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## Housing weighs options for Sparkman changes

By Jamie M. Eubanks  
The Chanticleer News Editor

Sparkman Hall's suite-style rooms, currently home to more than 300 women, may soon sport a new setup.

Marie Humphrey, director of University Housing and Residence Life, said she sought out the needs of students to help make decisions concerning the renovations. She sat down with some freshman, sorority and senior women, JSU's Physical Plant department and housing staff to get ideas. She has also looked to other universities to get ideas, including the University of Southern Mississippi, UAB and AUM.

The students said their main wants were personal space and a living and learning environment, apartment style rooms with the security of campus housing and meeting and exercise rooms, according to Humphrey. By personal space, the students meant a private bedroom but also a common living area much like the set up in Jacksonville Place apartments, which is one of University Housing's competitors.

Humphrey is also focusing on the needs students will have 10 years from now. "You're not just looking at the present student but other students. Also you've got to think in terms of your sorority women, all sorority women, including your African-American sororities."

Many sororities call Sparkman home. Their chanter

to function for most of the groups. They're too small for chapter meetings. We can't have recruitment functions in there."

Turner and Batson, an architectural firm, has drawn some composites for different living options in Sparkman. Byford and some of the sorority members viewed these sketches.

"For Sparkman, they're good options," Byford said. "From a sorority's perspective, I don't think they're going to suit us."

As JSU grows in population, the need for University housing also grows. Humphrey said recruiters are focusing on areas outside of the driving range for most students.

"We are an older university, enrollment has increased," Humphrey said, "and we need to review if we are going to 10,000 students. If that's a University goal, it's very, very important that we try to make accommodations for all our students. That's our future," according to Humphrey. "The housing trends is that housing will continue to increase over time."

Humphrey said she thinks it will be more cost effective to build a new housing facility due to the high cost of retrofitting plumbing for the building, which is one of the major issues with the building.

"Is it cheaper to tear it down and build a new facility?" Humphrey asked. "But the question is, what do you do with the residence in the meantime? That's your highest capacity building."

## Riley: from chicken coop to gov.'s mansion

By Phillip Rawls  
Associated Press Writer

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Bob Riley wears cowboy boots with business suits — a fitting combination for a man whose resume begins with poultry farmer and ends with governor-elect, a title he gained when Democratic Gov. Don Siegelman conceded the close race Monday night.

Riley, who has spent his entire life in the east Alabama town of Ashland, exploited his rural roots in his Republican campaign for governor, appear-

ing in campaign commercials walking across the farm and sitting astride his horse in a Ronald Reagan-like pose.

"To a large extent, I think that's fairly indicative," Riley said. "I'm a product of Clay County. I don't have a lot of people running around telling me what to say and what to do every day."

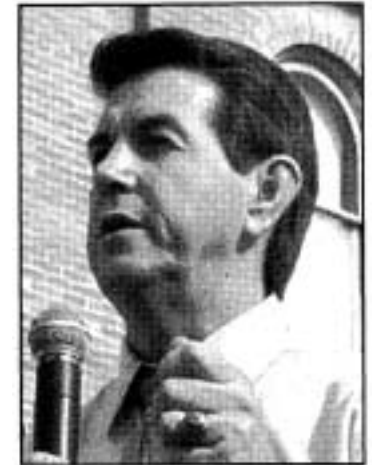
Riley, 58, is also a millionaire businessman, who had success in farming, a car dealership, and a trucking company before getting elected to Congress six years ago and joining the second wave of Newt Gingrich's

"Republican revolution."

As he neared his self-imposed limit of three terms, Riley began to talk to fellow Republicans about his frustration with the direction of state government and got encouragement to run, even though other congressmen had failed in their campaigns for Alabama's top office.

Riley initially wavered on running because one of his daughters, Jenice, was terminally ill with cancer. With her encouragement, he entered the race six weeks before her death

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Republican governor-elect Bob Riley will assume office in January after Gov. Don Siegelman conceded Monday.

## Cleaning up



## SGA Senate keeps Mon. session short

By J. Wilson Guthrie  
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

With the semester drawing to a close, the SGA did little in their meeting Monday.

Jordan Brewer, the new head of the Constitution and Code committee, brought up in discussion that senators needed to be thinking about changing certain election rules.

This comes about after Alesha Ingram was disqualified for using personalized campaign materials during the Homecoming Queen elections.

Also, the Homecoming committee gave out awards for the top floats, window design and banners. The Jacksonville Book

Many sororities call Sparkman home. Their chapter rooms are located on five of the nine floors, but they are no longer large enough to house the growing sororities. As University numbers grow so will Greek numbers.

According to Cara Dawn Byford, assistant director of student activities, "The chapter rooms themselves are too small

the residence in the meantime. That's your highest capacity building."

Humphrey also said it would be helpful to house students in Sparkman while a new building is being built instead of displacing more students.

"The ultimate goal is for Jacksonville State to be on the cutting edge of technology, including our housing," Humphrey said.



The Chanticleer/Patricia Lockhart  
Sophomores, Cambrey Jordan, Karen Boyette and Elizabeth Walker took the grand prize in the SGA's T.R.A.S.H. Day on Thursday, a garbage-themed scavenger hunt intended to help clean up the campus.

top floats, window design and banners. The Jacksonville Book Store won the window design competition and Kappa Sigma and Delta Zeta won the banner competition. Jacksonville High School Band won best band in that competition and Kappa Alpha Order and Zeta Tau Alpha took home top float honors.

The meeting closed with no notable announcements and no discussion.

# Southerners perform for Indy crowd SGA safety committee targets game-time thefts

By J. Wilson Guthrie  
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — The troops began lining their bags up. Some were nervous and others were excited, but all were cold and tired. Their fearless leader, with no sign of apprehension, strolled around with the experience of a seasoned general. He calmly directed people here and told others to put things there.

This isn't the military, although their discipline closely resembles that of the Army or Marine Corps. These are the Marching Southerners of JSU and they were "deployed" to Indianapolis to perform an exhibition show for some of the best high school bands in the country at Bands of America's Grand Nationals Marching Competition.

The trip began early Nov. 14 although planning and fund-raising began many months earlier.

"We started planning for this about a year ago," said Ken Bodiford, director of bands at JSU. "(The University) covered transportation and the band started then looking for fundraisers."

The buses pulled out shortly after 4 a.m., right on schedule and the Southerners were on their way.

Most people (the author included) slept for much of the first four hours of the grueling



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Marching Southerners timpanist Jonathan Ray, a freshman from Dallas, Ga., performs with the band at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis Friday.

eight-hour ride. The band stopped twice, to eat and to let everyone walk around at a rest stop for a few minutes. In both instances over 350 people loaded six buses in less than 15 minutes.

The Southerners arrived at the hotel on the campus of Indiana University at 4 p.m., hoping to all be able to rest, shower and eat before the 8:30 p.m. time to board the buses to travel to the RCA Dome for practice. But this was not the case.

"We sent two people up early to get everything organized, and the hotel had a late check out that morning so some of the students had to wait about two hours in the lobby to get their rooms," said Bodiford.

So, with the last room keys given out at about 6:15 p.m. everyone did have enough time to eat and get a little rest. But 8:30 came quickly and the Southerners were traveling again.

The trip to the dome was much shorter than expected and

some Southerners had some free time to watch the high school bands compete. Others stayed on the buses and slept and some visited the many shops set up in the long corridors inside the dome.

The Southerners began their physical and instrumental warm up at 10:30 p.m. in the cold Indianapolis night. Most were thankful that it was not raining, and everyone wanted to be inside the temperature-controlled dome.

"It was a really good practice, it gave the students time to get used to the echo in the dome," said Bodiford. "Plus we used that time to set up forms and get some good photos for (public relations) materials."

Arriving back at the hotel at 1:30 meant going to sleep for some and for others a little time to walk around Indianapolis for a late night snack.

"I went back to my room and was starving," said Bodiford laughing. "Everything was closed and the only way to get something to eat was to walk eight or 10 blocks to a Steak and Shake, but I was so tired I just ate a pack of crackers from the vending machine."

Most of the band slept in Friday, with checkout at the hotel being noon. The drum line however was a different story. They boarded a single

By Miranda Bryant  
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

In reaction to the number of vehicle break-ins that have occurred on campus recently, the SGA Campus Safety Committee created a resolution last Thursday in hopes of increasing outside security during sporting events.

Two individuals reported unlawful breaking and entering of a vehicle during JSU's home football game last Saturday, according to police reports.

In addition, around 10 automobile break-ins on campus have occurred over the past month, six just this past week. Not all of those were during a football game.

"We are trying to start a ripple effect," said Kimberly Merrill, SGA Campus Safety Committee chair.

The committee's first goal in writing the resolution is to see more security outside sporting events, said Merrill, and that will hopefully lead to a decrease in the number of vehicle break-ins.

"We have one or two patrol cars patrolling campus during the games," said Police Chief

Nelson Coleman, of the University Police Department.

Between 15 and 20 police officers are inside the stadium during football games, according to Coleman, where they can ensure the safety of individuals.

The committee's concern is not solely on security during football games.

**"This is a popular crime. The key is making sure that there are no valuables in sight."**

—Nelson Coleman  
University Police Chief

"Pete Matthews (Coliseum) parking lot is also an area where many break-ins occur during basketball and baseball games," Merrill said.

"This is a popular crime," said Coleman. "The key is making sure that there are no valuables in sight."

Vehicle break-ins are very difficult to solve because the crime occurs in only seconds, according to Coleman, and having no witnesses makes it even harder.

If the SGA Executive Board approves the committee's resolution, said Merrill, the Senate will vote sometime before Christmas break on whether or not to pass it.

According to Coleman, JSU had a sudden increase of vehicle break-ins a couple of years ago, and UPD caught the criminals.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Alpha Phi Sigma:** The National Criminal Justice Honor Society, is sponsoring a Toy Drive for the Children of Second Chance. Toys, care items and school supplies will be collected for ages ranging from infant to teenage. **Contact:** Rick Asbell, 782-5335.
- **Criminal Justice Department Seminar Series** presents "Forensic Pathology" Nov. 23 at 8 a.m. This seminar will give an overview of Forensic Pathology. There will be an in-depth discussion of postmortem changes and violent deaths. \*\* Students may receive one credit hour (CJ 488) Speaker: Dr. Elizabeth Miller M.D. **Contact:** William Coulter, will\_coulter@yahoo.com
- **Delta Zeta:** Happy Birthday Alissa, Marion, Katy, Amy P. and Molly! We look forward to our COB tonight! Congratulations Tavia for Rho Lambda, and Natalie and Kimber for Order of Omega. Quote for the Month: Just think...even if you do win the Rat Race, you are still a rat aren't you? **Contact:** Tavia, lamdaisycrazy@hotmail.com
- **Freshman Forum:** All freshmen are invited to the "Meet S'More Freshmen" mixer on Monday, Nov. 25 at 7:30 p.m. It is at the JSU Amphitheater between the Stone Center and Merrill Building parking lots. There will be food and games! Bring a can good for entry to be donated to the Salvation Army. **Contact:** Katie Scott, katiescott@hotmail.com
- **Habitat for Humanity** will meet on Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m. in 231 Stone Center. All students interested in working with Habitat for Humanity are more than welcome to come and join us. **Contact:** Kim Weatherford, 782-5762, wetherford@jsucc.jsu.edu
- **The International Student Organization** would like to invite the JSU community to the "Thank-You Thanksgiving Buffet." The event will be held at the Stephenson Gamecock Center on Nov. 22 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. **Contact:** Debbie Russell, 782-5674, drussell@jsucc.jsu.edu
- **Peer Counselors:** Come on Gamecocks — think outside of your shell! Become a Peer Counselor! Applications are now available in the Office of Student Activities, room 402 TMB. **Contact:** Rosalind Moore and Robert Hayes, 782-5491.
- **Phi Mu:** Congratulations to the new initiates! Thank you Delta Chi for a great movie mixer Tuesday. Also, congrats to our new exec board! We are very excited about the Rose Carnation Ball this Friday. Sunshine Award: Paige Corbin, Phi Mu Lady of the Week- Heather Horn. **Contact:** Brianna Bladen, 782-6145.
- **Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society** is collecting toys for Toys for Tots. New, unwrapped toys may be placed in boxes located in the lobby of Martin, in the TMB near The Roost, and outside 214 Stone Center from Nov. 11-26. **Contact:** Gloria Horton, JSU English Department, 782-5409.
- **Tau Sigma Lambda:** Congrats to the Southerners on a successful Indy trip! Way to go drumline- #2 in the Nation! If you are a male who is not Greek-affiliated and you are interested in joining a fast-rising organization, check us out! <http://www.geocities.com/ivillets1> **Contact:** Justin Davis, ivillet-

## Students win programming awards

By Katja Sonnarborg  
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Alexander Zotov, a sophomore from Russia, and Josh Eason, a junior at JSU, together won the Annual JSU Programming Contest recently. According to Dr. Guillermo Francia, III, associate professor of computer science, the competition was very tough this year, yet he expected Zotov and Eason to succeed.

The top four winners represented JSU in the regional Programming Contest this year held in Greenville, S.C. on Nov. 8 and 9, according to Francia. "We've been very successful in this competition in recent years," he said. "Over the past six years JSU has won the championship two times and four out of six years we have been on the top three."

Zotov described the competition as being very demanding, explaining that while there were six problems to solve and

four hours to do it, he and his partner Eason only solved one problem and were able to win the contest. "I was almost jumping because I was so happy," he said. "We were really excited."

Even Francia set his hopes high when it came to Zotov, "I have very high hopes for Alexander. I think he is going to be the captain of the team in the regional. I know he is going to lead the team (to win), if not this year, then the next year."

Zotov studied at Tula State University in Russia for one year before he found out about the International Program at JSU. While deciding between majors, computer science came up, "I've always liked computers, and my brother was a computer science teacher at high-school," Zotov said. "Also computer science is the closest thing to math which is what I studied in Russia. I also knew the United States has a very

good educational system in computer science. And I've always wanted to be a programmer."

Zotov was also very grateful for the background he was able to get at Tula State University. "I went to a really good school in Russia and got a good background in math which helps me in computer science today," he said. "This is probably the reason I succeeded in here."

At the moment Zotov and Eason are getting ready for the regional contest studying difficult programming in Java which is the language used in the regional contest. "I know C++, the programming language in the contest here at JSU, but I didn't take classes in Java, I just started to take them, and I'm not good at it yet, so I'm trying to study it as hard as I can," Zotov explained. "But it's not too hard, being pretty similar to C++. It will be fine, I will do okay on it."

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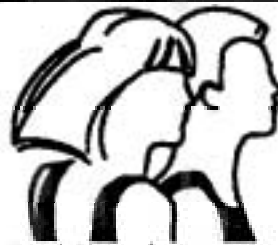
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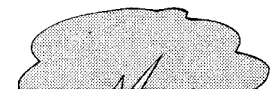
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## CAMPUS CRIME

- Nov. 12 — Shamioka Nicholee Nelson reported theft of property to JSUPD occurring at Sparkman Hall. Twenty-five CDs were stolen.
- Nov. 13 — Dana K. Lyles reported theft of property to JSUPD occurring at Pannell Apartments. A toolbox and tools were stolen.
- Nov. 13 — JSU reported possession of marijuana to JSUPD occurring at Jax Apartments.
- Nov. 14 — Jennifer Lynn Douthit, 20, was arrested by JSUPD for criminal trespass occurring at Crow Hall.
- Nov. 14 — Jessie Lea Brogdon, 19, was arrested by JSUPD for DUI occurring at Ten Oaks law offices.
- Nov. 14 — Brandi L. Curtis reported criminal mischief to JSUPD occurring at the parking lot between Sparkman Hall and Pannell Apartments.
- Nov. 14 — Kelli B. Pace reported criminal mischief to JSUPD occurring at the parking lot on the east side of Martin Hall.
- Nov. 15 — JSU reported criminal mischief occurring at Pi Kappa Phi house.
- Nov. 15 — Vashuna Jones reported breaking and entering an automobile to JSUPD occurring at the parking lot between Sparkman Hall and Pannell Apartments.
- Nov. 15 — Crystalyn Gail Turner reported breaking and entering a vehicle to JSUPD occurring at Luttrell Hall parking lot. A CD player and two subwoofers were stolen.
- Nov. 16 — Bonnie C. Gentry reported breaking and entering a vehicle to JSUPD occurring at the parking lot on Nelson Avenue east of Crow Hall. A CD player and 30 CDs were stolen.
- Nov. 16 — Steven Pitman McNeal, 23, reported breaking and entering a vehicle to JSUPD occurring at the parking lot of Nelson Avenue, east of Crow Hall. A stereo, set of speakers, and an amplifier were stolen.
- Nov. 16 — Jessica Claire Bentley, 20, reported breaking and entering a vehicle to JSUPD occurring at the south parking lot of Dixon Hall. A CD player was stolen.
- Nov. 16 — Brian Joseph Kyle reported harassment to JSUPD occurring at Fitzpatrick Hall.
- Nov. 17 — Brendan Rubenstein was arrested by JSUPD for DUI occurring at the TMB
- Nov. 17 — Jennifer Brooke Green reported breaking and entering a vehicle to JSUPD occurring at the parking lot on Nelson Avenue, east of Crow Hall.
- Nov. 18 — Joseph Adams Blancher, 30, reported assault to JSUPD occurring near Daugette 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.

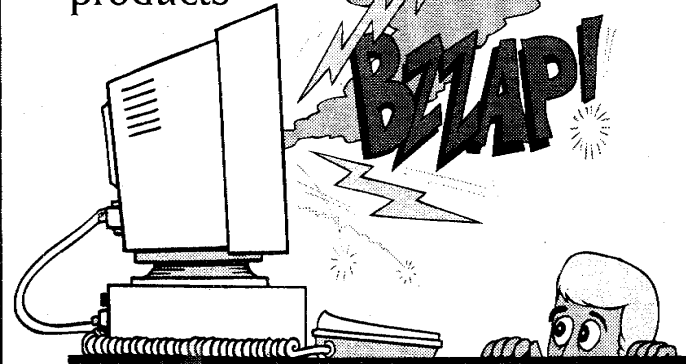
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# Fellow Democrats praise Siegelman's choice to concede

By The Associated Press

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Gov. Don Siegelman's fellow Democrats praised him for conceding the governor's race Monday night and said he saved his political future.

"It appears to me he has done the thing that is best for Alabama and I agree with him. For this to continue would have made Alabama look like

Florida did in the presidential election," Senate President Pro Tem Lowell Barron, D-Fyffe, said.

Siegelman initially sought a recount in every Alabama county in hopes of erasing Republican Bob Riley's 3,117-vote lead. If that failed, his options were to file a contest in the Legislature or go to federal court. Democratic legislators made it clear last week they didn't want a legislative con-

test, with House Speaker Seth Hammett saying he couldn't find any sentiment for it.

"The governor obviously put the interests of the state ahead of his own self-interest in making his decision," Hammett, D-Andalusia, said Monday night.

Siegelman has frequently been mentioned as a possible U.S. Senate candidate.

Redding Pitt, chairman of the Alabama Democratic Party and a longtime friend of the

governor, said voters will remember Siegelman's decision to put the state's interests over his own.

"I'm sure many people would welcome his continued service in public life," Pitt said.

Lt. Gov.-elect Lucy Baxley, who will begin presiding over the state Senate in January, said Siegelman did the right thing.

"I am glad that the state is no longer involved in the ordeal of questioning the election," she

said.

Even Republicans praised Siegelman.

"Losing is never easy and has to be especially difficult for someone who has been a major figure in Alabama politics for a quarter of a century. By withdrawing and throwing his support to Gov.-elect Riley, Gov. Siegelman has done the right thing," Secretary of State Jim Bennett said.



Democratic Gov. Don Siegelman conceded to his opponent Bob Riley on Monday.

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bus bound for Ohio at 5 a.m. to participate in the Percussive Arts Society Marching Drumline Competition.

"The drum line did a fantastic job," said Bodiford. "They came in second in the nation to North Texas ... but they work two or three times longer on their show than we did. But our pit did win first which is the first time North Texas has lost."

While the drum line competed, the band was given some free time to check out the sites of Indianapolis or watch more bands in the competition. The Southerners also set up a recruiting booth amidst the many vendors at the dome.

"We took several thousand pamphlets about the Southerners and several hundred brochures about Spirit, and we were wiped out of everything," said Bodiford

So at 7 p.m. the Southerners met on the steps of the RCA Dome to walk over to the buses to begin warm up for the final show. But as they began to walk to the buses snow mixed with rain began to fall.

"That was probably the biggest surprise of the trip, we weren't expecting that," said Bodiford. "Midday it started sleeting and at 7 o'clock when

we were supposed to pick up the instruments and uniforms the sleet had turned to snow!"

There was great anticipation in the crowd. As the Southerners entered the field cheers began and by the time they were playing "Salvation" the dome was in a frenzy:

As they methodically worked through the show, the Southerners received sporadic applause, with the finale bringing the fans to their feet. But the Southerners were not done.

"(The Tribute to America) was probably the most memorable part of the trip for me. The last thing that the kids wanted to do was go out into the snow and perform," said Bodiford. "But we got out there and they gave such great PR for the Southerners; there were a few thousand people in the square."

Then the mass exodus to the buses began. Everyone was cold and everyone was finally ready to go home.

"This is probably one of the best trips that I have ever taken with the Southerners," said Bodiford. "I have never in my life heard the Southerners play with so much energy than that night."

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in August 2001.

"When I sat down with my family, I said I can't let this thing go unchallenged, and I meant it," Riley said.

Riley immediately targeted the ethics of the Democratic incumbent. Promising an administration of "honest change," Riley told voters, "I will work hard every day to be a governor you can be proud of."

One person who was proud of him was President Bush, who visited Alabama twice to campaign for him.

He said Riley's strength is that he doesn't pit one political group against another. "He brings people together and gets things done on behalf of the citizens," Bush said.

That style was demonstrated by Riley reaching out to traditionally Democratic black voters in an unprecedented attempt

to broaden the GOP.

Democratic state Rep. Johnny Ford of Tuskegee, who lives in Riley's congressional district, said the congressman worked so hard on behalf of blacks in his district — including securing \$30 million in federal funding for the Tuskegee Airmen Museum — that he decided to remain neutral in the governor's race for the first time in his political career.

"Riley has made a concerted effort to be responsive to the African-American community," Ford said.

Riley, who sports a broad smile and a full head of black hair, jokes about his success in politics and business. He attributes it to having to clean out chicken houses as a teenager.

"I knew I didn't want to do that the rest of my life," he says.

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# OPINION

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## In Our View

### A new leader?

The news came Monday night, and just about everyone in Alabama was either relieved or disappointed. Gov. Don Siegelman announced he was conceding to Republican challenger Bob Riley.

The announcement ended a two-week wait by Alabamians to find out who would hold the governor's mansion for the next four years. And it staved off what threatened to be a month-long court fight over who actually won the race.

"The only thing that was guaranteed in this was a long, divisive fight," Siegelman said in announcing his concession in a news conference at the State Capitol. "The larger issues would have taken months to resolve. I had to consider what impact this kind of legal turmoil would have on our residents and on our state's economic future."

It was the right move to make. Regardless of who actually got more votes (a fact we may never actually know) it was clear each candidate was convinced he'd won the election, and was prepared to employ every legal weapon he could find in order to take office.

The governor's decision has saved us a painful ordeal like the country endured for two months in 2000 as Al Gore and George Bush wrangled for the presidency. Now those two months for Riley can be spent planning his administration rather than his litigation.

In the view of this editorial staff, the best candidate did not matter. The leader is better than no leader, or even two leaders.

Now that he'll be taking office for sure, Bob Riley is no doubt finalizing plans for his commission to look into revising the state's constitution. The commission, he said during his campaign, will be made up of "experts" and "leaders," who will likely be Riley's friends and supporters. Any constitutional reforms they recommend to the Legislature are likely to be those favored by the big businesses and special interests who supported Riley's run for office, and that's a shame.

Real constitutional reform that benefits the people of Alabama will come only in the form of a convention of citizens. If you care about this issue, or about this state's schools future, call or write Riley at the governor's office and urge him to support a convention. Call or write your legislators and demand that they do the same.

Real, positive change will only happen when and if the people demand it.

## Getting smashed just isn't all that smashing an idea after all

Dudes, let me tell you what happened last week. I turned 21, and we all know what that means right? Yeah, well I for one am not real sure ... let's recap shall we?

When you turn 21, you are of legal age to buy alcohol. With the proper ID and more money than I'm willing to spend on a drink, you can booze it up with the best of them. Whopty-do is what I have to say. Whopty-do.

All my friends consistently asked me what I was doing for my "coming of age" birthday. I'm not a drinker, personally. I

By Stephanie Pendergrass  
The Chanticleer Managing Editor



don't see anything wrong with drinking. If that's what you want to do, go for it. But it's not me.

In answer to the question though, for my exciting 21st birthday, I drove home to Birmingham to visit with my family and friends. It was a great day, albeit an alcohol-free one. To some though, I'm not sure if "great" and "alcohol-free" go

hand in hand.

Several people have asked me if I got drunk last Wednesday. I tell them, "I got hammered."

If they don't know me by now, I truly hope they believe that statement.

In fact, I had someone call and wish me a belated happy birthday last weekend, and the next thing she asked was, "Did you drink?"

I'm not saying I'll never drink. I'm just saying that when I do it'll be when it's right for me. I like being a non-conformist in that right. It makes things interesting.

I have a list of reasons why I

think alcohol would lead to my demise. Not just drinking, but getting drunk on a regular basis, would do a lot more harm than good I think.

I'll give just a small list of my issues with alcohol. For one, I'm Irish, and while the Irish side of me could handle the alcohol, I'm thinking the Native American side of me could not.

Another issue, I tend to get addicted to things. I'm already addicted to caffeine. I could drink my weight in Coca-Cola if given half the chance. And while I'm OK with ruining my health with large doses of caffeine, the thought of alcohol poisoning isn't too appealing. I'm a hypocrite, but an honest hypocrite at that.

Finally, I've chosen not to attempt to buy alcohol for awhile, let alone drink it. Seeing that I look like I'm 15, there's not much sense in trying to buy liquor for awhile. I'm not a convincing 21-year-old. I'm hardly convincing as a legal driver.

I've learned that when you're in college, a lot of people expect you to go crazy: stay up all night, go to wild parties, and drink like there's no tomorrow. Try doing that two weeks after you graduate though. I'm betting people will be telling you it's time to get responsible, buckle down, and grow up.

Since I'm being a non-conformist in the act of not getting drunk while in college, maybe I'll be a non-conformist once I graduate. Maybe all my previous drunken counterparts will be lecturing me on the evils of alcohol. If they do, then the drinks are on me.



## IN YOUR VIEW: QUESTION OF THE WEEK

"Do you think the SGA did the right thing in resolving the homecoming election?"



**SGA did the right thing in resolving the homecoming election dispute?"**

--Compiled by  
Nicholas Thomason  
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**Amanda Ford**  
Sophomore  
Business finance

"I didn't think it was fair, even though they followed the rules. She knew the flyers were up but she didn't do it. She should be JSU's Homecoming Queen."



**Felicia Guajardo**  
Freshman  
Biology

"No, Alesha shouldn't be punished for something she didn't do."



**Rania Lashin**  
Graduate student  
Mathematics

"Clearly, if we wanted to get every girl disqualified, all could have. All we had to do is put a flyer on every girl's door! Fair?"



**April Lylia**  
Freshman  
Undecided major

"No, I think it was unfair. Why would a couple of signs disqualify a person from winning queen?"



**Heather Plew**  
Senior  
Criminal justice

"It wasn't fair, but they were just following the rules."

## IN YOUR VIEW: LETTERS

### Election fallout: senators unhappy with newspaper

Last week's Chanticleer featured a story on the controversy over the 2002 Homecoming Queen election. Also, an unknown Chanticleer writer wrote an opinion column about their distaste as to how the SGA Senate's special session over the conflict was handled. Stabs were taken at me for moving to close the session to the public.

The mistake on my part was not noticing The Chanticleer reporter in the audience. The usual reporter was not present and therefore, I did not know that The Chanticleer was represented. However, I refuse to apologize for closing the session to the general public. Like I said later, when interviewed by The Chanticleer, I moved to close the meeting because of my experience with Senate special sessions, where eventually the "good name and character" of the individuals involved are discussed, whether purposely or not. However, that portion of the interview was never published. Last year, the Senate had a similar session over the elections for the office of SGA Controller. Halfway through the special session, tempers began to flare,

arguments ensued, and "the good name and character" of individuals were drug into the meeting. Eventually, the Senate, because of the level of tension building, closed that meeting to the public. I made the same move to keep this meeting peaceful.

I am very aware of Alabama's "Sunshine Law," I myself am a Communications major and would have still closed the meeting to the general public, with exception of The Chanticleer, had I known they were present. I feel that the author of the column paid more attention to this particular Senate meeting because they were looking for some sort of way to make themselves look like a more investigative journalist.

*Jordan Brewer*  
WLJS Program Director & SGA Senator

I'm writing in regards to the column printed in last week's Chanticleer entitled "Play your cards face up." Not only is it borderline slander to my fellow senator, but offensive to myself who also voted for the closed special session along with every other senator present.

That's right, not one "nay" was recorded to leave the session open to the public!

The article was concerning the Homecoming elections and insinuated that the SGA was trying to get away with "things they'd never be able to get away with in the open" regarding the manner in which the Elections Committee and the SGA Senate handled the matter. This is ridiculous. The Student Government Association has nothing to hide and never will. Every Senator is sworn in to represent each and every student here at Jacksonville State University. Senator Brewer was not trying to hide anything in any way. He was protecting the "good name and character" of a fellow senator and I can see why he did it. Because this is Jacksonville and people do gossip, and almost 90% of the time it is false. It is the job of The Chanticleer to get the whole truth and not extract a portion of someone's interview just to make the column juicy. Occasionally the Senate has a hot debate every year or two and last year's was nothing easier than this year's Homecoming session. Before the meeting even began, everyone could feel the tension rising and that is why I do

believe Senator Brewer made the right decision. Mr. Brewer acted like someone with great respect, not a gossip columnist who wrote the article that I am replying to.

*Chris Cook*  
SGA Senator

### Stop the finger-pointing and start some understanding

Look folks, enough is enough. I'm sick and tired of both sides ranting. I suppose it's time to wrap things up, but someone needs to point out a few ideas that people have sorely neglected.

First of all, may I remind everyone that this is a University, and it should be a center of diversity and tolerance. I know on campus we have several religions, ranging from Judaism to Islam to Wicca, and probably many more.

Christians: Practice what you preach, but don't be "preachy" and self-righteous. Stop quoting the Bible to people who tell you they don't believe in it, it's called common courtesy. Try it.

Atheists: It might serve you better if you practice an old adage: "Nod,

smile, and walk away" when you are confronted by people who refuse to accept your beliefs. But don't belittle others either.

Creationists: Stop confusing a belief in Evolution with a religious belief. If you actually bothered to pay attention and have the decent sense to discount Bishop Ussher, you'd realize that there is nothing in Christian Theology that precludes evolution from occurring. A lot of Christians already believe this, stop hacking on them when you attack other groups. And if you are going to argue against it...at least learn about it first. Take a course that teaches it with an open mind and make an informed decision rather than making statements that are blatantly unfounded.

So here are my suggestions for everyone on campus. 1.) Take a course in comparative religion. 2.) Take a class that teaches Evolution, Introduction to Anthropology or Biology are good choices. 3.) Learn some tolerance for the beliefs of others. 4.) Realize this was all started because some nimrod vandalized a car; something everyone should object to.

*James A. J. Young*

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# FEATURES

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## Snap 9A ready for their launch

*Local "groove metal" band hits the stage at Brother's Bar tonight*

By Danni Lusk  
The Chanticleer Features Editor

In 1964, a SNAP 9A satellite failed to achieve orbit, re-entered the upper atmosphere over Madagascar and burned up. This orbital failure "performed exactly as designed," according to NASA, and dispersed enough plutonium to triple the amount of the lethal isotope detectable in the environment globally.

Snap 9A, a local metal band who formed two years ago, is still on the ground, awaiting their launch into the orbit of a major music market. While waiting on their launch, you can see them at Brother's Bar tonight.

Their first album was released in August of this year. This self-titled and self-produced disc recorded at Southside Studios in Georgia contains several of the band's original songs.

Skeeter, the band's lead singer, described their brand of music as "groove metal." "It's

the kind of groove you can bounce your head to," he said.

Waiting for their big break can be frustrating for the band. "Patience is the biggest thing," according to Skeeter. Instead of just waiting on success to find them, Snap 9A is currently working on material for their next album and booking their own shows around the Southeast. They recently played at the Hard Rock Cafe in Atlanta.

Their music is hard and angry. And their shows are high-energy and even angrier than the songs on the album. "In a lot of the songs we just get in there and let the crowd go and feel their way around us," he said. "Some of our songs are basically about trying to connect with the crowd and things that would ... piss you off."

Using their songs to "connect with the crowd," the band creates an atmosphere in which their audience can release their anger. "Take everything that's been going on ... and just come in and let it all out," Skeeter



Drummer Jason Creel (l), a former guitarist, replaced by Dick Lithium (not pictured), bassist Matt Bollinger and lead singer Skeeter make up the "groove metal" band Snap 9A. They will perform tonight at Brother's Bar.

said.

With Jason Creel on drums, Matt Bollinger playing bass, their new guitarist Dick Lithium and Skeeter on the microphone, audiences never know what will happen next.

From performing their original music to a phenomenal cover of System of a Down's "Chop Suey," Snap 9A breathes new life into metal music while today's popular "garage band" genre, heard in bands like The Hives and The Vines, floods radio stations.

"The [groove metal] music style is awesome to play

because it's high energy," Skeeter said. "I want to let the people be the fifth member of our band.

"I've seen plenty of bands where the people up there are looking at their shoelaces and the crowd kinda loses interest," he said. "With us, we try to portray the fact that we want you to get into it as much as we get into it."

The band's musical influences include metal bands like Pantera, Tool, Slipknot and Mudvayne as well as other types of bands like Belle Fleck and the Flecktones. "We don't

just listen to a lot metal things," Skeeter said. "We listen to other bands and other styles of music to try to get different influences from different things.

Snap 9A's album is available at CD Cellar in Lenlock, Sound Shop in Quintard Mall and at their show.

Despite the business side of the industry on their way into orbit, Snap 9A's focus is to still have fun. "A lot of people get so wrapped up in 'making it' that they lose sight of the fun of it," said Skeeter. "The reason why we play is to have fun."

## Evil books? Ignorance is the evil

By Danni Lusk  
The Chanticleer  
Features Editor



The second movie in the "Harry Potter" series arrived in theatres Friday and I was dying to see it. But, there are many people who are absolutely refusing to see it.

The debate began a few years ago when J.K. Rowling's first "Harry Potter" book "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" made its way to bookshelves.

After Christian zealots got their hands on the book and read it, they claimed that the book was a bad influence on children and that it promoted witchcraft and sorcery. Excuse me?

The "Harry Potter" books no more promote witchcraft and sorcery than Disney's "Cinderella" or "Sword in the Stone."

Now, Christianity Today magazine has reported in a recent article about the second "Harry Potter" movie that "some Christians are still wary, claiming that children are being lured into believing in witchcraft and the occult. Critics are fearful of the kind of influence the books might have on impressionable minds."

It goes on to report that the first person to speak publicly against the "Harry Potter" books, mother of two

## Time for getting engaged is now

*Scientific study sponsored by wine-producing company Korbel finds one-third of all engagements happen in the months of October through December.*

By Eric Edwards  
The Orlando Sentinel

I've been looking over my

sure what qualifies as romantic these days.

If left to his own devices, a

## With finals coming up, stress relief is needed

By Tim O'Brien  
Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service

"What do you consider the

mins, minerals and trace elements.

When we eat a balanced diet of mildly restricted caloric intake, we increase

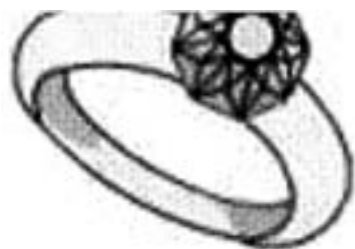
I've been looking over my shoulder all month.

Normally, I'm not a very nervous person, but a scientific study recently released by Korbelt has me a bit concerned.

The same company that made you so crossed-eyed drunk last New Year's Eve that you broke up with your girlfriend and made out with the neighbor's poodle has been researching romance.

The great minds at Korbelt, not content with ruining Jan. 1 for me every year, have taken a poll and determined that one-third of all engagements take place in the last three months of the year.

In light of this information, I am very fortunate to have made it through so many years without having proposed to anyone or having anyone propose to me. But since one can't be too careful when it comes to one's freedom, I have been steering clear of jewelry stores and keeping an eye open for women who approach me in the presence of the clergy.



I'm still single, so whatever I'm doing seems to be working.

But many guys out there are not as cautious as I am when it comes to dating. Some men are discovering that even after years of treating a woman like royalty, they are still expected to pop the question, and this can be a scary thing.

Your average man who tries to become engaged has two fears. One is that the woman will say yes and his days as a fun-loving, free guy are over. The bigger fear is that she will say no, and he will spend the rest of his life as a rejected shell of his former fun-loving, free self.

Part of a man's fear stems from his relative inexperience with such matters. Unlike women, we aren't raised on Julia Roberts movies and Oprah so we are not exactly

If left to his own devices, a man will buy the biggest ring he can afford, slap it on his girl's finger and say, "How about it?" When faced with this kind of presentation, most women will say, "No!"

Knowing this to be true, Korbelt has compiled a list of dos and don'ts to assist us men in our time of need.

Since Korbelt is the maker of an alcoholic beverage, the implied first rule is to have a few drinks.

But since Korbelt knows it's more profitable to sell cases of bubbly to wedding parties than to sell individual bottles to poor jerks whose girlfriends tell them to take a hike, they also have some legitimate advice.

One of the biggest mistakes men make is trying to get engaged on holidays. This is particularly true of men who feel the need to propose on April 1. But even proposing on a romantic holiday such as Valentine's Day is inadvisable, the girlfriend may get a

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"What do you consider the top or most important stress management and relaxation techniques?"

People have asked me this question in various forms through every type of communication except smoke signals.

I would always answer. However, on reflection, I wasn't always consistent. So, I've thought about it seriously. I've read and researched. After 13 years of daily involvement with this topic, here are my top five techniques, and why they are so critical. The list is in descending order of importance.

**Diet.** Our body needs fuel to function. It needs it in a variety of forms that it can use to feed the process of continual renewal of cells. Dr. Barry Sears, author of the "Zone Diet," states that macronutrients are 100 times more important than micronutrients. However, both are critical to our health. Macronutrients are proteins, carbohydrates, and fats. Micronutrients are vita-

diets of mildly restricted caloric intake, we increase our chances of having sustained health.

**Exercise.** Research shows that an aerobically fit person has less than half the chance of developing heart disease than a sedentary person. Exercise also relieves tension, improves mental function, speeds up our metabolism and helps us sleep better. All of these benefits help reduce stress.

**Proper breathing.** Habituated breathing — using the diaphragm rather than the chest — has many direct benefits. It can lower blood pressure, reduce our heart rate and calm the mind. It is physiologically impossible to stay excited or angry when you maintain diaphragmatic breathing. This type of breathing is how a baby breathes. In our "stomach in, chest out" society, we've forgotten how to breathe correctly. And, now we pay for it in the form of overstimula-

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books, mother of two Elizabeth Mounce, said, "They're trying to disguise things as fun and easy that are really evil."

After teaching gymnastics to children mostly under the age of nine for five years now, I've had some experience with children and what they learn from things. I've observed that by the time children are around six, they can tell the difference between fantasy and reality.

These books aren't aimed at children under the age of six. They are more geared for ages eight and up. It is absurd for parents to think that their eight-year old cannot tell the difference between fantasy and reality. It's almost insulting to a child's intelligence.

As for Mounce's comment on the "evil" in the books — to each his own. It may be against Christian doctrine to practice witchcraft, but that doesn't mean reading about a fictional character performing harmless magic is going to guarantee yourself a ticket to hell. If it does, I should have had a seat reserved years ago from some of the books I read as a child.

And that brings me to the next thing that was in the article.

At the end, the article recommends some books for parents to allow their children to read instead of "Harry Potter" such as: "The Chronicles of Narnia" series by C.S. Lewis, "A Wrinkle In Time" by Madeleine L'Engle, "The Emerald City of Oz" by Frank L. Baum and "The Lord of the Rings" trilogy by J.R.R. Tolkien.

Are you kidding me? All of these books contain (in no particular order) magic, spells, wizards, good and bad witches, gnomes, unicorns, time warps ... shall I go on?

Point is, "Harry Potter" isn't the "evil" thing that these Christian parents should look out for. It's their ignorance and lack of imagination.

## Director is pumped up for audiences to see 'Chamber of Secrets'

By Terry Lawson

Knight Ridder Newspapers

When director Christopher Columbus finished "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" last fall, he was barely able to bask in its incredible success.

Columbus went straight from the set to weeks of promotional duties culminating in a world premiere in London that was covered by press around the world and that brought more than 100,000 people to Leicester Square. Three days later, Columbus was setting off on another voyage, "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets," which opens nationwide Friday.

"It was the weirdest feeling,"

says Columbus. "Because on one hand I was exhausted, and on the other I felt completely relaxed. I felt that with the first movie we had earned the fans' trust, we had earned (author) J. K. Rowling's trust, we had earned Warner Bros.' trust; and the pressure was off. Now all we had to be concerned with was making the best movie we could from the second book.

Writers like me, who publicly doubted that the first "Harry Potter" would become a "Star Wars"-level phenomenon at the box office, had to feast on pickled crow's feet when the film went on to earn \$317.6 million in the United States. That made it the eighth most popular movie in history, just



Daniel Radcliffe stars as Harry Potter in Warner Bros. Pictures' "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets."

below "Forrest Gump" (\$327.9 million) and just above "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring," which

opened a month later and ended up with a \$313.4-million take. Columbus, though, holds no grudges, well, maybe just a

few; he still resents a Rolling Stone review that accused the first "Harry Potter" of being nothing but a corporate money-making machine.

"The fact is, I really, really gave a damn about making the best movie I could make," says Columbus. "And so did everybody else involved, from top to bottom. We felt a responsibility to all those families who had read the books together. We loved the stories.

"When it was over, were there things I wished were different? Sure. We only had three months for the digital effects, and I think that shows. And let's face it, the first movie has a lot

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sneaking suspicion that the boyfriend is trying to consolidate gift-giving occasions.

Korbel also suggests paying close attention to the popping-the-question language: "We're not getting any younger," "I've sowed my wild oats" and "I guess you'll do" are a few romantic phrases to avoid.

When you do decide to take the plunge, it may seem like a

good idea to let everyone in on the scheme and maybe get helpful feedback from friends. But it could make the girlfriend feel left out of the process if her friends all know she is getting married before she does. Even more dangerous, if her friends spill the beans, it could give her an unfair head start on packing and moving out before you've had the chance to proposition her.

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tion.

**Restful sleep.** Sleep is nature's top restorative activity. When we sleep better, we function better. Get enough restful sleep and it clears your mind, revitalizes your nerves, strengthens your immune system and increases your energy levels. Ritualize your routine for going to sleep. Protect your sleep time. This might also be the top overall time-management tool there is.

**Accept full responsibility for your life and actions.** Take control of your attitude and be an optimist. Look for and see the opportunity in every situation. Recognize and accept that you set your diet. The devil didn't make you eat the Twinkies. You let yourself eat them. You decide if, when, and how long you exercise. You can notice how you breathe and choose to do it correctly. You, in general, determine when you sleep.

You decide how much you sleep. And, your actions determine how restful it is.

Stress management begins with a decision to take control of your life. It endures and succeeds by sticking to a systematic program that includes time-tested principles. And, you are the beneficiary of your efforts.

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of exposition, a lot of setup, so it seems a little cumbersome when I see it now.

"But with 'Chamber of Secrets,' I had nine months to get the effects right. The kids were stronger in their roles, feeling more like they owned them instead of just borrowing them. The whole cast was like a family. I had decided to use a lot of handheld camera on this one, which gave us all a huge sense of freedom. But the biggest benefit was that we were able to head right into the story, without explaining everything. It was more like, 'Hold on, here we go.'"

"With 'Chamber of Secrets,' we jump directly into the narrative and adventure," says producer David Heyman. "Fortunately, we benefited from the experience of the first film and having so many of our original production crew continue through the second film, so we had a wealth of knowledge to draw on. The children seem confident and able to draw upon a wealth of new experience for their characters. Yet at the same time, they have maintained their enthusiasm, sense of wonder and youthful-

ness."

Well, sort of. Rupert Grint and Emma Watson, who have expanded roles as Ron and Hermione, Harry's best mates at Hogwarts, look and sound similar to how they did in the first film. But Radcliffe has sprouted substantially; his voice now sounds more like that of an Oxford University student than a Hogwarts underclassman.

Columbus says the original plan to film the first three books back-to-back and release them annually was driven by the fear that the actors would quickly outgrow their parts.

"It was originally a race, but we're comfortable now with making adjustments," he says. "I think Daniel's maturing works great for this movie, and I believe he'll be fine for the next one, too. If he grows any more, we may have to whack off a foot or two - digitally, I mean," jokes Columbus.

That's because Columbus reluctantly recognized that he would not be able to begin filming the third film, "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban," this fall as originally planned.

"The irony was that here I was making these movies about family, movies based on books that have brought families all

over the world together, and I haven't had a meal with my own family for months," says Columbus, who has three children with wife Monica Devereux, a choreographer he met while making his first feature film, 1987's "Adventures in Babysitting."

So Columbus and Heyman looked around for a new director for the third movie; in competition for the job was Kenneth Branagh, who appears in "Chamber" as the new professor for the defense of dark arts, Gilderoy Lockhart. But with the approval of Rowling, they offered the directing wand for "Prisoner of Azkaban" to Mexico's Alfonso Cuaron, and he eagerly accepted.

Cuaron, who had one of the biggest art house hits of the year with the sexy "Y Tu Mama Tambien," might seem like an odd choice until Columbus points out that he directed his own adaptation of a beloved British children's fantasy, "The Little Princess," as well as a film version of Charles Dickens' "Great Expectations."

Cuaron, says Columbus, will be given the freedom to make "the Harry Potter movie he wants to make, but I have no doubt it will be in the tradition of the first two. He's great with

kids, and he loves the books. He may make some crew changes, which is understandable, but both of us want there to be continuity."

When filming begins in February, Cuaron will also have the unwelcome task of replacing Richard Harris, who died last month after a brief battle with cancer, in the role of Hogwarts' beloved headmaster Dumbledore. Harris has a greatly expanded role in "Chamber of Secrets," which will make choosing someone to fill his large slippers that much more difficult.

Columbus visited Harris in the hospital shortly before his death and recalls that the frail actor took him by the lapels and said, with a few obscenities removed, "that if I even thought about recasting him (in the third film) he would kill me."

Columbus will serve as producer for Chapter 3, which now is scheduled to be released in November 2004. And he is keeping the door open to return to direct the fourth "Potter" effort, he says, or maybe even the last film in the franchise.

"Regardless of what happens now, we know we've gotten 'Harry' off to a great start. I may just want to be around for the farewell, too."

## Ethan

## Entropy Boy

★★★★

Review by Jess Mager  
Special to The Chanticleer

"Going down to Eastern Malibu/ To find out what's become of **you**," is just a **quick** look at the chorus from the latest single out now from Ethan. "Till Your Love Comes Back Around" is sure to be a hit with its crisp sounding horns, vocals, drums, guitars and bass — they fit together as one nicely made bed ... ready to be dove into.

Anyone who has heard Ethan in the past knows they have been compared to jam bands before. In "Entropy Boy," Ethan is headed more **mainstream**.

Such songs as "Won't Stop Here" are for the **person** going through that rough spot in a relationship. With lyrics that anyone can relate to and the instruments building in the background, the guitar breaks loose and really socks it to ya. This is one song you



Courtesy Distillery Music Group

will definitely play twice in a row.

"Don't Run" turns things around and makes you want to get up and dance. The bass line and horn work together so well in this one you just can't help but move and shake some action. As the band puts it in this song, "You'll **only** get from this what you put into it."

My favorite track on the album is definitely number 12 "Time is on My Bad Side." One word that describes this **song** to me is "harmony." You'll be singing this one for hours after you've heard it last.

So these guys we know as Ethan are an innovation of music in our own backyard. Check it out before you're the last to know!

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# SPORTS

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## It's "hoop" time at Jax State

By Anthony Hill

The Chanticleer  
Sports Editor



Finally, basketball season has landed on Jax State. I know it's sad the football team didn't make it to post-season play, and soccer got beat in the semi-final round — but at least there's basketball season.

I'm not forgetting the volleyball team. Good luck in the A-Sun tourney this weekend.

Back to what I was saying. It's time to switch our minds from goal post and end zones to post moves and alley-oops. Don't get me wrong. I'm still watching plenty of football. But, I've still got my mind on hoops and how good I think the Jax State women and men will be this season.

Both teams played pretty good last season. The men finished a little better than the women, but head coach Dana Austin and the Gamecocks still felt pretty good about the way the women closed out the season.

"I'm very confident about this season," Austin said. "We finished the season very strong, and most of the players had a good off season. We got another excellent signing class. From top to bottom, I believe we do have the best talent in the conference."

"We really shouldn't lose too many games this year, because we're so good," said Shanika "Nip" Freeman. "We have the athletes that can do it all. We shouldn't disappoint our coach-

## Gamecocks blank Winthrop enroute to A-Sun tourney

By Michael Vaughan  
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

The Jax State volleyball team got its final tune-up before the Atlantic Sun Conference tournament last Friday.

The Gamecocks and two seniors also celebrated Senior Day with a 3-0 shutout over a talented Winthrop team. Jax State won by scores of 30-19, 30-22 and 31-29.

Alison Wright and Sarah Taylor, playing in their final home games, combined with 21 digs, as Jax State improved to 14-13. It was also only the second time the Eagles were swept all season.

Wright and Taylor expressed what it meant on senior night and the last match before JSU travels to the Atlantic Sun Conference tournament.

"It means everything," said Wright. "This is huge going into the tournament."

"Winthrop is as good or better than the teams in our conference and this win shows that we can

win in the tournament," Taylor said.

Jax State came out on fire, scoring the first five points of the match, and also ended it well, scoring the final nine points of the first game. The Gamecocks also scored five-straight points after being down 29-24 in the third game of the match.

JSU had a large lead in many statistical categories, including hitting percentage (.315 to .159) and also had 12 service aces. Winthrop finished the game with only three. The Gamecocks finished the game with 16 errors on serves, however.

Many of the players felt like their style of play overcame the errors though.

"We like to slow teams down," junior Jennifer Brennehan said. "And, we do that by being more aggressive with the serve. Errors will come, but we're strong enough to overcome them."

"Our goal is a one-to-one

(ace-to-error) ratio, and if we get near that — we can beat about anybody," said junior Christina Cary.

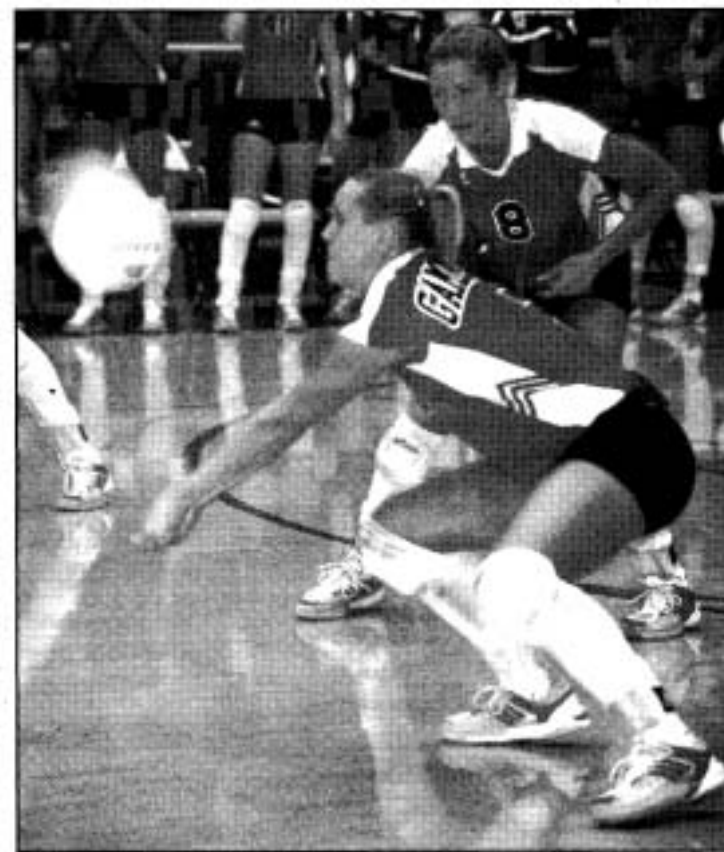
Freshman Kisha West and Brennehan both had 12 kills on the night and hit .379, Cary had ten kills. Wright had 11 digs, defensively and Taylor recorded 10 on the night. Freshman Kim Halback had six service aces.

"We have really been concentrating on our attitude and controlling the way we play," JSU head coach Rick Nold said. "We wanted to push to win and to win in three games."

For the Eagles, Logan Pierce had nine kills and 13 digs and Odetta Parris had 27 assists.

The Gamecocks will play the Jacksonville Dolphins in the opening round of the A-Sun tourney tomorrow at 11 a.m. in Orlando, Fla. The winner will face the host team and top-seeded Central Florida Golden Knights.

"If we keep things on a high level, we should do well," concluded Nold.



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Freshman defensive specialist Kisha West digs in the Gamecocks' match against Winthrop University Friday. JSU won in three straight games.

## JSU IM football teams compete at regional tournament in Tuscaloosa

By Anthony Hill  
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

The JSU intramural champions ventured to T-town last weekend in quest of a regional championship. While they didn't get a championship, they did play very respectably, and caught the attention of a lot of schools from around the country.

"I'm extremely proud of our teams," said director of intramural sports Allen Gilbert. "There was a pretty good show-

ing at the tournament. And, there were a lot of schools in the tournament that commended our teams, especially the sportsmanship that they displayed. The guys could've easily lost their cools against one of the teams they played — but they didn't. Other schools took notice to that."

The Jax State men's champions, the T-Dawgs, finished fifth out of 16 teams at the regional tournament, while the ladies of Alpha Omicron Pi finished third out of seven teams.

The T-Dawgs fell 31-25 in overtime to the third-ranked team in the nation, Black Magic, in the quarterfinal round. Black Magic represented Florida A&M University. The T-Dawgs concluded the tournament at 5-1.

"The T-Dawgs showed a lot of class during the tournament," Gilbert said. "I'm proud of the team's performance, but I'm even prouder of the sportsmanship they showed."

Alpha Omicron Pi dropped two games under seven points to finish the tourney

at third place. Texas A&M defeated AOPi 12-6 and dropped a game to Alabama, 31-23. AOPi did get a pretty big win over the team representing West Alabama, 16-6. They concluded the tournament at 2-2.

"I'm proud of both teams," Gilbert said. "I think they're starting something good for future years. They are getting more people interested in intramural sports. And, I'm sure they'll spread the news and come back with more plays and excitement next year."

## Men's basketball dominates West Georgia in exhibition opener

ametes that can do it all. we shouldn't disappoint our coaches this season."

The men have already flexed a few of their muscles against West Georgia last Thursday, but most of the players felt good about the season well before that exhibition game and have really put a lot of emphasis on conditioning and getting better.

"I'm real confident that we're going to win the conference," said center Omar Barlett. "Me, Poonie (Richardson), Jay (Heard) and the rest of the guys have been really dedicated to the game and getting better. Last year, I wasn't real good at free throws. I've really worked on my form and conditioning. My body is only like six percent body fat now."

"We're very deep this year," said point guard Poonie Richardson. "My confidence is way up. We have a lot of players who can help this program out."

"This group has been an outstanding group to work with," said head coach Mike LaPlante. "This is a hard-working group. I think we've got great team chemistry. We have a blue collar work ethic."

However, the women's team is full of talent — they simply need to get a feel for each other in a game-type atmosphere.

"We need to find that chemistry," Austin said. "We won't have it by game one, but we'll have some. After a few games of playing together, I do think we'll have the best team in the conference."

"We've got a lot of depth.

We've got a least two for every position that's very competitive and that's going to make a difference for us. We just have to find the right combination."

Both teams will start the season this weekend. The men are playing in the Top of the World Classic in Alaska this weekend, while the women travel to Mobile to face South Alabama tomorrow.

"It's very important to get some wins early," said Heather Shepard. "We need to start out on the right foot."

"We want to be about it this season and not talk about it," LaPlante said. "We have to stay confident and take it day by day."

Good luck with the season Gamecocks!

# Men's basketball dominates West Georgia in exhibition opener



The Chanticleer/Nicholas Thomason  
Men's basketball head coach Mike LaPlante talks strategy during last Thursday's exhibition game against West Georgia. The Gamecocks beat West Georgia, 81-68.

By Anthony Hill

The Chanticleer Sports Editor

If last Thursday's exhibition game was any indication of how the men's team is going to play this year than the fans are in for a heck of a ride this season. JSU got a chance to flex a few of its muscles before it traveled to Alaska to play in the Top of the World Classic this weekend.

The Gamecock basketball team had "The Pete" rumbling during its 81-68 slamming of West Georgia.

"Man, it felt so good to get back out there," said point guard Poonie Richardson. "I couldn't even sleep last night. I was shaking in class. This is what everybody has been waiting on."

No Gamecock played bigger than "The Big Man" Omar Barlett. He finished the game with a career high in points and rebounds. He tallied 28 points and snatched 16 rebounds to lead the Gamecocks in double-figures last week.

Barlett missed his first shot, but followed that with 10-straight points. The biggest play was his Shaq-style alley-oop over teammate Emerson

"Downtown" Brown. Brown drove the ball down on a fast break, then dished it to Scott Watson — who lobbed it up for Barlett.

"We know he's capable of putting up good numbers each night," head coach Mike LaPlante said. "I think you'll see him put up real good numbers when he gets offensive rebounds."

The high-flying Josh Perry came off the bench to score 15 points. Perry wasn't predicted to play until mid December or early January. He was extremely pleased to get the opportunity to play.

"It was a good feeling, thank the Lord," Perry said. "They were talking about maybe playing in late December or January playing. Thank the Lord that I got back faster than what I did. It feels good."

"They never said how many minutes I was going to play, but I didn't think I was going to play too much. The opportunity opened and I was there. I'm not 100 percent yet, but the harder I work — the closer I'll get to it."

The Gamecocks trailed 16-14 with 11:41 in the first half, but went on a 15-2 run over the next

four minutes to take a 29-18 lead after Barlett hit a baseline jumper with 7:18 left in the half. JSU held a five-point lead at the half. They finished the half, hitting 19-of-37 shots from the field and a 51.4 shooting percentage.

West Georgia took a 44-43 lead after Jay Sherrell scored on a shot in the paint with 17:30 left in the second half, but the Gamecocks scored eight-straight points to increase the advantage. Sherrell and Bryant Redd led West Georgia with 13 points apiece.

The Braves tried to make a comeback with 5:46 left after Michael Schoonmaker banged home a lay-up to make the score 69-66. Jax State then went on a 10-0 run to seal the win with 2:25 remaining in the game.

The Gamecocks outrebounded West Georgia 41-30, and finished the game with only 13 turnovers.

The Gamecocks tip-off the season tomorrow when they play in JSU's first-ever invitational tournament. They are playing at the Top of the World Classic in Fairbanks, Alaska. They will face Ball State in the opening round.

# Georgia Southern steamrolls Gamecocks 41-3 in season closer

By Anthony Hill

The Chanticleer Sports Editor

The Gamecocks ended the season with a 41-3 loss to the No. 4-ranked Georgia Southern Eagles (9-2) last Saturday.

They say that speed kills. Well, head coach Jack Crowe said the Eagles were as good and fast as advertised.

"This was a tough way to end the season," Crowe said. "They were as, if not more, fast than I thought they were. I thought we played solid across the front except for a few plays. Once the ball got in the perimeter, we didn't match up personnel wise."

"We were good enough to play on the physical side of it, but on the movement side of it, we did not move with them well

enough in all areas. We did in some — to be able to neutralize their outside speed. Any time a guy got past five or six yards outside the ball, we had trouble."

Running backs Mark Myers and Chaz Williams caused the most problems for the Gamecocks as they combined for 244 yards of the Eagles' 493 rushing yards. Myers rushed for 141 yards and a touchdown, while Williams tallied 103 yards and two touchdowns.

Georgia Southern finished the game with 569 yards of total offense. The Gamecocks gave up four rushing touchdowns for more than 30 yards. Georgia Southern had touchdown runs of 32, 53, 68 and 71. Williams' 71-yard touchdown run was the

longest rushing touchdown allowed by the Gamecocks all season.

"We gave up too many big plays on the ground," Crowe said. "But, we have to give credit to Georgia Southern. There's a reason why they are No. 4 in the country and lead the nation in rushing and total offense."

The Eagles took a 7-0 lead after Williams took a quarterback sneak into the end zone with 5:54 left in the opening quarter. Scott Shelton connected with the extra point to cap a 76-yard, five-play drive.

GSU then extended its lead to 14-0 after Zzream Walden scampered 32 yards for the touchdown and Shelton added the extra point. The touchdown was set by Georgia Southern's



Courtesy The Anniston Star/Stephen Gross

Senior tailback Rondy Rogers gets brought down by a host of Eagles during last Saturday's 41-3 loss to Georgia Southern. Rogers finished the game with 121 yards.

second interception of the game.

The Eagles continued to pour it on. They extended their lead to 17-0 after Shelton connected on a 32-yard field goal with 10:14 remaining in the third

quarter.

Jax State finally got on the board after Steven Lee hit a 24-

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yard field goal midway through the third quarter to make it 17-3.

That's all the points that Georgia Southern would allow and scored four more times to seal the victory for the **Eagles**.

The first one came on a 71-yard scamper by **Williams** — then a 53-yard run by **Myers**, followed by a 33-yard field goal by Shelton. Kevin Davis concluded the scoring after he took a 68-yard run to the house with

6:09 left in the game.

The Gamecocks finished the game with 276 yards of total offense. Senior tailback Rony Rogers had 121 rushing yards, which was his season high. It was also the 11th career 110-yard rushing game for Rogers, and second of the season. He will conclude his career with 3,143 rushing yards.

Reggie Stancil finished the game 6-for-14 for 36 yards. Stancil finished his career with

5,182 passing yards and 35 touchdowns.

"This was a culmination of a very poor offensive year," Crowe said. "I thought we could replace the people that we lost last year — we had a fairly mature offense, really — but we never had any consistency. We had moments, we had plays, but we never had any consistency. We are, offensively, going back to square one."

# McNeese downs Northwestern State

**McNeese State 27, Northwestern St. 3**

NATCHITOCHEs, La. (AP) — Vick King ran for 121 yards and a touchdown as McNeese State clinched the Southland Conference championship beating rival Northwestern State 27-3 Saturday.

It was the 10th straight conference win for McNeese (9-1, 5-0 Southland) and its ninth championship, the most ever won by a college. The win also sends McNeese to the NCAA I-AA playoffs.

King's fourth quarter 43-yard TD run with 4:12 left capped a second half dominated by the Cowboys, who scored 18 points.

At the half, Northwestern (8-3, 3-2) trailed 9-3 after getting its only score on a 22-yard field goal by Tommy Hebert in the first.

Quarterback Scott Pendarvis quickly found his rhythm in the second half, throwing a 15-yard pass to B.J. Sams with 12:46 left in the third. A two-point conversion pass from King to Pendarvis put McNeese up 17-3.

Pendarvis completed 16 of 25 passes for 188 yards. He was intercepted once.

Jermaine Martin, who became the Cowboys' all-time pass receiver this year, caught 3 balls for 69 yards, his longest a 42-yarder.

King added 7 yards with one catch. Going into the game, he was the Southland's top rusher, averaging 96.4 yards per game.

Marcus Trahan returned a kickoff for 63 yards. He had a total of 115 yards on three returns.

For most of the game, the Demons' offense was stifled, and the team was set back by penalties, a fumble and interceptions.

They managed only 34 net rushing yards, with Derrick Johnese, the top rusher, with 36 yards on 10 carries.

Kevin Magee was intercepted three times at a cost of 40 yards. He completed 13 passes on 32 attempts for 130 yards.

Fred Harrison led the Demons in receptions with 4 for 65 yards.

Fourteen penalties put the Demons back 123 yards, while the Cowboys had 9 penalties for 70 yards.

**S. F. Austin 30, SW Texas State 21**

NACOGDOCHES, Texas (AP) — Zeke Dixon threw for 282 yards and a touchdown and ran for a fourth-quarter score to lead Stephen F. Austin to a 30-21 win over Southwest Texas on Saturday.

Stephen F. Austin (6-4, 3-2 Southland) trailed 14-7 at half-time, but used a 1-yard touchdown run by Gary Allen and Dixon's 40-yard touchdown pass to Michael David to take a 21-14 lead late in the third quarter.

Southwest Texas (4-6, 1-4) tied the score at 21 on the next possession with a 3-yard touchdown run by Lee Davis. Davis' score capped a 14-play, 91-yard drive that took up almost eight minutes.

Dixon's 3-yard score on Stephen F. Austin's next drive put the Lumberjacks up 27-21, and Clay Gilbert added a 22-yard field goal with 3:38 left to clinch the win.

The Lumberjacks rolled up 416 yards of offense to the Bobcats' 285, but Southwest Texas finished with a 35:45 to 24:15 time-of-possession advantage.

## Atlantic Sun Conference Volleyball Standings

Team	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
*UCF	10	1	.909	19	11	.633
*Georgia State	10	1	.909	24	13	.649
*Florida Atlantic	8	3	.800	13	16	.448
*Jacksonville	7	4	.636	14	13	.519
<b>*Jacksonville State</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>.636</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>.519</b>
*Troy State	7	4	.636	20	10	.667
Stetson	6	5	.545	15	14	.517
Samford	5	6	.455	13	14	.481
Mercer	3	8	.273	14	15	.483
Belmont	1	10	.000	8	23	.258
Campbell	1	10	.090	3	21	.125
Gardner-Webb	1	10	.090	2	25	.074

**Recent results:**

**Nov. 16**  
Stetson 3, Florida Atlantic 1

**Nov. 15**  
Jacksonville State 3, Winthrop 0

**Nov. 12**  
Stetson 3, Embry-Riddle 0

**Nov. 10**  
Troy State 3, Elon 2

\* - Indicates clinched berth in A-Sun tournament



## Southland Football League Standings

Team	Conference				Overall			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
McNeese State	5	0	191	40	9	1	347	156
Northwestern State	3	2	112	70	8	3	303	203
Nicholls State	3	2	103	81	7	3	262	162
Stephen F. Austin	3	2	103	94	6	4	287	203
<b>Jacksonville State</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>298</b>
SW Texas State	1	4	103	131	4	6	197	269
Sam Houston State	1	4	68	154	3	7	176	299

**Recent results:**

**Nov. 16**  
#2 McNeese State 27, #7 Northwestern State 3  
Stephen F. Austin 30, Southwest Texas 21  
#4 Georgia Southern 41, Jacksonville State 2

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# 1 on 1 with Thrill: "The cool and exciting" Poonie Richardson

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Senior point guard **Poonie Richardson** is arguably the most exciting player at JSU. Simply because his sport caters more to excitement than most sports. Basketball is simply an exciting sport, and players like Poonie make it more exciting to watch.

The Gamecocks are ranked preseason number two in the Atlantic Sun and you can't help but think it's because of players like Richardson. He, along with "Big Man" Omar **Barlett** and Jay Heard have added another **element** to the Jax State men's basketball program — excitement and wins.

Those three players can light it up on the hardwood at any time. Poonie is the Michael Vick of the team. He always finds a way to put players in scoring position, but if that doesn't work — he can just as easily score himself.

**Thrill:** What's going on Poonie?

**Poonie:** Chillin' man. Just chillin'.

**Thrill:** You guys got that tournament in Alaska coming up. What's your thoughts on taking that trip, and the teams you all will play?

**Poonie:** I'm really excited about going to Alaska. It's a chance to play some bigger schools like Ball State, Nebraska and Wisconsin-Green Bay. It's a lifetime experience to go up there and play.

**Thrill:** There's only four hours of daylight up there. What are you going to do for



The last frontier



Senior point guard Poonie Richardson

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the other 20 hours?

**Poonie:** I'll probably just get a lot of rest. That plane ride is gonna take a lot out of us.

**Thrill:** Ball State beat Arizona last year, around this time. What are your thoughts on that team?

**Poonie:** I think we just gotta go up there and play 'em hard. We really gotta control the tempo of the game. They like to get out and run. We just wanna control the tempo of the game, rebound and play defense.

**Thrill:** What do you think about playing teams like Michigan State, Oakland and Maine?

**Poonie:** It gives the school a lot of exposure. It also brings in a lot of money.

**Thrill:** Can we beat them, this early in the season?

**Poonie:** Yeah. If all of us put our heads together and don't think of the name on the jersey or chest. We just need to go out there and play ball.

**Thrill:** You guys ended the season pretty strong last season. How much better is the

team this year, compared to last season?

**Poonie:** Oh. We're very deep this year. We got guys that can come off the bench and keep it going.

**Thrill:** Who's the best new addition to the team?

**Poonie:** I

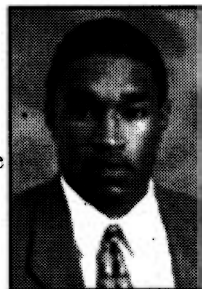
think all the new guys are good additions, but James Denson stepped up and starts for us now. He's playing pretty hard.

**Thrill:** Which one of last year's players made the biggest improvement during the off season? They say that Carl Brown has gotten a lot better.

**Poonie:** Oh yeah. Carl Brown has come a long way. We just can't wait to get him back. He's going to be a big help to the team.

**Thrill:** How good is Omar Barlett?

**Poonie:** Everybody knows that Omar is good. If we can just keep him out of foul He'll be all right. He got a new foul shot now and everything. He stands off



Brown



Sleepy

the line now. He used to be right on it — now he's back a little.

**Thrill:** Who's the most exciting player on the team then?

**Poonie:** I'm gonna have to go with, probably, "Sleepy." (Josh Perry.) He's got so much energy, and brings it all to the games.

**Thrill:** Let me ask you this. Coach LaPlante seems so cool, for a coach. What's he like when he gets mad?

**Poonie:** You have to do a lot to make Coach LaPlante mad. When he gets mad, you know he's serious.

**Thrill:** I see you all are dunking more this year. Well, not you. Can you even dunk?

**Poonie:** Yeah.

**Thrill:** (Laughs.) You can't dunk.

**Poonie:** (Both laugh.) Yes I can. If I dunk it'll be at the beginning of the game or something. I dunk with ease.

**Thrill:** Sure.

**Poonie:** It has to be at the beginning because my legs get tired. I can dunk with one or two hands.

**Thrill:** I didn't know that. (Pause.) How was your off-season? What kind of things did you do during the summer?

**Poonie:** We worked out with the the track and field coach, Coach Fiske. He had us doing a lot of great workouts.

When we got back to school, Coach Austin got us right.

**Thrill:** I gotta ask you this Poonie. Why did Travis Billings get dismissed from the team?

**Poonie:** (Laughs.) For a violation of team rules. That's all I can say.

**Thrill:** (Laughs.) What made you want to play for Jax State? I'm sure that you could've gone somewhere else.

**Poonie:** I wanted to keep it close to home, plus the coaching staff, man. I think we have the coolest coaches in college basketball.

**Thrill:** Do you think this team is going to be as good as everyone is hoping?

**Poonie:** Yeah, as long as we stay together.

**Thrill:** Now you all are ranked second in the conference in the preseason poll. Isn't that going to make teams gun at you all? Games are going to be tougher, aren't they?

**Poonie:** It doesn't matter whether we're second or last. We're going to go out and play hard every game as if everything is on the line.

**Thrill:** What CD have you been bumping lately, man?

**Poonie:** Oh, that Field Mob.

**Thrill:** Yeah, that CD is pretty tight. Do you remember what cartoon you watched when you were younger?

**Poonie:** Tom and Jerry.

**Thrill:** (Both laugh.) What's your favorite food to eat?

**Poonie:** Shrimp.

**Thrill:** Have you found a lady friend yet? I heard the women were feeling you, dawg.

**Poonie:** You heard that?

**Thrill:** Yeah, that's what I heard.

**Poonie:** You ain't heard that. (Both laugh.) That's something new to me.

**Thrill:** What do you do during your free time?

**Poonie:** I just hang.

**Thrill:** What kind of hanging?

**Poonie:** I just chill with the fellas (the team). We're usually playing video games or

cards or something. We on that NBA LIVE 2003 right now.

**Thrill:** Have you played the new Grand Theft Auto yet?

**Poonie:** Yeah. We were over at Marlons the other day, playing that.

**Thrill:** OK. Let's do some free association. JSU basketball.

**Poonie:** Man, the greatest team in the Atlantic Sun.

**Thrill:** Rondy Rogers (Former JSU tailback).

**Poonie:** Excellent running back.

**Thrill:** Coach Michael White. (Assistant b-ball coach)

**Poonie:** (Laughs) That's my boy. Coach White is real cool.

**Thrill:** "D-Mac. (JSU basketball player)

**Poonie:** That's my boy right there.

**Thrill:** The Jax State women.

**Poonie:** We got some fine women here.

**Thrill:** Patricia and Bernie Purter. (Poonie's parents)

**Poonie:** Best parents in the world.

**Thrill:** Well, that's it man. Good luck in Alaska.

**Poonie:** 'Preciate you letting ya boy be your last interview, dawg.



Mr. Rogers



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