Shifting class schedules may ease parking woes

By Jamie M. Eubanks
The Chanticleer News Editor

With increased enrollment, JSU has been forced to address the issue of class scheduling. Tim Smith, director of institutional effectiveness, crunches numbers every day. Recently, the numbers he has been concerned with are those showing when students are scheduled for classes.

As schedules are now, on Mondays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. there are between 2,000 and 3,000 students on campus, but after that time the numbers never reach 1,000.

The same is true for Tuesday/Thursday classes. From 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. there are almost 3,000 students scheduled for classes. After 1:30 there are barely 1,000.

Smith said on Fridays, the numbers are even more telling. By 3 p.m., there are no students in classes.

According to Smith, "This is historically accurate, too. The numbers may be larger this year, but if you go back and look at previous years you see the same sort of trend. And this really relates to parking and to classroom utilization."

While parking is an issue all over campus, there are certain areas where it is especially problematic. Stone Center, where most freshman and sophomore classes are taught, is one such area.

In those three-to-four-hour periods, classes change about three times. It is during these times that traffic is at its worst, because in 15-minute intervals, all 3,000 students are trying to get from one class to another. However, the parking lots and traffic after this time are basically vacant.

"Sometimes it's hard to find a room to offer a class if you want to add another English section," Smith said, "but if you can offer

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Iraq, U.N. reach inspections deal; White House maintains hard line

By Daniel Rubin & Diego Ibarquen
Knight Ridder Newspaper

VIENNA, Austria - The United Nations and Iraq agreed Tuesday in Vienna on terms to renew weapons inspections in Iraq without conditions except at eight "presidential sites," but the Bush administration said inspections should not begin until the U.N. sets tougher terms.

The White House made its hard line on Iraq even harsher Tuesday, as spokesman Ari Fleischer invited the Iraqi people to assassinate their president, Saddam Hussein, as an alternative to war.

Asked about new estimates that war with Iraq could cost up to $9 billion a month, Fleischer said "the cost of one bullet, if the Iraqi people take it on themselves, is substantially less than administration appears to face an uphill struggle in winning support for its stand from the U.N. Security Council. President Bush wants the council to endorse a single resolution demanding Iraqi disarmament and authorizing military force if Saddam fails to comply.

A meeting Tuesday of the five permanent Security Council members in New York to discuss terms for a new Iraq resolution ended inconclusively, Diplomats said specific wording wasn't even discussed, but one noted that the meeting, while not heated, was punctuated by extensive discussion of concerns about concepts in the draft that Washington favors, including "threat language" directed at Saddam.

Three of the five permanent members - France, Russia and China - have made it clear that they are unwilling at this time to go along with the Bush administration's likely to strengthen their reservations. In Vienna, both sides declared victory.

"There is a readiness (by Iraq) to accept inspections that did not exist before," said Hans Blix, the chief U.N. arms inspector.

"The talks were businesslike, purposeful, focused," said the leader of the Iraqi delegation, Gen. Amir al Sadi.

"Yes, we are happy to agree to this agreement. And we expect the advance party (of inspectors) to arrive in Baghdad in about two weeks."

Both sides said U.N. inspectors would be granted unrestricted access to all sites in Iraq to seek evidence that weapons of mass destruction are being developed, except for eight "presidential sites," which were left out of their negotiations because they are granted special status under a 1998 U.N. agreement with Saddam.

Bush’s list of Iraq’s sins, which include such offenses as failure to turn over Saddam for war crimes trials and the alleged torture of American prisoners, is not specifically mentioned in the new agreement.

Bush faces a much easier audience on Capitol Hill where Congress appears from Congress are to meet the president over breakfast Wednesday to discuss Iraq.

The Senate is expected to begin debate this week on a resolution that would grant Bush broad authority to wage war against Iraq, and the House of Representatives is expected to follow next week.

Solid majorities in the Senate and the House support the president’s position. The only real debate is whether he will accept modest compromise language in the resolutions that would encourage him to exhaust diplomatic efforts through the United Nations before turning to war. The compromise language also would focus on Iraq’s quest for weapons of mass destruction as the cause that justifies force, eliminating Bush’s list of Saddam’s sins, which include such offenses as failure to turn over Saddam for war crimes trials and the alleged torture of American prisoners, is not specifically mentioned in the new agreement.

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SGA targets JSU's suitcase reputation

By J. Wilson Guthrie
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

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Hayes felt that the community as well as student friendships suffer because of the weekly desertion of Jacksonville.

“Students don’t make as good of friends here, because they have their friends at home,” said Hayes.

“The senators are trying to get (the word) about (S.O.S.) out to everyone,” said Emily Williams, SGA senator and Executive Assistant.

“This is a great time to get it started,” said Williams.

Williams said that fall is great because of football games and the SGA sponsored tailgate parties really help promote students staying around town.

To promote the idea to students, Hayes came up with a calendar of lesser known events around campus and things such as football and soccer games.

Hayes and the other senators would like to see students hanging around for some of the less publicized events such as the dramatic production of Macbeth, rifle team meets and with the Little River Canyon Field School.

Could Paul Carpenter Village’s Panhellenic House be home to a different group?

By Hermiina Espinoza & Jamie M. Eubanks
The Chanticleer Staff Writer & News Editor

Last year JSU’s Panhellenic Council moved into one of the houses in Paul Carpenter Village, but could someone else soon call it home?

When Kappa Sigma lost the house over a year ago because they defaulted on their mortgage, the University wanted to fill the house to keep from losing money on the property. The solution was simple: allow the Panhellenic Council to move in and treat it just like any other housing establishment on campus.

The house is handled like other residence halls. Each eligible student signs a nine-month contract with University Housing to stay in the house.

At the moment, the Panhellenic House is completely full of women from Alpha Omicron Pi, Alpha Xi Delta, Delta Zeta, Phi Mu and Zeta Tau Alpha.

Cara Dawn Byford, assistant director of student activities, said this is a unique living experience. According to Byford, JSU’s Panhellenic House is the only one of its kind in at least the state, and possibly in the nation, where women from all different sororities live together.

The question is how long will it stay in the hands of this unique Panhellenic Council?

Because of the nine-month contract through Housing, which ends at the end of this academic year, there’s no way they’ll be asked to move out of the house before this academic year is over.

“I have heard the rumor that at the end of this year that it possibly won’t be the Panhellenic House anymore,” said the house’s director, Deidra Tidwell, “but I believe that is just a rumor.”

Dr. William Fielding, who is temporally the acting Vice President of Business Administration Affairs, said no definite decisions have been made pertaining to the Panhellenic House.

Fielding doesn’t know what the University will do with the Panhellenic House in the long term. He said, however, “There are no plans to put anybody out or put anybody in.”

Byford said, “The University owns that house. And they can keep it in its current state, or any group that has the funds and can afford to build a home in Paul Carpenter Village can. It’s not just a ‘Greek Village.’

“I think if a group did approach them and said, ‘We have the money and we would like to buy a house,’ then I think they would be open to that. But to my knowledge no one has approached them with that offer.”

According to Byford, there would also be a long transition period before an organization could acquire the house. This includes showing financial stability on the part of the organization, a membership large enough to warrant the house and commitment to taking care of the house.
**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Delta Zeta**: Congratulations Alissa!! We love you! Awards for the week: Sister- Molly, Tiny-turtle-Meghan & Lauren, Twisted-Tavia and Molly, Support-Molly, Alumnae- Laura, Terrific Turtle- Britney, Responsible Rose- Ashley. We love our new members Lauren and Meghan! **Contact**: Tavia McMunn-Jamdaisycrazy@hotmail.com

- The **English Competency Exam (ECE)** will be given Oct. 15, 6-7:30 p.m. and Oct. 16, 3-4:30 p.m. Register by Oct. 11 in 215 Stone Center. Optional workshops will be Oct. 7, 6-7 p.m. and Oct. 8, 3-4 p.m., in 250 Merrill Hall. **Contact**: Mrs. Sellars at 112 SC, ext. 5512 or ssellers@jsucc.jsu.edu.

- **Intramural Sports**: JSU will be playing a Flag Football game versus opponents from Samford University this Oct. 5 at 3 p.m. Also, deadline for Intramural Inertube Water-Polo and Men’s Badminton is Oct. 10. Sign up in Stephenson Hall. **Contact**: Allen Gilbert, 782-5073.

- **JSU Math Club** will meet Oct. 3, at 4:30 p.m. in Room 18 Curtiss Hall (basement). We will discuss T-shirt sales, student memberships in MAA and NCTM, and plan another fun event. The club is open to all students interested in mathematics. **Contact**: Dr. David Dempsey, 782-5124, dempsey@jsucc.jsu.edu, or Dr. Jan Case, 782-5119, jcase@jsucc.jsu.edu.

- Phi Delta Kappa and JAAEYC are sponsoring “Brain Compatible Learning: A Workshop for Educators” which will be held in the Houston Cole Library, from 8:30 a.m.-11:30 p.m. on Oct. 4. **Contact**: Dr. Dennis Zuelke, 782-5182 or Nina King, 782-5845.

- **SGA**: Traffic Court will be held Oct. 7 at 5 p.m. in Room 301 TMB. Congratulations on all the new Freshman Forum members. Good luck with officer elections next week. Senate meetings are every Monday at 6 p.m. in the TMB Auditorium and are open to everyone. **Contact**: Dr. Dennis Symonds, 782-5495, bradleyjohn18@hotmail.com.

- **Student Health Center** will administer flu vaccinations for JSU students and employees beginning Oct. 16. The cost for the vaccination is $15. Appointments will be scheduled for Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 1:30-4:30 p.m. and Friday mornings from 8:30-11 a.m. **Contact**: Nancy Edge-Schmitz, 782-5310 for an appointment.

- **Zeta Tau Alpha**: Congratulations to our Freshman Forum Members! You’ll make the SGA shine. Thanks to KA and Delta Chi for the mixers this week, and thanks to Delta Zeta for speaking at our chapter meeting, you guys are wonderful!! Have a great week everyone. **Contact**: Amy Yancy, zaptasl@yahoo.com.

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**Campus Crime**

- Sept. 24—Janore Lee Ganes, 18, of Cedartown, Ga., reported theft of property to JSUPD occurring at Fitzpatrick Hall. The item stolen was a Huffy mountain bike.

- Sept. 24—Robert Walter, 18, of Jacksonville, reported breaking and entering (auto) and theft of property to JSUPD occurring at Jerry Cole parking lot. Items stolen or damaged included a Nokia cell phone and a car window.

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Sept. 24—Jarrad Denard Blade, 18, of Stone Mountain, Ga., was arrested by JSUPD for receiving stolen property occurring at Stone Center.

Sept. 25—Andrew Blair Alford, 18, of Jacksonville, reported theft of property to JSUPD occurring at Crow Hall. Items stolen or damaged included a laptop computer and a Play Station 2.

Sept. 25—Crystal Leann Almaroad, 19, of Jacksonville, reported breaking and entering (auto) and theft of property to JSUPD occurring at Martin Hall. Items stolen or damaged included a digital camera, checkbook, a leather purse and $160 cash.

Sept. 25—Christopher John White, 18, of Jacksonville, was arrested by JSUPD for DUI occurring at Nesbit Street and Park Avenue.

Sept. 25—Ryan Robert Brick, 18, of Deatsville, was arrested for minor in possession of alcohol and open container occurring at Highway 204 and Park Avenue.

Sept. 27—A woman reported sexual misconduct to JSUPD occurring at Dixon 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.
it in the afternoon there’s plenty of room. I think parking was secondary ... (the number one concern is) the overcrowding of the buildings, with the buildings being maxed out with usage at certain times of the day.

The College of Arts and Sciences is definitely feeling the brunt of this overcrowding. The departments of math, psychology, political science and public administration are currently playing “musical chairs” with buildings. They have been displaced because of overcrowding.

“I think students are happy with the scheduling,” said SGA President Robert Hayes, “but unsatisfied with the situation.”

Hayes said the transition of classes being moved around frustrated and confused some students.

“The situation is comparable to putting two pounds of sand in a one pound sack,” said Dr. James Wade, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. “This University has the capacity for 10,000 and more (students), but it cannot place everybody (in classes) between 8 and 12.

“This, of course, became more of an issue as we got this sudden growth spurt and at the same time, we’ve got this displacement going on.”

The University hopes to lessen the conflicting schedules, overcrowding and parking problems by shifting some classes to the afternoon.

“I think it’s 40 percent of the core classes, that would be your freshman and sophomore level classes, will be shifted to meet after noon,” said Smith. “It’s not going to be such that core classes are not offered in the morning. It may become like a 60-40 split: 60 percent of the sections would be offered in the morning, 40 percent after noon.”

Wade said the administration is not making a dramatic move. They are putting a “substantial number” of classes in the afternoon for the spring semester.

The proposed compromise language would not tie Bush’s hands but would be a gesture toward diplomacy and allies, and thus would give him stronger majorities in Congress for a resolution that, like his own draft, would give him the power he seeks. But if Bush refuses to compromise, most lawmakers are ready to give him what he wants rather than oppose a president who insists that national security is at stake.

Bush rejected any compromise terms Tuesday in either the U.N. or congressional resolutions in remarks at the White House.

“...which ties my hands,” Bush said when he was asked about a bipartisan compromise offered by Sens. Joseph Biden, D-Del., and Richard Lugar, R-Ind., Biden chairs the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, as Lugar did when Republicans ran the Senate.
He said some departments will probably see a few more classes in the afternoon than you have in the past, because those are heavily enrolled.

Because these classes are predominantly freshman and sophomore level courses, Wade said as students move up in class standing, there will be no serious impact on their schedules. This shift in schedules will most profoundly effect the college of Arts and Sciences and the College of Business.

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Living life often means learning how to let go

By Jamie Eubanks
The Chanticleer News Editor

Good idea, keep em’ coming

Can it be true?

For years, students have listed traffic and parking as their major complaints about campus life at JSU. It’s seemed at times like an eternal problem, one that no amount of thinking could solve.

The ever-present nature of parking complaints even made it seem to some of us like a non-problem. Any parking woes were really just a by-product of students’ narrow-minded insistence on driving to class, some would argue. We at The Chanticleer have taken that side of the argument before.

The matter could be resolved by taking measures to get students out of their cars and on their feet, we said. Making it easier to walk to class by lengthening time between classes wouldn’t hurt either, we’ve said. And it seemed those were the only realistic options available.

Now, it looks like there may finally be an answer. Having the College of Arts and Sciences offer more sections of its most popular classes in the afternoon will theoretically ease traffic in the mornings, and make it much less frustrating to find parking at the Stone Center and other high-traffic buildings.

As a result so it’ll be a little more comfortable to get to and from class in Jacksonville ... for now.

If enrollment keeps rising, and the University meets and surpasses its goal of 10,000 students, we may find ourselves facing the same problems all over again in a few years. Other options need to be given serious consideration to make sure it’s comfortable, safe, and even possible to get to and from class every day.

Lengthening the time between classes to make it easier to get across campus, tiered parking privileges based on seniority and making roads and sidewalks more bicycle-friendly are all good-sense, low cost options to encourage students to use other means of transportation.

In the long term, planning for more and better on-campus housing would go a long way toward making JSU more of a campus community, and make it easier to walk where one needs to go.

Providing more courses through distance-learning technologies like the Internet might seem like a good, cost-effective solution to a crowded campus. Careful consideration shows, however, that it risks the loss of an identifiable campus community and the diversity of experience that is such an important part of the learning process in college.

Shifting class scheduling is a creative solution to an immediate problem, but JSU needs to be sure it’s thinking in the long term.

The frustrations of an inexhaustible workload, the often stressful world of journalism, might have driven me away from my calling.

My relationships worked the same way. I had known the person I left back home all my life, but it wasn’t until our senior year in high school that we were both ready to develop a relationship.

I believe there are crucial times in our lives when God puts certain people in our paths and allows certain people to walk out of our lives to give us a whole new perspective on things. He also sends us places to teach us the value of those people and opportunities missed.

In my instance, I came to Jacksonville. I am here for a very good reason. To get here I let go of the things of my past and waited, hoping fervently that some of them would return.

Neil, who I left back home, did return. We were engaged a year ago today. I had learned my lesson: patience is a virtue (which I am still learning today) and to never give up on my dreams.

Had I not come to Jacksonville, I would have been able to spend so much more time with Neil, but I would have missed out on meeting people like Dr. Steven Whitton, who encouraged me to keep writing. He also introduced me to one of the greatest sports writers of our time, Clyde Bolton, who I can now call “friend.”

I would have never been a Peer Counselor and acted a fool on stage at Orientation or learned the “Buttercup.” These are just a few of the countless experiences and extraordinary people who have come into my life during my wait.

It all came back to me, but in the process of waiting I gained so much more. Thus, this process we call waiting is not at all passive. We make use of the time in between, but not forgetting what it is we are hoping for.
Beyond Title IX: Gender stereotypes

By Patricia Ireland

Despite Title IX, passed 30 years ago, women and girls in sports still find themselves subject to a highly contradictory social message: be athletic, but be feminine, too. Women must excel not only at their sport but also at their conventional social role.

Particularly in sports like basketball and tennis, where bodies are on up-close and sweaty display, female athletes who hone their muscles and achieve what is described as the "awkward balancing act between excellence and gender stereotypes." Let’s give women and girls the freedom to excel without looking over their shoulders wondering if a whispering campaign is gaining on them.

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The Chanticleer Staff

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By Danni Lusk
The Chanticleer Features Editor

Hats are reflective of a society’s values, amount of wealth and can even convey power and authority, according to Stacey Miller. So, what kind of hat do you have on your head?

Miller is a taxonomist, a collector of hats and headaddresses. Her personal collection of 100 hats and headaddresses representing over 75 countries is currently on display at the Anniston Museum of Natural History until Jan. 12 in the Changing Exhibits Gallery.

According to Miller, hats can be worn for beauty or simply for protection. For example, the cone-shaped hats worn by the Vietnamese protect them from the sun and Alliance members, as well as a French beret and a couple of Amish hats are in this display.

The cowboy hat is also displayed in this category. This hat’s origins date back to the 1800s when the Spanish vaqueros, or cattle herders, wore sombreros. When cattle herders from the east made their way to Texas and California, they adopted the vaqueros sombreros and modified it into the cowboy hat worn today.

Under the “Protection” category, a Kutch Head Cushion from India is displayed. Lower caste women in India wear this doughnut-shaped cushion on their heads to balance jugs of water and other heavy loads.

Miller’s collection began when she purchased a skullcap from Brazil. The Chanticleer Features Editor

By Ralf Lusk
The Chanticleer Features Editor

Review by Philip Wuntch
The Dallas Morning News

“Sweet Home Alabama” screen presence freshened the paint-by-numbers plot of “Legally Blonde.” But “Sweet Home Alabama” is bless her heart, is not greedy about sharing the spotlight.

Josh Lucas should be the movie’s main beneficiary.

...the places and the people we’ve played for have made us evolve into more of a rock band,” said Wright.

The band is currently playing in almost every major college market in the Southeast. They have shared the stage with well-known artists such as Edwin McCain, Joan Jeff and Aaron Neville.

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The rock band with a “southern twinge,” the Coconut Cowboys, make their first appearance in Jacksonville tonight at the Last Straw.
example, the cone-shaped hats worn by the Vietnamese protect them from the sun and rain while sitting in the markets all day selling goods or the Spanish sombrero, which comes from the word "sombrar" meaning "shade."

The hats are being displayed in groups classifying their purpose. In the "Cross-cultural Influence" display, a hat made of vinyl and recycled Coca-Cola cans from Thailand displays the United States' global influence and marketing power.

Another familiar hat, the Mortarboard is also in the same display. The Mortarboard board is traditionally worn at graduations in the United States. Its origins date back to the medieval times.

An interesting wooden pith-style helmet from Nigeria that was made in the mid-20th century is the cross between a style helmet from Nigeria that reflects the British colonial influence in Africa from the 1900s to the early 1960s until Nigeria was granted independence in 1960.

In another display case, the "Cultural and Ethnic" hats from different countries can be seen. A Pakool, worn by Afghan Northern United States, comes from the word the Spanish sombrero, which protects all day selling goods or rain while sitting in the market.

In the "Influences" display, a hat made of recycled Coca-Cola cans is being displayed. Holly Freeman looks at a hat made of recycled Coca-Cola cans.

Holly Freeman looks on in excitement as an American Eagle associate cuts holes in her customized jeans.

American Eagle stores across the United States that offers customization stations. And customization is popping up on the Internet too. Companies allow Web surfers to design a pair of jeans, choose pants that are tailored to their exact measurements or pick out a pair of custom-colored shoes with their name emblazoned on the heel.

At the American Eagle, Freeman, 19, ran a hand through her streaky blond hair and looked on as American Eagle's designated customization guru, 18-year-old Bailey Spaseff, used a seam ripper to remove a back pocket from Freeman's new $38 whiskered hipsters.

"This is so fun," said Freeman, who let Spaseff do the work instead of taking scissors to the jeans herself. "I'm going to be back here tomorrow for more."

Shoppers gathered at the window as Spaseff shook a can of blue spray paint above Freeman's jeans. With a whoosh, she painted an AE paint-by-numbers plot of "Legally Blonde." But "Sweet Home Alabama" is even more predictable than that 2001 surprise hit, and Witherspoon exhausts her inventory of smiles, sighs and comic reactions.

Still, the actress is a hot commodity, and director Andy Tennant knows how to handle commodities, having guided the Olsen Twins through "It Takes Two" and Drew Barrymore through "Ever After." Unfortunately, his sales pitch frequently lacks any semblance of subtlety.

It's up to the large supporting cast to bring some zest to the movie, and Witherspoon, about sharing the spotlight.

Josh Lucas should be the movie's main beneficiary. With unforced charm and humor, he turns Melanie's 'Bama-born husband Jake into a person of worth. Without doubt, Jake is a man of limited worldly experience, but Lucas never plays him as a bumpkin or buffoon.

Melanie's Manhattan fiancé Andrew is treated in almost as equitable a manner. It would have been easy to turn him into a snob or a phony, but Patrick Dempsey's performance gives him substance. Dempsey gave an inspired comic performance...
where the back pocket once was. Then she took a pumice stone and frayed the jeans’ hem, roughing them up even more with a “Dremel,” a rotating tool that acts like a file, ripping through denim with force.

Like many teens, Freeman craves clothes that speak of her individuality.

“At my school everyone pretty much dresses the same,” says Freeman, who boasts 24 pairs of flip-flops, one of which she wore to her senior prom along with a purple dress and feather boa. “I like to try to do stuff that not everybody’s doing. I think people can tell a lot by the way a person dresses.”

The personalized look is already out there, with glitter-spattered, patched-up, bleached and distressed clothing appearing on the runway and on shelves at hip clothing stores catering to the back to school crowd.

American Eagle Outfitters got its customization idea directly from customers, who often requested custom jeans like the ones in the stores’ windows or catalog.

“The customization tables just take it a step further to let you make your clothes exactly how you want them,” Watkins says. “Everyone is trying to be unique; not everyone wants to be a cookie cutter.”

Adults don’t have to be “cookie cutters” either. According to the trade group Cotton Inc., women try on an average of 16 pairs of jeans before they find one that fits their body and matches their taste.

But Internet surfers can find their perfect fit at the click of a computer key. Interactive Custom Clothes Company (http://www.ic3d.com/) offers Internet customers several types of denim; multibutton, lace-up, and zip fly styles; flare cut, boot cut, straight leg and taper; and even a choice of button and thread colors.

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Best of all is superb character actor Fred Ward, who plays Melanie’s daddy, a devout re-enactor of Civil War battles. He also has the screenplay’s best line, about one person attempting to ride two horses.

Yet the good moments in “Sweet Home Alabama” are mere scraps. The movie is genial but never inspired, and little about it will stay with you.
Using a computer program, "IC3D" creates a personalized pattern for every customer's body, says IC3D co-founder Peter Del Rio. Customers send in a series of measurements including waist, thigh and knee length and then IC3D creates a pattern that is accurate to the tenth of an inch, Del Rio said.

IC3D's jeans cost between $75 and $100, but speciality orders like leather pants can cost upward of $300.

Del Rio says customization is about freedom of choice.

"What you envision as cool is totally different than what I envision as cool," he says. "Consumers are not getting something where everywhere they turn they're going to find someone else wearing the same thing. They imagine it; we make it. The consumer is the designer."

Nike is also cashing in on customization. On nike.com customers can virtually design one of 23 sport shoe styles in minutes. For $10 more than regular retail price, shoppers can create a pair of stylish basketball shoes that matches their school's colors.

"It empowers people, to help create something they're going to wear," says Nike spokeswoman Beth Hegde. "They like products more since they have a say in it. They have more pride in the product that they wear because they had a hand in the design."

Customers can also put their own personal ID on the shoe -- it can be anything from a nickname or a favorite team to a motivational word or two to get you going while you lace up those sneakers before the big game.

"Putting your goal (running) times on your shoes, that's a huge statement," Hegde said. "People put funny things like 'Eat my dust,' something that, if they had a magic marker and it looked good, they would write it on there."

Nike's newest innovation is the Pegasus ID, a popular running shoe that can now be customized according to perfor-
Sophomore quarterback Anthony Mayo continues to redefine his nickname as "The Comeback Kid."

Mayo led the Gamecocks to a 35-29 come-from-behind victory over Tennessee Tech last Saturday. Mayo guided the team 65 yards in 98 seconds, before Junior Kory Chapman scored on a 7-yard run to win at Tucker Stadium in front of 6,702 fans.

"I tried to score, you've gotta get in there," Chapman said. "We work hard every day to try to win a game like this and it came true for us."

Head coach Jack Crowe was pleased with the victory, but seemed more impressed with the way the team's been winning 0-4 right now. "I think we've made enough mistakes that we've met the enemy and it's us."

Tennessee Tech took the early lead after Nick Hodges launched a 28-yard field goal with 10:55 to go in the first quarter to give the Golden Eagles a 3-0 lead.

The Golden Eagles opened the game with a 13-0 lead. The Gamecocks miraculously scored two touchdowns in the final 48 of the first half. Mayo hit both Ralph Jenkins and Jarvis Houston for scores.

JSU pushed its lead to 21-13 after Rondy Rogers scored his 26th career touchdown on a 2-yard run with 3:20 left in the third quarter and Lee added the extra point. Rogers also moved into second place on JSU's career rushing list.

The most crucial play of the game came on the final play of the game. The Golden Eagles had a chance to win the game with no time on the clock, from the 11-yard line.

The Gamecock defensive line, anchored by Jermaine Hoyt and Marcus Mitchell got the crowd on its feet after he took a 26 yard dive all the way to the house with 7:41 left.

"We work hard every day to try to win a game like this and it came true for us."

Sophomore quarterback Anthony Mayo runs the option by Tennessee Tech defender John Ruff. Mayo had 111 passing and another 74 rushing to lead the Gamecocks to a last-minute, come-from-behind 35-29 victory.

Junior running back Kory Chapman scores the winning touchdown against Tennessee Tech with 28 seconds left to play. Chapman was the Gamecocks' third-leading rusher in the game, with 60 yards.

Gamecocks take it down to the wire

By Anthony Hill
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

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What’s Randy crying about?

By Anthony Hill
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Let it be known that I’m still tryin’ to figure out why Randy Moss started to cry during his exclusive interview with ESPN last week, after he allegedly nudged a traffic officer with his car.

He should’ve cried after that 48-23 drubbing the Seahawks administered on Sunday night.

I’m a fan of football, and of great players; but I’ve never really liked Moss. I respect his talent. And, his numbers speak for themselves. He’s accumulated more yards (5,396) in his first four seasons than anyone in history and has more touchdowns than any wide receiver. And, we all know that he’s got plenty of money ($75 million, eight year contract).

"No matter how much I try to do right, everyone always focuses on the negative things," said a whimpering Moss. "I’ve done more for the game in four years than most athletes, just check the numbers."

I’ll ask my initial question again. What’s he crying about? It couldn’t have been the 50 gee he was fined after the incident.

It definitely can’t be his reputation. He hasn’t had a good one since he graduated from high school.

Moss got his scholarship revoked by Notre Dame in 1995 after he was charged with beating up an old classmate; he then went to FSU, where he was kicked off the team for smoking marijuana. Not to mention, all
Up next:
JSU (2-2) vs. Samford (2-2)
Sat. 7 p.m., at JSU's Paul Snow Stadium

Gamecock volleyball drops first two conference matches

From staff & wire reports
The Gamecock volleyball team (5-9, 0-2 A-Sun) has been anxious to begin conference play. Well, that didn’t translate to wins as they dropped their first two Atlantic Sun matches of the season to UCF and FAU last weekend.
Jax State dropped the first match to the University of Central Florida, 3-0 and concluded the weekend with a 3-0 loss to Florida Atlantic last Saturday.

Gamecocks shock weak BSC 8-0

By Anthony Hill
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

The object of most sports is to score more points than the other team. Well, the Gamecocks scored more points and prevented Birmingham Southern from scoring on route to an 8-0 win at University Field last Tuesday night.

“This win was amazing,” said head coach Lisa Howe. “We usually just play very disciplined and keep teams from scoring. So it was nice to have both working for us tonight.”

Jax State (2-2, 2-1 A-Sun) got by UCF in a 10-5 run, to go ahead 12-10 before the Golden Knights came back quickly. UCF went on an 18-8 run of its own and took the game 30-23.

In game two, JSU’s Jennifer “Jen Bren” Brenner recorded two service aces in a row and freshman Michelle Tippett added a spark to help the Gamecocks take a 7-6 lead. The Gamecocks had as much as a four point lead in the game until the Golden Knights tied it up at 21 and then went ahead and won the game 30-26. JSU then dropped the third game 30-27.

Jax State was led by Sarah Taylor with 11 kills, while Christina Cary added 10. Tippett hit a .444 percentage and Brenner ended the night with four service aces.

The Gamecocks then traveled to Boca Raton and fell to FAU 3-0.

FAU’s Abbey Minner had 14 kills to propel the Owls over JSU. JSU gave FAU a 10-4 lead in the first game, before it scored seven-straight points. Sophomore Sara Tognetti served two service aces during the stretch, before the Owls won, 30-21.

The Gamecocks were closer in the second game, losing 30-26, but in game three, FAU accumulated a 10-4 lead and then a 20-9 lead before winning 30-20.

Brenner had a double-double for the Gamecocks with ten kills and 14 digs. Senior Alison Wright also had ten digs for JSU.

Jean Boyle had three assists and ten digs on the night for FAU and Jessica Kahn had six block assists. The Owls out-blocked JSU 11-4.

JSU’s next match will be next Tuesday when it hosts Georgia State at 7 p.m.
By Anthony "Thrill" Hill

I met junior All-Conference Lineman Levet Jones about a year-and-a-half ago. I somehow ended up in his apartment and he told me that he liked the stuff I wrote in the paper. He said he "liked the way I told it how it was." I replied by telling him that I liked the way he played on the field.

I've gotten a chance to get to know Vet a lot better since then. I found out that he's a pretty nice guy and he's always honest with people, whether it's saying something nice or just being too blunt. Vet never holds anything back. He and I hooked up to talk amongst other things on Monday morning.

**Thrill:** What's the deal Jones?  
**Vet:** Just chillin' man.

**Thrill:** OK. It must feel good to be back on the winning side of things. The team looked pretty good against Tennessee Tech.

**Vet:** Yeah. We're coming together pretty good as a team. We're finally gettin' our confidence back.

**Thrill:** I've heard a lot of talk about the team finding its identity after the win. How much did that win do for you guys?

**Vet:** That win basically showed us that we can score. It also brought the offensive line together more.

**Thrill:** We played great, don't get me wrong, but don't you think we need to get things going a little earlier in games. We're not going to be able to continue to comeback every week.

**Vet:** Yeah, we're gonna have to start scoring in the first quarter. It's mistakes that keep us from doing that. We're getting too many penalties this year.

**Thrill:** Let's talk about your little pep talk with Rondy for a moment. I heard that you gave him a pep talk to remember after he fumbled last Saturday. Would you tell me basically what that conversation was like?

**Vet:** I basically told him that we were the leaders on offense and we needed him to stop making mistakes. I told him some things that really needed to be said at the time. He accepted what I said and responded positively.

**Thrill:** Do you consider yourself a leader of this team?

**Vet:** Yeah, an offensive leader.

**Thrill:** I know you had a rather rough summer, especially the later part. What was going through your mind as you served your suspension for undisclosed reasons?

**Vet:** Just gettin' back on the field, and I knew that I had let my team down. I knew that I was a big part of the offense and I just wanted to get back on the field.

**Thrill:** How did you feel when you saw an article in the newspaper that said you committed an act that you knew you didn't do?

**Vet:** It hurt my pride and my feelings. I knew that I didn't do what it said I did, nor would I have to.

**Thrill:** Do you feel like you're misunderstood sometimes?

**Vet:** Yeah.

**Thrill:** You played defensive end in high school. Now you're an All-Conference Offensive lineman. What's it like to play on the offensive line?

**Vet:** It's fun. I like to get a lot of blind shots when the defense doesn't see me coming.

**Thrill:** Would you rather play defense?

**Vet:** Yeah, but as long as I'm playing it doesn't matter where.

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

**Vet:** I would have to give that to Kory Chapman. He's got nice moves.

**Thrill:** All right let's move on. What's Vet like to do when he's not playing football?

**Vet:** I know that you like to get it up.

**Thrill:** I just like to chill with my boys and grill out. You know.

**Vet:** Yeah. Did you see Keyshawn Johnson jump all over Coach Gruden last week. What do you think would've happened if that wouldn't've been Coach Crowe?

**Vet:** It would've been different. I don't think anyone would try Coach Crowe like that.

**Thrill:** What's your favorite meal?

**Vet:** Barbecue anything.

**Thrill:** OK. If you didn't sign with JSU, where would you have likely gone to school?

**Vet:** I don't know. I wanted to come here.

**Thrill:** Somebody told me that you were singing a Phil Collins song before the game. Is that what you listen to when you're getting ready to play?

**Vet:** Na. I usually listen to rap; but it was the mood of that night. "I can feel it calling in the air tonight." That song was in my heart to sing. I was telling (Jermaine) Hoyt that I could feel him getting a sack and everything.

**Thrill:** Name one woman whom you'd love to have relations with.

**Vet:** Halle Berry.

**Thrill:** Free Association. Pastor Troy.

**Vet:** Gangsta rap. **Thrill:** Vigor high school.

(Vet's high school.)

**Vet:** Alma mater.

**Thrill:** Coach Jim Skidmore.

**Vet:** Cool.

**Thrill:** Fine.

**Vet:** Beyoncé. (Destiny's Child lead singer)

**Thrill:** Best offensive lineman.

**Vet:** Kyle Turley. (New Orleans Saints offensive lineman.)

**Thrill:** Pritchard, Ala.

**Vet:** My hometown, where it's at.

**Thrill:** Corey Warren. (Linebacker.)

**Vet:** Cool roommate.

**Thrill:** Thanks for the time.

**Vet:** Good luck with the season.

**Vet:** Preciate it dawg.
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