

# Tuition may go up as much as \$200

By Ben Cunningham  
The Chanticleer Editor in Chief

*University leaders grapple with shrinking state budget; students may see largest tuition increase ever*

JSU might raise next year's tuition by \$200 or less, a University administrator said this week.

Dr. William Fielding, JSU's vice president for administrative and business affairs told The Chanticleer on Tuesday that the school's budget committee will likely recommend an increase smaller than \$200 per semester. University President Dr. Bill Meehan had told the newspaper last week that the proposed increase might be between \$200 and \$300 per semester.

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"I don't think it will be that high. It's probably going to be less than \$200," Fielding said Tuesday. "We just don't want to recommend that much."

Fielding declined to give a specific amount, saying that the number could fluctuate between now and April 21. That's when the University's board of trustees will consider the tuition increase at their spring meeting on April 21.

University leaders are struggling to find ways to deal with expected cuts in funding from the state government next year. Gov. Bob Riley has predicted a \$500 million budget shortfall for the coming fiscal year, because of the poor economy's impact on state tax revenue.

Legislators in Montgomery are waiting on a tax proposal from Riley to deal with the shortfall before beginning work on next year's budget. How much money the lawmakers have to

deal with will determine how much is available for higher education.

Fielding said that the University will have to consider measures to save money next year, such as delaying building maintenance or limiting employee raises. Academic programs and student services are off the table as considerations for saving money, he said.

"The expenditure committee will be working on all those things," Fielding

The board of trustees decide on a tuition increase on Apr. 21. Be sure to check our Web site for the board's final decision.

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said. "They'll be working on all these things for the next two or three months, probably, before there's any recommendations made."

Fielding said he has hope the legislators will find some money to ease the

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## Two die in crash involving student

By Miranda Bryant  
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Two people are dead and a JSU student is in the hospital after two vehicles collided near Piedmont early Saturday, according to state troopers.

Gregory Scott Westbrook, 41, of Jacksonville, and his passenger Saratha Jackson, 32, of Piedmont, died shortly after the wreck that occurred around

3:20 a.m., according to the accident report.

Bradley Gordon, 23, of Acworth, Ga., was driving west on U.S. Highway 278 when his Jeep crossed the center line and struck Westbrook's vehicle, the report said.

Gordon, a senior at JSU, was taken to Gadsden Regional Medical Center for surgery and treatment for a crushed foot, broken collarbone and broken jaw. He said he should be out

of the hospital in a few days.

The cause of the accident is under investigation, said Alabama State Trooper Brent Thomas.

After being home in Georgia, Gordon said he was driving back to campus to meet members of his fraternity to go sell newspapers at the Talladega Superspeedway.

"I just don't remember anything about the wreck," Gordon said.



White House/Eric Draper

President George W. Bush, left, and British Prime Minister Tony Blair walk through the grounds of Hillsborough Castle in Northern Ireland on Monday, as they discuss the war in Iraq among other issues.

## Bush, Blair agree to 'vital role' for UN in postwar Iraq

By Ron Hutcheson

*Knight Ridder Newspapers (KRT)*

BELFAST, Northern Ireland — President Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair celebrated battlefield triumphs and papered over their differences Tuesday as they mapped out plans for Iraq's transition from dictatorship to democracy.

Meeting in a 17th-century Irish castle, the wartime partners agreed to give the United Nations a "vital role" in postwar Iraq, without saying exactly what that meant. In keeping with their optimistic mood, they also pledged a mutual effort to

end Israeli-Palestinian violence in the Middle East and the Roman Catholic-Protestant conflict in Northern Ireland.

In contrast to the air of tension that hung over their previous war meetings, Bush and Blair exuded confidence as they assessed the three-week-old war and Iraq's future.

"There will be difficult fighting ahead, yet the outcome is not in doubt: Iraq will be free," Bush said at a joint news conference with Blair at Hillsborough Castle, outside Belfast. "This work when the war is finished will not be easy, but we're going to see it

through."

The two leaders also agreed that Saddam Hussein had lost control over Iraq, even if he had managed to survive U.S. efforts to kill him. Bush said coalition forces were loosening Saddam's grip on power "finger by finger."

"In all parts of the country, our power is strengthening, the regime is weakening, the Iraqi people are turning towards us," Blair said. "The power of

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## Senate appoints senators, justices

By Aubrey Vines

*The Chanticleer Staff Writer*

Monday night's Senate meeting was all about appointing senators and justices.

Tim King, Kimber Merrill, Stephanie Deese, Chris Turner and Jonathan Taylor were all appointed senators for the 2003-04 term. Angela Estes, Iyisha Hampton, Andy Green, Amanda

Gaskin, Charles McCoy, Doug White, Alesha Dikoko, Bree Davis and Iris Johnson were appointed to be SGA Justices for the 2003-04 term.

The Senate also voted to appoint Jessica Bobo as Senate chaplain, Alison Pierce as Senate parliamentarian and Chrissy Almaroad as Senate clerk.

Senator Jonathan Taylor said

Barnes and Noble has not yet spoken with Academic Affairs about the possible booklists. Taylor said Barnes and Noble will probably start a Web site of their own listing the books. If Barnes and Noble does not start their own Web site, the Office of Academic Affairs will be working with the webmaster this summer to get the booklists posted.

## Housing revamps re-application process

By Rosalind Moore

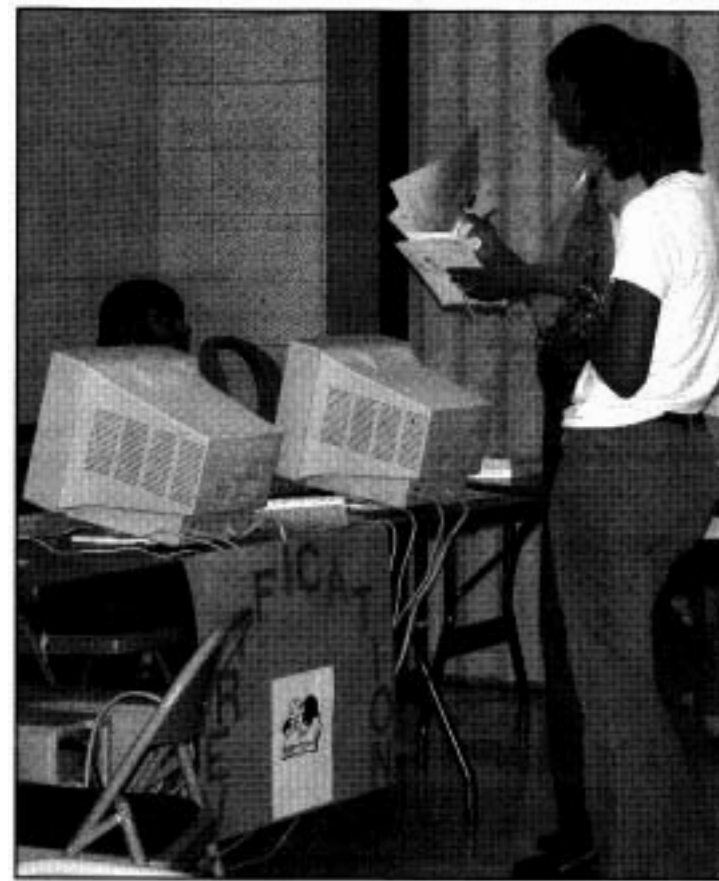
*The Chanticleer Staff Writer*

Jacksonville State University's housing department has been going through some major changes this year. Many changes have been made in an effort to deal with the overcrowding and unavailability of dorm space.

Recently, housing has dealt with issues concerning Dauge Hall, and has also been steadily seeking candidates to fill the position of housing director. This year's housing re-application process also underwent changes to help curb some of the various housing woes.

The housing re-application process is a time for students to reapply for current dorm rooms, change halls, relocate freshmen participating in F.I.R.E., and attempt to obtain a private room for the fall semester. This year, students were required to pre-register for classes before they

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Students wait in line to reapply for housing for next year in the Theron Montgomery Building auditorium. Many changes have been made in this process.

## JSU joins Jimmy Carter Work Project

By Miranda Bryant

*The Chanticleer Staff Writer*

Campus and community volunteers are teaming up with Habitat for Humanity and the Jimmy Carter Work Project this summer. These groups will be working to build houses in Anniston where the area has been contaminated by PCBs and lead from nearby businesses, said David Zeigler, president of the board of directors for Habitat for Humanity of Calhoun County and director of JSU's multicultural services.

Former U.S. President and

Nobel Peace Prize winner Jimmy Carter will be in Calhoun County June 8 for the opening ceremony of the project and will stay for three days until he leaves for Georgia where two other projects will be in operation the same week, said Zeigler. Valdosta and LaGrange, Ga., are also hosting the JCWP. Calhoun County was challenged by Habitat two years ago to eliminate substandard housing by 2020, said Zeigler. "It's called the 21st Century Challenge," he said.

But no one wanted to live on the western side of Anniston.

"We had proposals to build houses there before now," said Zeigler, "but no one would live there because of all the contamination."

Thirty-five houses will be built in one week, said Zeigler, and foundation work for the site in the most western part of Anniston has already begun. "You won't see our houses falling over," he said. The contaminated ground will be dug up before construction takes place.

Many local and out-of-town businesses have donated money

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### By the numbers:

Tuition for one full-time semester at JSU for 1993-94 academic year

**\$840**

### Gamecock Scoreboard:

Baseball:

Apr. 5 - JSU 5-5, Gardner-Webb 3-4  
Friday - at Troy State 6 p.m.

Softball:

Apr. 3 - JSU 2-0, Ga. State 1-2  
Friday - at UCF 2 p.m.

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## Investigation continues into musical instrument thefts

By Miranda Bryant  
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Police would be closer to finding the suspects who stole more than \$26,000-worth of band instruments this semester, said Sgt. Shawn Giddy of the JSU Police Department, if students and witnesses would cooperate more.

Giddy said the investigators find it difficult to prove the theft of instruments when the items in question do not have any marks of identification, such as serial numbers.

"A lot of things don't fit just

right," he said. "It's hard to prove anything when we do find something."

Most of the crimes that occur at JSU are opportunity crimes, said Giddy. When doors are left unlocked or when instruments are left unattended, thieves are tempted to act out the crime without a plan, he said.

Crimes of opportunity are more difficult for investigators, said Giddy, especially if windows or doors never get broken. "We have little or no clues to work with," he said.

Giddy said several people are involved in the crimes that took

place, but the individuals who did not actually do the stealing will become more involved in the crimes if they do not come forward.

No instruments have been recovered, said Giddy, and the suspects could not be named.

There were two witnesses to an attempted theft at Mason Hall during the Trombone Festival earlier this year, said Giddy, and one of the suspects has been identified through photographs at the police department.

"I think all the instrument thefts are tied together in some way," said Giddy.

## Tuition: proposed hike follows \$150 increase from last April (from page 1)

financial strain on JSU next year. "I hope they do something that will ease that a little bit on us. And I believe it's possible they will, so we might not have to put everything off after all," he said.

The proposed tuition hike follows an increase of \$150 per semester passed by the trustees

last April, to pay for a \$15 million bond issue that's funding renovation of Ayers Hall and other campus buildings.

Tuition has increased \$550 over the last four years, and has more than doubled since 1992, when it cost \$775 to enroll for a full-time semester. A \$200 increase would be the highest-

single increase ever, and would put tuition at \$1,820 per semester.

The board of trustees will consider the tuition increase on April 21, on the 11th floor of Houston Cole Library at its regular quarterly meeting. The meeting is open to the public.

## Race weekend brings driver to campus



The Chanticleer/Patricia Lockhart

Last weekend NASCAR fans from across the country flooded into the area for the Aaron's 499 at Talladega Superspeedway. JSU ROTC hosted Jerry Nadeau, who drives the No. 01 "Army of One" Pontiac in front of the the Theron Montgomery Building on Thursday. Along with the Winston Cup car, Z93.1 Classic Hits was present for a live remote. Above, a student talks with Army recruiters in front of an Army Humvee.

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could participate in the re-application process.

"The pre-registration process was mainly for students living in apartments, but this year we applied it to our entire housing program," said Marie Humphrey, University housing director. "In the past, we have had students wait until the last minute to pay their balance, and we would hold their spots and they would not come back the next year."

Humphrey said this new regulation would make students commit to their housing contract and allow University housing to maximize occupancy for students who are really planning to return to school.

University housing also

little confused about the lottery process.

"I really don't know what it is," Ellison said. "They are not telling us a lot of information. A lot of students want private rooms, I just hope I get mine."

Many of the lottery provisions, however will not affect sorority halls in Sparkman, resident assistants, or some upper-classmen.

"Many universities already have a lottery system," Humphrey said. "I would love for every student to have a private room, but it's just not possible."

University housing has been battling with providing more students with the opportunity for private rooms and on-campus

Miss Housing.

Elena Prucha, a junior who now resides in a private room, said, "I think it is unfair to take private rooms away from people. These rooms are pretty small and I have had to share one before."

Amid all of the concerns of students, University housing is confident that their new system will benefit students more than hurt them.

The pre-registration regulation has also forced many students who reside in on-campus apartments to foot their rent bills ahead of time. Humphrey said students who want to keep their current room assignment could squat for their same room based on availability.

## CAMPUS CRIME

- Mar. 29—Raynoldo Robinson, 23, was arrested by JSUPD for obstructing justice using false identity and unlawful possession of marijuana occurring at the Talladega City Police Department.
- Apr. 1—Owen Moore Smith, 23, reported unlawful breaking and entering an automobile to JSUPD occurring at 220 1/2 Cole Drive. Golf clubs and an electric guitar with an estimated value of \$2,180

Apr. 1—Owen Moore Smith, 25, reported a theft occurring at 220 1/2 Cole Drive. Golf clubs and an electric guitar with an estimated value of \$2,180 were stolen.

- Apr. 2—Quintin Montez Jones was cited by JSUPD for violating the city noise ordinance occurring at highways 21 and 204.
- Apr. 2—Michael Sherell Witherspoon was cited by JSUPD for violating the city noise ordinance occurring at University and Trustee circles.
- Apr. 2—Ken Bodiford reported theft of property to JSUPD occurring at Mason Hall.
- Apr. 4—Jerrell Downon Burns, 24, was arrested by JSUPD for public intoxication occurring at Forney Avenue.
- Apr. 4—Nathaniel Blunt, 20, was arrested by JSUPD for disorderly conduct occurring at College Street and Forney Avenue.
- Apr. 4—Floyd Jennings of Jennings Interior reported theft of property to JSUPD occurring at the lobby of Crow Hall. A Craftsman drill case and accessories were stolen.

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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Alpha Omicron Pi:** Congratulations to all of our new alums!! Good Luck to everyone during finals!! We hope everyone has a wonderful and safe summer!! Player of the week: Ann R. Fan of the week: LaShawna! Happy Birthday Jennifer H. and Erin R.!! **Contact:** AOQtPi@earthlink.net
- **Delta Zeta:** Happy Birthday Brandy Riley & Amanda Tolbert! We had a great visit with Natasha Clare, a Chapter consultant from Arvada, Colo. We are all looking forward to 'lamrof,' our backwards formal, this Saturday. Have a great week everyone, study hard! Check out our Web site [www.jaxstdeltazeta.org](http://www.jaxstdeltazeta.org) or **Contact:** Delta Zeta, dzinformation@yahoo.com
- **Phi Mu:** We had a wonderful formal, thanks Ashley! Good luck Phi Mu softball in the championship! Thanks Delta Chi for a great mixer Tuesday. Phi Mu Lady: Ashley D., Sunshine Award: Lauren B. and Katie C., Athlete: Renee **Contact:** laceydoo@aol.com
- **Zeta Tau Alpha:** Thanks to Missy and Jessica for such a great Destination Unknown formal Friday night — we love you both! Congratulations to Amy Stephens and Heather Moore for being elected officers of Phi Eta Sigma. We are looking forward to our sisterhood this Saturday at Terrapin Creek. We love our Seniors! **Contact:** Angela Estes, 782-6176.

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return to school.

University housing also implemented drastic changes in the process of assigning private rooms to students. This year students who were seeking private rooms, or already occupied private rooms were required to fill out a raffle sheet.

This sheet would have the student's present housing information, a contact number, and their request for a private room. Humphrey said the drawing would hopefully occur before final exams, but that it may be as late as this summer before the residents are notified.

Felicia Ellison, a sophomore resident of Sparkman Hall who hopes to be a lucky recipient of one of these rooms, was still a

students with the opportunity for private rooms and on-campus apartments, but availability has caused their efforts to be highly limited.

Humphrey said that many students have voiced concerns about the new regulations, but everything was being handled in a fair manner for all students.

"Housing staff, resident assistants, and hall directors will not be drawing for private rooms," Humphrey said. "Mr. and Miss Housing, who are student representatives, will be doing the drawing."

These two students representatives were chosen by the residents of their perspective halls and then participated in a pageant for the honor of Mr. and

could squat for their same room based on availability.

"We are not just concerned about housing, but the welfare of the entire University," said Humphrey. "In the past students would wait until the last minute to pay account balances, and this caused problems with availability of housing and also the University auditing process."

The priority deadline for housing is April 15 and the deadline for cancellation is July 15.

"We're not the only school in a housing crunch," Humphrey said. "We just want to maximize our occupancy to better help the students."

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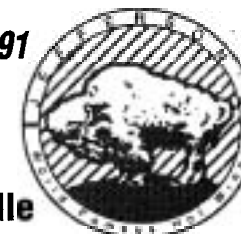
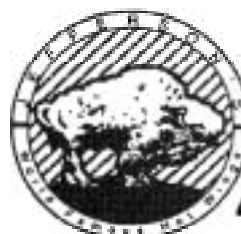
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# Legislators anxiously awaiting Riley tax plan

By Phillip Rawls  
Associated Press Writer

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Alabama legislators are getting anxious. They expect Gov. Bob Riley to send them a tax plan in few weeks that, if passed, will help erase the \$500 million shortage in the state budgets and provide future stability to state government.

If not approved, then legislators have got to start cutting state services from the schoolhouse to the jailhouse.

The Legislature completes the first third of its regular session Tuesday, and so far, no work has been done on the state budgets. Legislative leaders say they are waiting on Riley's proposals.

"He assured us he is working on a plan," House Speaker Seth Hammett said after eating lunch with the governor Thursday.

Legislators need the plan within 30 days if they are going to do something to shore up the state budgets that take effect Oct. 1. "The clock is clearly running," Hammett, D-Andalusia.

Sen. Hap Myers, a Republican like the governor, told the Senate Thursday that the governor should bring a tax and education package in two or three weeks. Then he will call a special session of the Legislature within the current session to address the revenue measures before they return to their regular session to finish the budgets, Myers, R-Mobile, said.

Legislators have been hearing speculation about a tax package and a special session since they convened March 4

ious."

Riley is saying nothing publicly about taxes. Instead, he says his administration has got to keep focusing on trimming unnecessary spending and restoring public trust in state government before talking about taxes.

Riley and his state finance director, Drayton Nabers, have been making weekly announcements about cutting legislative pork, reducing state cars, and trimming state travel expenses — all moves designed to restore public con-

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Seth Hammett  
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fidence.

Legislative budget committees have held widely publicized hearings to let Riley's Cabinet members and other state department heads talk about what will happen to their programs without more money: thousands of school layoffs, cutbacks in health care and other social services for the poor and elderly, and prison overcrowding increasing to the point of a violent explosion.

Behind the scenes, the Riley administration has been busy, too. State flight records show Nabers has flown to Huntsville, Anniston, Tuscaloosa, Dothan and Mobile to talk to local busi-

nesses. The tax plan package will include two things:

— A tax break for Alabama's poor by raising the threshold at which the working poor start paying state income tax. That was a campaign promise Riley made last year. Riley's fiscal experts say raising the threshold for a family of four from \$4,600 to \$20,000 would cost the state \$150 million to \$170 million.

— Removal of the state income tax deduction for the federal income taxes paid. That would raise an estimated \$430 million annually from individual taxpayers and \$65 million from corporations.

Legislators say other items they've heard discussed include changes in property taxes, as well as increases in income tax rates.

Changing income and property taxes will require not only votes of the Legislature, but approval by voters in a statewide referendum. State law requires that the referendum be at least 90 days after the Legislature wraps up its anticipated special session.

That means if the Legislature has a special session in May and approves changes in property or income taxes, Alabama voters could consider them in August — just weeks before the new state budgets take effect.

Lindsey, one of the House budget chairmen, said it's a dangerous situation because public schools would be reopening at the same time and state leaders wouldn't be sure whether voters would approve the taxes necessary to keep the schools operating without cutbacks.

"Time is just ticking away."

## SGA president gleans ideas from students

By Jamie M. Eubanks  
The Chanticleer News Editor

On March 5, the student body elected Chris Cook as president of the SGA. Now that his job has begun, he is waiting on students to approach him with ideas.

"Honestly, the book issue is the only one that I'm really aware of, besides Mason Hall," Cook said. "They're the only people who have really come out and voiced their opinion."

The online booklists have been debated for weeks in the Senate. The lists let students know what books they need for class. This would allow them to buy books online before classes start. Cook said he plans to pursue it further.

Residents of Mason Hall have also approached Cook about the musical instrument thefts in hopes of some help.

In his campaign speech, Cook spoke of progress. That's what he said he is looking forward to.

"I'm looking forward to positively changing Jacksonville State University — positive progress," according to Cook. "I mean anything from online books to better



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Chris Cook makes phone calls in his new office of president of the SGA. He took over after elections on March 4 and 5.

relationships with students and faculty, anything and everything. I hope to change as much as I can positively."

Robert Hayes, former president, worked with the administration to make changes on campus. He had a rapport with faculty and students that helped him in his endeavors.

"He's trained me to fill his shoes," Cook said. "I think I'm

the man for the job. I think I'll be able to do it, but right now, I'm that new guy."

Because of this, Cook is looking to his executive board for ideas. This weekend the board will go on a retreat where they will set goals for next year.

"After this weekend we'll have some concrete stuff I can share with you," Cook said.

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and supplies for the houses to be built in the part of Anniston that caused CBS's 60 Minutes to bring awareness to the high levels of PCBs that are found there, said Zeigler.

"The biggest problem there is not PCBs," said Zeigler. "It's the lead."

According to Zeigler, the factories and foundries of the 1940s and 1950s caused a lot of the lead contamination in Anniston today.

Solutia, Inc., a chemical manufacturing company in Anniston, donated \$500,000 to build 10 houses during the JCWP, said Zeigler. M&H Valve, located in west Anniston near the project, donated \$300,000 for six houses to be built by the volunteers.

JSU and the community of

according to Gary Brittain, director of Baptist Campus Ministries. "We are still in financial need," he said.

Faculty and staff at JSU were recently asked to donate a percentage of their pay to the project, said Brittain, so money is still coming in.

Cable One will install cable in all the houses, said Zeigler, and the new homeowners will not have to pay for the first three months of services. Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse, U.S. Siding Association and Whirlpool are donating many supplies and volunteers for the project, he said.

"Some businesses will call to donate to get their name out and for tax deductions," Zeigler said.

Volunteers for the JCWP are

300 college students in the U.S. gave up their spring break this year to get Anniston ready for the project. "A lot of building actually takes place before the real project gets started," he said.

JSU President Bill Meehan and Anniston Mayor Chip Howell are co-chairs of the JCWP task force that meets at least once a month to prepare for the week in June.

Sodexo Marriott will provide food for all the volunteers, and JSU will provide accommodations such as gymnasiums, swimming pools, movies and computer labs for all the out-of-towners, said Zeigler.

Because of this year's JCWP, Habitat for Humanity of Calhoun County will be expected to build 35 houses a year,

ing speculation about a tax package and a special session since they convened March 4 for their regular session. Budget committees are sitting on ready.

"I've served with four governors, and we've never been this far into a session without an overall game plan, but I'm hopeful we'll have something shortly," Sen. Roger Bedford, D-Russellville, co-chairman of one of the Senate budget committees.

One of the House budget chairmen, Rep. Richard Lindsey, D-Centre, needs few words to describe his committee's attitude: "extremely anx-

Huntsville, Anniston, Tuscaloosa, Dothan and Mobile to talk to local business leaders about the state's financial condition.

**Senate President Pro Tem Lowell Barron** says the public relations effort is critical, but it's not yet successful.

"I'm not sure all the legislators and all the citizens yet understand how serious the situation is. It may take the budgets not passing before people realize thousands of teachers would be laid off and important services would be cut," Barron, D-Fyffe, said.

Legislators say they've heard all kinds of taxes discussed, but it's likely any

schools operating without cut-backs.

"Time is just ticking away," Lindsey said.

Democratic leaders in the Legislature could speed up the process by working together to develop their own tax package, but they say that won't happen for one simple reason: Passing a tax with the governor's leadership is tough enough, and passing one without his leadership is nearly impossible.

"This is a matter that requires the governor's leadership," Senate budget committee Chairman Hank Sanders, D-Selma, said.

built by the volunteers.

JSU and the community of Jacksonville will donate \$50,000 to build one house, said Zeigler.

JSU students and faculty raised \$6,800 during a 12-hour volleyball match this semester

said.

Volunteers for the JCWP are coming from all over the world. Zeigler said people from South Korea, Japan, Germany and Holland are expected to stay in JSU's residence halls.

According to Zeigler, nearly

Calhoun County will be expected to build 35 houses a year, said Zeigler. The county usually builds no more than 25 houses a year for Habitat.

"We are still looking for JSU students to volunteer," he said.

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Saddam is ending."

The president and the prime minister downplayed their disagreement over the United Nations' role in rebuilding Iraq. While Blair has emphasized that U.N. involvement is essential to building world support for the postwar regime in Iraq, U.S. officials are moving ahead with plans to establish an interim government run by Iraqi exiles and Iraqis who remained in the country under Saddam's rule. Initially, the Pentagon would administer security and services for some undefined term.

Bush said he would accept advice from the United Nations on the makeup of the interim government, but made it clear that he is mainly interested in the organization's help with humanitarian aid. Blair didn't press the point, at least not publicly.

"The key is that Iraq, in the end, should be governed by the Iraqi people," Blair said. "The important thing is not to get into some battle of words of the precise role here or there, but let's all work together internationally. ... If we keep that vision in our minds, then we'll get this right."

Bush said Iraq's interim government would be replaced as

soon as possible by a permanent system of free and fair elections, though he offered no timetable.

"I hear a lot of talk here about how we're going to impose this leader or that leader. Forget it," Bush said. "From day one, we have said the Iraqi people are capable of running their own country. ... That's precisely what is going to happen."

In a political payback to Blair, Bush urged Protestants and Catholics in Northern Ireland to revive the stalled Good Friday Agreement, a 1998 peace plan that seeks to re-establish home rule in the province. Although violence has decreased dramatically in recent years, Protestant leaders have refused to carry out the agreement unless the Irish Republican Army renounces violence and disarms.

The IRA is expected to address this issue later this week on the fifth anniversary of the peace plan, although it is not clear how far IRA leaders will go.

Bush and Blair cited the progress in Northern Ireland as a sign of hope for Israelis and Palestinians. Bush has promised to release a Middle East peace plan — drafted in partnership with the United Nations, the

European Union and Russia — when Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat surrenders some of his power to a new prime minister, Abu Mazen.

"Peace in the Middle East will require overcoming deep divisions of history and religion. Yet we know this is possible; it is happening right here in Northern Ireland," Bush said.

"I'm pleased with the new leader of the Palestinian Authority," Bush said. He pledged that he would "expend the same amount of energy in the Middle East" that Blair has invested in the peace plan for Northern Ireland.

Bush's visit to Belfast drew a mixed reaction from residents. Opponents of the war in Iraq accused the president of hypocrisy for waging war in the Persian Gulf while calling for peace in Northern Ireland. Others welcomed his involvement, although some questioned whether it would do much good.

"From the point of view of progress in our little political world, today's events are little more than scene-setting and morale-boosting," the News Letter, a local newspaper, concluded in an editorial Tuesday.

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# OPINION

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## In Our View

### In search of truth

Just over three weeks into the United States' war with Iraq, a couple of things are clear.

U.S. forces are on the ground in Iraq. That much we know. Hundreds of journalists are there too, and we also know that. The rest, it seems at times, is up to interpretation.

From a journalistic perspective it would be fair to call this the most heavily-covered war in history. We, as the general public and as media consumers, have more live information coming at us from this war than from any other in the history of armed conflict.

But do we have any better idea of what's actually happening? Sure, the U.S. military has granted the media unprecedented access to its forces, inviting them to ride along on the front lines as the tanks, aircraft and foot soldiers roll toward Baghdad.

There are no journalists embedded with Iraqi forces, though. And the briefings in Baghdad from Saddam's Information Minister Mohammed Saeed al-Sahaf often tell a shockingly different story than the one you'll hear down at Central Command's Qatar headquarters. Sahaf told world journalists in Baghdad on Monday that U.S. claims of taking control of the international airport in Baghdad were false.

"All I ask is check yourself. Do not in fact repeat their lies," Sahaf told the journalists. That's an interesting request on his part, since the movements of foreign journalists in Iraq are completely controlled by Sahaf and his Ministry of Information.

Fortunately for us, the Pentagon has been more forthcoming. That was part of the plan all along. U.S. military leaders knew from the first war with Iraq that one of Saddam's key strategies is to tell outright lies. The best way to counter that, they figured, was to let the world's journalists ride along and see their side of the story firsthand.

But with all those journalists, many of them from the world at large, there's still a variety of realities being described. For example, American news media quickly pick up on U.S. military claims of chemical weapons finds, or on the threat of their use by Saddam's forces. But while CNN was still calling a weekend discovery of drums a possible cache of chemical weapons, Arab TV network al Jazeera was quoting U.S. sources as admitting the drums were filled with pesticides.

That's not to say Saddam is glad to have al Jazeera around, either. Sahaf chided that network on Monday, accusing them of "marketing for America."

The lesson here is to take as much as you can from the Pentagon's access decision. Watch as many networks as you can if you want to find out what's really happening. In the age of the Internet, you can read English versions of German, Russian and Chinese news sources, and even al Jazeera. Take in the reports from all sides and compare them, giving more

## I'll just leave you with these few thoughts

By  
Stephanie  
Pendergrass  
The Chanticleer  
Managing Editor



So this is it. In less than two weeks I'll be a senior. And with one more paper left in the semester, this is my final column. I'm leaving the security of The Chanticleer office and working towards that little piece of paper that is essentially what I'll need to get a job. Responsibilities — go fig.

I've greatly enjoyed my stint at the paper. I started out as a volunteer, and worked my way to news editor and finally to managing editor. I've made lifelong friends, learned a lot about writing and the English language, and how bad I've been at both. I've had amazing opportunities, met some very important people, and

had a lot of fun while doing so.

The best part of writing for The Chanticleer for me has been the editorials. The editorials have given me a chance to learn so much about myself and others. They started out innocently enough. I think my first editorial was about love, but moved into more pessimistic or realistic issues — the one I'm thinking about is how relationships are just a big game.

I've done a lot of growing up in the confines of this office, and I hope that was

semi-expressed in my editorials.

One of my favorite parts about writing for the paper is the feedback I've gotten from random people. Things like, "Hey, I saw your editorial. Yeah, I didn't read it, but I saw it."

I've had compliments and complaints on columns I've never actually written. My favorite being, "Hey my friend read your editorial. He said it was well-written, but he didn't agree with you." I took that remark as constructive criticism, but when I asked what the editorial was about and he said war, I had to break it to him that I've never written a column on that subject.

The weirdest part has been when I'm out in public and

someone knows me and I have absolutely no idea who they are. I'm awful with names to begin with, so when somebody says, "Hey Stephanie," and I don't know who the heck they are, it's a bit odd.

And there have been times when it's just been awkward. I've been used as an example in classes, because of my job, or been hit on because of my editorial subject matter.

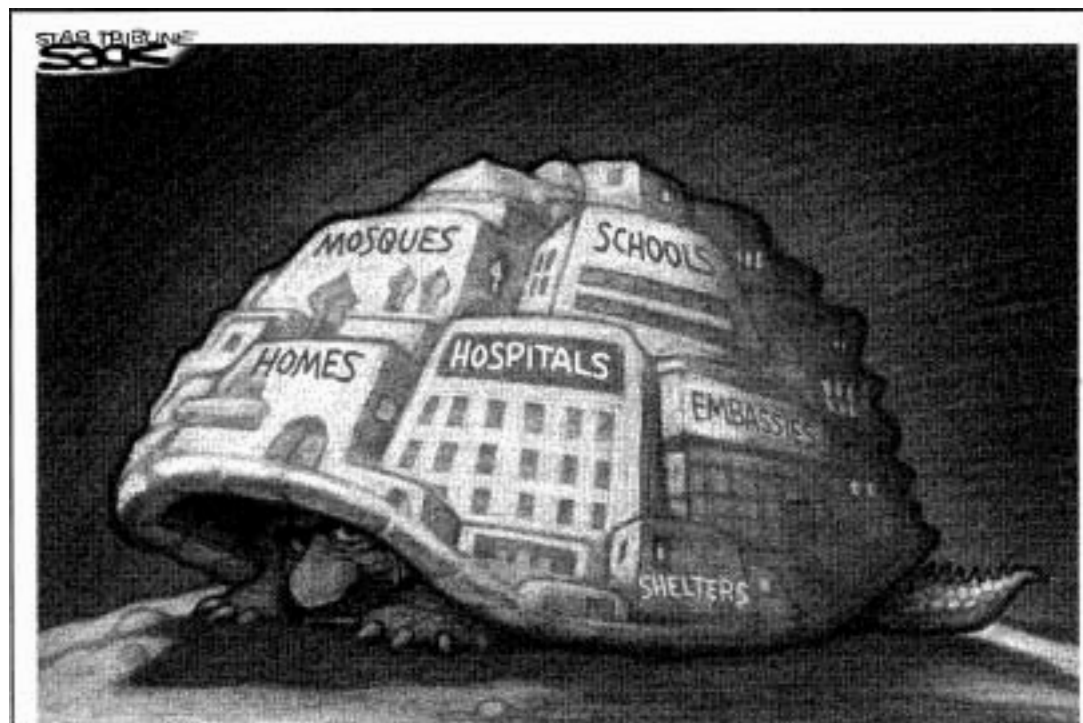
But through it all, it's been fun, and I'm truly going to miss this place.

With that in mind I'd like to take a second and thank those that have helped me along the way. First off, thanks to my family and friends for giving me ideas, helping me find sources for stories, and just being there for me.

Thanks to anyone who has ever volunteered to write something for the paper. You're a blessing. And thanks to all my professors for their wisdom.

Finally I'd like to thank the rest of The Chanticleer staff. From sarcasm to sleepless nights, it's been real, and I'm glad I had the opportunity to spend it with y'all.

So to sum up this column, thanks to everyone, good luck and God speed. I'm off to focus on my radio and television production major, but just remember this helpful advice that the rest of the staff will understand, "Readin' say."



Russian and Chinese news sources, and even al Jazeera. Take in the reports from all sides and compare them, giving more weight to those you consider more credible.

The truth — the whole truth — is likely somewhere in the middle.

staff will understand, "Readin' sux."

## IN YOUR VIEW: QUESTION OF THE WEEK

**"What do you think about the University's plan to charge students for printing from computer labs?"**

--Compiled by  
Patricia Lockhart  
Photo Editor



**Lisa Copeland**  
Junior  
Photography

"We pay for enough in tuition. Why make us pay for paper too?"



**Owen Crossland**  
Sophomore  
Biology

"The school already charges for everything else. What's stopping them from charging for this too?"



**April Davidson**  
Senior  
Graphic design

"Don't we pay them enough already?"



**Amber Singer**  
Junior  
Art

"The computer lab is there to help students. Charging them does not help."



**Lisa Stuart**  
Sophomore  
Graphic design

"I think if they are going to that they need to include it in tuition. It should not be an out-of-pocket expense."

# Post-war political battles in Iraq could be tougher than winning the war

By **Trudy Rubin**  
*Knight Ridder Newspapers*

As U.S. troops surround Baghdad, plans are being made for the next Iraqi government. Made, that is, by U.S. officials, who are waiting in Kuwait to enter Baghdad.

Few Americans are aware of the enormous task to which the Bush administration is committed once the war ends. The president has pledged to rebuild Iraq and bring democratic institutions to the Iraqi people.

"Achieving liberal democracy in Iraq is a principal objective of the Bush administration's campaign against Saddam," writes William Kristol, intellectual guru of the neo-conservative movement and editor of the Weekly Standard. That is a breathtaking goal to set for a country that has never known democracy, in a region pulsing with anti-Americanism. It means the postwar struggle will be harder than the war.

Few in the region believe Bush is

serious about seeking Iraqi democracy. Many foreign journalists cite a 1996 paper, widely circulated on the Internet, called "A Clean Break: A New Strategy for Securing the Realm." Written for an Israeli think tank, it advises the overthrow of Saddam Hussein. The authors include Douglas Feith, the No. 3 at the Pentagon who oversees the plans for Iraqi reconstruction, along with Pentagon adviser Richard Perle, a driving force behind the Iraq war.

The goal, says the report, would be to change the geopolitics of the region, squeeze Syria, curb Iran, and end land-for-peace talks with the Palestinians.

I happen to believe the president does think America has a mission to democratize the Iraqis. But I'm not sure he realizes what that means.

One need only focus on the U.S. Defense Department operation being run out of a row of beachside villas in Kuwait. There, several hundred American officials, led by retired Army Gen. Jay Garner, are preparing

to run Iraq once Saddam falls, providing humanitarian assistance to Iraq and reconstructing the country. Few of the Americans have any hands-on experience in Iraq.

These officials will direct Iraq's government ministries, and take charge of everything from media to trade to foreign affairs. Reportedly, Pentagon hawks would like to put former CIA director James Woolsey in charge of the Ministry of Information.

Americans are supposed to clean out layers of Saddam's Baath Party officials from Iraq's huge bureaucracy, remake Iraq's army, and reshape the Iraqi education system. One contract being tendered by the U.S. Agency for International Development calls for bids to turn around Iraq's schools in a year.

Oh, yes — the Defense Department also wants to manage (temporarily) the Iraqi oil industry, which is supposed to fund the reconstruction. According to the Washington Post, the administration plans to put a senior American oil executive in charge of

exploration and production. Nothing would convince the conspiracy theorists faster that the White House is out for Iraqi oil.

But all that reconstruction work is the easy part. The hardest part will be figuring out how to set up an interim Iraqi political authority to which the Americans can gradually shift power. It is imperative that this be done soon.

Iraqis have never had democratic institutions. They have no experience with pluralism, or letting all ethnic groups share the pie. They are used to a strongman in Baghdad, but there is no Iraqi equivalent of a Nelson Mandela or Afghan Hamid Karzai to wean them from dictator-dependence. The administration is still bitterly divided over which Iraqis in or outside the country should get the nod for an interim government.

There is a catch-22 quality to all this American planning. In order to achieve a fraction of the Bush goals for Iraqi renewal, Americans will have to maintain controls and military security for years as in postwar Japan. But

Iraq — and the Middle East — won't tolerate a long occupation. As Iraq expert Phebe Marr testified to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, "To get real political and social change ... will take time. But the longer we stay, the more we risk generating national resentment and opposition."

So far, the Defense Department seems committed to keeping the United Nations out of this project, except for a little humanitarian assistance. That leaves the United States responsible for the outcome and the funding. I wonder how many Americans know what their country is taking on.

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# FEATURES

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By Danni Lusk  
The Chanticleer Features Editor

Jacksonville is getting some shade from the glaring light of the typical alternative and hard rock bands that play the stage at Brother's Bar tonight.

Shade Tree, a Tuscaloosa-based band, is ready to play its "dirty-minded" and "tight" style of alternative and hard rock music for Jacksonville. "With alternative [music] being white and hard rock being black, we're gray," said James Hull, the band's manager. "We're definitely a little bit of both."

The band features six members, one of which is a deejay. Using the turntable, deejay Austin "DJ Greaz" Griswold "adds more depth to the basic rock sound," Hull said. Griswold's style is "subtle" and adds a sound to the band that is similar to bands like Linkin Park.

Rob West (lead vocalist), Dave Koonce (bassist), Bret Lybrand (rhythm guitarist), Brian Burnett (drummer) and

Using the sounds of all these bands, Shade Tree creates a "different" sound that appeals to audiences. "We play songs that appeal to the ladies and the guys," he said.

The band has been together for almost four years and in that time, it has released an album titled "Seven Forty Two." The name comes from the house number of Fox's famous cartoon family The Simpsons.

The street the Simpsons lived on was what inspired the band's

was Shade Tree.

The "shady boys" of the band live in Tuscaloosa, in an eight-bedroom house they call the "Tree House," two blocks from the city's popular party street called "the strip."

The band has played many of the bars on "the strip" including Jupiter and Venue 1215. "We've pretty much absorbed as much of Tuscaloosa as we can," Hull said. "So now we're moving on and touring."

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For its Jacksonville performance, the band plans on playing a mix of its original material and some covers of popular hard rock and metal songs.

One of its most popular and controversial original songs is called "Truth." Through the lyrics, the lead singer speaks to the people involved in the anti-cigarette Truth.com commercials. "Basically the song is telling those Truth guys f\*\*\* them and their stupid asses," Hull said.

The band members are picky, according to Hull, about what originals they play. "We don't play stuff unless we're tight on it," he said.

Covers they are "tight on"

risque  
lyrics,  
Hull said.

They also do a remix of Vanilla Ice's "Ice, Ice Baby" and Britney Spears' "Crazy."

Shade Tree is planning on recording a second album later this summer, Hull said. The album will include "harder" original songs than the first album, he said.

There is also a Web site in the works for the band, which will include video feeds from its shows and plenty of information about the band. The site www.shadyboys.com should be up by May, Hull said.

92J is doing a live interview and acoustic set of a couple of the band's original songs at 9 p.m. before the show at Brother's Bar.

The band is excited about playing at Brother's Bar for the

## Good asses don't mean good acting

By Danni Lusk  
The Chanticleer  
Features Editor



It's been awhile since I have seen a movie that impressed me.

With all the recent releases of movies like "XXX," "Biker Boyz" and other action flops, my craving for quality movies has gone unquenched.

Has anyone seen XXX? The first person that says to me, "That movie was awesome," I think I am going to laugh.

Not only is Vin Diesel a horrible actor, but the action scenes in the movie are very unrealistic. At one point Vin Diesel escapes a huge avalanche while riding a snowmobile by grabbing hold of a thin, antennae on the top of a house which the avalanche crushes. But amazingly, vicious Vin is just fine.

But it's these action scenes that make people say "Dude, that movie was awesome." Does anyone not realize the difference between reality and absolute absurdity anymore?

Lybrand (rhythm guitarist), Brian Burnett (drummer) and Drew Cromer (lead guitarist) complete the band's high-energy sound.

Their sound is much like hard rock and alternative bands like Deftones, Tool, 311 and Nirvana, according to Hull.

The street the Simpsons lived on was what inspired the band's original name "Evergreen Terrace" and so the album was titled to match the band's original name. However, after finding out that another band already had the name "Evergreen Terrace" copyright-

can," Hull said. "So now we're moving on and touring."

Shade Tree is currently touring around Florida, playing in Ft. Walton, Destin and Tallahassee. They are scheduled to play the main stage at Birmingham's City Stages on May 17.

Covers they are "tight on" are some select songs by bands like 3 Doors Down, Korn, Deftones and Tool. They even have a "dirty" version of the song "Summer of '69" in which the band changed the last verse of the song to include more

The band is excited about playing at Brother's Bar for the second time, Hull said. Despite the low turnout for its first show, the members are optimistic about this time, he said. "Even if you don't like our music," Hull said, "you'll like us."

more?

The movie *Biker Boyz* can be seen now at the dollar theatre in Anniston. However, I'm not too sure it's even worth that amount of money. And what's even more valuable than the money is the time you waste sitting there watching a cheap remake of "The Fast and the Furious" with motorcycles.

And now, there are even "horror" movies that are supposed to be scary but really aren't. Take "Ghost Ship" for example. You can refer to my review on the next page for more in-depth discussion on this movie. But for this column, I'll just say this movie did anything but scare me. It kept me on the edge of my seat and the gore that unfolded on screen made me turn my head periodically, but scare me — it did not. Isn't that what a "horror" movie is supposed to do?

It just seems to me that movie producers are trying to spend more money on frivolous things like special effects and action scenes rather than focusing on the most important part of a movie — the story.

Acting is not a prime concern for these producers. They're all looking for a "Vin Diesel" — the buff body, dark complexion and masculine-featured face, and you can't forget the sexy, deep voice. Forget the fact the guy can't convey emotion on-screen because he's all freaked out on muscle-building hormones.

So the next time you find yourself paying money to see the latest action or horror flick, look at who stars in it and consider what movies they've been in in the past.

And don't believe the hype. I don't care how good the lead actor or his ass looks. It doesn't mean he can act.

## Cock Stock 2003

By Danni Lusk  
The Chanticleer Features Editor

Drop those books. Stop working on your projects.

The annual "Cock Stock" festival of local music is at Brother's Bar on Dead Day. JSU's Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia chapter sponsors the event to raise money for its philanthropy projects, according to Paul Sizemore, the chapter's vice president.

"In the fall we put on a marching band contest," he

said. "And with the drum and bugle corps being here, we do a big grill-out for the kids who come."

They also donated almost \$3,000 to the music department's Trombone Festival, he said.

This year's lineup includes Ethan, Yip, Twinick, The 'Live Vibe, Snap 9A and Sometime Sunday.

Cover is \$5 for ages 21 and up, \$7 for 18 to 20. The show starts around 5 p.m.

## Real war inspires video-game war

By Mike Antonucci  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Real war is inspiring video-game war.

That's what is happening among fans of the new "Command & Conquer Generals" military-strategy computer game. Its publisher, Electronic Arts of Redwood City, Calif., has found that players around the world have rushed to modify the game to include a simulated U.S. campaign in Iraq.

The game, which already featured a confrontation between American forces and terrorists occupying Baghdad,

includes programming tools that allow players to create additional graphics and missions and share them through the Internet.

Electronic Arts estimates that about 1,200 maps have been created in six weeks, as well as about 50 "mods" — game modifications such as more military missions. It took about six months for the previous game in the "Command & Conquer" series to generate that much map activity.

EA said sales data from the NPD research firm showed "Command & Conquer Generals" was the top-selling

PC game of February and was continuing in first place during March. The game also has provoked controversy in China and Germany.

In China, the government reportedly banned the game, which was only available in pirated versions, because of resentment over a scene that showed the destruction of a location similar to Tiananmen Square.

In Germany, advertising and store display for the game has been prohibited because of its violent content, although it still may be sold when asked for.

# The Recruits' Road: Making Them Marines

By David Tarrant  
The Dallas Morning News

SAN DIEGO — The journey starts at the yellow footprints.

The charter bus rolls up to the curb on this chilly Tuesday evening in February, its air brakes hissing as it shudders to a stop in front of a dull-yellow building.

Inside the bus, 43 recruits sit in silence, as they have throughout the short ride from the airport. A full moon looms overhead in black-and-white clarity.

Every week, recruits arrive by the hundreds, wide-eyed and jumpy, to the deceptively tranquil, palm-dotted grounds of the Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego.

Some march right out of high school into a recruiter's office. Others drift in after testing the job market or college for a semester or two.

Regardless of their backgrounds or attitudes, they all begin at the same place: the four rows of yellow footprints, 80 in all, outlined on the pavement in front of the receiving barracks.

Their transformation takes place during a rigorous 12-week boot camp, overseen by tough drill instructors — some of whom are only a few years removed from adolescence themselves.

Before the year is over, some of the young men on the bus may find themselves in combat.

About 11 percent of the recruits will fail to complete boot camp. Some who are emotionally unfit or caught by drug tests won't last the week, while others will fail physical fitness tests down the line.

Among the recruits waiting on the bus is Victor Rios, 19, of Mesquite, Texas, who graduated from high school in May. He has never wanted to be anything but a Marine. His

best friend is a Marine, and Rios, too, wants to proudly wear the uniform, and command the same attention and respect.



After arriving at boot camp, recruit Victor Rios, center, of Mesquite, Texas, and other recruits of Platoon 3069 await their "moment of truth," where they can come clean about any false information in their enlistment files.

Last year, about 40,000 recruits, average age 19, graduated from the Marines' two

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# Ghost Ship saved by the gruesome effects

By Danni Lusk  
The Chanticleer Features Editor

Think of the most recent horror movie that scared you.

I'm pretty sure that "Ghost Ship" wasn't the first to come to your mind.

An Alaskan ship salvage crew is recruited by Canadian Air Force pilot Jack Ferriman to investigate a mysterious ship he spotted floating adrift in the Bering Strait.

The crew and Ferriman travel to the remote region and discover the maritime mystery, an Italian luxury ocean liner called the Antonia Graza. The ship had disappeared from the radar with no sign of distress in 1962 and had never been heard from since. Now that the salvage group has found her, they claim the ship, and anything of value on it, for themselves.

What they don't expect though is the dark secret the ship has. As the crew explores the cavernous remains of the

ship, they see and learn some haunting and gruesome things which soon reveal what happened to the passengers and crew that once inhabited it.

The movie's story is creative and captivating. You will definitely be interested in finding out the dark secret the ship holds.

But, the acting isn't very good. And the script isn't very well-written. Some of the one-liners the actors are unfortunately forced to say are horrible. Julianna Margulies' character Maria Epps, one of the salvage crew members, says, "You mean, what's a nice girl like me doing in a dump like this, instead of raising a family? Simple. I own a third of Murphy's operation, I'm not that nice, and these monkeys are my family."

Despite the not-so-funny jokes and pitiful acting, the special effects in this movie are gruesome. I mean gruesome in a good way. There is



Courtesy Warner Bros.

Julianna Margulies stars as ship salvage crew member Maria Epps in the horror flick "Ghost Ship."

impaling by cut elevator cables, drowning in a storage vat, poisoning with rat poison (foaming vomit mouths and all), throat slitting and hanging 40-year-old bodies in the closet.

And what's impressive is that a lot of this looks real. The first scene of the movie

will definitely grab your attention with its special effects.

So if you're looking for a horror movie that won't scare you a lot, but will make you turn your head a few times, pick up Ghost Ship the next time you're out renting a movie.

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boot camps. Recruits who live east of the Mississippi River go to Parris Island in South Carolina. Those who live west of the Mississippi come here to San Diego. All women, whether from East or West, train separately on Parris Island.

This process has been going on for more than 80 years at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, and its goal, if not its methods, remains relatively unchanged.

Boot camp is designed to break down the newcomer and strip him of self-centered habits. Drill instructors do this first by creating the sensation of chaos and stress, mimicking in a small way the terror and confusion of combat. Better to see who cracks under pressure now, than to risk issuing a weapon to someone who might snap later.

After chaos comes order. A recruit's life revolves around repetitive drills, obsession with detail, and doing everything as one: eating, marching, climbing, swimming, fighting, packing, waking, showering, shaving and sleeping.

Before long, recruits get in step and gain discipline. The routines teach them to obey superiors. Over time, the drills also harden recruits to war by desensitizing them to orders that may require them to kill.

Marines are often among the first American military forces sent into combat. As such, they have to be mentally and physically prepared to deploy at a moment's notice.

Celebrated in military tradition as well as pop culture, from cartoons such as Beetle Bailey to movies such as "Full Metal Jacket," the image of the drill instructor is ingrained in American consciousness.

In caricature, he is a snarling, spittle-flying, borderline psychotic, an impatient, relentless, quick-tempered, jut-jawed, dripping-with-sarcasm tyrant.

In reality he's much worse, former Marines often say. You can always look away from movies and cartoons. But your drill instructor haunts your dreams for the rest of your life.

"You just don't know how hard this is over here. They wear you out," Rios said.

But Recruit Rios sounds hopeful. "I'm sure it will be worth it in the end."

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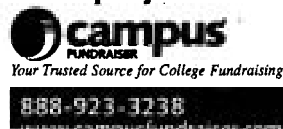
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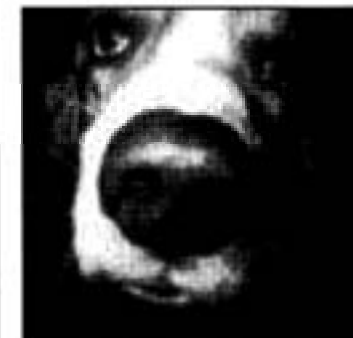
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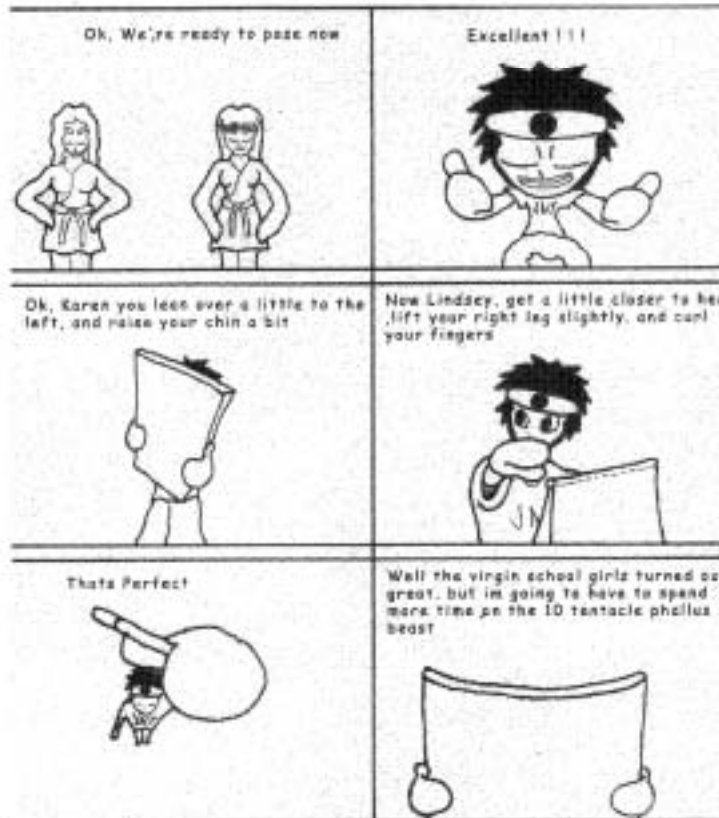


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# SPORTS

The Chanticleer • April 10, 2003

Racing is dangerous; we know it and so do racers

By  
J. Wilson Guthrie  
The Chanticleer  
Sports Editor



Whew what a race! That's the best race that I have personally watched all year. And I didn't even watch all of it.

Little E pulled it out in the final laps, and then of all things people were griping because he went below the yellow line. I don't think those people are racers.

And NASCAR. They have too many rules to begin with. What happened to who ever builds the fastest car wins? They say that restrictor plates make the cars go slower on the super speedways, and that itself makes the cars safer.

First off what restrictors do is force cars to bunch up and draft to gain speed and advantage. Anyone who knows anything about driving knows that cars bunched up is not safer than cars all lined up.

And who ever said that racing was a "safe" sport anyway? Racing is the last true sport where it is feasible at any point and time for someone to die. And that's not cool that people die, but these racers know the risk when they get into the car.

## Corn throws fourth shutout to top Dogs

By Amado Ortiz  
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Sometimes all you have to do is win to get the attention of major league scouts and that is all the Gamecocks have been doing lately. JSU was picked 10th in the Preseason Atlantic Sun Conference and finds itself in sole possession of second place.

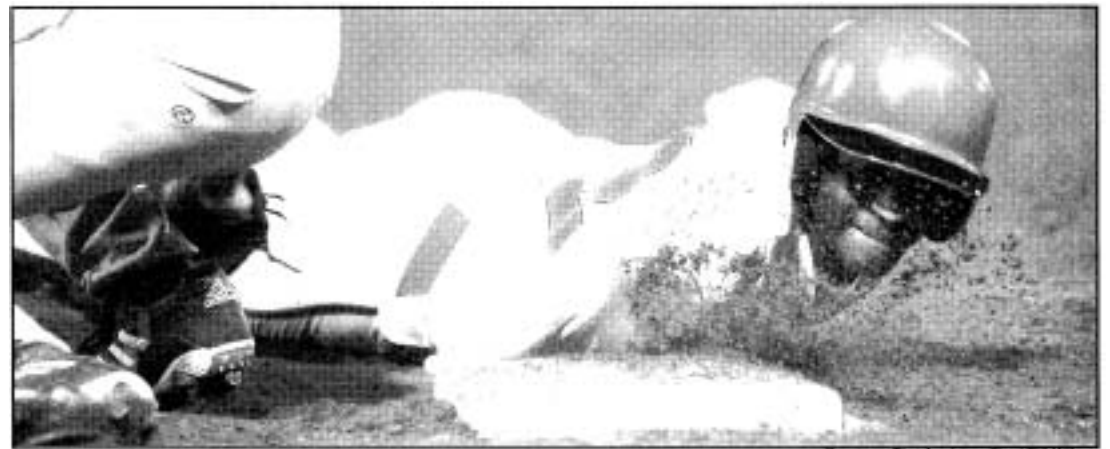
Sitting at (20-14, 12-6 A-Sun) the baseball team has come out of nowhere to put themselves in position to compete for the conference title. JSU was one game back from Gardner-Webb coming into the series Friday night at Rudy Abbott Field and JSU would send their ace, Jessie Corn, to the mound.

The three time A-Sun pitcher of the week would not disap-

point his team as he sat down a career-high 13 batters with his breaking ball pitch to lead JSU past the Bulldogs 9-0. With several scouts looking on, Corn recorded his sixth consecutive win and his fourth consecutive shutout.

The Bulldogs would send their ace Joey Siak to the mound, but that didn't matter to JSU who ripped the pitcher for 13 hits and nine runs. Six Gamecocks would finish with two or more hits and chased Siak out of the game in the seventh inning.

The Gamecocks took a 2-0 lead in the third inning. Kerri Fair had a single to left field and Matt Ruckdeschel reached on a throwing error. Bobby Hicks followed with a single to score Fair and Ruckdeschel scored on a throwing error.



JSU's Kerri Fair avoids a pick off throw at first with a slide back to the bag. The Gamecocks are sporting a 20-14 record overall and with a 12-6 A-Sun record the Gamecocks are ready to take on the A-Sun tournament.

JSU would score again in the fourth inning after Brent Johnson led off with a single and scored on a double by Richard Turner. Fair then followed with an RBI double as the Gamecocks would go up 4-0

and start putting the heat on Siak.

As Corn was cruising through seven innings, Siak would finally fold in the bottom half as JSU scored five runs. Fair reached on a single followed by

Ruckdeschel's RBI triple. Ruckdeschel then scored on a wild pitch before back-to-back singles by Hicks and Brian Haskins. Fresh off A-Sun player of the week honors, Danny A

see [Baseball, page 9](#)

## Gamecocks search for their 30th win

By Mike Vaughan II  
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

When playing in the Atlantic Sun Conference, teams have to be sound with bats, arms and gloves to be successful. Jacksonville State was successful with two of the three in a series split with Georgia State in Jacksonville last Wednesday. JSU committed five errors in two games that saw their conference record drop to 5-3 and their overall mark slide to 29-5.

the series with a homerun and a double. The homerun, coming in game one, was one of her two runs batted in for the game, giving her all the RBIs for the series.

Game one featured a pitching duel between GSU's Andrea McNary and JSU's Tera Ross. Ross went five strong innings to pick up her 14th win, giving up only one earned run on a sixth inning homer, and scattering two hits.

Breanne "Breezy" Oleman pitched two scoreless innings

nightcap for the home team, as they attempted to grab their 30th win of the year. Davis had a no-hitter going for 6 1/3 innings, but a pair of unearned runs did her in as JSU fell 2-0.

The defense, usually the Gamecocks' strongest link, was highly ineffective on the game, committing a season-high four errors. Both teams ended up with only one hit, as Davis and GSU's Lindsey French had brilliant games on the mound.

The Panthers scored their

The next at-bat saw GSU's Alisia Narodowski foul out to the catcher, but no one covered home plate, and the Panther runner on third took advantage of the situation and scooted home. JSU's only hit was a double in the first inning by McDonald. Thirteen of the last 14 batters for JSU were retired in order, as the Gamecocks' bats were colder than a polar bear's tootsies.

"We were hitting with a defensive mentality," a visibly unhappy coach Jana

and be successful."

Davis, who pitched all seven innings, did not comment on her pitching, yet on her fielding. "That pop out was my play, and I just missed it," said Davis, "I won't make that mistake again."

The Gamecock's Tuesday game at Samford was rained out and rescheduled for Wednesday which was after The Chanticleer went to press.

The Gamecocks return to play tomorrow at Central

racers know the risk when they get into the car.

Look at Earnhardt Sr. He raced his entire life and had been in many spectacular wrecks. Survived all of those. But a little bump in the wall at Daytona killed him.

He refused to wear the device that could have saved his life because he didn't want to. It made him uncomfortable. And he felt that winning races and being comfortable while he was doing it was more important than his safety.

He knew the danger. And he accepted it.

This is a sport that started by bootleggers breaking the law. Running moonshine across state lines. These are the forerunners for our wonderful sport of racing.

So why are these people trying to, as I see it, ruin this past time? Money.

The sport is about to lose its main sponsors and they need more wholesome advertisers. I can't believe it.

It used to be beer, cigarettes, dip and tools. And Tide. And that was the way that I liked it. It was fun, good ole' boy fun. And now you see families at the races. My parents wouldn't take me to the races as a kid because of what "went on there."

Well what are we doing now? Baking cookies? No, we are still in a dangerous sport. So why in the heck does AOL have a racecar? And Viagra? No. I don't think so.

So to wrap things up, I wish that racing would go back to its roots. Let's get a bunch of guys together, who build their own cars, race like hell and do it all against the law. Wait a minute, we already have that: street racing.

their overall mark slide to 29-5.

Melinda McDonald was the only shining spot for the Gamecocks with the aluminum. She went 3-of-6 for

## Junior moves into second place in points, first for wins at 'Dega

By the Associated Press

TALLADEGA, Ala. (AP) — About the only thing that went right for Dale Earnhardt Jr. on Sunday was winning the Aaron's 499.

Crew chief Tony Eury Sr. had to beat on the doors of a couple of his crewmen who overslept their 5 a.m. wake-up call after forgetting to reset their clocks.

When the crew of the No. 8 Chevrolet warmed up the engine after arriving at Talladega Superspeedway, the oil cooler filled up with water, requiring an engine change and forcing Earnhardt to start from the rear of the 43-car field.

Four laps into the 188-lap event, Earnhardt drove through the infield grass to avoid a wild 27-car crash. The bumpy ride tore up his front air dam, messing up the car's aerodynamics and forcing a series of pit stops for repairs.

Earnhardt charged back to become the first driver to win four straight Winston Cup events on the 2.66-mile Talladega oval, but afterward he spent more time explaining a disputed pass than talking about his eighth career victory.

"Today was real tough," Earnhardt said, shaking his head and grinning. "I didn't guess we'd be competitive the rest of the day after the accident. We were just hanging on in the middle of the race. I didn't feel like I had a very competitive car. But at the end of the day, we were able to make the moves we needed to make."

Earnhardt didn't lead for the

Breanne Breezy Oiemann pitched two scoreless innings to pick up her first save of the year and the Gamecocks' second save as a team.

Veronica Davis started the

first time until lap 107 and wound up in front nine times for 34 laps in a race in which there was a total of 43 lead changes among 16 drivers. He fended off challenges at the end from Jimmie Johnson, Ward Burton and Matt Kenseth.

He fought his way into the lead twice in the last four laps, once with a pass below the yellow line on the track apron. The move had rival teams lined up at the NASCAR hauler after the race to complain.

Driving below the yellow line to improve position is prohibited at Talladega, and NASCAR warned the drivers before Sunday's race that officials would be watching closely for such moves.

"He was clearly below the yellow line," said Johnson, who was behind Earnhardt and Kenseth at the time. "Anybody else who dances down there gets in trouble. From my vantage point, I didn't think it was a legal pass."

But, after reviewing videotape of the pass, NASCAR ruled it a legal move.

NASCAR spokesman Jim Hunter said: "There is not a shadow of a doubt he was below the yellow line. However, in our judgment, he had already improved his position and was past (Kenseth) when he went down there."

The 28-year-old son of the late Dale Earnhardt, the career leader at Talladega with 10 Winston Cup victories, came up with his first win of the season and moved to second in the standings, 129 points behind Kenseth.

Earnhardt's victory Sunday

the mound. The Panthers scored their unearned runs in the top of the sixth after a leadoff walk was followed by a throwing error to plate the first run.

defensive mentality. A visibly unhappy coach Jana McGinnis said after the game. "We were letting their pitchers get ahead of us and dictate the pace. We can't do that

THE GAMECOCKS RETURN TO play tomorrow at Central Florida. They then return home Sunday to host Stetson at 1 p.m. Both series are doubleheaders.

## Corn pulls hat trick

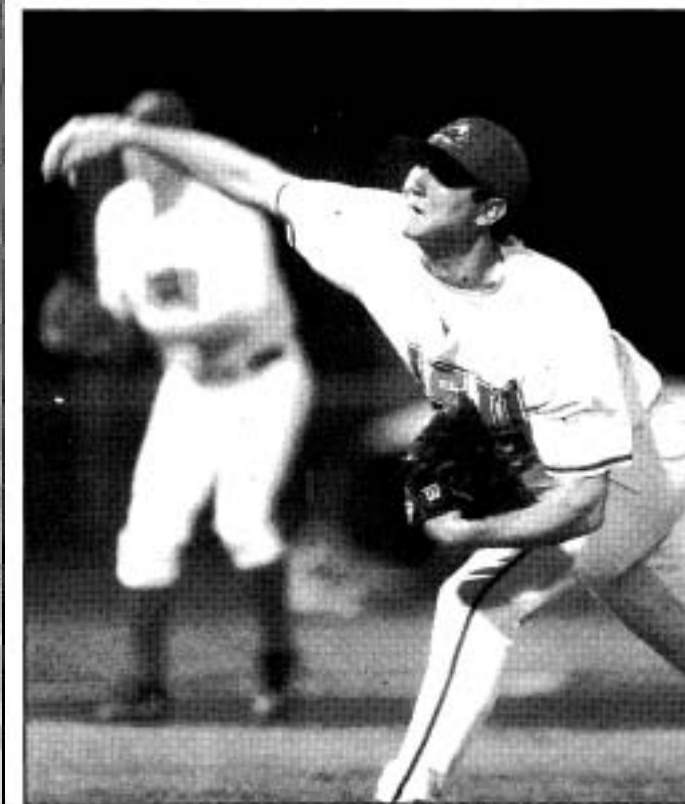
By Amado Ortiz  
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Junior sensation right hander Jessie Corn won his third Atlantic Sun Conference Pitcher-of-the-Week honors after leading JSU to a shutout of Gardner Webb this past Friday night.

Corn combined for his fourth straight shutout as Jacksonville State (20-14, 12-6) blanked Gardner-Webb, 9-0. Friday night's dual featured the league's two lowest ERAs and Corn won the showdown with eight innings of four-hit ball to go along with a career-high 13 strikeouts. The win improved his record to 6-1 with a league-low 1.33 ERA.

Corn has been something serious and untouchable his last six starts going 6-0 and helping JSU to second place in the conference.

"I said at the beginning of the year that we were going to surprise some people and we have," Corn said. "Now we're going to finish the year strong, go to Stetson and play in the tournament."



Courtesy The Anniston Star/Bill Wilson

JSU Pitcher Jesse Corn delivers a pitch against Gardner-Webb Friday night. Corn has pitched six consecutive shutouts and this is his third A-Sun Pitcher of the Week.

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**From Race, page 8**

explained. "I was watching Matt to see if he noticed me and (if he) was coming down to block me. ... I was watching him and trying not to run into him if he came down and crossed the nose of my car, so it was more not to cause a wreck than anything.

"But I didn't necessarily intentionally end up there. Again, I don't think it was an advantage on getting by Matt."

"I couldn't see it at all," Kenseth said. "I have no idea."

Elliott Sadler, who was right behind Earnhardt, said, "I was the one pushing (Earnhardt), and they ran him down. He had to do that or cause a big wreck, so it was a smart move. He's just like his dad driving that car.

"He kept giving me the 'come on, push' sign and I

pushed him all I could. We almost had a 1-2 finish, but we'll take third right now."

Kenseth took the lead on lap 186, but Earnhardt pushed back in front on lap 187 and kept the lead, beating Kevin Harvick's Chevy to the finish line by 0.125 seconds — about 11/2 car-lengths.

Sadler was third, followed by Ricky Craven, Terry Labonte, Sterling Marlin, Burton and Jeff Gordon. Kenseth was kicked back to ninth on the final lap, and Johnson, who led a race-high 65 laps, wound up 15th after spinning into the infield grass coming off the fourth turn on lap 187.

Michael Waltrip, Earnhardt's DEI teammate and the winner of the season-opening Daytona 500, ran among the leaders until he crashed on lap 83. Waltrip wound up 24th.

**From Baseball, page 8**

Civello followed with a two-RBI double to left field. Civello then showed his wheels by stealing third and later scoring on a sacrifice fly.

Ruckdeschel, Hicks, Civello, Turner and Conley each finished with two hits as JSU finished the game with six extra base hits to give Corn plenty of help.

Corn said, "It takes some pressure off me to see them getting some runs and knowing that I don't have to throw a shutout. ... They're doing a real good job of scoring runs for me."

JSU would win game one on Saturday 5-3 highlighted by Allen Buckley's career high nine strikeouts to improve to 3-

2 on the year. Buckley would give up a first inning homerun to Jim Cluecker but would settle down long enough to let the JSU bats get going in the fourth.

Civello doubled to right followed by Johnson's RBI single. Conley would then single up the middle to score Johnson and Pettus followed with an RBI single. Then Ruckdeschel would get an RBI, compliments of a fielder's choice.

The Gamecocks would tack on one more in the fifth off of Conley's RBI single. Gardner-Webb would cut the JSU lead to 5-3 in the sixth but Bobby Wynns struck out the side in the seventh to wrap the game up.

In game two, JSU was business as usual scoring a run in the first off of Haskin's RBI single. They would plate three more runs in the second as Conley started with a double and Travis Sureth walked. Shundell Russaw hit a single to load the bases and Fair hit an RBI fielder's choice to score Conley. Sureth scored on a throwing error and Ruckdeschel later hit a sacrifice fly.


JSU added another run in the fourth as Russaw scored on a wild pitch to take a 4-0 advantage. The Bulldogs would score two in the fifth inning and tried to make things interesting in the seventh as Sam Bradford went

yard with a two-run dinger.

C.R. Palmer earned the win tossing five innings and striking out six to improve to 3-3. JSU earned the sweep of Gardner-Webb to move to second place.

"We have played a tougher earlier schedule than they have," Corn said. "We're going to start really putting it on as we start playing the teams towards the bottom of our conference. ... We'll be in that tournament"

JSU will look to keep pressure on conference leader Florida Atlantic Friday night as they take on Troy St at 6 p.m. A doubleheader is scheduled for Saturday at 1 p.m.



### Atlantic Sun Conference Baseball and Softball Standings

Baseball							Softball						
Teams	Conference			Overall			Teams	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Florida Atlantic	7	2	.778	19	6	.760	Jax State	2	0	1.000	18	2	.900
Belmont	7	2	.778	10	4	.714	Stetson	2	0	1.000	17	3	.850
Stetson	6	3	.667	13	9	.591	UCF	3	1	.750	20	14	.588
Jax State	6	3	.667	10	9	.526	Mercer	1	1	.500	16	10	.615
Georgia State	5	4	.556	11	9	.550	Campbell	3	3	.500	14	14	.500
Gardner-Webb	5	4	.556	12	9	.571	Jacksonville	3	3	.500	14	16	.467
Troy State	3	3	.500	11	9	.550	Georgia State	1	1	.500	8	17	.320
Jacksonville	3	6	.333	7	13	.350	Gardner-Webb	1	7	.125	9	19	.321
UCF	1	2	.333	15	7	.682	Samford	0	0	.000	14	6	.700
Mercer	3	6	.333	8	15	.348	Troy State	0	0	.000	17	12	.586
Campbell	3	9	.250	6	14	.300	Florida Atlantic	0	0	.000	13	18	.419
Samford	2	7	.222	5	15	.250	Belmont	0	0	.000	3	13	.206

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# Pearson bids JSU fond farewell

By Jane Little

The Chanticleer Staff Writer

It is that time of year again. Graduation. Friends leaving. For some, jobs wait. For many there is stress and excitement of the unknown.

For student athletes it is an especially trying time. The transition from athlete to regular person is hard. Sally Pearson, senior tennis player, is not ready for her career to end. "I would do anything to play another four years," said Pearson. "I would change my identity and my name just to do it all again."

Pearson is a Welton, England-native, and lives in the International House on campus. She is an independent, lively person who loves to have fun, and loves to play tennis.

Jacksonville State would be happy to let Pearson play forever. She has left a legacy that will remain at JSU.

Pearson is the 2003 female Eagle Owl award winner. This

award represents JSU's female athlete of the year. She accepted this award April 1, at the senior athletic banquet.

She also holds JSU's record for most career wins by position with 43. She has the record for total career wins with 45. She holds the record for the best record in a single season, which was established last year when she went 15-2. She also holds the best record by position in doubles with former partner Sophie De'Dmet, 14-4. She has been given first team all-conference honors the last three years in a row. This year she has an 11-3 record.

Pearson had no idea she was going to win the Eagle Owl award. She feels it is a nice touch to end her career.

Pearson is extremely humble about her achievements. "I did not realize that I had any of those records," said Pearson. "I am really happy about the doubles record. I miss Sophie. We worked really well together."



Sally Pearson

Pearson almost left JSU after her first season. Her initial plan was to come for one year and go back to England to study. She packed her things and left JSU saying goodbye to Coach Steve Bailey and her friends after her freshman season.

Once she got home she decided that she could not pass up such a glorious opportunity. In England money is not spent on sports. Pearson realized what a tremendous thing she had in America. She was able to do what she loved everyday, while getting an education and the chance to travel.

Pearson called Coach Bailey and he told her he would gladly have her back but he had already given her scholarship to someone else. She was a walk-

on her sophomore season, playing in the number one position.

She claimed her scholarship back her junior season.

Pearson wants to continue with tennis in the coaching field next year. She hopes to land a job in Atlanta.

Athletic director Tom Seitz said that 2003 was the most successful year since JSU moved to Division I. This year is a year to remember and Pearson is a spectacular senior who is not going to be easy to replace.

This year JSU will officially lose Pearson and many other outstanding senior athletes. Omar Barlett will not be dunking anymore. Angela Tribble will not be scoring any more hat tricks. Hose Campra, the 2003 men's Eagle Owl winner, will not win any more tournaments. Allison Wright will not dig any more balls. Sally Pearson will not make any more records.

"I know it is all coming to an end," said Pearson. "It is sad."

# Freshmen take Syracuse to title

By John Clay

Knight Ridder Newspapers

NEW ORLEANS, La. — Jim Boeheim has ruined it for them all.

No longer can a college basketball coach say, "We're a young team."

Because we can then say, "So."

How about Gerry McNamara, that scrappy Syracuse guard from Scranton, Pa.? All he did

was nail six 3-pointers in the first half of Monday night's NCAA title game.

He's a freshman.

How about Billy Edelin, that Syracuse super-sub guard who popped up off the bench to save the Orange bacon, scoring eight second-half points?

He's a freshman.

To be sure, the Orangemen kissed lady luck along the way to that celebratory pile of humanity at center court after that desperation, at-the-buzzer

3-pointer from Kansas' Kirk Hinrich went way awry.

They were afforded the good fortune of playing their East Regional semifinal and final games just down the road in Albany, N.Y.

And Kansas could not make a free throw. The Jayhawks missed 13-of-17 in the second half, 18-of-30 for the game.

"We shoot just 50 percent," said a disgusted Nick Collison, 3-of-10 from the line, "and we tie."

"As a coach, you want experience," said a wise man on Sunday, "but I'd rather have talent."

That man was Roy Williams.

Old football coaches used to say that you could almost count on losing one game for each freshman you start.

In college basketball, apparently, you can win a national championship.

Jim Boeheim has proven it to them all.

## JSU men's golf team finishes third at Belmont Invitational

From staff reports

FRANKLIN, Tenn. — Jacksonville State finished with a 4-over-par 856 to finish second, just four shots behind Austin Peay, in the 21-team field at the Belmont Invitational played on the par 71, 6,846-yard Legends Club of Tennessee on Tuesday.

Junior Nick Mackay, fresh off medallist honors last week at the Amoco Ultimate/Young Oil Intercollegiate, shot a 5-under-par 208 to finish in third place, two shots behind FAU's Matt Anderson's score of 206. Sophomore Matias Anselmo finished at 4-under-par 209 to place fourth.

Freshman Patrico Cozzoli finished at 6-over-par 219 to tie for 23rd, while senior Angel Monguzzi turned in a 220 to tie for 27th place. Junior Chase Deck, who competed as an individual last week in JSU's tournament, carded a 228 to finish 65th.

Mercer finished third with a score of 858, followed by Florida Atlantic (862) and Campbell was fifth with an 864. Jax State returns to action next week in Daytona Beach, Fla., to defend the Atlantic Sun Conference Championship.



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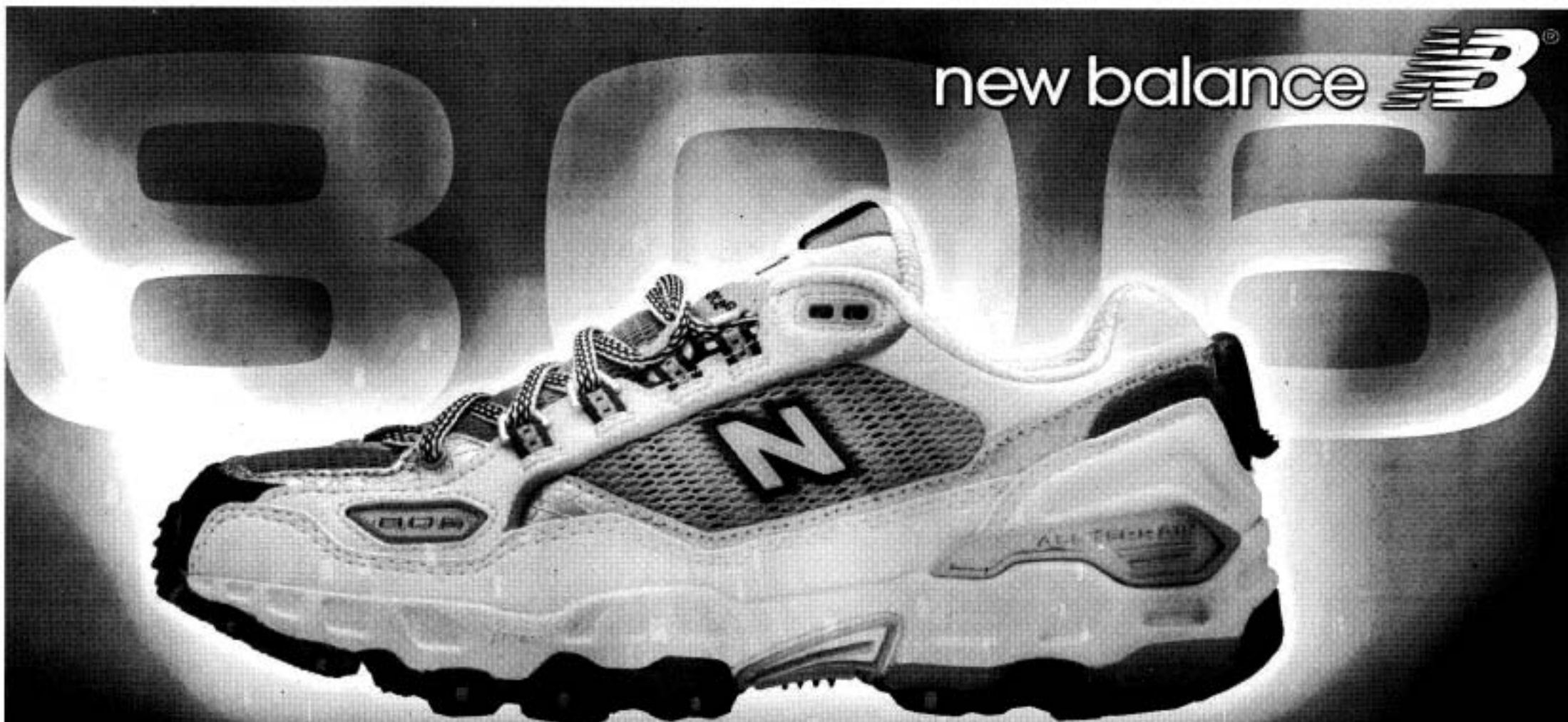
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