Former dorm space may become parking area

By Jamie M. Eubanks
The Chanticleer News Editor

A possible change in plans by JSU administrators may turn the empty land once occupied by Rowan and Weatherly halls into parking instead of green space.

Administrators had originally planned to turn the area where the two dorms once stood into grassy “green spaces,” but are now looking at options to create more parking.

SGA president Robert Hayes saw this issue as a quest for his fellow students, and at a recent Faculty Senate meeting he was given the commission to tell the rest of the student body about the proposed parking.

“We are so excited,” said Hayes. “We said JSU President Dr. Bill Meehan told him at the Faculty Senate meeting to let the student body know the space would be used for parking.

“We’re very excited about that,” Hayes said.

“There’s such a struggle there for Mason Hall and Sparkman residents trying to find a place to park,” said Hayes. “It’s stress on the students and the faculty. I think that will free up a little space. It’s not a solution, but it’s a step in the right direction in helping us get to accommodating all of our students.”

George Lord, director of the physical plant at JSU, said this plan is still in the preliminary stages. He also said it may not be feasible to even put parking in this area.

Just looking at the current layout of the land, it seems there is plenty of room for at least 100 parking spaces. But Lord said there are other factors that will determine how many actual parking spaces can be allotted.

“Once of the things people forget is that you’ve got to have an aisle or driveway in order for cars to back out,” said Lord. “So you lose a lot of space when you build a parking lot because you have to have this aisle or passageway.”

There are also the issues of symmetry of the landscape and traffic flow, which also see Parking, page 4

Freshmen in Fitzpatrick on F.I.R.E. this fall

By Benjamin Cunningham
The Chanticleer Editor in Chief

Some JSU freshmen are getting a warmer reception in their first year in campus housing, thanks to University Housing’s F.I.R.E. program.

F.I.R.E., which stands for “fresman initial residence experience” is a pilot program being implemented at freshman-only Fitzpatrick Hall. It’s designed to help incoming freshmen adjust more easily to college life, and make a smoother transition into adult life in general, according to Marie Humphrey, director of JSU’s University Housing and Residence Life office.

F.I.R.E. attempts to smooth those transitions through a series of programs designed to help students learn about things such as personal finance and drug and alcohol awareness. The idea is to help the freshmen in Fitzpatrick avoid common pit-

pledge to abstain from alcohol use and enroll in LS 100 or 104, where they learn study skills and good academic habits. Resident assistants take those classes with the freshmen to help monitor their progress and offer assistance when it’s needed.

That connection between residents and RAs is another facet of F.I.R.E. Residents are required to have one-on-one meetings with their RAs each month. The idea, according to Paige Faulkner, hall director for Fitzpatrick, is to give the freshmen a familiar face to seek out when they need help.

“We’ve had good, positive feedback from the students on the interaction with RAs,” Faulkner said. “And we’ve had really good turnout on the programs.” Faulkner said that overall she’s pleased with the way things are going in Fitzpatrick’s first year with F.I.R.E., but that it won’t be possible to measure its success until the end of the academic year.

Brewer Hall crosswalk gets new streetlights

By Jennifer Kittle
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Earlier this month, two new light poles were installed on either side of Highway 21 in front of Brewer Hall. The fixtures were put up with the cooperation of JSU and the city of Jacksonville.

Students complained that the crosswalk was not bright enough at night for cars to see the pedestrians in time to stop. Students have nearly been hit by cars in that crosswalk on several occasions due to speeding and careless drivers, and their inability to see the crosswalk. Students felt that their safety crossing the highway in that crosswalk, especially at night, was being compromised.

Several individual students, along with the SGA, requested coordinate efforts to have these lights installed.

After the city was notified of the request, the city council had to authorize the installation of the poles before Alabama Power would install them. University officials also had to speak with the state highway department before anything could be approved.

The project took several months to complete.

The new light poles are different than regular streetlights. They are high-energy sodium lights that are supposed to emit a brighter light that illuminates a larger area than older types of streetlights.

Nelson Coleman, chief of JSU PD and director of public safety, said, “There is a great deal of cooperation and coordination between individuals and groups on campus to get
JSU, other schools aim to create college voting bloc

By Kizzie Gooden & Benjamin Cunningham
The Chanticleer Staff Writer & Editor in Chief

JSU’s SGA is working hard to get students to break a bad habit: not voting. The SGA Senate’s STARS committee is working, along with similar committees on 14 other college campuses across the state, to get thousands of college students to register to vote in this fall’s statewide elections. The effort is being coordinated by the Higher Education Partnership, a lobbying group set up by Alabama’s four-year colleges to fight for higher education issues and funding in Montgomery. STARS, or Student Teams Advocating Realistic Solutions, is the student arm of the partnership.

“Many students don’t realize that almost 50 percent of total votes cast in the last two elections have been cast by residents of the 13 counties that house Alabama’s public universities,” said Amy Yancy, chairwoman of JSU’s STARS committee. “If students would make the effort to go to the polls and vote, they might be surprised at the change they could bring about in Montgomery and Washington.”

Yancy said the group’s original goal was to register 100 students, but that they surpassed that by Sept. 10. The group is having targeted drives, at which tables are set up around campus and at JSU events. While Yancy said the drive at JSU isn’t scheduled yet, they’ll be taking place in Jacksonville and on the other campuses through the Oct. 24 deadline to register to vote in this November’s election.

“Although our goal has already been met, our committee has no intention of slowing down or halting our efforts,” Yancy said. “The statewide goal is to register 5,000 “university people,” at the 15 campuses, according to Mary Catherine Barganier, a speaker for the Higher Education Partnership. The point, Barganier said, is to get out more of these registered, active voters with a stake in higher education issues so that state and federal policymakers don’t ignore them.

“It feels like our strongest asset is to get out the vote,” Barganier said.

Polls consistently show, however, that college-age Americans are among the least likely to vote. Studies have shown that many students feel their vote doesn’t count, or they don’t have much information about who’s running. A survey by the New Millennium Generation said that many students claim to be too busy. So what does it take to get them registered?

“The secret to getting young people to come out and vote is to make it easy,” said Gail Morgan, a member of the JSU SGA. “We have to make it easy for them to vote, and we have to make sure that they understand the importance of their vote.”

Several individual students, along with the SGA, requested that bright orange stickers that notify the driver their vehicle has been immobilized.

“The first thing that we try to do is get them out for what happened, why it happened and what action should be taken,” said Coleman. “If a person makes a mistake because they were not trained, we address the training... if the person knows thoroughly what was supposed to be done the right way, then we issue out some discipline.”

One particular incident cited at the meeting involved a female student being asked out by an on-duty JSU police officer.

“We took the complaint and the explanation (for the complaint) and counseled (the officer) and put the complaint, the answer to the complaint and our findings in his personnel file,” said Coleman.

“Parking is a lower priority in the larger picture of keeping the campus safe,” said Coleman.

Coleman also said that he would like to see more students riding bikes and walking to class and that we help with the parking problems.

“I would like to see the students get together and get the University to develop a bike path all over campus,” said Coleman.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

• Alpha Xi Delta: Congratulations Emily, Becca, Ashley, and Beth on making Freshman Forum! Get Well Soon, Franches! We love you! We love our new members! Sister of the Week: Heather Feitmann, New Member of the Week: Tara Blackwell and Katie Segers Contact: Emily Randles edr-02@hotmail.com

• Archaeology Club will meet on Sept. 26, 7 p.m. in 142 Martin Hall. Dr. Harry O. Holstein will discuss recent summer projects conducted by the JSU Archaeology Resource Lab and field schools. The club is open to all students and refreshments will be provided. Contact: Harry O. Holstein, 782-5656 or holstein@jsu.edu

• Counseling and Career Services is sponsoring an “Overcoming Test Anxiety” Workshop on Sept. 26 from 3-4 p.m. in the basement of Fitzpatrick Hall. This workshop will be very helpful and informative. Please make plans to attend. Contact: Norma Penny, npenny@jsu.edu

• Delta Zeta: We hope everyone has a wonderful week! Good Job on getting that place Intra mural Putt-putt ladies! Keep up the good work in Flag football! Good luck in Bowling. We had an awesome sisterhood retreat this past weekend, thanks to Molly and our wonderful alumnae. Contact: Tavia McMinn, President, at iamdaishycrazy@hotmail.com

• English Competency Exam (CEC) will be given Oct. 15, 7-7:30 p.m. and Oct. 16, 8-9:30 p.m. Register by Oct. 11 in 215 Stone Center. Optional workshops will be Oct. 7, 7-6 p.m. and Oct. 8, 3-4 p.m., in 250 Merrill Hall. Contact: Mrs. Sellars at 112 SC, ext. 5513 or ssellers@jsu.edu

• The Epislon Nu Chapter of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia will host the 17th Annual Southern Classic on Sept. 28. The contest will begin at 9 a.m., with finals beginning at 6 p.m. The Marching Southerners will perform at 9:20 a.m. Your support is greatly appreciated. Contact: Gary Lewis, 435-1898

• The Jacksonville Area Association for the Education of Young Children (JAAEYC) will hold its general meeting on Sept. 26 in 107 Ramsey Wood Hall from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Contact: Dr. Elizabeth Engleby, 782-5844 or Nina King, nking@jsu.edu

• The Jacksonville Christian Student Center would like to invite all students to our Monday Night Devotionals. Beginning at 6:30 we offer a free bowl dinner followed by a short devotional and activity. Contact: Rob Goodwin or Wes Blankenship, 435-9336.

• Model Arab League Club will hold an organization meeting on Oct. 1 at 6 p.m. in Room 216 on the second floor of Martin Hall. The club is open to all JSU students interested in learning more about Middle East Studies. Contact: Dr. Thomas F. Baecum, tbaecum@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 8:30-1:30 p.m. on Oct. 4. Contact: Dr. Donnie Zellke, 782-5812 or Nina King, 782-5845

• Phi Mu thanks the brothers of Kappa Alpha for a great Laau mixer Tuesday night! Congratulations to Sigma Phi Epsilon and Delta Chi on successful pledge auctions. Everybody has a great week, go Jags, and study hard! We love our Phi’s! Happy Birthday Erica (Sept 22)! Contact: Brianna Bladen, 782-6145.

• Sigma Nu: Welcome back Jeremy Guthrie, thanks for your service in Afghanistan. Candidate of the week: Shane Dunaway, Commander’s Award: Phillip Root. Attention anyone interested in joining Sigma Nu: Rush is 365 days a year. An interest meeting will be held Sept. 25 in the lobby of Patterson Hall. Contact: True Pettis, 435-8700 or SigmaNuRush@aol.com

• Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society will meet Sept. 30, at 3 p.m. in Room 230 Stone Center. English/Language arts majors and minors interested in becoming members should contact Gloria Horton, 214 Stone Center, Ext. 5609. All those interested in joining are welcome at the meeting. Contact: Gloria Horton, 782-5409

• 2 B TRU and RHA will have a student mixer at Leone Cole Auditorium from 8-11 p.m. Oct. 1. Come enjoy music, food and fun for free. Contact: R2 Armstrong, RollanJ@aalcom

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CAMPUS CRIME

• Sept 18–Catheleen Buss, of JSU, reported theft of property to JSUPD occurring at Bibb Graver Hall. The items stolen were a Jacksonville State Dinnerware set

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When U.S. citizens hit the age of 18, we receive a privilege many in other countries lack: the right to vote.

While many nations are dominated by less-than-desirable types of government, America has a democracy that not only lets us have a say so in what goes on in government, but allows us to pick those who fill government positions.

The ability to choose local, state and national leaders is a right that many Americans take for granted, however. And with the increasing threat of war with Iraq, the time to vote is as important as ever.

Voter turnout is consistently declining in the United States. The number of younger voters actually present on election day has received a lot of attention lately. Why? Because they’re not showing up.

In an attempt to reverse the trend, the SGA’s STARS committee is currently working with Alabama’s Higher Education Partnership to increase voter turnout. The project is also taking place on the campuses of 14 other colleges throughout the state.

With the voter registration drives, the University hopes to get those who aren’t registered ready to cast their ballot by the time election day rolls around.

The ability to vote is a powerful tool in America. The people that are currently in office are calling the shots. Are you happy with their decisions? If not you can and should do something about it. You can go vote for someone else on election day.

If you’re satisfied with what’s going on, locally, statewide or nationally, you too have a say so; vote to keep those officials in office.

If the U.S. does in fact go to war with Iraq, a draft could take some of your family members or friends on unknown tours of duty. It could even take you. And of course, with wars come causalities.

At this moment Congress is debating on the amount of authority President Bush will have in dealing with Iraq. Changing the makeup of Congress just slightly could greatly alter the amount of power the president has, and the kind of war we fight. You could make that change.

We at The Chanticleer urge all of you to register to vote. Your opinion matters and you have the power to make a change.

While many complain about who’s in office in state and national positions, it’s usually a precious few who showed up to cast a vote that put them there, those who apparently realized they could make a difference.

Vote, because it’s your ass on the line.

In Our View

College life, and the road too often traveled

By Benjamin Cunningham

The Chanticleer Editor in Chief

If a quick four years is the straight and narrow path through college, I’ve definitely taken the wide and wandering road.

I won’t tell you exactly when I started my freshman year at JSU, but let’s just say that music fans on campus were all in a stir about this hot new act called the Dave Matthews Band, and movie buffs were still arguing over whether Forrest Gump really deserved to be best our Pulp Fiction at the Oscars.

Yeah, it was a while ago.

Much of what’s made this road so long is the mistakes I’ve made and the time I’ve wasted in some endeavors that the years have shown to be less than worthwhile. For example, the world probably wouldn’t have been worse off if I hadn’t spent so much effort on publicizing Danball, a hometown street sport that I was once sure would sweep the globe. But hey, it was fun while it lasted.

If I’d said no a few times when someone proposed driving the 90 minutes to the nearest Dunkin Donuts at three in the morning to sample the first pastries to hit the racks, I might have skipped fewer classes.

Heck, I might have even managed to earn a degree a few years before now.

Instead, I made my choices, had a good time, and paid for it with a self-imposed detour in the armed forces to earn a little money and discipline with which to finish school. That detour lengthened this road by about four years, but it was four years well spent, and it gave me the opportunity to think about all that time in college that might have been spent more constructively.

By the time my enlistment was up I couldn’t wait to get back to school and do it all right for a change. I charged back into Jacksonville ready to get it all over with and get out of town. It’s not that I don’t like this place. Ask anyone who knows me well and they’ll tell you how much I enjoy Jacksonville and JSU, especially on Saturdays in the fall in Paul Snow Stadium, or strolling across the blooming quad on a sunny April day. April in Jacksonville, in case you weren’t aware, can be pretty darn close to paradise.

The problem was, I found myself surrounded by lots of younger people, and some older ones, who were making the same decisions, some of the same mistakes I’d made years before that made my road so much longer.

Watching someone skip class to mull over relationship problems they won’t remember in five years, or attempt to drink their weight in alcohol just to be “accepted” is a difficult thing to do when you’ve been there before. Even if they’re complete strangers you want to take them aside, put an arm around them and tell them what they’re doing wrong.

The trouble is, even if you tell someone that the seemingly insurmountable problems of the moment will be long forgotten in a few short years, they’re not likely to listen. Once you pass a certain age, you lose a little credibility with those younger than you. They’ll assume you couldn’t possibly understand, or even remember, what it’s like to be where they are.

And the real catch is, they’ll probably never appreciate how right you were until they’ve already made their mistakes and seen the consequences for themselves. But still, when someone’s making decisions that could endanger the rest of their lives, it’s imperative that those with the experience share what they know.

So, after taking a long, winding road to get to the point, I’ll state it thusly: if you’ve been down a dangerous path that you see a friend taking, don’t hold your tongue. Let them know you’ve been there, and that there’s a better way. You might just make their road a little easier, and a little shorter.
“Would you support an American attack on Iraq?”

---Compiled by Nicholas Thomason

Stacey Gibson
Freshman
Communication

“Because all that violence causes more violence.”

Tony Johns
Sophomore
Education

“Yes, because we need to get the job done from the first time.”

Andel Jarius
Junior
Sociology

“Yes, because some things need to be done.”

Jermela Bowe
Sophomore
Computer science

“No, I sure won’t, because war is not the answer.”

Marsha Hanners
Senior
English language arts

“Yeah, I would. We have to take care of ourselves at any cost.”

America and the looming war with Iraq: Why? And why now?

By Richard Parker
KRT Forum

WASHINGTON — And so, the Bush administration hurriedly sows the seeds that will bear the bitter harvest of war. And yet, head down, the administration till the soil too busy to answer two questions. Why, really, are we going to war? And why right now?

These are the neglected, shady patches in the neat logic of otherwise tidy foreign policy, where thorns sprout, complicated than causus belli as caricature: the decade-long struggle to control the increasingly out-of-control Persian Gulf.

Little by little, the gains of the 1990 Gulf War have been steadily reversed. In this volatile region, home to nearly half the world’s oil, Iraq has slipped its noose. Iran has awakened from its revolu-

And yet the United States can’t simply pack up like the British did in the 1970s. Great Britain was shrinking from its commonwealth; America is the sole superpower. It may have won its status when the Soviet Union crumpled, but it cemented its power in the sands of Kuwait by taking back the oil that Iraq reached for in 1989.

To this day, the U.S. Navy guarantees the shipping lanes that carry precious oil to Frankfurt and Yokohama. And successive governments from Berlin and Tokyo repay the favor by basically towing the U.S. line. Power does not simply grow out of the end of a gun; it grows out of the end of a gun protecting an oil tanker.

And so, Sept. 11, 2001, was not merely a day of incalculable human loss. It was a warning that powerful forces would stop at nothing to eject America from the gulf — and destroy its power. Over the last year, a battered world economy has been only a breath from disaster. If the Saudis had fallen or capitulated to Islamists, nearly half of the world’s oil would be under three unfriendly regimes: Riyadh, Tehran and Baghdad.

In this nightmare scenario, governments from Berlin to Tokyo would shun U.S. enterprises and go to the Persian Gulf asking — no, begging — for oil. Recession would mushroom into depression. And like Samson shorn of his locks, the American colossus would be a giant in name only. The power and wealth of future generations would vanish.

Instead, a U.S. invasion of Iraq ensures that such a day won’t dawn. With one of the three pillars of the gulf in its possession, the United States will never want for oil for its allies, or for itself. With Iraq in hand, the United States will fundamentally alter the balance of power in the gulf and in the entire Arab world.

These are the messy realities that the Bush administration would rather not contend with, explain or plan for, because they complicate the simplicity of a tirade against Saddam. And they foreshadow what’s complicated about war. It’s not much defeating the Iraqi military but grappling with what logically comes next.

Much as America became an Asian power after the Spanish-American War, this war will see America finally take its place as an Arab power, like the British and the Turks before them. This is a fairly fine irony for an administration decidedly not in the business of nation building.

And Washington will inherit all that entails. Such as engaging that other great power, Iran. Such as rebuilding the ruined state of Iraq. And further expanding our permanent military presence in the gulf, already bigger than anytime since 1990 and more than a quarter-century old.

Some good may come. Such as reforming some of the corrupt and feckless Arab allies America has relied upon to its detriment. A permanent American interest in the Middle East can no more tolerate being surrounded by tottering regimes than it can tolerate a continued Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

None of these are arguments not to invade Iraq. But each is an argument indicating a more complicated, messy, risk- and intrigue-filled proposition than the Bush administration has let on. Or that the stammering Congress has uncovered.

And so, the administration hurriedly plants its seeds. Maybe no one will notice the thorns till later.

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take up space. The drive between Weatherly’s footprint and Curtiss Hall, Lord said, is a traffic hazard. Correcting this would be part of the plan.

The other issue, which most concerns students, is the number of parking places that will actually be available after all these factors are taken into consideration.

“The only thing we will be gaining is the additional spaces, possibly, where the two buildings sat, which will be in the footprint of the buildings. And that’s between 80 to 100 parking spaces, depending on what we can squeeze out of there.”

Julian Monroe Jenkins, the firm that designed the facelift for the Houston Cole Library, is currently working on a design package. They will take field measurements and create drawings to scale that will represent the exact number of parking places that can be created.

According to Lord, “This is all theoretical. You have to verify the existing conditions and it’s a little preliminary to really say 80-100. We might lose the whole top row if there’s not enough space. We create a burden if people think they’re going to get 100 and there’s only room for 50. So we create a false impression. We don’t want to do that.”

The work Julian Monroe Jenkins is doing is part of a feasibility study that will determine how cost effective the parking lots will be and how many actual spaces will be available.

Lord said the average cost of each parking space is $1,500 to $2,000. Multiply that by 80 parking spaces and you’re looking at a price tag of around $160,000.

“I think anything that has a positive effect on any student,” said Hayes, “be it one student or a group of students, is a triumph for the student government and the student body.”

While there are no concrete numbers as to how many actual parking spaces there will be, there is a very tentative timeline for when those parking places may be available.

“We probably won’t have the design back until late October or November,” said Lord. “Then bids have to run for three weeks in the paper. By then you’re looking at the beginning of the Christmas season, which is the worst time of year to do construction work for parking lots, because that’s the wet season. You probably won’t see heavy equipment moving until late February, early March.”
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McDonald's aims to reduce its fat content

Major fast food chain makes announcement as the federal government readies regulations requiring more fat content information on product nutrition labels

By Marian Uhlman
Knight Ridder Newspapers

The nation's food industry is about to get an oil change.

Makers of fast foods and packaged foods are looking for ways to reduce trans fats — oils that can boost consumers' "bad" cholesterol levels.

And the federal government is readying regulations that will require nutrition labels to include the amount of trans fats.

The movement to reduce the amount of trans fats picked up speed earlier this month when McDonald's announced plans to cut the amount in its fried-food items. Its french fries will contain almost 50 percent less.

Only two days after McDonald's decision, in a report setting new eating and exercising targets, the prestigious National Academy of Sciences underscored that consumers should avoid trans fats because of the effect on bad cholesterol levels.

The pressure to replace trans fats with more heart-friendly oils likely will increase early next year when the U.S. Food and Drug Administration expects to release its final label rule. Once it is published, companies will have a year to add trans fats to their nutrition labels, according to the FDA.

Trans fats often appear in cookies, crackers, dairy products, meat and fast food. Their presence tends to harden oils, increase shelf life, and keep flavors more stable.

Companies "are in the process now of experimenting and searching for solutions," said Gene Grabowski, vice president for communication and marketing at McDonald's.

"Some people will want the fullest flavor possible and will not be concerned about the trans fat content," Grabowski said.

McDonald's move likely will only heighten the quest for trans-fat alternatives. "When the giant does it, everyone follows," said John Stanton, professor of food marketing at St. Joseph's University.

In its report, the National Academy panel urged people to reduce consumption of trans fats and their cousins — saturated fats. Both kinds of fats have been linked to higher risks of heart disease. Because these fats occur in so many types of foods, the panel said, they can't be removed entirely without jeopardizing a person's ability to get a well-balanced diet.

"Our hope is the rest of the food industry will follow our leadership in lowering trans fatty acids, because consumers will then get an even bigger, more beneficial impact," Rusniak said.

The shift in fats means that a super-sized order of french fries will contain 4.6 grams less of trans fats than today's 9.8 grams. That adds up to a half-pound less of trans fat in a year for a customer eating one such portion a week.

"This doesn't change french fries into a healthy food," said Kathleen Zelman, a spokeswoman for the American Dietetic Association.

"It is nice that McDonald's is doing it," said Marion Nestle, chair of the Department of Nutrition and Food Studies at New York University and the author of "Food Politics: How the Food Industry Influences Nutrition and Health." "But it doesn't really address the major issue of fast food, which are calories."

Will consumers go for the new fries?

People "don't go into McDonald's for low-fat anything," Stanton said. "I think McDonald's is doing this to be politically correct."
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Ani Difranco’s career has been anything but typical. Instead of signing with a major record label and assuring herself fame and fortune, she took the road less traveled and formed Righteous Babe Records in 1990, which has become one of the most successful independent labels of the past decade.

Her do-it-yourself approach to life and music translates into “So Much Shouting, So Much Laughter,” which is her second live album and 15th album in 12 years. She began touring solo years ago, and then expanded by touring with just a drummer. As her musical style has changed over the years, so has her band, which now includes six members, including horns and keyboards.

This album captures the energy and emotion of her live shows over the past two years, but doesn’t focus on one city or show. It encompasses her complete touring experience from small clubs, as in “Swan Dive,” to large theatres such as the Ritz in Raleigh, N.C., where “Letter To A John” was recorded.

For two hours we travel across the globe, and around the country with the “little folksinger,” as a member of her audience, witnessing honesty, poetry, politics, humor and musical talent rarely seen in today’s pre-packaged and polished MTV icons and divas.

At one point, as Ani tunes her guitar, she questions her choice of instrument saying, “I don’t know why I play acoustic guitar, because I hate that acoustic guitar sound.” Humorous and honest statements like that draw her audiences into her soul, where she writes about deeply personal and political views.

These views are showcased in songs like “To The Teeth,” where she tackles issues like gun control and school shootings. At one point, as she sings, “I'll pack up my friends and move to Canada,” the Vancouver crowd erupts and cheers her clever choice of words.

The double-disc spans more recent songs such as “Grey” and “Reveelling,” as well as seldom-played fan favorites. The older tracks on the album do have a new life breathed into them, but not as much as the previously unreleased, “Shrug,” “Welcome To” and “Self-Evident.” The version of “Shrug” that appears here is the first time the band played it live in front of an audience, and the track seems to fit in nicely with the others that she’s played hundreds of times.

The first single, “Welcome To,” tells the common story of visiting your family on Christmas Day, which is supposed to be a happy occasion if you have a “nice” family.

The third, and most notable and unreleased song, is a nine-minute poem, which Ani wrote following Sept. 11. The Buffalo, N.Y., native gives an alternative view to what the newspapers and television news channels were saying following the attacks. She compares people to poems, and cites views on abortion, politics and the Oklahoma City bombing. Ani writes in the liner notes of the album, “It’s so affirming for me to realize how many of us agree on certain things that are not represented in the media.”

“So Much Shouting, So Much Laughter” had very big shoes to compare to it all. It stands proudly on its own as a creative and fitting look into the heart and soul of a great performer, and one of today’s greatest singer-songwriters.
Meet Dr. Edward Reed, a board-certified OB/GYN here in Jacksonville. He's a graduate of the University of South Alabama College of Medicine and completed his residency there. As an OB/GYN, Dr. Reed specializes in women's health and childbirth. He's a photographer, a gourmet cook and a very proud daddy. If you're looking for an OB/GYN who has a special place in his heart for babies, give Dr. Reed a call.

(What Dr. Edward Reed loves.)

Babies, Period.
Defense handles Nicholls, but offense sputters

By Anthony Hill
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

The Gamecock defense pretty much did everything that could’ve been done to win, but it wasn’t enough to stop Nicholls State from getting a 14-6 victory last Saturday.

“I feel like we did a good job,” defensive end C.J. Boyd said. “Everybody played assignment ball, everybody did what they’re supposed to. We caused a few turnovers, got the ball back. We did what we were supposed to do, I guess you could say.”

The defense held Nicholls State to only 139 rushing yards, a mere 211 total yards and three fumbles. The Jax State offense was held to only 198 total yards. And, Walter Payton Award candidate Ronny Rogers could only muster 51 yards on the ground.

“We didn’t make the plays to win the football game today,” said head football coach Jack Crowe. “I thought our defense adjusted to Nicholls’ style of offense and gave us an opportunity to get points to win the game.

“We did not run the ball well at all and I’m not sure why we didn’t,” Crowe said. “I told players I don’t know what our offensive problems are right now.”

The Colonels game-winning touchdown came after Chris Thompson returned a Reggie Stancil interception that ricocheted off the hands of Gamecock wide-out Ralph Jenkins late in the third quarter.

The Gamecock defense was basically the story of the game. They forced an amazing three-straight fumbles to open the second half, but only came away with six points.

Nicholls State took the early lead after marching 76 yards in 13 plays. James Morales scored on a 4-yard run and James Wilcox added the PAT to lift the Colonels 7-0 with 4:30 remaining in the first quarter.

Jax State’s only first half scoring opportunity fell short after the Gamecocks moved the ball down to the Nicholls State three-yard line, before fumbling the ball with 1:43 left in the first half. The Colonels took the 7-0 advantage into the locker room at halftime.

Stancil put Jax State’s only points on the board after he found a streaking Jarvis Houston for an 18-yard touchdown with 10:33 to go in the third quarter.

But, Steven Lee missed the extra point and Nicholls State held a 7-6 lead. Lee is just 1-for-4 in extra points this season.

“I’m not comfortable with our kicking game,” Crowe said. “I’m not sure about many things besides our defense, and quite honestly, it’s been a turnaround for us. It used to be a lot different.”

The Gamecocks seemed to be in a good position to score when under nine minutes to go in the third quarter, but the Colonels held them on a fourth and two at the 13-yard line.

After an exchange of punts, the Gamecocks took over with 3:18 left in the third quarter, but Thompson intercepted Stancil three plays later.

“Our offense actually gave away the points with the interception,” Crowe said. “It was a great play by the Nicholls player.”

Anthony Mayo, who started the game at quarterback for JSU finished 6-of-15 for 66 yards, while Stancil was 4-of-6 for 45 yards, a touchdown and an interception.

The Gamecocks finished the game with just 87 yards on 38 carries, the fewest rushing yards since McNeese State held JSU to just 87 yards in 2000.

“We thought we were getting better because we were getting better on defense, but I think we’ve made some assumptions about ourselves offensively that we shouldn’t have,” Crowe said. “Actually, we were a better offensive team when we had less talented players, which I think’s a sad thing.”

The Gamecocks will return to action when they travel to Cookeville, Tenn., to face Tennessee Tech on Saturday. Kick-off is set for 7 p.m.
Princess Thomas finished 23rd

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By Emerson Brown
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

If you weren’t in “The Pete” on Sunday, you still might’ve been able to hear junior Christina Cary spike the ball over, through, around and between the Lipscomb players. Cary smashed a remarkable 15 kills, three service aces and a .882 hitting percentage to lead the Gamecocks to a 3-0 win over Lipscomb in Jax State’s home-opener.

“Chrisiss is one of our best players,” said head coach Rick Nold. “Her and Sarah (Taylor) make us a better team.”

The Gamecocks were looking for an impressive effort, after dropping matches to Birmingham Southern and Alabama last week.

“It comes down to serving and passing and we didn’t do either of those things well in the last two games,” said Nold. “Those are two things that we have to continue to work on to win.”

Mission accomplished.

JSU’s Meredith Duke had 37 assists and junior Jennifer Brenneman finished with eight digs.

Lipscomb was led by Kristen Peck, who finished with 10 kills and eight digs.

The Gamecocks will open conference play when they travel to Orlando to face the University of Central Florida tomorrow. The match is set to start at 6 p.m.

“We spent the whole pre-season just trying to get ready for conference play,” Nold said. “We’ve still got a long way to go in a lot of areas, but we’re a very aggressive team and that’s going to help us out too.”

In her first race of the year, Aimee Pitz took 18th in 22:57.43 and finished 18th in the Georgia State Cross Country Invitational last Saturday.

“We’re impressed with the mental toughness on the women’s side and they continue to improve,” said head coach Aimee Dawson.

Princess Thomas finished 23rd on the day, followed by Anna Armstrong (27th) and Crystal Price (29th).

Both teams finished fourth overall.

Freshman Matt Morgan led the men’s team for the second time this season, placing 14th with a time of 29:49.57. Jan Kolar placed 19th, followed by Dayton Niehuss (20th), Dustin Little (21st) and Sam Cordts (27th).

“Aimee Dawson.

Both teams have been working really hard lately,” Dawson said. “The guys are running strong and Matt (Morgan) continues to impress us.”

The host-team Georgia State took the show by winning both races. Kennesaw State edged Emory for the title in the non-Division race. Individually, Josiah Layat of Morehouse nosed Joseph Muati of Kennesaw State by just .05 to take home first place.

Two days after finding themselves on the losing end of a 1-0 defensive struggle against Georgia State, the Gamecocks stormed onto University Field looking for revenge.

The Gamecocks not only got revenge, they also won their first home-conference game with a 4-0 victory over the Camels (2-4, 0-2 A-Sun) last Saturday.

“This win was so important,” head coach Lisa Howe said. We needed to win this weekend, because the tournament seedings at the end of the year. We also won in convincing fashion.”

Jax State’s intensity was evident from the beginning of the game. Sophomore Breanne Milne set the tone by scoring in the first minute. The goal was Milne’s second of the season. The assist went to Jane Little.

The Gamecocks scored again with 30:48 to go into the game, bringing their lead to 2-0. Ashley Martin passed the ball to fellow senior Angela Tribble, who cleanly sent the ball sailing above the reach of Campbell’s goalie and into the net. This was the fourth goal this year for Tribble, who was also named the Anniston Star’s Star Player of the Week last week, along with receiving A-Sun honors.

After the half, Jax State continued to dominate. Freshman Ashley LaFollette scored the first goal of her college career in the 68th minute, bringing the lead to 3-0. Senior Emily Huburt was credited with the assist. Five minutes later, sophomore Kristen Miller scored her second goal of the season. Martin recorded her second assist of the game on that score.

“We were tired the first half, but then we started scoring and you don’t get tired when you’re scoring,” Howe said. “I can’t say enough about our seniors and our defense. They are carrying us right now.”

The Gamecocks improved to 5-2 overall, and are now 3-1 in conference play, as well as at home.

The soccer team will travel to Starkville, Miss., today to face Mississippi State. The game is set to begin at 4 p.m.

Cross country falls at Georgia State

By Lindsey Muillins
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

The Gamecocks smoke Camels 4-0

The Gamecocks picked up their first conference win at home, blanking the Camels 4-0.

Junior forward Angela Tribble dribbles past Campbell defender Christine Nitz in Saturday’s match against Lipscomb.

Sure, we may have lost to the worst team in the SFL, but who’s to say that Stephen F. Austin, MCneece State, Northwestern State and Sam Houston State are any better? One or all of those teams may fall to the Colonels as well. The offense needs to start capitalizing on turnovers and stop making so many turnovers.

“It’s just sinful, honestly to have 31 points scored on turnovers,” Crowe said. “In the football world or theology, if you want to call it that, there’s no greater sin than what we’ve committed there.”

I truly believe this team is far better than they’ve played the entire season. It’s not too late to turn this thing around. We just need to keep our faith in the system and team and hope the right changes or adjustments will be made before it’s too late.

“At this time, I can tell you we’re subject to making changes in any and every area associated with the breakdowns and failures we’ve had in these first three ball games,” Crowe said. “Anthony Mayo is our quarterback, which represents a new direction. And, Kimani Brown is going to be starting this game at right guard which also represents a new direction.

“The urgency of the moment is not about the circumstances of the win-loss record. I think if we take care of our offense, the rest takes care of itself. We can recover from where we’re at offensively and if the defense continues to develop, I expect to be OK.

Maybe the right adjustments will be made. Maybe we’ll win the rest of the games that matter. One thing is certain: the road to the SFL championship doesn’t get any easier. I believe the Gamecocks are going to fight until the end. I just hope the end isn’t near.
Head volleyball coach Rick Nold is the type of coach that anyone would want to play for. He's been a winner as a player, AAU coach and as an assistant college coach. He's also a young guy who can relate to most of the challenges his players may face.

Nold is also one of the slickest looking coaches around JSU. Don't let the Richie Cunningham face fool you. He looks as cool as the Fonz when game time rolls around. That's his area of expertise. He has a cool head. When things get too hot on the court he cools matters down on the sideline.

Thrill: How are you today, Coach Nold?
Rick: Doing good.
Thrill: All right. It must feel good to have gotten that first home game out of the way. Not to mention the win.
Rick: Any win is special. We had good fan support as well.
Thrill: How has everything been going for you since you've arrived?
Rick: It's been going great. Everyone has been very supportive and the girls have been working really hard. We've been trying to get the team ready.
Thrill: What's the difference between the players at Louisville and Jax State? Is there a difference in talent level?
Rick: Probably just athleticism right now. I mean, when you get to a top-20 program, obviously there's a different type of athlete. The level of play is usually different.

Rick: I'm sure there's a lot of people looking for a love interest for me. (Both laugh.) People are trying to set me up with everybody.
Thrill: What type of things do you like to do during your free time?
Rick: I like to play golf, although I hadn't played since the season started. We put a lot of time and work in the volleyball program. I mainly like to watch TV and relax.
Thrill: Do you have a favorite actor or movie?
Rick: I'm not a big movie person. The last date I went on was the first movie I'd seen in a long time. I like Sean Connery. He's my favorite actor.
Thrill: Let's do some free association. That's where I say a word and you tell me what comes to mind.
Rick: OK.
Thrill: Steve McQueen.
Rick: Who is he?
(Both laugh.)
Thrill: Dave Ragone (Louisville quarterback)
Rick: Great quarterback. He'll make a lot of money real soon.
Thrill: Melissa Starck.
(Rick: Gamecock assistant coach)
Rick: I'm not sure how she communicates well. She's fun to work with as well.
Thrill: Michelle Alford. (Women's S.I.D.)
Rick: Fun to be around. Does a great job. Actually, I've been very impressed with help we've received from sports information.
Thrill: Jennifer "Jen Bren" Benneman.
Rick: Works hard, and she may be the hardest working kid on the team.
Thrill: Gamecock volleyball.
Rick: Improving everyday.
Thrill: One more question. How long do you see yourself here at Jax State?
Rick: We're trying to build this program. Hopefully, we're not under any timeline, but I hope an awfully long time.
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