-1. UAB followed the homerun with a single by Aimee Vaughn. Kai Paul recorded an RBI after she slapped a double



The Anniston Star/Trent Penny
Sophomore shortstop Rachel Countryman fields a grounder at Tuesday's game.

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Gamecocks beat FAU, fall to Central Florida to finish season

By Jay Pace
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

The Jax State women's basketball team finished the season with a win against Florida Atlantic and a loss against Central Florida.

The Gamecocks' tournament hopes were dashed a week ago, but they still managed to dig deep enough to knock off FAU, the third seeded team in the conference, 93-91 last Thursday.

Shanika Freeman, who missed two free throws with 2.4 seconds remaining in regulation, redeemed herself when she hit a jumper as time expired in overtime to secure the victory for the Gamecocks.

"I had to redeem myself after I missed those two free throws," said Freeman. "I thought that was our chance. I was so upset but I was real happy when I hit the shot."

"I tell my players that at one point in their career they're going to be on the free-throw line with an

opportunity to win," said head coach Dana Austin. "Tonight was Nip's (Shanika) night to win."

After jumping out to an early lead, poor shooting and fouls plagued the Gamecocks for most of the first half and they trailed 37-29 at halftime.

Amanda Tyus, who finished with 18 points of her own, tied the game at 50 with 14:31 left when she nailed one of her four 3-pointers. Tyus hit another 3-pointer with 3:24 remaining to give JSU its largest lead of the game at 76-70.

"That's my job," said Tyus. "Tonight's just about pride and we just wanted to knock somebody out since we can't get there (the tournament)."

FAU came back and outscored the Gamecocks 10-4, tying the game at 80 at the end of regulation. The game was Jax State's third overtime game of the season. They haven't won one this season.

The Gamecocks frustrated the Owls with a high-pressured trapping defense and forced several

FAU turnovers late in the contest. The Gamecocks continued to pound the Owls in the paint with Freeman, who finished with 24 points.

"I would have never thought if they would score 90 points that we'd have a chance to win," said Austin.

"Fred" Embry also contributed with 21 points and a team-high nine rebounds.

FAU had five players score in double-figures. Tamica Pierce led the Owls with 23 points and 11 rebounds.

The Gamecocks concluded the regular season with a game against Central Florida at Pete Mathews Coliseum last Saturday.

Freeman and Embry put in another great performance on the



The Anniston Star/Steve Gross
Gamecock guard McKell Copeland drives the ball past a UCF player during a 72-62 loss at "The Pete" last Saturday.

court, but it wasn't enough to get by the Golden Knights, who won 72-62 to end the season with an 8-19 record.

The Gamecocks trailed by as many as 14 points in the opening half, but cut the deficit to five early in the second half after Freeman hit two free throws with 17:24 left to play. JSU couldn't get any closer.

"That was tough," said Austin. "The biggest difference I saw was us not making shots. We could never get our press going and then at the end of the game they just dribbled right through it. I thought we started attacking the basket the last 10 minutes of the game, but that was something we needed to do the entire game."

Central Florida's Lanetra Cook was unstoppable from the 3-point line. She hit eight 3-pointers and finished the game with a game-high 28 points. Five of her 3-pointers came in the final half of the game.

Freeman and Embry led the Gamecocks with 23 points each.

Erin Page finished with 13 points and Ali Roberts contributed with 10 points and 10 rebounds for the Golden Knights.

"The seniors we're losing are players that coaches love," said Austin. "We knew they were going to bring a work ethic. We knew they were going to bring desire, dedication and loyalty."

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One on one with "Thrill:" Jim Case

By Anthony "Thrill" Hill
The Chanticleer Sports Editor



Head baseball coach Jim Case

Head baseball coach **Jim Case** enters his first year at JSU with a lot of hopes and ideas for the future. After all, he's been waiting for this opportunity for a long time. He has over 1,000 games under his belt at the collegiate level and a wealth of experience.

The area isn't new to him either. He attended Ensley High School as a youth and coached at UAB and Mississippi State.

It's difficult to replace anybody, especially if that person is the winningest coach in Alabama sports history (Rudy Abbott). Coach Case doesn't see it as a challenge, but an honor and that's what he coaches with — honor.

The Gamecocks look to be on the road to a successful season, and they're in good hands as long as Case is at the wheel.

Thrill: How are you, coach Case?

Jim: I'm doing great.

Thrill: Good. Now what went through your mind when you found out about the players who raced down a robber in Florida?

Jim: You know, I was really proud of them, especially when I first heard about it. It had been a terrible two days. I had been in the motel, just watching it rain. We basically just went to go eat and come back. There was nothing we could do baseball-wise. It was all over by the time I had found out about it. I was really proud of them because I felt like they heard somebody in need and then they responded. If it were my wife, if it was my mother, I'd be glad somebody helped.

Thrill: You coached against Mississippi State over the weekend for the first time since becoming head coach here. What were your feelings and emotions like before that game?

Jim: Before the game I didn't have a lot of emotions. I was more worried about whether or not we were prepared. I wanted us to do well. During the game it wasn't so bad because I wanted OUR guys to do good. When the game was over that's when the tough time came for me. I was disappointed that we didn't play better. I have to admit there was a part of me that was proud of what we had put together THERE. Almost every kid there, I had recruited. I think they're a special group that's going to have a good year.

Thrill: Now coach, we play a tough schedule this season. Our conference games are even tougher than most teams. Who was it, JU

who beat Florida State about two weeks ago?

Jim: Right.

Thrill: How confident are you that we'll have a successful season?

Jim: Well, I'm very confident. I think that the toughest part of our schedule is definitely early. Any team in the country would have a hard time playing our schedule. Going to Ole Miss for three games, then going to Stetson and then going to Mississippi State. That's almost an unrealistic thing to put your team through. We'll go through some hard times, but if we keep our heads up and keep working hard I think something good will happen with this team.

Thrill: Do you feel any pressure to be successful early? I know that you were in a similar situation at MSU, but this time you're stepping in as head coach.

Jim: No, I don't think that I feel pressured. Certainly, I want to win. I guess there's always a certain pressure that comes with a job like this, but I don't look at it as much as pressure as I do an opportunity.

Thrill: What are some of your main goals as head baseball coach?

Jim: Well, that's a great question and I don't get asked that as often as you might think. I want to take this program to the level it once was. Roughly 10 years ago this was one of the best programs in this state. It might've been the best program in the state. I know when I was at UAB and we played Jacksonville State, they were a team you really didn't want to play. They really got after you. Of course, they've won a couple of national championships at the Division II level. I would like to think that within four-years time, our program could be one of the top programs in this state. I think this is a well-kept secret. It's a place where professors care about the students and that's important.

Thrill: Being from Birmingham, you probably knew how rich the baseball tradition was here at JSU. Did that play a part in you wanting to become the coach here?

Jim: It played a huge part. I'm one of those people that feels that tradition is important. I just came from a school where the baseball tradition

is really unbelievable in that state. Kids grow up in that state, wanting to play baseball at Mississippi State. The tradition is in place.

Thrill: What is the most impressive element of the JSU baseball team?

Jim: Well, this year's team certainly has some leadership from the upper class. Whenever there's change there's people that really like it and don't really like it. This group of seniors made it easy on us because they bought into the system we were trying to put in. From the baseball standpoint, our strengths would probably be the depth on our pitching staff.

Thrill: I've noticed that the team has been hitting the ball a lot better this season. What do you think the reason is for that?

Jim: I think it's two things. They've worked really hard on it



Coaches Gillispie (l) and Ishee.

and our assistant coaches, Steve Gillispie and Matt Ishee.

Thrill: Does the team have any sluggers in the lineup? Do we have any guys that could send the ball out of the park on any given pitch?

Jim: Our park isn't conducive to homeruns. But we do have some guys who can hit the ball out. Ben Phillips, Nic Brown, Travis Suereth, Scott Smith, who's also a football player, has some power. And, we have some other guys who I would say has some power, but it may not leave the park, but they'll hit doubles.

Thrill: That's enough about baseball. What are you and your daughter going to do for her birthday?

Jim: (Laughs.) I don't know. I told her that she could pick out something to do and we'll do it. I've missed some, which I'm thankful today to be in town for. I told her to pick out some place to eat and we'd do that and if she wanted to do something fun, we'd do that.

Thrill: Who's birthday is it, Catherine or Elizabeth's?

Jim: It's Elizabeth. She turned 11 today (Monday).

Thrill: What have you enjoyed the most about being here at JSU or Jacksonville in general?

Jim: To me that's real easy. It's the people. The people here go out of their way to be friendly.

Thrill: I know Jacksonville isn't Palm Springs or anything, but it sure beats Starkville doesn't it?

Jim: (Laughs.) Yeah. Well, I like Starkville too. I like small towns.

Thrill: What do you do during your spare time?

Jim: I don't do a lot. I don't have hobbies or golf or fish. If I have time off I try to spend time at home.

Thrill: Do you have a favorite song or music group?

Jim: If I told you my favorite music group you would've never heard of him. I like a country singer named Guy Clark. I really like southern gospel music and country.

Thrill: Most baseball players are superstitious. How about the coaches?

Jim: I like to say I don't have superstitions, but I really do. If we win today I try to remember which way I came to work. If I wore this pair of socks, I'd wash them, but I'd wear them again. I always have a thing I do when I coach third base where I rub dirt around the base. If I don't do that I feel like I hadn't done something. I won't wear an odd number either.

Thrill: Name the best movie you've seen in the past year.

Jim: This is sad to say, I've been married since 1982 and I've only been to the movies one time. I usually just watch ESPN or Seinfeld right before I go to bed.

Thrill: You were a good catcher back when you played. Do you think you would've been successful in today's game?



Jim: Yeah, I could do about what I did. I was just an average player.

Thrill: Name two players you would pay to watch.

Jim: (Pause.) That's a really good question. (Pause.) That's a tough question too. I always take my hat off to Barry Bonds. I guess that another one would be Pudge Rodriguez. There's a lot of pitchers that I'd pay to watch.

Thrill: Free Association. Ensley High School. (Former high school)

Jim: Just a wonderful place at that time.

Thrill: George Steinbrenner. (Owner of the NY Yankees)

Jim: Demanding.

Thrill: Rudy Abbott. (Legendary JSU baseball coach)

Jim: Tradition.

Thrill: Steve Shippey.

(Gamecock pitcher)

Jim: Competitor.

Thrill: Matt Ishee. (Assistant baseball coach)

Jim: Great young coach.

Thrill: Mrs. Jan Case. (Jim's wife)

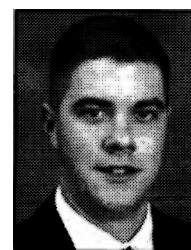
Jim: Most special person I've ever met.

Thrill: Gamecock baseball.

Jim: On the rise.

Thrill: One final question. How long do you see yourself as the head baseball coach of JSU?

Jim: I hope it's for a long time. In the coaching business you never know. We came here with the idea of this being home. We want to be a positive in the community and not a negative and I hope that we can be that.



Shippey.

Gamecock women golfers finish 15th, men take fourth

From Staff Reports

Jacksonville State's women golfers finished 15th out of 20 teams in the Edwin Watts/Carolinas Classic hosted by the College of Charleston last Tuesday.

Memphis won the overall title by shooting a total score of 610. The Gamecocks finished play at 660.

JSU's top finishers were Angie Green and Marie-Eve Dion. Both finished tied for 66th. Florencia Moran fired rounds of 81 and 85 to finish tied for 67th. Kathy Johnson and Colette Murray both tied for 73rd after total scores of 168.

The Jax State men's team took a trip to Baton Rouge to play in the LSU Spring Invitational last weekend.

The final round of the invitational was called off on Sunday in mid-round due to harsh weather conditions, and Jacksonville State fin-

ished tied for fourth place in the 20-team field.

The tournament was supposed to feature three days of play with 18 holes each day. Last Friday's first round was canceled due to heavy rain and thunderstorms, so the 20-team field teed off on Saturday morning and played one round, with the Gamecocks finishing with a 287.

Temperatures never got above 30 degrees on Sunday. Winds gusted up to 28 mph and the wind chill made it seem like 21 degrees.

Steven Mackie shot a two-under-par 70 to tie for 11th place, while Matisas Anselmo finished with a one-under-par 71 to tie for 16th. Nick Mackay fired an even par 72, while Jose Campra shot a 74 for the Gamecocks.

LSU led the tournament after Saturday's play by two strokes over Tulsa and was awarded the team championship.

Bulldogs sweep JSU baseball in three-game series

From Staff Reports

Head baseball coach Jim Case paid his first visit to Starkville since becoming JSU's coach, but the Bulldogs weren't feeling too friendly as Mississippi State swept the Gamecocks in a three-game series last weekend.

Mississippi State (6-1-1) had a season-high 18 hits during wins over the Gamecocks (7-8) in the first two games of the series.

Mississippi State scored 10 times in the first four innings and finished with 16 hits in registering an 11-6 win over Jacksonville State in the first game.

The Bulldogs scored four runs in the first off Gamecock starter Steve Shippey (1-3) and added three more in the third on consecutive home runs by Matthew Brinson, Jason Burkley, and Jon Mungle.

Matthew Maniscalco, Chad Henry and Steve Gendron had three hits each and Brinson matched a career-best with four RBIs to lead Bulldog hitters.

Senior right-hander Tanner Brock (2-0) struck out seven and held Jacksonville State to three hits in a seven-inning mound appearance.

The Gamecocks tallied five of their eight hits and scored four times in the eighth, three on a bases-clearing double by Travis Suereth.

In the second game, JSU used a pair of infield hits and an infield groundout to take a 1-0 lead off MSU starter Paul Maholm (1-1) in the first inning. But the 23rd-ranked Bulldogs answered with four runs in their half of the first and cruised to their fourth consecutive win of the season.

Maholm registered a staff season-high 11 strikeouts, scattered six hits and walked one in six innings of mound work. Robby Goodson worked two innings of no-hit, shutout relief and Jacob Blakeney made his MSU pitching debut in the ninth, striking out two of the three batters he faced.

Maniscalco and Brinson extended their season-opening hitting streaks to all seven games, with Brinson and Jason Burkley delivering three hits each. Burkley belted a two-run home run in the first

inning, his second blast of the doubleheader and team-leading fourth of the season.

MSU's 3-4-5 hitters in the batting order, Brinson, Burkley and Jon Mungle, followed up their three-consecutive home run showings in the opening game with three straight doubles during a four-run, five-hit Bulldog scoring burst in the fourth inning.

Heath Comer had a double and a single to lead JSU at the plate. Starter Lucas McCollum (1-2) took the loss and was charged with 10 runs during his four-inning stint on the mound. Bobby Wynns worked the final four frames.

The two teams closed out their three-game weekend series on Sunday.

Junior left-hander Joey Collums struck out a career-high 15 to lead No. 23 Mississippi State (6-1-1) to a 5-1 win and series sweep of Jacksonville State at wind-chilled Dudy Noble Field.

Collums matched his previous career-high for punch-outs with his seventh in the fourth inning. He blanked JSU through six innings and three-hit the Gamecocks over seven innings.

JSU scored its lone run in the seventh when Scott Smith struck out but reached on a wild pitch and scored three batters later on John McCarley's sacrifice fly to right field.

Mungle laced a two-out double to the right-center field gap in the first inning to plate a pair of runs and stake Collums to a 2-0 lead. Gendron went 3-for-5 to lead MSU at the plate. Gendron lashed a two-out single to score the first of two Bulldog runs in the third and added another two-out, run-scoring single in the fourth to extend the MSU lead to 5-0.

Jonathan Papelbon followed Collums on the mound in the eighth inning, closing out the game by striking out five of the six batters he faced.

JSU starter Jeremy Hudson (1-1), the first of three Gamecock pitchers in the game, took the loss, giving up four runs before leaving the game in the third inning. Designated hitter Travis Suereth singled twice to lead JSU.

Jacksonville State will play at Alabama A&M today, before hosting a three-game series West Alabama this weekend.

Softball: from page 16

that brought home Vaughn.

Both teams scored another point to make it 5-3.

"That's what good teams are going to do," said head coach Jana McGinnis. "I knew that we had to answer to their momentum and their hits."

McGinnis wanted to stop the bleeding so she took a struggling Tera Ross out in the middle of the third inning and put Davis back in.

"Veronica is never soar," said McGinnis. "There was no doubt in my mind whether she could go (in game two). Her arm is incredible."

Davis came into the game with the bases loaded, no-outs and was still able to shut the Blazers down the rest of the game. She finished with seven strikeouts after pitching the final five innings.

Hasan then got the crowd on its feet when she hit a homerun to left field in the bottom of the fourth. The Gamecocks concluded the scoring for the night after Tomey brought home Melinda McDonald to make the score 7-3 and that's where it ended.

The softball team will return to action when they travel to Rock Hill, S.C. to play in the Winthrop Invitational Tournament next Friday.



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